



WELCOME, QUILTERS!

First Annual Ogallala Quilters Festival

Friday & Saturday, April 3-4

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Over 500 expected for Quilter's Festival

The Ogallala Quilter's Festival starts today (Thursday) in Dimmitt with quilt judging and hanging going on all day, along with vendor and teacher preparation in various sites around town.

Over 200 quilts will be displayed throughout the town, with several on display at local businesses. In addition, antique quilts will be displayed at Rhoads Memorial Library and Christmas quilts will be displayed in the sun room area at the Dimmitt First United Methodist Church.

A special display will be the two Civil War-era quilts that will be shown at the Expo building. One of the quilts is from Elida, N.M., and the other is being displayed by Dimmitt's own Madge Robb. The quilt was made by Susan Robb, the grandmother of Madge's late husband, and it is being borrowed from a display at the Texas Tech University museum. Mrs. Robb will be on hand to tell the history of the quilt.

Over 120 have registered to participate in the various quilting classes, and between 500 and 750 people are expected to come to town to view the various displays and events.

Registration for the festival will be at the Expo building. For the fee of \$3, visitors may view displays at all sites of the festival and also be eligible for the hourly door prize drawings.

At 7 p.m. today (Thursday), events will begin with "Welcome to Dimmitt

Night" at the Richardson Elementary School west cafeteria. An enchilada supper will be served for reserve ticket holders. Following the meal, the Canyon Guild will present the play *The Quilter*, portraying pioneer women of eastern New Mexico. After that, former Dimmitt resident Ruby Moultrie will present a selection of songs. Admission for the entertainment only will be \$3 per person.

Friday and Saturday both will offer entertainment, demonstrations, and trunk shows every 30 minutes at the Expo building and Quilting Quonset beside the Expo, and vendors' booths also will be set up there. Appraisals will be offered by Sharon Newman for \$30.

Quilting classes also will be offered Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m. both days at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center and at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

A special event on Friday at 7 p.m. will be a steak dinner at the RES cafeteria for those with reserve meal tickets, followed by a lecture by Karen Stone of Dallas. Admission for the lecture only will be \$5 per person. Stone has created numerous quilts and patterns that have been featured in national publications over the past several years. Five of them have been shown in *Quilts and Other Comforts*, and one was on the cover of the *Quilters Newsletter* magazine. She will give a slide presentation featuring many of her quilts.

Following her presentation, there will be a Miniature Quilt Auction, with Greg Odom serving as auctioneer in the sale of 15 miniature quilts, suitable for doll house display. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help with expenses for next year's quilt festival.

Classes being offered during the two days include Jackie Reis with MYZAR mystery blocks, Suzanne Garman with dimensional flying geese, Jean Gilles Dean with machine trapunto, June Long with "Through Grandmother's Window," Emily Nipp with machine quilting, Nancy Richburg with three dimensional flowers, Lauretta Dash with "dog-toothed violets," Nell D. Smith with dating antique quilts, and Jackie McLeroy with log cabin tulip. Other classes will include New York Beauty, Spinning Stars, and Unusual Lone Stars.

Local merchants have been contacted to sponsor category awards for each of the 15 categories of entries.

Also, judges will name first, second and third place winners in each category. A best of show winner will be selected from among all the first place winners. In addition, those viewing the show will have an opportunity to vote for the "People's Choice" winner.

The category prizes will be \$50 in coins wrapped in 1/4 yard of material.

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By Don Nelson

Within the past two weeks I've received two letters from local business friends asking me to send my business card to Craig Sheford, 7, a brain-tumor victim.

Craig wanted to get into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest collection of business cards received by an individual.

Business cards were to be sent to the Children's Wish Foundation at an Atlanta, Ga., address.

I was asked also to copy the letter and send it to 20 other businesses to help make Craig's wish come true.

Last Thursday I typed up a letter to be photocopied and mailed out with our February billings.

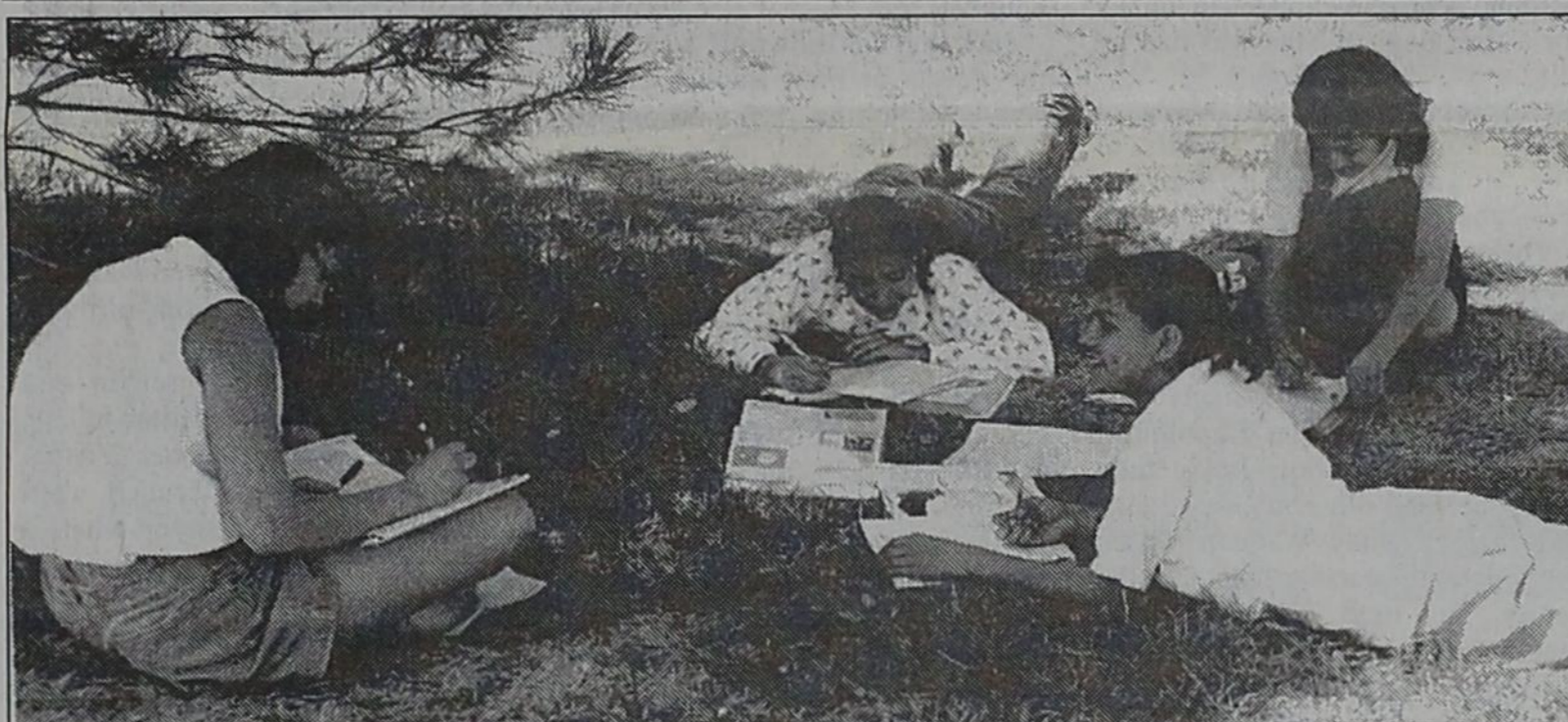
Then I started wondering how long this project had been going, and whether the boy was still alive.

On a hunch, I called my daughter Connie in Atlanta. She wasn't familiar with the Craig Sheford project but gave me a couple of Wish Foundation phone numbers.

At the first number I called, an answering machine told me to please disregard the letter and not send any more cards because Craig's wish had been granted.

That made me curiouser. I called the other number and got a human being of the female persuasion.

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ENJOYING THE SPRING WEATHER—March 25 these members of Kathy Lust's fifth period eighth grade science class were enjoying the balmy spring

weather at Dimmitt Middle School. They are (from left) Sandra Reyes, Michele Pedroza, Veronica Gonzales, and Sarah Torres.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Grand jury indicts six

Six people were charged in seven indictments issued March 24 by the 64th District Court Grand Jury, with Judge Jack Miller presiding.

Jesus Rosalez Jr. was placed under \$50,000 bond each on two separate indictments.

He was indicted for aggravated sexual assault in connection with a Feb. 13 incident. The charge said he used physical force or violence and threatened to cause death or serious bodily injury to the victim.

He also was charged with aggravated assault/bodily injury/deadly weapon in connection with a Feb. 11 incident. The charge stated that he used his hands to hit the victim repeatedly and used or exhibited a deadly weapon—a knife. The victim was the same victim named in the previous indictment.

Marcelo Salinas was indicted for possession of marijuana in a jail facility on Feb. 13.

Danny Dones was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, (methamphetamine) over 1 gram and under 4 grams, in a Jan. 24 incident. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Jerry Torres Jr. was indicted for escape custody court order, with bond set at \$25,000. The charge said on Feb. 21 Torres escaped while in custody of the court on a motion to revoke probation for theft (checks).

Andres Diego Jr. was charged with possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4 grams. Bond was set at \$20,000. The charge stated that he possessed cocaine on Feb. 14.

Roberto Cortez Sosa was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) less than 1 gram on March 2. Bond was set at \$7,500.

GOP selects delegates, officers and resolutions

The Castro County Republican Party held their county convention Saturday evening at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room. Twenty-five persons met and named officers, elected delegates to the state convention, and selected resolutions to recommend for the state platform.

Cathy Hill was elected county chairperson, with Emma Jean King named vice chairman (in charge of elections), and Patsy Franks named secretary-treasurer.

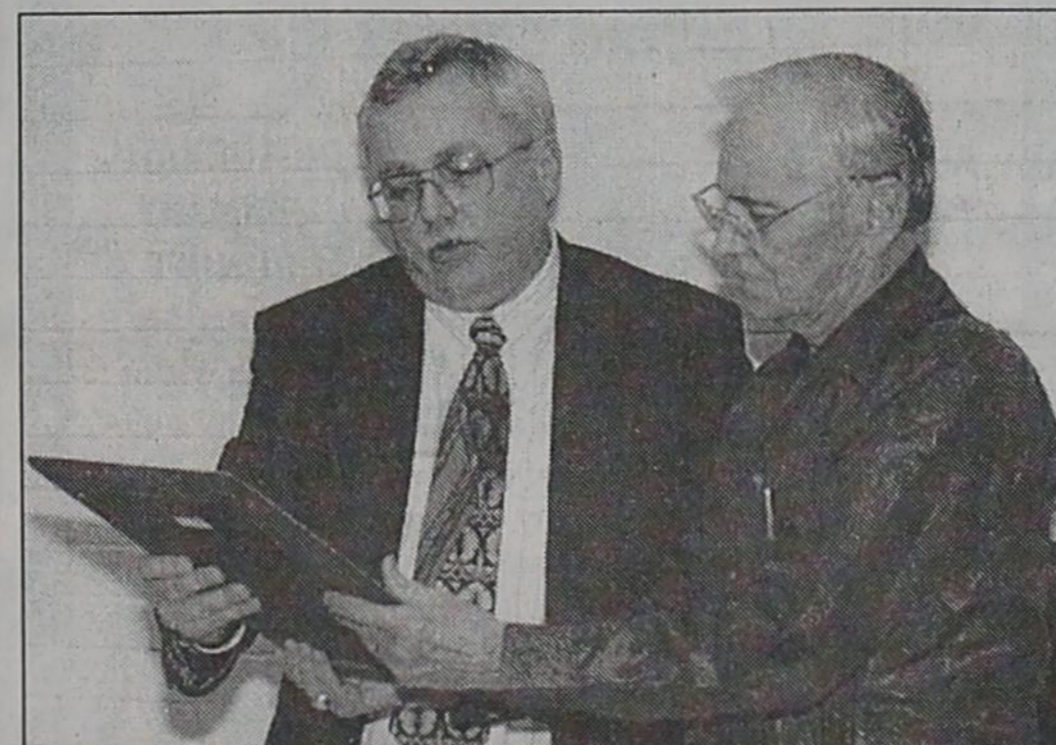
Selected as delegates to the state convention, set for June 12-13 in Fort Worth, were Emma Jean King, Cathy Hill, Kaye Stevens, Johnny Hill and Doris Flynt. Alternates are Jack Flynt, Anne Kern, and Charles Cotter. Mandi Ethridge has applied to attend as a page.

A letter of encouragement was read from Party Chairman Susan

Weddington, and guests were introduced. Ed Self, 242nd District Judge and a candidate again for the same position, attended, and agreed to serve as parliamentarian for the meeting. His wife, Marianne, led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Twenty-two resolutions were read, but several were duplicated in the 1996 Texas Republican platform, so only new resolutions were considered. Those dealing with the border patrol, human cloning, nanny care, and property rights were adopted.

The outgoing county chairman, Deanne Clark, presented two honorary resolutions of gratitude and recognition of past and present party workers, loyalists, and the resolutions committee, before "making a few sentimental remarks" about serving for the past 21 years.



'THANKS, BILL'—Bill Clark (right), chairman of the hospital board for the last three years, received a large plaque of appreciation at the March board meeting last Thursday night. Here, new board chairman Henry Ramaekers reads the wording aloud while presenting the plaque. Clark is retiring to Lubbock.

Photo by Don Nelson

Early voting to start Monday in runoffs

Early voting for the April 14 runoff elections will begin Monday, continuing through April 10, at the County Clerk's office.

Runoffs were necessary for both the Democratic and Republican parties after some races had candidates that did not receive at least 51% of the votes cast.

Locally, a runoff is required in the race for the Democratic nomination for Castro County Justice of the Peace. Tana M. Young and Garner Ball topped the field of six candidates vying for the spot.

Republican candidates facing runoffs include:

In the Attorney General's race, John Cornyn will face Barry Williamson.

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Mike Keasler will face Vicki Isaacs. In Place 2, Cheryl Johnson will face Harvey Hudson.

Voters who voted in the Democratic primary may vote in the Democratic runoff. Republican primary voters may vote in the Republican runoff. Voters who did not vote in either primary may choose the runoff in which they want to vote.

The Democratic Party plans to consolidate some voting boxes for the runoff.

Voting box 105 will consolidate with Voting Box 101 to cast ballots at the Hart Golden Group Bldg. Voting Box 206 will consolidate with Voting Box 201 to cast ballots at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Voting Box 307 will consolidate with Voting Box 301 to cast ballots at the First Baptist

Church of Dimmitt. Voting Box 401 will vote at the courthouse in Dimmitt, and Voting Box 408 will vote at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The Republicans also will consolidate voting in the runoff, with just one voting location, located in the courthouse.

Ballots may be requested by mail from the County Clerk's office at 100 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 79027.

A registered voter may write or call the clerk's office (647-3338) and ask for an application to vote by mail. The clerk will send the application to the voter. The voter must fill out the application and return it to the clerk's office. Then the clerk's office will mail a ballot to the applicant, and the applicant must mail the completed ballot back to the clerk, postmarked no later than April 14.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	83	49	
Friday	73	43	
Saturday	71	42	
Sunday	76	42	
Monday	77	35	
Tuesday	57	24	tr.
Wednesday	61	27	

March Moisture	1.76
April Moisture	0.00
1998 Moisture	4.48

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

Demos elect state delegates

The Castro County Democratic Party held their county convention Saturday afternoon in the district courtroom in the courthouse.

Elected as delegates to the state convention were Greg Odom, Scott Morris and Max Newman, all of Dimmitt, and Harold Bob Bennett of Hart. Alternates are Ruth Bennett of Hart, and Lois Wales, Garner Ball and Colleen Newman of Dimmitt.

Attendees at the convention discussed plans for the fall campaign, fund raising, and candidate support.

Bill Lafont of Plainview, candidate for 242nd District Judge, discussed his plans and suggested ways that local Democrats could combine their efforts with those of multi-county and state-wide Democratic candidates during the campaign.

No resolutions were offered. It was noted that Democrats already have adopted a state-wide plan designed to strengthen Texas families, improve the quality of education, and improve the efficiency of state government.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Elizabeth Huckabay celebrated her birthday last Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center with friends and beauty operators hosting this special event. Several brought covered dishes of lasagna, chicken pot pie, salads and vegetables.

The pretty birthday cake, decorated in dark red roses and the words "Happy Birthday Elizabeth," was served with pink ice cream. A bouquet of flowers and a huge balloon was the centerpiece on the table.

Her son, Bill Stephenson, was there, as well as P.O. Goodwin, Bob West, Bill Thornton, Madge Robb, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton, June Norman, Herminia Salinas, Mildred Sheffy, Mary Edna Hendrix and the Thursday Bridge Club members: Dude McLaurin, Carol Lantz, Virginia Crider, Helen Braafladt, Emily Clingingsmith, Louise Mears, Retta Cluck, Edith Graef, Charlie Wohlgemuth, Susie Reeves, Bernice Hill, and Loranel Hamilton. Mary Mays and Amelia Barrera had planned to attend, but were too busy at work.

Doris Holland is retiring as an employee of First United Bank after working there for 25 years. She was honored with a reception at the bank on Friday. She looked so pretty in her blue and white, with a pretty corsage. There were big balloons at each teller station and a large decorated cake.

The serving table held decorated cookies, fruit and dip, nuts and punch. A beautiful fresh flower arrangement was the centerpiece.

Doris, we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Charles Vaughan was presented a 50-year Masonic pin from the Grand Lodge of Texas on Saturday at the Dimmitt Lodge Hall. The pin was

presented by Randy Thomas of the Friona Masonic Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of District 100 of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. and A.M.

Bill Sava sang several selections for the entertainment. Dinner was served to members, friends and relatives. Mr. Vaughan's wife, Betty, his son, David, and wife, Sue, of Dallas, his two daughters, Vicki and her husband Bob James of Lancaster, and Shari and her husband Mike Wilkerson of Dimmitt were among the guests.

Billie and Emma Jean King celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. This special occasion was hosted by their children.

There were fresh flower arrangements everywhere, roses and Spring flowers. Several tables held bouquets of peach and apricot blossoms with huge bows of gold ribbon. The centerpiece on the serving table was a beautiful bouquet of pink and white roses, and the cake was decorated in white roses with a big gold 50 in the center. The cake was served with gold punch, nuts and mints.

Emma Jean reported that she didn't have a big wedding, so she wanted to have a party on her 50th wedding anniversary!

The Bradfords were on the move during Spring break. Jack and Susie Bradford, Laura and Sarah, went to Los Angeles and Las Vegas for their vacation. Their exchange student, Senia Haure of Denmark, also went with them. Jim and Sally Bradford, Molly and Wendy went to San Diego and Disney Land for their fun. Mildred Bradford and her daughter and girls, Jean Whitehead and Paige and



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS—Annie Finch, a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, celebrated her 100th birthday Tuesday. She was born March 31, 1898, in Silverton. She has been a resident at the home since March 25, 1985.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Claire, went to Denton to visit the Bob Bradfords and family, Jaime and Scott.

Houston and Doris Lust went to Gilbert, Ariz., to visit their daughter, Ann and Keith Cayton and family.

G.T. and Lequetta West drove to Kirtland, N.M., to spend the week with their son, Mike, his wife, Linda, and their granddaughter, Delaney, and daughter, Angie Hazzard, and son-in-law Paul, and grandchildren Shelby, Drew and Morgan. They visited with a lot of old friends, did some shopping and went to a "Navajo Taco Supper" to help the Kirtland band and choir raise money for a trip. A good time was had by all!

Our sympathy to the Family of Grace Strother and the family of Mrs. Hoffman, mother of Mary Lu Smithson.

The only out-of-town visitor at the museum last week was Van Skidmore of Amarillo.

The Senior Citizens Center has had a "face lift" thanks to many! The American Legion, the Republican Women, the Quilters Guild, Judy Waggoner and other interested citizens helped. Judy Waggoner used her time and talents to decorate the center. She used flower arrangements, books, quilts, pictures, and even brought out some old sewing machine heads that had been in the store room. It would be worth your time to go by and see the change.

The Quilters Guild members have painted and added borders to make it more attractive.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They all enjoyed lunch with friends who were there for Elizabeth Huckabay's birthday. Virginia Crider won high score, and Helen Braafladt was second. Others playing were Dede McLaurin, Carol Lantz, Emily Clingingsmith, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Bernice Hill, Loranel Hamilton, Edith Graef, Bill Thornton, Charlie Wohlgemuth, and Retta Cluck.

Jack and Jan Edwards welcomed the guests at First Baptist Church Sunday morning. Heidi Thompson conducted the children's message. Her subject was "Faith," a man went over the Niagara Falls in a wheelbarrow and he had to have faith to do it. So we have to have faith in Jesus.

Wayland Hazel is the new choir director at the First Baptist Church. He and his family—wife, Elaine, and children, Morgan, Stephanie, Samuel and John—held a concert on Sunday evening. Wayland's parents from Snyder sang with them, too. Elaine's parents were there from Midland, as well. A fellowship was held in the fellowship hall following the concert. The kitchen committee served tacos and desserts to a large crowd.

With objectives of fun, food and

fellowship, and the purpose of missions, a fiesta luncheon was held in the home of Tex and Norma Conard Sunday afternoon, following the services at Lee Street Baptist Church.

The New Horizons Sunday School Class led out in planning the event, assisted by Pastor Kevin Wood, and Sheila and Taylor Wood. A free-will offering accepted at the door raised \$426 for missions.

