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MAKING CORN COB DOLLS—Second graders (from left) Molly Bradford, Kasey Tijerina and Ashley Patlan use fabric scraps and corn cobs to make simple dolls, just the way children used to do in

"the old days." Their demonstration was a part of the Pioneer Days in May held Friday at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

City seeking seal coating bids, tables engineering proposals

At their Monday night meeting, the Dimmitt City Council voted to advertise for bids on a seal coating and paving project for the city.

The city has tried to do some seal coating every year, rotating it around to different areas of the town.

Mayor Wayne Collins asked if it was late in the year for advertising for bids on such projects, but engineering consultants Butch Davis and

Scott Honeyfield of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper said there is not a lot of work out there right now and some contractors have expressed interest in the project.

City Manager Don Sheffy said that the project also needs to include paving of a few streets, such as Bean Street, which has some drainage problems; and the 900 block of West Andrews, where property owners have agreed to pay the cost.

Council member Clint Seward asked about some of the dips at intersections around town and what can be done about them, especially so that any seal coating would not make them worse. Honeyfield said he would like to put the city in touch with the City of Panhandle, which has had a similar problem. He said Panhandle has purchased a milling machine that works down the level of the pavement to just below the level of the gutter, so that the seal coating would make it level with the gutter.

In other business, the council voted to continue with First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, as the depository for city funds. Sheffy recommended staying with First Bank. The other bid received was from First United Bank of Dimmitt. "They both were very good bids and were really close in their provisions," Sheffy told the council. However, he said the First Bank bid would give a slightly better yield for the city.

In another matter, the council voted to appoint Jo Campbell as

acting Municipal Judge for the times when Municipal Judge Marshall Young is out of town. Campbell is Young's secretary. City Attorney Jack Edwards said the move had been requested by District Attorney Jerry Matthews, so that someone would be available in town for arraignments and such when Young happens to be gone.

In another matter, the council heard proposals from three engineering firms that want to handle the project of replacing the old water tower in downtown Dimmitt. Presenting proposals were Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineers of Amarillo, Rich Oller of Oller Engineering of Lubbock, and Honeyfield and Davis of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

The council voted to table the

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Hospital spearheads 'rural coalition HMO'

The Hospital District is trying to get a health insurance program formed that would be tailored to rural families who aren't being well served by many large HMOs and managed-care insurance programs.

To do so, the district is looking to form a coalition with Hereford, Friona, Perryton and other independent hospital districts.

The hospital board heard last Thursday night that it would take such a coalition to have the clout to develop an HMO that could (1) cut insurance premium rates for families

and businesses, (2) cut the red tape in the procedural process and (3) make the local hospital district the primary health-care provider for more local residents.

The goal is to come up with a tailored health insurance program within 30 to 45 days.

The board has contracted with Medexcel Management Co. to do the basic research, develop a proposed program, make the necessary contacts with potential partners and insurance providers, and carry out the plan.

Bill Waggoner and Will Simpson of Medexcel presented their research findings to the board at its April meeting last Thursday night.

They explained current trends in health-care plans and the costs to the customer of managed vs. unmanaged care.

"We still have poor payment mechanisms for farmers and small businesses generally," Waggoner said.

"The small employer would take an HMO in a heartbeat if he could

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DISD looking at improvement costs

If the Dimmitt schools make all the improvements proposed to the school board Monday night, it could cost as "little" as \$1,317,000 or as high as \$1,555,000.

Three committees gave reports on needed improvements for different areas of the school district. The Technology Committee, the Maintenance/Transportation Committee, and the Accessibility Committee presented lists of needs, with most

ranked in the order of importance.

The first recommendation of the Maintenance/Transportation Committee in the maintenance portion of the list was to complete the roofing project at the middle school kitchen and cafeteria (estimated cost from \$160,000 to \$175,000). Following items included asbestos abatement at the high school (\$2,000 to \$4,000) and elementary (\$12,000 to \$14,000) and replacement carpet and tile for the abated rooms (\$12,000 to \$15,000).

Replacing outside doors at Rich-

ardson Elementary was estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000; repainting the lockers at high school, \$8,000 to \$9,000; lowering ceilings and improving lighting in the hallways at Richardson (\$13,000 to \$17,000) and the middle school (\$35,000 to \$42,000); lowering ceilings and improving lighting in classrooms at the middle school (\$30,000 to \$40,000) and at Richardson (\$60,000 to \$80,000); and four new tennis courts at the high school (\$120,000 to \$130,000).

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Man hurt in fight

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man was hospitalized early Monday after being beaten by two suspects in a fight at Roadside Park on the southeast edge of Dimmitt.

Officers reported that two Dimmitt men, ages 20 and 27, used a shotgun to beat the victim. The two also were reported to have threatened to shoot two other people at the scene.

The victim was reported to have a broken jaw, some teeth knocked out, a head injury and a laceration on the forehead. He was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by private vehicle and later transferred to an Amarillo hospital. A policeman was informed about the incident while the victim was at the hospital in Dimmitt. The officer investigated the situation and the two suspects were arraigned Tuesday.

Investigation is continuing in the matter.

Nazareth ISD schedules \$1 million bond election

The Nazareth Independent School District has called a \$1 million bond election for June 13 and if the measure passes, the bonds will be used to construct a new physical education facility at the school, according to NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson.

The school board also approved a resolution stating that the bonds will not be sold unless the school is approved for a state facility grant, which would pay an estimated 74.57% of the total cost of the project.

If approved and sold, the bonds would be repaid over 15 years, with 5.3% interest. The estimated payment per year would be \$100,710.33, and an estimated \$75,100 per year would be paid by the state. The taxpayers would be required to pay the remaining \$25,610 per year.

The proposed bond would require an estimated 12¢ tax increase. Nazareth ISD currently has a tax rate of \$1.23.

The proposed facility would be constructed on the south side of the existing school cafeteria and would be approximately 150 x 150 feet. The state grant will only cover limited seating in the facility, so the school

will have to spend additional money to install seating.

At a public meeting earlier this year, Johnson and board members outlined several benefits of a new facility.

◆ It could reduce the number of athletic periods from four to two.

◆ It would allow the school to possibly go back to a seven-period day.

◆ It would accommodate splitting of classes to reduce class size.

◆ It would allow the scheduling of boys' and girls' athletic periods at the same time, and provide flexibility with coaching assignments.

◆ Elementary lunch recess could be held inside during bad weather.

◆ It would provide more space for academic activities requiring a large area.

◆ All high school athletics could be moved to last period, resulting in less missed class time because of early games.

◆ Games could start later, allowing players to go home before games.

◆ It would allow scheduling of elementary physical education classes later in the day to maximize peak learning time early in the day.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	70	32	
Friday	81	40	
Saturday	82	38	
Sunday	81	37	
Monday	79	41	
Tuesday	90	45	
Wednesday	79	51	

April Moisture	88
May Moisture	0.00
1998 Moisture	5.36

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

School election results are told

Unofficial vote totals from the local school board elections held Saturday are listed below for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Dimmitt

Earl Behrends won re-election to his seat in Place 2, garnering 71 votes to the 30 received by his opponent, Rick Wright. In Place 4, Paul Garcia received 11 votes.

Hart

For the two vacancies on the board, Daniel Higgins received 188 votes and incumbent Sandy Farris had 181. Other candidates were Carmen Minjarez, with 33, and Mickey Mendoza, with 32.

Nazareth

Rex Ramaekers received 120 votes to fill the one-year unexpired term. The two three-year-term vacancies will be filled by Pattie Kern, who pulled 77 votes, and incumbent Keith Hoelting, who had 74 votes. The other candidate was Derwin Huseman, who received 54 votes. A total of 126 votes were cast.

Demo caravan visits Dimmitt

Texas Democrats rolled into Dimmitt on Friday afternoon and spoke with voters at the gazebo.

The Democrats spotlighted their proposals to strengthen Texas families by improving public education giving families the right to choose their own doctors, and banning sales taxes on food and medicine.

Texas Democratic Party Chair Bill White introduced candidates traveling with the group. Texas Agriculture Commissioner candidate Pete Patterson, Railroad Commissioner candidate Joe Henderson, and Court of Criminal Appeals candidate Winston Cochran joined local Democrats at the gathering. Also given an opportunity to speak were US Congressional candidate Mark Harman and 242nd District Judge candidate Bill LaFont of Plainview.

"Texas Democrats are working to strengthen Texas families by ensuring a quality public education for every child, creating 'A Patient's Bill of Rights' to give families the right

to choose their own doctors, and passing a constitutional amendment banning taxes on food and medicine," White told the crowd at the gazebo. "Texas families deserve leaders who will put their interests first."

"History is on our side," White said. "We're going to take back the Panhandle of Texas. We are against 'party switchers.' We want to stand behind people who will stand with their principles."

"We want to make agriculture the back bone of the economy of this state," said Patterson, the candidate for Ag Commissioner. He promised to re-establish the Agriculture Dept.'s own lab and to continue support for Texas grown and produced products.

Henderson said that one job in 10 in the state and \$1 in every \$10 in the economy is under the influence of the Railroad Commission.

"There are three Republicans on the Railroad Commission. We need Democratic views and values to be represented," he said.

Cochran told the crowd that Republicans hold seven of the nine seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

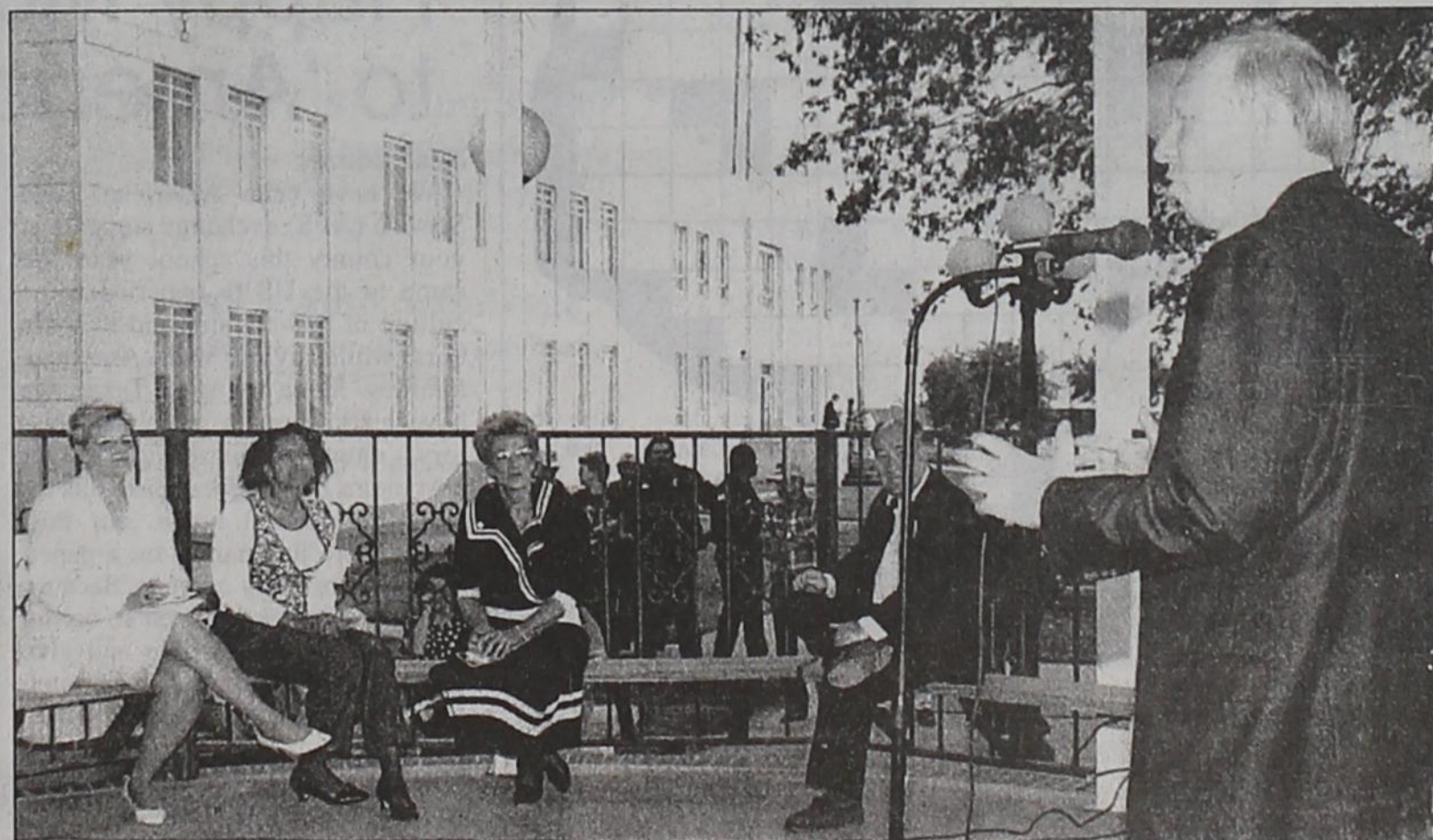
"We don't have a Supreme Court that respects ordinary folks," Cochran said.

"We have a chance to take back a seat in Congress," Harman said of his race against incumbent Congressman Mac Thornberry, a Republican. "If Democrats can take just 12 seats, we can send Newt Gingrich back to being an obscure Congressman from Georgia."

Harman added a challenge to Thornberry to face him in a televised debate.

"What these races are really about—let me be honest with you—is money," White said. "Special interests want to purchase some candidates."

He said that the biggest contributors in Republican campaigns have been the wholesale liquor industry, the gaming industry, tobacco companies and insurance companies.



TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR Bill White (right) introducing Democratic candidates on an

eight-city tour of the Panhandle on Friday. They stopped in Dimmitt between 4:45 and 5:45 p.m.

Six are indicted

The 64th District Court Grand Jury met April 28 and handed down indictments against six people.

Rene Ramirez was placed under \$10,000 bond after being indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The charge stated that on March 30 he used without permission a 1980 Cadillac belonging to Ismael Ramirez.

A \$15,000 bond was set for Amado Caldera Jr. after he was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The charge stated that on March 22 he caused bodily injury to Nora Caldera by shooting a rifle at her.

Roberto Ruiz was indicted for injury to a child and bond was set at \$5,000. The charge stated that Ruiz used a paddle to spank a child younger than 15 and caused bruising to the child.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was the indictment against Gloria Hernandez Ureste, and bond was set at \$15,000. The charge stated that on April 22 Ureste caused bodily injury to Jesse Hernandez Ureste by dragging him from a vehicle and not stopping.

Ismael Ramirez was placed under \$5,000 bond for burglary of a habitation. He was charged with entering a habitation on Dec. 25, 1996, with the intent to commit theft and without the consent of the owner, Clodell Aven.

Jose Antonio Rodriguez was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond was set at \$15,000. The charge stated that on Sept. 30, 1997, Rodriguez appropriated money belonging to Abraham Martens Weibe with the intent to deprive the owner of the property.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Pioneer Days in May was presented by the second grade classes at Richardson Elementary School, and it was a huge success! The teachers are Mrs. Evan, Miss Thames, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Bonilla, Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Lynch.

The entertainment was Castro County history, including the courthouse burning, snowstorm, grasshoppers, sandstorm, and a governess-teacher. Musical entertainment included *Shake Them 'Simmons Down*, *Pioneer Click*, several Texas-theme songs, and "Singings" with the audience.

The Pioneer Live History was in the P.E. barn. The booths included horse equipment, beef jerky, hauling water, cow chips, and sewing (Dorothy Sheffy was the grandmother teaching the children how to sew).

Other booths included the sick bed, mercantile store, hoe cakes (I ate two, and I was glad there was a lemonade stand nearby), branding cattle, school room, story telling (Dorothy Hopson was the grandmother reading and telling stories to the children), school yard games, blacksmith, milking and making butter (I

ate some on crackers and it was good).

A favorite with the children was the feeding the pigs booth (Dennis Underwood had three baby Hampshires; and, when I was there, the pigs were under control!). Other booths included campfire singing, Union Church, building fence, quilting frame (Tommie Sue Nisbett was the grandmother and she was teaching the little girls how to quilt.), lye soap, adobe bricks, corn cob dolls, garden, horseshoe pitching, taking a bath, gathering eggs, washing-clothes, covered wagon and kitchen.

This was a very educational event for the children and entertaining for the many guests.

Carol Lantz was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a Mexican casserole, salad, cake and ice cream. Emily Clingsmith won high score, and Dude McLaurin and Louise Mears tied for second. Others playing were Ben Hill, Virginia Crider, Bill Thornton, Cleo Forson, Opha Burks, Bernice Hill, Helen Braafladt and Edith Graef.

Ronna Traylor of Washington, D.C., and Janet Word of De Kalb were in Dimmitt last weekend visiting Geneva Justice and Avie Lewis.

The museum board members held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening with Dale Winders presiding and Clara Vick reading the minutes. Refreshments of taco soup, crackers and cheese spread, soft drinks and coffee were served to Robert Duke, Madge Robb, Mary Edna Hendrix, Clara and Dale and his little granddaughter, Maddie Harbin, 1.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Sam and Corrine Burks of Muleshoe, who donated a book about their family; Urban and Rosetta Bellinghausen of Munday; and Sharon Cowell and her friend,

Bobby McNellis of El Paso. Since Sharon and Rosetta have been friends for a long time, they enjoyed visiting. Sharon had stayed with her brother, Bruce Fuller, and was going to see her mother, Catherine McFarland in Amarillo. Urban and Rosetta had been to Levelland to watch his grandson in the track meet.

Members of the Dimmitt Book Club held their Spring luncheon at the Hereford Country Club Saturday. Mildred Bradford asked the blessing, and members and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken breasts in a mushroom sauce, creamed potatoes, green beans, crescent rolls, and apple pie. Senia Haure of Denmark, the AFS student at Dimmitt High School, showed slides and gave a very interesting report of her home country and her experiences since she has been living in Dimmitt. She has lived with Jack and Susie Bradford and Laura and Sara for this school year.

Ina Cleavinger installed the new Book Club officers for 1998-99, with Cindy Pottorff as president, Susie Bradford as vice president, Doris Flynt as secretary-treasurer, and Myrtle Lois Moran as parliamentarian. Ina inducted Peggy Broadstreet and Lois Scott as new members of the club.

Andy Hill welcomed the guests at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning and Howard Rhodes conducted the children's message. He had a map of Dimmitt and Castro County and asked the children what route they took to get to church. He told them to get to heaven, they would need to go through Jesus. The youth served a spaghetti dinner following the morning service. The contributions will be applied to helping the youth attend the Youth Evan-

gelism Conference.

Several families from the First United Methodist Church came to eat and give their support.

The Youth Ensemble presented a concert Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. There were four churches represented. The girls were Gaudi George, Patti George, Lacy Loudder, Shlena Seaton, Krystal Woolbright, Lyndsey Heard, and Amanda Annen. The ensemble is directed by Shelly Smith and Laura Wayland. Some of the songs the girls sang included *The Old Time Religion*, with Terri Loudder accompanying them on the guitar, *One More Broken Heart*, *Royal Telephone*, *If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again*, *Daddy's Hands*, *It Was a Morning Like This*, and Amanda Annen played *The Old Rugged Cross* as a piano solo.

Alvin and Frances Frazier went to Decatur recently to visit with Landa and Ann. On Saturday they attended the second birthday party for Andrew Holder, their great-grandson. About 15 little ones under 4 years of age attended, along with moms and dads and relatives on both sides. Andrew was a little overwhelmed by it all, but the adults enjoyed grilled hot dogs, chips and dip, and birthday cake. These folks really know how to

throw a party.

The First Christian Church Ladies Council was graciously hosted by Loranel Hamilton in her home. The ladies were treated to a wonderful meal and recipes were exchanged. The program was given by Glenna Fry from the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

The graduation dinner on May 17 was discussed. Also, it was announced that Roy Barringer would bring the message on May 3. Get well cards and birthday cards were selected and mailed. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by those who attended.

