



Dawn Renee Granger

Granger is chosen Miss SE Plains

Dawn Renee Granger, 19, of Rocky Ford, Colorado, won the title of Miss Southeastern Plains in La Junta, Colorado, April 14.

She will now advance to the Miss Colorado pageant which will be held in La Junta in June.

Dawn's roots are in Colorado County. Her mother, Janet Sue Lundquist, was born in Columbus and lived in Sheridan for three years.

Her grandmother, Beulah Waddell Lundquist, and her grandfather, the late Kenneth Lundquist, grew up in Colorado County.

Dawn's paternal great-grand-

mother was the late Hulda Lundquist of Garwood.

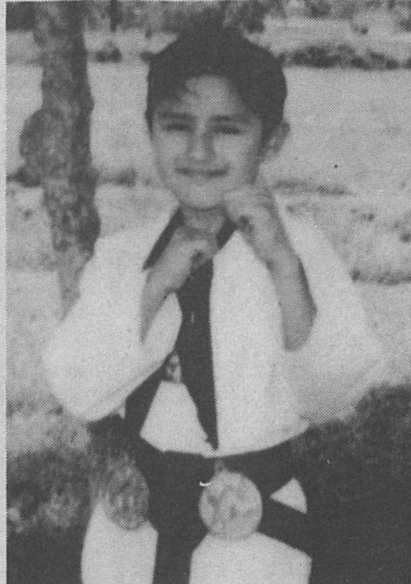
Her maternal great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waddell of Rock Island.

She has many relatives living in and around Colorado County: Mrs. Olga Lundquist, her son, Keith, and granddaughter, Anastasia Lundquist; Letha Grace Lundquist; the David Guthrie family; the family of the late Ronald J. Lundquist; the family of Marvin Ray Lundquist; the Johnny

Batla family; the family of the late Jack Waddell Jr.; the family of the late Donald Waddell; the family of the late Bill Waddell and the late Tom Waddell of Eagle Lake.

A freshman at Otera Junior College in La Junta, Dawn is skilled in dance, gymnastics, swimming, diving, horsemanship and is a star player on her college softball team.

She is pursuing a career in meteorology, sports therapy and kinesiology.



Alvarado places in regional competition

Gilbert Alvarado III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Alvarado Jr. of Eagle Lake, pictured at left, once again made his parents and family proud by placing at the 9th Annual AAU Region Tae Kwon Do Championships at Delmar Stadium in Houston.

He placed first in Olympic Style Sparring; second in Point Sparring; and first in Forms.

Congratulations, Gilbert. Keep up the great work!

4-H Council names nominating committee

By Margie Leopold, Secretary/Reporter

The Colorado County 4-H Council met April 16 for the bi-monthly meeting. Representatives from the 4-H Challengers and Bluebonnet, Frelsburg and Live Oak 4-H Clubs attended.

The Council decided the nominating committee for the election of 2001-02 officers should be comprised of representatives from each club.

Each club will designate one of their council members to serve on the committee. The nominating committee is to meet Thursday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the Colorado County Ag.

Building Conference Room.

Reports were given by Sharon Grahmann on the Clothing Tour and the County Fashion Show; Brandy Tuck on District Roundup; and Margie Leopold on the Scholarship Committee meeting.

Leadership Lab was discussed. Council has budgeted for eight to attend but there are nine this year since there is a District Council officer in this county. Council decided if nine sign up to go, the budgeted amount would be divided among them with the participants paying the difference. Leadership Lab applications are available and attendance will be on a first come, first serve basis.

The record book training scheduled for Fayette County April 23 was changed to May 3rd. Record books forms and guidelines are available at the Extension office and record books are due June 19, 2001.

Council members were reminded of upcoming events and activities.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the County Ag. Building.

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ball Most Improved, Heidi Hammermiller; Softball MVPs, Martha Rodriguez and Boenisch; Baseball Most Improved, Baird; Baseball MVP, Rucka; Volleyball Defensive Award, Boenisch; Volleyball MVP, Schneider; Football Most Improved, Jermal Wright and Quentin Whitfield; Football Lineman Award, Rucka; Football Back Award, Williams; and Football MVP, Jerry Cleveland.

The Most Outstanding Male/Female Athletes were awarded at the end of the banquet to the athletes that showed hard work and dedication throughout the all four years at Rice. The recipients were John Rucka and Stacy Schneider.

After the awards were given a football highlight video was shown to those interested.

"We never understand how little we need in this world until we know the loss of it."

— J.M. Barrie

USDA farm storage facility loans available

County Executive Director Mary Parr reminds Colorado County farmers of Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) available through the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"At a time when commercial storage facilities are at maximum capacity and charging premium rates nationwide, on-farm storage provides producers with an attractive alternative," said Parr.