Those attending included: Opal, Julia, Carle and Dustin Thomas, Yvonne Wakefield, Sara Salinas, Victor and Betty Steffens, Doris Frazier, Oneta Shives, Peggy West, Kirk, LeAnn, Megan, Tate and Mackenzie Pigg, Tabatha and Virginia McAllister, Tasha and Joshua Green, Brian and Brittany Hall, Jeanie Walker, Cory Back, Mike Corles, David and Karen Hutson, Leroy, Linda and Mindy Maxwell, Raul, Beth, Raul Jr., Robert and Bethany Casas, Al and Kathy Webb, Davine Wall, Shannon, Marie and Brantley Powers, Pete Stewart, Connie, Dwane Gleis and Tony Lopez of Clovis, N.M., H.D., Faye, David, Pat, Zachary and Dennis Smith of Hart, and Harold Smith of Hart.

It was a good-time fiesta. The crowd enjoyed home-made taco "bowls," and fillings included lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, pe-

cans, coconut, hot sauce, taco meat, chili, rice, and several different kinds of beans. Desserts included home-made tortillas dipped in honey, peach pie, peanutbutter treats, and molded gelatin treats for the children.

The kids enjoyed playing in the yard, despite the wind. Badminton, tether ball, and games with an old parachute were enjoyed. There was singing, too, after the meal.

Ethel Fry of Dimmitt was hostess to the First Christian Church's Ladies Council recently.

The ladies were treated to a wonderful meal and recipies were exchanged.

The program was given by Ruby Teaschner and "Thinking of You" notes were mailed to several people in the community.

The group decided to have a garage sale April 17-18 to help fund a project and also voted to have a potluck dinner following the morning worship service on May 17. The dinner will honor seniors who attend the First Christian Church.

Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by those who attended.

The next Ladies' Council meeting will be April 27 at the home of Loranel Hamilton and Glenna Fry will present the program.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Bernard and Irene (Rickwartz) Kleman of Burnet, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Nazareth Community Hall on Saturday.

They were married in Holy Family Church in Nazareth on March 30, 1948. The celebration was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Linda Kleman and grandsons, Kyle and Tyler, all of Dripping Springs.

The reception began at 4 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Everyone really enjoyed visiting with distant relatives and learning of new ones.

Guests attending were from the Nazareth area, Tulia, Amarillo, Hereford, Canyon, Midland, San Antonio, Burnet, Wylie, Fort Worth, McKinney, Dover, Okla., Las Vegas, Nev., and Bremerton, Wash.

Anne Kleman of Canyon was honored with a surprise 70th birthday party Sunday at her home.

Her sisters, Bert Huseman and Artie Huseman, and her sister-in-law, Louise Hollenstein, took her to Amarillo for a breakfast brunch, then brought her back to Canyon where a group of friends and relatives had gathered to surprise her.

The party was hosted by her children, Cindy and Dennis Dettlen of Amarillo and Pat and Kelly Kleman of Canyon.

Jane Gerber was honored on her 40th birthday with a party at the home of her sister, Dorothy Guggemos. Everyone brought her a 40-something birthday gift—40 Snickers, 40 safety pins, 40 sticks, etc. It was hilarious watching her open all these 40-something gifts. It was a really fun evening.

Visiting in the home of Fritz and Julene Gerber and Denny and Pill Heiman were a sister, Etta Mae Sellers of Tahlequah, Okla., and her sons, Jeff Kleman of Sallisaw, Okla., and Craig Kleman of Abilene. Also visiting were Iona Taylor of Lubbock, Jo Ann Bowen of Plainview and Stanley Gerber and his son, Caleb, of Dumas.

They all spent much time with their mother and grandmother, Isabell "Easy" Schulte, who is a resident at Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

A good crowd enjoyed dinner at the Nazareth cafeteria on Sunday, then watched the Drama Club's performance of a UIL One-Act Play, *The Foreigner*. It was a very entertaining comedy presented by Matty McLain, John Scott Farris, Amy Pohlmeier, David Verkamp, Vanessa Wilhelm, Adam Schulte, Karen Wilhelm, Dawn Ramaekers, Jill Schulte, Clay Hoelting and Meredith Braddock.

They all did a fantastic job of acting.

Senior Amy Pohlmeier was given special recognition because she has been involved in UIL One-Act Play throughout high school.

The play was directed by Jo Beth Mays and Steven Sanders.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier are the proud great-grandparents of two new great-grandsons.

Steven Adrian was born March 21 to Steve and Christa DeHerrera of Denver, Colo. He has two sisters, Ashley and Alexis. Grandparents are Lyn and Pam Bogle of Center, Colo.

Cole Thomas was born March 29. He is the son of Blake and Kristin Conrad of Denver. He has a big sister, Abby. Grandparents are Tom and Brenda Conrad of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Prayers are asked for Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm, Janice Fisher, Katie Brockman, Billy Gerber and Robert Maurer, brother of Al Maurer.

Our sympathy to the family of Bobby Steffens, 48, of Amarillo. Graveside services were held Wednesday morning at Holy Family Cemetery with Father Jerry Stein, pastor, officiating.

Congratulations to Wade and Jill Durbin of Waxahachie on the birth of a son, Jake Wyatt Durbin, on March 28 at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Jake weighed in at 2 lbs., 14-1/2 oz. Grandparents are Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth and Fred and Evelyn Hoenicke of Lake Kiowa. Great-grandparents are Loretta Durbin of San Marcos, Calif., and Mrs. Lowell Flowers of Gilson, Ohio.

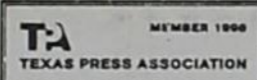
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Hospice care training slated

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will be offering free training classes in April.

The series of classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings in April from 6 to 9, beginning April 13.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment. Volunteers are needed to become direct patient care volunteers, along with administrative volunteers. Federal regulations state that 5% of the total patient care hours be provided by volunteers.

Beginning sometime this spring, Hospice Care will be opening a Thrift Shop, which will be located on the west side of Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Proceeds from the Thrift Shop will benefit hospice patients who are not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

Volunteers will be needed to run this operation for the hospice agency. Thrift shop volunteers will be required to attend some of the training classes, but do not have to complete the 30-hour course.

Those interested in registering for the classes may call Connie Nutt, director, or Shelly Rice, RN, at 647-3785. You will be required to schedule an interview before beginning the hospice classes. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, but the above-scheduled classes will not work for you, please call the hospice office to discuss alternative dates and times.

Webb to relate Grammy tale to Book Club

Winning a trip to New York City, enjoying dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe, shopping at Bloomingdales and FAO Schwarz, walking down Broadway and in Central Park and attending the Grammy Awards are dreams most people will never realize.

But that dream came true for a freshman at Dimmitt High School recently.

Kylie Webb and her father, Gary Webb of Dimmitt, won an all-expense paid trip to the Grammy Awards and Kylie will relate her experiences to the Dimmitt Book Club Wednesday afternoon.

The Book Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt with the business meeting slated to begin at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served immediately following Kylie's account of "a trip she will never forget."

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RES gives awards to second graders

Several second graders at Richardson Elementary School were presented awards for having perfect attendance, being top spellers, improving their reading and penmanship, and being hard workers during the third nine-week grading period.

Those recognized with special awards were:

LYNCH'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Ryan Cordova, Ashley Fleeks and Ross Myatt.
Top Spellers: Klay Clearman, Cordova, Fleeks, David Gil, Chris Gilliam, Myatt, Michael Rasor, Jorge Robles, Kalan Steidle, Monica Rascon, Grant Feaster and Brenda Fernandez.

Penmanship: Brenda Fernandez and Gil.
Hardest Workers: Rascon and Cordova.
Reading Improvement: Gillian Gonzales, Ally Oltivero and Patricia Barrera.

MANN'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Rocky Navarro, Laraine Agüero and Amanda Castaneda.
Top Spellers: Nick Ellis, Agüero, Castaneda, Mackenzi Pigg, Rubie Sanchez, Kamryn Steffens and Cassidy Watts.

Penmanship: Ashley Cotter, Erin Black and Joshua Gamez.
Hardest Workers: Agüero and Ellis.
Reading Improvement: Amber Jones, Matthew Almanez, Dustin Thomas and Robby Lopez.

THAMES' ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Michael Cline, Marcus Herrera, Jennifer Hiett, Ryan Mixson and Eric Odom.
Top Spellers: Cline, Naoli Corral, Casey Enriquez, Herrera, Hiett, Andrew LaFuente, Mixson, Odom and Natacia Sullivan.

Penmanship: Brittany Allen, Corral, Herrera, Hiett, Mixson, Odom, Tiffany Estraca, Fabian Lopez and Anthony Lopez.
Hardest Workers: Herrera, Odom and Sullivan.
Reading Improvement: Enriquez, Herrera,

Estraca and Jesus Ortiz.

EVAN'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Haylee Evans, Shaira Gonzales, Chris Pompa, Landon Porsch, Lana Reinart, Vanessa Reyes and Max Sandoval.
Top Spellers: Cameron Cluck, Evans, Chauncey Gilbreath, Gonzales, Kaden Griffitt, Luis Luna, Pompa, Porsch, Reinart, Kaden and Makenzie Sims.

Penmanship: Porsch, Reinart and Sims.
Hardest Workers: Gonzales, Reyes and Sims.
Reading Improvement: Pompa and Houston Sutton.

PADILLA'S ROOM
Top Spellers: Veronica Martinez.
Penmanship: Antonio Gerard and Patricia Quintana.
Hardest Workers: Quintana and Martinez.
Reading Improvement: Gerard.

LUNA'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Cynthia Prieto, Anna Reyes and Luis Vargas.
Top Spellers: Erika Aguilar, Yesenia Arellano, Julia Chavez, Cynthia Gomez, Daniela Neri, Prieto and Reyes.

Penmanship: Aguilar, Chavez, Gomez, Neri, Ana Olmos, Prieto and Reyes.
Hardest Workers: Neri, Prieto, Gomez and Reyes.
Reading Improvement: Evangelina Agüero, Jose Cardona, Jose Silva and Thalia Vazquez.

COLLINS' ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Adam Dozal, Anthony Enriquez, Ashley Patlan, Sammy Sanchez, Curtis Thomas and Valerie Villarreal.
Top Spellers: Tyler Cornett, Callie Crum, Dozal, Enriquez, Courtney Garza, Nayeli Monsivas, Leah Setliff, Thomas, Kasey Tijerina, Dennis Underwood and Villarreal.

Penmanship: Monsivas, Garza, Thomas, Enriquez, Crum, Tijerina, Patlan and Cornett.
Hardest Workers: George Dones and Garza.
Reading Improvement: Sanchez and Villarreal.



Dr. Andre Broussard and Cindy Kelley

June wedding planned

Ewell and Nell Kelley of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy Kelley, to Dr. Andre Broussard, son of Lillie Broussard of Abbeville, La., and the late Donald W. Broussard.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on June 6 in New Orleans, La. The bride-elect graduated from Dimmitt High School and West Texas State University. She is employed as a teacher for Lubbock Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Texas Chiropractic College in Houston. He is a chiropractic at Broussard Clinic.

After the wedding, the pair will reside in Lubbock.



Elizabeth Faye Killough and Patrick Dee Gill

Killough, Gill plan wedding

Elizabeth Faye Killough and Patrick Dee Gill will exchange wedding vows on June 13 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Grace Killough of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, and the late Sam Killough. She is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

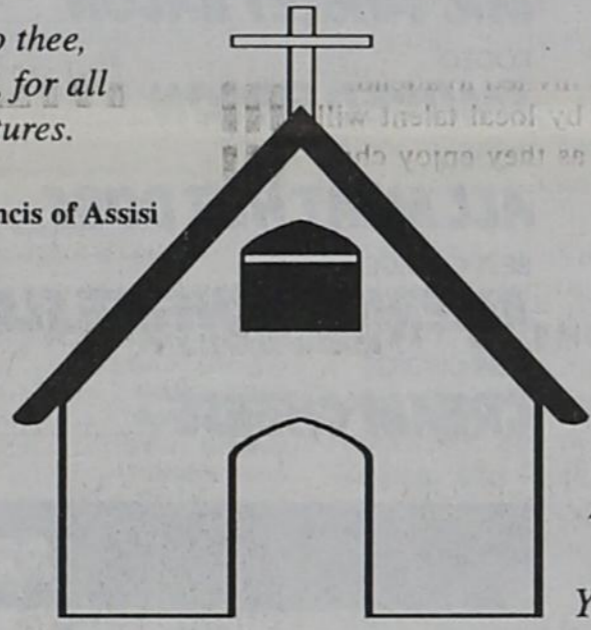
The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Gill of Amarillo. He graduated from Tascosa High School in 1988 and was in the US Marine Corps from June 1988 through 1992. He currently works for J's Garage.

The couple plans to reside in Amarillo after the wedding.

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How to Fall Back into Love



By **RON TRUSLER**
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

It is not uncommon for a couple to feel they have fallen out of love. The feelings are not there like they used to be. How do you get the love back? Is it possible? I've mentioned some things that have a lot more involved than what space allows, but there is enough to get you started.

1. Remember how to give and receive love. After a while, little things that annoy us begin to erode our feelings toward the other person. We may forget why we do many little things that we used to do just because we loved the other person.

There's a good exercise couples can do. It's not easy but it is very worthwhile. Sit down together and take turns telling the other: (1) some things you do just because you love them and then (2) list some things you've noticed that they do just because they love you. It may reveal what you've forgotten or overlooked. It may surprise you.

2. Realize that men and women have different values. That's not bad, it's just different. When you are getting to know one another, you probably accepted those differences. But now you're trying to change the other person.

The key is not to try changing those differences, but to enhance them. You can demonstrate your respect for the different values by accepting and allowing the differences.

When you start giving a bunch of "should's" and "do's and don't's," they will begin to withdraw and warm feelings begin to fade. But when a person feels valued for themselves, they open up and trust. When the value is taken away, the openness and feelings go away, too.

Trying to change your partner is like saying, "I want you to be more like me." (Now wouldn't that be awful!) I would hate to be married to someone who was just like me! I need my wife for balance.

When that balance is maintained, each person is valued as an individual and given room to be themselves. There is less likelihood of "falling out of love." In fact, there's not even slippage.

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Trip to Grammys nets excitement for Webbs

It was quite an experience. Gary Webb of Dimmitt, and his daughter, Kylie, 15, got to attend this year's Grammy Awards ceremony in February at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. They won the privilege through a contest sponsored by KGNC Radio and KFDA Television in Amarillo.

The eventful trip didn't start out too well when their first flight out from Amarillo on Feb. 24 was canceled due to the weather, and then their landing in New Jersey was delayed for an hour and a half, again due to the weather.

Then when they were finally able to eat supper late Tuesday night in New York City, just down the block from Times Square, the area was swarming with police involved in an investigation.

The pair retired to their hotel room in the Sheraton.

The next morning, things went better. The Webbs walked down Broadway and saw the building where David Letterman's show is filmed, and they saw the T-shirt shop that is often shown at the opening of Letterman's show.

"We went to F.A.O. Schwartz, Bloomingdale's, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the New York Institute of Art," Kylie said. They also saw Planet Hollywood and ate lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe.

One of Kylie's favorite parts of the trip was the shopping. She bought a Christian Dior necklace at a shop in the lobby of their hotel.

That evening they attended a pre-ceremony reception at The Supper

Club. The hostess for CBS was a "really, really pregnant lady who stars on the soap opera 'The Guiding Light'." At 8 p.m. they went to the award ceremony.

"We walked in with Art Garfunkel and his family," Gary said. "Everyone goes in through the same doors."

There were 6,000 people there, not counting the 1,600 employees of the music hall.

Gary said one of the best things of the whole trip for him was when they approached the area that was blocked off for the ceremony. He said about 500 policemen were manning the barricades to keep unauthorized persons from entering.

"We just walked up and showed our passes and got right in," Gary said. "That was great."

The two were impressed on leaving the ceremonies, too, when people outside the music hall were shouting out offers to pay \$500 to \$1,000 for one of the official programs issued only to those who attended.

Of course, most impressive of all was the Grammy ceremonies.

The two said that even music that was not their favorite kind was "just amazing."

They had seats in the balcony, and the acoustics were great.

"That place (Radio City Music Hall) was built for that," Gary said.

He said they enjoyed seeing the things that went on during the time the television audience was viewing commercials.

In a two-minute time span, they would change sets, and one time they rolled in a complete orchestra already seated on two halves of a riser platform.

Kylie's favorite performers included Bob Dylan and Fiona Apple. Gary's favorites were Fleetwood Mac, Celine Dion, and Vince Gill.

Gary said they got to see a lot of celebrities, but no cameras were permitted at the ceremonies.

After the Grammys were over, the Webbs walked around some more, going to Times Square and eating supper at a home-made Italian cuisine restaurant, replete with construction workers.

They quit walking around about 2 a.m. and went to their hotel room and watched movies. At 10 a.m., they boarded the bus to New Jersey, where they found that their flight had been canceled. Two hours later, they got another flight, but were delayed another hour and a half while the plane sat on the runway waiting for clearer weather. They arrived in Dallas to learn that they had missed their connecting flight to Amarillo by 10 minutes. They finally arrived in Amarillo at 1 a.m. Feb. 27.

For Kylie, the excitement of the trip still continued throughout that day as most of her teachers at Dimmitt High School asked her to give a report on her adventure.

Gary and Kylie got to see the ceremonies again since Mom (Rhenea) taped the television broadcast for them. And during the commercial breaks, they told her about what they had seen.

Gary wrapped up their adventure by saying, "It was a nice place to visit, but we sure wouldn't want to live there."



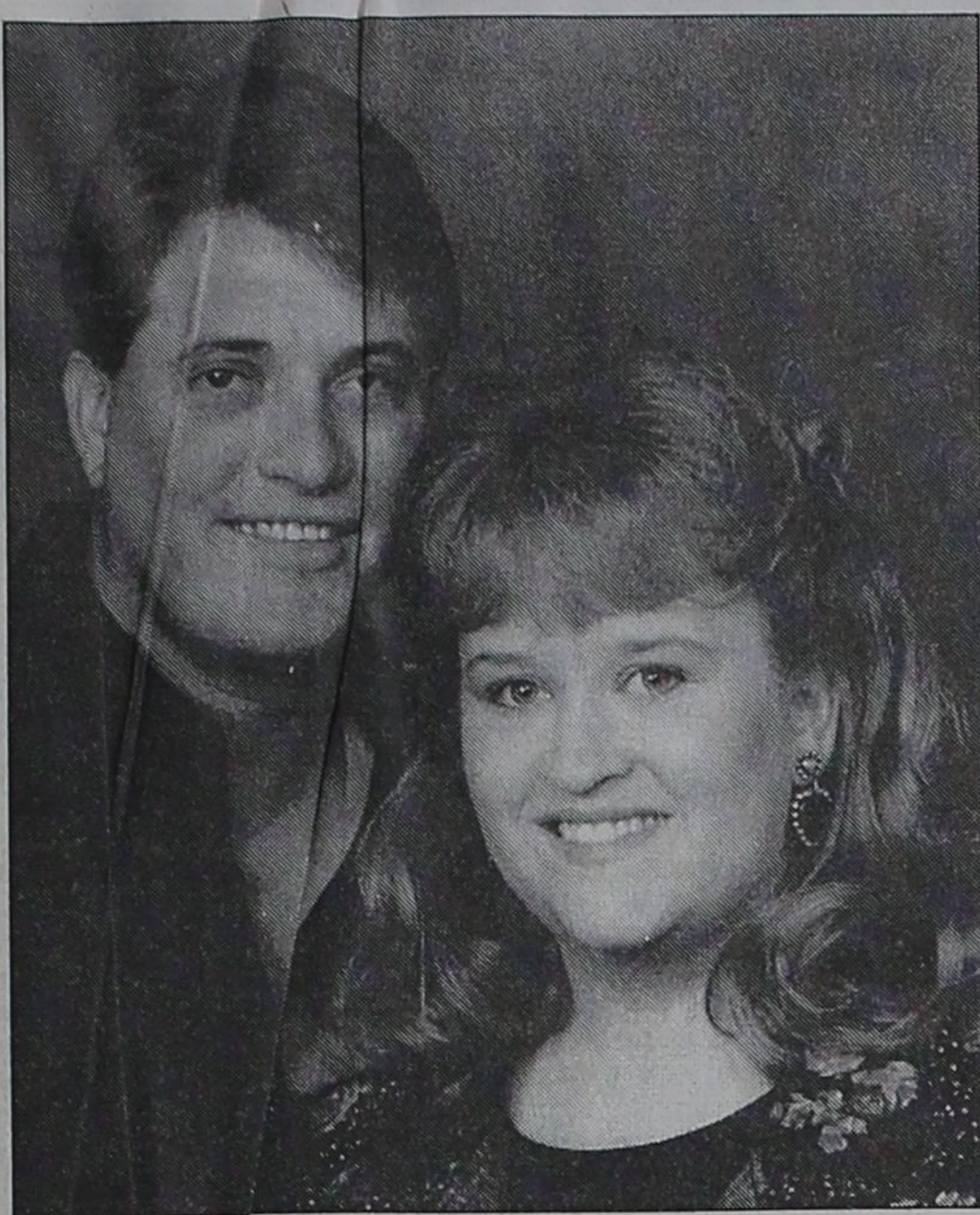
Jane Thacker

Thacker to speak at Flame meeting

Jane Thacker will address Flame Fellowship Friday when the group holds its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Thacker is a speaker, recording artist and songwriter who has been singing since she was five.

"Thacker shares her love of the Lord in testimony, song and in teaching," said a spokesperson for Flame Fellowship. "Her heart is to help women walk with the Lord in victory through the many geographical, vocational and emotional changes that are relevant to today's woman."



Stenen Wayne Parker and Kathy Patterson

Patterson and Parker to wed

Darrell and Ssan Patterson of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy, to Stephen Wayne Parker, son of Nelda Bean Brownfield and the late Billy Bean of Brownfield.

The couple plans to wed at 4 p.m. July 11 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a junior nursing major, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She currently works for Methodist Hospital.