A reception for District Judge Ed Self and the staff of the 242nd District Court was held Friday in the District Courtroom at the Castro County courthouse. Judge Self, who was appointed to the bench by Gov. George Bush, was introduced, along with Jerry Bratcher, court reporter; Lisa Masters, court administrator; and Al Gonzales, bailiff. Courthouse personnel, elected officials and members of the public were in attendance. Kathy Hill, Doris Flynt, Emma Jean King and Dorothy Hopson, of the Republican Organization for Women, served,



THANKS, TERESA—Teresa Lindsey received an appreciation plaque at last Thursday night's hospital board meeting for her four years of service as a district trustee. Presenting the plaque was Board President Henry Ramaekers, who commended her for her dedication, work and study as a trustee. Lindsey did not seek re-election. Photo by Don Nelson

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Catholic Order of Foresters matching funds benefit breakfast was held Sunday at the Community Hall. All proceeds from the event were presented to Project Playground.

The Diocesan Novena celebration to Sts. Isidore and Maria will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Fritz and Julene Gerber's farm.

Kindergarten to sing at CV

Kindergarten music students from Richardson Elementary School will present a program of music at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt on May 15 from 1 to 1:20 p.m.

Music teacher Ruby Teaschner said the public is invited to attend the program, as well.

Jimmie Schulte and her daughter, Lou Wethington, traveled to Columbus last Thursday to attend the graduation of Jimmie's grandson, Michael Dobmeier. He graduated from Texas Bible Institute. It was a very impressive ceremony with over 300 young men and women graduating.

Michael is the son of Neal and Susie Dobmeier of Odessa.

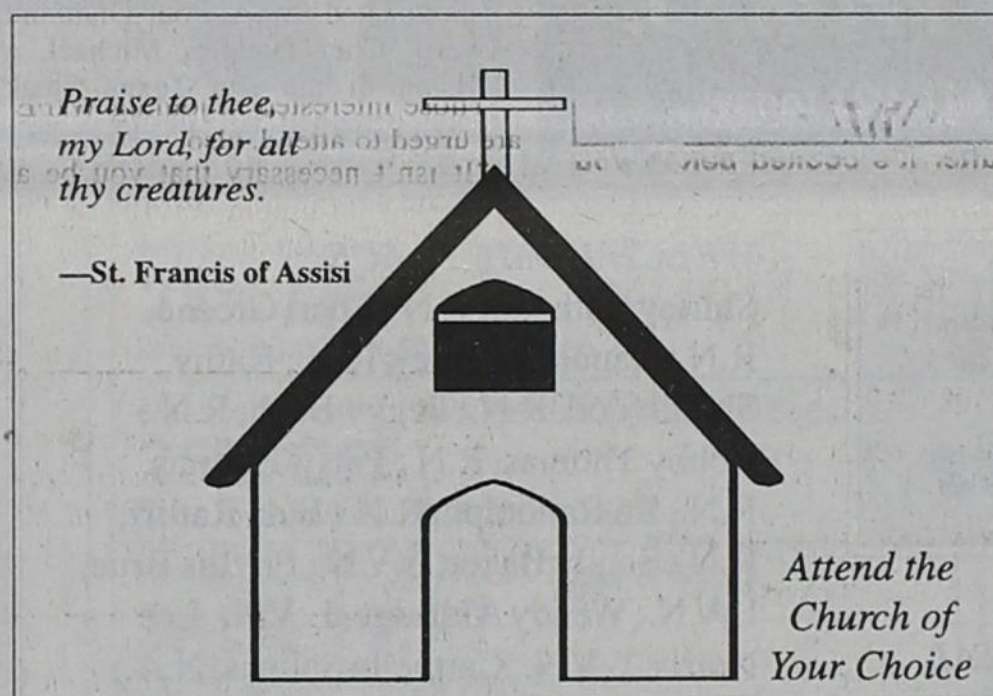
Jimmie and Lou also had a fun time in beautiful Fredericksburg.

Traci Scholl and her children, Anni and Ethan of Henrietta, are spending a few days here with Traci's parents, Charley and Beverly Hill.

Hear **The First United Methodist Church** Morning Worship Service Sundays - 10:45 a.m. On KDHN 1470 AM

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400 NW 5th, Dimmitt
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110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt
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- Iglesia De Cristo**
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- Jesus and the Love of God Church**
(Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt
Felix Sanchez.....647-3668



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- Immanuel Baptist**
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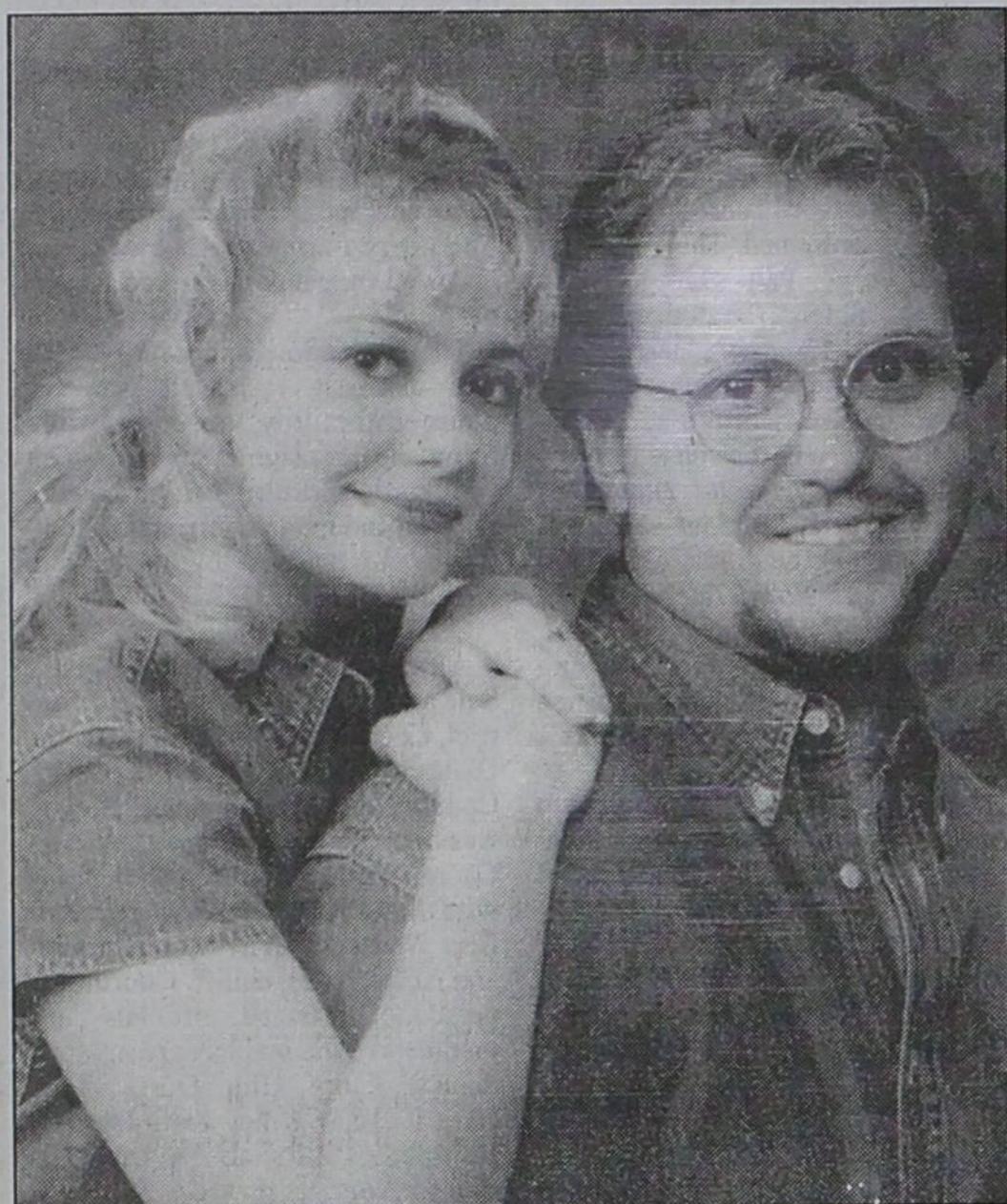
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People



Jada Ethridge and Justin Roberts

July wedding planned

Coy and Vickie Ethridge of Dalhart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jada, to Justin Roberts, son of Jackie and Beth Roberts of Dimmitt. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. on July 18 at First United Methodist Church in Hart. Miss Ethridge graduated from Hart High School in 1996, and she is studying to be a paramedic at Amarillo College. She expects to graduate this month. She is currently employed at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1994, and he is a junior majoring in graphic design at West Texas A&M University. He works for Great Western Directories. The couple will reside in Amarillo after the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schaeffer win individual Golden Nail award

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schaeffer of Dimmitt were honored with an Individual Award at the 16th annual Golden Nail awards ceremony in Amarillo recently.

The Schaeffers were among several honorees recognized at the banquet, held April 4 in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The annual event recognizes financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the surrounding communities in the Texas Panhandle.

The Schaeffers have generously supported the music programs at West Texas A&M University and have contributed to the West Texas A&M University Dept. of Music and Dance's Vocal Research Lab, a facility dedicated to improving the training of singers.

They supported the production "The Homage That Follows," which advanced to a Kennedy Center performance in the American College Theater Festival competition in April.

The Schaeffers have supported the West Texas A&M University Showcase of music.

In addition to their support, Mrs. Schaeffer sponsored the patron dinner that preceded the showcase concert. She also organized a gala evening for the spring gala, "South Pacific."

They have contributed financially and their time to the Friends of Fine Arts, a support group for the fine arts under the umbrella of the WTAMU Foundation. Their contributions included a membership donation and benefited the theater program.

Those attending the banquet enjoyed the southwestern dinner prepared by guest chef Flynt Payne, executive chef of Santa Fe's Inn of the Anasazi, the only restaurant in New Mexico to earn the distinguished AAA Four-Diamond Award. Chef Douglas Michael, a division of the Big Texan Steak Ranch, provided the catering.

Entertainment was provided by James Laughlin, assistant professor of music at Amarillo College.

Over 470 nominations were received from throughout the Panhandle. Golden Nail categories are the Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation and Distinguished Volunteer. A special award and two special media awards were also presented. Four Golden Touch Awards were presented, recognizing innovative ideas in the arts activities.

DHS artists are displaying work at library

Drawings, paintings and papier maché sculptures created by spring semester art students at Dimmitt High School are on display at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The art show will continue through May 15 and is open to the public during regular library business hours.

This year there are three levels of art being represented. The show is being sponsored by the DHS Art Club.

Cancer screening to be offered here

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on May 20 and those interested in scheduling an appointment should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

The clinic is sponsored by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination.

Cost for the screening is \$75 and a minimum of 15 women must register for the mobile mammography clinic to be held.

Funding is available from the Texas Dept. of Health for those who qualify for assistance.



Rhonda Jo Maurer and Timothy Ronald Clark

Maurer and Clark to wed

Duane and Kathy Maurer of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rhonda Jo, to Timothy Ronald Clark, son of Ronald Dee and Wyona Clark of Friona.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. on July 25 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Nazareth high school. She is a sophomore majoring in medical record technology at Amarillo College. She is employed by Builder's Square.

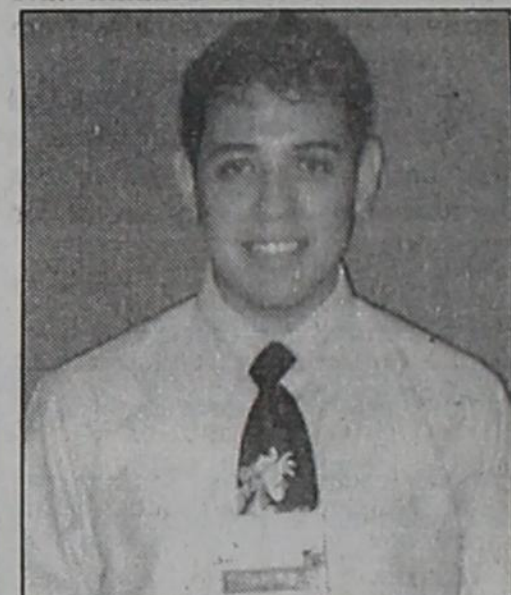
The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Friona High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. He is employed by Bert Thomas, Nistler Landscape.

Following the wedding, the couple plan to live in Amarillo.

Medrano receives BPA 'Torch Award'

David Medrano has become the first-ever Dimmitt High School student to receive the National Ambassador Torch Award, presented by Business Professionals of America.

Medrano was among 4,000 students to attend the 1998 BPA



David Medrano

National Leadership Conference in San Antonio Friday and Saturday, and he was presented the national award at the meeting.

Students earning the National Ambassador Torch Award must demonstrate their abilities in leadership, service, cooperation, knowledge, friendship, love, hope and faith.

Medrano has been a member of BPA for two years and he has participated in the database applications contest and other competitive events at the regional and state levels both years.

This year, Medrano received the Local Executive, Regional Diplomat and State Statesman Torch Awards before winning the national honor.

Students at the conference also participated in workshops and enjoyed a special evening at Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

BPA is a national organization for high school and college students designed to prepare participants for careers in business. The organization's activities, contests and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of skills learned at school.

Any high school student who is enrolled in a business course is eligible for local membership.

DHS advisors are Kathy West and Becky Book and trip sponsor was Connie Dickerson. All are business teachers at DHS.

For more information about the program, call the school at 647-3105.

Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.

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NISD teachers honored at WT

Nazareth teachers Brenda Schulte and Lisa Gunstream were among 23 high school teachers recognized by their former students at a banquet recently at West Texas A&M University.

Success Together, a banquet honoring former elementary, middle and high school teachers of WTAMU students recognizes those educators who had a special influence on their students' lives in previous years.

Nominations for special educators who have had an impact on the lives of their former students were accepted throughout February. WTAMU students were able to nominate those educators who helped them achieve certain goals in their lives, according to Katy Huffaker, a junior marketing major from Tahoka and consultant of Success Together.

"It's a way to say thank you," Huffaker said. "At the banquet we honor the teachers who have had a special influence in a student's life."

Schulte was nominated by Denia Durbin, a junior generic special education major from Dimmitt.

Gunstream was nominated by Margie Durbin, a freshman majoring in pre-medicine.



SUCCESS TOGETHER—Margie Durbin (left), a freshman pre-medicine major from Nazareth, Lisa Gunstream and Brenda Schulte, Nazareth teachers; and Denia Durbin, a junior generic special education major from Nazareth, were recognized at the annual Success Together banquet honoring former teachers of West Texas A&M University students on April 25. *Courtesy Photo*

Postal workers to collect canned foods Saturday

The US Postal Service wants to "Help Stamp Out Hunger," and on Saturday local postal carriers will do their part by collecting canned food as they deliver the mail.

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the US Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned soup, vegetables and juice, pasta, cereal and rice on Saturday. Items collected will help needy families in Dimmitt.

"You can help by placing your food donation at your mailbox on Saturday before your letter carrier arrives," said Jay Leuter, Dimmitt

Postmaster. "Your carrier will take it to the post office and it will then be delivered to the local food pantry."

Those who live on rural routes and others may bring food donations to the post office before Saturday, too.

Solicitation cards will be delivered by local postal carriers next Wednesday and postal workers will follow up and collect donations on Saturday.

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Kaci Wethington



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Wethington, Matthews win Deaf Smith REC scholarships

Kaci Wethington of Nazareth and Amber Matthews of Dimmitt have received \$2,000 scholarships from Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Deaf Smith REC awarded five \$2,000 scholarships and payments will be made to students in the amount of \$1,000 per semester for two semesters.

The scholarships are available to immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith REC.

Wethington, daughter of Melvin and Joy Wethington, will graduate from Nazareth High School this month.

Matthews, a soon-to-be graduate of Dimmitt High School, is the daughter of Jerry and Sherri Matthews.

Other winners of the scholarships are Shyla Wyly, daughter of Gerall and Mary Beth Wyly of Friona; Rachel Embry, daughter of Weldon and Sherry Embry of Farwell; and Amber Brumley, daughter of Mike and Janice Brumley and a student at Community Christian School of Hereford.

The scholarships were made possible with passage of a new Texas law, House Bill 3202. Before passage of this bill, unclaimed funds from Deaf Smith REC capital credit checks were sent to and retained by the state. The new law allows those unclaimed funds to be used for scholarships and/or economic development.

Deaf Smith REC's board of directors chose to provide scholarships to students within its service area.

The five students were selected

from a field of highly qualified candidates by a select committee of men and women representing the entire service area.

Killough is honored with bridal shower

Faye Killough, bride-elect of Patrick Gil, was honored with a bridal shower recently in the home of Carol Lantz in Dimmitt.

Guests were served cinnamon rolls, fruit punch and coffee.

Special guests included the bride-elect's mother, Gracie Killough; her sister, Kristi Velasquez; and the groom's mother, Susan Gill, all of Amarillo.

The 31 hostesses assisting Mrs. Lantz with the shower presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

Former resident receives degree

Jennifer E. (Riggs) Morrisett, formerly of Dimmitt, graduated from Oklahoma Christian University Friday with a degree in early childhood education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riggs Jr.

Kevin E. Jacobs, president of the university, presented degrees to 171 graduates during the commencement ceremony, held in the W.T. Payne Physical Education Building. Commencement speaker was Lee Sabolich, Oklahoma City entrepreneur.

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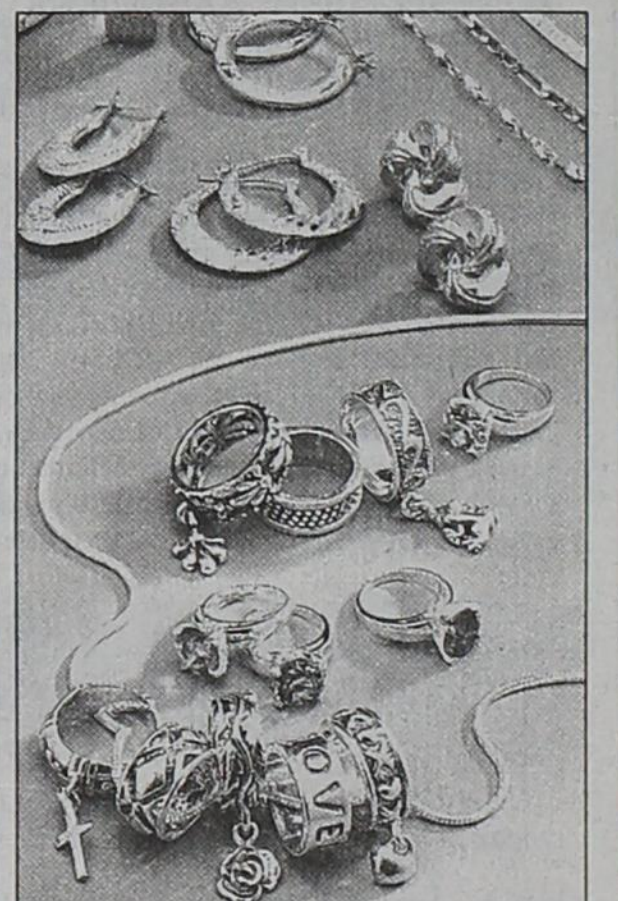
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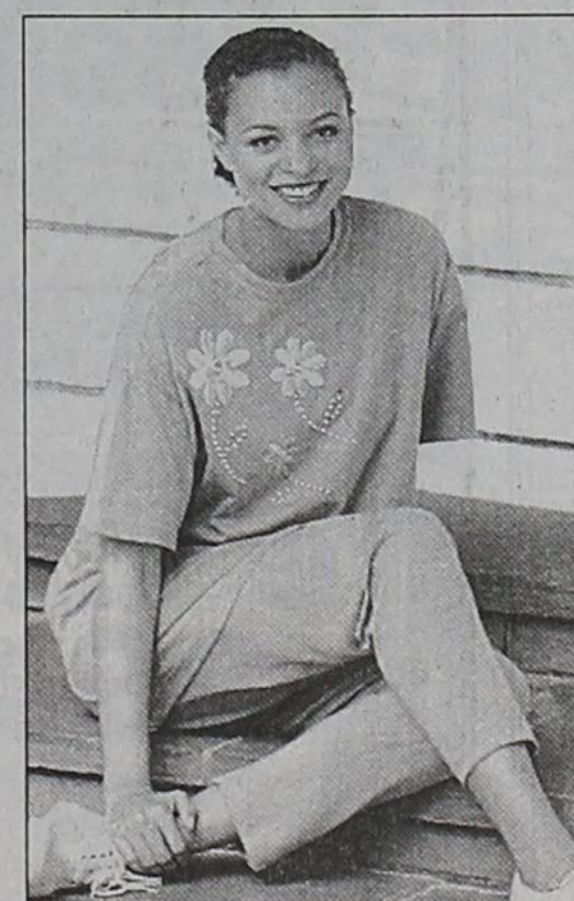
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EQIP sign-up underway now

County producers interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) may enroll in the program through May 29 at the Farm Service Agency office in Dimmitt.

