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Richardson Elementary get 'exemplary' rating DISD to appeal federal ranking

On Sept. 30, Districts and campuses across the state received their Accountability Ratings from the Texas Education Agency. The Campuses are rated from "Academically Unacceptable," (lowest rating) to "Exemplary" (highest rating) according to how their students performed on the TAKS test given each Spring, in grades 3-11. The District in turn is rated as a whole from the campus ratings.

Dimmitt ISD, along with Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School received "Academically Acceptable" ratings, and Richardson Elementary received an "Exemplary" rating.

"The students, parents, and teachers on each campus are to be commended for the ratings, as they all worked together to

achieve them," said superintendent Les Miller.

The "Exemplary" rating at Richardson Elementary is the highest rating given by the Texas Education Agency, and according to Supt. Miller "With this rating the whole community should be excited that good things are happening in Dimmitt ISD. Programs have been implemented on all three campuses to meet the needs of students, with an emphasis in Reading and Math. All three campuses are doing an excellent job of encouraging parents to work with the schools to ensure that our students continue to improve."

This year's ratings are the first ratings issued under the state's redesigned

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DISD to appeal federal ranking

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to identify campuses in need of improvement if the campus does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for the same indicator for two consecutive years. TEA has notified the Dimmitt school district administration on Sept. 29, that Dimmitt High School is subject to Stage 1 school improvement

requirements for not meeting AYP in Reading for two or more years.

The U.S. Department of Education and the TEA have required the district to notify parents of this status and to inform them, that as the parent or guardian of a student attending a campus identified for school improvement status, they have the option to request for their child a transfer to another public school

campus within the district not identified for school improvement. Parents are also advised that the campus will have the opportunity to appeal this school improvement designation later this fall. Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, the requirements described will be implemented for the entire school year.

Les Miller, DISD Superintendent, said, See APPEAL, Page 12



A CITY WORKER drives down an unpaved street in the northeast section of Dimmitt. Currently there are about 35 blocks inside the Dimmitt City limits that are unpaved.

Council mulls paving Dimmitt streets

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt City Council heard from several homeowners who live on unpaved streets. All who attended Monday's public hearing on paving asked the council to make the assessments and pave their unpaved streets.

The Council is considering the action, but wants a show of interest from everyone living in the 35 blocks where there are unpaved streets. Anyone interested in having their street paved has been asked to drop by City Hall and sign up.

Mayor Wayne Collins is quick to point out that by signing up, you are not obligated for anything at this point. "They would just be expressing an interest in having their street paved," Collins said. "I think the

Council will vote for the assessment if there's enough interest in it.

"There were just six people there Monday night who want it. It's a very lengthy legal process with a lot of public hearings, time-consuming events. We would really like to get more than just a block or two to justify it. When we get everyone with an interest signed up, we'll see if the Council wants to go ahead and do it for the amount who have an interest in it."

On the agenda were increased sanitation and airport fees, however, no action was taken. Council members are looking at ways to find some revenue.

Since the idling of Cargill and the city's loss of revenue, both through the idling and the lawsuit contesting the company's tax assessment, the city had to cut back

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TEA gives Naz 'exemplary' classification

The Nazareth ISD has once again earned the "Exemplary" rating from the Texas Education Agency. NISD is one of three districts in the Panhandle and one of the 19 districts in the state, which achieved the "Exemplary" rating.

"The rating is well-earned," said NISD superintendent Marshall Harrison. "Nazareth ISD students, teachers, administration, parents and community work extremely well together to achieve all goals and objectives."

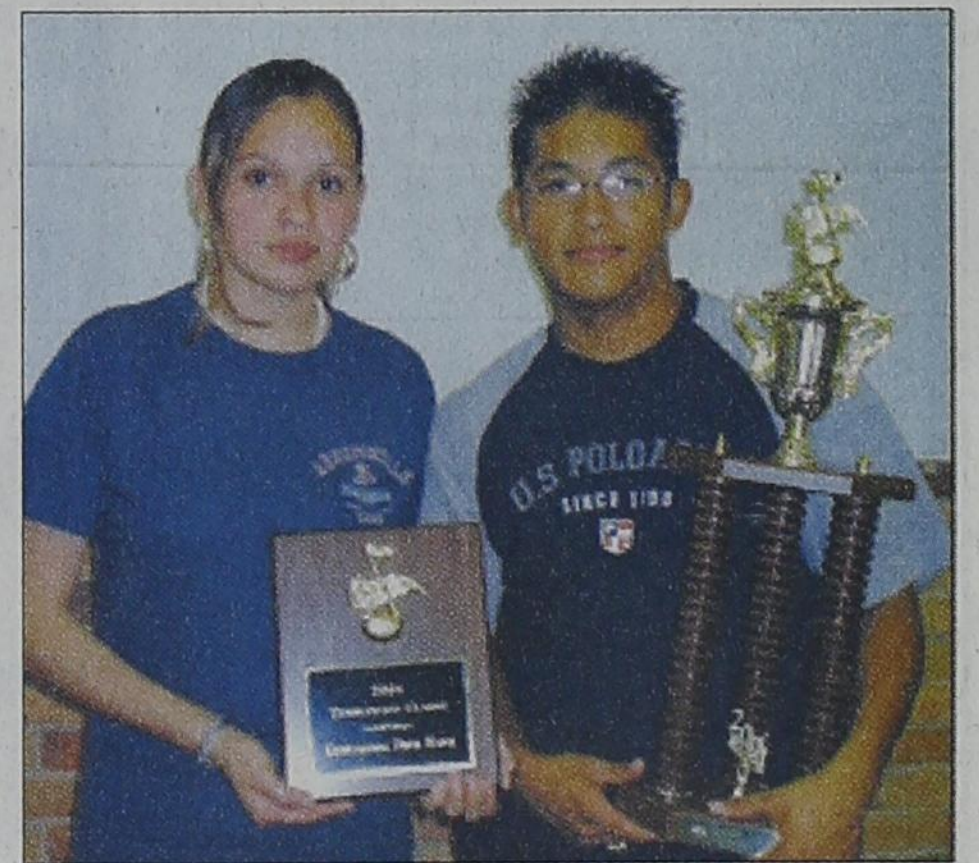
Two years ago, NISD dropped in their rating to "Acceptable" after having five years of "Exemplary" ratings.

"Once we received this rating, (Acceptable) and realized that the weak point in our curriculum was Social Studies, as a team (school, parents, students and community), we began to strive for the 'Exemplary' status again.

"After two years of refining our curriculum, NISD has once again achieved excellence.

"The rating is a proven example of the fact that it takes an entire team (school, parents, students and community), to achieve academic success."

This year's rating was based on the new TAKS testing standards established by the Texas Education Agency. To achieve this highest rating, the district or campus is required to have a 90 percent passing rate for all students. Special education students who took the State-Developed Alternative Assessment also needed a 90 percent or higher passing rate.



Simply the Best

Bobcat Band drum majors Fabian Pena and Heidi Villalba were honored as the Outstanding Drum Majors for at the 15th Annual Tumbleweed Classic Marching Contest in Denver City on Oct. 2. The band earned an overall rating of Superior and took second-place in the 2A division. The band finished 10th overall, ahead of several 3A and 4A bands. On Saturday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m., the Bobcat Band will compete at the Fall Foliage Marching Festival at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Dimmitt PD adds new patrolman to force

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Matthew Kropp said he has long wanted to follow in his grandfather's footsteps.

His granddad, Claude Kropp, served as Hart city marshal from 1967-69 and Sudan city marshal from 1970-73.

"Being in law enforcement is something I've always wanted to do," Kropp said. "I grew up with the stories

I've heard from my grandfather."

Kropp, who is a life-long resident of Castro County, graduated from the Police Academy in Amarillo in August. He started working midnights a little over a week ago, and has not been disappointed.

"It's interesting work, I like it," he said. "I know it's my first few days, but I can't wait to get out and start

patrolling."

And, like everyone in law enforcement, Kropp acknowledges that it can have its dangerous moments.

"There's a certain bit of nervousness that comes, but I don't let it stop me from doing what I want to do," he said.

Kropp, a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is the son of John and Beverly Kropp.



Officer Matthew Kropp

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Forum

What happened to the America I once knew?

I remember God was a vital part of everyday life. His Word was taught in the home and in the schools. Thanks were given each mealtime. The 10 Commandments were taught in the home and in the schools and we were expected to live by them.

Our school day began with the class singing a hymn, prayer was given, we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then class would begin. If someone "acted-up" they were lectured and sent to the principal and you did not want to go there. We didn't worry about others stealing our "stuff." Now that God and the 10 Commandments have been removed from the schools, we see the results, not only in the schools, but also in society. Now the schools cannot punish students for misbehaving. The schools have taught "situational ethics" meaning there is no right or wrong, "If it feels good, do it." Sex education is taught, condoms are birth control are available to all. They are not taught that sex outside of marriage is a sin.

According to a national survey we find that children are killing children at an alarming rate. Births to unmarried teens are up 500 percent. Teen suicide is up 450 percent. Illegal drugs use up 6,000 percent. Criminal arrest of teens up 150 percent. Divorce up 350 percent. Babies are being slaughtered by the millions, through abortion. Then they wonder why our tax revenues are down. Another disgraceful occurrence is that homosexuality is now being taught as an alternate lifestyle and laws are being pushed to allow marriage between them. Who ever heard of prostitutes marrying one another? Homosexuality is a deviate form of prostitution, any way you look at it. Every nation that has

allowed this to be an accepted lifestyle has fallen, beginning with Sodom and Gomorrah.

