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Wildfire scorches more than 300 acres

Castro County Commissioners, members of the Emergency Management Team and members of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department all met Monday evening to discuss recent wildfires and go over steps to help prevent more from occurring.

On Jan. 12 approximately 120 acres due north of town, across US 385 from North Gin were burned in a wildfire that authorities believe was started from a cigarette thrown from a car.

The next Thursday, Jan. 19, further north and east of town, some 330 acres burned and had volunteers not stopped it from crossing a county road, it "could have burned all the way to Canyon," said Dimmitt VFD assistant fire chief Randy Griffitt. "We think that this fire too was started when someone threw a lighted cigarette out of a car."

Griffitt said that troopers in Deaf Smith County are now stopping cars if they see cigarettes thrown out and writing tickets for fines of \$1,000. The commissioners urged Sheriff CD Fitzgerald to consider doing the same after he checks out the legality of such tickets. Commissioner Tom McLain said that he believes such action is legal under Texas littering laws.

Commissioners and volunteer firemen also warned that the county is still in danger of wildfires, with no moisture and very little humidity.

Commissioners left the burn ban in effect, which makes it a misdemeanor to violate the ban on burning in public. That ban includes everything from welding outdoors to outdoor cookouts.



HIGH WINDS WHIPPED this fire that destroyed 330 acres of CRP land northeast of Dimmitt on Thursday, Jan. 19.

"We just can't take a chance that a spark might fly off and start a fire," said County Judge Bill Sava. "We understand that people are needing to do some welding, but we have to try and protect the county from the very real

danger of fire." He said that the city landfill will accept trash. There is a charge by the pound unless you can produce a water bill that shows you use city water in your home. In that case, it doesn't

cost anything to dump your trash at the landfill north of town. Griffitt also suggested that citizens who have water available for trucks to fill up during a fire

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Hereford trooper dies in fiery one-car crash

HEREFORD - DPS Trooper Matthew DeWayne Myrick died in a one-car accident that occurred about 11 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, when the patrol unit he was driving crashed into a concrete culvert along FM1259 in Hereford and caught fire. He was pronounced dead at the scene, reports said.

Trooper Myrick was responding to the report of an accident when the crash occurred, according to reports. Reports said that Myrick, 36, was on FM 1259 south and east of Hereford when his car hit a dip in the roadway and he lost control of it. The car went off the roadway and hit the concrete culvert, the report said. A DPS team investigated the accident, according to reports.

Myrick is the son of Steve



Matthew DeWayne Myrick

and Judy Myrick of Clovis, N.M. Steve Myrick was born and went to school in Hart and the family still has many friends and relatives in this area.

Myrick, although he was assigned to the Hereford area, was seen quite often in

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Malone resigns council seat after 16 years

City Councilman Roger Malone has resigned his place on the council, after serving since November of 1990. Malone said his resignation was effective Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Malone's seat in Place 4 will be up for election in May and that's one reason he resigned now, he said.

"I wanted people to know I wasn't running again this year," he said. "This will give prospective candidates a chance to consider running."

Another reason was that Malone is about to start serving his second term as Chamber President.

"We (the Chamber) have a contractual agreement



Roger Malone

with the city for economic development," Malone said. "I feel it's in the best of everyone if I am only on one

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USDA approves emergency CRP haying and grazing for state

In continuing response to this year's widespread drought, Rosie Kleman, County Executive Director for the Castro County Farm Service Agency today announced approval for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Texas.

"Texas continues to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of forage," Kleman said. "The authorization of emergency CRP haying and grazing will provide forage for

livestock and help producers in areas most severely impacted by these drought conditions reducing the potential need to liquidate herds."

Emergency haying of CRP is authorized until May 1, 2006 and emergency grazing is authorized until June 1, 2006. Producers must file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage and visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service to obtain a modified conservation plan prior to haying or grazing the acreage.

"CRP annual rental payments will be reduced 25 percent times the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the per acre annual rental payment," Kleman said.

Other restrictions and limitations also apply.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the haying and grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in an approved county.

"In light of recent weather

patterns, it is imperative that USDA offer the Emergency CRP haying and grazing program to Texas producers.

Availability of forage is literally a matter of survival in the unpredictable and often unforgiving agriculture industry," said Kleman.

CRP offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving cover on eligible land. USDA will monitor producers to ensure the land is hayed or grazed

without damaging conservation covers.

USDA offers additional programs to assist drought-stricken producers, including emergency farm loans, the emergency conservation program and the noninsured crop disaster assistance program.

For more information and eligibility requirements, producers should contact the local FSA office at 806-647-2153 or visit FSA's website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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MYRICK

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Castro County, helping out whenever he was needed, said DPS Trooper Terry Timms, who knew and worked with him.

"One of the best ways to describe him is to say he was a Godly man," Timms said. "He was very strong in his faith and always put others before himself."

"Every time we had a really bad accident, without us even calling him, he'd be on the way to help out."

Myrick, 36, was born June 8, 1969 and attended high school in Paris, Texas. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Armed Forces from 1989 to 1991 and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech.

He and his wife, Christy moved to Hereford in 2000 from Memphis, Tenn. He had been a DPS Trooper from 2004 until his death.

He was a newly-elected board member of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene and played bass on the church's praise and worship team.

Services for Trooper Myrick were Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. Burial was in Clovis.

Survivors include his wife, Christy; daughter, Matilyn; sons, Tate, Luke and Embry; his in-laws; Ted and Peggy Butler of Austin; and his grandmothers; Nola Myrick of Friona and Hazel Burford of Clovis.

An Education Fund has been set up at the FirstBank Southwest in Hereford and Amarillo for his children. This account will assist in home schooling the children. To help, send contributions to: FirstBank Southwest, c/o Myrick Children's Educational Fund, 300 N. Main; Hereford, TX. 79045.

For the complete obituary, see page 6.

Forum

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

On Jun. 20, 2006, Deaf Smith and Castro County lost one of its finest, Matthew DeWayne Myrick. Even though he was stationed at Hereford, he filled in many times in Castro County. On the 23rd when this young man was buried, all towns in the area chose to honor him except Dimmitt our flag was not flown at half mast and it was business as usual. Not one minute was spent to honor this young man. Its time that Castro County appreciates the young men and women that protect and serves us.

Our Co. Judge would not cooperate or listen to our plea for support in this matter.

Cliff Cook
Dimmitt

Malone

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end of the contract."

Plus, he said, 16 years is enough. "It's time to let someone else have the opportunity to serve the city," Malone said.

Malone has been involved with the city government for 16 years, first serving on the committee that drew up the charter for the city, then running for the seat on Place 4.

As Chamber President he will continue to work on economic development for Dimmitt and knows the council will continue to address the problem..

"I'm certainly concerned about our economic situation," Malone said.

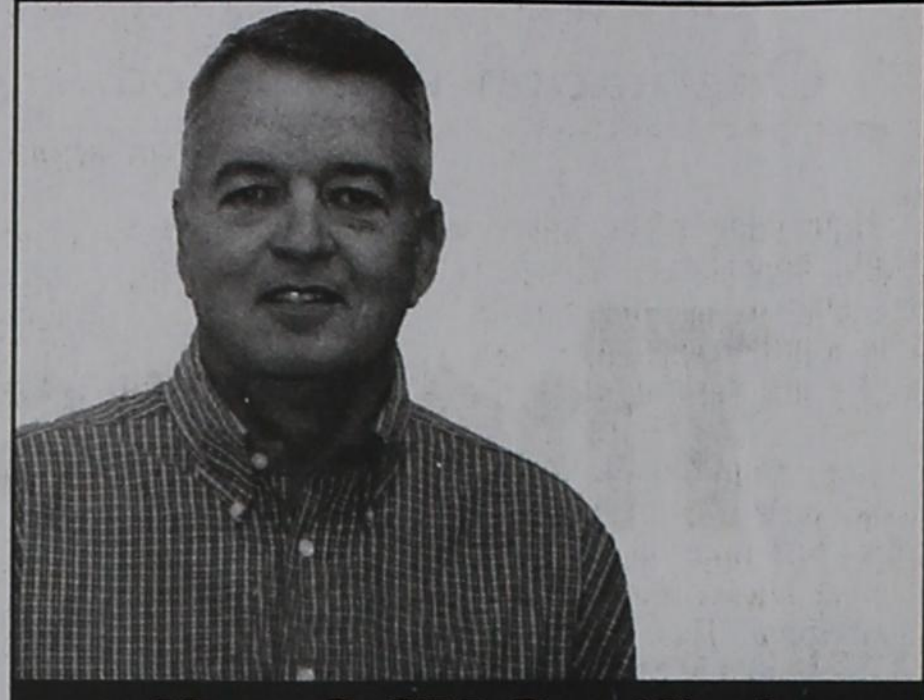
"Cargill closing made it tough for the city to meet its obligations.

"But we've got a good council that will be looking after the citizens.

"We lost 25 percent of the city's income when Cargill closed."

The part of his job that he liked best, he said, was "serving a lot of great people."

"I've never served with a bad city council member, either," he said. "Everyone I've served with always had the city's best interests at heart."



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WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 23rd day of January, 2006.

William F. Sava
County Judge

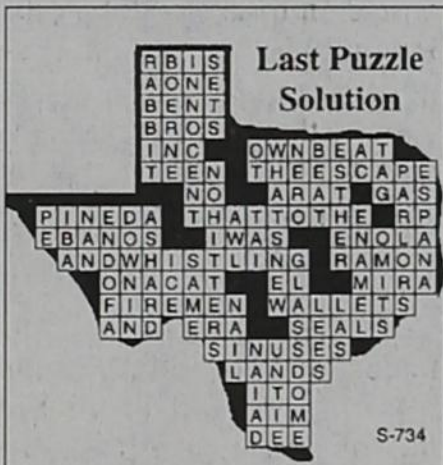
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- TXism: "___ a cold trail"
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- '24 slogan: "___ Ma -- And I Ain't Got a Darn Thing Against Pa"
- TXism: "fast ___ town gossip"
- ___ Maples State Natural Area
- TXism negative
- TXism: "___ the cards on the table"
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- Seals & Crofts are a TX ___
- bad QB "cuff" injury
- TX Belle's hubby
- Stars league (abbr.)

- in Hutchinson Co. on hwy. 207
- scattered seed
- Gulf snakelike fish
- TXism: "could ___ his work shirt to a church social" (lazy)
- TXism: "sneaky as an ___-suckin' dog"
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- one-___ play
- car once made by GM
- unusual perception (abbr.)

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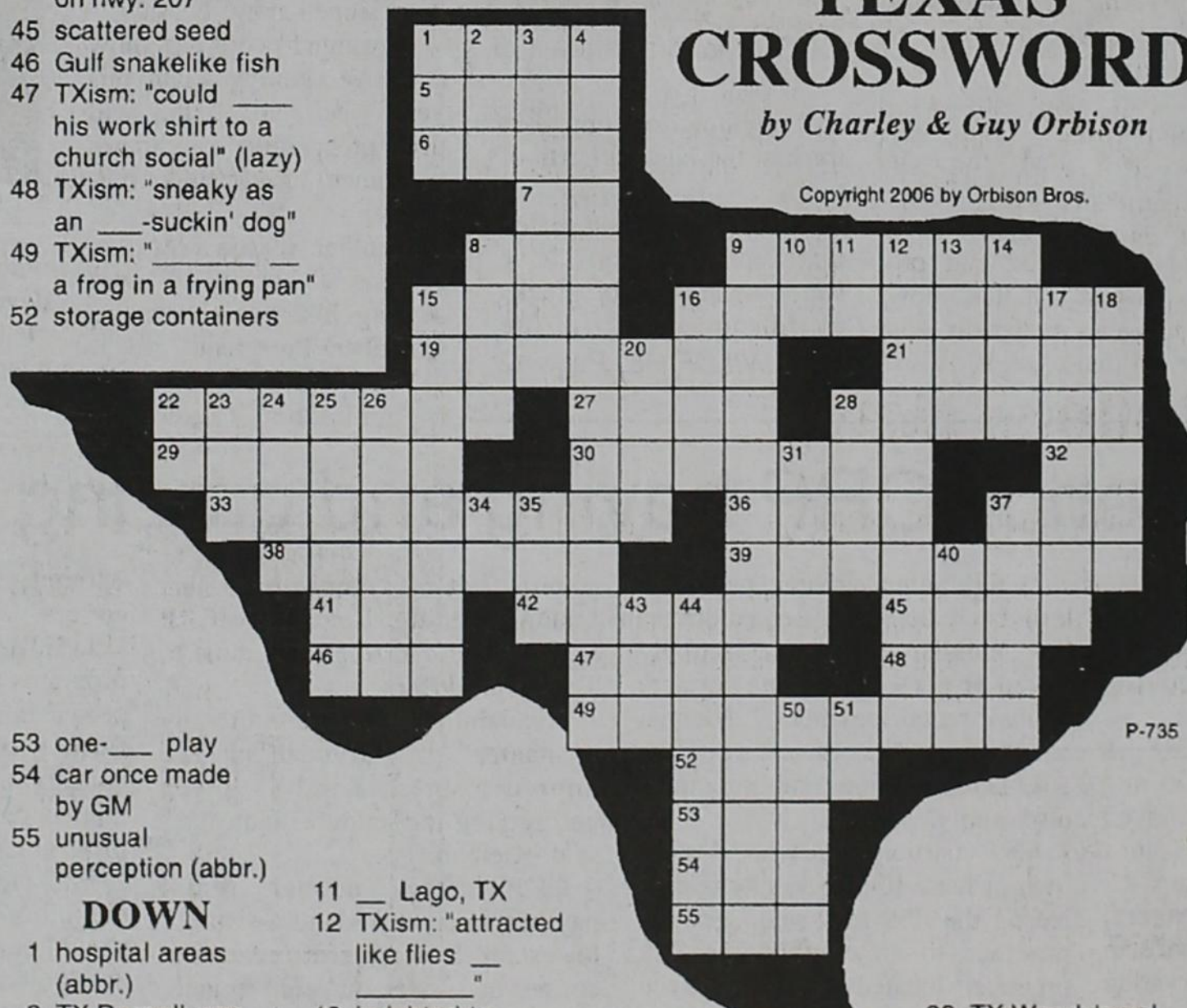
- hospital areas (abbr.)
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- ___ Wells, TX
- TX book: "Hood, Bonnet, ___ Jug"
- on some Dallas cars: "___ tag"
- mail deliveries (2 wds.)
- TXism: "good ___ boy"