EQIP is the conservation cost-share program which replaced the ACP and Great Plains Conservation programs, according to Trish Elliott, County Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency.

EQIP provides for cost-share assistance on similar conservation practices by providing up to 75% in cost-share assistance on eligible practices. EQIP contracts are five to 10 years and cost-share applications will be awarded to the practices that have the most environmental benefit points.



REGINA HOELTING (left) accepts a 15-year service award from Trish Elliott, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency last week. Hoelting is a program assistant with the county office. Photo by Anne Acker

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Precipitation enhancement program begins second year

The second year of a precipitation enhancement program within a 10 million-acre target area in the Texas High Plains and the east-central part of New Mexico started Friday.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, attempts to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large raindrops that can survive the fall through the dry sub-cloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

"We are excited about the second year of the precipitation enhancement program," said James P. Mitchell of Wolforth, president of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 Board of Directors.

"Any additional rainfall generated as a result of this program may help reduce ground water pumpage and

increase natural recharge. This will help extend the life of the Ogallala Aquifer within the Texas High Plains and a portion of New Mexico."

Weather Modification, Inc. (WMI) of Fargo returns as the contractor for the 1998 Texas/New Mexico project. Under the contract, WMI provides a licensed meteorologist who selects clouds suitable for seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological data and forecasting procedures, surface weather observations and pilot reports. Based on this information, the meteorologist in the C-band radar unit at the Littlefield airport can direct aircraft stationed at Amarillo, Lubbock and Portales, N.M. to dispense silver iodide at cloud-top levels into the selected clouds.

The program target area includes Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Lamb, Lynn, Parmer, Terry and Yoakum counties as well as portions of Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter and Randall counties. Curry, Roosevelt and southwestern Quay counties make up the New Mexico target area.

Information about the 1998 precipitation enhancement program is available on the Internet at the High Plains Water District home page, www.hpwd.com.

"Persons accessing this portion of the Water District's web site will be able to view a wide range of data relating to the precipitation enhancement program," said Carmon McCain, information and education director. "The precipitation enhancement project page provides links to current radar images of the target area, a map of the target area, aircraft flight tracks for each cloud seeding mission, weekly flight log narratives, a precipitation enhancement fact sheet, and hot links to the home pages for the Amarillo and Lubbock National Weather Service offices."

Project sponsors are the High Plains Water District in Lubbock, the Sandy Lane Underground Water Conservation District in Plains, the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Brownfield and the Llano Estacado Weather Modification Association, representing the New Mexico counties.

Each sponsor pays a pro-rata share of the fixed and reimbursable costs based on the total number of acres in the target area. With a 10 million-acre target area, the program will cost approximately \$500,000 which translates to about five cents per acre; however, if there are above-average opportunities for cloud seeding this growing season, the cost could increase to eight cents per acre.

The state of Texas will also pay 50% of the operating costs within the Texas target area this year. These reimbursable costs are paid through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in Austin.

TUNE IN!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.....6 to 7 a.m. and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F

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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT....8 a.m. daily

MARKET REPORTS.....40 past the hour, starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

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Panhandle Beef Conference slated Tuesday in Amarillo

The Panhandle Beef Conference will be held Tuesday at the Amarillo Civic Center and this year's program will feature programs on forage management, performance evaluation of cattle and outlooks for weather and markets.

To register for the conference, call (806) 359-5401.

Cool-season perennial forage production for cattle grazing is a topic of great interest in the High Plains area. Dr. Vivian Allen of Texas Tech University will recap her research and experiences with cool-season forages in the South Plains area. Dr. Larry Redmon of Oklahoma State University has planted and observed various cool-season forages in western Oklahoma.

The combined observations of

these experts will provide some insight for cool-season forage selection and management in the South and North Plains areas of the Panhandle.

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will report on the ranch-to-rail program. Cattle from over 100 ranches in six states are enrolled in this year's program.

Selecting breeding stock to sustain cow productivity but improve growth and carcass traits will be discussed by Dr. David Lust of West Texas A&M University. Trait selection and EPDs are among the tools that will be discussed.

Feedyard performance, carcass traits, cattle value and closeouts can be affected by implant programs. Dr. John Hutcheson, a Hoechst-Roussel veterinarian, will address the economics of implant strategies in pasture and feedlot cattle.

Will El Niño continue for a while or subside? Ed Andrade, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Amarillo, will discuss trends in the weather for the Plains region. The program will close with Jim Sartwelle of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, who will give an outlook on grain cattle markets in 1998.

For more information, call Ted McCollum at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Water District gets awards

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock was honored with four awards during the Texas Water Conference held in April at the Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

The Texas Water Conference is the annual joint meeting of the 1,600-member Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and the 2,800 member Texas Section of the American Water Works Association (TX-AWWA).

The Water District's sponsorship of a pilot water conservation education program, Learning to be Water Wise, was recognized with one of five Water Conservation and Reuse awards presented by the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association.

A total of 399 elementary and middle school students in the Canyon, Friona, Lubbock Cooper and Morton Independent School Districts have participated in the Learning to

be Water Wise program during the current academic year. An additional 120 students started the program May 1 at Plainview's Ash Learning Center.

Carmon McCain, Water District information and education director, also received three Watermark Awards for Communications Excellence at the conference. The Watermark Awards reward TX-AWWA and WEAT members who provide high-quality communications to those they serve.

A TX-AWWA member since 1980, McCain was recognized for a news release detailing the conclusion of the Learning to Be Water Wise program at Lubbock Cooper ISD, the development and content of the Water District's web site, and the public awareness campaign conducted by the district in conjunction with its precipitation enhancement program.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

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- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review
If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027, or telephone (806)647-5131.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

The CAD may ask you for a copy of evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More information
You can get more information by contacting Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027 or phone (806) 647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

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Together We Can

Birkenfeld awarded Cargill scholarship

Sara Birkenfeld, a senior at Nazareth High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by Cargill.

Birkenfeld is the daughter of Bob Birkenfeld of Tulia. She plans to study business/business management at West Texas A&M University.

The scholarship is one of 250 awarded by Cargill to 1998 high school graduates from US farm families in 46 states. The scholarship program, in its 13th year, attracted 2,432 applicants this year.

The \$250,000 Cargill Scholarship

Program for rural America is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of young people from farm families throughout the US. The national FFA Organization manages the selection process; however, applicants do not have to be FFA members to receive a scholarship. Cargill sponsors these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Cargill is a diversified agribusiness company based in Minneapolis, Minn.



CASTRO COUNTY FARM BUREAU QUEEN—Teresa Robertson (right) has been selected for the honor, and will be awarded a \$100 scholarship. She also will participate in the District Queen Contest in August, vying for a \$500 scholarship. Robertson is a senior at Dimmitt High School. She is the daughter of Debra and Rodney Robertson of Dimmitt, Farm Bureau members. She has been active in BPA, Interact, FCA, and FHA. Congratulating Robertson is Chris Cogburn, president of the board of directors of the local Farm Bureau. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

Marketing with Technology High-tech tips for growing your business

How many web pages are already on the Internet? According to recent reports, more than 320 million web pages can be found. Entrepreneurs, web-page builders and access providers are adding one more site

every minute.

Will this become the small business owner's marketing alternative of choice or will the Internet become a mega-morass of information overload? Will we build great, enduring companies along the information highway, or will we find ourselves sitting in a commerce-congested traffic jam in cyberspace?

No one can answer these questions completely—at least not yet. However, just in case high-tech marketing does become the strategic weapon of choice for small business owners, here are some tips for growing your business online.

Cyber marketing tips

◆ **Understand the medium.** The World Wide Web is a niche marketing medium. It is not a mass medium. The quality of a customer who visits your site is much more critical to your success than the quantity of visits. You do have global reach, but to a very narrow band of potential customers.

◆ **Limit your online time.** Using your computer and the Internet for marketing requires discipline. Don't let the lure of market space consume hours you need for improving the core elements of your business. If you don't keep the quality in your products and services, online marketing may actually hasten your demise. If you don't keep your promises, your uplink may be your downfall.

◆ **Gear your online marketing to people.** You may easily forget who is on the other end of your online efforts. It is another person. Yes, your cyber connection is electronic, and your interface is a computer; however, on the other end of every electronic action is a potential customer—a real, live person. As with all other types of marketing, cyber marketing is all about people.

◆ **Don't expect overnight success.** All marketing efforts take time and some tweaking. Try different techniques. Try different graphics, copy and colors. Be patient. It will take some time for good customers to find your site; however, don't wait for success. Stay focused on making your site more useful and user friendly.

◆ **Cross promote.** One of the best ways to increase your marketing velocity is to cross promote. Your business cards, brochures, letterhead, mailers, invoices and advertising should all carry your web address. Likewise, be sure to give your phone number, mailing address and catalog and brochure information online. Don't miss an opportunity.

◆ **Don't underestimate the contact time.** Sound web-based marketing allows plenty of time for customer development. One or two quick e-mails may not reassure all customers. Unique products, services or solutions may require lots of additional service online. Set aside the time before you make the online commitment.

◆ **Keep your site up to date.** Web technology is dynamic. Potential customers will return to a unique site that changes and becomes more user-friendly with subsequent visits. Work on visual appeal and content. Keep it fresh, up-to-date and fun. Remember, good online marketing is information-based. Your job is ensure that the information is relevant to your potential customers.

◆ **Use a quality access provider to host your site.** Your online marketing efforts won't convert to business if your host's server is off line more than on. Do your homework. Visit with references before you select a host for your site. You can host your own site, but understand the requirements before you do.

Online marketing can increase your open-for-business hours, improve your image and help you sell information-rich products and services. If you do decide to go online, go for results, not recognition.

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

Former DHS vo-ag teacher honored as top cotton agent

Veteran Dawson County Extension Agent John Farris, former vocational agriculture teacher with the Dimmitt Independent School District, has been honored by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., as the outstanding cotton agent in West Texas.

The award, presented annually by the organization representing cotton producers in 25 counties, was made at the group's annual meeting at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on April 17.

PCG President Jackie Burriss of Wellman lauded Farris for his many years of innovative educational programs to help cotton farmers throughout the region improve profitability and conserve natural resources. He noted the agent's leadership in establishing the Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems (Ag-CARES) at Lamesa.

Ag-CARES is a 160-acre farm operation dedicated to research on full-size farm plots and the transfer of technology and best management practices for sustainable agriculture. It began operation in 1990 after Farris obtained a \$100,000 commitment from the Lamesa Cotton Growers, a local growers' organization, and support of the Dawson County Commissioners' Court.

It is operated by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Lamesa Cotton Growers, with support from the county commissioners' court, Texas Tech University and private industry. Ag-CARES field days, tours and demonstrations let farmers see how new technology and practices work in actual field conditions.

In 1986, Farris recognized the increasing use of personal computers by area farmers and their need for an easily understood accounting software program adaptable to their

use. Farris worked with Extension Service agricultural economists and developed such a system, the Texas A&M Cash Enterprise Record Keeping Template (TAMCERT). The software is available statewide from the Extension Service.

When the Extension Service was given sole responsibility for educating producers on the provisions of the 1990 and 1995 federal farm bills, Farris developed a computer program to assist in this effort and trained other county agents to use it. He also has implemented and coordinated professional improvement tours for fellow agents to cotton producing areas of Tennessee and California.

Farris earned a bachelor of science degree in 1990 and a master's in 1991, both from Texas Tech. He taught vocational agriculture in Dimmitt from 1971-75, and he joined the Extension Service in 1975 as an assistant agent in Dawson County.

In 1977 he was named Lamb County Extension Agent. He returned to Dawson County in 1982 as agriculture agent and program leader.

He is active in the Texas Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, the Extension Service honorary fraternity of Epsilon Sigma Phi and other professional and civic groups.

His awards include two Texas A&M Vice Chancellor's Awards in Excellence, the Superior Service Award of the Extension Service, an Honor Award from the US Dept. of Agriculture, the Cotton Extension Educator Award from the National Cotton Council, the "Mr. Cotton" Award from Lamesa Cotton Growers, a Distinguished Service Award from TACAA and Certificate of Distinguished Service from NACAA.

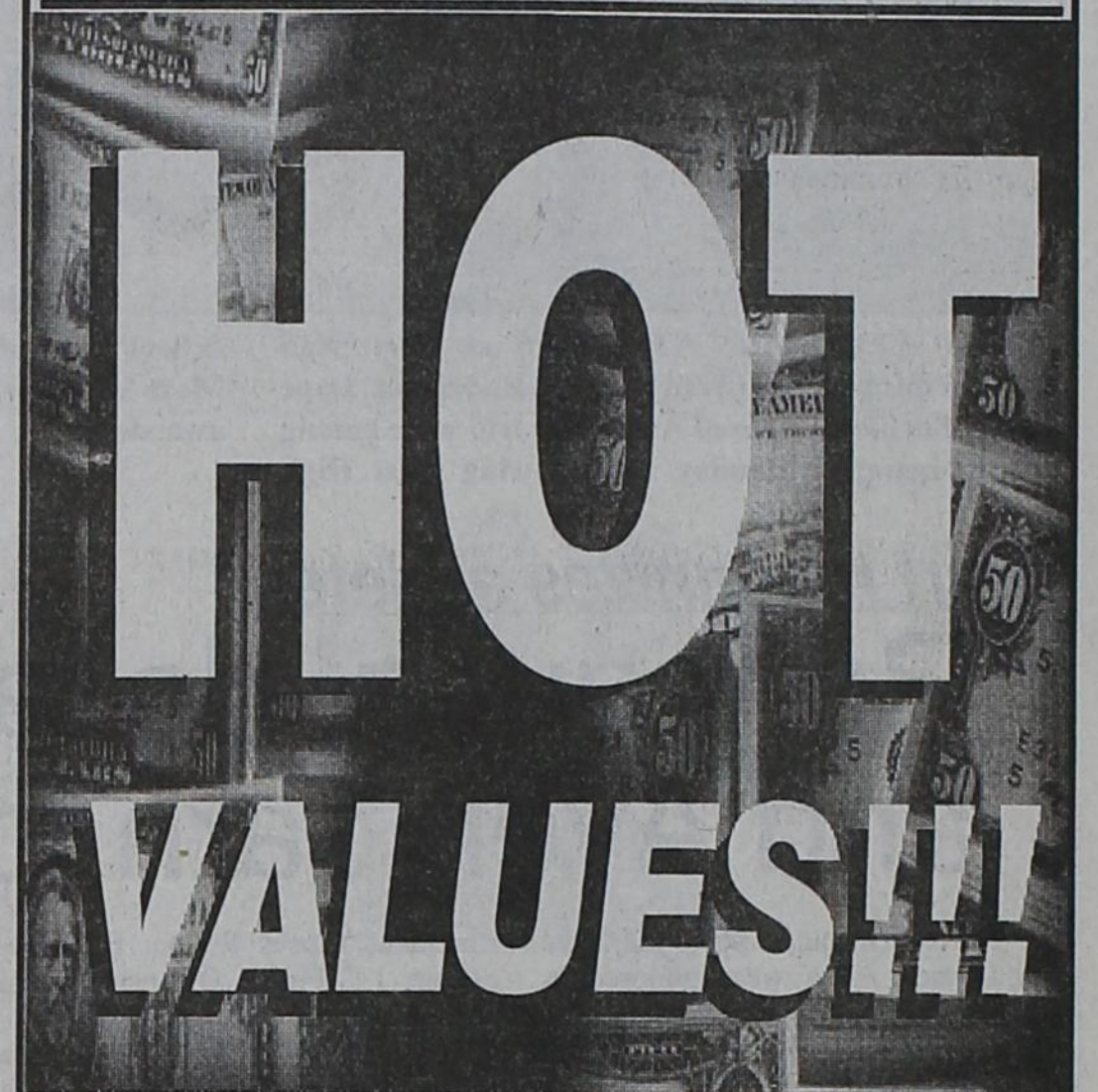
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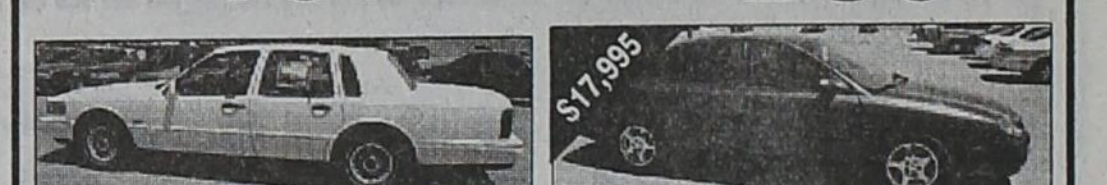
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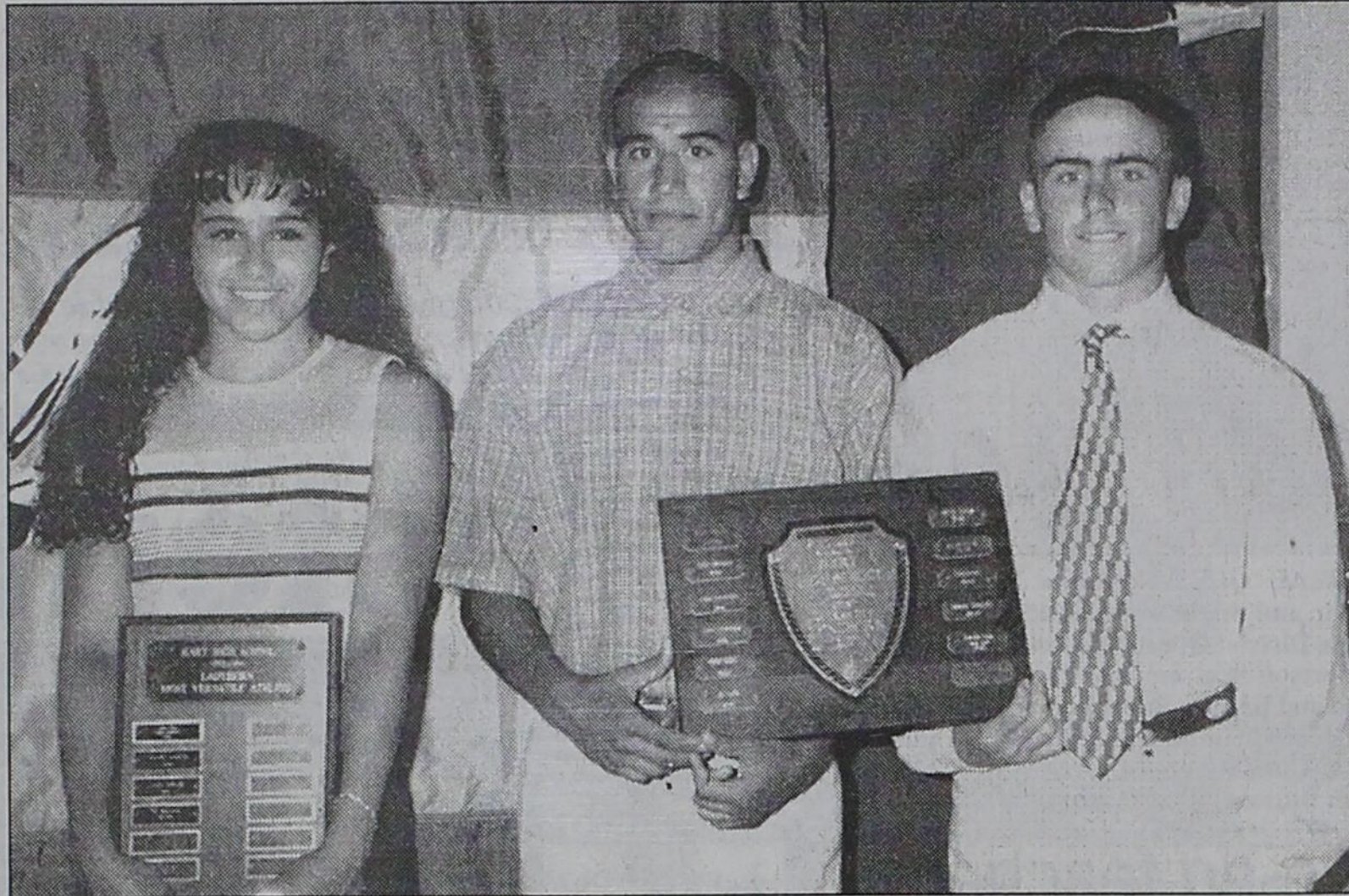
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Sports



MOST VERSATILE ATHLETES at Hart High School this year are (from left) Ysa Rodriguez, Lupe de la Fuente and Jared Aven. The trio were among those honored Monday night during Hart High

School's annual athletic banquet. In addition to their Most Versatile honor, each garnered several other awards.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Hart recognizes athletes

Rodriguez, de la Fuente and Aven earn top honors

Ysa Rodriguez, Lupe de la Fuente and Jared Aven were honored as Most Versatile Athletes during the Hart High School Athletic Banquet Monday night.