What America needs is to put God back in our homes, schools and America. If you do not take a stand against what is happening in America today, you are condoning it

Charles Doss
Dimmitt

McLain most suitable for Commissioner Precinct 1

Dear Editor:

We would like to let the voters of Precinct 1 in Castro County know who we are supporting for Commissioners in the General Election!

When he think of Hart, Texas, we think of the McLains; Tom and LaVerne McLain. After meeting them in the latter part of the 1970s when we started our Castro County Pro-Family Forum we grew to love them. Tom was a dirt moving contractor who did a lot of work for farmers and others, with equipment such as front-end loaders, maintainers and trucks, building roads, ponds, pits or whatever was needed. We believe tom certainly is well-qualified for commissioners, with all the previous experience he has had. Tom's wife, LaVerne, worked at Farmers Grain Elevator.

Our Pro-Family group consisted of like-minded friends and neighbors from Hart, Nazareth and Dimmitt who are pro-God, pro-American and pro-life families who promote our God-given values from the Holy Bible, God-given values our nation was founded on and we are vocal about these values that are so dear to each of us.

We believe Tom McLain will spend our tax money wisely and conservatively as he builds our county roads. Please join us as we cast our votes for Tom McLain for Precinct 1 Commissioners on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,
Two concerned voters
Owen K. "Pete" Stewart
Darla Stewart
Dimmitt

P.S. Early voting is Oct. 18 through Oct. 29, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

Threat to Coordinating Board should worry every Texan

Ladies and gentlemen:

Are you ready to see your part of the state and your region denied its say about our public colleges and universities? You had better get ready. It is going to happen.

There is under way in Texas a serious change in the governance of higher education that will deeply affect every smaller city and town in this state. Such cities and towns are about to lose their representation on the Texas Higher See *THREAT*, Page 12

We invite Letters to the Editor or commentary. The Castro County News, however, reserves the right to edit for length and style. If you'd like to express yourself, send your opinion to us at **The Castro County News** P.O. Box 67 Dimmitt, TX 79027 or via e-mail at editor@castrocountynews.com (Your name, phone number and address must be included for the letter to be considered for publication.)

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McLain's experience best qualifies him for Commission

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Please consider Tom for commissioner of Precinct 1. And remember, to vote for Tom, you must write his name on the ballot.

Dorothy and Herb Mayfield
Hart

WORD SALSA
by Tony Tallarico
Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.

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DOORMAN	PORTERO
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NOISE	RUIDO
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- TXism: "when ____ comes to shave"
- his TX Armstrong was U.S. ambassador to England
- root beer letters
- tree found in some TX areas
- what Jack Ruby died of
- opposed
- TXism: "____ off" (rest)
- in Harris & Chambers counties on I-10
- TXism: "it's purt ____ hundred miles"
- electronic retailer found in TX
- OK town
- fluid accumulations
- TX novelist Shelby
- Italian artist POW who painted mural in TX chapel
- Dubin pro golfer Hogan (in:)
- describing a novel by TX McMurtry (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I ____ that like a duck needs an umbrella"
- TXism: "I'd have to get better to (sick)
- yearly book: "The Texas ____ eat honey?" (eyes)
- AFL Dallas Texan QB Dawson

DOWN

- K'gore Junior College FM
- TXism: "bury ____ hatchel"
- TXism: "he's got only one ____ in the water"
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk ____ picnic"
- therapeutic tub
- play on words
- TXism: "he's ____ as a bulldog on a gunpowder diet"
- nowspaper on Garland Road in Dallas (3 wds.)
- negative vole (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I ____ on thin ice"
- TXism: "parental plague"
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- prepare for publication
- TXism: "got the short ____ of the stick"
- pens the chickens again?
- TXism: "I ____ tune" (agree)
- "____-47" assault rifle
- direction to Houston from Corpus (abbr.)
- George W. & Kerry in '04
- Civil War general Robert ____
- TXism: "mosey around"
- plentiful
- Duncan and Robinson were the "____ Towers" in San Antonio
- horse type
- Santa reindoor
- TXism: "get the ____ out"
- actor Paul of TX-based Hud" (init.)
- ____ Co. in as, TX
- property document
- this Stiller started with TX Owen Wilson in "Starsky & Hutch"
- citrus drink
- TXism: "clings like a ____ dog's ear"
- TXism: "horse ____" (western)
- TX actor Boothe (init.)

WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	65	56	.49
Wednesday	71	47	.06
Thursday	74	50	
Friday	76	52	.05
Saturday	72	42	
Sunday	69	41	
Monday	70	52	trace

Sept. Moisture 9.73
Oct. Moisture05
2004 Moisture 30.15
2004 Snow - 6.5 inches
Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Trinity Robb's parents, Tammy and Bud McLain and Larry and Syrilla Robb, attended Parents Weekend at Baylor University in Waco recently. They attended the Baylor vs. North Texas football game. The Bears won the game and that was good, but the parents were simply delighted when they saw that the special weekend game program had highlighted not only the football team and coaches, but spotlighted some of Baylor's outstanding students and Trinity was one of those students. (For more on Trinity's honor, please see Page 4).

Tammy and Bud also enjoyed a Baylor talent show called "After Dark." Tammy shared that Trinity had leaned toward being a Baylor student for a long time, had visited the Baylor campus before he

graduated from Nazareth High and he's never regretted making this choice.

Have you ever wondered how news travels? Here's an example: This summer when the Van Earl Hughes were vacationing in Red River, N.M., they were, as we reported, visiting the Kenneth Wyatt art gallery. His wife, Veda, who's the proprietor of the little shop told them the story of how she found someone who seemed to be the perfect model to be Jesus for the book Kenneth was working on.

We told about it in "On the Go." I was listening to KNNK radio early on September morning when Buddy Peeler began telling the same story, except he had a little more information about it than I did. I called Buddy, asked him to

share the complete story with me so I could add to the story that I had first learned from the Hughes. Buddy said, "I got the story from the Amarillo Globe newspaper Sept. 4 edition. I'll be glad to fax it to you."

In essence, the story said that Mrs. Wyatt saw Rusty Dunavin of Amarillo, browsing through her store in Red River and knew she'd found Jesus - a least a model of him for her husband to use in a series of paintings.

Dunavin was used in 20 new portraits for a book Wyatt was helping compile. Dunavin, a member of the Church of Christ at the Colonies, said he was flattered to model.

Last Friday, the fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Gifted

and Talented students had a lesson in politics. First, the Democratic County Chairman, Greg Odom, came to Dimmitt Middle School library to speak to the students about views of the Democrats.

Then the students went by school bus to the Republican Campaign Headquarters in the Bruegel Shopping Center. There, Republican County Chairmen Karron Smith and Patsy Franks, spoke to the students about Republican views.

The students learned about being informed voters when they grow up.

After school, Caleb Penney, a DMS sixth-grader, brought his mother Lisa Penney and his sister, Meleah, 6, to the Republican headquarters. They got a bumper sticker and acquainted with the

volunteers. However they decide to vote, the family will be better informed from this experience.

Davie Ann Browder, the CCN's managing editor, left town for a few days last week. She went home to Groesbeck for homecoming. Although her hometown Groesbeck Goats didn't win - at least they didn't lose. They went into the game against Robinson 0-4, but played to a tie at the final gun. The teams didn't get to play to a conclusion - the game was called due to lightning. But after four-days of reunions, Davie Ann said she was glad to hit the road for 500 miles back to Dimmitt.

Of all things, however, she finally met Arlene Wohlgenuth. I've talked about her a lot and told

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Naz News

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Norbert (Nub) and Mary Hoelting of Olpe, Kan., who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past weekend with a big fish fry and bonfire Friday at the home of Henry and Marsha Hoelting. On Saturday, after a luncheon at Nub and Mary's home, everyone attended mass at the Catholic church in Olpe, followed by a catered dinner and dancing at the K of C Hall in Olpe. Everyone then went to the "Hoelting Grove" for music, bonfire and visiting.

Attending from Nazareth were Jim, Sandee, Nathan, Barry, Whitney and Jake Hoelting, Cinea and Kenny Schulte, Gwen Schmucker, Nikki Wethington, Ashley

Hoelting, Debbie King, Ralph and Evie Albracht and Hubert and Joan Backus.

Congratulations to Michael and Jenny Goss of North Carolina on the birth of a baby girl, Regan, Sept. 30. Grandparents are Gene and Susie Gerber of Keller. Great-grandparents are Louise Braddock and Virgie Gerber.

Norman and Stacey Gerber and family enjoyed the weekend by driving to Albuquerque, N.M., for the Hot Air Balloon Festival.

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, de donde salio tanta lluvia? Hello, where did all this rain come from? With all the rain we've gotten, I guess we should just be glad we are not in Florida. I know that the rain has kept most of us at home, so I am not going to complain about not getting much info this week. Josh and I wanted to make it to the fair in Amarillo, but it rained and rained, so we didn't even attempt it. But, if anyone made it on a dry day, let me know. Like I said, I don't have much to report, but here is what I gathered for this week.

