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Districts improve in TAKS testing

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

All three Castro County school districts have received the results from the TAKS tests given at the end of April. And while some schools did better than others, all three report that results over last year's programs have improved.

When looking at the table of results, remember that the percentage shown indicates the percent of students in each class that successfully master the test. The state sets the percentage that it takes to be academically acceptable, recognized or exemplary. Here are the percentages for academically acceptable: English/Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, Math and Science, 50 percent; Math, 35 percent; Science, 25 percent. To be recognized, all percentages must be 70 percent. To be exemplary, all percentages must be 90 percent.

In Dimmitt, Superintendent Les Miller said that overall, the district raised its scores in most areas.

"I'm pleased with the effort put out, both by students and teachers," Miller said. "There are some specific areas where we need to concentrate."

"In some grades, we need to work on math and science, but we're working to improve in all areas. Of course, every year the state raises the percent that is needed to be either acceptable, recognized or exemplary."

Miller said that low percentages in certain areas didn't come as a result of lack of work on the part of either the students or teachers.

"What we need to do is fine-tune what is being taught by making sure that all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) is being taught," Miller said. "When you're looking at the scores for each grade, understand that the larger and more diverse the class, the harder the test is. When you factor in all of the student subgroups, such as ethnicity, low socio-economic standing, special education and Limited English Proficient students, the harder it is to score 100 percent."

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Grade/Subject	Dimmitt %	Hart %	Nazareth %
Third Grade			
Reading	91	100	100
Math	85	65	100
Fourth Grade			
Reading	70	89	93
Math	85	79	100
Writing	84	74	100
Fifth Grade			
Reading	69	85	92
Math	71	55	100
Science	35	27	85
Sixth Grade			
Reading	67	75	95
Math	40	75	83
Seventh Grade			
Reading	74	81	100
Math	66	44	89
Writing	92	92	89
Eighth Grade			
Reading	86	79	93
Math	73	37	100
Social Studies	91	65	93
Ninth Grade			
Reading	78	94	100
Math	55	38	94
10th Grade			
Eng./Lang. Arts	77	96	100
Math	46	38	100
Social Studies	88	96	100
Science	40	67	100
11th Grade			
E/LA	97	95	100
Math	68	48	100
Social Studies	92	70	100
Science	74	45	100

City approves funds to help employees quit tobacco habit

By DAVIE BROWDER
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The Dimmitt City Council approved \$2,000 to create a program to help city employees kick the tobacco habit if they choose.

Mayor Wayne Collins urged members to OK the program on Monday.

"I believe it would be beneficial for the city and a good investment to help pay for aids to stop smoking," Collins said. "We could set aside \$2,000 for this and get with the City Secretary and develop procedures for the program. It would be benefit to everyone in Dimmitt, because healthy employees are more productive."

When asked if the program would include smokeless tobacco, Collins said he thought it would probably include tobacco in general.

In other action, the council tabled action on whether individuals who apply for a variance in the zoning code

should have to pay a fee.

City Managed David Denman said his research shows that it costs the city about \$250 in labor and fees to do the groundwork for considering a variance. Several council members said that since the city already pays the salary for the city employee who does the groundwork, no fee should be attached. However, other council members said that since about half the cities in the state charges fees ranging from \$50 to \$100, perhaps Dimmitt should consider a nominal fee.

The council also tabled annexing an RV Park on Ruskin Circle that belongs to Frank Mendoza. Several homeowners were at the meeting to oppose the plan.

However, Mendoza said that whether the land is annexed or remains part of the county, he plans to make it an RV park with four to eight spaces.