The prospective groom graduated from Seminole High School in 1988 and he is employed by Union Wireline.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Levelland.

Naz students win district UIL meet

Nazareth elementary and junior high students captured the district UIL championship recently in convincing fashion.

The elementary students earned 606 teampoints for the district title while the second-place school only had 456.

In junior high, Nazareth dominated with 492 points, while the second-place team finished with 237.2

Here's how Nazareth students fared in the district meet:

STORYTELLING
Second Grade: 4. Brandi Kern.
Third Grade: 1. Matt Birkenfeld, 4. Heidi Ramacker, 5. Jacob Braddock.

CREATIVE WRITING
Second Grade: 1. Brittany Hampton, 3. Brittany Irkenfeld.

READY WRITING
Third Grade: 3. Holly Kleman, 5. Lacey Acker.
Fourth Grade: 4. Alan Gerber.
Fifth Grade: 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 2. Jamie Birkenfeld, 3. Orin Schulte.
Sixth Grade: 4. Tanya Herring, 5. Kim Brockman.
Eighth Grade: 4. Blake Birkenfeld.

SPELLING
Third Grade: 1. Holly Kleman, 2. Dustin Schulte, 4. Matt Birkenfeld.
Fourth Grade: 1. Kendra Huseman, 5. Jake Hoelting, 4. Charlie Rundell.
Fifth Grade: 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 2. Jamie Birkenfeld, 6. Jenna Acker.
Sixth Grade: 6. Tanya Herring.
Seventh Grade: 3. Craig Birkenfeld, 4. Kody Huseman, 5. Eric Schilling.

ORAL READING
Third Grade: 2. Holly Kleman, 3. Matt Birkenfeld.
Fourth Grade: 1. Kasey Wood.
Fifth Grade: 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 2. Garrett Kleman, 3. Keli Schulte.
Sixth Grade: 2. Trey Robb, 3. Lindsey Wood.
Seventh Grade: 2. Erica Gerber.
Eighth Grade: 2. Elizabeth Olvera, 5. Megan Hoelting.

PICTURE MEMORY
Fourth Grade: 4. Nazareth (Alan Gerber, Kasey Wood, Nathan Huseman and Skyler Birkenfeld).
Fifth Grade: 1. Nazareth (Tyson Schulte, Orin Schulte, Jamie Birkenfeld and Ross Birkenfeld).

CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS
Fourth Grade: 4. Dusty Braddock and Alan Gerber.
Fifth Grade: 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 2. Jordan Hampton.

NUMBER SENSE
Fifth Grade: 4. Brock Birkenfeld, 5. Kyle Ray, 4. Brett Hoelting.
Seventh Grade: 1. Shane Kleman, 2. Tyler Ehly, 4. Craig Birkenfeld.

LISTENING SKILLS
Fifth Grade: 5. Garrett Kleman, 6. Orin Schulte.
Sixth Grade: 2. Kyle Ray, 4. Trey Robb.
Seventh Grade: 3. Ivan Huseman.
Eighth Grade: 3. Trinity Robb, 6. Ky Wilcox.

DICTIONARY SKILLS
Fifth Grade: 1. Jenna Acker.
Sixth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 3. Brett Hoelting, 5. Kim Brockman.
Seventh Grade: 1. Adam Acker, 3. Craig

Birkenfeld, 5. Kody Huseman.
Eighth Grade: 3. Mandy Hoelting, 6. Susan Kern.

MUSIC MEMORY
Fifth Grade: 3. Nazareth (Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte, Jamie Birkenfeld and Melanie Braddock).
Sixth Grade: 4. Nazareth (Kim Brockman, Veronica Rodriguez and Rebecca Olvera).

MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS
Sixth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Brett Hoelting, 4. Trey Robb.
Seventh Grade: 1. Shane Kleman, 4. Adam Acker.
Eighth Grade: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Daryl Pohlmeier, 4. Trinity Robb.

MATH
Sixth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Kyle Ray.
Seventh Grade: 1. Ross Schulte, 2. Craig Birkenfeld, 4. Carson Gerber.
Eighth Grade: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Ky Wilcox.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING
Seventh Grade: 1. Ross Schulte, 2. Kristi Ramackers.
Eighth Grade: 1. Trinity Robb, 2. Jase Merritt, 5. Danette Ramackers.

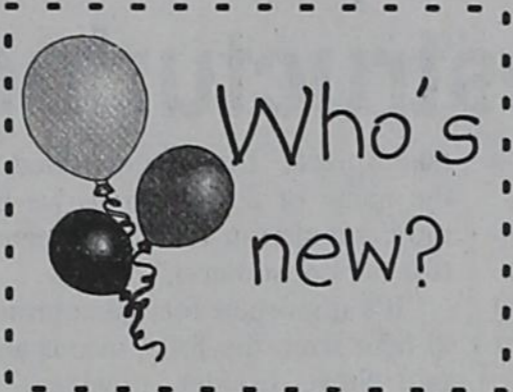
EARTH LIFE SCIENCE
Seventh Grade: 3. Craig Birkenfeld, 4. Evan Huseman.
Eighth Grade: 4. Trinity Robb.

MODERN ORATORY
Seventh Grade: 2. Kalissa Robertson, 4. Rose Wilhelm.
Eighth Grade: 5. Jason Birkenfeld.

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It's a girl for Greg and Becky Sava of Cheyenne, Wyo. She was born Saturday, March 28, at 12:31 p.m. (MST) in Cheyenne's United Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, was 19.75 inches long, and has been named Sarah Rose. Grandparents are Bill and Jacquie Sava of Dimmitt and Gene and Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie. Great-grandmothers are Barbara Sava of Dimmitt and Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Sarah's father is a captain in the US Air Force, stationed at Warren AFB, Wyo.

Nathan and Karen Nelson of Missouri City have a baby boy, born at 8:13 p.m. Saturday, March 28 in Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in Houston. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was 20 1/2 inches long, and has been named Jacob Lee. Grandparents are Don and Verbie Nelson of Dimmitt and Bob and Connie Bingham of Sugar Land. Great-grandparents are B. M. Nelson of Dimmitt and Annabelle Bingham of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wade and Jill Durbin of Waxahachie are the parents of a baby boy, Jake Wyatt Durbin, who was born March 28 at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Jake weighed in at 2 lbs., 14-1/2 oz. Grandparents are Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth and Fred and Evelyn Hoenicke of Lake Kiowa. Great-grandparents are Loretta Durbin of San Marcos, Calif., and Mrs. Lowell Flowers of Gillon, Ohio.

Chili supper slated Friday in Springlake

A chili supper will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Community Building on Highway 70 in Springlake, and the public is invited to attend.

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ALCO reports fiscal earnings

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc., report diluted earnings per share increased by 21% last year, net income increased by 23% and the company recorded its 20th consecutive quarter of earnings growth.

The company announced these results for the fiscal fourth quarter and 12-month period ending on Feb. 1.

For the fourth quarter ending Feb. 1, the company reported net sales of \$97.4 million, a 13% increase over sales of \$86.2 million in the fourth quarter of last year. Net income advanced \$774,000 over the prior year to \$4.2 million, or diluted earnings per share of 81¢, compared with net income of \$3.4 million, or diluted earnings per share of 67¢ in the prior year's fourth quarter.

For the year ending Feb. 1, the company reported sales of \$323.3 million, a 16% increase over sales of \$278.8 million in the prior fiscal year. Net income was \$7.5 million, or diluted earnings per share of \$1.46, compared with net income of \$6.1 million, or diluted earnings per share of \$1.40 in the previous year.

Compound annual earnings per share growth over the last four years has been 16.3%. The 1998 fiscal year earnings per share were negatively impacted by the dilutive effect of the second public offering of stock in October 1996. This offering increased the outstanding shares for the fiscal year to \$5.1 million, compared with \$4.3 million in the prior year.

Hunter named Student of Week

Ryan Hunter, son of Rodney and Sara Hunter, has been named the Student of the Week in the classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School.

Hunter was born Nov. 23, 1987, in Lubbock. He wants to grow up to be a pro baseball player.

His favorite food is pizza, his favorite book is *Hank the Cowdog: Case of the Vampire Cat*, and his favorite animal is his dog, Bart.

In his free time he likes to draw, and it is something he does well.

One thing he likes about DMS is physical education. He wishes he were better at basketball.

A person he admires or respects is his grandpa.



RALPH SALINAS (left), director of public works for the City of Dimmitt, accepts his final paycheck and congratulations from City Manager Don Sheffy Friday during his retirement celebration. Salinas is retiring from the city after serving for 38 years.

Photo by Anne Acker

Salinas retires as city public works head

Ralph Salinas of Dimmitt is retiring from his post as director of public works for the City of Dimmitt, and he was honored with a reception Friday.

Salinas began his career with the City of Dimmitt on July 17, 1960, working in the garbage department,

where he was responsible for picking up 55-gallon trash cans. He also worked in maintenance and in the water department through the years.

He was promoted to street and alley supervisor. He became water maintenance supervisor in October 1988.

Salinas has served as director of public works since July 1995.

During his tenure, Salinas worked under five city managers including E.B. Noble from 1952-74; Garnett Holland from 1974-81; Paul Catoe, 1981-86; Reeford Burrous, 1986-96; and Don Sheffy, 1996 to the present.

Electric cooperatives express reservations about restructuring

"We are skeptical of the benefits of restructuring for our co-op customers," Mike Williams, president and chief executive officer of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., (TEC), told state lawmakers last Thursday.

TEC is the statewide association that represents Texas' 85 electric cooperatives, with a combined membership of nearly 3 million Texans.

Williams was speaking to the state Senate Interim Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring meeting in Grapevine on March 25. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock authorized the committee in the wake of legislative efforts last year to restructure the state's electric utility industry, an effort that ultimately failed. The issue is expected to be on the legislative agenda in 1999.

"Co-ops are unique; our customers are our owners," Williams emphasized. "We want to make sure that restructuring is the right path for our customers and all of Texas."

"We don't hear our members talking a lot about competition and restructuring," said Libby Linebarger, a director of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative and a former state representative from Manchaca, as she spoke to the committee. "And we have not seen any restructuring plans that would benefit our customers."

Several co-op representatives expressed concern about the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the state agency in Austin that regulates electric utilities.

"While we're here discussing whether restructuring is going to take place, it seems the folks at the PUC are proceeding as if restructuring has

taken place," Linebarger added. "In the name of deregulation, we have more regulation and it's expensive (for our consumers)."

"It's important for the committee to hear from the folks in our area," said Steve Louder, president and general manager at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, who attended the meeting. "We want to do what's right for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members. That's the way it's been since co-ops were formed."

Chaired by State Senator David Sibley (R-Waco), the Interim Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring has held five public meetings around the state. The Grapevine meeting was the first devoted to a discussion of the impact of deregulation on co-ops and municipal utilities.

DSEC, headquartered in Hereford, serves 12,818 meters in Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham counties.

Rule changes announced for grain sorghum contests

Several changes have been adopted for the 1998 Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest.

"One division was eliminated and two new divisions were added," said Pat George of Tulia, chairman of the National Grain Sorghum Producers' contest committee. "Beginning this year, contestants may enter the irrigated ridge-till division or the dryland mulch-till division, but the irrigated no-till division has been dropped."

The contest will now have five divisions: dryland conventional till,

irrigated conventional till, dryland no-till, irrigated ridge-till and dryland mulch-till.

"In addition to the changes in divisions, we have established a Hall of Fame to recognize contestants who consistently produce the best crop within the framework set by their area's weather and soil conditions," said George.

Complete rules and entry forms are available from the National Grain Sorghum Producers office, P.O. Box 530, Abernathy, Texas 79311 or call (806) 298-4501.

County corn growers to elect two directors to TCPB board May 1

Castro County corn producers will elect two directors to the Texas Corn Producers Board during its upcoming election on May 1.

County voters will cast their ballots for directors in Voting Region 1, which includes Castro and Lamb counties.

The election is being conducted by the Texas Corn Producers Board and elections will be held in four of its eight voting regions. Five board members' terms are up this year.

Producers may vote in the election if he or she is currently a corn producer or for at least one production period during the past three years, has been a corn producer. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the corn assessment.

One seat is open in Voting Region 2, which includes the counties of Bailey, Parmer, Oldham, Deaf Smith and Hartley.

One seat is open in Voting Region 6, which includes Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazos, Brewster, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Coke, Collin, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dallas, Delta, Denton,

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In Voting Region 8, one seat is up this year and the region features the counties of Jasco, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmitt, Duval, Frio, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Maverick, McMullen, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, Zavala, Klerg and Nueces.

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By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

The seven C's of admirable character

My favorite definition of character is that it is how a person acts when no one else is looking. Our character is our moral and ethical strength.

You cannot buy admirable character with money, influence it with fame or pervert it with power. It is valuable, desirable and achievable. No one is born with admirable character, you build it one thought, one action and one habit at a time.

Study those whose character you esteem. I think you'll find they possess most the traits I've listed below.

Character cords

♦ **Courage.** Mark Twain said, "Courage is resistance to fear-mastery of fear—no absence of fear." Courage lets you face fearful circumstances. Courage lets you stand firm when you want to run. It is easy to brave when you're not near the battle. Courage allows you to face all of life's battles.

♦ **Consistency.** I hired a secretary once who claimed she could type 60 words per minute. Her typing was awful. When I asked her about her claim she said simply, "I can type 60 words per minute. Some words... some minutes." A common bond you will find among men and women of admirable character is that their actions produce consistent, reliable results day-by-day.

♦ **Common sense.** Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes." The real problem with common sense is that it isn't all that common. The ability to make sound decisions based on inherent good judgement and natural logic is rare. Yet, it is common in people with admirable character.

♦ **Cooperative.** The dictionary defines cooperatives as "marked by a willingness to work together for a common end or purpose." A person of character will always be a team player. This doesn't mean that person who possesses character will do anything that any other group or individual desires. Any activity undertaken must meet his or her ethical standards.

♦ **Commitment.** When a reporter asked CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite about his success, he replied, "I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got." When a person of admirable character pledges to do something, it is a commitment. They keep going until stopped, then they start again and keep going. When there is no way, they find a way. They are flexible in finding solutions. Being committed is not the same as being stupidly stubborn.

♦ **Contentment.** The inmate wrote the letter from prison. His upcoming trial would likely bring the death sentence. Yet, in his letter he wrote, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." You can read the rest of St. Paul's words in Philippians, Chapter Four.

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States uttered these words with his dying breath, "This is the last of earth! I am content." The real measure of a person of admirable character is his or her ability to enjoy life regardless of the circumstances.

♦ **Charity.** This word has two main meanings: 1. To give to others. 2. To love. People of admirable character blend both into one. To their, charity means that they love God so much that they express that love by helping others.

They do not give reluctantly, but cheerfully. They not only give cheerfully, but adequately. They not only give adequately, but anonymously. They not only give anonymously, but they give to enable others to acquire the ability to become self-supporting thereby eliminating the need for charity altogether.

Yes, our character is our moral and ethical strength. Guard it carefully. It is much easier to maintain it, than to regain it.

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.

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Cotton Talks

The Environmental Protection Agency's re-evaluation of the risk analysis of carbofuran (Furadan) from October 1997, which resulted in the denial of Section 18 requests from Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, California and Oklahoma, concluded that the agency was overly conservative.

EPA's registration manager, James Jones, included these comments in a letter responding to an inquiry from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

EPA announced receipt of specific exemption (Section 18) requests from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to treat up to 1.8 million acres of cotton in Texas and up to 500,000 acres of cotton in Louisiana to control cotton aphids.

In the March 24 Federal Register notice announcing these requests, EPA made no mention of FQPA risk analysis. The agency did, however, return attention to bird mortality concerns with carbofuran. The concerns are similar to those of previous years from use in cotton.

EPA is soliciting public comment on this issue before making a decision on whether to grant exemptions. Comments must be received on or before April 9.

Written comments, bearing identification notation "OPP-181056" are to be submitted in triplicate by mail to Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of

Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Comments and data may be submitted electronically to oppocket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as ASCII file, avoiding use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is planning a meeting with representatives from Cone Mills in Greenville, NC.

The main focus of the meeting is to discuss future strategies for mills to secure adequate supplies of cotton under the Freedom to Farm Act.

Representatives from all sections of the High Plains cotton industry will join the leadership of PCG in the discussions.

The venue for the April 8 meeting will be the International Textile Center of Texas Tech University.



CHECK PRESENTATIONS—The Castro County Farm Bureau presented checks to representatives from the Sunnyside and Hart Volunteer Fire Departments recently. The checks were in appreciation for firefighting efforts that benefitted members of the Farm Bureau. (From left) Castro County Farm Bureau Agency Manager Paula Davidson watches as

Wayne Johnson, representing the Hart VFD, accepts a check from Farm Bureau board member Gregg Sides, and Farm Bureau Board President Chris Cogburn presents a check to Sunnyside VFD representatives Lyle Loudder, Justin Bradley and Jack Bradley. Photo by Linda Maxwell

County soil still needs moisture before planting

While recent rains and snowfall have improved soil moisture around the area, producers may still need more moisture before land is ready for spring planting.

Castro County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area may need from two to 10 inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to planting this spring.

Pre-plant soil moisture data was released recently by the Water District and the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

At the time the pre-plant soil moisture was measured last November and December, approximately 11% of the portion of Castro County served by the Water District needed about two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil profile to field capacity. About 46% of the area needed from four to six inches of moisture, 39% needed from six to eight inches and 4% needed eight to 10 inches.

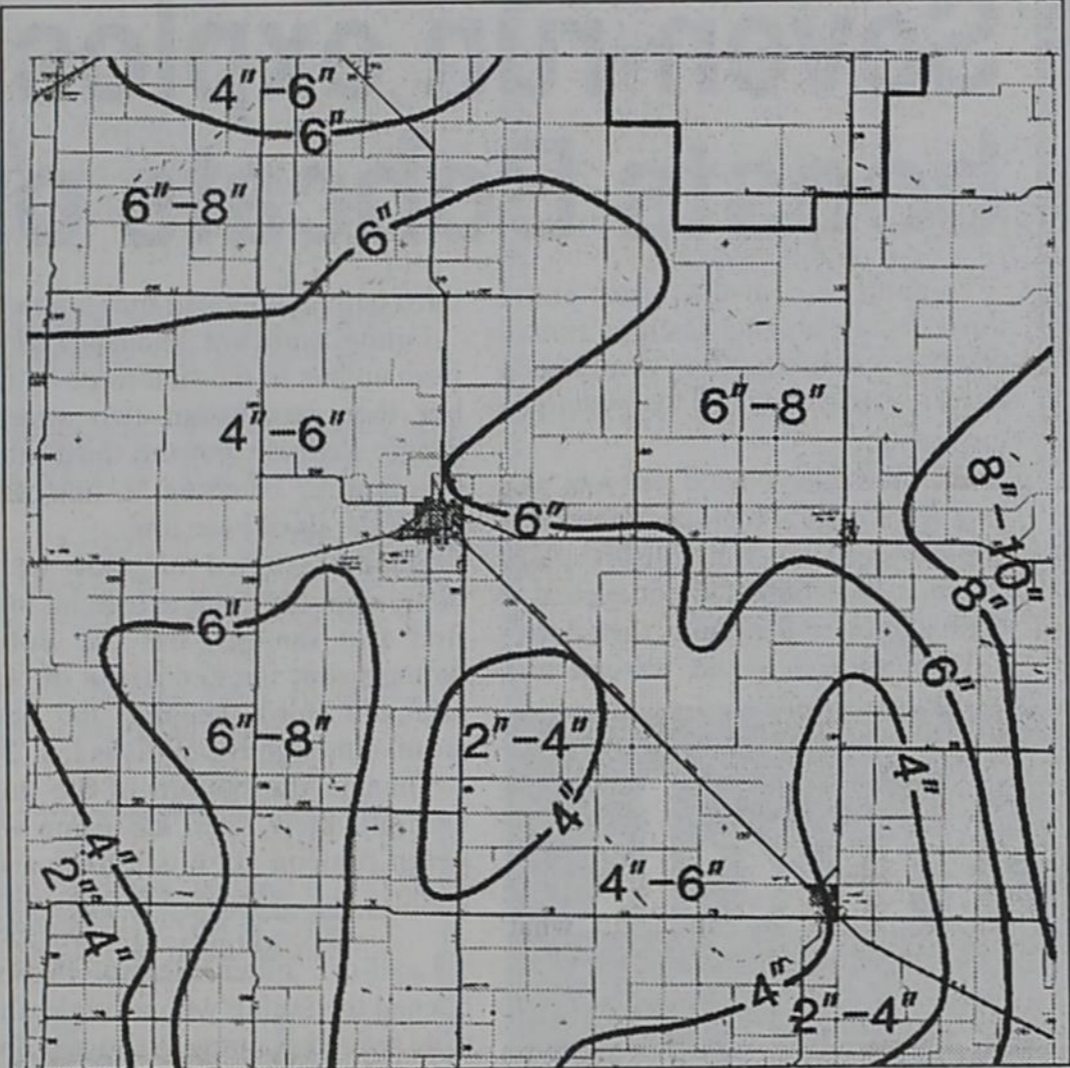
"Most of the Water District service area has received above-average precipitation since the conclusion of the 1998 pre-plant soil moisture survey last December," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA soil scientist.

"According to our data collected through mid-February, the portion of Castro County within the Water District has received an additional 2.6 inches of rain since the soil moisture was measured. As a result, soil moisture conditions should now be better than the data indicates. We highly recommend that producers check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields to determine if a pre-plant irrigation is necessary."

Soil moisture readings are taken by lowering a neutron probe into a semi-permanently installed aluminum access tube. Readings are taken every six inches down to the five-foot level.