Slowly but surely the community has begun to heal after the tragedy that unfolded this month. Donations continue to pour in and people are still helping out the Arredondo families. Anyone who drives by the Arredondo homes can see that the luminaries are still burning, day and night. Don't forget that there are still plans for a hamburger cookout scheduled for Oct. 9 at the Courthouse Square (weather permitting of course). Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way. I have been keeping in touch with my friend, Yesenia Arredondo Silva, daughter of the late Juan and Juana Arredondo. She grew up in the Dimmitt area and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995. She now lives in Turkey, with her husband, Bobby, and

their two daughters, Gabby and Giselle. Yesenia was the first to return from Mexico and is expecting her sisters to return soon. She says that things have been hard, but everyone seems to be doing good. Her uncle, Antonio Arredondo, is still in Mexico and is also doing well. He is

still recovering from the injuries he received in the accident.

She was also surprised and thankful for everything that has been done to help the two families out. Please continue to keep the families in your prayers.

My husband, Josh, had a nice chat with his nephew, Michael Arguijo, last week. Michael lived in Dimmitt a few years ago and attended Dimmitt High. He is now living in Everett, Wash., with his wife, Natasha, and their two children, 3-year-

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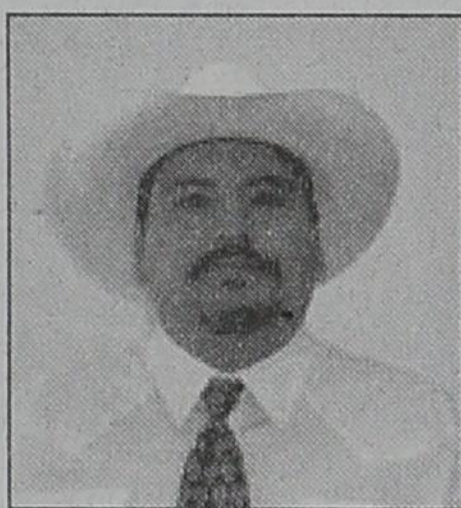
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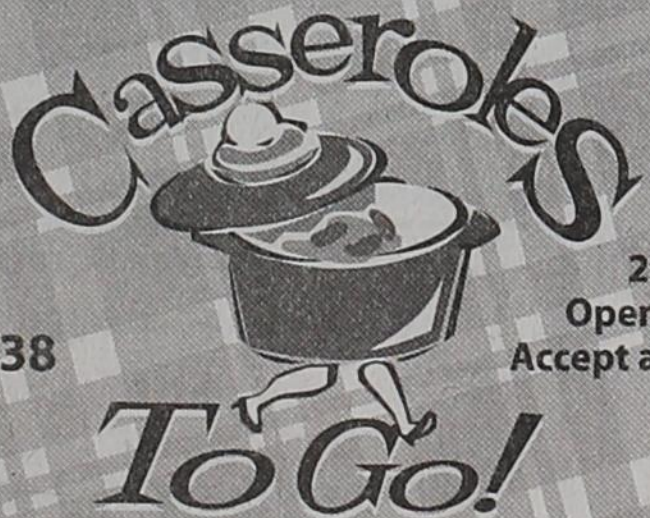
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Turner-Harvey

Trudy Miranda Turner and Jody Merrick Harvey announce their engagement and approaching marriage. She is the daughter of Julie Turner of Dimmitt and Mike Turner of Tulia. He is the son of Brian Harvey of Fort Worth and Kent and Sharla Smith of Rule.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School. In 2003, she graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

She is now attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, pursuing a doctoral degree in physical therapy.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Rule High School. He is attending Hardin-Simmons University pursuing a bachelor of science degree in all-level physical education.

The wedding is set for 6 p.m., Dec. 18, at First Baptist Church, Tulia.

The couple will make their home in Abilene until they graduate from Hardin-Simmons in December, 2005.

Jeter feted at shower

A shower for Heather Jeter, bride-elect of Adam Johnson was held Sept. 25, 2004, in the home of Teresa Williams.

She is the daughter of Kent and Teresa Lindsey of Dimmitt. The prospective groom is the son of Joe Dee and Janice Johnson.

The table cloth was a beautiful ecru lace with burgundy under it. The centerpiece was a burgundy and hunter green silk floral arrangement.

The food consisted of mixed fruit with fruit dip, a variety of mini muffins and cheese and spinach quiche, with punch served from a brass punch bowl.

Honored guests included: Teresa Lindsey, mother of the bride; Doris Flynt, grandmother of the bride; Janice Johnson, mother of the groom and Brigetta Dobmeier, grandmother of the groom. Out-of-town guests from the bride's side were Rubie Lee, grandmother of the bride, and Debbie Schumacher, both of Amarillo; and Kim Lindsey of Rockwall.

Out-of-town guests on the groom's side included Jodi Fulton, sister of groom, from Portales, N.M. The hostess presented the bride and groom with cookware.

Trinity Robb honored at Baylor as Outstanding Campus Leader

Trinity Robb, a 2002 graduate of Nazareth High School was honored recently when he was named an Outstanding Leader on Campus at Baylor University in Waco. He was nominated for the honor by the faculty at Baylor.

On Sept. 25, his photo and biography were included in the program for Baylor's game against North Texas.

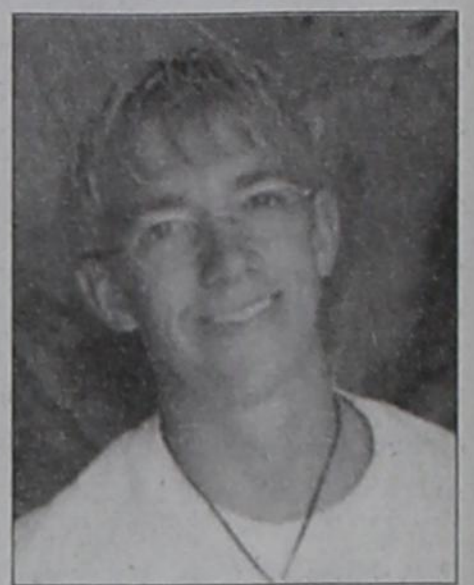
In the article, Robb said, "Baylor as an institution is great, but without the students, faculty and staff, it's nothing more than buildings. Excellent people make Baylor excellent."

He plans to graduate from Baylor in 2006 and is pursuing a degree in church recreation and leisure studies.

The major allows him to combine a love for the Lord and his fellow students in preparation for his dream of one day establishing a college church fellowship.

As a student leader for the Welcome Week and Baylor Line Camp programs, Robb is learning how to work with, and empower, others.

"These programs are specifically designed for incoming freshmen to make new friends, to be affirmed in who they are and to challenge them in who they will become," Robb said. "As a result, I am learning that I can impact lives by genuinely sharing the life that has been given to me."



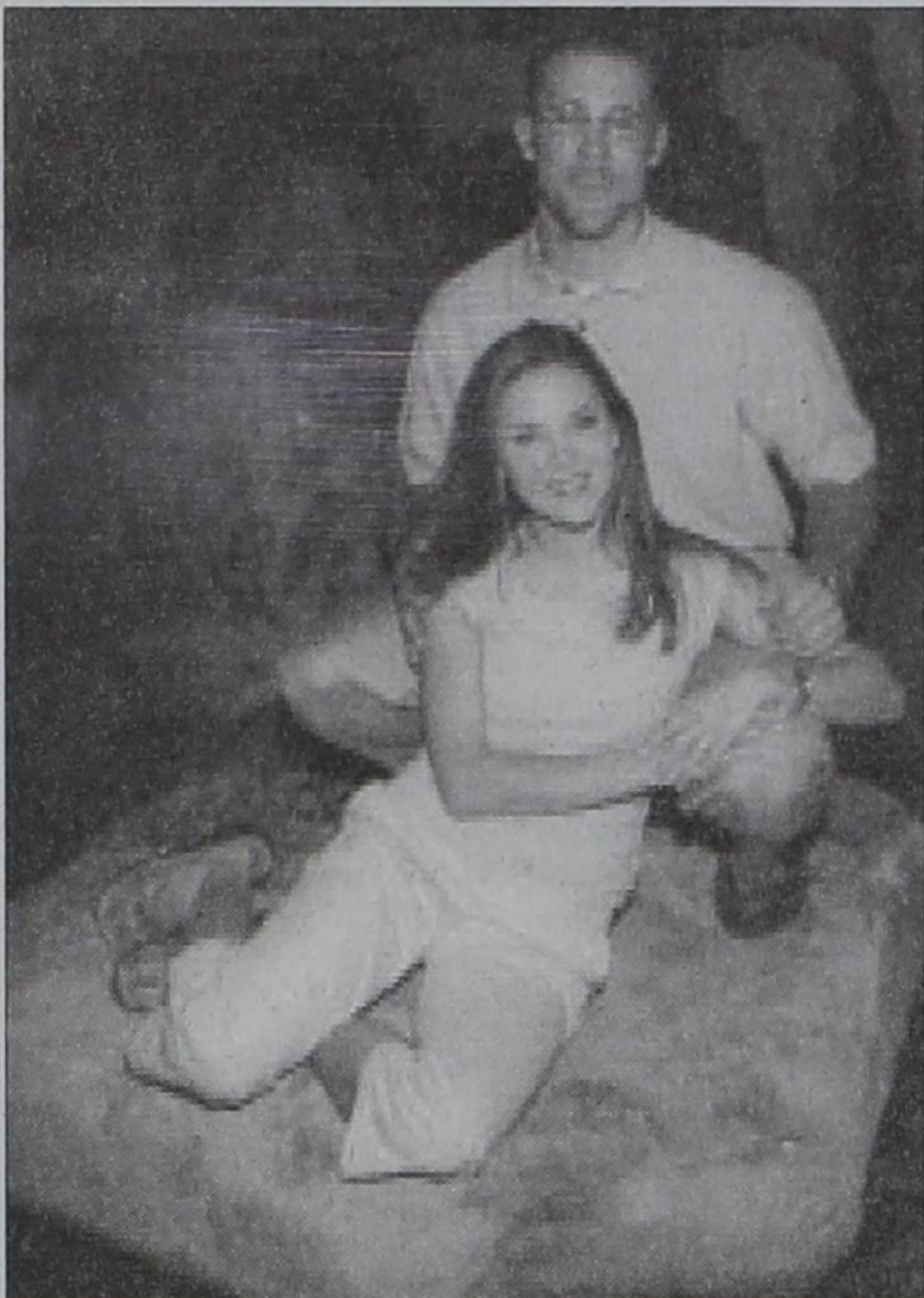
TRINITY ROBB

Robb also co-leads a small group at his local church, which is preparing him for further ministry opportunities and teaching him to lead in the Body of Christ.