Walters life a rich tapestry woven by a cowboy

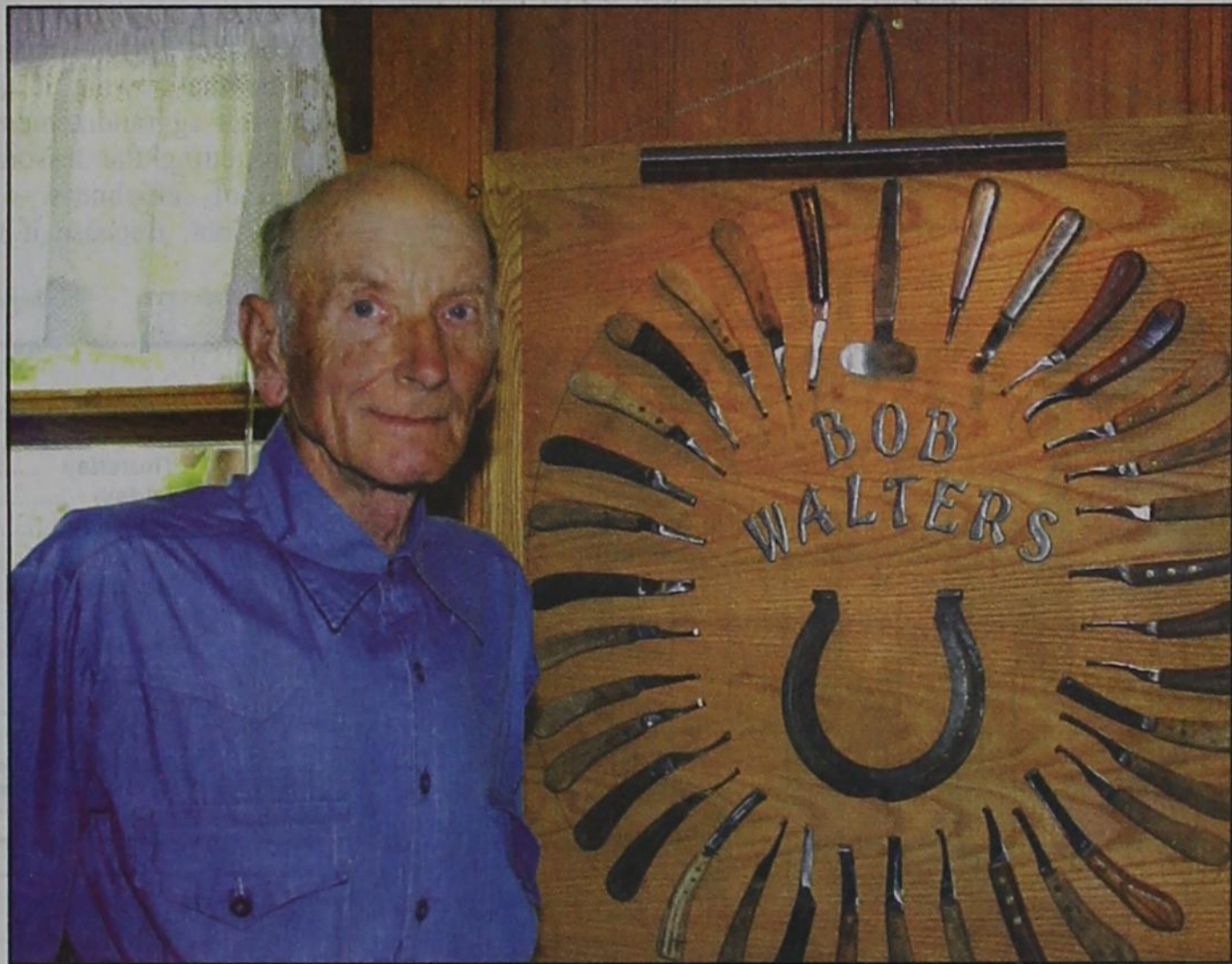
By DAVIE BROWDER
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Bob Walters has been just about everywhere in the West - and he's done a lot of things in his 72 years. From being a cowboy back in the days when the West was still a little bit wild to his days as a farrier traveling the states shoeing horses on ranches, big and small, Walters, recently retired, has enough stories to fill a book. And a raft of friends from throughout the country.

One of the most valuable pieces of advice Walters got as he started off as a cowboy at his second job as a cowboy-working for Marcus Rudnick on his private ranch outside of Bakersfield, Calif.

"He told me I was single, no strings attached," Walters said. "He said to look around, learn different ways, different country, meet new people. He made me realize I was a totally free man and I should learn from every job."

"That advice has paid off for me in a big way. You learn so much - different ways, meet different people, see different country."



At left, Bob Walters at home today with his collection of knives he used as a farrier. Many of those knives, he said, are quite a bit more valuable today than when he bought and used them. At right, Walters during his cowboy days.



Walters was born May 7, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisc., but grew up on his grandmother's farm between Milwaukee and Menomonee Falls, in a family with eight children, including a twin sister. It was then, working for a neighbor who was a large horse dealer, that Walters got his start cowboying. He learned about horses from his youth.

"After working there, I knew I wanted to be a

cowboy when I finished high school."

It was after high school that he started out in California, working from ranch to ranch.

When Walters talks about being a cowboy, he defines it as a "person that can do the job of taking care of cattle and horses, either their own or someone else's, and do it with pride that it's trusted to them to do it right."

And Walters is a cowboy of the old school, as is

evident when he describes the traits that make a cowboy. "It's someone who would respect everyone, especially women and kids, who treats animals right. Cowboys took pride in their outfit 'gear' and the way they carried themselves 'proud.'"

It certainly wasn't the salary that kept him at it. When he started out in 1952, the salary was about \$100 a month and "found" - which

was your food and a place to roll your bedroll and some medical insurance. By 1966, Walters was working on the Babbitt Ranch in Arizona, earning about \$225 a month.

"I don't believe I ever asked the wages when I asked for work at ranches, I just wanted to work at those ranches," he said. "Plus, there was little opportunity to spend the money, for you very seldom went to town, or in my case, wanted to."

As Walters talks about the

wagon cooks, it's with mixed emotions. "Some were very good, but some were very bad," he said. "As for the horses, there were the good, the bad and the ugly. I personally found the bad and the ugly as challenges and got a lot of satisfaction when they came around and made a useful horse - I loved it!"

When he talks about being a cowboy, Walters sometimes waxes poetic.

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Forum

Monday marked 61 years since the 'beginning of the end'

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It was the beginning of the end. It was the "Longest Day." D-Day, the Sixth of June, 1944 - the day the Allies came storming back into France, breached the "Atlantic Wall" and started pushing Hitler's highly-rated troops back into Germany for the final defeat.