- ___ Lago, TX
- TXism: "attracted like flies ___"
- indebted to
- name of TX Confederate Air Force's B-29 bomber
- TX Nolan is in Base ___ of Fame
- TXism: "big ___ in a small pond"
- with "al," relating to the night
- with "Mc," town in McLennan Co.
- good looking girl, slangily

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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WEATHER	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	53	14		
Wednesday	69	29		
Thursday	67	25		
Friday	44	13		
Saturday	51	14		
Sunday	52	13		
Monday	58	13		
Jan. Rainfall			0.01	
2005 Rainfall			18.83	
2005 Snow			3.92 inches	

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

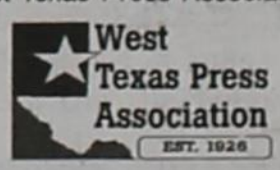
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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan amigos? Hello, how are you friends. I am glad to say that I have lots of info to share this week so I'll just get right to it...

Los Palominos always make their way around these parts this time of year, and we are always sure to catch their show. They performed along with La Mafia at the Tex-Mex dance hall in Hereford on Jan 20. Josh and I, and our niece Monica Dozal all dressed up and headed out there for a great time. Also enjoying the evening were Martin and Maggie and their friends and family and Dulia, Tina, Emily and Becky who all had a great time. I am sure that everyone who was there had a great time listening to oldies and enjoying the performances of both bands.

Olivia Ortiz would like to share with everyone the wonderful time she had during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Olivia spent the holidays in Amarillo with her grandson Cpl. Adam Ortiz who came in from Iraq for two weeks. Celebrating with them were Olivia's daughter Dalia and her husband Chris Burk, Rose Cuellar and Olivia's son Johnny, his wife Sylvia and their daughter Jennifer joined them from Lubbock.

Gus Ortiz and wife Esmie and their family also came to visit Olivia in Dimmitt. Eliza, Olivia's daughter took Olivia to Dallas. Olivia also took a flight to El Paso to visit her sister-in-law Lucilla Carrillo and her nephews. Her nephew Salvador "Sonny" Andrades took her out to breakfast on New Year's Day at a very nice restaurant. Monica Ortiz met them there and they all had a great time. Sonny later took her on a tour of the FBI building. She couldn't believe how big it was. Later on he took her to Sunland Park to a nice restaurant and Casino. She says they played for a little while after their meal. Olivia's nephew also took her to the Fort Bliss Cemetery where her brother Salvador is buried. Olivia says that it's such a huge and beautiful cemetery. Olivia enjoyed each and every minute of her vacation. She says El Paso is a huge and beautiful city and it's great to see so many Spanish people working everywhere.

Joanne Oltivero would like to wish her brother Louie Arguijo Jr. a late Happy B-day. Louie celebrated his birthday on Friday Jan. 20. To celebrate Louie's big day (Chiflado) Joanne and her hubby Rey,

Louie's girlfriend Lori, Darlene and Matias, Sally Arguijo and Gina Martinez and Sally's sons all went to the Mafia/Palominos dance in Hereford and had a blast. Joanne would also like to wish her son Trey Oltivero a Happy Birthday on Jan. 29. They will be having a birthday party for Trey on Sunday. Her other son Matthew will be celebrating his Confirmation on Sunday also, so it'll be a double party. Joanne's brother Armando Arguijo is going to be Matthew's Padriho (sponsor), so the whole family will be going to church together. Joanne will also be celebrating her birthday on Jan. 26. Her family better be planning something big or they'll hear about it.

I met up with a great friend of mine in Hereford last week. Her name is Maria Gil. Maria and I have been friends for a long time and we worked together for a while during which we shared a lot of great times. Maria is living in Hereford and says she is doing great and really enjoying herself. She says she missed being close to her mom, who has been feeling a little sick, and visits as often as she can. Maria would like to wish her son Josiah Ramirez a very Happy B-day on Jan. 18, Mommy loves you. Also happy birthday to Lydia Gil on Jan 15, Leticia Gil on Jan 14. I also ran into Maria's sister Leticia at the dance on Friday and she made sure to include her in wishing their dad, Mario Gil a very, very Happy B-day on Jan 22.

A very special Feliz Cumpleanos to Anita Adams. Anita, who works at Lowe's will be celebrating her big day on Feb. 2. So, if you happen to see her, make sure to wish a great day. She says she will be leaving Lowe's soon and will miss chatting it up with all her friends at the store.

Frank Mendoza Sr. and Soila Reyes will be celebrating an Anniversary of some sorts on Jan 16. They will be celebrating three wonderful years of companionship and love. The two met through a mutual friend and have enjoyed each other's company since then. They both enjoy dancing, living life to the fullest and both believe that as long as your young at heart, then you're

set. Congratulations to the two and may their friendship last a lifetime.

Happy belated birthday to Vanessa Barrios. Vanessa celebrated her birthday on Jan. 15. We all hope you had a great day.

Our deepest condolences to the friends, families and fellow officers of DPS Trooper Matthew Myrick. Trooper Myrick of Hereford died Friday, Jan. 20. Please keep his family and all his fellow Troopers, Trooper Terry Timms and Trooper Augustine Perez as well all other law enforcement officers, in your prayers.

Prayers go out to the Perez family. May they keep strong during the illness of their father, Margarito Perez. Their friends and family will keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

Prayer are also asked for Santos G. Perez. She has been feeling a bit under the weather for a bit. She'd like to thank all of her friends and family who stop by to check on her.

Just a little reminder to all of the residents of Castro County that the burn ban is still in effect. It is very important that residents obey the ban because with the dry weather and the winds we have been getting, the smallest little spark can cause thousands of dollars in damage. We are currently under a very strict ban, which includes no burning of trash or BBQ grills in the city as well as out in the county. Disobeying the ban may result in fines, but worse, in disaster, so be safe. If you have any questions or need to report a fire, please contact the Sheriff's office at 647-3311 or in case of emergency dial 911.

Ya es todo, les dije que tenia mucha informacion. That's all. I told you I had lots of info. I love it when I get to write up such a large column. It's always great to share what's going on in the Hispanic Community with everyone.

I hope that I continue to get as much response the rest of the year. As always send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta la proxima semana. Until next week.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

The family of Joe and Amy Schmucker honored their parents on their 68th wedding anniversary Sunday with a luncheon at the Senior Citizens Center, following mass at Holy Family Church.

There were 74 family members in attendance. Joe, who is a resident of the Nursing Home in Dimmitt was brought to the Center and enjoyed the visit with everyone.

Sonny and Ann Gerber and son Dick of Kansas; and Butch and Sharon Chado and Isabell Skidmore of Amarillo also attended and enjoyed seeing so many relatives.

A great number of relatives and friends gathered at Holy Family Church on Saturday afternoon to attend the marriage of Joshua Raef and Erica Gerber.

Father Scott L. Raef, brother of the groom, presided at the Mass.

A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A commemoration Mass, marking the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision on abortion was held Monday morning in Holy Family Church with Bishop John Yanta of the Amarillo Diocese, presiding.

Father Peter gave a wonderful homily reminding us of the 47 million babies aborted since Roe vs. Wade in 1973.

A day of Penance and Prayer with a meal of soup and bread following Mass at

the Home Merc for everyone.

Sandee Hoelting, Bev Hill and Vergie Gerber enjoyed Sunday afternoon in Canyon watching a Panhandle Volleyball Tournament held at the Activity Center of WTAMU.

Andi Rose of Canyon plays on the Young Guns, 14-15 years old team consisting of three girls from Hereford, three from Canyon and Westover, one from Crockett Junior High in Amarillo and two home school students.

The Young Guns won the tournament by defeating Albuquerque Boss team of 16 year olds.

They were quite excited and we were, too.

The Young Guns also one first in their tournament last weekend in Colorado Springs and third place in Oklahoma City several weeks ago.

Marie Venhaus was surprised on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, with many friends and family dropping by her home to wish her a happy 93rd birthday.

Please, remember to pray for our sick people, Jeanette Brockman, who is now at M.D. Anderson in Houston and Elmer Kleman.

On the Go

Mrs. Hopson has decided to lay down her pen and take a well-deserved rest from her work here. So we're looking for someone who'd like to submit a weekly column on the goings-on in Dimmitt. Please call 647-3123 for more information. NOTE: You need to be able to submit your columns via e-mail.

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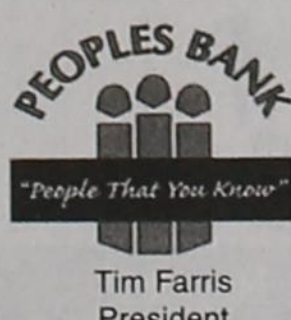
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Newlon and Carolyn Rowland - 2006
Newlon and Carolyn Rowland - 1956



Rowlands celebrate 50th anniversary

Newlon and Carolyn Rowland of Hart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Home Merc in Nazareth on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006.

Their children and their spouses, Rhonda and Lester Aven of Hart; Ricky and Zenita Rowland of Nazareth; Suzahn and Jason Eicke of Moriarity, N.M.; and Cristi and Jim Conger of Midland, hosted the dinner.

Newlon Rowland married Carolyn Jones on Jan. 21, 1956, at Valley View Church, a country church near Hart. They have 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Candidate forum set for GOP hopefuls

The Castro County Republican party is holding a forum to introduce the candidates running for election on the GOP ticket in the March 7 primary.

Interested voters are invited to join the candidates for lunch at noon, Friday, Jan. 27, at City Hall.

Castro County Republicans are invited to hear from the candidates running on the GOP. Candidates will enumerate their reasons for running and talk about how they believe they can make a difference in Castro County.

Singers showcase at Roxy Theater in Olton

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Emily Anne Pledger & Jacob Claybourne Moran
Moran-Pledger

Emily Anne Pledger and Jacob Claybourne Moran were united in marriage at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Odessa. Sr. Pastor Byron V. McWilliams performed the intimate, double-ring ceremony with immediate family present. A cake and punch reception followed in the church parlor.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lanette Pledger of Brenham. She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Thielemann and the late Elton Thielemann of Brenham and Louellen Pledger of Brenham. She is a 1998 graduate of Brenham High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University where she earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in music. She is employed at Nimitz Junior High School in Odessa as a band director.

The groom is the son of R. Scott and Sharon Moran of Dallas. He is the grandson of Myrtle Lois Moran and the late R.A. Moran of Dimmitt and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Milton Horton of Dallas. He is a 1997 graduate of Lake Highlands High School in Dallas. He competed on the University of Oklahoma gymnastics team before transferring to Texas A&M University where he earned his degree in business administration. He is employed at Odessa High School as the boy's gymnastics coach and math teacher.

The couple live in Odessa.

Candidate forum set for GOP hopefuls

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on Feb. 9. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents age 50 to 64 who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



John Lyon & Cassie McLean
McLean-Lyon

Charles and Jill McLean of Dimmitt have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of the daughter, Cassie McLean, to John Lyon, son of James Lyon of Amarillo and Megan Perry, also of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Helen Braafladt, the late Chet Braafladt and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLean. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1999 and West Texas A&M University in 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is a teacher at the AISD in the pre-school program for children with disabilities. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry of Amarillo and the late Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Lyon. He is a 1999 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo and attended WTAMU, where he majored in plant and soil science. He is a landscape contractor and owner of Spanky's Outdoor Services. The wedding is set for March 11, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo.

Concert set at FBC

Greg Buchanan will be in concert at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.

Greg is a world-class harpist whose energetic jazz style of playing usually redefines the listener's concept of the harp. His superb musical abilities combined with an enthusiastic attitude toward the Christian life makes him one of the most sought-after Christian performers in America for the past 23 years. Greg gives God credit for everything he has today and for bringing him from the depths of worldly living to the triumphant life he now lives. Naturally gifted, he excelled at the harp from the age of 9. Part of God's provision in Greg's life, he said, was blessing him with his wife, Becky, and three children: Matthew, Erik and Bree who occasionally travel with him. They are natives of California and enjoy living in southern California close to family.

First Baptist Church is located at 1201 Western Circle Drive. The church staff may be reached during normal business hours at 647-3115.

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CHURCH NEWS



What is a preacher?

The work of a preacher is short and simple in its description, but large and vital in its scope.