Historical data shows that above-average crop yields are more likely when the five-foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity at planting.

"We hope that we will continue to receive precipitation like we have since the first of December. This rainfall is usually slow, and much soaks into the ground for use by the



THIS MAP represents the amount of moisture producers need before they can plant their crops this spring. The High Plains Underground Water District No. 1 took a soil moisture survey last fall and released this pre-plant soil moisture information recently.

crop later in the year," said Crenwelge.

The precipitation received since December is very welcome and will decrease irrigation requirements if the fields were prepared to receive the moisture.

If the precipitation continues through the spring, producers who maintained their fields to absorb the moisture should reap the benefits. Practices that allow for maximum precipitation absorption include furrow diking, contour farming, minimizing plowpans and minimum tillage.

The annual pre-plant soil moisture survey data informs producers about general plant-available soil moisture conditions across the 15-county Water District service area.

"Irrigators can use this information to estimate the amount of water needed to bring their soil closer to field capacity without wasting water by over-irrigating. It will be very important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their own

fields, because the area has received precipitation since the conclusion of the pre-plant soil moisture survey," said Crenwelge.

Persons residing within the High Plains Water District service area may request a free copy of the Water Management Note, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*, by calling the Water District office at (806) 762-0181.

Copies of the regional and/or Castro County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com.

Shot clinics are scheduled

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct two shot clinics in Castro County this week.

The first will be held today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium.

The second will be held Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

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

Breast cancer screening set

A special clinic offering breast cancer screening will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on April 16 and those who wish to schedule an appointment should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

The clinic is being 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 by a registered nurse.

Cost for the screening is \$75 and a minimum of 15 women must register for the clinic to be held. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Ag census forms should be submitted

If you were involved in an agricultural operation in 1997, then you should have received a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form in December and January.

If you have received a form but haven't returned it to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, you should do so as soon as possible.

Your report is important, and the results of the census will have an effect on you, according to Dennis Findley, Texas State Statistician with the NASS.

"It is important to the agricultural community as a whole that the 1997 Census of Agriculture be complete and accurate," said Findley. "Farm organizations, farm suppliers, bankers, local, state and federal policy makers and many others use this information to make decisions. They all are depending on complete and accurate data to make decisions which will ultimately affect you and your neighbors."

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you should have received a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form:

◆ Did you have day-to-day control of an agricultural operation from which agricultural products were sold in 1997?

◆ Did you grow any crops or raise livestock for other than home use in 1997?

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If you answered yes to any of the above questions, make sure you are counted. If you did not receive a report form, call 1-800-626-3142 and a census form will be sent to you.

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Sports



Hill and Hall place among state's best in powerlifting

Jason Hall and Beau Hill of the Dimmitt High School Powerlifting Team won placings at the State Powerlifting Competition in Killeen Saturday.

Hill took fifth in the 123-lb. Class, with lifts of 340 in the squat lift, 220 in the bench press, and 350 in the deadlift.

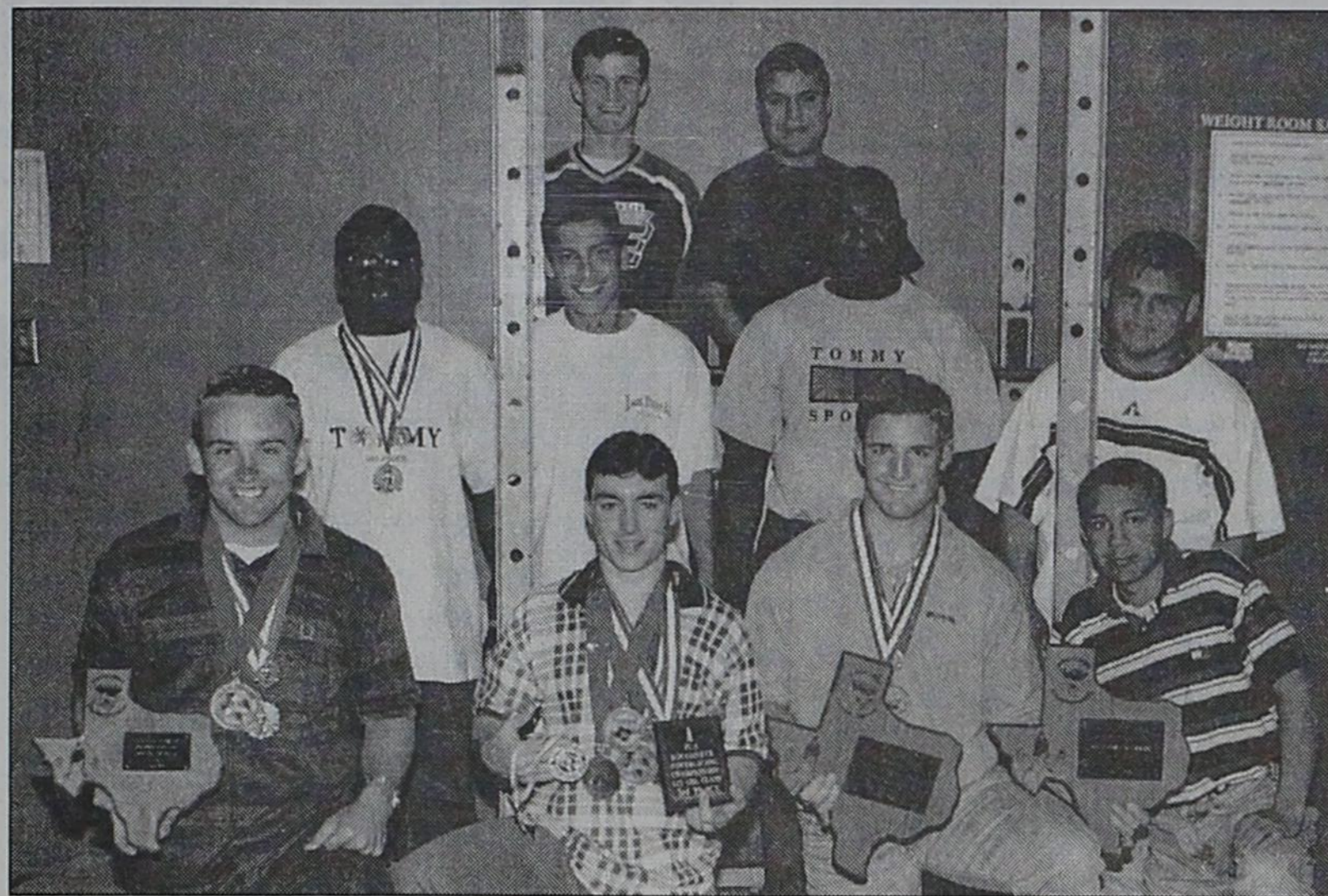
"He almost won third place, but a technical error in his deadlift disqualified his 375-lb. lift," said powerlift coach Monty Gothard.

Hill received ninth place in the 198-lb. Class, with scores of 490 in the squat lift, 290 in the bench press, and 565 in the deadlift.

"He also would have had a better

score except he fouled when he was at 540 in the squat lift," Gothard said. "We are proud of these young men and just being able to go to the state meet shows how far our program has come."

He said as far as he knows this is the first year Dimmitt has sent powerlifters to the state competition.



A SUCCESSFUL SEASON—The Dimmitt High School powerlifting team won numerous medals and plaques during this year's season, captured third place in team totals at the Regional Powerlifting Competition, and sent two to the State Contest. Team

members are (front, from left) Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Beau Hill and Ruben Lopez; (middle, from left) Tyson Traylor, Luis Reyes, Fred Traylor, and Eric Enriquez; and (back, from left) Bobby Hill and Alonzo Ontiveros.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



SAFE!—Dimmitt's Sergio Pedroza slides safely into second base as Dalhart's second baseman and shortstop fight to handle the throw in the third inning of Friday's District 1-AAA game here. Pedroza went on

to score the first run of a seven-run third-inning rally that brought the Bobcats from an 0-2 deficit and put them ahead for good. Dimmitt won the wind-hampered game, 8-6.

Photo by Don Nelson

Seven-run explosion in third boosts Bobcats over Dalhart

Dimmitt scored seven runs in the third inning against Dalhart Friday and that was all the Cats would need for their first District 1-AAA win of the season.

The Bobcats posted an 8-6 win over the Golden Wolves to improve to 6-5 overall and 1-1 in district play.

Dalhart's lead-off hitter earned a double to open the game, then back-to-back singles by the second and

third batters knocked him home.

Dimmitt pitcher Michael Pedroza gave up hits to the first three batters, but then struck out two straight. Sergio Pedroza got the third out of the inning, catching a line drive down the third base line.

Dimmitt started off slow at the plate, and only got one base hit in the first two innings, but the Bobcat defense shut out Dalhart in the second and third, keeping the game close, although the Wolves led, 2-0.

Then in the bottom of the third, Dimmitt blew open the game with seven runs on six hits to take a 7-2 lead.

Lead-off hitter Sergio Pedroza opened the inning with a single, then stole second. Sammy Prieto and Zack Matthews each got singles before Dimmitt suffered its first out of the inning Rusty Wooten struck out.

Michael Pedroza earned a double and was followed by Benny Navarro

and Juary Cavazos, who each picked up a single.

After Wesley Wright struck out, Derek Buckley watched four balls and went to first, and Dimmitt was back at the top of its order with Sergio Pedroza. He walked, too, then Prieto singled and Buckley scored. The inning ended when the Dalhart shortstop fielded a Wooten hit and threw him out at first.

The Bobcats gave up one run in the fourth, but managed to stifle a Dalhart rally.

The Bobcats' 7-3 lead held up through the fifth inning, but then in the sixth, the Golden Wolves cut the Dimmitt lead to one. With two outs in the inning, Lang stepped to the plate and took the first pitch, cutting loose with a three-run homer. That was all Dalhart would get.

After Wooten grounded out, Michael Pedroza got a base hit, then scored after a series of Dalhart errors and a single by Cavazos.

Friona blasts Cats, 17-7, in 1-AAA play

Friona batters pounded Dimmitt, tallying nine runs in the first inning of Tuesday night's District 1-AAA showdown in Friona, then went on top down the Bobcats, 17-7, in six innings.

Dimmitt went through three pitchers in the game, with Derek Buckley getting the start. He was spelled by Benny Navarro in the third, then Zack Matthews took over in the fourth. Buckley got the loss.

Friona had 15 hits, including three home runs, compared with six hits for the Bobcats. Dimmitt committed eight errors while Friona was charged with five.

The Bobcats took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first after a Michael Pedroza single scored Sammy Prieto from third with one out in the inning. That was all Friona allowed, striking out the next batter, then getting the third out.

Friona had runners on first and second in the opening inning after Joey Pena walked and Jesus Mana took first after he was hit by a pitch. Then Perry Hanes stepped to the plate and hit a two-run shot out of the park to give Friona 3-0 lead with no outs.

After that homer cleared the bases, Friona batters would get six more singles, a double and a walk and scored six more runs to take a 9-1 lead.

Dimmitt came back in the second inning with five runs to cut the lead to three.

A home run by Buckley started the Cats off in the second before Beau Hill grounded out, then Sergio Pedroza, Prieto, Matthews, Wooten and Michael Pedroza all picked up singles, resulting in four more runs before the inning died.

Friona added two runs in the second, three in the third, one in the fifth and two more in the sixth for its 17 runs.

In the second, Ismael Juarez slammed a two-run homer. Aaron King homered in the third for the Chieftains.

Dimmitt scored one in the fifth

when Matthews walked, then stole second, third and home.

Dimmitt dropped to 6-6 on the season and 1-2 in district play while Friona improved to 6-5, 1-2.

Bobbies are third in meet

The Dimmitt Bobbies earned gold medals in the mile relay, 400-meter dash and triple jump enroute to a third-place team finish in the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational.

The Bobbies' mile relay team posted a time of 4:23.03 and won the race Saturday.

Amy Matthews won the 400 in 63 seconds and Jacy Buckley of Dimmitt jumped 34-10 1/2 in the triple jump to earn a gold.

Shawna Kenworthy placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:35.94.

Third-place medals were claimed by Ironica Traylor in the shot put with a throw of 30-9 3/4; and Jade Vick in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.75 and in the 300 hurdles with a time of 54.81.

Swifts make all-district

Two Nazareth Swifts were named to the all-District 3-A first team and another made the second team.

Barry Hoelting, a 6-1 senior, and Darren Huckert, a 5-11 senior, both made the first team.

Earning second-team honors was Shane Ethridge, a 6-0 senior.

Billy Don Cannon earned honorable mention all-district honors.

Others making the all-district team were Jarrod Fisher of Vega, John Mark Moudy and Patrick McCuaig of Happy, Mark Lunsford of Farwell and Jason Thomas, Josh Morris and Chris Foster, all of Nazareth.

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'Goo Shoot' winners named

The winners of the "Goo Shoot" three-person scramble at the Country Club of Dimmitt, held Saturday and Sunday, are listed below by flight.

In the Championship Flight, the trio of Lanny, Shane and Shawn Savage of Plainview took first with scores of 59 and 31 for a total of 90. Second went to Kyle Woods, Steven Russell and John Smith of Amarillo, 60-32-92. Taking third were Cliff and Jerri Lou Cook and Clay Davis of Dimmitt, 62-33-95.

The First Flight was won by Mark Thomason, Price Barton and Mat Irwin of Amarillo, 68-63-131. Second went to Mike Mitchell, Mike Burnett and Kevin Brown of Amarillo, 67-68-135. Third place was a tie between the Portales, N.M., team of Don Huddleston, Bill Bailey and Mark Foster, 67-69-136; and the Hereford team of Joe and J.E. Saucedo and Marin Rivas, 67-69-136.

First place in the Second Flight ended in a tie between the Plainview team of David Ramirez, Lee Estrada and James Valdez, 70-64-134; and the Amarillo team of Sam Campbell, Paul Carr and Steve Simpson, 70-64-134. Third place went to the Amarillo team of David Darnell, Brad Schlegel, and Detrick Sherwood, 70-65-135.

For the Third Flight, Keeley Adams, Patrick Blount and Dale Givens of Olton took first, 71-74-145. Second went to Chris Kelly, Chad

Snider and Ryan Leathers, also of Olton, with scores of 73-75-148. Third place was a tie between the Dimmitt team of Jay Nelson, Scott Morris and Danny Newton, 73-76-149; and the Paducah team of Rusty Gilbreath, Justin Ratliff and Marty Gregory, 74-75-149.

Winners of the Fourth Flight were Joe Sanchez, Rick Dabney and Jim Ziegler of Amarillo, 78-71-149. Second place went to Mel Charest, Dorothy Charest and Bill Acton of Hereford, 76-74-150; and third went to Ja Bridwell, Shane Bridwell and Jerry Watts of Dimmitt, 80-71-151.

Don Cornett Tournney set

The annual Don Cornett Tournament, a three-person scramble, is set for April 18-19 at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Entry fee is \$50 per person, plus cart and other options.

Cash prizes will be offered, and a free practice round will be available on the Friday before the tournament. Players will be flighted after the first day.

A meal will be served the evening of April 18.

Those interested in entering may call 806-647-4502 or write P.O. Box 817, Dimmitt 79027.

Lady Horns take team title in Longhorn Relays

The Hart Lady Horns tallied 149 points and ran away with the Hart Longhorn Relays girls' title over the weekend.

Lockney won the boys' title with 122 points while Hart finished second with 80-1/2.

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes also competed in the meet, with the Swifts earning 32 points for eighth place, and the Swiftettes accumulating 19 points for a share of ninth place.

The Lady Horns took gold medals in the shot put, 400 relay, 100 hurdles, and 800 relay enroute to the team title.

Nykki Lee won the shot put with a throw of 33-1. Charbra Lee ran the 100 hurdles in 16.38 and that was good enough for first place. The Lady Horns' 400 relay team won with a time of 52.16 and the 800 relay broke the tape in 1:59.59.

Also earning gold medals in the meet were two-milers Lindsey Gerber of Nazareth, who finished the girls' race in 13:13.19; and Eric Montemayor of Hart, who posted a time of 11:05.01. Montemayor also won the mile in 5:03.33.

Other girls placing among the top three in the meet were Ysa Rodriguez of Hart, second in the long jump (15-3 3/4) and 100-yard dash (12.69) and third in the triple jump (31-10 1/2); Lisa Rincon of Hart, second in the 3,200, 13:19.99; Isela Minjarez of Hart, second in the 800, 2:38.85; Angelica Perales of Hart, third in the 100 hurdles, 17.85; Valerie Key of Hart, third in the 400, 67.7; Amanda Ethridge of Hart, third in the 300 hurdles, 56.6; and Geneva Finch of Hart, second in the 200, 27.37.

Bo Hunter of Nazareth was second in the boys' discus with a throw of 137-4 and Gerardo Dozal of Hart was second with a toss of 121-8 1/2.

In the boys' shot put, Hart's Lucas Anzaldua and Gerard Dozal were second and third with throws of 44-1 and 41-9 1/2, respectively.

Nazareth earned two medals in the 110 hurdles, with Stanton Wethington taking the silver with a time of 16.22 and Matty McLain

earning third in 17.55. Wethington also placed second in the 300 hurdles, posing a time of 43.45.

Hart's Pantoja was third in the 200 with a time of 24.34.

Track Results

DEAF SMITH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITATIONAL Girls

Team Totals: 1. Amarillo High JV 160.67; 2. Friona 104, 3. Dimmitt 103.33, 4. River Road 86, 5. Palo Duro 61, 6. Tulla 51, 7. Slaton 16.

Shot: 3. Ironica Traylor, Dimmitt, 30-9 3/4.

Triple Jump: 1. Jacy Buckley, Dimmitt, 34-10 1/2.

800: 2. Shawna Kenworthy, Dimmitt, 2:35.94.

100 Hurdles: 3. Jade Vick, Dimmitt, 18.75.

400: 1. Amy Matthews, Dimmitt, 63.00

300 Hurdles: 3. Jade Vick, Dimmitt, 54.81.

1600 Relay: 1. Dimmitt 4:23.03.

SAN ANGELO RELAYS Boys

Team Totals: 1. Abilene Wylie 112, 2. Vernon 79, 3. Sonora 75, 4. Monahans 68, 5. Dimmitt 56, 6. Reagan County 39, 7. Tulla 37, 8. Friona 35, 9. Dalhart 26, 10. Colorado City 15, 11. Greenwood 10, 12. San Angelo Central JV 5.

Discus: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 153-7 1/2.

400 Relay: 3. Dimmitt 43.78.

800: 1. D.J. Fleeks, Dimmitt, 2:03.30, 3. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 2:05.02.

1600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt, 3:27.49.

HART RELAYS Boys

Team Totals: 1. Lockney 122, 2. Hart 80 1/2, 3. Sudan 69, 4. Olton 59, 5. Kress 54, 6. Hale Center 48 1/2, 7. Lazbuddie 41, 8. Nazareth 32, 9. Bovina 25, 10. Happy 16, 11. Vega 9, 12. Motley County 4.

Discus: 2. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 137-4; 3. Gerard Dozal, Hart, 121-8 1/2.

Shot Put: 2. Lucas Anzaldua, Hart, 44-1; 3. Gerard Dozal, Hart, 41-9 1/2.

3200: 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 11:05.01.

110 Hurdles: 2. Stanton Wethington, Nazareth, 16.22; 3. Matty McLain, Nazareth, 17.55.

300 Hurdles: 2. Stanton Wethington, Nazareth, 43.45.

200: 3. Pantoja, Hart, 24.24.

1,600: 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 5:03.23.

Girls

Team Totals: 1. Hart 149, 2. Lockney 86, 3. Springlake-Earth 71, 4. Hale Center 54, 5. Vega 51, 6. Olton 39, 7. Sudan 30, 8. Bovina 20, 9. (Tie) Nazareth and Kress 19, 11. Lazbuddie 18, 12. Motley County 16, 13. Happy 1.

Shot: 1. Nykki Lee, Hart, 33-1.

Long Jump: 2. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 15-3 3/4.

Triple Jump: 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 31-10 5/8; 3. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 31-10 1/2.

3,200: 1. Lindsey Gerber, Nazareth, 13:13.19; 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:19.99.

400 Relay: 1. Hart, 52.16.

800: 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:38.85.

100 Hurdles: 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 16.38; 3. Angelica Perales, Hart, 17.85.

100: 2. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 12.69.

400: 3. Valerie Key, Hart, 67.7.

800 Relay: 1. Hart, 1:59.59.

300 Hurdles: 3. Amanda Ethridge, Hart, 56.6.

200: 2. Geneva Finch, Hart, 27.38.