De la Fuente was also named Most Valuable Player and Defensive Most Valuable Player in basketball, and was named Basketball King. He also was co-MVP in track and earned the Scholar Athlete Award.

Aven and Rodriguez earned Most Valuable honors in tennis along with Christopher George and Veronica Gonzales.

Rodriguez shared Most Valuable Player honors in track with Charbra Lee.

Several football players were honored at Monday's banquet, including Gerardo Gonzales, Best Offensive Back; Gerardo Dozal, Best Offensive

Lineman; Moses Reyna, Best Receiver; J.J. Finch, Offensive Most Valuable Player; Reyna and Holguin, Best Defensive Players; and Leando Lujan, Most Outstanding Down Lineman and Defensive Most Valuable Player.

The Fighting Heart Award in football was shared by Dustin Dyer and Eric Montemayor. Denise Moroles was recognized as Football Queen.

In cross country, Eric Montemayor and Valerie Key were honored as Most Valuable Players.

Lee was named Most Valuable Player in girls' basketball. Veronica Gonzales received the Fighting Heart Award, while Lee and Lisa Rincon were recognized as Best Defensive Players.

The Most Valuable Player honors in boys' basketball went to de la

Fuente, and Jeremiah Velasquez received the Fighting Heart Award. Recognized as Basketball Sweetheart was Veronica Gonzales.

Nicki Burriss and Jared Aven were named Most Valuable Players in golf. Both qualified for regional as individuals this year.

Lee and Rodriguez claimed girls' track MVP honors while de la Fuente and Montemayor earned the boys' honors.

Scholar Athlete Awards were presented to Montemayor and de la Fuente.

Ortiz and Doss compete in regional tennis

Monica Ortiz and Kristin Doss saw their hopes of earning a trip to the state tennis tournament evaporate at the hands of Monahan's Lacia Baker and Megan Shavin last Wednesday.

The girls' doubles team was Dimmitt's only representation at the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament, held at Odessa Country Club.

Doss and Ortiz faced Baker and Shavin in the opening round, falling 4-6, 4-6. Baker and Shavin advanced to the semifinals before losing their first match, then dropped the third-place match and had to settle for fourth.

Bobcats' mile relay racing to state meet

Dimmitt's mile relay team raced to a state berth at the Region 1-AAA track meet in Odessa, posting the second fastest time in the event, 3:20.03.

Members of the mile relay team are D.J. Fleeks, Casey Smith, John Paul Ramos, Zack Matthews and alternate Randy Porter.

The Bobcat runners will race for the Class AAA state championship in the 1,600-meter relay sometime after 5:45 p.m. on May 16 at University of Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Dimmitt's Charley Sanders, D.J. Fleeks and Shawna Kenworthy barely missed tickets to state after finishing third in their respective events.

Sanders took the bronze in the shot put with a throw of 55-9, just over an inch short of a state berth. The second-place finisher in the event heaved the ball 56-0 1/4.

In the 800-meter run, Fleeks placed third with a time of 1:57.77. The winning time was 1:54.14 and the second-place runner was clocked at 1:54.56.

Kenworthy missed out on a trip to state by just over two seconds in the 800-meter run. Her time of 2:28.26

was third behind the championship time of 2:23.47 and runner-up finish in 2:26.02.

Justin Sutton was one of four vaulters to clear 14-6 in the regional meet, but it took him more attempts. He had to settle for fifth. The winning effort was 15-0.

Long-distance runner Israel Martinez of Dimmitt finished fifth in the 3,200 with a time of 10:19.70.

The Bobbies also took a mile relay team to regional, but they didn't qualify for state after finishing fourth with a time of 4:10.39.

Kids, Inc. announces basketball standings

In the season-end program April 28, Dimmitt Kids, Inc., announced the season standings for the four basketball leagues and also announced winners of the raffle prizes.

Juan Trevino of Dimmitt won the \$100-worth of gas from Dimmitt Consumers, and Stanley Maurer of Nazareth won the \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars.

League Standings

For the Minor League Girls, Pancake House took first, with Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union second, Gary's Engine third, Big M's & One Bullet fourth, Seale Florist fifth, and First United Bank sixth.

For the Minor League Boys, first place went to Hi-Plains Oil, Flagg fertilizer was second, Goodpasture was third, Dimmitt Equipment Co. was fourth, Cornett Equipment was fifth, and Dimmitt Consumers was sixth.

In the Girls' Major League, the Novartis Seed team took first, with Bobcat Barber Shop second, Mr. Burger third, Paxton Tire & Service fourth, and First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, fifth.

There was a tie for first place in the Boys' Major League between the team sponsored by Cerestar and the team sponsored by Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, & Myatt. The Wright &

Sons team won third, Coleman Pharmacy was fourth, and B & W Aerial was fifth.

Softball tourney is slated

Entries are being accepted for the Nazareth Softball Tournament, which will be held May 15-17 at the Nazareth Community Center.

Entry fee is \$125 per team and deadline for entries is Tuesday.

The tournament is being sponsored by Coors and Coors jackets will be awarded to members of the first-place team. T-shirts will be given to the second-place team. Trophies will be presented to first- through third-place teams.

A concession stand offering German sausage, hamburgers, snacks and drinks will be open throughout the tournament.

For more information or to enter a team, contact Heath Schulte at 945-2363 or Brian Schmucker at (806) 995-1067.

Naz trio places at regional

Lindsey Gerber ran her best time of the year in the 3,200-meter run at the Region 1-A track meet at South Plains College in Levelland, but it wasn't quite good enough for a ticket to the Class A state meet.

Gerber finished third with a time of 12:41.10, but runners from Jayton and Allison claimed the state berths with times of 12:12.76 (first) and 12:39.60 (second), respectively.

Gerber had one more shot at a state berth Saturday when she ran the 1,600, but her time of 5:55.65 was clocked at fourth overall.

Nazareth's Stanton Wethington made the finals in the 110 hurdles and finished sixth overall with a time of 16.26. The winning time was 15.35.

In the boys' discus, Bo Hunter finished fifth with a throw of 130-3.

Rincon finishes sixth at regional

Lisa Rincon was the only Hart athlete to place in the Region 1-AA track meet, which was held Friday and Saturday in Abilene.

Rincon finished sixth in the 3,200-meter run, posting a time of 12:39.40. The race was won by Lori Sanchez of Ozona with an impressive time of 11:54.20.

Hart netters fall in regional meet

Hart netters fell in the first round of the Region 1-AA tennis tournament in Abilene last week.

Boys' singles player Christopher George dropped his opening match to Felipe Trevizo of Tornillo, 1-6, 1-6. Hart's other singles qualifier, Jared Aven, lost his first match to J.J. Swearingen of Wall, 1-6, 3-6.

In boys' doubles, Hart's Rodolfo Gonzales and Moses Reyna were upended by Yannis and Torres of Memphis, 0-6, 2-6. On the other side of the bracket, Longhorn netters Lupe de la Fuente and Jeremiah Velasquez lost to Valles and Taver of Wellington, 2-6, 0-6.

The Lady Horns also struggled in first-round matches, with Raquel Garcia losing to April Helm of Hawley in a tough, three setter, 3-6, 7-6, 0-6.

Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez fell to Brown and Pittman of Spearman, 5-7, 2-6.

Hall graduates from CTO class

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jeremy G. Hall, son of Debbie K. Williams of Dimmitt, recently graduated from basic Cryptologic Technician Communications (CTO) Class "A" School while serving at the Naval Technical Training Center at Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla.

During the self-paced course, Hall was trained in special intelligence communications and received instruction on cryptographic systems and equipment.

In addition, Hall received training in radio wave propagation and modulation, circuit operation, message processing and communication center clerical functions.

This course is designed to fulfill a Naval Security Group requirement to provide prospective cryptologic technicians necessary to perform within the Naval Security Group Command in a staff or field-level environment.

Hall is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School and he joined the Navy in January 1997.

First grade sets music program

First graders from Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will present their "Springtime in Texas" music program today (Thursday) from 9:15 to 9:35 a.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Music teacher Ruby Teaschner said the public is invited to attend free of charge.

The same program will be presented next Thursday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, from 10:20 to 10:45 a.m., and again the public is invited to attend.

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BOYS MINOR LEAGUE—Dimmitt Kids, Inc., announced the league standings in basketball last week. First place went to the team sponsored by Hi-Plain Oil. Team members are (front from left) Bryan Hall, Wesley Nutt and Daniel Perez; and (back, from left) coach Sal Ortiz and his young son Carlos, Nicholas Ortiz, Billy Dollar, Junior Limas, Coach Joe Alvarez, and Caleb Snitker. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



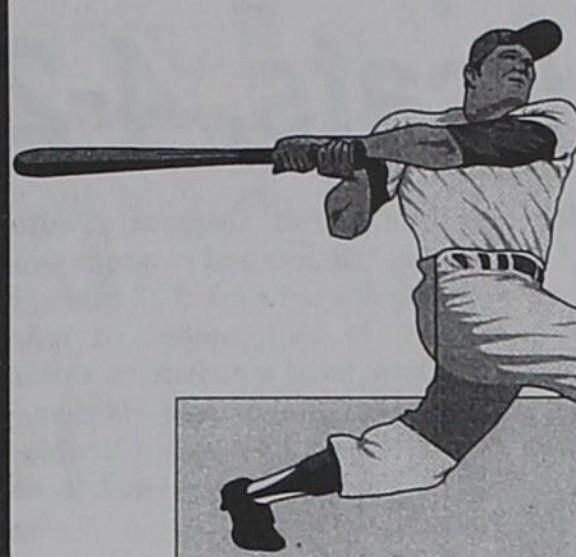
GIRLS MINOR LEAGUE—First place went to the team sponsored by Pancake House in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Anna Brockman, Kirsti Edwards, and Dana Sandoval; (middle, from left) Krystal Martinez, Hayli Wise, Clarissa Herrera, Haley Lunsford, and Erica Rascon; and (back, from left) Tina Maurer and Rita Ramos, coaches. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



TIED FOR FIRST—In the Boys' Major League in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season, two teams tied for first. The team sponsored by Cerestar includes: (front) Andy Garcia; (middle, from left) Jake Wright, Rudy Martinez, Chuck Cruz, Matthew Sanders, and James Lindsey; and (back) Joe Bob Sanders, coach. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



BOYS MAJOR LEAGUE action in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season ended in a tie. One of the top teams was this one, sponsored by Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt. Team members include: (front, from left) Ben Birdwell, Matthew Calderon, Matthew Ruis, and Rey Medrano; (middle, from left) Darrell Reyes, Tyler Myatt, Mark Silva, Bruce Swain, and Raymond Aguero; and (back) Ronnie Calderon, coach. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



Battin' Bobcats!

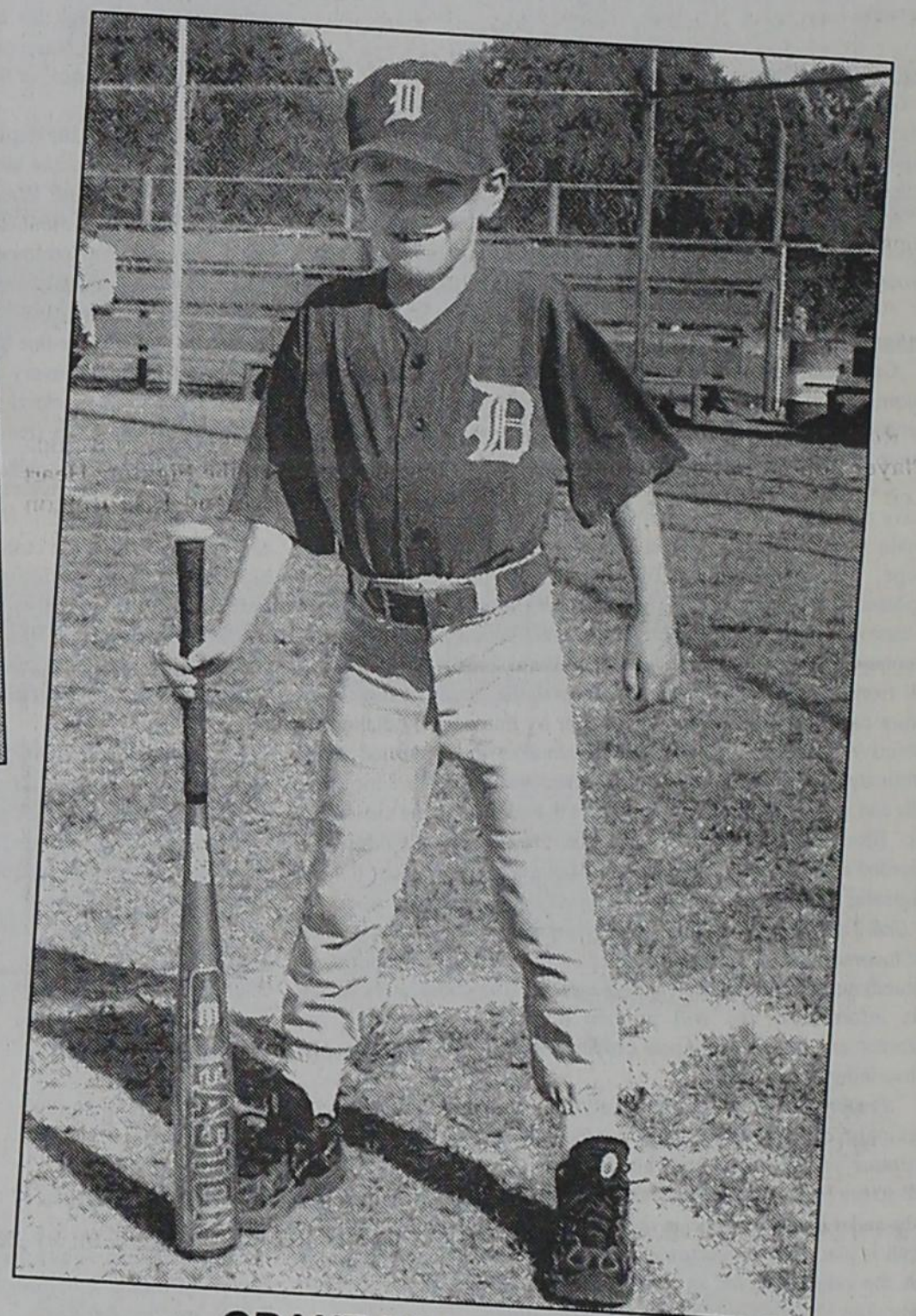
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More about Hospital board . . .

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 get it, because the premium is smaller, and that's his main consideration. He has to stay in business." He told the board, "By yourself, you're a little too small to compel contracts your way (with insurance companies). What you need to do is pull other hospitals in."
 "We need enough of a base to influence the providers, the HMOs and the insurance companies," he said. "If we could come up with five, six or seven hospitals, it would be ideal."

The board is hoping that the Hereford and Friona hospital districts will join in the coalition immediately and that other independent hospital districts in the Panhandle and elsewhere will join also to provide optimum clout with insurance providers. As part of its contract with the local district, Medexcel is to make the contacts with other hospital districts, insurance providers and insurance agencies.

"How long would it take you to line up the other partners?" trustee Teresa Lindsey asked Waggoner and Simpson.
 "If we can't do it in six months we might as well turn in our badge," Waggoner said.
 Answering a question by trustee Jerry Annen, Waggoner said, "I'd

want over 25,000 members" to form an HMO.
 Waggoner and Simpson proposed developing a regional rural health care system for Medicare, Medicaid and commercial customers that would concentrate on providing coverage and services to small groups and individuals.
 The board gave them the go-ahead to contact other hospital districts that might benefit from such a coalition.

Business Manager Vada Wilcox reported that the district is currently carrying \$265,141 in past-due receivables on 1,481 self-pay accounts.

The hospital board will turn most of these over to a law firm for collection.
 Here's the breakdown on the number of accounts past due, by year:
 1994: 29 accounts, \$8,970.
 1995: 159 accounts, \$24,909.
 1996: 424 accounts, \$68,449.
 1997: 869 accounts, \$162,813.

"Every one of these accounts has been sent a statement, right?" Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers asked.
 "I can't tell you that," Wilcox said, noting a lack of historical data.
 "It wasn't until May of '97 that we had a collector in charge of tracking every bill that is 60 days old,"

Mules rally to win over Bobcats, 4-2

Mulshoe scored two runs in the final inning to break a tie and take a 4-2 win over the Bobcats Tuesday at George Howell Park.
 With one out in the top of the seventh and the score tied at 2-2, Mulshoe's B. J. Gonzales rapped a sharp double to right field, scoring a pinch runner from second base to give the Mules a 3-2 margin.

Then, after a ground out and a walk, Gonzales scored on an error to give the Mules their final victory margin.
 Relief pitcher Zack Matthews fanned Matt McClanahan to get the fire put out.

The Bobcats were unable to answer the Mules' rally in the bottom half of the seventh. Mulshoe hotshot Layne Kemp — who had relieved Cameron Nix on the mound early in the sixth — fanned three batters and left Matthews stranded on second after a single and a steal.

Nix was the winning pitcher, giving up one run on three hits while striking out four and walking two. Kemp did a good job finishing as he fanned six of the nine batters he faced while allowing a run on two singles.

For Dimmitt, Michael Pedroza gave up five hits and two runs while walking one as he faced 22 Mulshoe batters. In two innings of relief, Matthews faced nine batters, striking out two and walking one. He gave up two hits—a single and a double—which the Mules converted to two runs.

Kemp started things for the Mules when he stepped up as the second batter and got their first hit of the game—a solo home run over the center field fence.

That homer and Gonzales' seventh-inning double were the only extra-base hits in the game.
 Dimmitt answered with two singles in the bottom of the first, but couldn't push anyone across the plate as Sergio Pedroza and Matthews were left stranded.

The score stayed at 1-0 until the bottom of the third, when Wesley Wright walked, stole second on a passed ball, advanced to third on a sacrifice fly by S. Pedroza, then scored on a single by Sammy Prieto.

The Mules retook the lead in the top of the fourth when Aaron Purdy scored on a two-out single by Mason Sinclair.

With good pitching and defense by both teams, the score stayed at 2-1 until the bottom of the sixth, when Eric Gamez stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, then scored on a single by Beau Hill.

Gamez was pinch-running for lead-off batter Rusty Wooten, who had reached base on an error.

"Dimmitt did a good job today," Mulshoe Coach Brad Hill said. "Pedroza did a good job pitching, and Zack finished up strong. We just got the hits at the right time."

The close-fought win kept the Mules (13-8, 7-4) in third place in the eight-team District 1-AAA behind River Road and Perryton. For the Bobcats (8-13, 3-8, sixth place), the narrow loss was that much more frustrating.

"I sure don't have a beef with the kids," Bobcat Coach Bobby Feaster said. "They gave it everything they had and I'm proud of them."



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S. Furr and Bob Hill of Dimmitt; Shane Ethridge, Mitchell Brockman (5) and Matt Olvera of Nazareth. WP: Ethridge (5-2). LP: Furr. 2B: Mitchell Brockman (2), Darren Huckert and Matt Olvera of Nazareth; Matthews of Dimmitt. 3B: Shane Ethridge of Nazareth.