Men dissatisfied with God's simple work, have devised many other roles and work for their "preachers."

By this device, Satan delays, distracts and diverts the important work of the King's royal heralds into a thousand channels.

Simply preaching the Word is not sufficient work for preachers, according to some men.

As churches have expanded their work and mission beyond what the Lord gave; they have expanded the "job description" of a preacher.

Preachers are to be pastors or "shepherds" and counselors busy visiting, overseeing and guiding "the flock."

Some want preachers to be caretakers and superintendents, managing and supervising the church building and facilities

This man-made work has become so bloated that in recent years it has been divided up among several specialties: the



BRETT PAGE

"A gospel preacher is not a "pastor," shepherd, elder or counselor. This is a different worker for the Lord with a different work."

- Brett Page

"Youth Minister," the "Singles Minister," the "Outreach Minister," the "Pulpit Minister" and more.

A gospel preacher is not a "pastor," shepherd, elder or counselor.

This is a different worker for the Lord with a different work.

A pastor's work is to shepherd and oversee the flock, watching for their souls (Acts 20:17, 28; Hebrews 13:17). A gospel preacher is not a caretaker of the church property or work.

A preacher is not a deacon or an elder (bishop or pastor); he is a preacher.

Much of the error concerning preachers and their work comes from a wrong view of the relationship of the preacher and the local church.

Many consider the preacher as an employee of the

church.

As such the church is an employer that determines the scope and duties of his work. This view is expressed in the state: "We pay the preacher and we tell him what to do."

The Lord's command to pay preachers for preaching (1 Corinthians 9:14) does not make them church employees. Such support is compared to that of God's priests (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).

The priests were supported by the people's offerings to the Lord as the Lord's servants, not the peoples' hirings (Numbers 18:1-20).

A preacher is not an employee of any church, but a servant of the Lord (1 Timothy 4:6).

He is accountable to the Lord, entrusted to do the Lord's work and not "entangle himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

The Scriptural relationship between a preacher and the Christians that support him is that of fellow-workers in the Lord.

The lord commands the preacher to preach the gospel and those who hear him to support him in his work. Together they have "fellowship in the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:6-14; Philippians 1:5-7).

Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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Obituaries

MATTHEW DEWAYNE MYRICK 1969-2006

Services for Matthew DeWayne Myrick, 36, were Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Church of the Nazarene in Hereford with Pastor Ted Taylor officiating, assisted by Pastor Dorman Duggan of the Hereford Community Church. Burial was at Clovic Cemetery in Clovis, N.M.

Trooper Myrick died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006. He was born June 8, 1969. He graduated from N. Lamar High School in Paris, Texas, in 1987. He was a member of, and served in, the U.S. Naval Armed Forces from 1989 to 1991. On Jan. 2, 1993, he married Christy Alison Butler, in Austin. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in 1994 and a masters of science degree in agriculture in 2000. They moved to Hereford in 2000 from Memphis, Tenn. He served as a Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper from 2004 until his death.



Matthew DeWayne Myrick

Survivors include his wife Christy; daughter Matilyn; sons Tate, Luke, and Embry; parents, Steve and Judy Myrick of Clovis, N.M.; sister, Amanda Myrick of Albuquerque, N.M.; in-laws; Ted and Peggy Butler of Austin; and his grandmothers; Nola Myrick of Friona and Hazel Burford of Clovis.

The family suggests memorials to the Church of the Nazarene, building fund, 1410 La Plata, Hereford, TX. 79045.

JOHANA PACE DAVIS

Memorial services for Johana Pace Davis were Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at St. Helena Catholic Church in Hobbs, N.M. Mrs. Pace died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, in Hobbs, N.M. She was a native of Baker, La., and a resident of Hobbs. Survivors include her husband, Nathan Davis; her son, Stratton of Hobbs; her parents, Larry and Ana Pace of Baker, La.; her sister and brother-in-law, Vanessa and Richard (Ricky) Ryder of Prairieville, La.; her grandfather, Ricardo Vides of El Salvador; and her husband's family, Nathan's parents, Mike and Stacy Davis, formerly of Dimmitt, now of Hobbs and Buzz and Doris Parker of Monahans; and his grandparents, Doris and Bob Davis of Hobbs and L.A. and Ruth Wester of Monahans.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, T.B. and Lucy Pace and Ana Delores Vides; and uncles, Elmer Ray Pace and John Ware.

Memorials may be made to the Johana Davis Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund at New Mexico Junior College.

School News

Thursday, Jan. 26
Basketball: 9th Boys & Girls @ Dimmitt Tournament

Friday, Jan. 27
BPA Regionals
Basketball: 9th Boys & Girls @ Dimmitt Tournament
JV & Varsity Boys & Girls @ Olton - 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, & 8:00

Saturday, Jan. 28
BPA Regionals
Basketball: 9th Boys & Girls @ Dimmitt Tournament

Monday, Jan. 30
Ft. Worth Stock Show
Basketball: 7th, 8th, & 9th vs Lockney - Girls Here / Boys - There - 5:00

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Ft. Worth Stock Show
7th grade KUDER Computer Lab Test
Basketball: JV & Varsity Boys & Girls vs Tulia - Here - 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, & 8:00

Wednesday, Jan. 32
Ft. Worth Stock Show

Community Calendar

Feed Grains workshop set

Texas Cooperative Extension will sponsor a Feed Grains Workshop on Thursday Feb. 9, for producers, private consultants and all other interested parties. It will be at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. 3 CEU's will be available for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators license. The program will conclude with a noon meal. Topics include fertility, weed control, silage production, insect management, and corn irrigation management. For all persons who need special accommo-

dations please contact the Castro County Extension Office to make arrangements. Contact Person: Steve Young or Emilio Niño at 806-647-4115 or 4116

New pickup schedule at RES

Starting Jan. 16 Richardson Elementary began releasing students at staggered times in order to relieve traffic congestion. Students in Headstart will be released at 3:30 p.m. Headstart parents are Not required to come into the building to pick-up their child. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be released at 3:30 Grades 2, 3, 4 will be released at 3:45 All

bus students will stay until 3:45. All students not riding the bus will be released in front of Richardson by the flagpole and the orange barrels. Students will not be allowed to exit from the west doors (back doors). The west doors will be locked. Parents should travel in the lane closest to the school on Stinson to pick-up students. All students are required to stay behind the orange barrels until they see their ride.

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Bobcat flags for sale

The Dimmitt Athletic Boosters are taking orders to sell additional Bobcat flags. They are \$25 for the flag only; \$35 for a flag and pole. If interested, please call Donna Reinart at 647-2243.

Community Prayer Gathering

There will be a community prayer gathering the first Wednesday of every month at 6 a.m. at Dimmitt Methodist Church, 110 SW 3rd St. There will be fellowship, a free meal, prayer and a devotional guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend. Help lift the whole community in prayer. The dates are Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7.

Save receipts, boxtops

The Dimmitt PTO wants the public to know that we have a chance to participate in two programs that allow the PTO to earn free educational equipment and money for our schools. From Sept. 1 through March 31, 2006, the PTO will be able to turn cash register tapes collected from any Lowe's Supermarkets (Dimmitt, Hereford, Hart, Canyon, etc.) into valuable and important educational equipment we otherwise would only dream of getting. Also, all year long you can save all your Box Tops 4 Education found on many Betty Crocker, General Mills, Pillsbury and Old El Paso products. Give your Lowe's register tapes and Box Tops 4 Education to your child, or a child you know, to bring to school for deposit.

Signups set for Kids Inc. basketball

Castro County Kids Inc. will have basketball sign-ups for first through sixth-grade boys and girls. Sign-ups will start on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary cafeteria. The fee is \$30 and payable at the time of the sign-up. If there are three or more children in one family, the fee is \$25 per child. Payment arrangements can be made if needed. Castro County Kids Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve on the C.C. Kids, Inc. Board. If you have ideas, suggestions or complains now is the time to step up and be heard. We need good, hard workers of all ages that are concerned and care about our kids and our community. If you are interested, please contact Nick Lara at 647-8687 or Melissa Carpenter at 647-3657.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are printed in the Castro County News free of charge and will contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included); and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home. Also we will charge if the obituary is to be run as sent without any changes in wording. Otherwise, the Castro County News reserves the right to change the wording to fit our style book.

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	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	3,806,985	\$ 184,239	\$ 3,991,224
State Program Revenues	5,207,605	204,493	5,412,098
Federal Program Revenues	29,822	2,382,231	2,412,053
Total Revenues	9,044,412	2,770,963	11,815,375
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	4,504,104	1,488,855	5,992,959
Instructional Resources & Media Services	155,375	31,384	186,759
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	27,911	70,158	98,069
Instructional Leadership	60,940	203,139	264,079
School Leadership	426,181	2,944	429,125
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	164,226	06,666	270,892
Social Work Services	2,814	-	2,814
Health Services	64,535	970	65,505
Student (Pupil) Transportation	264,091	2,897	266,988
Food Services	-	814,892	814,892
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	379,120	1,278	380,398
General Administration	399,568	1,392	400,960
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,000,362	9,406	1,009,768
Security and Monitoring Services	9,360	-	9,360
Data Processing Services	187,386	917	188,303
Community Services	9,212	16,492	25,704
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	32,538	-	32,538
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	95,750	140,892	236,642
Total Expenditures	7,783,473	2,862,282	10,675,755
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,260,939	(121,319)	1,139,620
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	3,161	-	3,161
Transfers In	-	121,319	121,319
Transfers Out (Use)	(121,319)	-	(121,319)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(118,158)	121,319	3,161
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,142,781	-	1,142,781
Fund Balance-September 1 (Beginning)	3,565,337	-	3,565,337
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(47,252)	-	(47,252)
Fund Balance-August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,660,866	\$ -	\$ 4,660,866

BOBCATS

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Seventh-Grade Boys

The Bobcats seventh-grade team defeated Tulia, 49-31 on Jan. 23.

Dimmitt led 16-8 at the end of the first quarter and 28-15 at the half.

After three periods, the Bobcats were on top, 36-24. Leading scorers were Anthony Cisneros with 21 points and Kade Riddle with 12.

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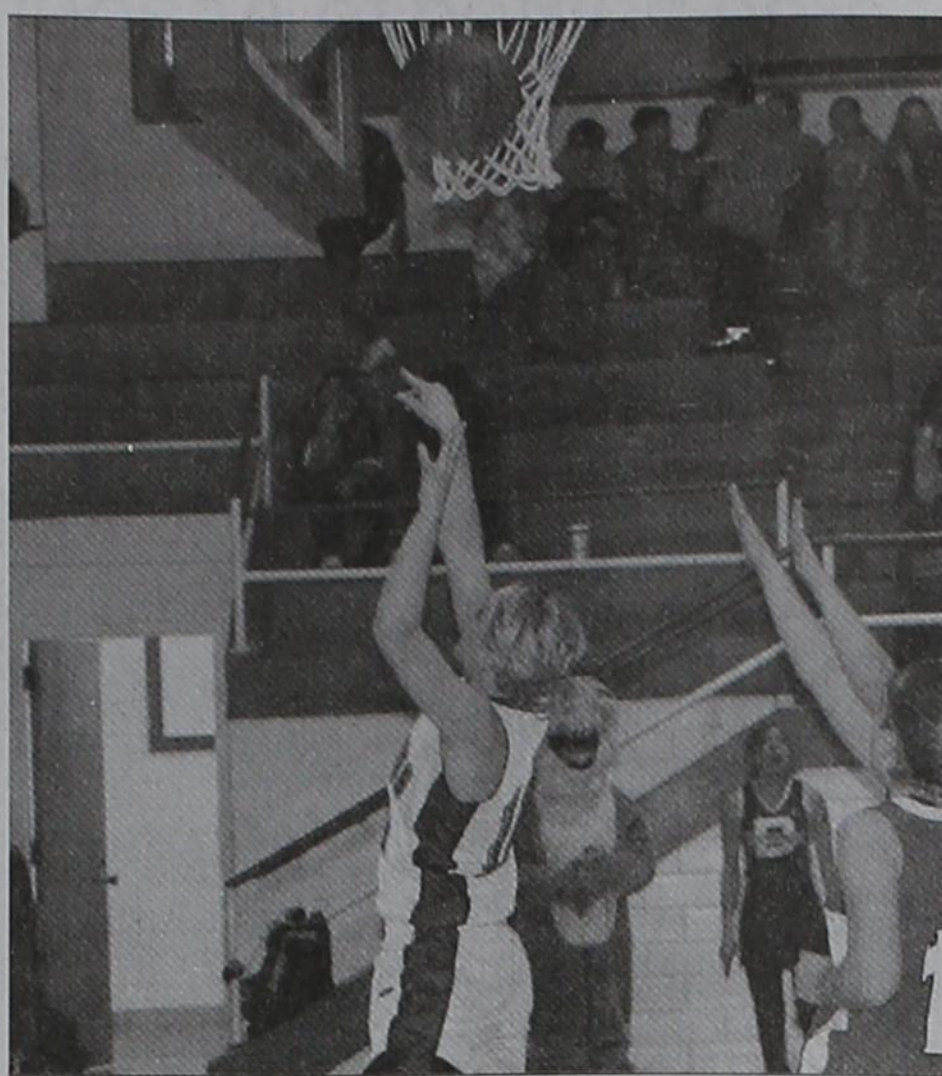
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Bobbies edged by Lockney

The Dimmitt Bobbies lost a heart-breaker to district foe Lockney, 66-65 on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Lockney got off to a fast start and led 15-9 at the end of the first period, but the Bobbies cut down the margin to 30-29 by the half. At the end of the third quarter, Dimmitt was ahead, 50-44, but a 22-point fourth-quarter from Lockney spelled the difference in the game.