Above all, Robb said he most appreciates and enjoys the people he has met at Baylor. The relationships made at the University have affected his life and will continue to positively influence his future endeavors, he said.

"Baylor is the place where God ordained me to be so that I might mature into the man that he desires for me to be," Robb said. "This is the place that is challenging, stretching, breaking and ultimately molding me for the future. I wouldn't want to be any other place, because this is where I am meant to be for such a time as this."

Robb is the son of Tammy and Bud McLain and Larry and Syrilla Robb.



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Issued this the 4th day of OCTOBER, 2004.
(Emitada este día 4 de OCTUBRE, 2004).

Signature of County Judge
(Firma del Juez del Condado)

Cleavinger is shower honoree

A shower honoring Candace Cleavinger, daughter of Tommy and Diana Cleavinger and Meredith Cleavinger, was held recently at the home of Teresa Williams.

The prospective groom is Chris McElroy, son of Rachel McElroy and Don McElroy.

The table was laid with a Battenberg lace table cloth. Centered in the middle was a fall flower arrangement.

Refreshments were served from crystal and silver appointments.

Honored guests included Ina and Jim Cleavinger. Out-of-town guests were Chasity Chandler, Gwen Chandler, Crissy Chandler, Karen and Sonya Gore, Teresa Parsons, Loren and Orirel Cleavinger and Norma Dawson.

The hostess gift was cookware.

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CHURCH NEWS



Finding peace in today's world

Many of us think that today's world is worse than any time in history. We are going faster. We can travel to more destinations. There are more things to do and more things to know. Yet people are still the same as throughout history. If we were able to see people in different times, we would find they also could fill up their schedules. We would find we are not really all that different from people of other times. What we do may be different or done in a different way, but we all usually find time to do what we really want to do.

In 1 Kings 20, we find a king who was so busy doing other things that he forgot that he was supposed to be doing what God asked of him. A prophet came to the

king and told him a story, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." The prophet later tells the king that the servant was indeed the king. God commanded the king to a certain task, but the king, being busy trying to do other things, forgot that task and paid a great price.

How can we find peace in the chaos around us? Two things can help us. First, we are going to have to set priorities in our lives. Then, we are going to have to stick



Brett Page

to those priorities. If we set priorities and do the most important things, then we can find enjoyment and peace. This will allow us to slow down and make sure we get the important things done right. This also causes us to have goals and plans for our lives. Of course, for this to work, we must have the right priorities. If we are Christians, then our priorities should already be set for us. God and His work are first. Our families are our second priority and then all else will fall in place. With the proper priorities, which give us our goals, and the realization we cannot do everything, then we can slow down and enjoy life as God intended. Then, we can have peace even though the whole world around us is in chaos.

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

Hispanic News

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old Xayvion Skylar Arguijo, and Mia Annice Arguijo who is 6 months old. Michael hasn't visited Dimmitt in a few years, but keeps in touch with his family.

Josh and I would like to wish Michael a late 23rd birthday on Oct. 4. We'd also like to say, "Queremos conocer a Mia en persona (we want to meet Mia in person)".

Get well wishes to Ray (Big Tray) Lopez from all of your buddies at the Castro County Sheriff's Office. Ray recently underwent knee surgery and is recovering well. Ray, everyone wants you to know that they are thinking of you and that you are in their prayers. Apurale y componte! Hurry up and get well!

Here's something I hadn't ever mentioned before. Please keep all the students, faculty and fans who travel to the the football games in

your prayers. They had an unpleasant trip to Plains last week and some were a little spooked. Please keep them in your prayers so that they may all return home safely each week.

Let me tell you the kids at DHS are an outstanding bunch. They have done so much to help out during the loss of their fellow student, Jose.

May God Bless you all.

Please keep the following in your prayers: the Arredondo families, Mari Pena, Ray Lopez and let's not forget our troops. Please send me your prayer needs. Bueno, no tengo mas que contarles. Well, I don't have anything else to tell ya'll. I'd like to remind all of my Hispanic readers to get out there and vote. Que se oigan nuestras voces. Let our voices be heard. I know for a fact that many of us simply

don't take the time to go out and vote. Yet, we do find plenty of time to complain after the elections have ended. We find ourselves asking, "Por que no vote (why didn't I vote?)?"

Let's prevent that this year and just get out there and vote. It doesn't take much.

Keep sending your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 and 346-3882. Todas sus noticias son importantes. Everyone's info is important. Creo que si no para de llover, voy a tener que aprender a nadar. I think if it doesn't stop raining, I am going to have to learn to swim. Adios, amigos.

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Church Calendar

Orsborn will speak at New Beginnings Church

Rodney Orsborn, founder of Master's Arrow Ministries, a ministry dedicated to seeing the release of God's grace for forgiveness, will be at New Beginnings Church formerly First Presbyterian) across from Dimmitt High School at 7 p.m., Oct. 15 and 16. For more information, contact Doris Huckert, 364-6078.

Wyatt is Sunday speaker at First United Methodist

Kenneth Wyatt will speak at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 10, as the church continues its "40 Days of Purpose" campaign. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. with church services at 10:30 a.m.

Adventure program under way at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church has started the Adventure Club after school program on Tuesdays, from 3:45-5 p.m.

This program is for kids in K-5th grade. We will be picking children up at the flag pole at Richardson Elementary and in front of Cleveland Gym at Middle School.

Come join us for a life changing adventure! For more information call the church office at 647-4106.

On the Go

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Davie that Arlene was running for Congress. It seems that Groesbeck is in the district where she's running. Davie Ann, her son, David, who drove up from Sam Houston State University; Davie's best friend since the fourth grade, Mary Ann Hogan; and their long-time friend, Eddie Ray Truett, were having "the best chicken fried steak" in Texas at the Kosse Corral last Saturday night. Guess who was sitting in the same place talking with campaign workers. Davie said she didn't want to interrupt, but did go over and introduce herself. What a small world!! No telling who Davie will run into in two weeks when she goes to Huntsville for Sam Houston's homecoming.

Sunday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship Service-10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

VERMA MERLE ARTHUR

A memorial service for Verna Merle Arthur, 88, of Dimmitt, was Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt. Funeral services were Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at First Baptist Church, Gruver, with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial was at Gruver Cemetery in Gruver.



Verna Arthur

Mrs. Arthur died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Plains Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 8, 1916, in Panhandle. She married Benjamin Samuel Arthur on Aug. 14, 1936, in Canyon.

She graduated from Happy High School in 1934 and attended Panhandle State University and West Texas

State College. She taught in the Gruver school system for more than 25 years before retiring. Mrs. Arthur moved to Dimmitt in 1997. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Gruver and attended First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, for the past seven years.

Survivors include two daughters, Gwen Bryant of Dimmitt and Jo Wilson of Fritch; three grandchildren, Dana and Darren Smith, Bruce and Monica Bryant and Bryan Wilson; and four great-grandchildren, Breanna Larkin, Keely Wilson, Baily and Ben Bryant.

Mrs. Arthur was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Samuel Arthur on Sept. 9, 1997; an infant daughter, Marilyn Arthur; five brothers; and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to: Dimmitt Senior Citizens, First Baptist Church of Gruver or First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

LESLIE HEARD

Funeral services for Leslie Heard, 43, of Cleveland were Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Graham. Mr. Heard was raised in Dimmitt, graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1979. During high school he played football; participated in band and FFA; and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was the nephew of Bill and Jeanine Thompson, Cotton and Janice McElroy and Leroy and Wilma Lee McCormick, all of Littlefield. Survivors include his parents Dan and Oma Dee Heard; sister and bother-in-law, Pam and Walter White; bother, Danny Heard; nephews, James White and Austin Heard; nieces, Alicia Heard, Niccoloe Heard, Brittany Heard, J'Nae White and Jennifer Morgan; great niece, Hailey Morgan; and a special friend, Shelia Teimann. Memorials can be made to the Ronald McDonald House or your favorite charity.

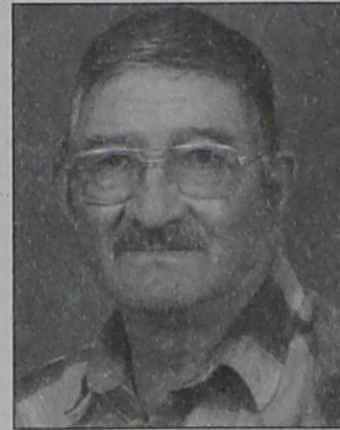
NATIVIDAD ORTIZ

Services for Natividad Ortiz, 79, of Dimmitt, were Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Franklin E. Pantoja officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Mr. Ortiz died Oct. 1, 2004, at home. He was born Sept. 8, 1925, in Del Rio. He married Olivia Andrade on Dec. 16, 1949, in Crystal City.