Monday was the 61st anniversary of D-Day and, with World War II veterans dying at a rate of 1,000 per week, the number of people who remember D-Day and the sacrifices

it entailed are growing smaller every day.

Already, the generals and most commanders are gone. But maybe it's the privates and the corporals and the sergeants that we need to talk about - the rank and file.

Because those are the people that the Japanese and Germans both thought would never face up to a fight - a real, no-holds-barred, winner-take-all fight.

Their theory was the Americans were soft. And to a point, we were. We'd already made this country richer than other countries in the world.

And the eyes of the world that looked at us did so with malice and greed.

They wanted what we had. Everything we had. Except maybe the freedoms. Mostly they wanted the goods - the crops - the natural resources.

We had it. They wanted it. And they assumed since we have never shown any blatant militarism - especially after the end of World War I - we didn't have the guts to stick out a long war, where the folks at home had to sacrifice as well as the soldiers.

There were plenty of sacrifices to go around.

People had to walk - not ride, because rubber couldn't be spared for civilian tires.

Food had to be rationed. Every aspect of American life was altered by World War II.

But guess what? Americans at home didn't cave any more than American soldiers on the shores of Iwo Jima, Bataan, North Africa, Sicily or Normandy did.

And for those of you who think it was a cinch that the D-Day invasion would succeed, or that once it succeeded, that we would win the war, think again.

By mid-1944, Hitler's troops had been beaten in several major battles, but there were still many battle hardened veterans. And Field Marshall Erwin Rommel hadn't been

assassinated by Hitler's men, so it was feared he would be able to mount a swift answer to invasion.

But the Germans didn't take us seriously - thought we'd never launch an invasion in less-than-perfect weather. Wrong.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander and architect of the invasion, code-named Operation Overlord, took the gamble and spent a sleepless night and day waiting for reports to come in from the thousands of ships and planes and tens of thousands of men that he had thrown at the enemy in what was far from perfect weather.

There were five beaches on Normandy - Juno, Sword and Gold were the beaches where Canadian, French, English and other forces would land. Utah and Omaha were the American beaches.

For a while on June 6, it looked like we might not secure a beachhead on Omaha.

Commanders were killed, supplies went to the wrong place, landing craft faltered because of impediments planted by the Nazis or because the landings weren't occurring with the tides.

The beach was in an uproar.

That's when individuals - from generals to sergeants - used something that Americans have in abundance - common sense and initiative.

They found ways to get ashore and off the beaches where soldiers were being cut down.

Back of the beaches, the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions had dropped earlier, but found that the Germans had flooded much of the low-lying lands that were their landing zones.

Instead of sitting around waiting for orders, most of those soldiers started walking - looking for other American soldiers and then heading toward their objectives.

What were the Germans doing? Well, after they finally decided that it was indeed the invasion and not a feint - they wanted to move up panzer divisions. But Hitler was sleeping and no one had the nerve to wake him.

It can be argued that had the efficient German panzers been brought up immediately, the invasion might have failed.

We'll never know.

Personally, I don't believe it. This was it - the beginning of the end and I believe that our determination would have prevailed.

And it wasn't only our determination. It was the Americans back home that went immediately from peacetime production to war-time production.

It was the women, most of whom had never worked outside the home, that took over the jobs that husbands, brothers and friends had to leave behind as they went to war. They took jobs as riveters, welders, mechanics - and did them as well as the men had. They flew the fighter planes and bombers other men and women had made to bases in Britain, so the men who'd trained as pilots could be used in combat.

It was America at its best.

Today, I'm not sure how we'd answer a similar call. You can't compare Iraq - or even Vietnam or Korea to World War II. That's not to say brave men and women aren't dying today, just as they did during World War II, to keep us free.

But in every war after World War II, we haven't worried that our country would be invaded and our way of life shattered.

Maybe that's what it takes for a country to come together.

Maybe that's what it takes to make people turn from blatant self-aggrandizement, from worrying about No. 1, from forgetting the lessons of our forefathers, from their excesses of selfishness.

I hope not. Because if that's what it takes, we may be doomed.

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Clarissa Acevedo, Yvonne Alvarado, Travis Culver, Rebecca Fowler, Eric Fuentes, Eric Herrera, Elizabeth Jackson, Jesus Leyva, Kasandra Lopez, Cruz Maldonado, Nuria Marquez, Marissa Martinez, Yareli Olmos, Edgar Perez, Valeria Quiroz, Selena Saenz, Brenda Salas, Miquel Zepeda

EIGHTH GRADE
Six Weeks A Honor Roll
Juan Gonzales, Samuel Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Brooke Parker, Laura Rodriguez, Jennifer Saenz, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith.
Final A Honor Roll
Samuel Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith