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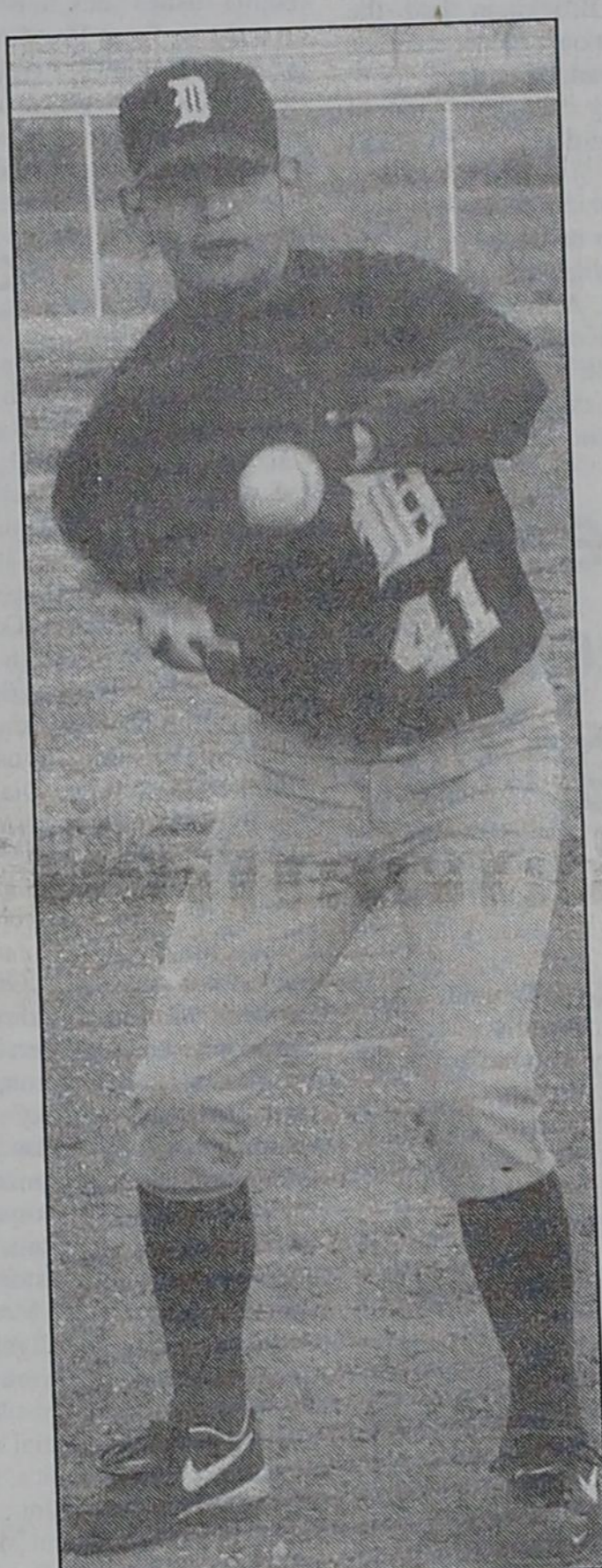
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Bobcats place at San Angelo

D.J. Fleeks ran 800 meters in 2:03.30 and that was good enough for a gold medal in the San Angelo Relays over the weekend.

Fleeks' gold was the only one Dimmitt would earn, and the Cats also claimed the bronze in the event when Ivan Flores finished third in 2:05.02.

Charley Sanders finished second in the discus with a throw of 153-7 1/2.

Two relay teams also placed. The 400 relay team was third in 43.78 while the mile relay took third in 3:27.49.

Together We Can

Swifts overtake Herd JV for 17-16 win in Nazareth

Nazareth rallied from a 15-9 deficit against Hereford JV Friday at home to take a 16-15 lead in the fifth inning, then held on for a 17-16 win, the first of the year for the rookie Swifts.

Shane Ethridge got the win while Hodges took the loss for Hereford.

Both teams had 14 hits in the game and the Swifts had 15 errors, compared with Hereford's eight. But Hereford stranded 12 runners and that proved costly. Nazareth left eight on base.

The Swifts blanked Hereford in the first two innings and built up a 9-0 lead, but it wouldn't last.

Hereford came back with big innings in the third, fourth and fifth, finally overtaking the Swifts in the top of the fifth with a seven-run effort.

Nazareth answered that fifth inning slugfest with one of its own in the bottom to reclaim a one-run lead.

Mitchell Brockman started off on the mound and he struck out three of five Hereford batters in the opening inning. The Herd got on with a single by the second batter, then he advanced to third on a Hodges double before Brockman shut it down by striking out the next two batters.

Nazareth batted around in the first inning, scoring seven runs before Hereford got the third out.

Lead-off hitter Kit Schulte singled to right field to start off the Swifts first-inning offensive assault, then he stole second. After a strikeout by Jason Maurer, Brockman stepped to the plate and picked up a single, advancing Schulte to third.

Jerad Birkenfeld swung for a double that scored Schulte, giving Nazareth a 1-0 lead.

Base hits by Ethridge and Darren Huckert kept the Swifts alive and boosted their score, then Stacy Schulte walked and Matt Olvera connected for a single.

Dustin Ramaekers reached on a shortstop error, but he was thrown

out at second on a fielder's choice single by Kit Schulte, then Maurer struck out to end the inning.

Brockman struck out the first Hereford batter in the second, but hit the next pitcher, who then stole second and advanced to third on a pass ball. Brockman got his fifth strikeout of the game, ringing up Nash in the second, but then he walked two straight batters, including Artho at the top of the order. The Swifts got the third out on a play from catcher Matt Olvera to first baseman Ramaekers.

Brockman and Birkenfeld walked to start off the Swifts in the second and both scored to give Nazareth a 9-0 lead. The Swifts would get just one hit in the inning—a single by Ethridge.

Hereford came back in the third to score three runs.

Hodges picked up a single, then scored Hereford's first run after a series of Swift errors and a wild pitch. Two more runs would score before Brockman struck out Artho at the top of the Herd order.

The Swifts started the third at the top of the lineup, but couldn't make anything happen.

Kit Schulte struck out, then Maurer made it to first on an error by the second baseman. But Hodges retired Brockman and Birkenfeld after that and the Swifts recorded a goose egg in the inning.

Trailing 9-3 at the top of the fourth, Hereford bats got hot, and the Whitefaces added five to their total to cut the lead to 9-8.

After striking out the first batter, Lacey, Brockman gave up four hits and walked three in the inning. Hodges got a double to start things off, then singles by Gonzales, Salinas and Nash sparked Hereford.

Lacey popped up to Maurer in center field for the third out of the inning.

The Swifts continued to struggle at the plate in the fourth, and couldn't get anything started.

Hereford exploded for seven runs in the fifth inning, using five hits, a couple of wild pitches and Swift errors to take a 15-9 lead.

A triple by Hodges started off the rally, then Gonzales walked. Singles by Davila and Nolan and a walk by Salinas put Hereford in great position.

Nash hit one at the pitcher for the first out of the inning, but a couple of wild pitches during his at-bat enabled Hereford to clear the bases. Hereford added two more runs before the Swifts escaped the inning.

Nazareth didn't get down, instead the Swifts came back with seven runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to regain their lead, 16-15.

Ramaekers, Kit Schulte, Maurer, Birkenfeld, Ethridge, Huckert and Olvera all crossed the plate for the Swifts in the inning, with Ramaekers getting a lead-off single. Kit Schulte and Birkenfeld each hit doubles and Olvera and Ethridge picked up singles.

Ethridge struck out Davila in the sixth, then Salinas reached on a short stop error and the tying run was on first. Nolan got on thanks to a passed ball, and Salinas was able to score. Nolan advanced to third before he was tagged out at the plate on a toss from Olvera to Ethridge. Ethridge finished out the inning by striking out Nash.

With the score tied at 16, Maurer stopped to the plate and walked, then stole second. Brockman had the inning's first out on a fielder's choice and Maurer advanced to third.

A single by Ethridge scored Maurer from third for the go-ahead run.

Ethridge struck out the lead-off hitter in the top of the seventh, the Hereford got a single by Artho. After he stole second, Artho advanced to third on a sacrifice with one out. But Hereford couldn't score him and Ethridge struck out Hodges to give the Swifts the win.



DIVING BACK TO FIRST—Nazareth's Kit Schulte (right) rushes back to first base before he's picked off on a throw from Hereford JV pitcher Hodges to first baseman Nolan (7) Friday night at Nazareth. Schulte, the Swifts' lead-off hitter, singled to right, then had a good lead off first base, attempting to steal second when Hodges attempted to pick him off. He made it

back to first safely, and eventually would score the first of seven Swift runs in the bottom of the first. Nazareth, playing high school baseball this year for the first time in decades, edged Hereford, 17-16, to improve to 1-1 on the season. In addition to his single, Schulte recorded a double in a big fifth inning comeback for the Swifts.

Photo by Anne Acker

DMS recognizes honor students

Dimmitt Middle School presented subject awards to seventh and eighth graders and recognized all students who made the honor roll.

Seventh graders who earned awards are Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda, English; Ashley Irons, Efrén Gomez, Valerie Martinez and Juan Diaz, history; Isabel Garcia, pre-algebra; Juan Diaz, Math 87; Nancy Quiroz, Math 76; Merritt, reading enrichment; Natalie Jimenez, Diaz and Lisa Fernandez, most Accelerated Reader points; Diaz, reading improvement; Merritt, science; Maribel Garcia, Industrial Arts; Colby Williams, mechanics; Jami Middleton, food production; Jaci Bishop, life management skills; Chris Back, band; Diaz, Garcia, Joe Birdwell, Caitlin Buckley and Jaci Hardwick, computer; Hector Velasquez, Middleton, Olivia Ontiveros and Ricky Ramirez, health; and Cynthia Velasquez, choir.

Eighth graders recognized are Jace Weaver, Thomas Brockman and Erik Demster, English; Dana Gonzales and Kelsey Welch, history; Gabriel Garcia, algebra; Saul Medrano and Benny Pompa, pre-algebra; Isela Loeza and Sandra Olvera, math 87; Weaver, reading; Demster, science; Amber Allison, Industrial Arts; Zack McClure, mechanics; Adam Guzman, food production; Abel Martinez, life management skills; Raul Casas, band; Adriana Zarazua, choir; and Ivan Glover and Demster, health.

Students making the A honor roll are:

Fourth Grade: Kathy Amador, Garrett Behrends, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Rodrigo Jackson, Casey Maurer, Ashlee Nino and Kendra Puente.
Fifth Grade: Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Ignacio Sifuentz, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.
Sixth Grade: Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Todd Jansa, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Kayla Luna, Tyler Myatt, Jake Porsch and Matthew Sanders.
Seventh Grade: Caitlin Buckley, Isabel Garcia, Jaci Hardwick, Valerie Martinez and Jill Merritt.
Eighth Grade: Erik Demster, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Kelsey Welch and Thomas Brockman.

Those qualifying for the A-B honor roll are:

Fourth Grade: Vanessa Caballero, Greg Calderon, Omar Catano, Monica Dozal, Darcy Fisher, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Emilio Mendoza, Pedro Mireles, Jennifer Montes, Samantha Neri, Shauna Nutt, Nicholas Ortiz, Laura Rasor, Ashley Roberts, Teresa Sanchez, Sergio Saucedo, Ashley Sears, Brenda Silva, Zjohn Smothermon, David Stephens, Bianca Torres, Nancy Vargas, Brittany Williams, Hayli Wise,

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Gerber, Thomas, Matthews earn Super Team honors

K'Lynn Gerber, Amber Matthews and Jerry Thomas added another notch to their growing list of post-season honors Sunday when they were named to the *Amarillo Globe-News*' Super Team second team.

Thomas, a 6-1 junior forward from Dimmitt, averaged 16.3 points and hauled down 7.8 rebounds a game for the Bobcats, who reached the Region 1-AAA semifinals this season. Thomas hit 55% of his shots from the field this year. He also has been named all-district, All-South Plains and TABC all-region first team.

Matthews, a 6-1 senior post, was a solid and intimidating inside threat for the Dimmitt Bobbies, who

reached the Region 1-AAA finals before losing to eventual state champion Comanche. Matthews contributed 15 points and eight rebounds a game. Matthews was the District 1-AAA and Class AAA All-South Plains Most Valuable Player, and earned TABC first-team all-region and all-state honors in Class AAA.

Gerber, a 5-9 senior post, was leading scorer for the Nazareth Swiftettes and she capped off her high school career in the state finals. She earned her second all-state tournament honor and has been named all-district, all-region and to TABC's Class A first-team all-state. She was the Class A All-South Plains Player of the Year.

Smith, Lee and Pohlmeier to play in all-star tournament

Dimmitt's Casey Smith, Hart's Charbra Lee and Nazareth's Amy Pohlmeier will be among the area basketball stars competing in the 28th annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games this weekend in Amarillo.

Smith is a member of the West boys' team while Lee and Pohlmeier will suit up with the South girls' team.

The tournament will be played at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo tonight (Thursday) through Saturday.

Teams of the North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers and players will be represented from the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle along with Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties, and the counties of Eastern New Mexico bordering Texas.

Games are slated for 6 and 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) and Friday and at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

There will also be a three-point shooting and slam dunk competition, and any senior boy or girl is eligible for the contests.

Entries for the contests should be sent to Brent Sherrod, PO Box 19395, Amarillo 79109, or call him at (806) 352-7348.

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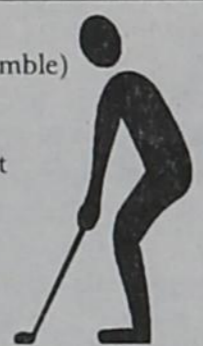
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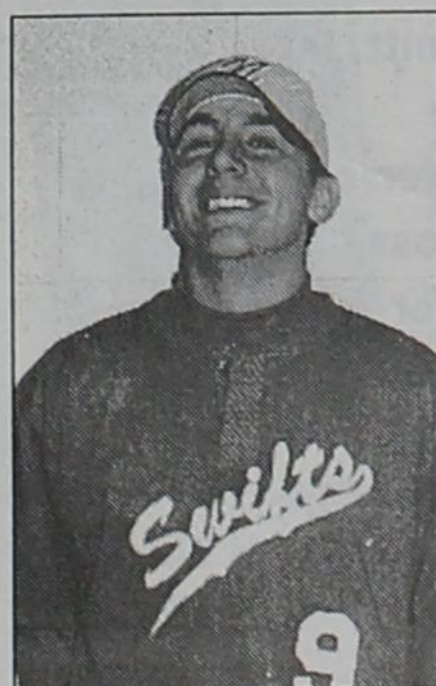
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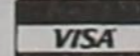
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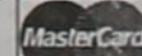


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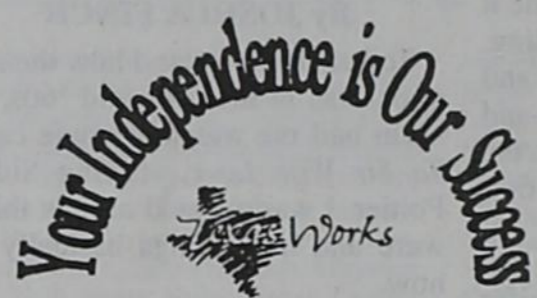
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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Coach Crow, Danny Underwood, Dean Kirby, James Simpson, Ronnie Dennis, Brent Self, Gene Bradley, Donny Nelson, Jim Wright and Rick Wright and all the parents who helped out during this stock show season. You all made this year a success. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers while I was ill. Words can't express how much you all mean to me. Thanks again. JERRY MATHIS 24-52-1tp

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who phoned, sent cards and flowers, prayed, sent food, ice and drinks, shared hugs or just came by to be with us during the illness and loss of our father, Emilio (Pepo) Nino.

A special thanks to the Home Health Agency, Dr. Hardee and especially Hospice Care, who helped us so much with our fears, anxieties and quickly responded any time we called.

Thanks also to Father Guillermo who came by regularly, the Guadalupanas for the meal and to Foskey-Lilley-McGill for meeting all our needs.

The people of Castro county are truly Christ-filled. May the Lord continue to bless each and everyone. Thanks again.

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The Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids on a 1998 cargo van.

Equipment should include the following: Full-size 1/2 ton standard cargo van (preferably with no rear windows); 6 cylinder engine preferred; automatic overdrive transmission; limited-slip rear end; all-season tires; air conditioning (front only); AM/FM radio; vinyl bucket front seats; rubber floor mats front and rear (NO carpet); cargo bulkhead; painted rear bumper with no hitch.

Bids should be sent to Plains Memorial Hospital D.M.E., Attn: Art Penaluna, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, TX 79027. Please have all bids in by April 15, 1998, at 5 p.m. CST. If you need more information, contact Art Penaluna at 806/647-2191, ext. 426. 25-50-3tc

CALL FOR BIDS ON NEW PICKUP TRUCK

The Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids on a 1998 Pickup Truck for equipment deliveries.

Equipment should include the following: Full size 1/2 ton pickup with standard cab and long wheelbase; 6-cylinder engine preferred; automatic overdrive transmission; four-wheel drive; all-season tires; air conditioning; AM/FM radio; vinyl bench seat; rubber floor mats (NO carpet); bed and tailgate rubber mats; rear step bumper; tall fiberglass camper shell.

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Dimmitt FFA enjoys success at stock shows

Dimmitt FFA members exhibited livestock in several major shows this year and were successful.

In the Hereford Stock Show Jinna Wright exhibited a breed champion finewool lamb and third-place lightweight medium wool; and Cliff Wright showed second- and fourth-place heavyweight medium wool lambs.

Several FFA members entered the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Jana Nelson drove her Chester White to the breed championship. Also exhibiting in the show were Ysela Gonzales, Shantell Self, Jeremy Simpson and Taylor Matthews.

FFA results from the San Antonio barrow show are Jeremy Simpson, third-place medium weight Cross; Jinna Wright, third-place heavyweight Spot; and Self, fourth-place mediumweight Spot. Others exhibiting barrows were Travis Crow, Gonzales, Andy Hill, Nelson, Mary Bradley, Wesley Wright, Van Jeter, Ky Kirby, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Cliff Wright, Jake Porsch and Heather Jeter.

Crow, Cliff Wright, Jinna Wright and Kirby all exhibited lambs in San Antonio.

Three FFA members placed with barrows at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Self drove her heavyweight Berkshire to a second-place finish, Tanner Self's mediumweight Duroc placed 14th and James Jackson's mediumweight Cross was 20th.

Also participating were Hill, Cliff Wright, Heather Jeter, Jacy Buckley, Porsch, Chris Lindsey, Nelson, Simpson, Jinna Wright, Kristi dwards, Kirby, Lyndsey Heard, Bradley, Shae Odom, Tanner Griffith, Crow, Tucker Self, Wesley Wright and Gonzales.

Exhibitors in the lamb show were Cliff Wright, Jinna Wright, Kirby, Odom, Stuart Sutton and Crow.

Showing steers in Houston were Amber Matthews, Justin Sutton and

Taylor Matthews.

Simpson competed in the San Angelo Stock Show and drove his heavyweight Yorkshire to an 11th-place finish.

Parents accompanying FFA members on the trips were Danny and Wanda Nelson, James and Veal Simpson, Jim Wright, Rick Wright, Brent and Sharron Self, Gene and Shari Bradley, Dean and Belinda Kirby, Jerry and Sherry Matthews, W.J. and Sara Hill, Danny Underwood and Ronnie Dennis.

Fish fry set Friday

A fish fry will be held Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt and the public is invited to attend.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The menu includes fried fish, red beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, dessert, iced tea or coffee. Take out plates will be available.

Proceeds from the fish fry will go toward the purchase of a sound system for the church.

To reduce your risk of heart disease, follow these American Heart Association dietary guidelines: keep fat to less than 30% of calories, saturated fat to less than 10% of calories, cholesterol to less than 300 mg per day, and sodium to less than 3,000 mg per day.

Physical inactivity is a risk factor for heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends that people get 30-60 minutes of exercise 3-4 times per week to maintain cardiovascular fitness, although lesser amounts of physical activity are also beneficial.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 2-10.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, wheat rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti with ground beef, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing French bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza supreme, mixed vegetables, cantaloupe and milk.

THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, fresh watermelon and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, sausage links with beans or beef enchiladas; mashed potatoes, orange wedges or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, shepherd's pie or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, herbed broccoli and cauliflower or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or coleslaw; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti with ground beef, ravioli with meat sauce or beef taco; savory green beans, potato wedges or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; French bread, white rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili, or beef and bean burrito with chili; potato rounds, refried beans or fresh watermelon; hamburger salad, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; crackers, muffins, cornbread, tortilla chips or Spanish

rice; and lowfat, chocolate or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, lasagna with ground beef or green enchilada casserole; mixed vegetables, Mexipinto beans or cantaloupe; tossed salad with dressing, raw spinach salad, applesauce or taco condiment salad; French bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; mashed potatoes with gravy, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot-raisin salad; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or chicken fajita; sliced cheese, salad, corn on the cob, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, bean burrito or chalupa; gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, Rice Krispie bar, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza, lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey with bread stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, corn dog or spaghetti with meat sauce; salad, corn, banana pudding, gelatin dessert, wheat rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or chicken fajita; salad, pears, refried beans, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, bean burrito or chalupas; gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, Rice Krispie bar, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles; fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, potatoes and gravy, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or lasagna with ground beef, wheat rolls, salad, corn, gelatin dessert, banana pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Baked potato or cheese pizza, salad, beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Soft taco or pizza, lettuce, beans, pears, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Fried chicken with roll or steak fingers, salad, potatoes and gravy, applesauce, pineapple and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Sandwich or corn dog, lettuce, corn, potato wedges, oranges, cookies and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * No school.

FRIDAY: * No school.

(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.)

Correction

In last week's advertisement for the Castro County Hospital District, featuring photos of local doctors in conjunction with National Doctors' Day March 30, Dr. Donald McGrorey was mistakenly identified as Dr. Charles McGrorey.

The News regrets the error.

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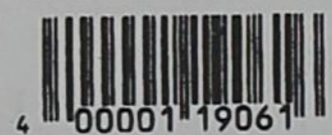
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Obituaries

Bobby Holtzclaw

Services for Bobby Holtzclaw, 51, of Childress, father of Lisa Martin of Nazareth, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in Parkview Baptist Church with Don McFarland, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Childress Cemetery by Johnson Funeral home.

Mr. Holtzclaw was born in Wellington. He married his wife, Gayle, in 1983, at Hollis, Okla. He was a lawn and garden caretaker and was a member of Parkview Baptist Church.

He was one of the first members to organize Alcoholics Anonymous in Childress and had been a member of AA since 1981.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Lisa Martin of Nazareth; a sister, Betty Doles of Charleston, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Tammy Franklin of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.