Leading scorers for the Bobbies were Chelsea Buckley with 23 points, followed by Kendra Smith with 19 and Darcy Fisher with 11.



A BOBBIE slips inside for two against Lockney.

Bobcats down Lockney

The Dimmitt Bobcats defeated Lockney, 46-39, to go 2-0 in district play on Tuesday.

Dimmitt took a 15-13 first-quarter lead and built it to 24-13 at the half, holding Lockney to five points in the second period. By the end of the third quarter, Dimmitt had a comfortable 37-26 lead.

Junior Limas led the Bobcats with 18 points.

Floydada 59, Dimmitt 52

The Bobcats fell to the top-ranked team in the state Friday in a district match. Floydada got off to a 12-10 first-quarter score, but Dimmitt gained the lead, 28-26. However, at the end of three periods, Floydada once again led, 46-43.

Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Isaac Aguilar with 13, Junior Limas with 12 and Alex Chavira with 11.



DIMMITT'S ALEX CHAVIRA, No. 2, shoots against Lockney on Jan. 17.

Floydada 68, Dimmitt 44

The Bobbies fell to Floydada on Friday in district play. After the first quarter, Floydada had an 18-13 lead, which was expanded to 33-20 at the half. At the end of the third quarter, Lockney ahead 45-28.

Leading scorers for the Bobbies were Chelsea Buckley with 12 points and Darcy Fisher with 10.

Junior Varsity

On Jan. 24, the JV defeated Tulia, 58-9, run-

ning their record to 9-1. Halfway through district play, here's how the JV girls have done:

On Jan. 1, the JV fell to Friona, 45-33. Leading scorers were Dani Neri with 10 and Dana Sandoval with 19. On Jan. 10 they were defeated by Tulia, 52-50, with Erin Black with 12 points and Brandy Smith with 11 the leading scorers.

On Jan. 13, the Bobbies lost to Tulia 43-40. Black led the team with 13 points, followed by Sandoval with 10.

The Bobbies defeated Lockney, 58-29 on Jan. 17. Black, Smith and Sandoval

were the leading scorers.

On Jan. 20, the Bobbies JV defeated Floydada, 45-43. Sandoval led the team with 14 points, followed by Black and Lana Reinart with nine points each.

Seventh-Grade Bobbies

On Jan. 23, the Dimmitt Bobbies seventh-grade girls defeated Tulia 58-9. The Bobbies jumped out to a 22-2 first-quarter lead, which they expanded to 33-6 at the half. By the end of the third period, Dimmitt had a comfortable 44-6 lead.

Leading scorers for the Bobbies were Shea Myatt with 18 points and Tori Hinojosa with 16.

Junior Varsity

The Bobcats JV defeated Lockney, 54-40, on Tuesday to go 13-6 overall. After taking a 16-4 first-quarter lead, the Bobcats went up 30-14 at the half and 40-28 at the end of the third period.

Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Kaden Griffitt with 14, Michael Rasor with 10, Landon Porsch with nine and Eric Saenz with eight.

Floydada JV 74, Dimmitt JV 61

Floydada jumped out to a huge 20-10 first-quarter lead.

However, in the second period, Dimmitt outscored them, 14-9, making Floydada's lead 29-24. At

the end of the third period, Floydada was still on top, 52-45. Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Kaden Griffitt and Ross Myatt with 16 points each and Michael Rasor with 14, followed by Kalan Steinle with eight.

On Friday, the Dimmitt girls will meet Muleshoe at noon at the Middle School gym with the Dimmitt boys taking on Tulia at 1:30 at the Middle School.

The schedule of Saturday's games will be determined by the results from Thursday and Friday's games.

Freshman Tournament

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies will host a Freshmen Tournament over the weekend in Dimmitt on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Thursday, the Dimmitt freshman girls will play Friona at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School gym.

At the same time the Dimmitt boys will take on Friona at the High School gym.

Eighth-Grade Boys

The Bobcats fell to Tulia's eighth-grade, 36-31 on Jan. 23. Tulia led 4-0 at the end of the first period and 12-8 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, Dimmitt had the lead, 22-19.

Leading scorer for the Bobcats was Nick Aguilar with 12 points.

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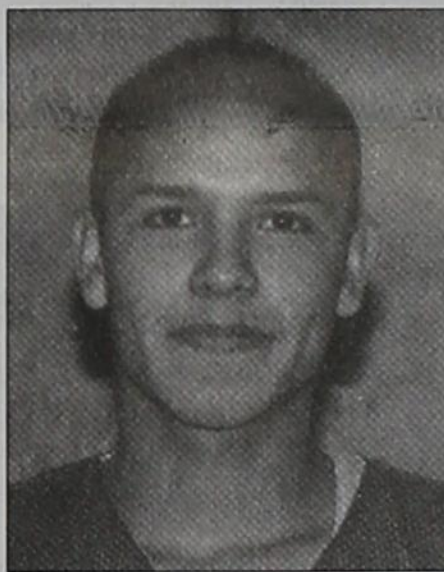
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Jan. 27	*Olton T	4 p.m.	4 teams
Jan. 31	*Tulia H	4 p.m.	4 teams
Feb. 3	*Lockney T	4 p.m.	4 teams
Feb. 7	*Floydada H	4 p.m.	4 teams
Feb. 10	*Friona T	6 p.m.	JVB/VB
Feb. 14	*Olton H	6 p.m.	JVB/VB
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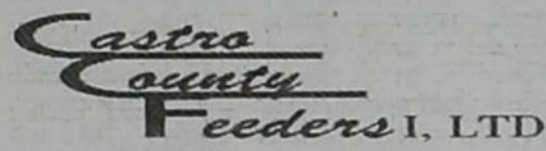


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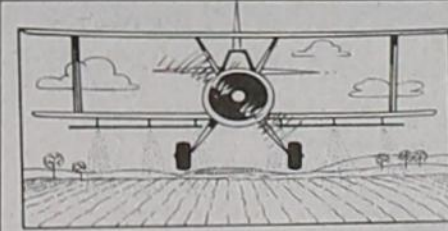
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JAKE HOELTING, No. 32 for Nazareth, shoots a two-pointer for the Swifts.

Swifts stay unbeaten in district play

The Nazareth Swifts handled Amherst 33-14 in District 3-1A play on Tuesday. After taking a 29-0 first-quarter lead, the Swifts added 23 points in the second period to lead 52-6 at the half. Leading scorers for the Swifts were Jake Hoelting and Charlie Rundell with

22 points each and Berry Clinton with 12. Nazareth is 18-4 overall and 6-0 in district. The Swifts traveled to Cotton Center on Friday, where they also won their district game.

Three named to Academic All-State

Three Nazareth players were named by Texas High School coaches Association to the academic all-state football team. Ryan and Ross Hunter were named to the Class 1A first team and Alan Gerber was named to the second team.

The teams are selected by

a points system that awards points for grade-point average, class rank and scores on either SAT or ACT standardized tests. Players are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned.

Criteria to be nominated for the all-state team includes

an overall GPA of 92 or above for grades 9-11 and the first six weeks of grade 12, be a member of the school football team in good standing at the time of nomination and be of good moral character.

The Nazareth Swifts won district and went 10-1.



NO. 31 FOR NAZARETH, Kelcy Albracht, shoots a jumper against Cotton Center.

Swiftettes go 9-0 in district

The Nazareth Swiftettes downed Amherst 53-34, in a district 3-1A matchup on Tuesday.

The Swiftettes led 13-9 after the first period, were outscored 8-7 in the second quarter, but maintained a 20-17 lead at the half. Nazareth came back strong in the third quarter to score 17 points and gain a 37-26 lead.

Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Holly Kleman with 17 points and Lacey Acker with 11.

The Swiftettes are 19-5 overall and 8-0 in district.

Nazareth 71, Cotton Center 25

The Swiftettes traveled to Cotton Center on Friday for a district matchup.

Nazareth jumped out to a 14-6 first-quarter lead, which the Swiftettes expanded to 33-16 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, Nazareth led, 52-21.

Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Lacey Acker with 21 points, followed by Kendra Huseman with 15 and Heidi Ramaekers with nine.

The win makes the Swiftettes 20-5 overall and 9-0 in district play.

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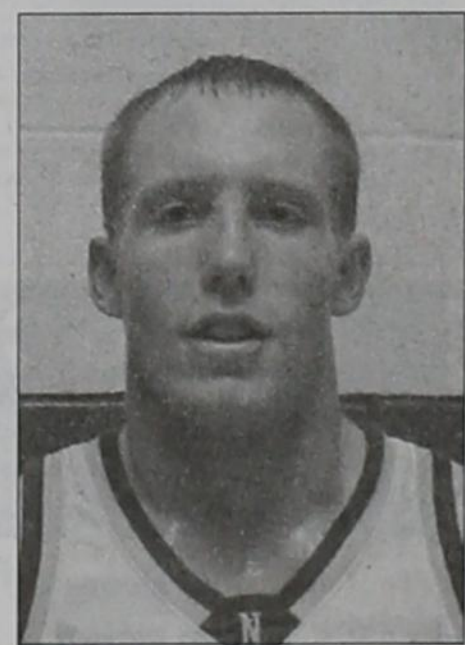
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No. 13

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27	Dalhart	Away	5 p.m.	JVB-VB
31	*Kress	Away	4 p.m.	JVBG-VBG
Feb. 3	*Happy	Home	4 p.m.	JVBG-VBG
7	*S-Earth	Away	4 p.m.	JVBG-VBG
10	*Amherst	Away	5 p.m.	JVB-VB

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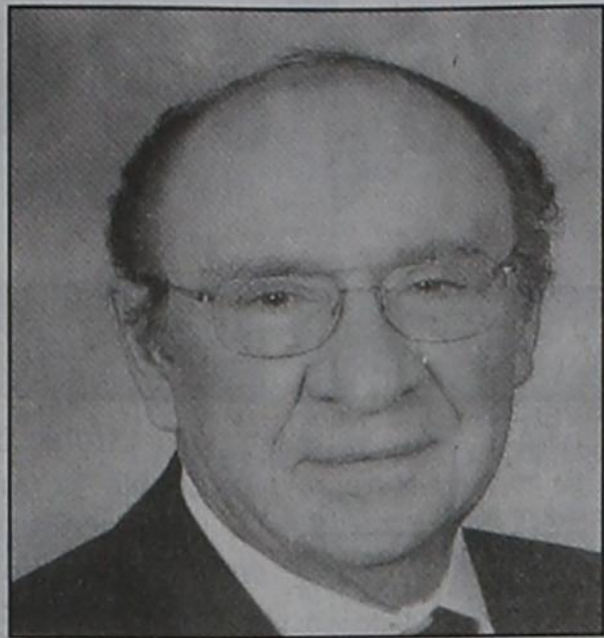
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Longhorns, Ladyhorns fall in district play

The Hart Longhorns lost to Farwell, 62-33, in a district matchup on Jan. 17.

Farwell led 15-9 after the first period and 40-15 at the half.

Leading scorers for the Longhorns were Joey Martinez with nine points and Jesus Longoria with eight.

On Friday, the Longhorns fell to Sudan, 56-27. Sudan jumped off to a 16-4 lead and by the half expanded it to 35-9. And at the end of three periods, Sudan led 45-23.

Leading scorers for the Longhorns were Joey Martinez and Fabian Morales with six each and Kyle Johnson and Jose Macias with four points. Each.

Ladyhorns

The Hart Ladyhorns fell to Farwell, 88-46, in district play on Tuesday.

Farwell jumped out to a 25-5 first-quarter lead and expanded it to 51-22 at the half.

Leading scorers for the Ladyhorns were Amber Guzman with 15 points, followed by Samantha Menchaca with 12 and Sara Reyna with nine.

On Friday, the Ladyhorns fell to Sudan, 83-10. Sudan quickly got a 23-4 lead and expanded it to 43-7 by the half. Leading scorers for the Ladyhorns were Corrie Rincon with four point and Julie Centeno with three.

On Friday, the Longhorns and Ladyhorns will host Bushland with the first game starting at 5 p.m.

Legislators need to care more about education

Recently, I traveled to Austin to attend a meeting of a group of superintendents from school districts that filed suit in the West Orange Cove case against the State of Texas concerning school finance.

This group is known as the Alvarado Plaintiffs. Hart ISD is one more than 100 schools involved in this suit.

At this meeting we were told some interesting things concerning Judge Dietz's decision.

The case ruling simply said the current system of financing our schools is un-constitutional because of the cap on property tax.

The State of Texas quickly claimed victory.

Lt. Governor Dewhurst told an audience in El Paso that the state won and really didn't have to do anything.

The only thing that had



Digger Elam

to be done by the legislature was to roll back the state cap on property tax.

Unfortunately the State Supreme Court made the decision about the tax-cap only and Judge Dietz issued the order to stop school in funding in June until a new system was in place.

There were 8 judges who made the ruling and none of these judges had more than four years experience and seemed to know little about

education in Texas.