Six Weeks A-B Honor Roll
Paul Gregory Acker, Mayra Aguilar, Alyssa Back, Colton Bradley, Stephanie Castro, Joshua Correa, Jake Ebeling, Fernando Fernandez, Brittany Freire, Christian Fuentes, Mary Huerta, Isac Lopez, Michael Luse, Stephanie Mendoza, Antonio Morales, Carlos Munoz, Devonce Ortiz, Armando Prieto, Anthony Puente, Viviana Quiroz, Shawn Ryan, Alyssa Saenz, Rubi Sanchez, Selina Sanchez, Chance Schilling.
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ACROSS
1 this Shivers ran for gov. in '52 on Rep. and Dem. ticket
5 TX or Nevada town
6 TX football armor: shoulder _____
7 TXism: "he'd _____ unarmed in a battle of wits" (dumb)
8 "flubber"
9 stores up
15 Huckleberry _____
16 detective agency that hunted TX John Wesley Hardin competitor of TX's Blue Bell ice cream
21 like a rhinestone cowboy
22 TXism: "got a skunk by _____" (trouble)
27 drug & grocery chain: Jewel _____
28 an original Mouseketeer
29 seat of Hudspeth Co.: _____ Blanca
30 TXism: "so clumsy he could fall _____"
32 dir. to San Angelo from Abilene
34 UT mascot
37 NTSU was _____ golf champ, '49-'52
38 TXism: "long _____ country mile"
39 how TX Kite, et al. begin (2 wds.)
40 a 60s Lubbock high school football powerhouse
42 it's used to blow out oil well fires
43 with 45 down, a Mexican who swims the Rio Grande
46 approves
47 TX Tanya (init.)
48 Frio Co. in English
49 Confederate soldier
50 goes into military
53 Palo Duro sound repeat
54 this Scala starred with TX Audie Murphy in "Ride a Crooked Trail"
55 TXism: "we've howdied _____ shook" (met)
56 TX actor Tommy _____ Jones
11 this Kessler was a Houston Rockets 1st rounder (init.)
12 participants in the Sutton-Taylor feud of the 1800s
13 colorless
14 Cowboys game momento: ticket
15 "G-man" who looks after TX Steve Martin in "My Blue Heaven" (2 wds.)
16 professional rodeo group (abbr.)
17 wandering journey
18 home of Rangers' Yankee foe (abbr.)
19 cable sports net.
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25 horse gait
26 this Cobb was a jazz reeds player from Houston
28 TXism for "family"
31 TX Bush's re-election problem in '92 (abbr.)
33 TX poet Naomi Nye work: "Different _____ to Pray"
35 TXism: "sells like _____ cakes"
36 TXism: "get shed _____"
38 nonTX oilman
41 "_____ out a living"
44 San Antonio street name: _____ Chaney
45 see 43-across
51 TXism: "spends his time looking for _____" (lazy)
52 "Gone _____ Texas"

WEATHER

	Low	High	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday.....	89	60		
Wednesday.....	85	54Tr	
Thursday.....	62	53Tr	
Friday.....	71	531.09	
Saturday.....	72	5608	
Sunday.....	77	5602	
Monday.....	82	5541	
May Rainfall.....	2.13			
2005 Rainfall.....	6.71			
2005 Snow.....	3.90 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

Bob and Jackie Crozier have had a busy "on the go" time of late, spending time at events in Sunray and Sudan. They made trips to Sudan for the Little Dribblers Basketball, Little League Baseball and end-of-school Spring musical program of the first through fourth grades. Their grandson, Brady Fields, son of Gary and Sue (Crozier) Fields, was involved in all of these events. The trips to Sunray began in early May to attend the Sunray band concert. Att and Mark Holloway, sons of Joe and Leanne (Crozier) Holloway were in their divisions. Carissa was sick and didn't get to make her Senior Band Concert or band trip to San Antonio. On May 12, Matt and Carissa left with the Sunray Senior Class on their trip to New York City. Carissa called to tell her grandparents, Bob and Jackie, which morning show they were visiting and Bob and Jackie got to see her very briefly on television. May 20 was graduation and the Croziers and Fields went up for that. It was such a pretty and impressive service. There will now be a brief period of rest for grandparents before horse shows involving Brady and Aubrie Fields start in June.