Grace Strother

Funeral services for Grace Strother, 77, of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon in First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens of Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Strother died March 26 at 2:14 p.m. in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo after a brief illness.

She was born April 11, 1920, in Elbert. She married Raleigh Strother on Nov. 6, 1942, in Lanham. She taught for two years in Fairy. They moved from Collin County to Dimmitt in September of 1946. She taught 25 years for Dimmitt Independent School District until her retirement in 1982. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and of the Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and taught Sunday school for many years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mac B. Strother, on Feb. 11, 1998; and by a sister, Ann Strother, and a brother, Samuel Martin.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Phoebe Strother of Amarillo and Leigh Strother-Vien of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; two brothers, Frank "Rowdy" Martin of Lamar, Colo., and Lewis Martin of Amarillo; two sisters, Fay Chappell of Hamilton and Winnie Chappell of Nocona.

Pallbearers were Ken Shannon, Sonny Armstrong, Bay Baldrige, Don Newman, Max Newman, and Troy Kirby.

The family suggests memorials to Dimmitt First Baptist Church Music Ministry, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt 79027.

Aureliano Tenorio

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday afternoon for Aureliano "Lelo" Tenorio, 49, of Hart, at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart with Fr. John Hickey, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Vigil service was held Sunday night in St. John's Catholic Church fellowship hall.

Mr. Tenorio died March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 16, 1948, in Moulton. He lived in Flatonia before moving to Hart in 1953. He married Orlalia Gutierrez on July 23, 1991, in Dimmitt. He had worked for Dimmitt Agri Industries from 1985 to 1996. He was a Catholic and a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Jimmy Tenorio of Muleshoe, and Hector Bustos Jr. and Benito Bustos, both of Plainview; five daughters, Brenda Bustos and Diana Bustos, both of Hart, Irma Alvarado of Plainview, Jenny Fraustos of Lubbock, and Julia Duran of Olton; four brothers, Paul Tenorio Jr. of Lubbock, Arthur Tenorio and Gilbert Tenorio of Hart, and Cruz Tenorio of Dimmitt; four sisters, Mary Cortez, Patricia Chia, Sylvia Godino, and Priscilla Tenorio, all of Hart; his mother, Tomasa Tenorio of Hart; and 11 grandchildren.

Methodist scholarship applications available

Application forms for the annual scholarships offered by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt are now available at the church office at 110 SW Third.

Completed applications must be turned in by April 15. Call 647-4106 for more information.



BON VOYAGE—First United Bank President Ray Bain and Doris Holland, the bank's longtime operations officer, show the decorated cake that was the centerpiece of Holland's all-day retirement reception Friday at the bank. Holland is retiring after 28 years with the First State Bank and its successor, First United Bank. Photo by Don Nelson

Early voting in city, school elections to start April 13

Early voting will start April 13 for the May 2 local elections, continuing through April 28.

Candidates for positions on the local city and school governing boards that are holding elections are listed below.

Dimmitt

For the Dimmitt school board, terms are expiring for Earl Behrends in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

Behrends, incumbent, and Rick Wright have filed in Place 2; and Garcia, incumbent, has filed in Place 4.

Hart

For the Hart Board of Aldermen, terms are expiring for L.C. McLain, Stanley Dyer, and Richard Entekin. Those filing include Entekin, Dyer, and McLain, incumbents, and Harold Smith.

For the Hart school board, terms

are expiring for Mark Bennett, current board president, and Sandy Farris, current board secretary.

Candidates are Farris, incumbent, Carmen Minjarez, Mickey Mendoza, and Daniel Higgins.

Nazareth

Nazareth school board members whose terms are ending are J.C. Pohlmeier, Kent Birkenfeld, and Keith Hoelting.

Incumbent Hoelting, Patti Kern, and Derwin Huseman have filed to fill the two places that carry three-year terms; and Rex Ramaekers has filed to fill the place that carries a one-year term.

Elections have been canceled for the City of Dimmitt, the City of Nazareth, and the Castro County Hospital District Board.

A state law allows the cancellation of an election if all candidates on the ballot are unopposed.

242nd District Court issues six judgments

In a session Friday, the 242nd District Court, under Judge Ed Self, issued judgments in six cases.

Probation was revoked for Charles Ray Kervin because he failed to meet the terms of his probation. He was sentenced to confinement for five years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division and was fined \$1,000 and court costs.

An order was entered modifying community supervision for Maurillo Rodriguez after he failed to meet the terms of his probation. He was sentenced to attend and successfully complete the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility of TDCJ for up to one year, and then serve his continued probation.

Susie Norma Bentura entered a plea of nolo contendere on charges of endangering a child. Her sentence of two years confinement in the

TDCJ was suspended in favor of two years of community supervision. She must pay a \$500 fine, attorney fees of \$250, and court costs of \$242.

Probation was revoked for Willie James Lewis after he failed to meet the conditions of his probation. His original sentence becomes operative, and he must serve two years of confinement and pay a fine of \$500.

Orders were entered modifying the community supervision of Juan Carlos Rodriguez on two separate cases, with the sentences to run concurrent and attorney's fees and court costs to be added together. He was sentenced to attend and successfully complete the substance abuse facility of TDCJ for up to one year and continued community supervision for the remainder of his sentence.

More about

Quilter's Festival . . .

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Each business sponsor of the awards will select a winner from the category they are sponsoring.

"Over \$4,000 had been received in door prizes and award money," a spokesperson for the festival said. "Local support for this event has been fantastic."

Many area quilt guilds have been involved in the group project of sponsoring the festival, and the Ogallala Quilters Society now boasts over 220 members. The board in charge of the festival has been working for over a year on all of the preparations.

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"Craig is 18 years old, and his cancer is in remission," she said. "He is a freshman in college, and lives with his family in England."

"Craig has been in the Guinness Book of World Records twice. Yes, he was 7 years old when the first letters went out. We discontinued the project when he was 9."

"But since then it has just kept going, and we don't know when it will ever stop. At one point the letter got changed and asked for get-well cards instead of business cards."

"And in the process his name got changed. His real name is Shergold."

"We have received literally millions and millions of business cards and get-well cards. We still get 100 or 200 cards a day—and this is after nine years."

"We hire one person who does nothing but open the envelopes and process the cards. We have them all recycled."

"We don't know when it's going to end."

The Craig Shergold/Sheford project wasn't a scam. It was a huge success, more so than anyone could have ever imagined.

I'm glad that Craig's cancer is in remission and that he's leading the semi-normal life of a college student.

And I'm kinda glad they're still getting cards in Atlanta. That tells me there are still plenty of generous, good-hearted people around.

When did you last use an oxymoron? We use them every day, without realizing how many there are.

Someone went to the trouble to compile the Top 40 list of terms that contradict themselves. A few of them are jokes, but most of them are true oxymorons:

40. Act naturally
39. Found missing
38. Resident alien
37. Advanced BASIC
36. Genuine imitation
35. Airline food
34. Same difference
33. Almost exactly
32. Government organization
31. Sanitary landfill
30. Alone together
29. Legally drunk
28. Small crowd
27. Soft rock
26. Military intelligence
25. Software documentation
24. New York culture
23. New classic
22. Sweet sorrow
21. Childproof
20. "Now, then . . ."
19. Synthetic natural gas
18. Passive aggression
17. Taped live
16. Clearly misunderstood
15. Peace force
14. Extinct life
13. Temporary tax increase
12. Plastic glasses
11. Terribly pleased
10. Computer security
9. Political science
8. Definite maybe
7. Pretty ugly
6. Twelve-ounce pound cake
5. Diet ice cream
4. Rap music
3. Working vacation
2. Exact estimate
1. Microsoft Works

Hospital district targets unpaid insurance claims

The hospital district is going after insurance agencies that have been dragging their feet on paying claims.

The hospital board voted last Thursday to pay a collection agency to go after more than half a million dollars' worth of past-due insurance claims.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan told the board that the collection agency, Transworld System, Inc., would charge \$7,250 for the service, "but we get all the collections."

He added that some of the claims date back to 1993 and have gone uncollected "for a variety of reasons, including our changing computer systems."

"The odds are with you," former board chairman Bill Clark told the trustees. "A \$7,250 expenditure to collect a potential half million in insurance, I'd say those are good odds."

"I think this is a better idea than putting another staff member on to try to take care of it," trustee Teresa Lindsey commented.

Plains Memorial Hospital had an occupancy rate of almost 33% during February, Sloan reported.

"I don't know how long since we've had that high a figure—since before I've been here," Sloan added.

The hospital's daily census of all patient types averaged 13.46 in February, compared with 9.07 patients (19.72% occupancy) in February 1997.

The Medical Center of Dimmitt averaged 75 patient visits per day in February, compared with an average of 45 per day in February 1997, Sloan reported. The clinic's six family practitioners saw a total of 1,653 patients during the month.

Home Health Agency activity, which has been increasing steadily for two years or more, has now lev-

eled off, Sloan told the board. Home Health visits totaled 1,829 in February, compared with 1,864 in February last year.

"That's where we thought they'd level off at," Sloan said.

Sloan said also that he felt the year-old Hospice Care program "has turned the corner," with 134 patient days of care in February, compared with 65 days in February 1997.

Wiley Barner of Horizon Mental Health Management presented an update report on the progress of the Welch Home Place.

The geriatric/psychiatric unit will complete its first year of operation May 1. It is the only program within a 200-mile radius that offers specified mental health services to senior citizens (55 and older).

Horizon operates the Welch Home Place for the hospital district on contract.

In its call for architects' bids on a "master plan" for the hospital district, Sloan reported that the bids received ranged from \$3,200 to \$38,000. Board chairman Henry Ramaekers appointed trustees Mark Welch and Jerry Annen to serve with Sloan on a committee to review the bids.

Mark Welch took his oath of office as a hospital trustee, succeeding Bill Clark, who resigned last month.

The board cancelled the May 2 trustee election since only two persons had filed for the two available seats. Welch has filed for election to a full term, and Dr. W. J. Hill has filed for the seat now held by Teresa Lindsey, who is not seeking re-election.

Welch and Dr. Hill will be appointed to the two trustee posts at the beginning of the new term in May.

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Angie Grand Pre
Ag Reporter staff

Are you looking for lean meat with a beef taste?

So was Hayden Dowlen of Panhandle when he bought a beefalo, a mammal that is 3/8 bison and 5/8 bovine.

Twenty years later, Dowlen still eats beefalo and raises the bovine-type animal to sell to other beefalo breeders.

Beefalo was developed in Montana and is recognized by both the USDA and the National Cattlemen's Association.

It is a gentle breed that calves easily, grow quickly, and produces tender meat with less fat than poultry.

Based on a USDA handbook, beefalo beef has 10 grams of fat, a whole, broiled chicken has 15 grams of fat, while skinless, roasted chicken has 7 grams of fat.

Dowlen, who was recently elected president of the Southwestern Beefalo Association, encourages everyone to attend an upcoming beefalo event.

The Association is sponsoring an educational event starting at noon on April 25 at the Big Texan in Amarillo. The free event is open to the public and designed to inform both the public and potential producers about the breed.

"It will be to people's advantage to learn about the advantages of having bison bloodlines in their herd," Dowlen said, in reference to the event.

Dowlen, as well as eight other producers from east Texas and Oklahoma, will represent the association.

A main attraction of the event will be a slide show, demonstrating the appearance of various percentages of bison blood.

"We will show slides in which animals are half and half and some where the animals are 1/2 bison; those kinda look weird. People seem to be disappointed when they see beefalo, because they look like normal cattle," Dowlen said. "When bison blood is below half, you can't tell the difference."

Physical appearances may not be apparent to the eye, but they are

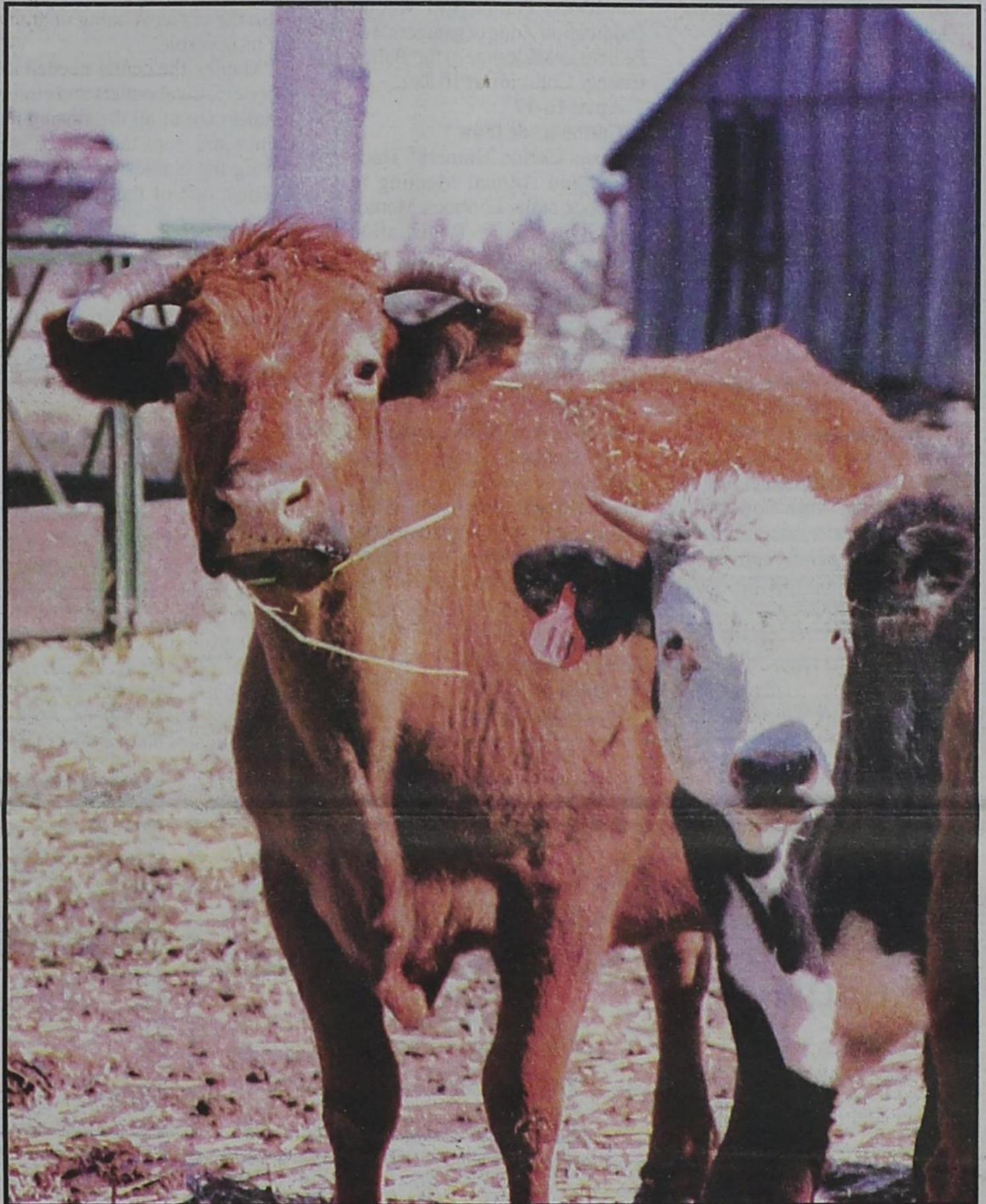


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These beefalo are two of Hayden Dowlen's herd east of Panhandle. Dowlen raises the bovine-type animal as replacements for breeders and for the animal's lean meat for himself.

to the quality of the animal's life.

According to a beefalo brochure, the animal's ability to adapt to weather extremes make them perfect animals for any part of the world.

For adaptability in the winter months, beefalo have three times as much hair as bovines, according to Dowlen.

On the other hand, unlike bovines, beefalo have sweat glands, which increases their heat tolerance.

The event will also demonstrate the health benefits of beefalo meat.

The meat is higher in protein and lower in fat than traditional beef cattle, according to provided information.

About the flavor, Dowlen said it taste nearly like beef.

"The high protein gives it a little richer flavor," Dowlen said.

"It is a little different, but if people didn't know, they couldn't tell the difference."

According to Dowlen's wife, Leta, beefalo meat is higher than grocery store beef because it is a novelty meat.

She said hamburger meat is \$3 per pound, tenderized round steak is \$4.50 per pound and T-bone steaks are \$5.50 a pound. Roasts sell for \$3.50 per pound, and sirloin steak sell for \$4.50 per pound. Currently, the Dowlens sell their meat to individuals and eat it themselves.

Calving ease, lower production costs, higher growth rates and ability to consume a wide range of feeds are more advantages of beefalo over bovines.

Beefalo calves weigh between

"People seem to be disappointed when they see beefalo, because they look like normal cattle."

Hayden Dowlen

45 and 85 pounds at birth, depending on the bovine breed.

But the low birth weight is quickly made up for with greater

weaning and yearling weights than standard beef cattle, according to brochure information.

On the average, beefalo have a longer life expectancy and reproduced for two to three years longer than bovines, according to Dowlen.

Beefalo feeders do well on a less costly, cool, low protein ration.

Their roughage consuming ability is a distinctive trait of the bison.

Beefalo browse as well as graze, increasing their foraging ability.

"Before these, I had Hereford cattle. I switched because I wanted a healthier meat for myself," Dowlen said. "Beefalo cost less--too--they don't require as much protein and they are more efficient grazers."



CALENDAR

April 2
Petroleum Workshop
 Petroleum storage tank workshop at 8:30 a.m. in Lubbock at the Groves Branch Library and at 2 p.m. in Amarillo and the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office. Call the Technical Services Section at (512)239-6718 for more information. The same workshop will be held on June 11 at 9 a.m. at Plainview's City Council Chamber.

April 2-4
Quilt Festival
 Ogallala Quilter's Society festival in Dimmitt at the Expo Building. Call Joyce Davis at (806)647-5369 for more information.

April 4
"New Hope for Soundness"
 This one-day workshop by Gene Ovnicek will be held in Amarillo and is open to concerned horse owners, farriers and veterinarians. The knowledge is valuable for current problems and to prevent future problems. Call Brad Dirickson at (806)499-3721 for more information.

April 4-8
Cattle association meeting
 The Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association will have it's 121st annual convention in Dallas. For more information, call 1-800-242-7820.

April 6
Safety council meeting
 The 59th annual meeting of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council will be held in Austin at Renaissance Hotel. The 1997 Rural Heroism award winner will be announced.

April 9
Boll Weevil meeting
 An educational meeting of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone organizers will be held in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum at 10 a.m.

April 16-17
Cotton trade show
 Texas Cotton Ginners' Trade Show and Annual Meeting in Lubbock at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. with the program starting at 2 p.m. The Plains Cotton Growers will have it's 41st annual meeting on the 17th at 9 a.m. For more information, call (806)792-4904.

April 25
Beefalo Association demo
 The Southwestern Beefalo Association is sponsoring an educational event open to the public in Amarillo. For more information, call Hayden Dowlen, association president (806)537-3357.

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.

Ogallala quilt festival scheduled

Dimmitt already is benefiting from the Ogallala Quilter's Festival, and it doesn't start until the first weekend in April.

Just take a look inside the Senior Citizens Center. It's been getting a major facelift.

While the Expo Building will hold displays of quilts from throughout the Southwest during the April 3-4 festival, the Senior Citizens Center will be the festival's "quilting college," with lots of classes for both beginners and advanced quilters.

So the center is being upgraded for its new role.

"Mainly, the center needed lots more electrical outlets and circuits to take care of all the sewing machines and irons that will be used during the classes," said Darlene Collins, one of the festival organizers.

"But it also needed an overall facelift, so we've had volunteers working on it, and we're getting good cooperation from lots of busi-

nesses and people."

Enough new electrical circuits have been run into the building to handle 20 new double outlets for the classes. Duward Davis and his brother, Clifford, of Lubbock, along with Wayne Collins, Doug Hays and Bob Murdock, helped on the electrical project.

Local quilters and their spouses, plus members of the Republican Organization for Women and other volunteers, have been "deep cleaning" the center, replacing the old floor tile in the north part of the building, and painting and repairing where necessary.

"The Dimmitt Young Farmers donated \$200 to help pay for the new tile flooring," Collins said. "And an anonymous donor is giving enough carpet to replace all the old carpet in the building."

The Ogallala Quilter's Festival won't be just for visitors or advanced quilters.

"This will be the biggest quilt show and the first quilting festival to be held in this part of Texas..."

Darlene Collins

Local residents can find sign-up forms for classes at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

The Ogallala Quilters Society was formed last year to organize and stage the festival, and now has 219 members in the Texas Panhandle-Plains region and in New Mexico, Collins said. Quilters from Oklahoma, as well as Texas and New Mexico, have pre-registered for festival classes, she said.

"This will be the biggest quilt show and the first quilting festival to be held in this part of Texas, and we're planning on it being an annual event in Dimmitt," Collins said.

Spring pesticide disposal dates set

Texas farmers and ranchers will have an opportunity to dispose of their hazardous pesticide waste at four locations this spring.

These collection programs are co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Disposal sites and the dates are: Texas DOT Facility, US Hwy. 281, Pleasanton, April 22; Texas DOT Facility, FM 311, Marlin, April 24; Consolidates Nursery, FM 13311,

Tyler, April 28. There was a site at E&E Enterprises, FM 164 in Childress, on April 1.

Collection times are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at all locations.

"Many people are finding their farms cannot pass an environmental inspection because of stored hazardous waste on the premises, said Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, Extension entomologist. "Commercial disposal is extremely expensive."

These public disposal programs are totally free to any Texas resi-

dent and designed to reduce hazardous waste in the state.

Representatives from the Texas County Clean-Up Program also will recycle batteries, oil, oil filters and empty, rinsed plastic pesticide containers.