Schools will be financed through the 2005-2006 school year ending in August. At that time a new system must be in place for the 2006-2007 school year. The verdict is out on what the special session of our legislature will do.

One problem schools face is each year without a new system another year of inflation continues to play havoc on our school system.

Money for inflation is not added each year which causes problems for school boards who can't raise property taxes.

I just wish education was an important item for members of our legislature. Obviously, this is not the case.

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Feb. 3	Farwell	There	5 p.m.
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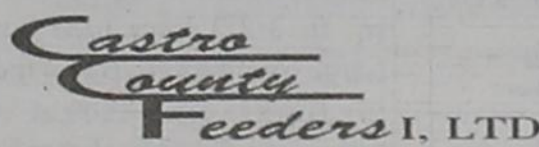
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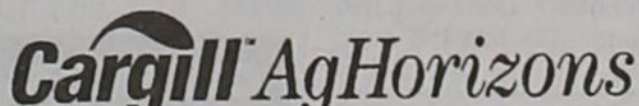
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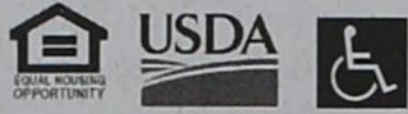
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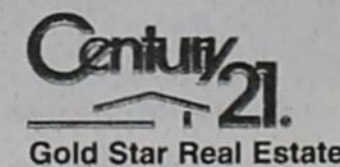
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Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Bean chalupas, shrimp poppers, stuffed potatoes, Spanish rice, vegetable medley, great northern beans, peas, taco condiment salad, tossed salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit, garlic bread, tortilla chips.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Fish nuggets, chili Fritos, turkey stew, scalloped corn, broccoli with cheese sauce, green beans, tossed salad, fresh spinach salad, watermelon, fresh fruit, Kaiser rolls, cornmeal, garlic bread, Fritos.

Nazareth ISD
Friday: Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll, cereal. Lunch - Beef tacos, hamburger and fries, royal brownies, pinto beans, pears, lettuce.

Monday: Breakfast - Blueberry muffins, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti pasta, cheese sticks, sausage pizza, spaghetti sauce with meat, spice cake, corn, pineapple chunks, tossed salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon French toast, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch - Chicken pot pie, chef salad, orange cake, carrots, peaches, tossed salad.

Hart ISD
Friday: Breakfast - Biscuits and sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal. Lunch - Rib sandwich, pizza with pork topping, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, dill pickles, chocolate chip cookies.

Monday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Enchilada casserole, bean burrito, corn, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, peaches.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancakes with butter and syrup, cereal. Lunch - Pizza with cheese, spaghetti and meat balls, Italian bread, tossed salad, carrot sticks, pears, corn.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Honey Buns, cereal. Lunch - Taco salad, chalupas, carrot sticks, dill pickles, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, corn dogs, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrot sticks, potato puffs, peaches.

Where's Chatter?
Can you find her?

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2006 The Year of the Dog

The Chinese Calendar features 12 animals, with each animal standing for a year. Each animal has qualities that are said to be the same for people born in their year. For example, this year is the year of the Dog. The Dog is said to be loyal and able to keep secrets. The dog can worry and be stubborn. People born in the year of the Dog may have these same qualities.

Study the animals below. Can you fill in the puzzle with the names of the 12 animals associated with the Chinese calendar?

1984, 1996
1988, 2000
1991, 2003
1997, 1985
1999, 1987
2006, 1994
2001, 1989
2005, 1993
2007, 1995
1998, 1986

We are pr_d, h_rdw_rk_ng, f_nn_.

We are k_nd, c_r_ng, h_n_st.

We are br_v_, p_w_rf_l, sometimes sh_rt-t_m_p_r_d!

We are l_ck_, p_l_t_, g_ntl_.

We are q_t, str_ng, p_t_nt.

We are q_t, v_n, w_s_.

We are sh_, cr_t_v_, l_v_ng.

We are sm_rt, s_cc_ssf_l, tr_ck_.

We are w_lth_, _n_rg_t_c, str_ng.

Find and circle the animal that represents the year you were born. Are you a "Dog?" Check the dates to help you out.

What are the traits of a person born in each animal's year? To find out the traits fill in all the spaces with the vowels: a, e, i, o, u and y.

Chinese New Year is a two-week celebration that begins on January 29th and ends February 12th. It is a celebration full of family, friends, food, fireworks, fun and festivals. It is a time for new beginnings. It is also a time for remembering, thanking and honoring ancestors with prayers, food offerings and lighted candles.

On the final day of Chinese New Year, people make a special decoration. **Connect the dots below** to see what this decoration is. People hang it and carry it into the streets to join parades. At the end of the parades, "dragons" dance for good luck.

Festival

Find your colored pencils and color everything on the page!

I like the long delicious noodles and chicken.

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Good luck and good fortune! What noisy item used during the New Year celebration will drive away bad luck? What color do people wear and decorate with to show joy and good luck? Use the color code to fill in the puzzle:

R = Red Y = Yellow
P = Pink O = Orange
B = Blue

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Maxwell feted with shower

Mindy Maxwell, bride-elect of Duane Haseloff of Farwell, was honored with a pre-nuptial shower Saturday morning, Jan. 21, in Dimmitt's Lee Street Baptist Church.

Miss Maxwell is the daughter of Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt. Haseloff is the son of Richard and Pam Haseloff of Lariat.

Their wedding is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat.

Hostesses decorated the serving table with a white lace cloth and a two-tier crystal compote centerpiece that overflowed with greenery and grapes. White candles in silver holders flanked the centerpiece. Guests were served orange punch, hot spiced drink, miniature quiches, sausage balls, tortilla wraps, fruit breads, cream puffs, grapes and pineapple.

Guests were seated at bridge tables with white linen cutwork cloths. The hostess gifts to the couple were a set of cookware, a rattan clothes hamper and a set of sheets. Hostesses were favored with gifts of miniature woven wicker baskets containing candles.

Out-of-town guests included the bridegroom; his sister, Dana Scoggin of Farwell; Daniel and Chrissy Maxwell of Amarillo, brother and sister-in-law of the bride; Malissa Maxwell of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride; and Kathy Lowrey of Hart.

WILDFIRE

Continued from Page 1

should call Sava and give him their name and location. Sava's office number is 647-4451. "We'll get a map that we can hand out if we need help with fires and departments from other towns respond," Griffith said. "That way, those firemen from out-of-town can find sources of water."

The group also discussed the help from farmers with discs and graders who have responded and built fire lanes to try and contain fires. Griffith warned that there is a very real danger of an engine shutting down if you're in front of a fire, and the smoke displaces the oxygen needed by the engine to run. "If your engine shuts down in that situation, it's almost impossible to re-start it," he said. "We want everyone to know how much we appreciate the help that we've gotten from the farmers and others in the area who've responded. We just want them to be very careful when fighting a fire. With the wind changes we've had in recent fires, the fire can turn and close in on

you in a hurry."

Local officials are set to meet with TxDOT officials on Thursday morning to discuss how TxDOT employees can help in emergency situations.

Commissioners also urged the sheriff and police departments to see if there's any way to keep gawkers away from emergency scenes. "They forget where they are, park too close to a fire and lose their tires, or they get in the way of the people who are trying to fight the fire or take care of the emergency," Griffith said.

During their morning meeting, Commissioners discussed if there was any way to enforce a ban on smoking in the courthouse. Sava told commissioners that the county cannot enforce a smoking ban, but that the city could pass an ordinance forbidding smoking in government buildings. That could be enforced, he said. "The only way a smoking ban can be enforced in the courthouse is for every department head to do it on his or her own," Sava said.

Q. I put something on layaway that I can no longer afford. Am I legally entitled to get back the money I paid?

A. Unfortunately, Texas has no law regulating layaway purchases. Your legal rights are governed by the agreement you signed. If the agreement says that the store keeps some or all of your money, it may do so. Although most stores will give you back all or most of your money, some do not.

Because Texas has no laws regulating layaway, you must protect yourself. Be sure to carefully read any agreement before you sign it, and do not sign anything you do not understand. Here are a few things you should find out before signing,

How much are the payments and when are they due;

Are there any charges for the service; and

What happens if you miss a payment or cannot continue to pay as agreed?

Many stores have a layaway policy that is very favorable and fair to consumers.

But don't assume that all agreements are the same. Remember, you will be bound by the agreement you sign.

Q. How old do I have to be to get married without my parents consent?

A. You must be eighteen to marry without parental consent. You also may marry under the age of eighteen without parental consent, if you get permission from a court.

Q. I found a piece of sharp metal baked into a piece of

What's the Law?

Be careful when using layaway

cereal that my 5-year-old daughter was about to eat. If I had not been at the right place at the right time, she could have cut her mouth, and/or worse. I contacted the manufacturer, and was informed that I can submit the piece of cereal to their quality assurance department and they will examine the cereal to determine if indeed it had a piece of metal baked into it. They will then offer me a refund or a new cereal box. Is there a potential for a suit for negligence?

A. Fortunately, no one was injured by the piece of metal. The fact that no one was injured, however, also means that you do not have any damages and have no basis for a lawsuit. In order to establish a claim for negligence you must show three things. First, that the manufacturer owed you a duty to manufacturer a safe product. Second, that it breached that duty and was negligent. Finally, that the negligence proximately caused an injury.

Even if you were able to show that the manufacturer was negligent, you fail to satisfy the third requirement of an injury.

Q. I filed bankruptcy about eight years ago. It is still on my credit report. How do I get it removed?

A. Most information in your credit report becomes obsolete after seven years and is no

longer reported. A bankruptcy, however, may be reported for ten years.

Q. I bought a house in 1998. I sold the house in 2002 to someone who assumed the note from me. I have now received a letter that the mortgage company is coming after me for payment. Where do I stand?

A. Basically, when you assume a mortgage, you agree to make the payments for the original obligor. The original obligor, however, is not relieved of his obligation to pay. His obligation to pay

remains, and he can be sued if the person who assumed the mortgage defaults.

In your case, the person who assumed the mortgage from you agreed to make your payments.

Your obligation, however, was not discharged. When he stopped paying, the mortgage company had the right to seek payment from you.

If you must pay, however, you have the right to seek reimbursement against the person to whom you sold the property.




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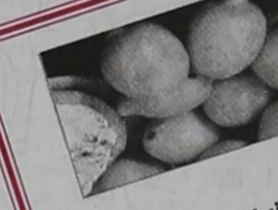
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Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale

Presenting this year's Grand Champions....



At left, Tyler Cornett fills in for his sister, Makenzie, whose steer was named Grand Champion. With Cornett is Tim Farris of Peoples Bank, Nazareth, which had the winning bid. Tyler was also in the winner's circle with his pig, which garnered the Reserve Grand Champion title and his steer, which won Breed Champion. Directly below, Gene Bradley of Rafter 3, the winning bidder on the Grand Champion goat of Lakota Goe. Filling in for Goe was Taylor Bradley. Geo has the distinction of being the first winner of a Grand Champion award for a goat, since this is the first year that goat's were included in the competition.



Above, Taylor Bradley fills in for her brother, Beau, whose pig was named Grand Champion. With Taylor is Gene Bradley, who with his wife Sheri, bought the pig. Taylor didn't leave without a ribbon, either. Her sheep was awarded Reserve Grand Champion.

At right, Jinna Wright's sheep was the Grand Champion for the show. Rafter 3 purchased Wright's sheep.

All bid money goes to the students to help with their animals, but at this show, they also get to keep their animals, which they'll be showing later in the year.



January 20 and 21
The Castro County News

How participants finished at show

Grand Champion Winners

Makenzie Cornett, steers
 Beau Bradley, swine
 Jinna Wright, sheep
 Lakota Goe, goats.

Reserve Grand Champion Winners

Karis Kleman, steers
 Tyler Cornett, swine
 Taylor Bradley, sheep
 Catlin Smith, goats.

Breed Champion Winners

Steers: Tyler Cornett, Stormy McClurg, Eric Odom/
Swine: Chase Black, Matthew Harrison, Caitlin Huseman, Lance Myrick, Makenzie Standlee, Briann Wethington.

Reserve Breed Champion Winners

Steers: Kenley Kleman, Carly Gilbreath.
Swine: David Guerrero, Celeste Forrester, Trey Farris, Caitlin Huseman, Nathan Huseman, Cutter Johnson, Makenzie Standlee.



Reserve Grand Champion Steer

Karis Kleman stands with Tim Farris of Peoples Bank, Nazareth, and Joe Murry of Lowe's, Dimmitt, who had the winning bid.

See Winners, Page 3

We proudly salute
 the young people,
 their parents and instructors and
 all the volunteers who make
 the annual Castro County Junior
 Livestock Show and Sale
a success!
 Our county youth will
 always
 be #1 with us!

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Here's to a banner year
 ... for our 4-H and FFA youth, Young Farmers
 and others in the annual Castro County Junior
 Livestock Show and Sale. Congratulations
 on an excellent program.
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 but we want to speak
 out and say that you
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 lesson in Americanism: Do the best you can,
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 The ethic has made ours the greatest ag-
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 Whatever the future holds for rural America,
 we know it will be in good hands.
 Attend the Castro County Junior Livestock
 Show and Sale this weekend, and you'll see
 for yourself.