Mr. Ortiz moved to Morton in 1956, where he worked for the John Deere Co. In 1967, he moved to Dimmitt where he worked for C&S Equipment for 10 years before retiring. After his retirement, he continued to work as a welder for various companies in the area. He was in the U.S. Army and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Mr. Ortiz is survived by his wife, Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt; three daughters, Rose Cuellar of Amarillo,



Natividad Ortiz

Elisa Rodriguez of Rockwall and Becky Martinez of Dallas; four sons, Johnny Ortiz of Lubbock, Sal Ortiz of Dimmitt, Danny Ortiz of Big Spring and Gus Ortiz of Hondo; three brothers, Bobby Ortiz and Rudy Ortiz, both of Winters and Thomas Ortiz of Roby; two sisters, Susan Ortiz of Abilene and Bertha Solis of Roby; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Cares of Dimmitt.

Dimmitt menus

Friday: Breakfast - Hot pocket egg and cheese, Rice Krispy treats. Lunch - Turkey and dressing, hot dog on bun with chili, fajitas with onions and peppers, candied sweet potatoes, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad, cole slaw, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla.

Monday: School holiday.
Tuesday: Smucker's Peanut Butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Steak fingers, cheese enchiladada with sauce, chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, frijoles refrieto, corn on the cob, tossed salad, guacamole salad, fresh spinach salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, wheat rolls, tortilla chips, cornbread.
Wednesday: Breakfast -

Cinnamon rolls, peaches, cereal, Danish. Lunch - Hot dog on bun with chili, chicken fillet strips, meat loaf with creole sauce, pork and beans, mashed potatoes, Mexicali corn, cole slaw, tossed salad, cucumber/tomato salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, rolls, Fritos.

Thursday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Nachoes with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich, New Mexican enchiladas, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, Spanish rice, tossed salad, hamburger salad, taco condiment salad, peaches, fresh fruit, fresh melon, crackers.

DISD Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 7
RES - ITBS Test - 1st Grade
RES - TPRI Test - 2nd & 3rd Grades
High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Middle School Pep Rally - 3:00
Football: 7th & 8th vs Friona - Here - 5:00 & 6:30
9th & JV @ Friona - 5:00 & 6:30

Friday, Oct. 8
High School Picture Retakes & Group Pictures
Lion's Club Pancake Supper - DHS
Cafeteria - 5:00 - 7:00
Football: Varsity vs Friona - Here - 7:30
Saturday, Oct. 9
Volleyball: JV & Varsity @ Colorado City - 1:00
Cross - Country: Bobbies - OPEN

Monday, Oct. 11
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Teacher Comp. Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 12
RES - Sharon Wells Training - 2nd Grade
Volleyball: JV & Varsity vs Shallowater - Here - 5:00

Wednesday, Oct. 13
RES - Sharon Wells Training - 3rd Grade
DHS - PSAT Test - 8:30 - 12:30

Thursday, Oct. 14
High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Football: JV - vs Olton - Here - 6:30
7th & 8th - @ Olton - 5:00 & 6:30
9th @ Shallowater - 5:00

Friday, Oct. 15
Lion's Club Pancake Supper - DHS
Cafeteria - 5:00 - 7:00
Football: Varsity @ Olton - 7:30

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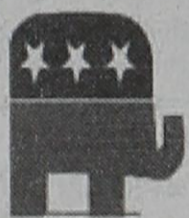
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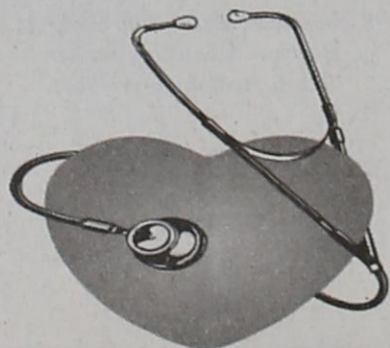


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2004 Bobcats Varsity Football Team

Bobcats set for Friona

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

A bye-week gave Dimmitt head football coach Robert Wills a chance to put his team in some stressful situations and see how it reacted.

"We put them in situations that simulated game type situations to give them a chance to perform under some pressure," Wills said. "And they performed very well. I was real pleased with the open week with the way they responded to what we were trying to accomplish."

The hardest thing about turning a football program around, Wills said, is the mental game.

"Learning to handle adversity is what we're trying to teach," he said. "We've been emphasizing that they're a lot better than they

think they are. When they start understanding how good they can be, we'll have success.

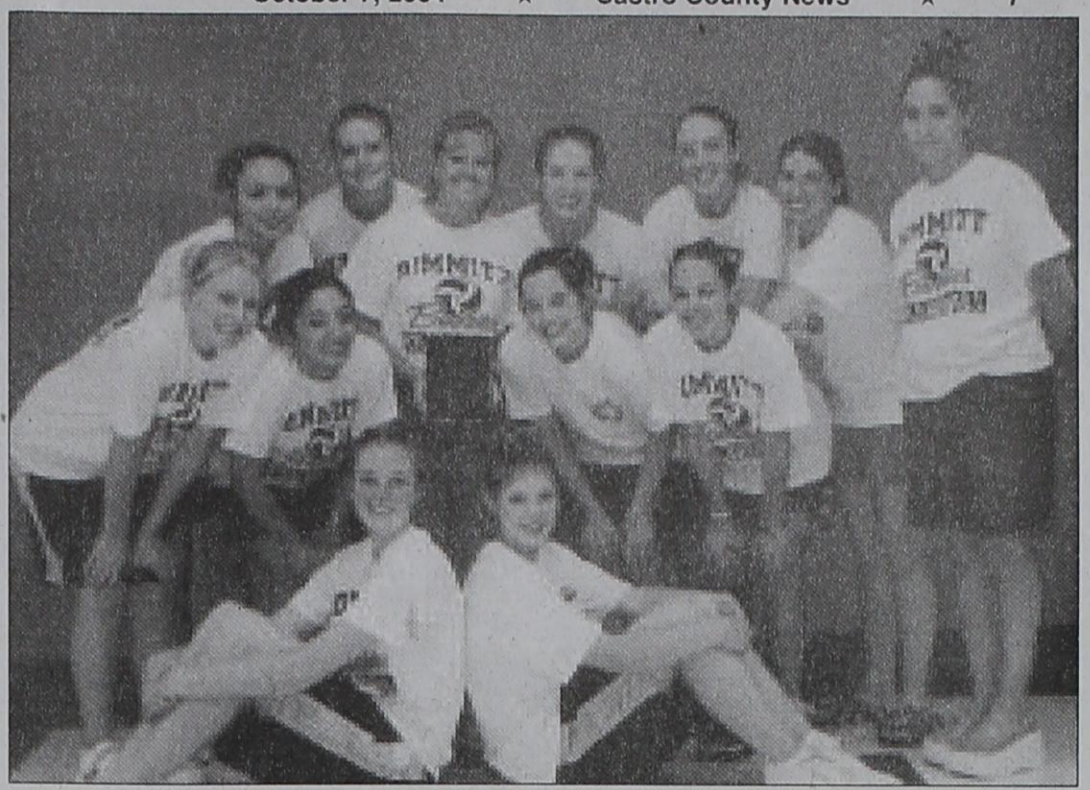
"Their psyche is very fragile and the minute something bad happens you can see it in their faces. And that's probably the hardest thing to get them out of when you're trying to turn a program around. That's why we did the drills we did this past week to try and get them out of that mind set."

With the opening of district play this week, the preseason is over, Wills said, "And we're at 0-0." "This is the season that counts -- district," he said. "This is what they've been working for. Everyone is on an even playing field."

The team has been working on Friona's game plan, which runs a wishbone

option. "They remind me a lot of Sundown the way they run and the type of personnel they have," Wills said. "They're a really good football team. I think the key to stopping their attack is their quarterback and their fullback. The quarterback reads the option real well and throws the ball exceptionally well. The fullback is big and runs real strong."

On Thursday, the JV and freshmen travel to Friona; the first game is at 5 p.m. The seventh- and eighth-grade teams host Friona with the first game at 5 p.m.



Contributed Photo

Bobbies Win Consolation

The Dimmitt Bobbies recently took the Consolation Trophy at the Childress Tournament. Pictured, left to right: Front row: Jacqui Hinsley and Kristin McClure. Middle row: Chelsea Buckley, Clarissa Herrera, Brandy Smith, Anna Brockman. Back row: Natasha Jordan, Molly Bradford, Coach Dene Adams, Kylah Riddle, Darcy Fisher, Mandi Ebeling, Kelly Ruis, manager. District play starts Saturday, Oct. 9 at Colorado City. On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the Bobbies will host Shallowater in a district matchup. The JV game is at 5 p.m. with the varsity game to follow.

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VARSITY			
DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 27	New Deal 41; DIMMITT 0		
Sept. 3	Farwell 39; DIMMITT 12		
Sept. 11	Abernathy 39; DIMMITT 0		
Sept. 17	Sundown 42; DIMMITT 20		
Sept. 24	Plains 39; DIMMITT 6		
Oct. 1	OPEN		
Oct. 8	*Friona	Here	7:30
Oct. 15	*Olton	There	7:30
Oct. 22	*Tulia	Here	7:30
Oct. 29	*Lockney	There	7:30
Nov. 5	*Floydada	Here	7:30
** District Games			
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STUART SHEFFY, NO. 23, heads upfield after fielding a kickoff during the Swifts' homecoming game against White Deer, which Nazareth won, 44-0. Friday night, Nazareth opens district play hosting rival Hart with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Nazareth set to face Hart in district opener

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

District 4-A play opens in Nazareth on Friday night as the Swifts host the Hart Longhorns - always a good matchup.