TUESDAY
Bobcats 4, Mulshoe 6

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Nix, Kemp (6) and Purdy of Mulshoe; Sergio Pedroza, Zack Matthews (6) and Rusty Wooten of Dimmitt. WP: Nix. LP: Matthews. 2B: Gonzales and Snider of Mulshoe. HR: Kemp of Mulshoe. Records: Dimmitt 8-13, 3-8; Mulshoe 13-8, 7-4.

Swifts 24, Amherst 2 (5)

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R. Miller, Collins (3) and Chandler of Amherst; Shane Ethridge and Matt Olvera, Kit Schulte (4). WP: Ethridge (5-2). LP: Miller. 2B: Matt Olvera, Shane Ethridge and Jerad Birkenfeld of Nazareth. HR: Darren Huckert of Nazareth. Records: Nazareth 9-3, 7-1; Amherst 1-12, 1-7.



FIRST PLACE IN MAJOR LEAGUE GIRLS' action in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball season was this team sponsored by Novartis Seed. Team members are (kneeling, from left) Niccole Heard and Angelica Larra; and (standing, from left) Raynee Bradley, Coach Lori Lemons, Meggie Lemons, Alicia Heard, Susie Limas, and Coach Tod Bradley.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Swifts destroy Amherst, 24-2

Nazareth took another step toward a playoff berth Tuesday when the Swifts throttled the Amherst Bulldogs, 24-2, in five innings at Nazareth.

Swift bats were on fire in the game. Nazareth picked up 10 hits including a three-run homer by Darren Huckert in the third, and doubles by Matt Olvera, Shane Ethridge and Jerad Birkenfeld.

The win improved Nazareth's overall mark to 9-3 and upped its district record to 7-1. The Swifts are currently a half-game behind Cotton Center in the race for the district title. The Swifts' only district loss, to date, is to Cotton Center.

The Swifts will meet Amherst at Littlefield on Friday, then wind up the district schedule by hosting Cotton Center on Tuesday. If the Swifts win out, they'll tie with Cotton Center for the district championship, and that would force a playoff between the Swifts and Elks for the No. 1 seed from District 1-A.

"The first time we played Cotton Center I think we were a little scared of their pitcher," said Nazareth Coach Joey Waldo. "I'd told the guys how hard he threw and how good he was, and I think we were afraid we couldn't hit the ball. We did start hitting toward the end, though, and that helped our confidence. I feel like if we play defense like we did against them the first time, and our bats come around, this time will be different."

Mitchell Brockman will take the mound Friday against Amherst and Ethridge is expected to get the start against the Elks on Tuesday.

Nazareth had just one error in the game and that allowed two runs to score in the fifth.

Ethridge struck out 11 hitters enroute to his fifth win of the season. After holding the Bulldogs at bay in the first, the Swifts started a hitting spree.

Lead-off hitter Kit Schulte singled, then scored on a double by Matt Olvera. Olvera came in soon after. A left field single by Stacey Schulte scored Ethridge and Jerad Birkenfeld.

and the Swifts were up 4-0 with one down.

The Swifts batted around but couldn't pick up more than four runs, and Kit Schulte grounded out in his second at-bat to end the inning.

Ethridge struck out Rackley to open the second, then walked Ferguson, who stole second. But Ethridge shut down the scoring threat by striking out the next two Bulldog batters.

Every Swift saw an at-bat in the second, too, with a single by Olvera leading off the second. Brockman walked, and Olvera, who had stolen second, made it to third on a passed ball. Olvera stole home to make it 5-0.

A double down the third base line by Ethridge scored Brockman. Ethridge and Huckert both scored before the inning was over, and Nazareth was up 8-0.

Ethridge struck out the first and third batters in the top of the third, and D. Miller flied out, stranding A. Miller on second.

Nazareth blew the game wide open in the third, scoring 16 runs to go up 24-2.

Olvera started things off, and Nazareth didn't slow down. The first seven Swift batters in the inning all scored before Amherst was able to get an out.

Ethridge stepped to the plate for the third time in the inning and flied out to end the barrage, but the damage was done.

Gilmore knocked one back at Ethridge to start the fourth, and the pitcher turned it into Amherst's first out. After Rackley walked to give the Bulldogs a base runner, Ethridge struck out Ferguson and Gonzales to keep it 24-0, Nazareth.

The Bulldogs were finally able to shut down the Swifts in the bottom of the fourth, holding Nazareth scoreless.

With one out in the fifth, Amherst got a runner on after a passed ball, then Ethridge walked another hitter. Both runners scored after an error, but Nazareth shut it down after that to claim the lopsided win.

More about City council . . .

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 proposals for further consideration. Two people who live on the west side of Dimmitt just outside the city limits asked the council to consider annexation of their property so that they could get on the city sewer ser-

vice. Coby Gilbreath and Gary Nutt said that they feel like all of the property owners between them and the city limits would be agreeable to the annexation.

Collins asked them to firm up the property owners' commitment, and said the city will work on getting a cost estimate for the proposed sewer line and pump station that will be required.

City council members who had been listed on the ballot for the May 2 election were sworn in. The four—Roger Malone, Charles Richard, Roy Gonzales and Gloria Hernandez—were unopposed in their re-election bids, so the election was canceled and the four were declared elected, effective after the election date.

After the swearing in, council members voted to name Malone as Mayor Pro Tempore, to serve as mayor in the absence of Collins.

Customer Notice

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (West Texas Rural or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms and conditions for the following new, optional services offerings: **CALLER ID SERVICES, ENHANCED CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES, and OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.** This request has been assigned tariff Control Number 19209. These services will be available to all residential and business customers where technical facilities permit, excluding pay telephone services.

Caller ID Services:

Calling Number/Name Delivery (Caller ID) delivers calling party information to parties being called. Calling party information may indicate the directory number/name of the calling party or may indicate the number/name of the calling party is private or unavailable.

Anonymous Call Rejection permits a customer to automatically reject calls from callers who have blocked their number/name, either through the use of per-call blocking or per-line blocking.

Enhanced Custom Calling Services:

Call Return enables a customer to automatically return the last incoming call. If the call back number is busy, this feature allows a user to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Call Screening permits a customer to block an incoming call and/or calls from a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) and functions as a screening service for the customer. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. In addition, if a customer receives an unwanted call from an unknown telephone number, the customer may block future calls from that unknown number by immediately dialing the Selective Call Rejection activation code after the unwanted call is terminated. The Cooperative's equipment will review all incoming calls and will block those from numbers that appear on the customer's list. Blocked telephone numbers are directed to a Cooperative recorded announcement. Standard call completion will occur if a call originates from a central office that is not equipped for CLASS.

Call Trace allows a customer to request an automatic trace of the last incoming call. Call Trace may be activated at any time during or immediately following the call to be traced. The cooperative retains this information and will provide it only to appropriate law enforcement authorities upon proper request from the customer subscribing to the service.

Preferred Call Forwarding allows a customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be forwarded to a customer-specified telephone number. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will forward calls to the customer only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Priority Ringing permits the customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be given a distinctive alerting signal, ring or call waiting tone for priority calls. A customer creates, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and provide the appropriate signal, ring or tone for these numbers that appear on the customer's list.

Repeat Dialing enables a user to automatically place a call to the last outgoing call. The last outgoing call is defined as the last number dialed. If the called number is busy, this feature allows a customer to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Special Call Acceptance permits a customer to select a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) from which the customer wishes to accept calls. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers from which the customer is accepting calls. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will allow calls to ring on the customer's telephone only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Other Miscellaneous Services:

Cancel Call Waiting allows a customer with the Call Waiting feature to cancel the operation of Call Waiting for one call. The customer dials the Cancel Call Waiting code and dial tone is heard. Without hanging up, the customer then places the call. During this call only, the Call Waiting feature is inactive. Call Waiting tones will not interrupt this call.

Do Not Disturb allows the called party to automatically reject calls if the calling party does not have the called party's special Personal Identification Number (PIN). Those callers without the PIN will either receive a busy signal or an announcement saying that the called party is not accepting calls at this time.

Personal Ringing allows up to three different telephone numbers to ring at a premises without installing additional local exchange access lines. Incoming calls to each number are identified by different ringing patterns.

Toll Restriction Service denies the local exchange user access to the long distance telecommunications network while permitting the user access to the local exchange network.

Enhanced Toll Restriction Service allows subscribers of the Toll Restriction Service feature to access the Long Distance

Telecommunications Network for calls placed to 1+800 and 1+888 numbers only.

Toll Restriction Service with PIN Override prevents the origination of toll calls from an access line except for those calls where a PIN is entered prior to placing the call. This override function is only valid for the single call placed immediately after the PIN is entered and is deactivated at the end of that single call.

Warm Line Service provides that a preselected 7- or 10- digit telephone number will ring whenever the subscribing customer's telephone is off-hook for a minimum of thirty (30) seconds. The designated number may not be public emergency numbers such as police, fire, ambulance, or 911 service where available.

In association with the deployment of Caller ID Services, "per-call blocking" and "per-line blocking" will be automatically available, free of charge, to all West Texas Rural customers. "Blocking" prevents the caller's number and name from appearing on the Caller ID display unit. Any customer who wishes to block his or her number and name on a per-call basis, simply needs to pres *67 on their touch-tone phone, or dial 1167 on their rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking automatically blocks a customer's number and name on every call without the need to pres *67 or dial 1167. If a customer selects per-line blocking, he or she can unblock their number and name, free of charge, on a single call by dialing *82 or 1182 on their phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking will be automatically reactivated at the end of this single "unblocked" call. Per-line blocking will be offered, at no charge, to any customer upon the customer's request. All requests for per-line blocking will automatically be granted free of charge. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have per-call or per-line blocking. Per-call or per-line blocking will display a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on the Caller ID display unit. Blocking will not be provided on calls from pay phones.

The proposed effective date for the new services is July 1, 1998 for all exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Cooperative is \$21,115 for the first year of service, which is less than 1.20% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues. The following monthly rates have been proposed for these new services:

SERVICE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
Calling Number/Name Delivery	\$6.50	\$6.50
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$1.00	\$1.00
Call Return	\$1.50	\$1.50
Call Screening	\$1.50	\$1.50
Preferred Call Forwarding	\$1.50	\$1.50
Priority Ringing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Repeat Dialing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Special Call Acceptance	\$1.50	\$1.50
Do Not Disturb	\$1.50	\$1.50
Personal Ringing with two numbers	\$3.00	\$3.00
Personal Ringing with three numbers	\$6.00	\$6.00
Toll Restriction Service	\$0.50	\$0.50
Enhanced Toll Restriction Service	\$1.50	\$1.50
Toll Restriction Service with PIN Override	\$1.50	\$1.50
Warm Line Service	No Charge	No Charge

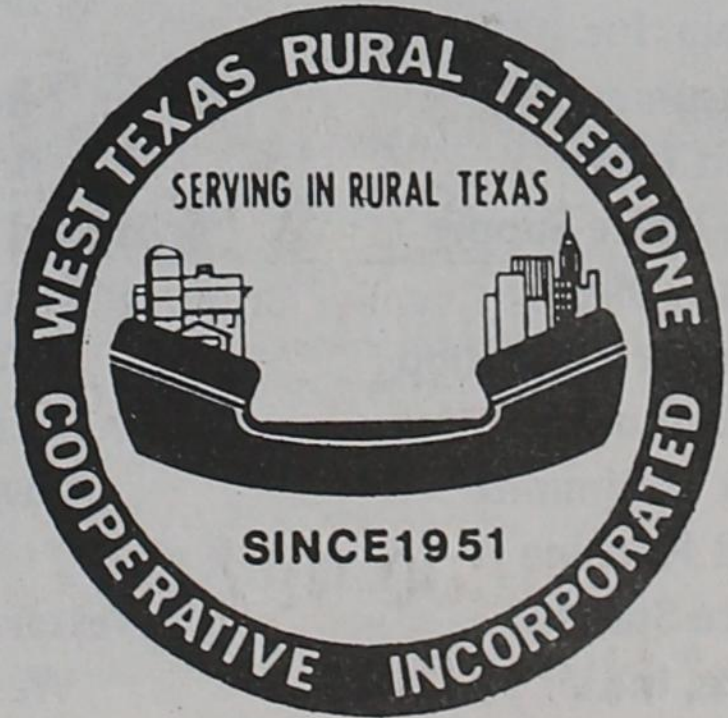
Usage Sensitive Services

Call Trace, per successful trace	\$7.00	\$7.00
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For answers to any questions regarding these new, optional Caller ID Services and Enhanced Custom Calling Services, or other services, please contact your local business office at (806) 364-3331.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible, but no later than June 21, 1998. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas toll free at 1-888-782-8477 or in Austin, (512) 936-7120. Hearing-and-speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136.

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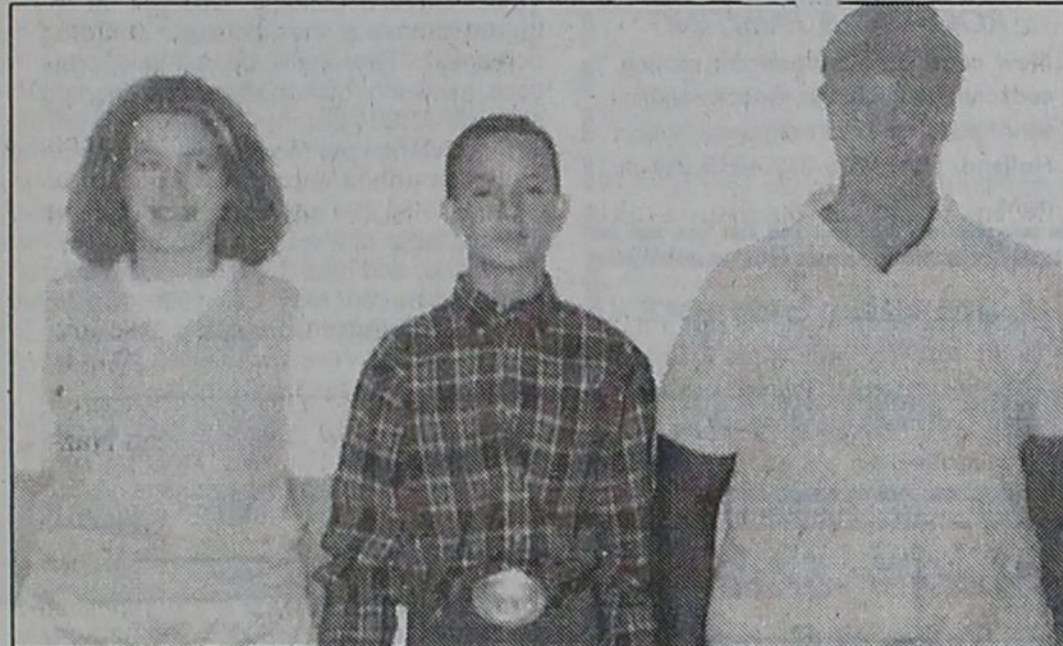
Eighth grade banquet set

Dimmitt Middle School eighth graders will have their banquet Saturday at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Students are asked to wear appropriate Sunday dress clothes—not tuxedos or prom dresses.

Pictures will be taken from 7 to 8 p.m., and dinner and dancing will follow. Students will not be allowed to enter the Expo after 8 p.m., and they will not be allowed to leave until 11:30 p.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent.

Parents are asked to arrange transportation for their children.



THESE CASTRO COUNTY 4-H'ERS were among those competing at District 4-H Roundup over the weekend, and 10 of the Senior 4-H'ers earned the right to advance to State Roundup in June. Those in the top photo are (back row) Jessica Kern, Vanessa Wilhelm and Bryce Pohlmeier; and (front row) Kristen Hales, Susan Book and Melanie Book. The middle photo includes Rachal Wall, Aaron Hart and Stacy Finch. Those pictured in the bottom photo are Jeremy Bishop, Kaci Schulte and Corey Lane.

Courtesy Photos

County 4-H'ers earn trips to State Roundup

Castro County will send 10 4-H'ers to State Roundup on June 2-5 after they placed first in the District Roundup held in Levelland Saturday.

Advancing to state are Rachal Wall, Vanessa Wilhelm, Corey Lane, Susan Book, Melanie Book, Stacy Finch, Bryce Pohlmeier, Jeremy Bishop, Aaron Hart and Jessica Kern.

Approximately 25 county 4-H'ers competed at the district level.

Castro County was awarded fourth place in the County Sweepstakes and earned fifth-place honors in the Achievement Award. There were 20 counties represented at district.

During the District Council meeting, Kaci Schulte was elected as first vice president of the District Council and she will also serve as an officer on the State Council.

Here are results from the District Roundup:

METHOD DEMONSTRATION

Junior I: Eric Book and Anna Brockman, third in *Focus on Health*; Adrienne Hart, first in *Entomology*; and Niccole Heard and Kendra Puente, first in *Clothing*.

Junior II: Jaci Bishop, first in *Clothing*; Melanie Davis, second in *Open Division*; Holly Lane, third in *Focus on Health*; Jody Stovall, first in *Beef*; and Jennifer Wilhlem, second in *Family Life*.

Senior: Susan Book and Kristin Hales, first in *County Government Awareness*; Stacy Finch, third in *Pork*; Aaron Hart, first in *Entomology*; Corey Lane, first in *Promote 4-H*; Kaci Schulte, first in *Housing and Home Environment*; Rachal Wall, first in *Clothing*; and Jeremy Bishop, who competed in *Focus on Health*.

In the Consumer Decision Making competition, the senior team of Bryce Pohlmeier, Vanessa Wilhelm, Jeremy Bishop and Susan Book finished first and Book was named third-high individual.

Gabriel Garcia was high-point individual for the Junior II team which finished first overall. Other team members were Thomas Brockman, Jaci Bishop and Holly Lane.

In Junior I competition, Castro County's team of Kendra Puente, Niccole Heard, Anna Brockman and Casey Maurer finished second.

The county's senior Entomology Judging Team of Matthew Kern, Jessica Kern and Mitchell Brockman placed third.

Aaron Kern competed in the Junior II Entomology Contest as an individual.

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Crisis Pregnancy Center fundraiser scheduled May 19

Cal Thomas, nationally-syndicated columnist and Fox Network News commentator, will be the featured speaker at the Canyon Crisis Pregnancy Center's annual Dessert Fundraiser.

