

Fair Director Steven Meinecke helps staple ribbons to the over 1100 entries in the Western Art Contest at the 2000 Fair. Fair patrons are invited to stop by the Home Economics/Fine Arts Building to view this year's entries in the Western Art Contest, Photography Contest, Art Show, and Home Economics Show. The building will also house a number of commercial exhibits and the popular Country Store which features handmade items and home baked goods of all kinds.

Western Art, Fine Art On Exhibit At Fair

What a delight to see faces of young and old filled with anticipation, waiting to see if they are the winners. Over 1100 pieces were exhibited last year and are expected again this year. Cows, horses, rodeo scenes as well as flowers and landscapes will fill the new Fine Art and Home Economics building during the fair.

The Western Art and Fine Art exhibitions and judging began in 1979. They were started to showcase the art in our community. County Fairs focus on many areas and the arts are an area which allows people who cannot participate in agriculture or livestock, to be involved in the fair. The Western Art division is for children of school age who live in Colorado County. The Fine Art division is for anyone of any age living in Colorado County.

In the Western Art division the rules and guidelines are similar to those of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art program from which our program was patterned. All school districts in Colorado County are invited to submit entries. Entries must be "western" in theme. They must simply bring their entries to the designated area on the designated day. These dates and locations are listed in the official Colorado County Fair catalog available at many locations in the county. In some cases a pre-entry card must be turned in. Each Western Art entry is awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. From each of the 3 divisions (elementary, junior high, and high school) a large best of show and reserve best of show rosette ribbon will be awarded. In addition several finalist rosette rib-

bons will be awarded depending on the number of entries. If your school is not involved talk to your teacher about participation or enter as an individual. See the fair catalog.

The Fine Art division is open to all ages. Artwork covering any subject is accepted, unlike the western art division, which accepts art of a "western" subject only. A pre-entry card must be turned in. Please see the fair catalog for de-



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If you have any questions call Rita Ruffeno or Carolyn Walla at 979-732-3832 for additional information. While you're at the fair come see our new building and see the beautiful art from your county.

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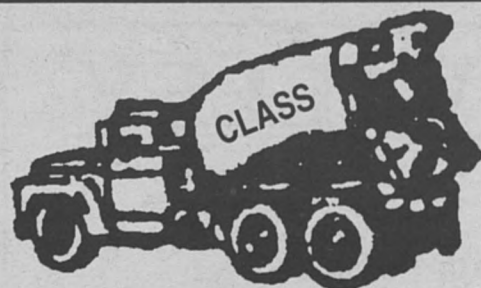
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