During the off-week that Nazareth had, head football coach Ricky Peacock said the team went back and worked on some things that they haven't had time to concentrate on since two-a-days.

"We also healed some bumps and bruises," Peacock said. "We're ready for Friday to get here."

Everyone of the players who can come back from injury will be back for the opening of district, including Nathan Huseman, who plays defensive back and receiver.

"He probably won't play a complete game, but he's anxious to get back on the field and get some snaps in," Peacock said.

The team has spent some time reviewing techniques and getting some players accustomed to their new positions, he said.

"We've had to move a couple of people around and we were able to spend some time with them individually in their new positions," Peacock said.

As to what the Swifts are facing - "Anytime we play Hart you're going to get a great game from them," he

said. "We're going to have to match that as far as being focused and ready to go. We had two good games right before the break where we came out and played good in the first half. We're going to have to do that this week. Regardless of what the records are, you'll get a good game from Hart. I hope we're ready for the challenge."

The entire District 4-A schedule will be a tough one

this year, he said.

"We're going to have to continue to get better and not be satisfied with where we are," he said. "We'll have to be sound all the way around. We can't make any mistakes, offensively or defensively. And the kicking game will be important."

"We'll have to play at our best to have a chance in district. It's going to be a really tough district this year."

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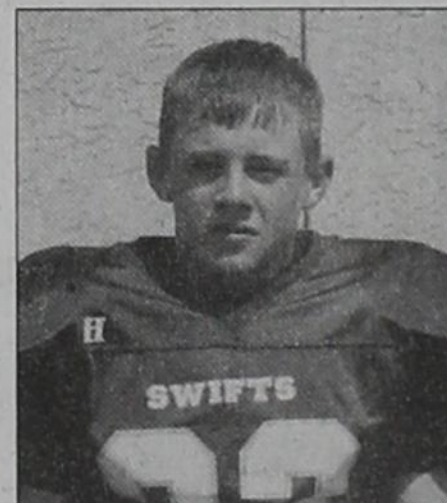
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Cameron Cluck
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Ronnie and Regina Hoelting drove to Dallas last weekend. They spent Sunday with Warren and Dianne (Hoelting) Norris. On Monday, they drove to Austin to visit the Barry and Rhonda Boyett family. They enjoyed watching their grandchildren play ball games and babysitting. On Thursday, Barry surprised Rhonda with a trip to New Orleans to celebrate her 40th birthday. It was a very enjoyable trip.

Evelyn Backus spent a week in Schulenburg, near Austin, visiting her twin brother, Alvin, a younger brother, Leon and a sister, Elizabeth Kotrola from San Antonio. They all drove to Lake Charles, La., for a family reunion. The weather was beautiful, but was a little on the warm side. They need rain real bad. They all enjoyed the reunion, hoping for another Langhamer reunion in a couple of years.

Congratulations to Curtis and Leigh Durbin of Dimmitt on the birth of a baby boy, Payton Cole, Aug. 3, at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Payton has two big sisters. On Sunday, Sept. 26, Payton was baptized at Holy Family Church with Father Ken Keller officiating. His sponsors are Hugh Durbin, Margie Robison and Jo and Bill Settle of Dimmitt.

Lena and Ben Duesterhaus of Brownfield celebrated their son, Levi's, second birthday. A group of the Durbin clan enjoyed the party and spent the night waking up to rain.

Donna Charanza is now recuperating at the Virgie Gerber home after having back surgery last week in Amarillo. She is doing well.

Nazareth menus

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on roll, cereal. Lunch - Nachos, corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, pineapples, pudding.
Monday: Breakfast - Muffins, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, bread, salad, cheese potatoes, fruit cocktail, s'mores.
Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Frito pie, pizza, cornbread, salad, green beans, peaches, walnut coconut bars.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, chef salad, salad, corn, pears, jello.
Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal. Lunch - Ham sandwiches, corn dogs, French fries, lettuce, macaroni salad, grapes, sugar cookies.

2004 Nazareth Swift Football Schedule

VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/27	Claude 12, NAZARETH 54		
9/2	Anton 25; NAZARETH 20		
9/11	Morton 20; NAZARETH 7		
9/17	White Deer 0; NAZARETH 44		
9/24	Clarendon 14, NAZARETH 49		
10/1	OPEN		
10/8	Hart*	Home	7:30
10/15	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30
10/22	Farwell*	Home	7:30
10/29	Sudan*	Away	7:30
11/5	Bovina*	Home	7:30

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2004 Hart Longhorns Varsity Football Team

Longhorns travel to Naz for district opener Friday

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

You can throw away the record books - and forget predictions. When the Hart Longhorns and Nazareth Swifts meet, it's not only a district competition, but an intra-county rivalry that assures fans that they'll see a good game.

This year, Hart travels to Nazareth for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"We've been in the same situation for the last three years," Hart head football coach Jay McCook said. "We played a tough non-district schedule and are 1-4. We've been there before.

"But this is one of those game you can get up for. We haven't been playing very good.

"When we play Nazareth, though, it's another level for both teams. And they're

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More than 11 million metric tons of U.S. wheat have been exported or contracted for in the first 73 days of the 2004/05 marketing year, a pace not seen since 1997. The U.S. has sold 11.6 million metric tons as of August 12, 16.7 percent ahead of commercial sales at the same point last year and only 1.6 percent behind the 1997 pace. Renewed wheat sales to China are unmistakably contributing to this year's success, with Chinese purchases of 1.9 million metric tons accounting for 16 percent of U.S. sales. But, the U.S. is also showing some early success in opening or re-opening important markets elsewhere.

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U.S. wheat sales to countries of the Middle East are higher than they were at this point last year, even though sales to Egypt are down 39 percent. In the Middle Eastern countries except Egypt, U.S. wheat sales are almost two and half times more than last year, with sales up in Algeria, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Sudan and United Arab

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Including Egypt, which was the biggest U.S. customer in 2003/04; over a million and a half tons of U.S. wheat have been sold to Middle Eastern countries so far, which is 3 percent higher than the same point last year. U.S. Wheat Associates' experts are working with buyers in countries experiencing greater U.S. wheat sales. For instance, USW experts met earlier this year with Iraq's wheat buyers and, in the first tender where U.S. wheat was allowed to participate since Saddam Hussein banned purchases from the U.S., the Iraqis bought 159,600 metric tons (MT) of U.S. hard red winter wheat.

good. We know we have to play a lot better than we've been playing to have a chance."

On defense, McCook said, the Longhorns have got two big tasks.

"We've got to stop their passing game," he said. And Tucker Waggoner has really improved on his running game.

"Also, we've got to quit having so many turnovers. Turnovers have killed us. We had eight turnovers in the last game and that killed us. You can't beat anybody on eight turnovers."

This week, he said, the coaches are telling the players to "Just relax and have fun."

"I think they've gotten so tense thinking they have to win they're making mistakes they shouldn't be making," he said. "We're just trying to get them to relax and just play."



Jose Macias
No. 4



Michael Gonzalez
No. 21

Hart Longhorns 2004 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 27	Lorenzo 8, HART 26		
Sept. 2	Petersburg 21; HART 14		
Sept. 11	Wellington 38; HART 6		
Sept. 17	Clarendon 34; HART 14		
Sept. 24	White Deer 48, HART 0		
Oct. 1	OPEN DATE		
Oct. 8	* Nazareth	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	* Farwell	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	* Bovina	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	* Springlake-Earth	Away	7:30 p.m.
Nov.	* Sudan (parents night)	Home	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes district games
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Hart Menus

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Barbecued beef on a bun, burrito, sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, Longhorn cookies.

Monday: School Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, steak fingers, green beans, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, cherry cobbler, ice cream.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, bacon, cereal. Lunch - Burritos, Mac rib with chips, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, ice cream.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, spaghetti with meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookies, gelatin dessert.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NAZARETH ISD

Nazareth ISD will be holding a public hearing on October 13, 2004. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss Nazareth ISD Financial Rating of **Superior Achievement**.

The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Nazareth ISD Boardroom, located at Nazareth High School
101 South First Avenue
Nazareth, TX 79063
28-1tc-58

Card of Thanks

A very sincere thank you to all our friends and neighbors for all the prayers, support and the multitude of beautiful get-well cards during Elsie's struggle with surgeries and cancer treatment this year. We are convinced that the many prayers for healing have been the most important factor in bringing her illness into submission.

May God bless all of you!
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Community Calendar

Dimmitt Book Club meets Oct. 13

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library. Mildred Bradford will review "Wind Kill", a mystery by D. R. Meredith. Ms. Meredith lives in Amarillo and was a guest at the Dimmitt Book Club Spring Luncheon in May, 2003. Although she is a mystery writer, she includes many humorous incidents in her books. The public is invited to attend.

RES to sell old yearbooks

Richardson Elementary will be selling old yearbooks, dated 196 to 2002, in the RES office for \$5 each.

Benefit for Arredondo family is Saturday

A hamburger and brisket plate sale is set for Saturday, Oct. 9, at the courthouse gazebo. Cost is \$5 and it includes chips and a drink. All money from the sale will go to benefit the Arredondo families for medical and other expenses.