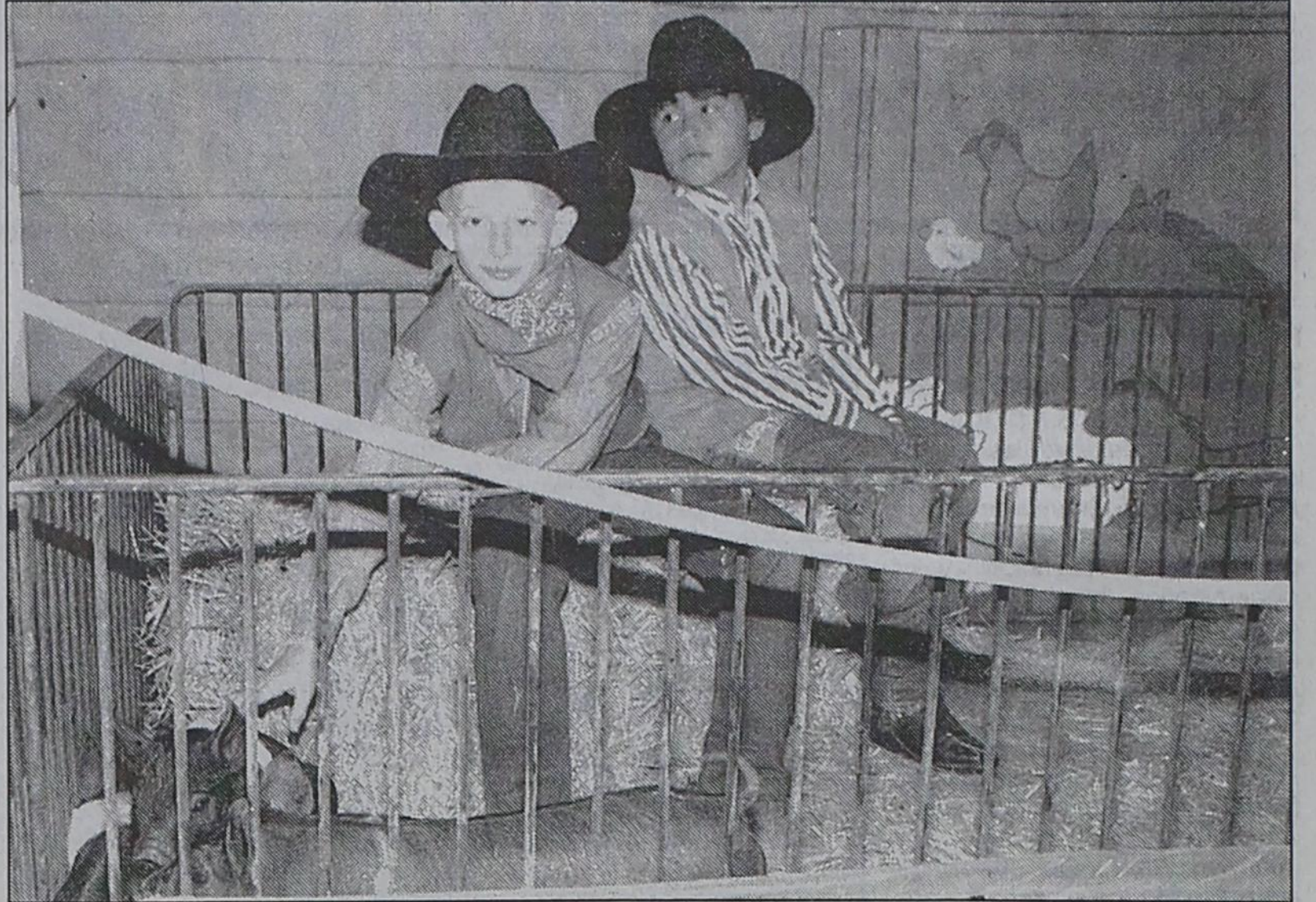
The fundraiser will be held May 19 at 7 p.m. in the West Texas A&M University Activity Center Ballroom.

There is no charge to attend the banquet, but reservations must be made by May 15 by calling (806) 655-4673.

Thomas, a 35-year veteran of both broadcast and print journalism, was an award-winning reporter for NBC News, and was a 1995 Cable Ace Award nominee for best interview program on cable.

Thomas is one of the most successful fundraising speakers for crisis pregnancy centers nationwide.

The Canyon Center provides a variety of services for area women such as free pregnancy tests, free maternity clothes and baby items and Lamaze childbirth classes and counseling regarding abortion (procedures and risks), adoption, abstinence and parenting.



TENDING THE PIGS—Dennis Underwood (left) and George Dones help portray one of the jobs youngsters had to do in the "old days" in Castro County. The display was part of the Pioneer Days in May held Friday at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt. The second grade classes put on the program each year.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

DHS Athletic Banquet set

The annual Dimmitt Athletic Banquet will be held May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

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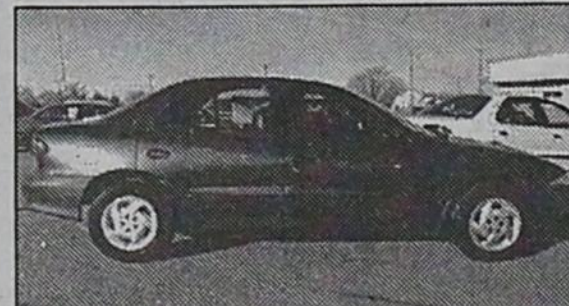
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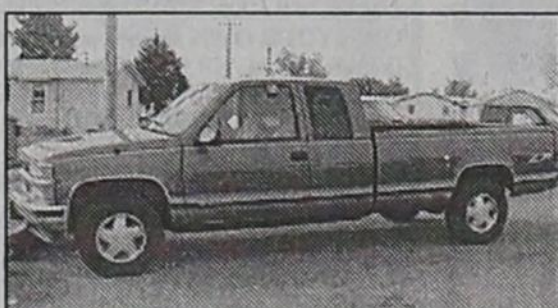
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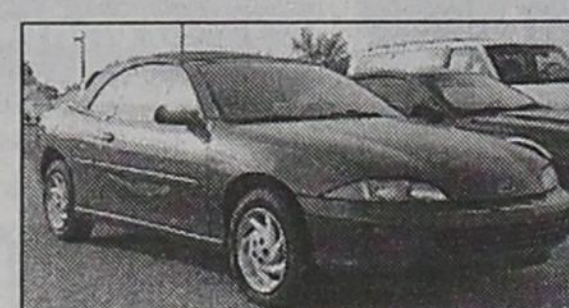
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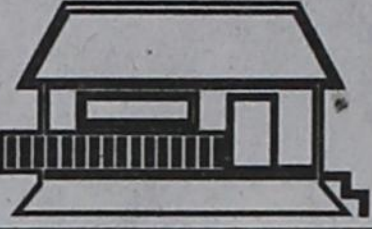
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20—Help Wanted

THE CASTRO COUNTY SHERIFF'S Office is currently accepting applications for positions as Jailer. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, possess a valid Texas Driver's License, and will be required to pass a physical exam and drug screening. These will be full-time positions, involving rotating shift work. Starting salary is \$1,204 per month plus \$100 uniform allowance per month. After six-month probation period is completed, salary increases to \$1,254 per month. Applications are available at the Castro County Sheriff's Office, and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on May 29, 1998. Castro County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-4-4tc

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23—Lost & Found

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25—Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners' Court is now accepting bids for the construction of a six-person minimum security living area on the second floor of the Castro County jail. Construction must conform to the rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Bid specifications can be picked up from the Sheriff Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, on or before May 8, 1998.

Bids will be opened May 11, 1998, at 10 a.m.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

CD FITZGEARLD, Castro County Sheriff 25-4-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on May 12, 1998, at 6 p.m., in the City Councilmen's Chambers at the City Hall to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Church of God of the First Born, Fernando Fernandez, 501 NE 6th, who plans to add an addition which will be located within the 5 ft. side lot line property and the 25 ft. front property line "No Construction Zone" as established by Section 14-21 of the City Code.

Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Dept. of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernons Civil Statutes.

VICTOR BURROWS, Building Inspector City of Dimmitt 25-5-1tc

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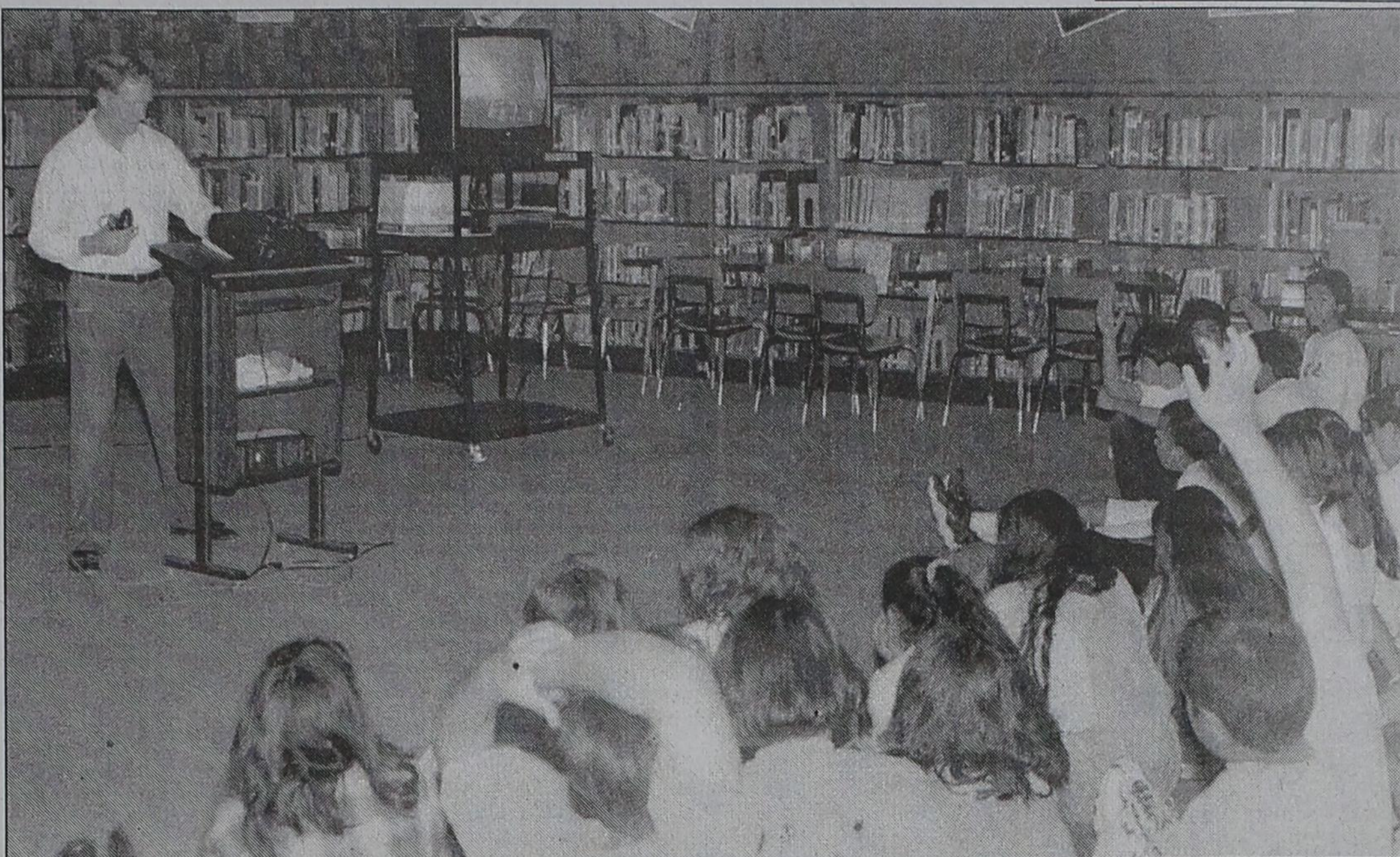
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A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.



TORNADO WATCH—Dave Oliver, meteorologist at KFDD-TV, Amarillo, gets an enthusiastic response from Dimmitt Middle School sixth graders Friday as he explains tornado ratings while showing videos of memorable twisters, including footage of the 1996 Dimmitt tornado.

After his program, exploratory teacher Glenda Sims presented him with a Pride Certified T-shirt, making him a DMS "Top Cat." "These are fantastic kids—they have the tornado safety rules down pat," Oliver said. "I don't worry about Dimmitt."

Photo by Don Nelson

TxDOT announces curb modifications

The Texas Dept. of Transportation is working on curb modifications in Dimmitt, installing handicapped ramps and curb inlets at several intersections.

The construction is part of a \$66,291 project to install ramps and curbs at locations district-wide. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires access for handicapped individuals. The project was expected to be finished this week.

Contractor for the project is Birchwood Construction of Levelland.

Ramps and curbs were scheduled for installation at the intersection of US 385 and Third Street, US 385 and SH 86, US 385 and Andrews Street, and SH 86 and Second Street.

For more information, call Dimmitt Roadway Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Guzman at 806-647-3361.

In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for May 7-15.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Taco pie, Mexipinto beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, cantaloup and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, celery sticks, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauteed onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of Pizza Hut pepperoni, beef or cheese pizza; savory green beans, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, fresh bananas, peaches, crackers and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Barbecued hot links, beef stew or taco pie; baked beans, fresh grapes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or garden relish; assorted muffins, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, lasagna with ground beef or Monterey casserole; Frito corn chops, broccoli with cheese sauce or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloup or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad,

celery sticks, or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or chicken enchilada casserole; salad, tortilla pieces, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY-FRIDAY: Not available

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or chicken enchilada casserole, salad, tortilla pieces, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, sliced pickles, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Not available.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Sandwich or corn dog, potato wedges, beans, lettuce, orange, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, apple and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, pineapple, fruit salad, corn, salad and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Fish with cornbread or pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pears, pudding and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Chicken sandwich or hamburger, French fries, lettuce, green beans, potato wedges, apple sauce, Rice Krispie and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, salad, pinto beans, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, salad, corn, pineapple, Jell-O and milk or juice.

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

I would like to thank the taxpayers in Place 2 that voted for me in the recent school board election. I will try to keep you in mind when my decisions are made.

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BEANIE BABY MANIA—A crowd waits outside Tots and Teens Saturday morning to get order-of-purchase numbers for Beanie Babies, the current favorite of doll collectors. Saturday's offering drew customers from throughout the region. One out-of-town couple

reportedly spent the night in their car across the street, and others started arriving as early as 3 a.m. to get a good place in line for the sale, which started at 11. The crowd was mostly adults, including many grandparents, store owner Sandra Clark reported.

Photo by Don Nelson

Obituaries

Monty Ballard

Funeral services for Monty Joe Ballard, 67, of Vona, Colo., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Friday at the Cope Community Church in Cope, Colo., with Pastor Terry Colvert officiating.

Burial followed in Cope Cemetery with Hendricks-Love Mortuary of Burlington, Colo., in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Ballard died April 28 in Vona. He was born July 4, 1930, in Hollister, Okla., to C.G. and Iris Ballard. They both preceded him in death. When Mr. Ballard was 16, he moved with his family to the Flagg community near Dimmitt, where they farmed. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1948, and went on to college at West Texas College in Canyon and Sul Ross University in Alpine. He graduated in 1954 with a bachelor of science degree in range animal science. In his younger years, he played football, boxed and participated in bull riding. He was a Baptist.

He married Maxine George Dec. 23, 1958, in Hereford. They farmed in the Flagg community for 30 years, before moving to Vona in 1989, where they purchased a farm.

"Monty was known as a serious, hard worker, honest and most responsible, especially when it came to his family," a family member said. "He had the spiritual gift of being a caretaker" and was concerned about everyone he thought he was responsible for."

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Ballard, in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kathy McDonald of Happy and Kay Ballard of Lubbock; a son, Kelly Ballard of Vona; two sisters, Eileen Berryman of Hereford and Blanche Whatley of Dimmitt and Deming, N.M.; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Caring Hands Hospice in care of Bank of Burlington, 410 14th St., Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Janet Bradshaw

A memorial service for Janet Johnson Bradshaw, 58, of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, was held Tuesday afternoon in the Bell Avenue Baptist

Church with Bro. Jim Fullingim, Bro. Danny Logan of Bell Avenue Baptist Church and Claud Tugwell, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Cremation was by Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Bradshaw died Sunday in Amarillo.

She was born in San Angelo. She grew up in Dumas and graduated from Dumas High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in history from Texas Tech University. She married Ray Bradshaw in 1981 in Dimmitt. She moved to Amarillo in 1988 from Roswell, N.M.

She retired from Western National Life, where she was agency service manager. She was a charter member of CCBPWC and was active in the HOSTS program, Pioneer Promenaders Square Dance Club and Bell Avenue Baptist Choir. She was a volunteer at the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, W.J. "Jim" Mann, in 1975.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jeri Mann Vines of El Cajon, Calif., and Julia Mann Powers of Houston; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Jim Fullingim Ministries of Dallas or American Cancer Society.

Melvin Lewis

Melvin Lewis, 67, of Dimmitt, died at 9:05 a.m. last Wednesday, April 27, in Amarillo after a brief illness.

Graveside services were held Friday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Rev. Van Earl Hughes, retired minister, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Lewis was born Jan. 2, 1931, in Canyon and had lived in Dimmitt his entire life. He was a self-employed trader and was an Army veteran, serving from 1953 to 1955.

Survivors include a brother, Gene Lewis of McAllen; two nephews and a niece.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

More about

DISD looking at improvement costs...

(Continued from Page 1)

In the transportation portion of the committee's list, it was recommended to purchase a new pickup for the ag department (\$26,000 to \$30,000); two new activity buses (\$150,000 to \$160,000); a new 15-passenger van (\$25,000 to \$30,000); and a new maintenance pickup (\$13,000 to \$16,000).

For the Technology Committee, which deals mostly with computer-related concerns, the top priority was the hiring of a technology coordinator (estimated cost of \$30,000). Other items included establishment of a Wide Area Network to link the four campuses with the administration office and establish Internet connectivity (estimated \$17,000); staff development, including basic training and advanced training as appropriate (\$15,000); acquire hardware to complete Local Area Networks and upgrade existing systems (\$40,000); acquire additional multimedia computer stations, projectors, LCD projectors, digital cameras, scanners, printers and software for each campus (\$28,000); and acquire computer hardware as necessary to upgrade existing LANs in the district (\$43,000).

The Accessibility Committee, which deals with accommodating the handicapped, started its recommendations with improvements needed for most entrances throughout the district at an estimated cost of \$400 to \$700 for lowering thresholds to no higher than one-half inch. Putting the required lever-handle hardware on outside doors was estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. Bringing the school's toilet rooms into compliance would cost an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000. Purchase of accessible science lab tables was estimated at \$10,000 to \$15,000. However, DISD Supt. Les Miller said that local maintenance staff could probably cut down some of the existing tables at a lower cost.

Many routes into the buildings do not comply in regard to surface and straight/cross-slope regulations. Making them accessible could cost from \$60,000 to \$85,000. Installing accessible seating in the auditoriums could cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Most drinking fountains already have been made accessible or are currently being adjusted, another \$2,000 to \$5,000 may be needed.

Accessible seating for the handicapped in the middle school gymnasium could cost from \$130,000 to \$162,000 to install, and would cause a loss in total seating capacity.

Ramps throughout the district and the required handrails were estimated at \$26,000 to \$30,000; accessible parking spaces could cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000; required signs (with Braille encoding) properly posted could cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000; accessible bathing facilities in locker rooms were estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000; and a visual alarm system for all facilities was estimated at \$90,000 to \$100,000.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill told the board that the district has \$1,178,717 in the undesignated fund balance that could be available for the required expenditures.

Miller told the board that the district also must look at facility needs, including the need for two additional classrooms, an additional science lab and an additional language lab. He said the labs would cost approximately \$75,000 each, and regular classrooms cost about \$50,000 each.

The board thanked the members of

each committee for their time and input for the reports. No decision was made on actual expenditures yet.

Following an executive session, the board accepted the resignations of four teachers.

Joanne Snider, high school home economics teacher, and Pat Evan, second grade, are both retiring at the end of this school year. R.L. Duke, high school English, is moving. Head girls basketball coach Jan

Newland has accepted a position as the head girls basketball coach at Plains High School.

Also, the board voted to hire Juli Sawyer to teach high school math. A resident of the Flagg community, she has been teaching in the Hereford schools.

The board will meet Friday to canvass the election returns. The next regular meeting will be Monday at 7 p.m. in the administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

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Police Calls

On April 30, a 35-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed on a warrant charging her with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Police said the woman had gotten into an argument near the nursing home on FM 3215, and attempted to drive off in a vehicle. The man she had been arguing with grabbed the vehicle door and she raised the window, trapping his hand. The man was dragged for a distance before he managed to free himself. He was injured and was taken to the hospital. He was transferred to an Amarillo hospital, but has since been released.

A Dimmitt woman told police Sunday night that her spouse became violent and assaulted her. Police said the woman had a black eye. The suspect also was wanted on a warrant for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

A 43-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Friday afternoon for investigation of indecency with a child.

A New Mexico man remained in jail Tuesday afternoon to serve time on charges of showing a fictitious registration to police on April 29.

Possession of a controlled substance was the charge listed on a warrant resulting in the arrest of a 24-year-old Dimmitt man Friday evening.

A parole violation resulted in the jailing of a 40-year-old Dimmitt man Friday morning.

Two warrants led to the jailing of an 18-year-old from Earth Monday afternoon. He was wanted for assault/bodily injury and for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

DWI, first offense, and driving with license suspended landed a 47-year-old Dimmitt man in jail early Saturday.

A Lubbock woman, 37, remained in jail Tuesday afternoon, serving time on a forgery charge.

A Dimmitt man was jailed early Sunday for public intoxication. A little later, a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed for DWI, first offense.

At 12:51 p.m. Monday, a 53-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense (breath test refused), and for having an open container.