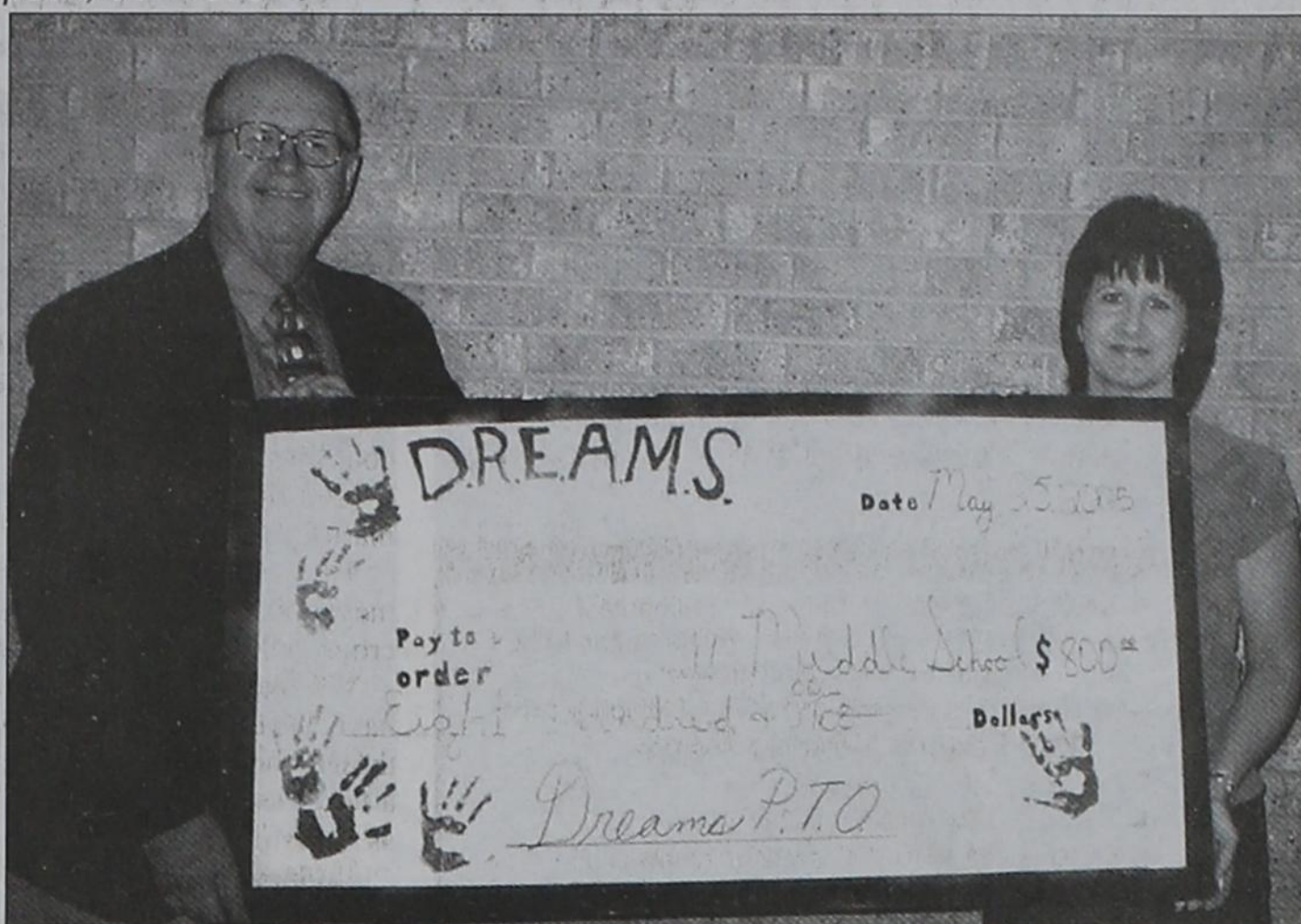
Beacon Baptist Church in Amarillo last weekend. The pastor of Beacon Baptist is Danny Chisum. The team was made up of Christians from different parts of the country.

The team coordinator was Walter Pritchard of Oklahoma City. The team is affiliated with the North American Mission Board and Texas Baptist Men. There were 10-to-15 team members that Faye and Wayne worked with. They have been team members for several years.

Congratulations are in order for Justin, son of Eddie and June Sutton. Justin was a Dimmitt High School graduate. He qualified for the National Championship track meet by winning the pole vault competition at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. He went to compete in the NCAA competition in Sacramento, Calif, on June 8. At the time of this writing, we're not for sure who the adult is who went with him. We're hoping his parents were there to cheer him on. We're proud of you, Justin!

Martha Jo Hyman had as her house guest

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DREAMS-PTO, with help from the whole community, presents Dimmitt Middle School principal Mike Graham with a check for \$800 to be put in the DMS Activity Fund. DMS will also receive many different office supplies from Lowe's grocery receipt program and approximately \$135 from Box Tops 4 Education. Presenting the check is Shelly Smith.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Saludos a todos. Greetings to all. Well, the storms must have kept everyone inside this week. The lightning was so bad it blew out our TV and our phone. I just about threw a fit when I woke up on my first day off in over a month and the TV would not turn on. Then, when I tried to call Josh to ask what was going on, the phone was dead. Casi me

sacaba el pelo!! I just about pulled my hair out. I didn't get any information for the column, but I'll share what I can with everyone.

I celebrated my 26th birthday June 2 with my husband Josh and my family. Poor Josh, he had planned a surprise party for Friday, but I couldn't wait and decided I wanted to

cook out on Thursday, so he had to rush and get things together one day earlier. He did good. With a little help from everyone, everything got done and we all had a great time. Thanks to everyone for the great food and gifts, I needed a day of fun and relaxation. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks for all the beautiful gifts too. Friday, Josh treated me to a day of shopping in Lubbock. We enjoyed a juicy burger at Fuddruckers and spent the rest of my birthday enjoying ourselves in Lubbock.

Santos G. Perez, who celebrated her birthday on May 28 would also like to thank everyone who helped her celebrate. She says she received a lot of gifts and had a great day. She's been feeling a little under the weather lately, but as we all know, that doesn't keep her inside. She's anxious to make tamales, but it's best if she waits a while or she'll never feel better.