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Dimmitt Agri facilities sold to AgriFarm, changes to be small

Linda Maxwell
special to the Ag Reporter

Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., has sold its facilities to a newly formed company named AgriFarm Industries, LLC, which will have its main business offices in Dimmitt.

AgriFarm is a joint venture between Dimmitt Agri and Farmland Industries, Inc., which is North America's largest farmer-owned cooperative, and is based in Kansas City, Mo. That joint venture came together last Thursday.

Dimmitt Agri, which was organized in 1934 and has 1,320 members, will remain an organized cooperative and will continue to represent the local producers in marketing through AgriFarm. Such representation will entitle the local producers to patronage refunds on a pro-rata basis.

"The only noticeable change will be the name and mail box number," said Bill Clark, interim chief executive officer of DAI. "All employees, telephone numbers and fax numbers will be the same."

DAI currently employs 60 people, increasing to about 150 during harvest season.

Clark said he will continue in his duties for a few more weeks to smooth the transition and wind up the affairs of DAI. He will turn over the job of interim CEO to Greg Allen of Custer City, Okla., who will serve until AgriFarm is able to receive and process information from applicants for the job.

Clark said AgriFarm plans to have a major upgrading of the main facilities and possibly the fertilizer department here.

"The variable rate technology that DAI is

currently using in fertilizer application has increased the volume to the point that more equipment and employees will be needed," Clark said.

The cooperative's responsibility to its members is to provide adequate receiving, handling, storage and marketing facilities with which to handle the members' production. DAI is supplying those requirements. Farmland Industries operates a grain division over a wider territory that is involved in domestic markets as well as exports. They have large grain facilities in Enid, Okla., and Houston and Galveston, and are involved with exports of all grains.

Clark said the joint venture makes good business sense, adding that "the organization of this joint venture will strengthen the cooperative marketing system in this area and better prepare it for the future."

He said it should strengthen marketing activities for both DAI and Farmland.

Directing the AgriFarm operations will be a management committee composed of Tommy Martin of Dimmitt, chairman; Jack Clark, chairman of the Dimmitt Agri Industries board; Gary Holcomb of Kansas City, manager of Farmland Industries' grain marketing operations; and Jackie Dane of Denton, Farmland regional manager.

AgriFarm Industries will be taking the responsibility of operating and maintaining a 15 million-bushel capacity in grain facilities in Castro, Swisher, Briscoe and Armstrong counties, serving the needs of farmers in eight counties. They will have the drying capacity of 36,000 bushels per hour with



PHOTO BY LINDA MAXWELL

Dimmitt Agri Industries interim CEP Bill Clark (right) shakes hands with interim CEO for AgriFarm Industries LLC Greg Allen (left).

which to process corn and milo.

Clark said he expects the financially troubled Dimmitt Agri to take the grain-handling operations back over eventually.

"Farmland really didn't want to get into the local grain-handling operation," Clark said, "so there's a provision in the operating agreement that Dimmitt Agri can buy back stock, so that eventually the entire grain-handling operation will revert back to Dimmitt Agri Industries."

Farmland Industries is one of the top 200 Fortune 500-listed companies. In 1997, company sales of \$9.1 billion encompassed all

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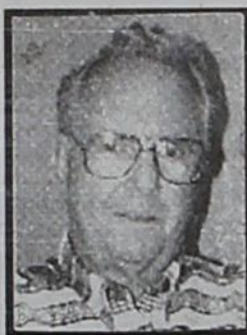
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OPINION-ISSUES



Robert Lee

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

Steers, burros, post and stuff

As Paul Harvey says, "Now for the rest of the story." Last month, we wrote about the phantom steer that was sold to Homer Hill of Hart, Texas. The night following the delivery of the Ag Reporter, I received a call from Bob Hill, Homer Hill's son.

Homer Hill was a cattle trader and pioneer cattle feeder. Bob informed me that they were still in the cattle business. He told me he remembered that particular steer. They fed the steer until he weighed about 2300 pounds. When they decided to butcher him, they discovered they had a major problem because no one in the Panhandle had equipment large enough to process an animal of that size. Eventually they hauled the steer to Glover packing in Portales, New Mexico for processing. Mr. McGehee also called to inform me that another of the cowboys that helped bring the steer out of the canyon was George Denny.

Since I've used this much space telling the rest of the story, I'll reach back into Melton McGehee's memory once again and tell about hauling posts out of the canyons in the teens and twenties. The McGehee's had three burros that were used to haul wood and post out of the canyons. Some of the other families also had burros. The Allred family had three or four burros that the families in the Fairview and Wesley Communities used. Melton said that

sometimes, the folks down in the Beverly community would borrow their burros. The Corn family had three pack burros but had also borrowed theirs.

Melton said, "I was about 13 or 14 and Dad sent me down to get them. I think it was the Hulsey place where they were getting the wood; heating wood, cooking wood and fence post. I hadn't ever been that far away from home, I don't guess. I rode off down there by myself. Didn't know if I'd ever find the place or not. I went off in the Tule Canyon and found them. They were using our burros but they turned them over to me and I drove them home. They had the pack saddles on them."

Melton continued, saying, "These burros were so well trained we didn't put anything on their head; no bridle, halter, rope or anything. Our dad and the hired hand would cut wood during the week. When we got out of school on the weekend, Miles, Cotton, and my job was to pack that wood out of the canyon. We'd pile the wood up on each side of the burro, making it as even as we could and tying it with trace chains.

Those burros were real beasts of burden. They were always overloaded. We'd load one, bust him on the rump and he'd move up 20 or 30 feet and stop. We'd load the next one, bust him on the rump and he'd move up behind the first one. Load the

third one and it'd be the same thing. They'd start out of the canyon and go until they ran out of air. Then, they'd stop and rest. We let them rest a little and then we chuck them with a rock and get them moving again. It'd take fifteen burro loads to make a wagonload. It'd take us about all day to pack a wagonload out of the canyon. It'd take four horses or mules to pull the wagon back to our house, about five or six miles. It was nearly always dark before we got home. Most of the post would be six to eight foot long but some would be as long as 16 feet, so long the burros could hardly make a right angle turn. I imagine that's about all I need to say about that."

Melton chuckled as he told the next tale. "Miles and I had the idea one time to ride the burro, Tommy, back down into the canyon. We let the other two go on down the trail. We managed to hold an eager Tommy until we could get mounted. He was anxious to catch the other two donkeys and took off in a lope. There was a little S turn in the trail and when he reached the last turn, he got the urge to buck a little bit.

There was a small, juniper tree about four or five feet off the trail. He put Miles and me into the top of that tree."

Melton told me that one of the burro packsaddles is in the museum at Claude and another one is in the museum at Lubbock. If you find yourself in either museum, be sure to hunt them up.

If you have failed to see the museum at Claude, treat yourself and go. It's one of the finer, small-town museums in the country.

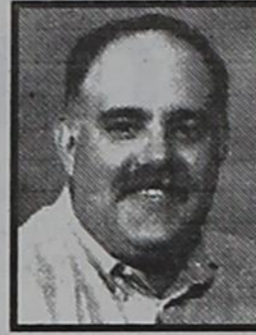
the state's economy than natural gas production. In 1995, when cash receipts for cattle and calves hit \$6.3 billion, natural gas production was valued at \$5.6 billion.

Texas A&M University estimates that cattle production and feeding generate \$15 billion to \$16 billion a year within the state's economy. These figures do not include the transportation, handling and retail sales of beef. Add those numbers in, and cattle's economic impact skyrockets. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association calculates that for every dollar generated by sales of cattle and calves \$4 circulates within the economy. That means cattle sales worth \$6 billion total \$24 billion in economic impact to Texas.

Though the industry's economic importance can be felt statewide, its immediate effect is more noticeable in major production areas. For instance, in Potter and Randall counties, where agriculture plays a dominant role, beef production represents 75 percent of the counties' combined \$63 million in annual cash receipts.

Cattle also influence other types of ag production. If it weren't for cattle feeding, growers on the High Plains probably would not raise corn. Some 65 to 70 percent of Texas corn production takes place in

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Monte Winders

FUTURES SPECIALIST

Lack of news cause markets to be low

Cattle

The live cattle futures have been trading mostly lower this past month with just a few days through in for good measure. The trade has been slow and sloppy with no new fundamental news being seen on the horizon. On the close of March 25, we saw the lowest trade since Feb. 26. That day the June contract gapped lower at the start and continued its decline throughout the session.

The packers have definitely improved their margins since the first week of March. The light choice cut-out has rallied about \$5.50 from the lows of the 6th of March. Also, the spread between choice and select meat has stayed manageable.

The USDA has pledged to help with new beef buys and renewed export efforts. The government will purchase up to \$30 million of beef buys and renewed export efforts. The government will purchase up to \$30 million of beef products to help improve prices for cattle producers. They have already purchased \$141 million of beef for the 1997-98 school lunch program and it's in the best interest to keep a viable livestock industry.

Technically, we see support on the April at 63.50 with resistance at 65.05 and 65.50. The main trend is still down with a bottom being made around March 27-30.

Corn

The corn market has ended mostly steady to weaker after days of dull trade with the traders looking ahead to the next prospective planting and grain stocks reports. Many sources are saying that there is a lack of fresh news. And, also, many feel that the corn may have run out of buyers for the time being. Modest pressure has come from talk of Argentine corn being sold to the US. Their harvest has started and the FOB prices in Argentine are falling. Their corn harvest has been estimated to come around 150,000 metric tons.

Discussions of new allocation

of credit guarantees has come from the USDA. It has reported that the USDA is mulling another \$400 million in credits once the \$1.1 first allocated to South Korea is used. Thailand is also expected to import 3-400,000 tons of corn between now and June. The weather has become a negative factor on the grain markets. The warm weather is aiding drying and could help speed up plant progress.

Technically the May corn has support at 262 and 257 1/2, the resistance at 273 and 278. The main trend is down with bottom being seen March 27-30. The trend reversal price is 283 1/2.

Wheat

The wheat futures has also been trading lower just like the corn. A lack of supportive news has weighed on the trade. Again, many sources are waiting for the upcoming USDA reports. Estimates for the wheat stocks are running about 300 million bushels above last year's March 1 grain stocks report. Many said early knowledge may have played a hand in the trade.

In export news, Sri-Lanka is seeking 100,000 metric ton optional-origin wheat for May shipment. Tunisia has bought 75,000 metric ton and S. Korea bought a small amount of US wheat. Even with these sales or rumors of sales, sources expect the USDA to report less 300,000 ton of net export sales for last week.

Most everyone is starting to watch all of the information on world wide weather news. Rains in the northern plains and Canadian prairies should help recharge moisture levels and help the winter wheat. Freezing temps are possible in some southern areas, but many think that the wheat is far enough along not to be hurt. Technically, the July wheat has support at 347 and 345 with resistance at 364. The main trend is down with a bottom seen on March 25.

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Rick Perry

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

Texas wouldn't be Texas without cattle industry

Cattle production is so intertwined with Texas history, values and economics, it's impossible to imagine the state without its ranches and feedlots. Raising beef cattle is a business and a way of life that helped mold the Lone Star State and bestow its identity. What's more, it is at the core of the Texas mystique, which gives our state its unique image in the minds of people around the globe.

Historian T.R. Fehrenbach in his book, Lone Star, says it better than I can:

"Here in Texas—something evolved that burned its image like a smoking cattle brand into the consciousness not only of North America but the whole world. A handful of border Texans, adapting to the realities of their time and place, began what was always essentially a small business but they conducted it with a magnificence equaled nowhere. They exploded not a business, but a new way of life, across the entire North American West. They stamped a memory into America, and the world, that refused to die.

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That's true from Paris to Hong Kong, from London to Beijing. The Texas mystique - with roots in 19th century cattle drives - has captured the world's imagination.

Without the Texas cattle industry, the legends of the Old West that are our heritage - Loving and Goodnight, the Chisholm Trail, the XIT - would not exist. Even the intense commitment to private property rights we Texans feel grew from the period when the cattle range was fenced.

Cattle production and marketing, of course, are more than mystique. The industry may be less colorful than it was 100 years ago, but it is even more important to the state's fiscal health. With some 14.3 million head of cattle and calves and more than 2.8 million feeder cattle, Texas leads the nation in cattle production and feeding. Without beef cattle, our economy would suffer a significant blow. Agricultural cash receipts would dwindle by nearly half, and Texas would lose its ranking as the country's second-leading agricultural state. Cattle actually add more to

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Burt Rutherford

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

Cattle feeders support checkoff efforts

"We're no longer a meat and potatoes society. Consumers want variety, they want convenience and they want it now. With the beef checkoff, cattlemen can have a direct hand in influencing the decisions that are made in addressing these consumer demands."

So says Bob Sims, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in response to questions about the \$1-per-head checkoff.

"While it's vitally important for all cattle producers to continually ask their organizations 'what are you doing with my money,' it's equally important that we as cattlemen take an active role in helping determine our future," Sims said. "The checkoff is the only tool we have to ensure we have a place at the table when marketing decisions about our product are made."

That's because, he says, the beef industry is highly segmented.

"Cow-calf producers and feeders do a good job of producing cattle. But once that animal leaves our place, we have no control whatsoever in how it's processed, packaged and marketed to the consumer. If we

want to have any say at all in that process—if we want to be able to have any chance of controlling our own destiny—then the checkoff is essential for our business."

Sims is very mindful of current market conditions and, as TCFA president, occasionally is asked if the checkoff wasn't supposed to guarantee cattlemen a profit. "The beef checkoff was never designed to guarantee everyone a profit."

What the checkoff can do is develop programs that will affect the long-term demand for beef and help consumers understand how beef fits into a modern, healthy diet.

"We're still marketing cattle into a supply-driven marketplace," Sims reminds cattlemen. "What affects our prices short-term is the supply of cattle, coupled with the supply of competing meats like pork and poultry."

"Now demand certainly plays a key role, and we know the long-term trend in beef demand is down. But the key word is 'long-term.' We can and will build demand for beef, and the checkoff is the tool that will get that done."

Sims is quick to remind cattlemen that consumers still like beef.

The problem, he points out, is that the industry needs to make money on the whole carcass.

"Middle meats—steaks—are increasing in value, but they only comprise 25% of the carcass."

"Trimnings and cuts from the chuck and round, on the other hand, make up 66% of carcass weight but haven't enjoyed an increase in value like steaks have."

Sims believes that in business, you don't get what you deserve, you get what you can take.

"We deserve to receive higher value for the chucks and roasts, because those cuts can be very tasty. But until we take the initiative to show people how and why they should increase their demand for these cuts, we'll continue to take less money than we deserve."

While Sims agrees it's true that consumer cash goes to the retailer, "the cow-calf man and the feeder can never hope to improve their income potential long-term without helping the retailer make that sale."

"That retailer may have as many as 15,000 other products in the store that can generate income."

"The beef industry can't expect the retailer to do all the work marketing our product."

In addition, Sims says that a proposed referendum will siphon off important resources that the industry needs to keep

its momentum going forward.

"We're seeing some very positive signs that consumers are demanding beef."

"We need to keep that ball rolling."

It's difficult to estimate what the cost of a referendum will be, Sims says.

However, USDA considers both the physical process of registering and voting as well as communicating to producers about these processes to be part of the cost that checkoff funds will have to cover.

The best estimate, based on the last referendum, would be \$3 to \$4 million—about what the checkoff invested in foreign market development in 1997.

"And that doesn't include the value of staff and volunteer leader time spent dealing with the referendum instead of handling priority issues that will move more beef."

The beef checkoff can't single-handedly turn around a slumping market, Sims says.

"What the checkoff can do is give us a voice in those marketing decisions and help build long-term demand for beef."

"The checkoff is responsible for doing many of the things we must do as an industry, but can't do as individual producers."

"While the supply of beef and cattle will still be a key determinant of short-term profit and loss, the checkoff will play an important role in our industry's long-term success."

Markets from Page 4

Cotton

The cotton, along with the grains, is lacking any real concrete news to drive prices higher.

We are seeing caution ahead of the USDA acreage report has left the market looking for leadership. When the buying interest failed to materialize longs started to take some money off the table.

The move to the new lows at the end of March was seen as a large Memphis firm reportedly buying July and selling May. They also were buying 67,68 and 69 cent puts.

Many analysts feel that this market will be very quiet until the USDA prospective plantings report. The trade estimates are clustered around 12.5 to 12.7 million acres.

But traders said even at 12.7 million acres, down from 13.8 million last year, could put a lot of pressure on growing a good crop. It also becomes a question of what kind of quality acres are being shifted from cotton to other crops. The trade is looking for the weekly export sale to stay around the 150,000 to 175,000 bale range.

Technically, May cotton has support at 69.00 then 68.36 and resistance at 70.07 and 70.51. The main trend is up with a cycle date for April 2. The trend reversal price is 65.18.

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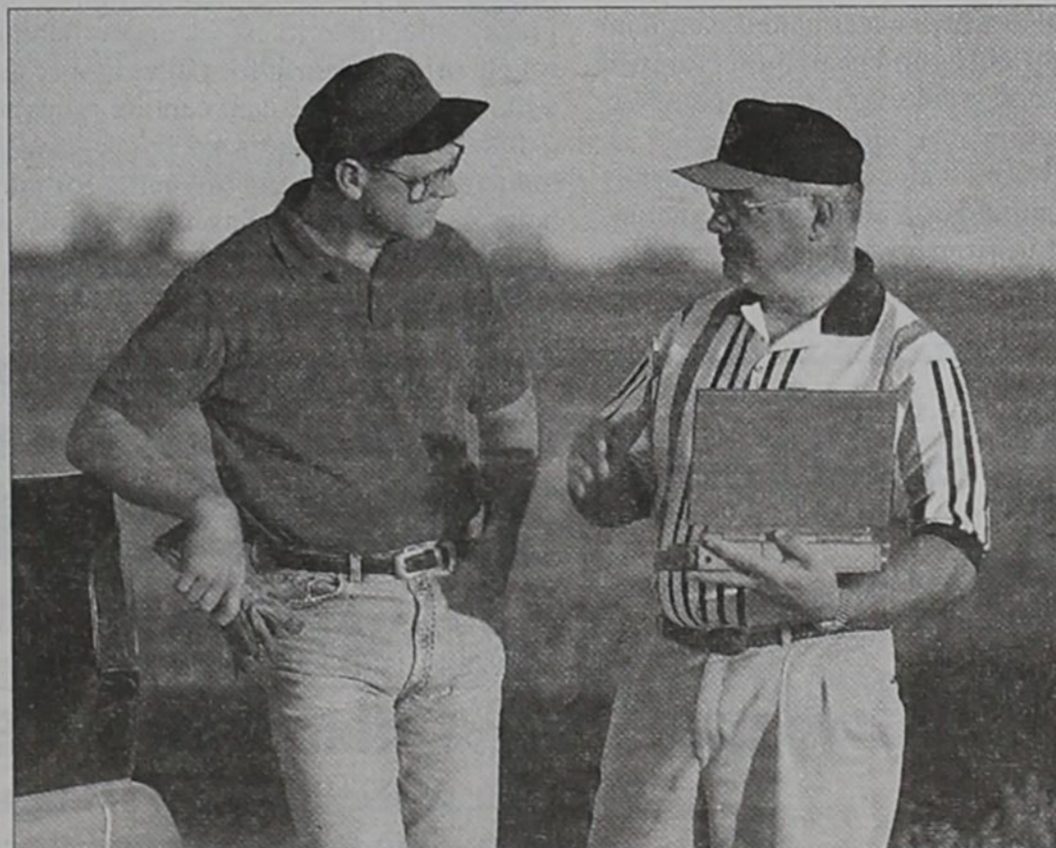
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Hale County grower is planting the seeds for farming success

Jeff Stevens

Plainview Herald Agriculture Editor

Farming is a business requiring the same management decisions as other enterprises.

That principle, along with a desire to optimize profit margins, is what originally led Mark True to explore seed production.

"What we like about it is the stability. It's a contracted crop, so I know what price I'm going to get for it before I ever plant - as opposed to growing a commercial crop where you put it on the open market and hope you break even."

True, while growing up in Plainview, was predestined for an agriculture career from an early age.

Both his father, Riley True, and his uncle, S.M. True Jr., had farmed in Hale County for a number of years and it stood to reason that he would follow in the family occupation.

However, the fact that his family owned their own farms did not mean True had a guaranteed job.

"My dad and my uncle both told me they wouldn't let me work for them until I had a degree in my hand."

So in 1979, after graduating from Plainview High School, he enrolled at Texas Tech to seek a degree in agronomy.

In addition to his family's requirement that he get an education, he had his own selfish motivations for seeking a degree.

"For me a degree was an insurance policy. If for any reason farming didn't work out I hoped it would help me get a job somewhere else."

Whatever his original intentions, True did receive a bachelor's degree in agronomy, but he also garnered a few fringe benefits from his years at college - he met his wife Mary at Tech and he made several future business contacts there.

Perhaps, the most important of those contacts was Karl Wardlow.

Wardlow went to work for Coffey Seed after graduating Tech.

When Coffey began looking for farmers

"What we like about it is the stability. It's a contracted crop, so I know what price I'm going to get for it before I ever plant as opposed to growing a commercial crop. . ."

Mark True



PHOTO BY JEFF STEVENS

Third generation Hale County farmer Mark True loads the next generation of farmers, Kaitlyn, 7, and Kristen, 4, onto the tractor. True's grandparents bought their Hale County farm in 1933 after moving from Goree. True's father, Riley True, and uncle, S.M. True Jr., farmed the land next and in 1987 the gauntlet was passed to Mark - who took over his uncle's farm. Riley True still farms in Hale County.

to produce seed, Wardlow called his college friend and offered the then rookie farmer the opportunity to produce crops for their seed.

"That was when I went to work for Coffey and we've been doing it ever since."