Old pictures, yearbooks to be sold at Naz

On Oct. 11, at the first home and school meeting, the Nazareth Yearbook staff will be selling old pictures and old yearbooks. Bring your checkbook and buy some memories.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria. Yearbooks will be \$20. Donations for pictures will be accepted.

Breast Cancer screening is Oct. 7

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 Oct. 7, 2004.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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.

Fourth-grade musical at Richardson Elementary on Oct. 19

The fourth-grade music students at Richardson Elementary will present their "Patriotic/Fabulous 50s music concert from 9 to 9:20 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19 in the school's cafeteria.

They are under the direction of Mrs. Teascher. The public is invited to attend.

VOE needed from students

Students under the age of 18 are asked to bring a verification of enrollment and Social Security card for all drivers license renewals and duplicates.

Office hours are: Monday, Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch) For more information, call 647-4350.

Health Fair set for Oct. 12

The Castro County Health District will hold a Community Health Fair from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones.

Flu and pneumonia vaccines will be administered. Health screenings will include blood sugar, cholesterol, triglyceride and prostate screenings.

Other screenings include checking for high blood pressure, colon cancer and skin cancer.

Educational booths will also be set up for everyone to enjoy. You can also schedule a bone density screening to check for osteoporosis. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Time to start saving

It's time to start saving Lowe's Grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2004, through March 31, 2005) and Box Tops 4 Education. Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items, such as cake mixes, Pillsbury items like biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereals. (The schools get 10 cents for each Box Top 4 Education).

Boxes will be set up at or near each Dimmitt principal's office so you can send them to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school.

Also, boxes will be at The Body Shop, 1st Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Castro County Courthouse break room (upstairs), Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

Muleshoe Christmas Bazaar

The Moonlight Extension Education Club will hold its 26th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 4, at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until Nov. 31. To request an application contact: Linda at (806) 72-3463 or Gail at (806) 272-3024.

Adult computer classes at Home Merc offered

Adult computer classes are starting at the Home Mercantile Lifelong Learning Classroom.

If anyone is interested, please contact Tammy McLain (945-2250) by Oct. 11.

Foster/Adoptive parent meeting

A meeting for those interested in adopting or fostering children will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, 6200 I-40 West in Amarillo.

For more information, contact Darla Ingram, foster/adoptive recruiter, at (806) 354-6230.

When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families.

These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and

Fund set up for Quintero

A medical fund has been established at Muleshoe Bank, Dimmitt, for La Wanda Youts Quintero to help with medical expenses. adoptive parents.

"A Journey to Old Tascosa" program at the Home Merc

More than 125 years ago, the town of Tascosa grew up near the Canadian River.

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On Sunday evening, Oct. 17, the Home Mercantile will hold its annual Living History evening with a program entitled "A Journey to Old Tascosa."

The program will feature a presentation by Reyne Telles regarding Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and its connections to historic Tascosa.

Singer-songwriter Joe Gillis of Lubbock will perform five of his original songs that deal with Tascosa personalities like Frenchy McCormick and Charlie Goodnight.

Another part of the program will be a dramatization of New Mexico pasture and comanchero Jose Piedad Tafoya.

Traders and shepherders from New Mexico played a fascinating role in the life of Tascosa. Burr Williams, director of the Sibley Learning Center in Midland will perform the dramatization of Senor Piedad.

The event will begin with a potluck supper at 5 p.m., which will feature a short skit with German phrases and German songs by the third grade class from Nazareth ISD. The Tascosa program will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. No admission will be charged, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Fund established for Murray children

A love educational fund has been set up to benefit the minor children of Scott Murray.

Money may be sent to First United Bank, P.O. Box 929, Attention: Jan Glenn, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

For more information, call 647-4151. The children's mother, Susan, works at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Gospel Music Show is Saturday

It's that time of year again - for the Castro County Sheriff's Department Seventh Annual County and Gospel Music Show, set for 6 p.m., Oct. 9, at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

"The Texas Music Jubilee" will be returning for this annual benefit concert. Proceeds will go for equipment needed at the sheriff's department.

The show will feature an appearance by "One Day At A Time" TV, radio and recording artist, Jeanette Lunsford. Lunsford has toured with greats like Kitty Wells, Mel Tillis, Louise Mandrell and the late Vesta and Howard Goodman.

Also on the concert will be the Relations Quartet. This group has been voted STGMA group of the year and were also nominated group of the year for the 2004 Diamond Awards.

For his second appearance in Dimmitt, recording artist Cary Gilham will be here. And he's bringing his crazy cousin "Delainard" who is a Christian comedian.

For his first time in Dimmitt, gospel harmonica player Perry Weeks will appear. Along with Perry will be Nick Majors.

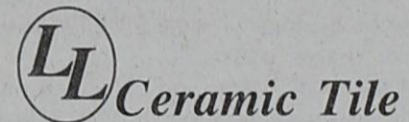
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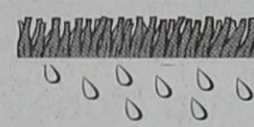
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Education Coordinating Board. That is the state agency that oversees and regulates our public colleges and universities. During all the 40 years since the creation of the Coordinating Board under Gov. John Connally smaller cities have been represented by gubernatorial appointments on that board and have been able to have a say about the interests of the rural and less populated parts of our state. That is about to come to an end.

Under legislation passed in the last session of the Texas Legislature, and promoted by Gov. Perry, the size of that board is being reduced. It has already been cut from 18 to 15 members. Over the next few years, the Coordinating Board will be reduced to only nine members from 18. That board, which is the "referee" among all colleges and universities of our state, will soon become so small that only the larger Texas cities will be represented on it. This will happen because the larger universities and the larger cities will realize that at last they have the ability to control higher education decisions to benefit their own special interests without regard for the rest of the state.

In all those years that the Coordinating Board had 18 members, there were places for spokesmen on that board from the rural areas and the smaller cities, where most of our state colleges and universities are located. When there are only nine spots on that board, they will be fought over and lobbied over and even bought in order to be certain that those members who are appointed are there to look after the special interests of the University of Texas and the University of Houston campuses and the economic and political interests of House, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin.

But let me be fair. If there is a slot left over now and then, El Paso and Lubbock and Corpus Christi and Denton and A&M may be permitted to fight over it. Not only will the representation become skewed to favor the special interests of the larger cities, those members who do serve on the Coordinating Board will not be permitted to take a broad, overall view of the needs of the state as a whole or other areas than their own. They will be expected and probably even ordered to look after the special interests of those special folks they were appointed to represent, not the state as a whole.

And don't let any promises by Gov. Perry that he will appoint representatives from smaller cities dissuade you from what I am saying. Even if Perry did that, future governors are going to be beholden to the voters and concentration of senators and legislators from the big cities and those universities located there. No, if this reduction in the size of the Coordinating Board to half its original size is permitted to stand, the small cities and hamlets of this state (and the colleges and universities located there) can kiss their ability to have any say in higher education decisions goodbye forever.

During the 21 years I served as Commissioner of Higher Education and CEO of the Coordinating Board, the 18-member size of that board was repeatedly studied. Proposals to reduce its size were considered at length by governors' commissions, legislative bodies, a Select Committee on Higher Education, the Sunset Commission and the State Auditor, and it was always decided, until last year, that this board is not like a board of regents. It was found repeatedly that, unlike boards of regents with nine members, the Coordinating Board should retain its larger size in order to ensure representation of more regions and of different demographics and of the diverse needs of our large state.

El Paso has already awakened ahead of the rest of the state and is concerned that their city will have less representation on the Coordinating Board in the future. If El Paso is worried about not being able to make its needs known, how should all those much smaller cities feel about having their say in the future?

The change was sold on the argument that a smaller board will be more efficient. Hogwash. The members serve without pay. The board only meets four times a year. In a democracy, the test of efficiency should be representation of the interests of all the people. And we had that up until now. But that efficiency of representation is about to end. We are about to be blessed with the efficient sterility of big city control over higher education.

The people of the small towns and cities and rural areas of this state should rise up across the state and insist that the Legislature in the next session reverse the cutting of the size of the Coordinating Board to nine members. And Gov. Perry will have to be convinced not to veto such a bill. If the small cities and towns wait until the big cities get their control over the nine seats, vast areas of this state will never again have a sympathetic ear on this important board.

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APPEAL

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"Dimmitt High School is currently considering an appeal of this designation, due to conflicting state and federal accountability guidelines. The Texas Education Agency, will not release individual student information to the Districts until mid-November, and there is a discrepancy in the numbers TEA sent to the District and the numbers that the FEDS used in their rating. We received this information on Sept. 29, and had to meet a Sept. 30 deadline to inform parents."

He went on to say, "Dimmitt High School is doing an excellent job of meeting student needs, and is working at addressing the AYP rating. There is no need for anyone to doubt the outstanding education that our students are receiving in Dimmitt, as this rating does not accurately reflect the progress that Dimmitt High School is making with all of our students."

Dimmitt High School received an "Academically Acceptable" state rating from TEA, on Sept. 30.

At this time the guidelines used for the State Rating System and Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) are conflicting.

PAVING

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capital projects for the coming year to balance the budget.

"We'll be looking at different things during the course of the year," Collins said. "We can't cut out capital expenditures every year - some of those have to be taken care of, so we'll have to find other ways to cut costs or raise money."