Josh and I had special guest on Memorial Day weekend. Josh's uncle, Joe Arguijo, of Las Cruces, N.M. dropped by for a few days. Tio Joe lived here MANY, MANY years ago. He can tell you, and will, lots of interesting stories about our little town. He likes to drive, very slowly, down the streets and point out where people used to live. While in town, Tio Joe and his wife visited other members of the Arguijo family and enjoyed some good Mexican food. I even cooked them breakfast, which I don't do for anyone.

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Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

We are happy to have last week over - with excessive large hail and wind. The sun now has no problem coming through the badly stripped trees - but we are thankful to have our homes intact, thank God.

The Senior class of 2005 traveled to New Braunfels on Sunday after graduation. They enjoyed Schlitterbahn one day and floated the river on tubes and crafts the next day. They all stayed at the Resorts there on Schlitterbahn and enjoyed swimming, volleyball and a nice big, hot tub.

Rodney and Mona Schulte, Chad and Tammy Black, Carla Bradley, Lisa Braddock and Olen Schulte

were the Senior Parent sponsors. They all had a wonderful time and many good memories.

Ramona Schulte graduated from Amarillo College on May 13 with an Associates of Applied Science Degree. She has been accepted in the Physical Therapy Assistant program and will continue her practice at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. Many family members and friends attended the graduation ceremonies and then enjoyed the celebration afterwards.

Carl and Mary Kleman, Fred Ball, Jimmie Schulte, Norman Schacher, Nellie

Wilhelm and Evelyn Rossi attended the wedding of Caleb Braddock and Amy Schelli in Sherman on Saturday evening. Caleb is the son of Clifford and Kim Braddock and grandson of Esther Braddock of McKinney.

The Home Merc Benefit Steak Dinner will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, June 25. Proceeds will help to replenish funds spent to renovate and equip the new Computer Classroom in the Home Merc.

On Saturday, July 9, we invite everyone to attend the Annual German Festival. An entire day of events have been planned and ready to

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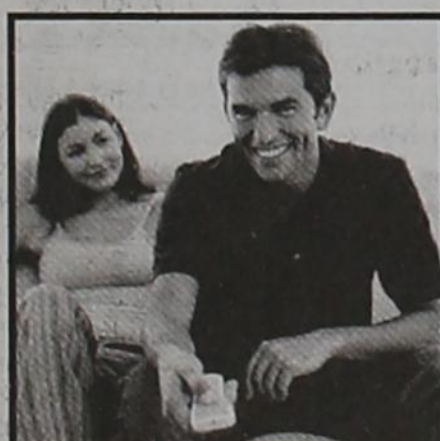


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People



Alex Ghazi & DeZane Schacher Schacher-Ghazi

DeZane Schacher and Alex Ghazi have announced their approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Norma Schacher of Nazareth. She lives in Dallas and works as a sales representative for Adidas America.

The prospective groom is the son of Fatima Ghazi of Houston. He lives in Dallas and works as a designer for HKS Architecture.

The wedding is set for July 2, 2005, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

High-school band awards

- * Outstanding Marching Band Member: Fabian Pena
- * Outstanding Concert Band Member: Gabriel Mirelez
- * Most Improved Musician: Cesar Sanchez
- * Patrick S. Gilmore National Award: Robin Beames and Daniel Jackson

College News

Ramey Seth Rice of Dimmitt has been named to the Provot's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University.

Castro County OK'd for LAP benefits

According to Rosie Kleman, Executive Director for the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA), Castro County is one of 95 counties in Texas approved for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) benefits.

LAP provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses in 2003 or 2004 due to drought, severe weather and related causes.

Producers of dairy and beef cattle; bison and beefalo; goats; swine; sheep; and certain equine, elk and reindeer are now eligible to participate in LAP.

To qualify for LAP, grazing land must be located in a county designated as a primary disaster county under a presidential or secretarial disaster declaration.

The declaration must have been approved on or after Jan. 1, 2003, for a disaster occurring through Dec. 31, 2004.

LAP benefits are not available for contiguous counties.

"A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2003 and 2004; however, producers may receive benefits for only one of the two calendar years," said Kleman.

Eligible applicants must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock and possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock that have

been owned or leased for at least three months.

During 2003 or 2004, livestock producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to natural disasters.

"If you reduced the number of livestock because of a natural disaster, you won't be penalized for those reductions.

"If, because of a natural disaster, you sold eligible livestock that were placed on grazing land on or after Jan. 31, 2003, you will receive compensation for the entire disaster payment period or to the date when livestock are normally sold," said Kleman. LAP payments will be based on the number of livestock a producer would have owned if the disaster had not occurred.

For livestock that were sold in the course of routine business, eligible applicants will receive benefits for those animals only - up to the date of sale.

A payment limitation of \$40,000 per person applies, and individuals whose gross revenue exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for program benefits.

For more information on LAP including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Castro County FSA at 806-647-2153 or visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



Above, Jim and Ina Cleavinger in 1955; below, the Cleavingers today



Cleavingers mark 50th anniversary

Jim and Ina Cleavinger will celebrate 50 years of marriage from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones, in Dimmitt.

The celebration is being hosted by their children, Tommy and Dianna Cleavinger and Jimmy and Terrie Lynn Cleavinger.