That was 12 years ago and the endeavor has required True to experiment with several crops with which he had little or no experience.

This year, for instance, he will plant 23 acres of okra.

True said that although okra isn't usually associated with the Panhandle, growing it wasn't much of a stretch because it is closely related to the area's most prominent crop.

"Okra is in the same plant family as cotton. A lot of the management decisions are the same - growth cycles and water needs. It's not like it's an oddity, it pretty well parallels cotton."

He has also grown watermelons, sorghum Sudan grass and hybrid pearl millet for seed and cotton and grain sorghums for commercial production.

From a profit standpoint True said not only does seed production allow him to guarantee an income from his farm, but he can also

grow much of the seed on land that would not otherwise be used.

For instance, all of his land is irrigated by center pivot irrigation.

Because, center pivot irrigation requires crops be planted in a circular pattern, it leaves blank corners in what was a square field.

All the okra he will grow this year will be grown on those corners.

The drawback to that is making the right choices about what is planted in those corners, because of water concerns.

"We have to be judicious about what we

plant there because we don't want to lose a 120-acre circle to have a good 7.5-acre corner."

Regardless of the different issues faced when growing seed it still comes down to a matter of economics, said True.

"As you look at the rising costs of inputs you have to look for something to put out there that will return a higher margin and your seed crops generally return a higher revenue."

"This business is like any other business, as your profit margins shrink you try to come up with avenues to increase those margins."

Texas from Page 4

the Panhandle, and 90 percent of it goes to feed cattle. From the ranch to the slaughtering facility, beef cattle pump billions of dollars into our state and provide thousands of jobs. They also contribute another invaluable service - converting native grass into high-quality protein. Of 157 million agricultural acres in Texas, 111 million are used to graze cattle, other livestock and as habitat for game animals. Cattle harvest grass from rough, arid land unfit for plows and cropping. When well managed, these herds become a tool that helps the land capture rainwater and replenish the state's aquifers.

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Winter's above-average precipitation excellent for crops and soil moisture

Earl Moseley

Ag Reporter correspondent

High Plains farmers have loved the past month.

It has brought unexpected and much needed moisture, which represents a planting savings for them.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that above-average precipitation has been recorded throughout most of the area, according to their recently completed annual pre-plant soil moisture survey.

"As a result," said USDA-NRCS soil scientist Gerald Crenwelge, "actual soil moisture conditions should be better than the (former) data indicates."

Crenwelge suggested that producers check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields to determine if pre-plant irrigation is necessary.

The moisture report has been applauded not only by farmers but area county Extension Service agricultural agents.

Randall County Extension Agent Robert Devin said the current situation "is really optimistic for summer crop production."

Basically, the soil profile is at the saturation point in Randall County,

Devin said.

"For the first time that I can remember, producers are not planning to pre-water for summer planting," he said.

Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall remarked the situation is "great for the farmers. If they have to re-water, it will be very little."

Royall said that Castro County could use more rainfall.

"But if we can get some more (rain), they won't have to re-water much," he said.

As far as the Castro County soil profile at this point is concerned, "it's tremendously better, 10 times better" than under recent drought conditions, Royall declared.

"The profile is pretty full, and farmers attitudes are high."

Floyd County Extension Agent J. D. Ragland reported the upcoming summer planting situation is essentially good at this point.

A recent updated report shows the district has had four inches of moisture at two feet.

"The re-water status is in good shape here, but time will tell."

Ragland said the current moisture "has been very beneficial to putting seed in the ground."

He said he couldn't recall how long it has been since Floyd County has been in such good shape as far as re-watering is con-



PHOTO BY ANGIE GRAND PRE

Above-average precipitation has caused many playa lakes, like this one west of Tulia in Swisher County.

cerned.

According to information supplied by HPUWCD Information/Education Assistant Lynn Moseley, 20 percent of the district's service area has received zero to one inch of precipitation during January-March. About 49 percent have received from one to two inches, and 25 percent have received two to three inches.

"About six percent of the area

has received three to four inches of precipitation," the report indicates.

"As a result, soil moisture conditions should be better than indicated by the pre-plant soil moisture survey data."

The Texas Water Development Board has approved a \$1.945 million agricultural water conservation loan to HPUWCD at Lubbock.

The district in turn will provide

low interest loans to area farmers and ranchers for the purchase and installation of more efficient water conservation equipment.

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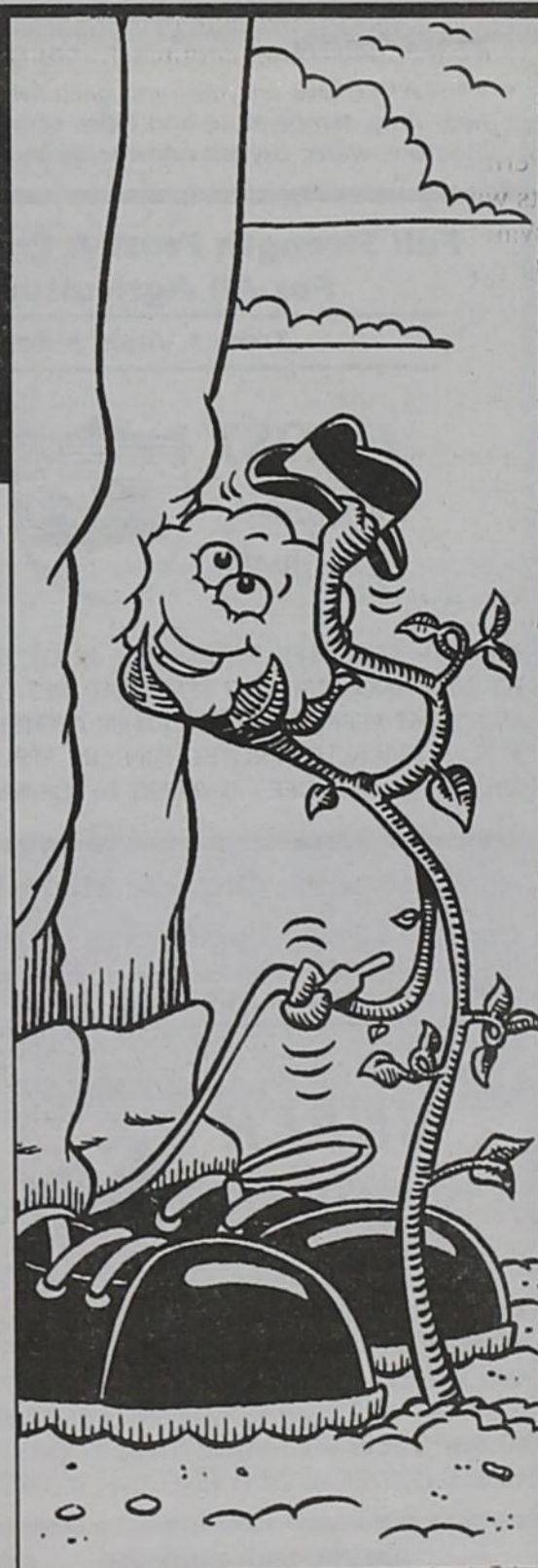


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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY



might know what is going on, but it is till extremely wild, to put it mildly.

At any rate, we survived another year, and are already planning for next.

I found this news release that follows on my email this morning.

It is written by our Extension Soil Fertility Specialist, Mark McFarland.

I thought it might go well with this month's column. It was written by Mark L. McFarland, Extension Soil Fertility Specialist.

Nutrient Management Concerns in a Wet Spring

Recent heavy rains in many parts of Texas have left some

farmers wondering about possible losses of fertilizer that already has been applied.

The three plant nutrients required in greatest amounts by most crops are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). These nutrients are essential for the normal growth and development of plants.

Of the three, N is by far the most dynamic and the one most subject to loss. Weather conditions and soil microbes play important roles in these processes. For most agricultural crops, except legumes (such as clovers, soybeans or alfalfa) which can fix their own N from the atmosphere, N must be supplied as fertilizer each year to furnish adequate amounts for crop production.

Once in the soil, N can

undergo a number of chemical changes which influence its availability to crop plants and the potential for loss.

When organic matters (plant or animal residues) containing a good supply of N is applied to the soil, soil microorganisms break down the material, releasing the N in a process called mineralization.

This N is in a mineral form and is immediately available for plant uptake. In contrast, if the added organic matter is low in N (corn stalks, wheat straw), a process called immobilization occurs where the N is used by microbes for their own growth and is not available to plants.

Mineral N also is subject to various transformations in the soil. Once organic N has been mineralized into ammonium-N

(NH₄⁺-N), other soil microbes can convert it into nitrate-N (NO₃⁻-N) through a process called nitrification. Because it has a positive (+) charge, NH₄⁺-N is attracted to and held by negative (-) charges which occur on particles of soil.

The soil basically acts like a magnet to attract the nutrient. In contrast, the negative charge caused by the chemical structure of NO₃⁻-N prevents it from attaching to the soil.

As a result, NO₃⁻-N prevents it from attaching to the soil. NO₃⁻-N is much more subject to loss by leaching. This is of greatest concern in coarse-textured, sandy soils which have a high permeability and rapid water infiltration.

Nitrogen loss also can occur from fine-textured, clayey soils under high rainfall conditions.

When the soil becomes saturated, some soil microbes may utilize the oxygen from NO₃⁻-N for respiration. In this process, called denitrification, nitrate is converted into N gas which can volatilize into the atmosphere.

This process is only of concern when the soil is water-logged for an extended time (3 to 5 days), but can result in significant losses of N (30 to 50%).

Phosphorus and potassium are less dynamic than nitrogen. That is, they are not as subject to leaching and do not volatilize. Heavy rainfall may move these nutrients downward in the soil somewhat, but only in sandy soils.

Of course, any nutrients which have been applied on the soil surface may be lost in runoff.

Timely and effective incorporation of surface applied fertilizers is important to minimize such losses. Several best management practices related to timing and methods of fertilizer application can help minimize potential losses of N due to leaching and volatilization. Applying N fertilizer as close as possible to the time of crop demand is very important.

Applications made just prior to planting are less likely to experience environmental conditions that may result in loss. In addition, most crops do not require large amounts of N in the very early stages of growth, but do require an adequate supply throughout the growing season.

As a result, split applications of fertilizer N can help ensure a steady supply, and reduce chances of loss due to heavy early-season rains.

Predicting nitrogen losses following high rainfall conditions is difficult. Application of supplemental N fertilizer may be required to compensate for losses. Careful monitoring can be used to follow crop progress in fields suspected to have a problem. Side dress applications should be made as soon as possible if any early symptoms of deficiency are noted, such as yellowing of lower leaves. Soil and/or tissue testing also may be used to evaluate soil nutrient status, and to make decisions about the need for additional fertilizer.

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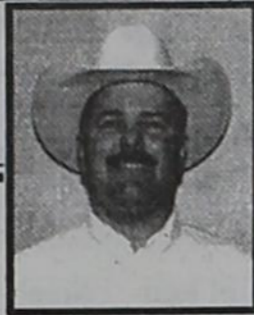
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FLOYD COUNTY



Howdy folks straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America.

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As you know January thru mid-March a county agents life is non stop stock showing, but I don't mind I truly enjoy working with youth and families involved in 4-H.

Enough about me, let's talk about Floyd County.

Repeat rains have been wonderful!

Currently for 98 with snow and rain Floyd County has received 3.00" of moisture.

Our soil moisture profile to date is 4 inches in the top two feet of soil.

What does this mean?

First of all prewatering expense will be minimum this year and planting conditions should be in excellent shape.

Most of our corn, which we have about 15,000 acres in Floyd County will be planted around April 10. Then some 180,000 acres of cotton will be planted in

mid-May, of course who knows what mother nature will do to us the remaining of the crop growing

season. Some weather analysts say that they expect this summer to be extremely dry.

If that's the case certainly producers will have more crop input and operation cost.

Bottom line is, things in Floyd County look good right now, but as always producers are at the mercy of Mother Nature and crop prices.

4-H spring contests are just around the corner, and we've been working out teams preparing them for competition.

Summer events such as camps, Roundup and horse shows will keep our 4-H'ers busy throughout the summer. And in the mean time, still trying to track down a few more club calf prospects.

Well got a run, got 4-H newsletter and monthly reports to get out, you know, gotta keep the government happy!

Ya'll come to see us! Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY



According to the calendar, spring has officially sprung and it appears, at least for now, that mother nature agrees.

It is sure nice to see the sun shine. Man and beast alike are benefitting from the drying conditions.

Field work is fixing to move into high gear as producers play catch up.

The wheat is growing by leaps and bounds and so are the weeds.

Can you imagine the results if we could somehow cross mustard weed with wheat!

If dandelions were an ornamental, my place would be a contender for yard of the month.

Speaking of yard work, there is nothing like spring to bring out the urge to get out in the yard.

Gardening is the number one form of therapy and fulfills a need to "get close to nature."

Some twenty-three new Master Gardener Volunteers in Randall and Potter Counties are fulfilling that need as well as learning about gardening with the end goal of sharing what they have

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The Randall County Noxious Weed District will hold it's annual meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at the Canyon Community Center.

In addition to the business meeting, Dr. Brent Bean will present a program on managing noxious weeds and tips on weed management in Roundup Ready Crops.

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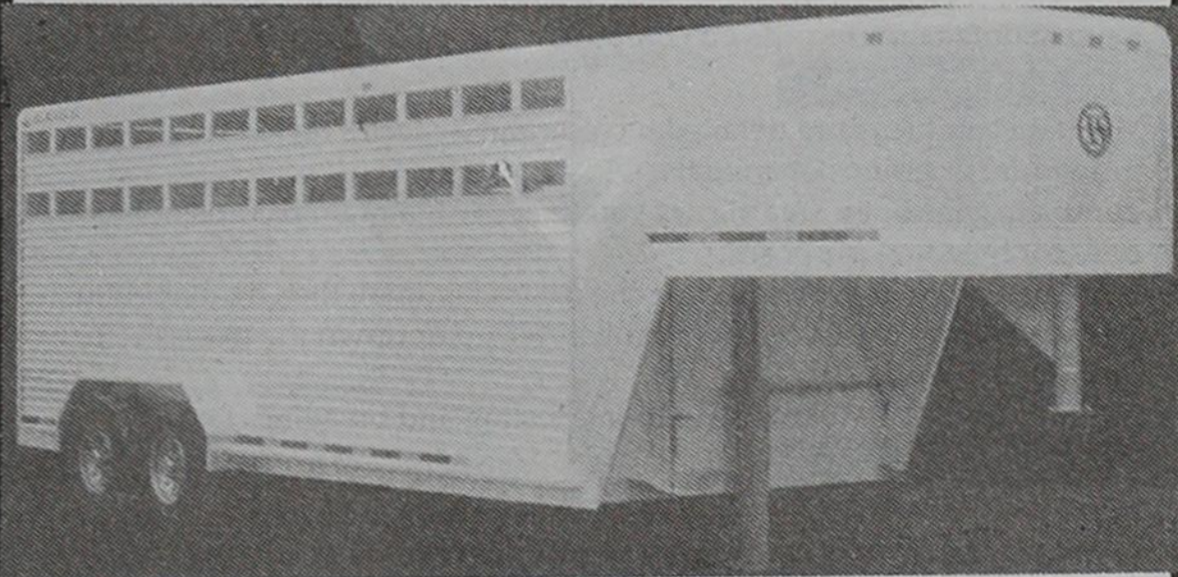


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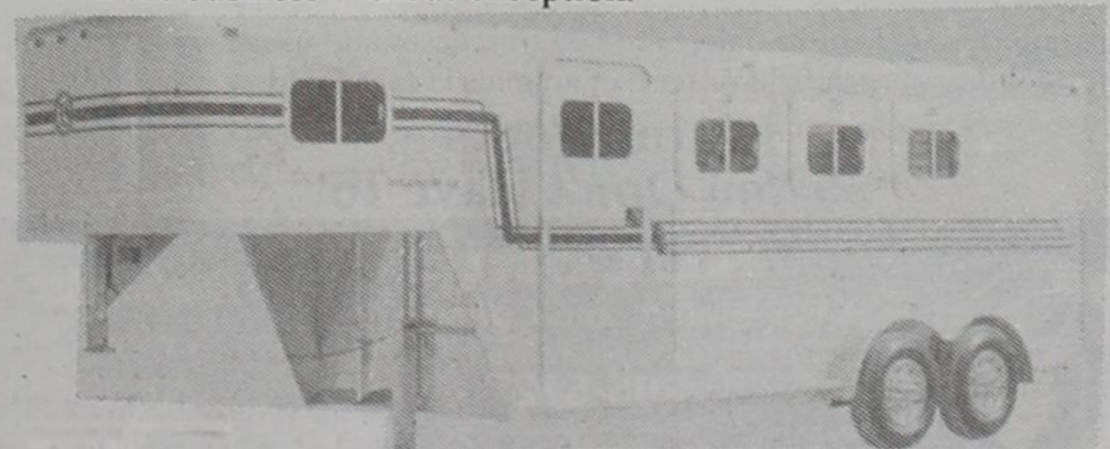
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As corn board chairman, Joe Reed explains future of High Plains crop

Danny Andrews
Plainview Herald Editor

Joe Reed, chairman of the Texas Corn Producers Board, sees a strong future for corn in the Panhandle-Plains region but says water, the elements of nature and the challenges of marketing are ever present.

Reed, who was born in Plainview and grew up in Kress, has been farming several sections west and south of Kress since 1981 with his three brothers — Jim, John and Jeff Reed.

He grows corn, cotton, wheat and grain sorghum and runs "a few momma cows."

Noting that 60-70 percent of the corn grown in Texas is produced north of Lubbock — more than 2 million bushels were produced in Texas last year — Reed says the TCPB's 15-member board has 10 producers from Lubbock north and the remaining five from across the rest of the state.

It was formed in 1980 by Carl King of Dimmitt, who is retired from the board but remains active in the Texas Corn Growers Association.

Reed says the Texas Corn Growers Association is associated with the American Corn Growers Association while another group, the Lone Star Corn Growers Association, is affiliated with the National Corn Growers.

All have the same goal — the improvement of growing, marketing and promotion of corn and corn products.

The Corn Board is primarily concerned with research, especially trying to develop lines that are more drought-tolerant and less water-intensive to grow.

"Production in this area is affected by the water table which is at different levels in dif-

ferent areas. But where there's water, you can grow corn," said Reed.

Research in this area primarily focuses on herbicides, fertilizers and insect diseases.

"We can probably raise the best corn in this area, but it will cost more due to the expense of irrigation," Reed said.

Because the Texas Panhandle has the largest feedlot capacity in America, there has always been a constant demand for corn to feed cattle.

But the opening of Azteca Milling in Plainview 10 years ago "has been good for our area because it's another source to sell corn and that enhances corn production in Texas," said Reed.

He said corn prices were good this past year "and we hope they'll be decent in 1998."

"We can't raise enough corn in Texas to supply the demand," he said.

While there is always a demand for yellow corn, there also is an increasing demand in the Panhandle-Plains region for white or food-grade corn.

Processors like Azteca prefer the white corn "because the color makes tortillas look nicer and it's a consumer and public relations thing," Reed explained.

"We're doing research all the time on other uses for corn. Another huge use is in corn sweeteners for soft drinks."

He said the production of ethanol from corn and other seed products for vehicle fuel is not as strong in Texas — traditionally a major oil-producing state — as in the Midwest but he anticipates that because of the federal Clean Air Act, the use of ethanol will grow stronger over time.

Reed says there are 19,000 corn growers

in the state with about 8,000 north of Lubbock and most participate in the Corn Board's voluntary checkoff program which assesses a half cent per bushel at the first point of sale.

The funds — about \$860,000 was collected last year — are used for research, education, market development and promotion.

The Corn Board's operations are overseen by Executive Director Jerry Glover and staff of two to five people in Dimmitt. However, the board voted at its last meeting to move its offices to Lubbock in the near future.

Reed said a major change since he got into farming is that "yields are more stable because many large seed companies have developed better varieties."

"Spider mites, ear worms and the Southwestern corn borer cause us to have to spend quite a bit of money on insecticides. Some of the pests have formed a natural resistance but biotechnology is creating corn that is naturally resistant to pests."

He says Texas A&M, Texas Corn Producers Board, National Corn Growers Association, Lone Star Corn Growers Association and the Texas Department of Agriculture "have talked the Environmental Protection Agency and Monsanto (a major biotechnology researcher) into lifting restrictions on Bt corn grown in the upper Texas Panhandle."

"Before, we could plant only 100,000 acres of Bt corn in the region from Texas to Mississippi. It helps us fight European and

Southwestern corn borers."

Reed said farmers not only don't like to pay out a lot of money for spraying but they "want to be good stewards of land — no farmer wants to damage the land he has to live on every day."

He said recent rains have greatly improved the soil profile for planting which usually runs from the last week of March to the first week in May, although some South Texas farmers begin planting in late February.

"We like to have the soil at 50 degrees or warmer

to a depth of six inches. Any cooler than that and it's risky," said Reed.

Timely rains are always welcome since they cut irrigation costs, a major factor affecting the bottom line in corn production. Reed says another major challenge for farmers is marketing their products.

"About two years ago, the Corn Board and the Wheat Producers Board joined with Texas A&M to provide master marketing schools... They learned how to market their crops by using the futures market on the Chicago Board of Trade, reading the weather conditions and forming marketing clubs."

"It's going to be more of a necessity to use the futures market since there is no satisfactory loan price in the farm program, which is being phased out. Eventually, each producer will have to market their own product. There is no floor price and farmers who sell their crop for less than what it takes to produce it will go broke," said Reed.

"We can't raise enough corn in Texas to supply the demand."

Joe Reed



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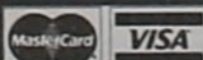
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