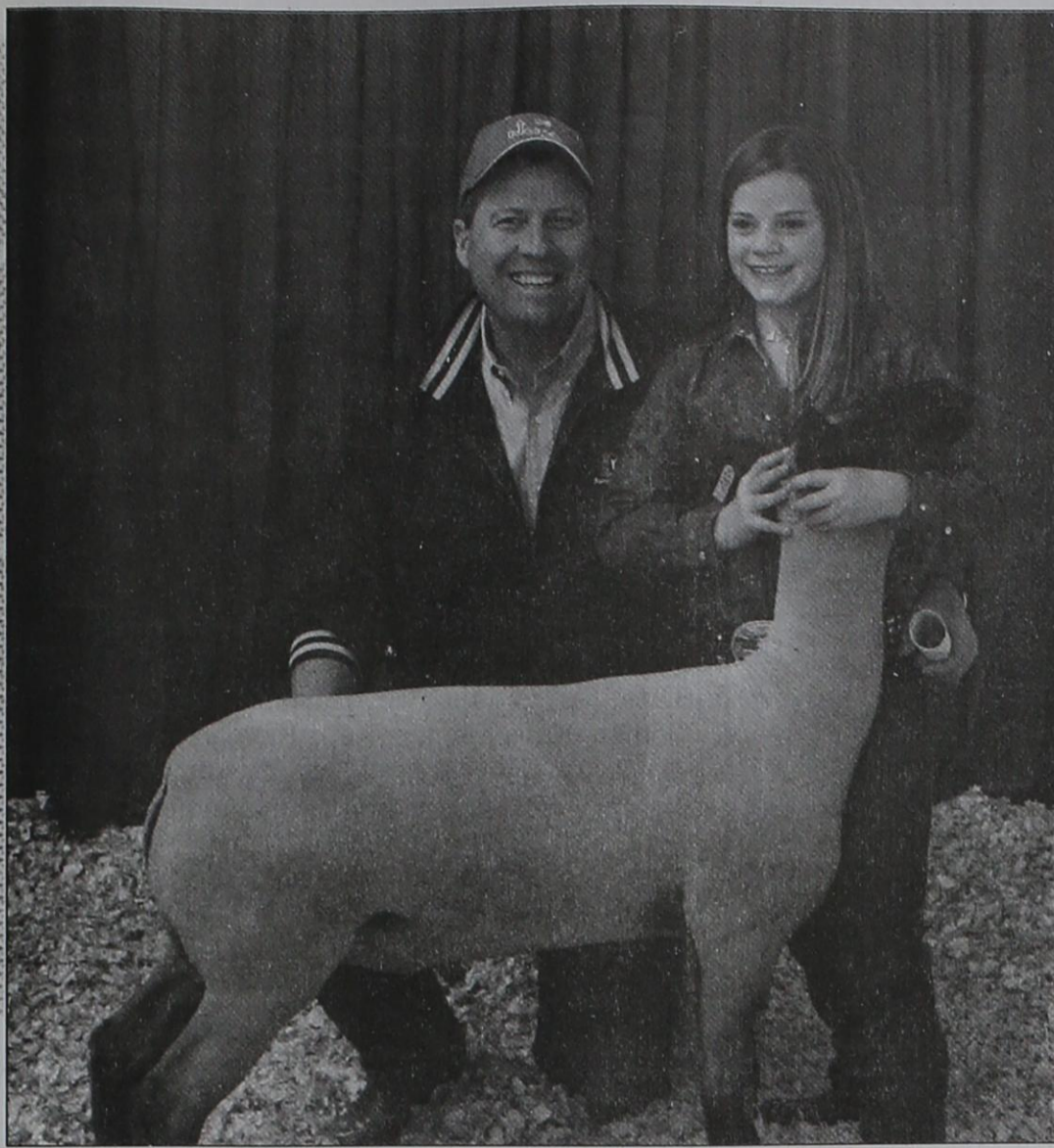
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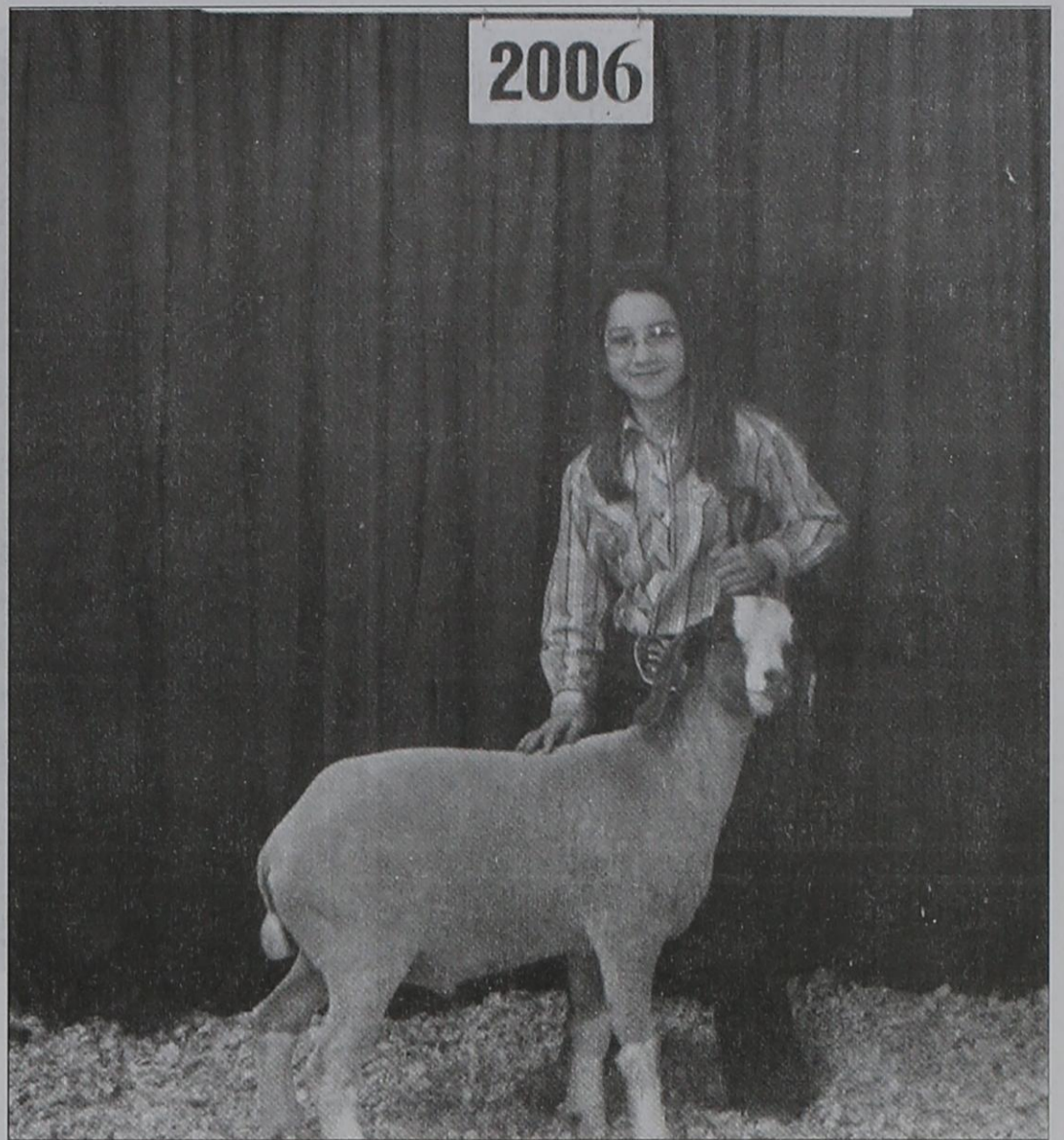
Salute to the CHAMPS!
 We're talking about ALL
 of you who participate in the
 Castro County Junior
 Livestock Show and Sale!

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Reserve Grand Champion Sheep

Taylor Bradley with Jim Bradford who had the high bid for North Gin.



2006

Reserve Grand Champion Goat

Catlin Smith with her goat; the winning bid was from Dr. W.J. Hill.

Winners

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First-Place Awards

Steers: Kendra M. Huseman, Carl Huseman.
Swine: Leonardo Gamez, Eric Odom, Jesslyn Smith, David Underwood, Sage Black, Beau Bradley, Taylor Bradley, Zane Farris, Kendra D. Huseman, Kendra M. Huseman, Kenley Kleman, Lance Myrick, Macee Schulte, Briann Wethington.
Sheep: Eric Odom, Kalan Steinle, Shay Johnson.
Goats: Landon Porsch

Second-Place Awards

Steers: Kade Kleman, Bailey Nutt, Alisha Womack, Cailee Gilbreath, Jesslyn Smith.

Swine: Kelbi Carson, Adam Hart, Ashley Sanchez, Catlin Smith, Dennis Underwood, Makenzie Cornett, Trey Farris, Carl Huseman, Kendra D. Huseman, Kendra M. Huseman, Nathan Huseman, Cutter Johnson, Kenley Kleman, Emily Leavitt,

See WINNERS, Page 4

Good Luck
 4-H and FFA Members
 in the
 Annual Junior Livestock
 Show and Sale!

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We hope the Castro County
 Junior Livestock Show & Sale will be
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 for our 4-H and FFA youngsters,
 the Dimmitt Young Farmers, the buyers and
 everyone associated with this great show.
 Let's all get out and support our kids!

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Into the show ring they go ... with high
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 to all our youngsters, our thanks to the
 Dimmitt Young Farmers for making the
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CASTRO COUNTY

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Breed Champion Steer

Raised by Eric Odom

Winners

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Alexis Sager, Hayden Sager, Logan Samford, Landon Schulte.

Sheep: Jinna Wright, Lakota Goe.

Goats: Clint Huseman, Stormy McClurg.

Third-Place Awards

Steers: Chase Black, Lakota Goe, Amanda Kleman, Cale Wilhelm, Catlin Smith.

Swine: Kelbi Carson, Leonardo Gamez, Adam Hart, Ethan McLain, Orrin McLain, Allan Montemayor, Allan Montemayor, Joel Vega, Joel Vega, Carter Hill, Molly Bradford, Landon Carpenter, Dennis Underwood, Toby Ward, Chase Black, Zane Farris, Riley Huseman, Amanda Kleman, Karis Kleman, Karis Kleman, Kelby Myrick.

Sheep: Anna Brockman, Wendy Bradford, Lacey Acker.

Goats: Mavrik Gfeller, Riley Huseman, Stormy McClurg.

See WINNERS, Page 5

Any way you cut it ...

... The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is a "prime" event. We salute the Dimmitt Young Farmers, our FFA advisors and members, our county Extension agents, 4-H leaders and members, auctioneers, buyers, parents and volunteers for building it into such a great show.

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Congratulations, 4-H and FFA members on work well done. We wish you well with your show animals—and on all your future projects!

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Let's all support our 4-H and FFA youngsters in the **Junior Livestock Show** and make this year's show and sale **Another Record Breaker!**

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Congratulations Stock Show Participants!

We hope you have great success at the show and sale.

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We Salute the Participants of the Castro County Junior Livestock Show!

We're proud of your accomplishments!

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Breed Champion Swine

Raised by Chase Black



CASTRO COUNTY

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Reserve Breed Champion Steer

Raised by Kenley Kleman, shown here with Karis Kleman.

WINNERS

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Fourth-Place Awards

Steers: Matthew Harrison, Shay Johnson, Cassidy, Mavrik Gfeller, Kaden Hatla, Marcus Herrera, Landon Porsch, Kade Riddle, Sage Black, Amanda Kleman, Kelby Myrick, Landon Schulte, Braden Wethington, Braden Wethington, Cale Wilhelm.

Sheep: Kirsti Edwards, Toby Ward, Kaden Hatla.

Goats: Jesslyn Smith.

Fifth-Place Awards

Steers: Samantha Kleman
Swine: Molly Bradford, Kaden Hatla, Landon Porsch, David Underwood, Toby Ward, Brandi Kern, Brandi Kern, Macee Schulte.

Sheep: Anna Brockman, Wendy Bradford, Shea Myatt, Kalan Steinle, Lacey Acker.

Sixth-Place Awards

Swine: Danny Guerrero, Drew Higgins, Landon Carpenter, Kirsti Edwards, Cailee Gilbreath, Chase Hatla, Jose Esqueda, Bradley Lane, Brennan Lytle, Matthew Harrison, Devin Kern, Kade Kleman.

Sheep: Chase Hatla, Shay Johnson, Cole Kleman, Mason Johnson.

Goats: Jordan Bell.

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You're All Champions!

Good luck in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

We're rooting for you!

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Good Luck



Best & Wishes



... to all of the Junior Livestock Show Participants!
We hope you fare well at the Sale!