The FSA is offering seven-year, low-cost loans to grain producers desiring to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Eligible loan opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage;
 - Perforated floors, safety equipment, quality improvement equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage facility;
 - Remodeling existing storage facilities to increase storage capacity.
- According to Parr, marketing flexibility is the primary benefit gained from on-farm storage facilities. "Privately owned facilities give producers control over where and when they sell their crops, increasing their opportunity to get the best price for their crop," said Parr.
- Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special real estate provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000.
- The maximum loan amount will be 85% of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment, not to exceed \$100,000 per borrower. A minimum downpayment to the supplier or contractor is required to bridge the gap between the net cost of the storage facility and the loan amount.
- Fixed interest rates on farm storage facility loans are equivalent to the rate charged on U.S. Treasury Securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. As of May 2001, the annual interest rate was 5%.
- "Although we are in the early stages of 2001 crops, advance planning for storage will mean one less decision to be made at harvest, allowing time to develop progressive, potentially lucrative marketing strategies," said Parr.
- For detailed applicant and facility eligibility criteria regarding FSFL, and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Colorado County office at 979-732-8306, ext 2 or visit FSA on the web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Meeting, barbecue is Sunday

The 32nd Annual South Central Texas Old Timers' Baseball Association Meeting and BBQ will be held Sunday, May 20, in Hallettsville at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 311 S. Glendale, directly behind the church.

Registration starts at 1 p.m. followed by a visitation period until 2:30, when the business session begins.

The program will include Memo-

rial Service, election of officers and presentation of Hall of Fame Certificates and other awards.

This year, a new treat is in store for those who attend. One of the members, Norman G. Damerau of Beeville, is a singer in a barber shop quartet and the group will perform just before the meal. The group is well-known around the area.

Colorado County Fair is adding talent show

Colorado County Fair Entertainment Chairman Carl Geisler has announced a new attraction for the 2001 Fair.

Area singers are being invited to perform in the Entertainment Tent Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16.

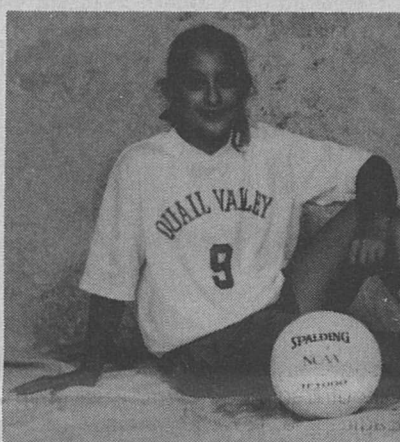
Each singer must be able to provide their own background music on cd or cassette, and will be given 20-25 minutes to sing.

No talent fees are being paid and performance will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Geisler said anyone can enter, but preference will be given to Colorado County residents.

To obtain an entry form, call the Colorado County Fair office at 979-732-9266.

The Colorado County Fair runs Sept. 13-16 at the fairgrounds on the Hwy. 71 bypass.



Cardenas named MVP

Josiann Cardenas, daughter of Rufus and Connie Cardenas of Missouri City, was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Volleyball Award at the Athletics Banquet Tuesday, May 8, in Missouri City.

This award has been presented to Josiann for the past two years as well as the "Miss Raider" award last year.

An eighth grader at Quail Valley Middle School, she will be attending Elkins High School in the fall.

Josiann is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Refugio Cardenas of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Castillo of Rosenberg and the sister of Brian Cardenas of Eagle Lake.

Her aunts, uncles and cousins are very proud of her and congratulate her on this accomplishment.

Butterfly

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and be granted, for the butterfly is the messenger of the Great Spirit."

The concept of the butterfly release was that of Bethany Homeyer after her son, Michael, lost his life in a tragic accident. After a long period of grief, Bethany found solace in the metamorphosis of the butterfly... a symbol of Christ's promise of life after death. She began "Michael's Fluttering Wings Butterfly Ranch" in 1994.

For more information, call Brown at 979-247-4457, Sandy Northrup at 979-249-3625 or the church office at 979-968-3910.

Cook

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rates play a significant role in reduced healthcare services for women.

Out of 254 counties in Texas, 156 counties do not have an Obstetricians or Gynecologists, said Rep. Cook. That accounts for nearly one million women in Texas who do not have proper access to doctors specializing in treating women's health needs, said Cook. The Omnibus Women's Equal Health Care Act changes the system to help increase the availability of women's healthcare services throughout Texas, explained Cook.

For more information on these or other legislation, Cook encourages those interested to visit the State's website at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

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