Two forged checks were reported to police Friday morning at Dimmitt

Market.

April 29 at 5:55 p.m., a 1986 Honda Accord driven by Daniel Salazar, 17, of Dimmitt, was southbound in the 200 block of South Broadway in Dimmitt. A 1995 Nautica van driven by Virginia Crider, 79, of Dimmitt, was stopped on East Belsher at a stop sign. Police said Crider attempted to cross the intersection and her vehicle was struck by Salazar's. Crider was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Damage to both vehicles was rated light, and no injuries were reported.

Last Thursday at 5:30 a.m., a truck tractor-trailer rig driven by Charles Ray Stewart, 45, of Dalhart, struck a black cow in the roadway on US 385 about 7 miles south of Hereford. The rig struck the cow and came to rest on the west shoulder of the road. Damage to the truck was rated light and the driver was not injured. The cow was valued at \$300.

NHS yearbook orders will be taken May 15

The Nazareth High School Annual Staff will be accepting orders for the 1997-98 yearbook on May 15.

Those who wish to order a book should send a check for \$20 to Courtney Robertson or Whitney McLain. Checks must be dated May 15.

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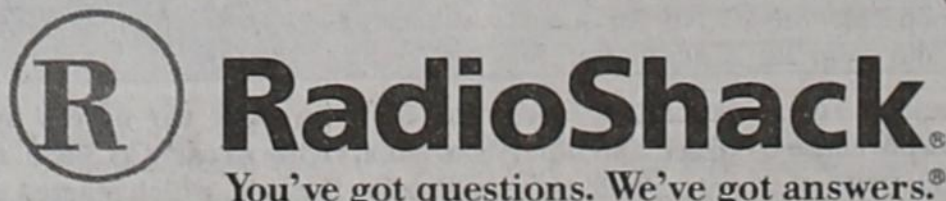
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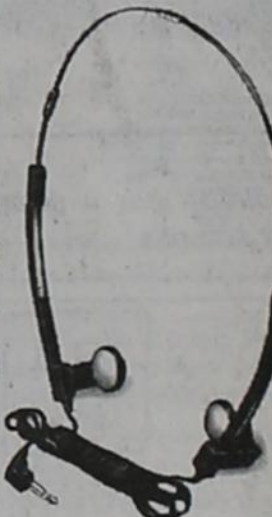
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Keith Jones (near) and Dewitt Crosby pour Paymaster 2200RR cottonseed into the auger of a Concord air till drill, test equipment for the 1998 planting of RR cotton. The pair were assisting in the planting of the Roundup Ready cotton on Larry Petree's land west of Hale Center.

Cotton industry tests improved technology

Angie Grand Pre
Ag Reporter staff

Technology in the agricultural industry is improving all the time and the cotton division is no exception.

One of the newest and most talked about aspects of the cotton industry is Roundup Ready cotton.

Developed six years ago and tested the last four, RR cotton is safe for over-the-top applications of Roundup Ultra until the four-leaf stage. Roundup Ultra can be applied by post direct application once the 5-leaf stage is reached.

These applications of Roundup Ultra aid in weed control.

The seed was developed by the Monsanto Seed Company, according to Tom Speed of Paymaster Cotton in Lubbock.

"It was Monsanto's idea," Speed said. "It was a very involved process of gene transmission to get the Roundup safe genes into the cotton plant."

"It was developed to help farmers have better success on weed control."

Speed noted that weeds compete in the field for the moisture and nutrients needed by the cotton plants.

"The cotton fights insects, Mother Nature, the weather and weeds," Speed said. "Cleaner fields help the farmer."

RR cotton presents many ben-

"It was developed to help the farmers have better success on weed control."

Tom Speed

efits to the farmer relating to weed control.

With the capability of over-the-top application for controlling weeds, costly hand labor is greatly reduced. This is one of the reasons Hale Center farmer, Larry Petree of Lubbock, is planting RR cotton this year.

"First, I wanted to try the ultra-narrow row air till drill," Petree said. "And, I wanted to get away from manual labor."

Petree said he is planting RR cotton via recommendation by other farmers.

According to Speed, in 1995 a couple 100 acres in the High Plains were planted in RR cotton and in 1998, an expected 2 million acres will be planted in RR cotton.

In 1996, RR cotton was planted on a couple 1,000 acres and in 1997, 300,000 acres were planted with RR cotton, Speed said.

With increased yields and better utilization of moisture and equipment, farmers can see increased net returns. Although RR cottonseed is more expensive, the



COURTESY PHOTO

Photo demonstrating difference in Roundup Ready cotton and traditional cotton plants in 1997 near Lubbock. The plants on the left are traditional with no weed control. The plants on the right are RR cotton that were sprayed with RoundUp Ultra.

pounds yielded per acre is increased enough to cover the extra expense, according to tests by Paymaster. The increased net return (dollar per acre) advantage of RR cotton over conventional was \$29.43 for dry land cotton and \$62.85 for irrigated cotton.

According to Speed, there is no difference in the fiber of RR cotton vs. traditional cotton fiber.

The Texas High Plains averages three million bales of cotton per year. Cotton is usually planted between the 5th and 25th of May and will be harvested in October and November.

Petree said he planted a field of cotton the last weekend in April and it has already emerged. He said hot dry weather is needed for the next couple of weeks.

CALENDAR

May 5-6

Grain Grading Workshop

Registration for the two day long workshops begins at 8:30 a.m. Each session open at 9 a.m. and will end by 4:30 p.m. Call (806) 359-5401 for more information.

May 7-8

Nutrition Conference

The 5th annual Dairy nutritionists Mid-South Ruminant Nutrition Conference at the Holiday Inn - DFW South. For more information, call (972) 952-9210.

May 12

Beef Conference

Panhandle Beef Conference at the Amarillo Civic Center. For more information, call (806) 655-6325.

May 13

Deadline

Deadline for Junior Fed Beef Challenge entry forms. Contact Perry Church at Texas Cattle Feeders Association, (806) 358-3681 for more information.

May 15

Wheat Field Day

Chance to view result demonstrations in Randall County. Call (806) 655-6325 for more information.

May 27

Agricultural Conference

Texas Agricultural Summit Conference in Austin. Focus will be issues in ag financing. For more information, call (409) 845-8484.

May 29-31

Horse Sale

Annual Summer Horse Sale at Clovis Livestock Auction in Clovis, N.M.. Friday at 9 a.m. is traditional catalog sale, at 2 p.m. is 6th annual CLA team roping sale. Saturday at 10 a.m. is Clovis Classic sale and Sunday at 9 a.m. is Breeders Session. For more information, call (505) 762-4422 or Steve Friskup at (806) 488-2290.

June 11

License Training

Privet Pesticide License Training. Call Randall County Extension Office at (806) 655-6325 for more information.

July 3

Trail Ride

Trail ride and Barbecue at Palo Duro Canyon State Park starting at 10 a.m. A Team Penning will be held on July 4 at 2 p.m. in Canyon. For more information, call (806) 655-1183.

To place your event in the High Plains Ag Reporter calendar, fax it to (806) 655-0823 or call (806) 655-7121 for more information.

Hale County home of grape vineyard

Jeff Stevens

special to the Ag Reporter

Freddy Bell, a Hale County pioneer in the grape industry may have discovered a solution for West Texas' dwindling water supply.

"Conserve Texas water, drink Texas wine," says Bell.

Bell began growing grapes in 1983 as a means to diversify the 2000 acres of cotton, corn and grain sorghum he was already growing. He started with a mere 50 acres of grapes but currently farms 100 of the total 130 acres grown in Hale

County.

For grapes, that is quite a large operation, he explained. An acre, on average, produces about two tons of grapes, which can make quite a bit of money.

"And we have had some in the past that made almost five tons to the acre."

Bell said, however, that once a grape owner gets to the point of producing that much he has made quite a large investment. Once the vines have been planted it takes almost three seasons before the

plants produce a crop.

"It's pretty expensive to get into. By the time you get ready for production, you've probably got about \$5,000 per acre in it (\$500,000 for a 100 acre vineyard)."

Aside from the start-up costs, West Texas weather can also be costly for new grape growers.

"If you had a good year every year it wouldn't be so bad but it seems like we miss every other year due to the fact that you have a hail or a freeze or something that limits see Wine on page 10

**Vineyards in Hale County?**

Freddy Bell inspects his vines in anticipation of the upcoming growing season. Bell farms approximately 100 acres of grapes in Hale County.

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Extra land accepted into CRP

Angie Grand Pre
Ag Reporter staff

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which stretched the rules once, has done it again.

When the program started in 1985, it was designed to stay in effect for 10-15 years, but with the most recent sign-up (No. 16), land will be in CRP for at least another 15 years. Next year, the program will probably accept more land for up to 15 more years.

The most recent rule-stretching by CRP was the amount of cropland accepted in the program.

Originally, a maximum of 25 percent of the nation's cropland could be enrolled in CRP, according to the U.S. government's CRP rules. But as the saying goes, rules are made to be broken.

Four area counties, Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Randall and Swisher, recently exceeded the 25 percent limitation. In order to accept the additional acreage, each county had to pass a request for cropland waiver. Waivers are sent to a percentage of randomly chosen agricultural businesses and producers in each county. If passed, the request is then forwarded to the state government office for final approval.

In Armstrong County, 93.5 percent of the returned waivers OK'd the acceptance of extra land, according to Bruce Ferguson,

county executive director (CED) of Potter and Armstrong Counties.

He said, currently of the 164,133 total cropland acres in Armstrong county, 48,911 are in CRP. That is 29.8 percent or 4.8 percent above the limit.

"What we had in the previous 10-year sign-up was 27.4 percent," Ferguson said. "We did all that was required and got it increased 2.4 percent for a total of 29.8 percent."

Deaf Smith County currently has 27.8 percent of its cropland in CRP or a total of 170,372 acres. This is the first time Deaf Smith County has exceeded the CRP limitation, according to Ted Peabody, Deaf Smith CED.

Randall County exceeded the limit by 5 percent, making the total CRP acres in the county 92,400. Kelly Adkins said 30 percent of the county's 308,000 acres are currently in CRP. Adkins is the executive CRP director of the Farm Service Agency in Canyon.

He said his county asked for the extra land in order to be fair to the producers.

"There was a lot (of land) coming out this time and due to the changes in eligibility, a lot of land qualified to get back in (scored high enough)," Adkins said. "The cutoff score was 247 and all of the accepted scored at least 300. The land was definitely qualified. We've helped other producers in the past and thought we'd leave this up to the

state office. We were just trying to treat everyone the same, but this time just caught everyone at the same time."

In Swisher County, current CRP land is 27 percent of the total cropland, according to Sheran Childress, CRP program assistant. Total cropland in Swisher County is 457,473, of which 123,517 acres are CRP.

She said the county also exceeded its limit in sign-up No. 7 in 1987. The 1998 waiver, which passed by 96 percent, was randomly sent to agricultural businesses, merchants, producers, county commissioners, bankers, implement dealers, accountants, auto sale businesses, grocery stores, grain elevators

and insurance businesses, said Childress. Statewide, Texas has nearly 4 million acres in CRP.

Although CRP is stretching the rules now, Adkins doesn't expect the program's growth rate to continue at the current pace. Adkins said five years from now, if CRP continues, the focus will change to water quality and wildlife. But, he said in the end, CRP will terminate.

"Because of the population increase, 20 years from now, there will be more demand for commodity production," Adkins said. "In the end, feeding the hungry will be more important than conservation."

Percent of cropland in CRP by county

County	Total CRP	% of cropland that is in CRP
Armstrong	48,911	29.8%
Briscoe	43,652	25%
Castro	86,400	19%
Deaf Smith	170,372	27.4%
Floyd	93,725	19%
Randall	92,400	30%
Swisher	123,517	27%

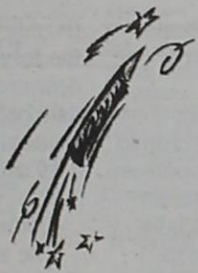


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- ◆ 2:00 p.m. Team Penning
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. West Texas Western Store Dance
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. Hamburger cookout and games in Conner Park
- ◆ 8:00 p.m. Concert in Conner Park
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As the boss's son-in-law, I served my apprentice years and moved into the office but I never lost my admiration and respect for the boys in the elevator.

The other day, I found a 1989 copy of the "Texas Grain & Feed Association Newsletter."

In this particular issue was a poem titled, "The Elevator Man," by an unknown author.

I think it is a great tribute to our elevator men and expresses my own sentiments.

"The Elevator Man"

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It's the man on a siding, in a small country town.
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And he loads it in cars mid the dust and the heat.
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Then jars it on down till his liver is gorged,
And his kidneys are quittin' when they get a load,
But he keeps right on toiling in the plant by the road.
He's expected to smile at the smut and the rust,
And grow fat and sleek on a diet of dust.

If your endgate is fastened with staples and nails,
He's supposed to undo it without any wails,
And toss you a joke about Sonny or Sire,
While he mangles his fingers on your old bailing wire.

Then when you weigh back he must stand while you
Chew the rag about weights for an hour or two.
If the price has gone down he must take all the blame,
And the talk that he hears makes him spavined and lame.

When the price has gone up and you are several loads "shy"
Of the bunch that you sold, and you try to tell why.
But if it goes down and you've not quite enough,
You go to the neighbors to help furnish the stuff.

And in storing some grain, when it comes settling time,
You'll haggle a week to save a thin dime.
We've all heard the story of the "patience of Job,"
But if you'll take the trouble, this matter to probe,
You'll find that the troubles of Job were not stout,
As compared with our friend I am talking about.

His daily complexes that pile up every hour,
He bears like a martyr, and he never gets sour.
If I had "Nobel Prizes," I'd hand them around
To the dust covered heroes, in the "small country town."

-Author Unknown



Burt Rutherford

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

Food safety is major beef issue

Read most any newspaper or listen to news programs on television or radio and you'll probably come across something about food safety. Ag products from apple juice to alfalfa sprouts have felt the scrutiny and everyone in agriculture is working overtime to develop systems that will help ensure a safe and wholesome food supply.

That's certainly true for the cattle industry, according to the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA). Earlier this year, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) established the Beef Industry Food Safety Council, a proactive group made up of representatives from every segment of the food marketing chain from farm to fork. TCFA's Ross Wilson is one of the Council members.

While food safety is nothing new for the cattle industry-it has invested more than \$1 million per year for the past five years in food safety research-what is new about this effort is its collaborative nature. The food chain begins on the farm and ranch and extends through processors, distributors and ends with retail and food service establishments having direct contact with consumers. While beef producers and packers have spent a lot of money and worked hard to initiate critical control points to control pathogens, they have no control over how beef is handled once it leaves their hands.

That's why cattlemen felt it was essential that an effective,

science-based, industry-wide approach to food safety be established.

Thus was born the Beef Industry Food Safety Council. The council's directive is to identify, fund and prioritize research needs from farm to table, develop programs to help industry segments operate in the current business environment, speak with one voice in seeking regulatory and legislative solutions to food safety problems, develop consumer education programs and develop and implement industry information programs to assist technology transfer into the marketplace.

To get this done, the Council developed a strategic plan that contains five critical areas: (1) Consumer education, budgeted at \$1.6 million per year for five years. (2) Crisis communication, budgeted at \$300,000 for the first year and \$200,000 per year through five years. (3) Industry information, budgeted at \$300,000 per year for five years. (4) Public policy, which will be accomplished through the ongoing legislative and lobbying efforts of industry organizations. (5) Research, which has several components-pre-harvest, budgeted at \$4 million a year for five years; beef carcass, budgeted at \$1.6 million per year for five years; ground beef, budgeted at \$10 million over five years; and retail/food service, budgeted at \$1.5 million over five years. In all, the proposal calls for \$50 million to be spent over the

next five years to help cattlemen identify ways they can improve pathogen control in beef. The money will come from private industry, associations, the beef checkoff and state and federal government.

Consumers Play a Role

While the beef industry can and will do everything possible to produce and market a safe and wholesome product, it's ultimately up to consumers to ensure food safety. And, according to an Audits International Home Food Safety Survey, almost all consumer kitchens fail basic food safety standards.

The group surveyed 106 households in 81 cities and household selection was not random. Auditors asked acquaintances if they were willing to be evaluated with meal preparation, service, clean up and leftover storage included in the survey. At least one critical violation-a practice that can lead to a food safety problem-was observed in 96% of households. Here are the most frequent violations:

- * Misuse of common cloth, sponge or towel, 92%
- * Thermometer not used but available, 92%
- * Product past manufacturer's "use by" date, 89%
- * Cross contamination, 76%
- * Smoking, eating, drinking during preparation, 71%
- * Improper handling of leftovers, 63%
- * Neglected hand washing, 57%. The beef industry has made a major commitment to producing and marketing the safest, most wholesome product it can. This effort will require everyone, from producers to consumers, to rethink their current approaches to food safety and to adopt new measures that ensure the food we eat is safe and wholesome.



Monte Winders

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Lack of news cause markets to be low

Live Cattle

This is one market that is waiting for any kind of good news. Everything that has been released on this market has been bad. Traders continue to point at the fact that Monfort has started cutting kills for the short term. For the last 2 weeks we have seen some carryover left from the show lists. Many analysts feel that the major problem is not supply but one of demand.

When the box trade started a \$10 rally several weeks ago, many thought that demand was finally firing up after a long down trend. Some traders were reacting to the combined force of tightening numbers and the typical expansion of warm weather meat consumption.

It still look like many packers have moved closer to the knife apparently for the moment fearing lack luster retail buying more than diminishing feedlots numbers.

Many are asking if the fed supplies are becoming more manageable? The answer to that

is at least 75 percent yes.

Technically, the June cattle chart is up with a cycle date top coming in on May 9.

The support levels are 67.20 then 66.80 and resistance at 68.35 then 68.80. The trend reversal price is 67.10.

Corn

The corn market much like the cattle are waiting for some good news before we see a spring weather rally.

The latest planting estimates were around 12 percent to 15 percent done. But in the Midwest Corn Belt we had seen less than expected so corn keeps working lower. The last national weather service 6-10 day forecast has shown below normal precipitation. Temperatures area above normal for most of the Corn Belt.

The latest news on GSM credits for South Korea has had little reaction. The final breakdown was feed grains \$120 million, cotton \$120 million, beans \$100 million and wheat and meat \$60 million each.

The latest corn export inspections were 18.7 million bushels compared to the estimates of 22 to 27 m/b. Thailand bought 40,000 metric tons of Argentine corn. The Argentine corn harvest is estimated at 40 percent, compared to 55 percent a year ago. Sources said the market is likely to chop around the mid 250 area basis July.

Many feel that we maybe in for a slow grind lower until further news is found.

Technically the July corn is in an up trend with a trend reversal price at 250 ¼. The support area is 253 ¼ then 251 ¼ and resistance at 265 ½ then 268.

Wheat

The winter and spring wheat areas of the Plains both received rain recently, benefiting crops in those areas. This could have put a bear spin on this market but precipitation total in Texas and Oklahoma was minimal. Many analysts have felt that once the large commodity funds got their selling out of the way the market focus will change. The traders will be looking at the 9 percent dropping intended Canadian acreage, solid export loadings and the large specs bought once the bean market started to pull out of its hole.

Spring wheat planting is 36 percent done vs. 15 percent

average and the winter wheat ratings are dropping about 1 percent a week.

China watchers currently expect the Chinese wheat crop to be around 113 M.M.T. down from 126 M.M.T. in 1997. At present the ending stocks will be 33-34 M.M.T., subject of course to growing conditions for 1998 crop. We have to remember the Chinese economy has a real case of "Asian flu" that is affecting

the rate of growth. Technically the July K.C. Wheat is a downtrend with cycle bottom date being April 27. The trend reversal point is 3.19, support at 3.19 and resistance at 3.28 ½ then 3.30.

Cotton

The cotton futures could be on the heels of a position technical performance. Also, at the end of April we had a solid monthly

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cotton consumption report. Many traders feel that the bearish sentiment is easing but the bulls have a long row to hoe before we are in an uptrend. Some analysts have felt that we have a close above 65.20 basis July, suggests a possible runup to fill the large downside gap at 66.35 to 66.75.