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accountability system, which is now based on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) scores, high school completion rates and annual dropout rates. Texas Commissioner of Education Shirley J. Neeley said, "The state has significantly raised the bar primarily through its testing program, which will not be fully phased in until the Spring of 2005. If anyone has any doubt about the difficulty of the TAKS tests, may I suggest that you take a look for yourself online at www.tea.state.tx.us."

Commissioner Neely went on to say, "We are asking our students and our schools to perform at higher levels. They need time to take their performance to the next level. Consider an athlete competing in a pole vaulting competition. That athlete has trained and can successfully jump over an 11 foot bar all the time but when that bar is moved 12 feet off the ground, that athlete is going to need some time to clear that hurdle. The athlete's performance may be improving, but is not yet to 12 feet. Just like a well trained athlete, we believe our schools will do extremely well given time and that we will see continual improvement in performance, as we did under our previous accountability and testing systems."

CARD OF THANKS

On October 1, 2004 we lost a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, Natividad C Ortiz.

The last six months were difficult and sad as we watched Nati Ortiz fade out of our lives. There was not much we could do for him but to make him as comfortable as possible and pray. Even to his last birthday on September 8, we celebrated and showed our dad how much we loved him for the weekend.

We could not do it without the love and support of Plains Memorial Hospital, PMH nurses and staff and also the wonderful staff of the Hospice Program. They were only a phone call away-day or night. They did an outstanding job taking care of our father.

After our father passed away, the community continued to show their support and love.

We want to thank everyone that came to our home to share their love, prayers and spiritual support. Thank you for the many cards, flowers, food and condolences. When our parents, Nati and Olivia moved to Dimmitt 37 years ago, they knew this would be a great community to raise their children. Thank you very much.

The Ortiz family,

Olivia, John Ortiz, Rosa Cuellar, Sal Ortiz, Eliza Rodriguez, Danny Ortiz, Gus Ortiz and Becky Martinez.

According to Miller, "The state uses the actual student scores for all students who take the TAKS test when determining their ratings. By contrast, the FEDS use the all student group scores for those taking the TAKS test. Special Education students taking a Locally Developed Alternative Assessment (LDAA) are especially hard hit with only 1 percent of their scores allowed to count as passing toward the rating. With the majority of the LDAA scores counted as an 'Artificial Failure,' it has a negative effect on the rating regardless of how the students actually performed on the assessment."

In compliance with the federal requirement, parents of Dimmitt High School students may choose to have their high school child transported to Hereford High School. Hereford High School is the nearest high school campus that can accept all Dimmitt ISD high school student transfers without jeopardizing their transfer compliance status.

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1985 Chevrolet 1500	ZA191354	2000 Dodge Grand Caravan	YA670090	2004 Ford Escape	XEA15043	2002 Ford F-150	XPA32929	1999 GMC CK 1500	ZAS53884
2004 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab	ZP111730	2002 Dodge Grand Caravan	YE559617	1998 Ford Escort	FA244363	2002 Ford F-150	XPB00466	2001 GMC Sierra 1500	ZP264691
1998 Chevrolet Blazer	ZA277756	1995 Dodge Intrepid	DA548755	2001 Ford Expedition	XAA18797	2001 Ford F-150	XAC04391	2001 GMC Sierra 2500	ZP239675
2004 Chevrolet 1500 Ext Cab	AR022222	2003 Dodge Intrepid	DE934206	2001 Ford Expedition	XPA42793	2003 Ford F-150	XAB09752	1999 GMC Yukon	ZA771136
1994 Chevrolet Camaro	OA126489	2003 Dodge Intrepid	DE551015	2002 Ford Expedition	XEA59659	2003 Ford F-150	XEB10363	1999 GMC Yukon	ZP755345
1989 Chevrolet Cavalier	OA105311	2004 Dodge Neon	DE541605	2004 Ford Expedition	YEA40704	2003 Ford F-150	XPB06002	1995 Honda Passport	ZAA42736
1984 Chevrolet CK1500	ZA171074	2004 Dodge Neon	DE541605	2004 Ford Expedition	YEA407149	2003 Ford F-150	XPB06002	2000 Isuzu Trooper	ZP116017
1995 Chevrolet CK3500	OA192957	2004 Dodge Neon	DE551119	1998 Ford Explorer	XAB33303	2004 Ford F-150	XPC27845	2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee	JE189528
1991 Chevrolet Corsica	OA161928	1997 Dodge Ram 1500	Y2189234	1999 Ford Explorer	XPC28941	2004 Ford F-150 SuperCrew	XEA34580	2002 Jeep Liberty	JE187838
2002 Chevrolet K2500	ZA233646	1999 Dodge Ram 1500	YAS52353	2000 Ford Explorer	XPB75604	1984 Ford F-250	XAA99900	2002 Jeep Wrangler	JAT51647
1991 Chevrolet Lumina APV	ZA104872	2000 Dodge Ram 1500	YPS53409	2002 Ford Explorer	YEA40704	2000 Ford F-250	XAE12388	2002 Jeep Wrangler	JE27530
2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo	OP123388	2003 Dodge Ram 1500	YAG64693	2003 Ford Explorer	YEA86034	2003 Ford F-250	XAA82179	2002 Mercury Sable	MP649527
2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	ZP308970	2003 Dodge Ram 1500	YH144090	1996 Ford F-150	XAA92672	1993 Ford F-350	XAA28536	2004 Mitsubishi Montero Sport	OP017428
2002 Chevrolet Suburban	ZP233646	2004 Dodge Ram 1500	YH144090	1997 Ford F-150	ZRB00647	2002 Ford F-350	XAA28536	2004 Nissan Maxima	OP817729
2002 Chevrolet Suburban	ZP114480	2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab	YH240575	1997 Ford F-150	XAA36980	2004 Ford F-350	XAD65373	2004 Oldsmobile	OP476737
2002 Chevrolet Truck	ZP205992	2002 Dodge Ram 2500	YA227736	2000 Ford Ranger	XAA99978	2000 Ford Ranger	XPB39946	1995 Oldsmobile 88 Royale	OA315280
1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue	DA579137	2002 Dodge Ram 2500 Ext Cab	YA223440	1999 Ford F-150	XAA27341	2002 Ford Regular Cab	XAB92134	1998 Oldsmobile Achieva	OA313351
2004 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab	YZ511772	2002 Dodge Ram 3500	YA271559	2000 Ford F-150	XRA55468	1992 Ford Taurus	FA186051	2004 Pontiac Grand Am	OP608093
2004 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab	YP145177	2003 Dodge Ram 3500	YA702458	2001 Ford F-150	XPB22953	2002 Ford Taurus	FA186051	2004 Pontiac Grand Am	OP608093
2004 Dodge Dakota	YE509463	2003 Dodge Ram 2500	YH654774	2001 Ford F-150	XPB22953	2002 Ford Taurus	FE140719	2000 Suzuki Swift	ZR602492
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SHL winds down

The 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, meeting in the chamber of the Texas House of Representatives, passed 43 direct resolutions, 26 support resolutions and one special resolution before adjourning at noon on Friday, Sept. 17. One long-time member said, "The sessions get better each year, and this was the best session ever."

Alan Abraham of Amarillo, Libby Cleveland of Dimmitt, Betty Trotter of Amarillo and Chester Cunningham of Fritch were the Panhandle representatives.

The special resolution that was passed originated in the Retirement and Aging Committee and is a continuation of the number one priority of the 9th TSHL to freeze senior homestead taxes. It requests "that the 79th Texas Legislature amend Chapter 11.26, paragraph (a) of the Title 1, Property Tax Code, of the Texas Tax Code to replace the phrase 'school district' with a new phrase, 'all taxing entities' and insert any additional paragraph(s) needed to implement the change as directed in Proposition 13, HJR 16 and HB 136."

The number one priority of direct resolutions was to reinstate the monthly needs allowance of nursing home residents. The last legislature reduced the needs allowance from \$60 to \$45 per month. The resolution requests "that the 79th Texas Legislature reinstate the personal needs allowance of \$60 (sixty dollars) and be a budget priority in the 79th legislative session."

The highest ranking support resolution requests "that the 79th Texas Legislature oppose school vouchers." It was first passed in the Education Committee, chaired by Bobby Southwood from Dallas, before being introduced on the floor for debate. All direct resolutions, support resolutions and the special resolution will be presented to the Governor, Lt. Governor and House of Representatives for consideration by the 79th Texas Legislature.

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Braddock wins at South Plains Fair

Brett Braddock, 11, and a fifth-grader at Nazareth won Grand Champion Junior Division of Dairy Cattle Brown Swiss Show at the South Plains Fair on Sept. 28. Brett also earned three first-places; one second-place; and three third-place awards in the Junior and Open divisions. His sister, Brenna Braddock, 7, and a second-grader at Nazareth, did well in her first showing. She received first-place in her Junior Division and first place in her Open Division. They are the children of Thomas and Marcie Braddock of Nazareth.

Wildcats stay undefeated

The Dimmitt Tiger League Wildcats won their last two games by a total of 84 points.

They beat the Plainview Trojans, 42-0, two weeks ago and last Saturday, defeated the Tulia Seminoles, 42-0. In their last six games - three this year and three at the end of last year's season, the Wildcats haven't allowed a score. In their three games this season, they've amassed 104 points. The team is composed of fifth- and sixth-graders and is one of 22 teams stretching from Dimmitt to Idalou. Right now, the Wildcats have their eyes on winning the conference, going to the playoffs and participating in the Super Bowl. They will host Abernathy at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bobcat Stadium.

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