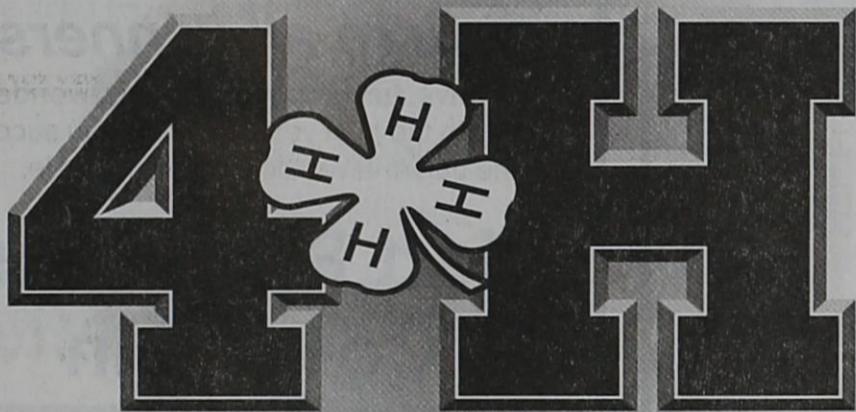
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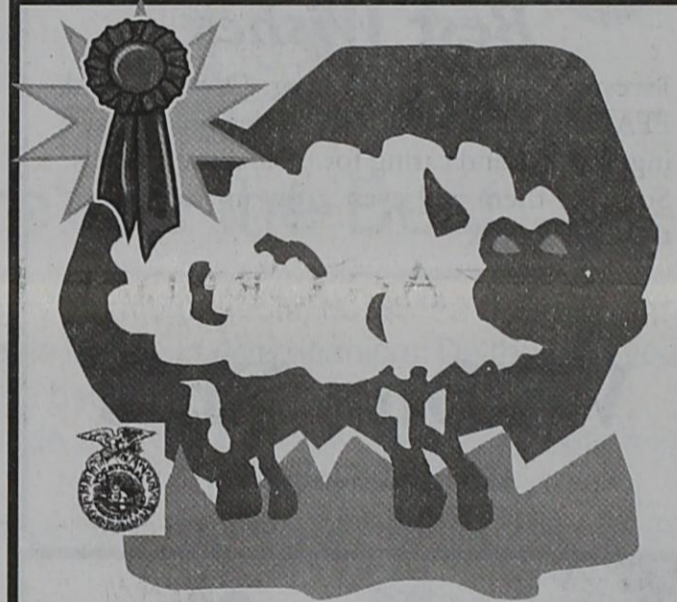
When our 4-H and FFA youngsters raise project animals, they learn a lot about commitment, showmanship, time management and cost accounting.

We hope they also learn that anything is possible.

Good luck to all our kids. We hope you place, make the sale and get a great bid!

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There are lots of winners!

Consider the lessons our youngsters learn by caring for and showing their project animals. And the perennial success of our show, made possible by the Dimmitt Young Farmers, the adult helpers, the buyers and the contributors. We don't see any losers there at all!



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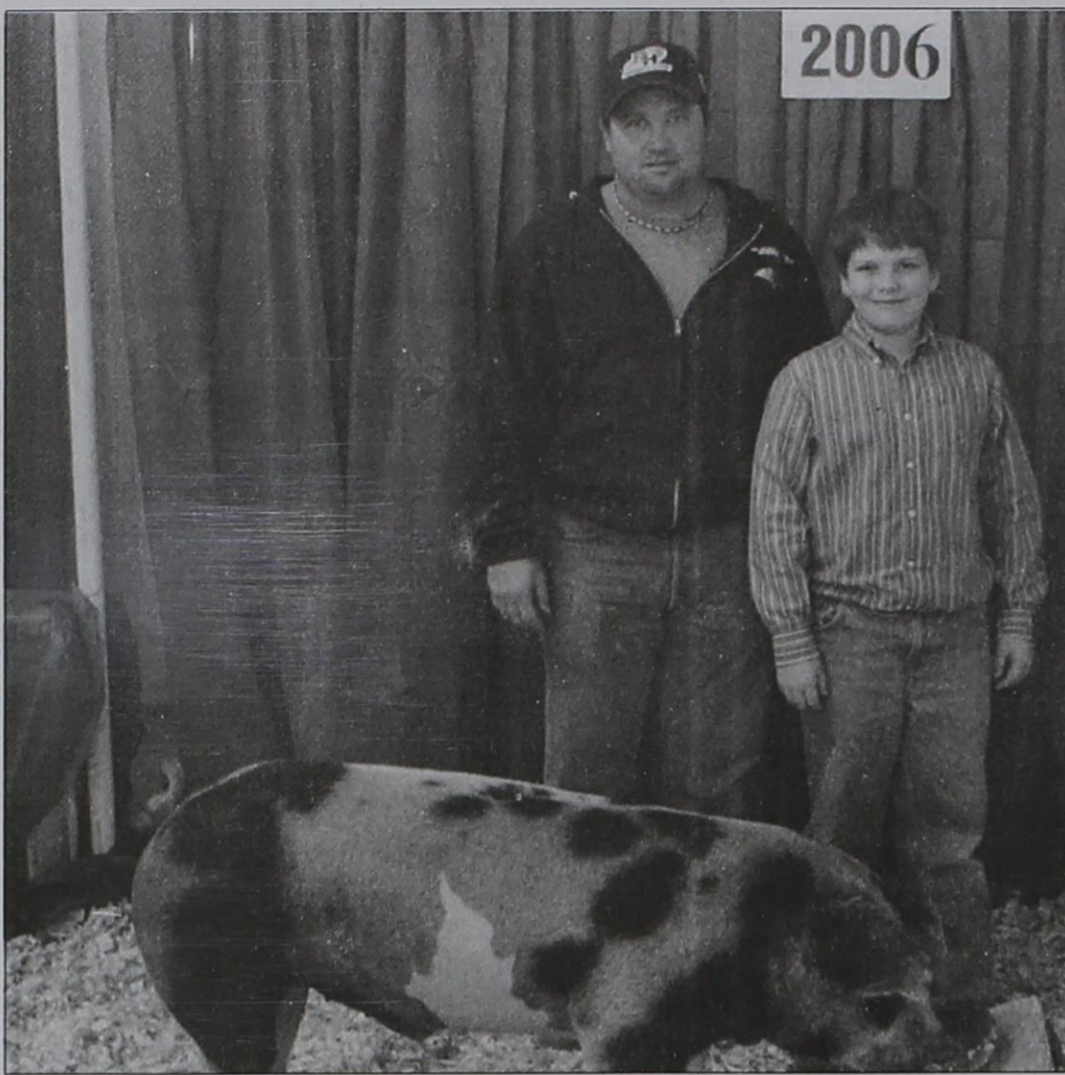


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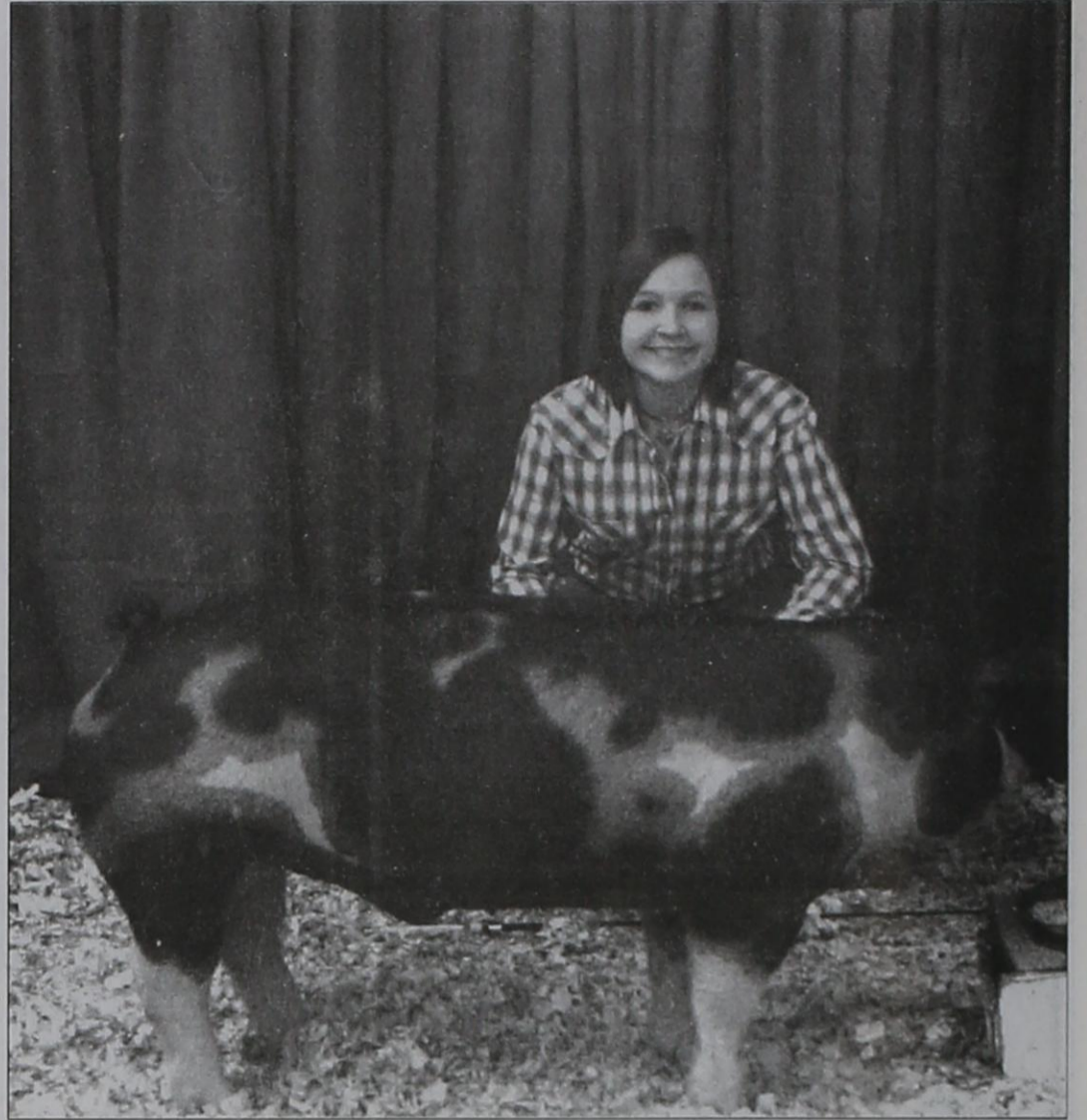
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Breed Champion Swine

Virgil Huseman, president of the Nazareth Buyers Club, which had the winning bid stands with its grower, Matthew Harrison.



Reserve Breed Champion Swine

Raised by Celeste Forrester



Best Wishes

Livestock feeders start young. Our 4-H and FFA youngsters learn valuable lessons by raising, feeding and caring for their show animals. Some of them will even grow up to make it their life's work.

Best wishes to our young exhibitors!

Wilbur-Ellis
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AWARDS

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Seventh-Place Awards

Swine: Ethan McLain, Kirsti Edwards, Cynthia Garcia, Shea Myatt, Sergio Ontiveros, Ashley Sanchez, Celeste Forrester, Carl Huseman, Evan Murry

Sheep: Chase Hatla, Erin Murray.


Eighth-Place Awards

Swine: Lauren Carpenter, Bradley Lane, Michael Luse, Sergio Ontiveros, Heidi Villalba.

Sheep: Erin Murray

Ninth-Place Awards

Swine: Kamber Higgins, Giovanni Rodriguez, Jacy Black, Amber Huseman, Evan Murry.



In our book, you're all winners!

You have accomplished many wonderful things in the past year. We wish you success at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

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

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Our youth and their animals don't mind stepping out into the show ring at the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Our Sale brings some of the top prices of any show around, and no one deserves it anymore than the hard-working members of our FFA and 4-H clubs.

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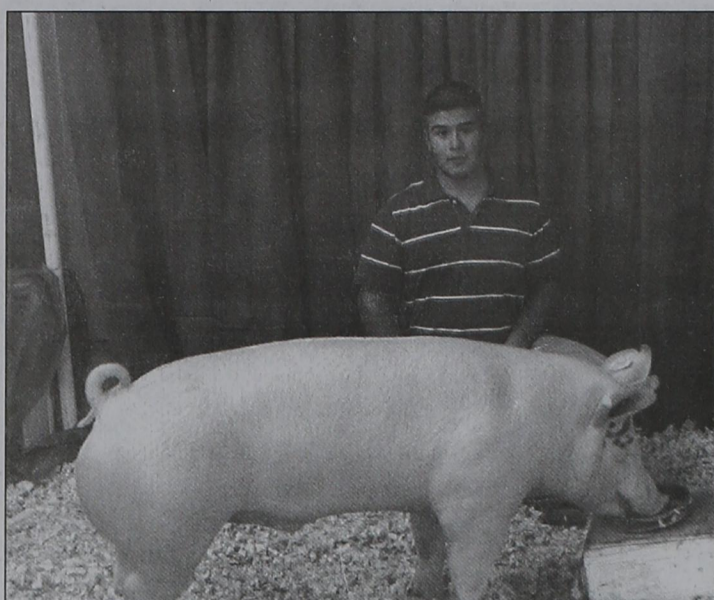
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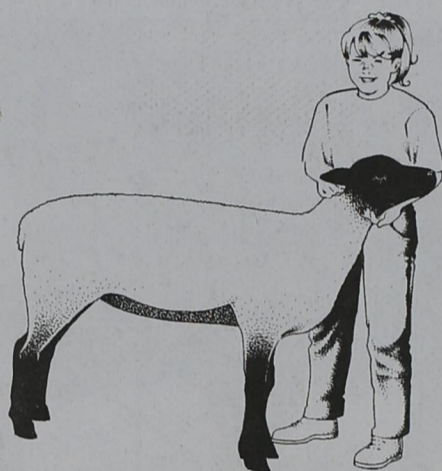