Most traders agree that the market continues to worry about the potential for new Chinese's cotton sales on any rally. Threats of export cancellations always become topic for the bears. Reports by the Chinese Government have said that there

is a strong indication of reducing cotton stocks and bringing domestic cotton prices in line with the world prices. But a US Ag Attaché in Beijing is now looking for cotton plantings to be down about 2.3 percent.

Technically the July cotton has a downtrend with cycle date of May 2 for a bottom. The trend reversal price is 65.45, support at 63.70 then 63.45 and resistance at 65.40 then 67.00.

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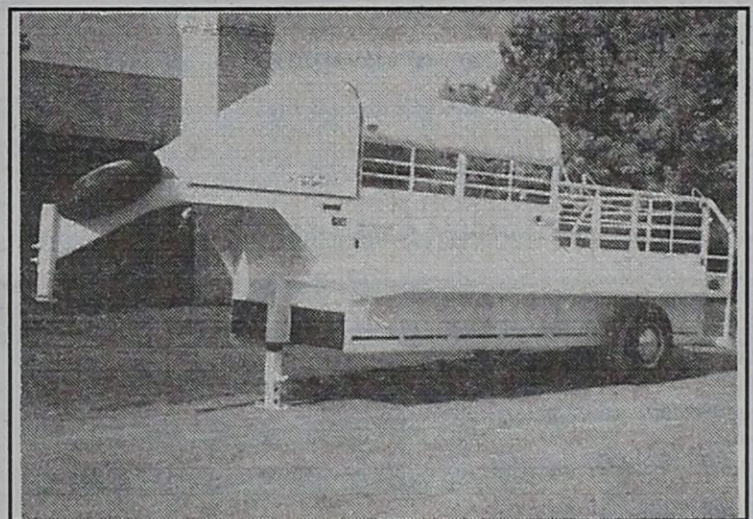
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Natto beans are food grade soybeans. These small beans are a late group 4 (maturity).

"In 1998, we plan to contract approximately 3000 acres of nattos in Texas," Reynolds said.

Reynolds has been contracting natto soybeans in Texas since 1996.

"We started with just 60 acres," said Reynolds. "We are committed to developing this alternative crop and we felt that it was best to start with just a few acres in order to determine the best production practices for this region of the country."

"In 1996, we had 60 acres of nattos near Brownfield. The beans were planted on a

40" row at 28 pounds of seed stock per acre. The beans were planted in mid-May and harvested at the beginning of October. Many acres in the Brownfield 1/2 circle cut 50+ bushels per acre. In Virginia, natto beans yield 35 - 40 cleaned bushels per acre. Needless to say, we were all overwhelmed by the yields in Texas."

In 1997, Jefferson's Farm contracted approximately 1000 acres of nattos in Texas. One soybean producer, in the Lubbock area, planted 125 acres of nattos at the end of May on 38" rows. He planted 31 lbs. of seed per acre, according to Reynolds. He harvested his beans in mid-October. His natto soybeans averaged 46 3/4 bushels per acre. His regular soybeans averaged 48 bushels per acre.

"In 1998, he is going to plant 125 acres of the nattos in mid-May," Reynolds said. "This farmer has been growing soybeans in Texas for 34 years and he claims that the nattos are the most profitable crop he has ever produced."

"Many farmers are very interested in producing the nattos because they are a profitable alternative crop to cotton and corn. In addition, nattos are an excellent "catch crop" for hailed out cotton."

In Virginia, this variety is planted from the middle of May until the third week in June. Virginians plant on 30" - 36" rows: 32-34 pounds seed per acre, according to



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A Lubbock area farmer holds up a plant from his 1997 natto soybean crop.

Reynolds. In Virginia, the beans are double cropped behind wheat and barley.

"Very few farms in Virginia are irrigated. Almost all the farms in Texas are irrigated," Reynolds said. "I am committed to developing a natto soybean program here in Texas

with the local farmers."

Reynolds, lives in Hampton, Virginia. Mr. Reynolds will be visiting Texas in mid-May in order to visit with farmers whom he has contracted to grow the natto soybeans. To contact Reynolds, call (757)851-9463.

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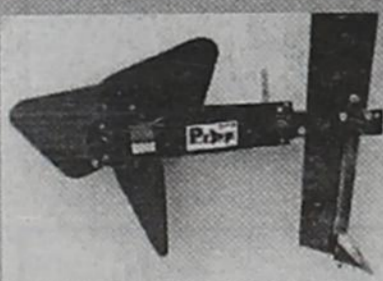
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Tips for soybean production on the High Plains

Pam Dillard
special to the Ag Reporter

Farmers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains have jumped on the soybean bandwagon. Soybean production in those areas has increased dramatically over the last two years, says Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to Bean, Texas soybean acreage grew from 290,000 in 1996 to 420,000 in 1997.

"This can be partly attributed to the loss of cotton acreage in the South Plains," Bean said.

Other factors which helped farmers make the switch included poor early season weather conditions and boll weevil concerns.

Bean said the availability of Roundup Ready herbicide resistant soybean varieties has helped producers make the change.

Using Roundup in soybeans appears to help effectively control or suppress weeds that producers were less able to control in other crops.

"In the past two years, a few producers have been successful in growing dryland soybeans," said Bean.

Yields have generally ranged from 15 to 20 bushels an acre with an occasional jump to 25 bushels per acre.

"With these kinds of yields (dryland) soybeans will compete favorably in most years with wheat or sorghum," he added.

Bean also cautioned producers to check rainfall histories in their area for 1996 and 1997 when considering crop selections.

"We saw weather conditions that were very favorable for soybean production in those years."

For example, in 1996 over 16 inches of rain fell from May 1 to September 30, with nearly 5 inches falling in August.

Although 1997 was drier from May 1

"Because peak water use for soybean occurs in August and early September, they make for a good rotation crop with corn, particularly short season corn."

Dr. Brent Bean

through September 31, almost 3 inches of rain was received, again in the critical month of August.

The agronomist also cited studies in 1982 and 1983 by Dr. Harold Eck at the USDA Agriculture Research Center at Bushland, which showed the importance of rainfall and irrigation timing on soybean production.

Seasonal rainfall in 1982 was 15.3 inches but in 1983 only 6.4 inches.

"As a result, soybean yield was much higher in 1982 compared to 1983 regardless of irrigation," he added.

In 1982, the wettest year, production reached 30 bushels an acre with no irrigation.

By contrast, with the drier conditions in 1983, soybean yields fell to six bushels per acre, even when irrigation was used early in the season.

"This study showed us plenty about the importance of water that the plant must have for grain fill, which typically occurs in August," Bean added.

In both years rainfall was less than one inch during August.

When irrigation was not applied during the critical grain fill period yields were greatly affected.

In 1983, if a single irrigation treatment was missed during this period, yields were reduced 22 bushels an acre.

"Even in 1982, when rainfall early in the

season was abundant, yield was reduced 29 bushels per acre when one irrigation was skipped during grain fill," he said.

According to Bean, soybeans can be stressed early in the season without greatly affecting yield.

"However, if the soil profile is allowed to dry out it may be difficult to provide adequate water necessary to prevent them from being stressed later in the season," he said.

"Soybeans have a taproot system, allowing the plant to capture moisture from a depth of five feet," he said.

This ability to use deep soil moisture diminishes the need for frequent irrigation scheduling.

Bean also pointed to research by Dr. Bill Lyle at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Halfway, which found no difference in yield for soybeans that were watered on a 3.5-day schedule and compared to ones where water was applied every 14 days.

"Farmers should keep in mind that the demand for full irrigation on soybeans, as with any crop will vary from year to year," he said.

In 1995 studies by Dr. Terry Howell at the USDA research station at Bushland, yields topped in at 68 bushels an acre when irrigation was based on evapotranspiration demand.

These fully irrigated beans required 20

inches of irrigation water, or about 85 percent of the irrigation water needed by corn.

"Because peak water use for soybean occurs in August and early September, they make for a good rotation crop with corn, particularly short season corn," said Bean.

As the peak water demand for corn begins to decrease, that's when irrigation resources can be diverted to soybeans.

A soybean-corn rotation will give producers an excellent opportunity to clean up weeds, and break insect and disease cycles that can build up in continuous corn systems.

"Last year, one of our farmers showed a 13 bushel increase in corn yield on his half circle following soybeans when compared to the same half circle planted to corn the previous year," said Bean, "the difference was attributed to less insect pressure in the corn grown after soybeans."

Soybean rotation with cotton or sorghum isn't as viable, from an irrigation scheduling stand point, since the periods of maximum water use are virtually the same for these crops.

"If adequate water is available, double cropping behind wheat is a good option," said Bean.

Soybeans can be planted as late as July 5 and still produce satisfactory yield.

In 1996 and 1997, some farmers realized 40 bushel yields when beans were planted in the first week of July.

"However, for every day past about June 20 that planting is delayed, yield will generally be reduced one bushel per day of delay," the specialist said.

Even the potential for an early freeze cannot be discounted, which can dramatically reduce yield in late planted soybeans.

For more information on growing soybeans, Bean recommends contacting your county extension office.

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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY

As I drive around the country and look at how green everything is getting, it is hard to believe that I was freezing to death just a few weeks ago. Even though we have had a few mornings below freezing as of late, one can't help but notice how green things are getting.

Having grown up below the Caprock, in Scurry County, I have at times wondered if it would ever green up on the Plains.

But amazingly enough it always gest here about two weeks after I feel it should. It then becomes a very beautiful place with all the crops growing in the fields.

Despite some of the cooler temperatures as of late, farmers are planting corn to beat the band. Like clockwork, cold or not cold, come April it is time to plant. And, this year everything seems to be doing alright. We even have corn up in some parts of the county.

Here at the Extension Office, we are working on 4-H Method Demonstrations, 4-H camps, 4-H fund-raising activities, etc. We are also working on corn and cotton result demonstrations, checking boll weevil traps, etc.

The wheat in the area is still looking really good. Even though we had a couple of late freezes, I do not think the wheat was hurt badly, if at all.

Barring no natural disasters, we should have a very good year

in the wheat fields. At least yield wise, we will have a good year. Price wise, who knows! As I learned in my first Ag Economics class at Texas Tech, the law of price and demand seems to always get us when we have a high yielding crop.

I can't really think of much more to write about this month. I have a bunch going on, but not much that I think would interest the reading public.

With that, I will close with a tid-bit from Calley Payne's newsletter. Calley is my ex-coworker in Briscoe County and she puts out a great newsletter every three months with interesting ideas and tips.

I thought this was one that we could all live by. The source is a book entitled Bits and Pieces.

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The least important word: "I"

If we all tried to use the important words more and the least important word less, the world would have to be a better place.

Don't you think?

Until next month, have a nice spring.

J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from down town Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America. Weather wise as always in the Panhandle has been extremely adverse the last 30 days.

Of course we've had our share of wind! Cool conditions to somewhat warm temps along with a few teasing rain clouds. Thus far for 98 in Floyd County we've received 3 inches of moisture but with recent winds it sure didn't last long. Corn planting has been active for the past month but starting to wind down. A few corn fields are up and shining.

Cotton planters are getting anguish, but soil temperature needs to warm just a bit before heavy planting occurs.

An interesting cotton test is being conducted in Floyd County this year. Mark & David Appling planted cotton on April 1st. No this isn't an April Fools joke, they really did!

It's an experimental variety bred to tolerate cold weather and mature earlier. Currently the test plot has emerged and looks really good.

It will be interesting to see how this test turns out, will keep ya posted.

On another note, about 800 acres of peanuts will be grown here in Floyd County for the first time in history. These peanuts will be planted in late April early May and harvested in October. Speculation is that Floyd County can produce at least 5,000 lbs/acre of peanuts.

Just to give you an idea, Gaines County produced an average of 4,900 lbs/acre last growing season. This crop will cost about \$350-\$400 per acre to produce and depending on contract could gross \$750 per acre, netting around \$300 per acre.

The key is water, this crop needs around 20 inches of moisture during a normal growing season. We still have a lot to learn this first year, who knows, Floyd County may become the Pumpkin - Peanut Capital of the world.

County 4-H'ers have been stepping in a fast pace lately preparing for all kinds of spring contests.

Floyd Counties Senior rifle team placed 1st at District and Jr. I & II's placed 3rd. Livestock team competed last weekend and this weekend our Horse team will be on the move to Canyon. County Roundup was held last Tuesday night and 53 4-H'ers participated. District Roundup is May 2nd in Levelland and we're anticipating all first place wins.

If all goes well we'll have 19 Floyd County 4-H'ers going to State 4-H Roundup in College Station, June 1 - 5.

Well got a run, I've gotten lucky and became a member of the District Roundup Committee and our meeting is today at the District Office. Sure hope things go well!

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RANDALL COUNTY

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With the arrival of spring the pace around the county has quickened. Fields that we thought would never dry out are now in need of a drink of water and a bumper wheat crop is headed south in a hurry. But with spring comes an awe for mother nature and her marvelous ways.

Spring is also a time of renewed optimism. From the producer who prepares the soil and plants the crop to the homeowner who spends time mulling over plant catalogues and wondering through the many fine nurseries available in the area, there is something about spring that makes us all want to get our hands in the dirt and make something grow.

For producers in Randall County, their field of dreams may be a corn crop for silage, milo, wheat, or for a couple of guys it is cotton. That's right, I said COTTON. A few acres were grown last year and the results were encouraging enough that additional acres are planned for this year. According to Randy Darnell, one of the producers planning to expand acres, the biggest concern is potential damage from 2-4, D. Hope that doesn't end up being the problem. Round Up Ready Soybeans are also planned for several acres in the county. This new technology holds promise to allow producers to clean up some tough weed problems and grow a crop at the same time. We plan to follow the progress of both of these activities and will keep you informed as more is learned. Dr. Brent Bean Extension Agronomist presented an interesting program on using Roundup at the Randall County Noxious Weed Annual Meeting last month and Dr. Ted McCollum Extension Beef Cattle Specialist provided producers with some

good tips on managing CRP acres for grazing and hay at the multi-county CRP meeting held at WTAMU Nance Ranch.

Up coming educational opportunities that you may want to mark on your calendar include:

Panhandle Beef Conference, May 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Program topics range from Cattle and Grain market Outlooks to Cool Season Forage Production and the 1997-1998 Ranch To Rail Update.

Randall County Wheat Field Day, May 15. Here is an opportunity to view Result Demonstrations including Irrigated Wheat Varieties and the results of forage production on wheat and winter forage varieties. We will also discuss results of herbicide demonstrations and irrigation timing trials. Watch for time and location.

Privet Pesticide License Training, June 11. Call the Extension Office for time and location.

So long, Bill and thanks for the tremendous impact and countless contributions you have made to Panhandle Agriculture and the Wheat Industry in Texas.

I know that I join others in wishing Bill Nelson the best on his retirement from a long and distinguished career as Executive Vice President of the Texas Wheat Producers Board. SADDLE UP!

There are lots of opportunities if your 4-Hers are interested in showing horses: May 9th Moore County Big 5- Dumas, May 16th Swisher County Big 5-WTAMU, May 30th Big 5 - WTAMU.

Call any of the County Extension offices involved for more information.

May contains National Drinking Water Week and Mother's Day, both are our among our most precious resources and deserve our special attention.

See you next month!

Area 4-H member's recipe

Orange Glazed Pumpkin Bread
from Victoria Vigil

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 C flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp Pumpkin pie spice
- 2 1/2 C sugar
- 1 C cooking oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 C. pumpkin



Vigil

Directions:

- Sift together flour, salt, baking soda and pumpkin spice.
- Blend well in mixer sugar, cooking oil, eggs and pumpkin. Add dry ingredients.
- Bake at 350 for 1 1/4 hours. Yield: 3 large or 5 individual loaves.

Victoria is a junior member of Sundown 4-H.

Pork and Corn Stuffing Bake
from Jeremy Wilhelm

Ingredients

- 1 C cream corn
- 1 1/2 C cornbread stuffing mix
- 1/4 C finely chopped celery
- 1/4 C finely chopped onion
- 1/2 C water
- 1/2 tsp Paprika
- 4 boneless pork chops
- 1 T brown sugar
- 1 tsp spicy mustard
- celery leaves



Wilhelm

Directions:

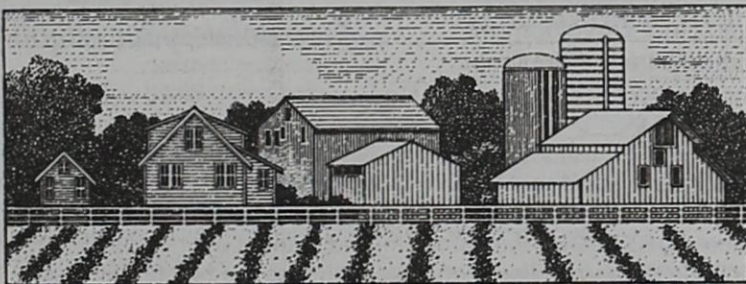
- Preheat oven to 400.
- Combine corn, stuffing, celery, onion, paprika and water in large bowl; mix well. Spoon into 9 inch greased pie plate.
- Arrange pork chops over stuffing (may cut into smaller pieces if desired) press lightly.
- Mix sugar and mustard in small bowl. Spread evenly over pork chops.
- Bake for 30 minutes or until pork chops are no longer pink. Garnish with celery leaves. Yield: 4 servings.

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Calvi accepts Randall County position

Leesa Wood Calvi has been appointed the new county Extension agent for family and consumer sciences effective May 1.

She joined the Extension Service in Randall County in 1985, and will fill the FCS position recently opened when her long time co-worker, Wynon Mayes retired after 10 years of service here. Previously, Calvi was responsible for 4-H and youth development programs.

"My predecessor set the standard for community involvement and program innovation here. I will work hard to continue that legacy," said Calvi, who has been a Randall resident for 16 years. Her husband is Dr. James V. Calvi, professor and head of the History and Political Science Department at West Texas A&M University.

The agent holds a master of arts degree in communications from WTAMU, and a bachelor of science degree in home economics

from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro. She also attended the University of North Texas as a home economics major.

Calvi has been recognized at the state and national level for her efforts in youth development and education programming excellence.

In 1997, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She is a San Antonio Livestock Leadership Extension graduate.

The agent is already working on several new opportunities, only recently announced as she begins her new role. "We have just begun work on an exciting new Extension initiative, called Character Counts. It is designed to teach character building skills to youth from kindergarten through high school," she said.

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your production."

Last year, for example, he lost most of his white grapes to a late April freeze. He barely covered his production cost on those grapes, netting a half tone per acre that year — and then only by luck.

"We were surprised to get anything at all," he said. He explained that most vines will fruit twice a season and will produce a third bud that rarely fruits. The first two buds never produced last year because of the freeze so Bell thought his crop was totally ruined.

"We got lucky and it (the third bud) pushed out last year and we got a little out of it."

To help reduce his costs, Bell continually seeks ways to make his operation more efficient. The latest measure in that pursuit was the purchase of an automatic picker.

Just a few years ago, all his grapes were picked by hand — a costly measure consid-

ering it required no less than 65 workers to harvest the fruit. With the automatic picker in place, he has reduced his staff to between six and 10 people — depending on the season.

Bell grows both white and red grapes with equal acres dedicated to both. His grapes are sold exclusively to Texas wineries with the majority of his crop going to Messina Hof Winery in South Texas.

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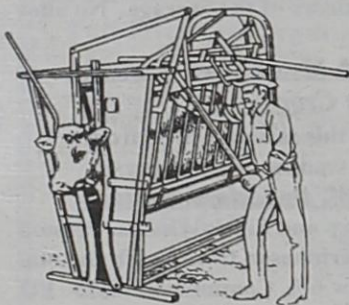
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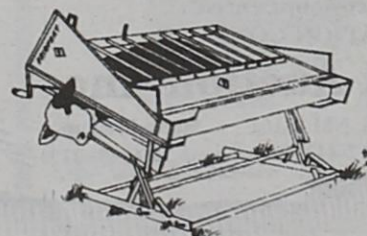
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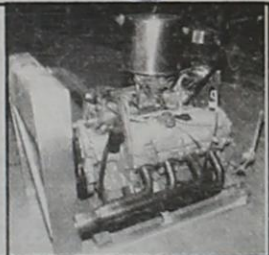


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