Jim Cleavinger and Ina Lewis were married June 11, 1955, at Nolan Methodist Church. They have lived in Dimmitt since their wedding.

The Cleavingers have 13 grandchildren.

Vick graduates with honors from West Texas A&M

Jade Vick, a 2001 graduate of Dimmitt High School, graduated from West Texas A&M University on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

She is the daughter of Johnny and Janie Vick and the granddaughter of Clara Vick, all of Dimmitt.

She received a bachelor of science degree with a major in interdisciplinary studies in the field of elementary education.

During the graduation ceremony, Vick wore gold honor cords representing a cum laude graduate.

She also wore a blue-green medallion worn by graduating seniors in the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

Alpha Chi is an honor society for junior and senior students who are in the top 10 percent of their class and have a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Alpha Chi is the oldest honor society at WTAMU, as well as the United States.

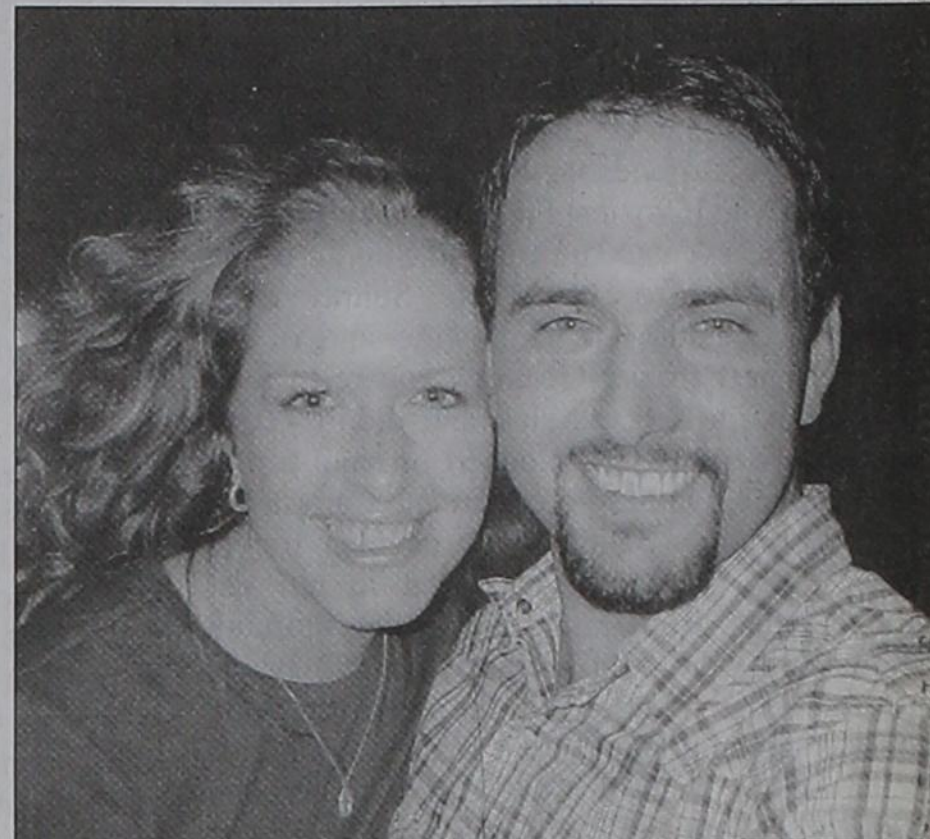
She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society for freshmen students with a GPA of 3.7 or better.

While attending WTAMU, she was on the Dean's and President's Lists every semester.

She now lives in Amarillo.



Jade Vick



Becca Whittle & James Wilhite

Wilhite-Whittle

The parents of Becca Whittle and James Wilhite have announced the couple's engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gene and Rosemary Whittle of Gatesville. She graduated from Gatesville High School in 1996 and from Wayland Baptist in 2000 with a bachelor of arts degree in English and physical education. She is a teacher/coach in the eighth-grade with the Plainview ISD.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Lori Wilhite of Dimmitt and Tammy and Roy Long of Amherst. He graduated from Nazareth High School in 1997. He is employed as a painter in Lubbock.

The couple will wed July 23, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Plainview, where they will make their home after the wedding.

50th

1955 2005

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NOTICE

The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. Other anniversaries may be charged for.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of immediate family, including grandparents and great-grandparents. Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and names of special or out-of-town guests.

A deadline of six months after an event will be the rule. Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@castrocountynews.com. Deadline is Monday noon.

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CHURCH NEWS



A last will and testament

Some of us have been reluctant to go through the legal procedure to acquire a last will and testament. However, those who are in a position to know tell us we need them.

Our descendants will be glad they had such to guide them in carrying out our wishes. The Hebrew writer speaks of such an instrument belonging to Christ in Hebrews 9:15-18.

He will use words like mediator, inheritance, ransom, will and covenant.

In fact, His blood seals His testament.

But what sort of instrument is His last will and testament? It is a loving instrument.