Reserve Breed Champion Swine

Raised by David Guerrero

Breed Champion Swine

Briann Wethington
with Kenny and
Cince Schulte and
Dr. W.J. Hill



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

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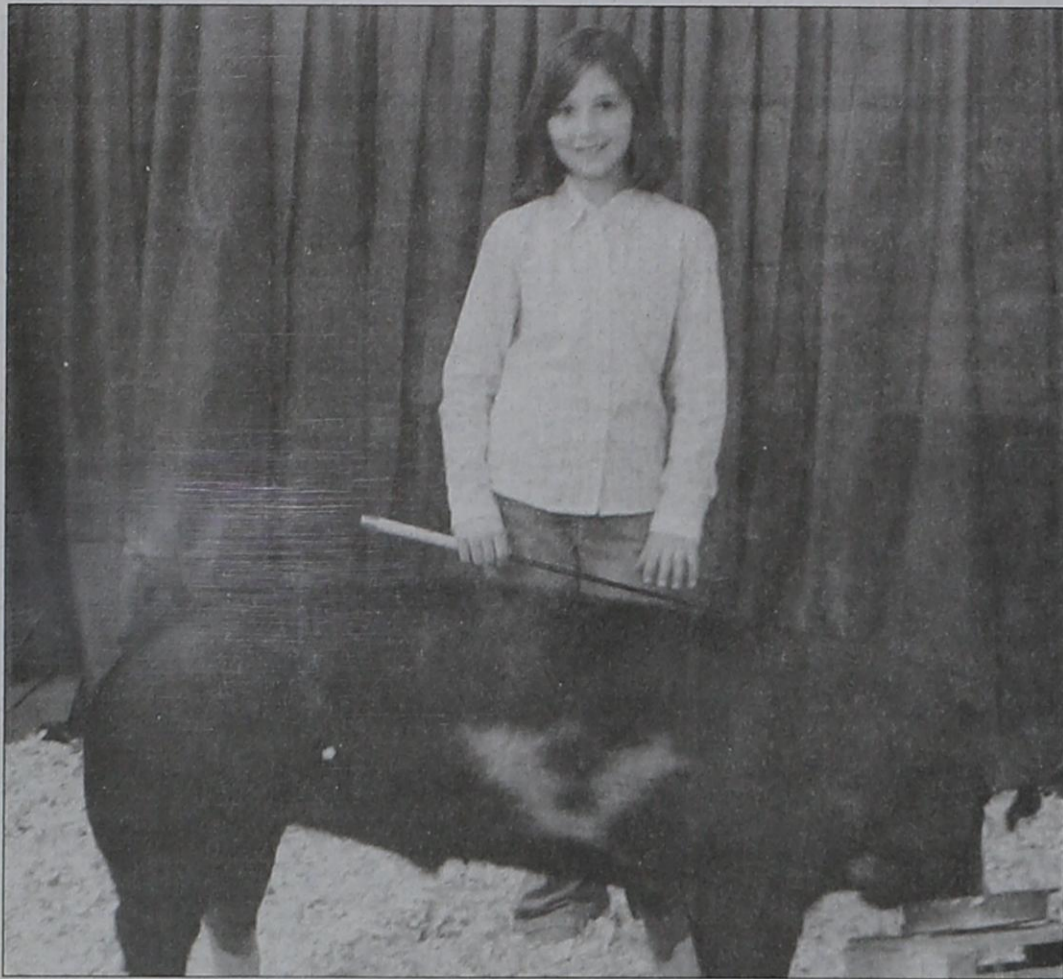
Congratulations, 4-H and FFA members on work well done. We wish you well with your show animals—and on all your future projects!



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We hope you have great success at the show and sale.

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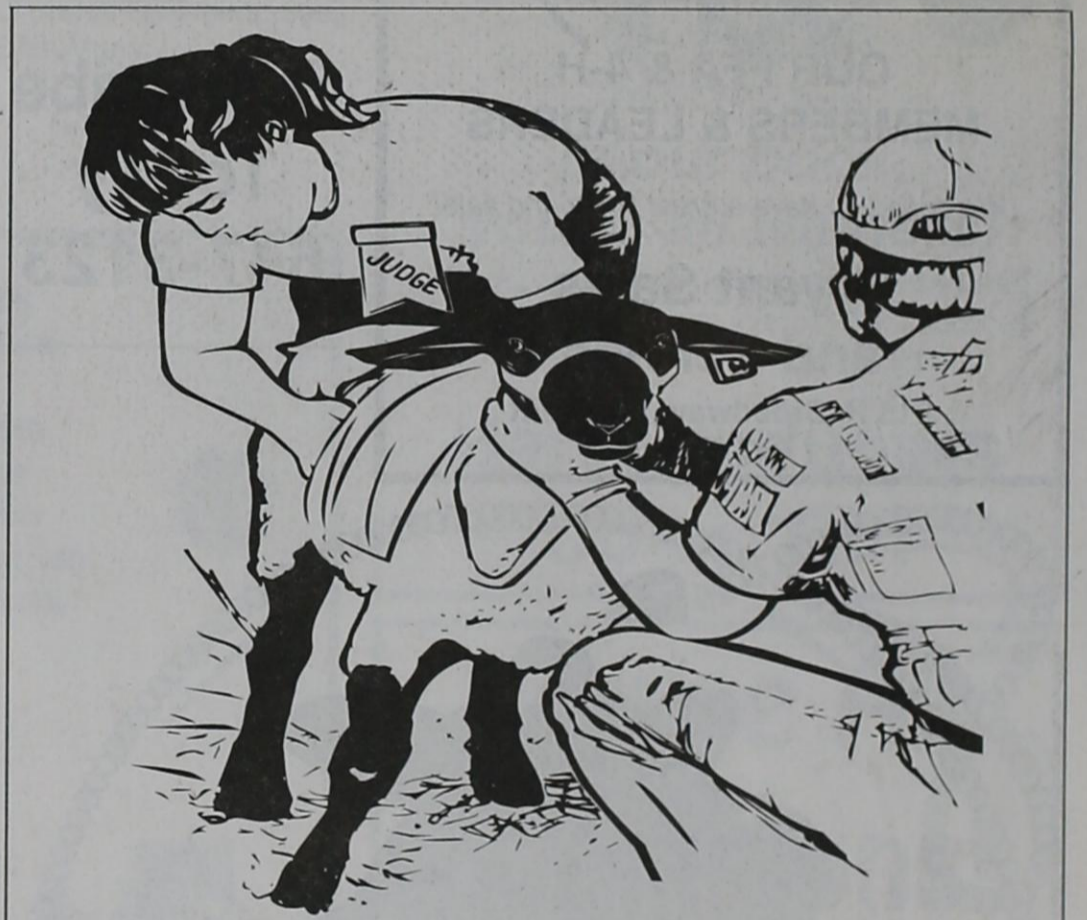
Best Wishes

to the young people who will be exhibiting animals this weekend in the Junior Livestock Show!

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A large crowd was on hand Saturday for the auction.




It's all about teamwork, working, learning and winning. Castro County 4-H and FFA youth do it all!



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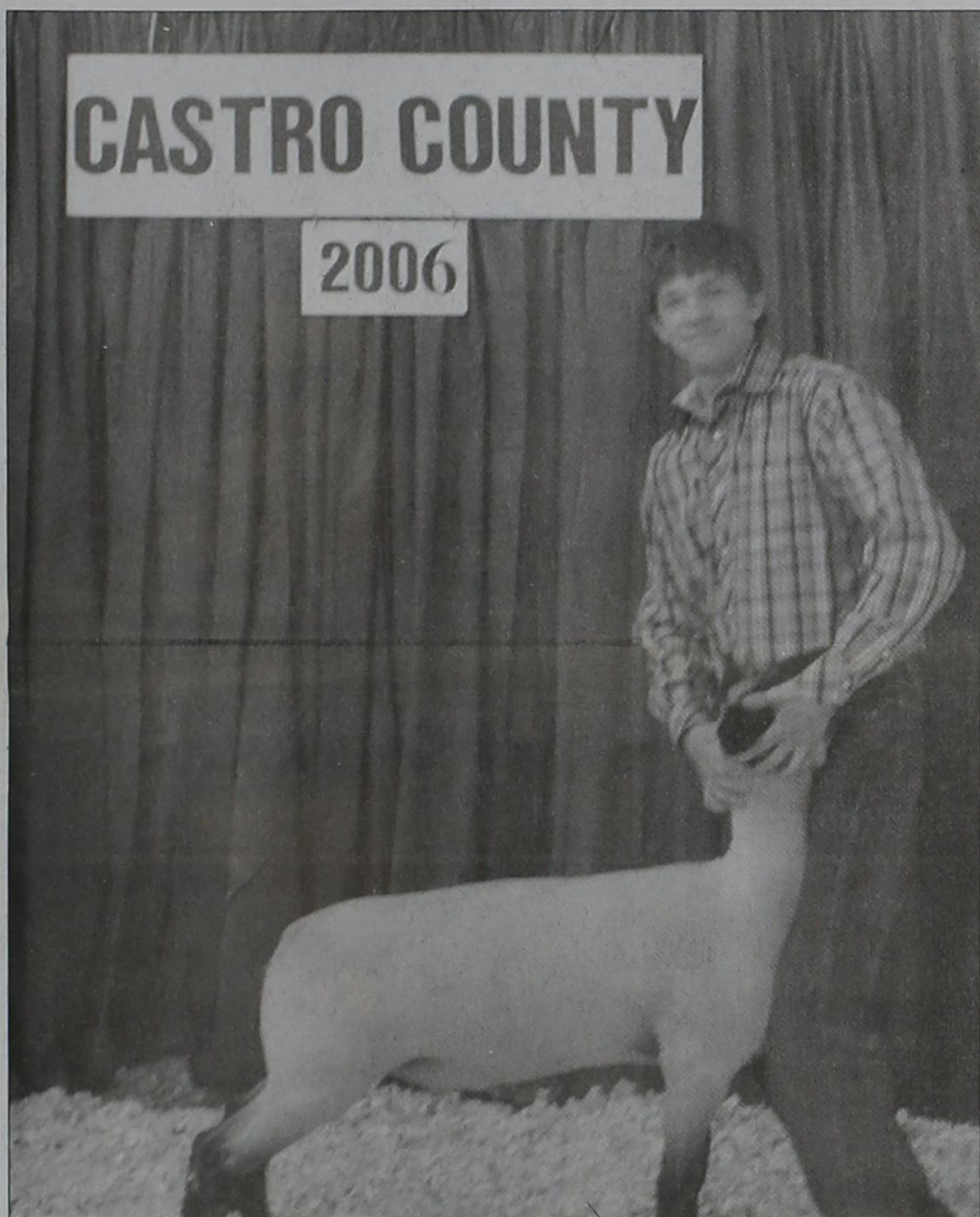
We're proud of our Castro County youth and of their accomplishments. The annual Junior Livestock Show is one of many areas in which the youth of our county excel.

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

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

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

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First-Place Winners

Top left, clockwise: Shay Johnson, sheep; Kendra D. Huseman, swine; Kalan Steinle, sheep; and Eric Odom, sheep.



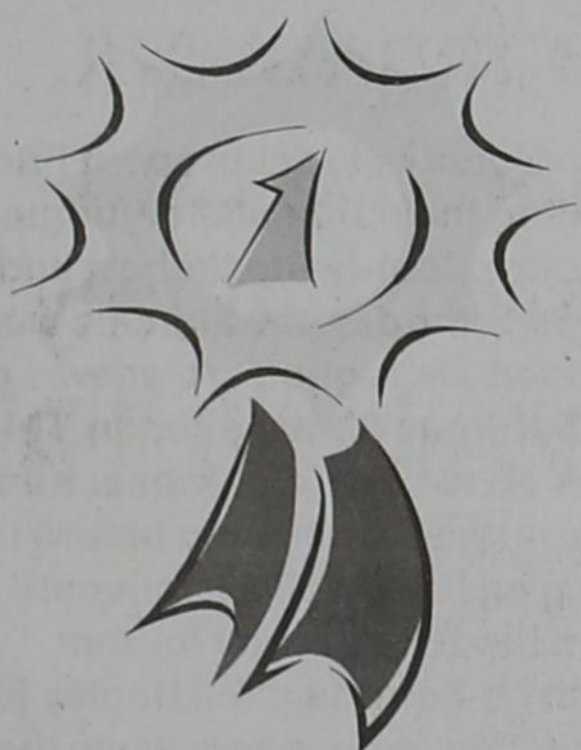
In our book, you're all winners!

You have accomplished many wonderful things in the past year. We wish you success at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

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You're All Champions!



Go for the first place ribbon! We know how hard you have worked to make this possible!

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From the weigh-in to the final cleanup, a lot of adult volunteers give a lot of time and labor to insure the success of our Junior Livestock Show and Sale. To the Dimmitt Young Farmers, judges, 4-H and FFA adult leaders, buyers, and others who help with the show: THANK YOU!



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We hope you had a great show and sale!

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A day at the stockshow



Castro County students spent Friday grooming their animals for judging at the Castro County Stockshow and Sale. On Saturday, the animals were auctioned off. A good crowd was on hand Saturday for the auction. The photos above, left, clockwise: Kirsti Edwards washing her pig before the judging on Friday; Shay Johnson getting his sheep ready for the auction on Saturday; Tell Bagley just enjoying the atmosphere while the auction goes on; behind the scenes at the auction; Nathan Huseman grooming his pig before the judging on Friday.