A last will and testament will name the heirs, telling who they are and what benefits they shall receive. Isn't that an expression of love and concern for the one who receives the benefits? Named in our Lord's last will and testament is "who-soever will come and drink of the water of life" Revela-



Brett Page

tion 22:17. That includes you and me. That gives all a chance. It is a lawful testament. Properly stated, a last will and testament will stand the legal and lawful tests. So it is with the last will and testament of Christ. It has Heaven's backing as it is bound in Heaven.

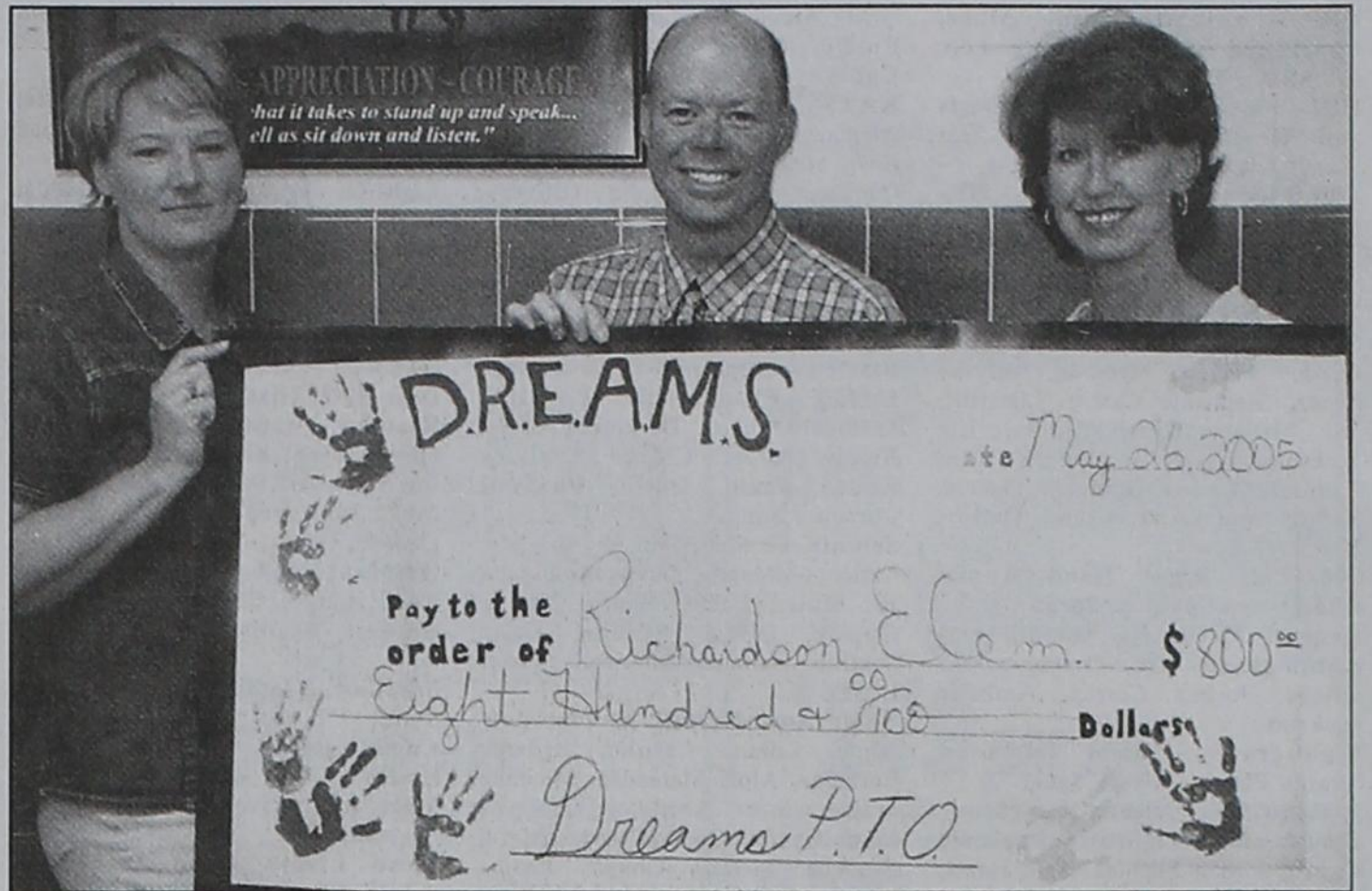
It is a lasting instrument. After one's death, his testament or will takes over. It continues to regulate how and when benefits are to be received.

So will the Lord's will. Even in 2005, one can still enjoy salvation because of it. "Then he said, 'Here I am, I have come to do your

will.'" He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, "we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." *Hebrews 10:9-10.* What a joy to know of the Lord's loving, lawful and lasting will and testament. We can be heirs because of it.

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

Hear
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 Sundays, 10:45 a.m.
 On KDHN 1470



DREAMS-PTO, with help from the whole community, presents Richardson Elementary School principal Clint Seward with a check for \$800 to help purchase new playground equipment. RES will also receive a die cut set, staples, 16 Children's Dictionaries and two books from Lowe's grocery receipt program and approximately \$135 from Box Tops 4 Education. Presenting the check are Stacie Whatley and Melissa Carpenter.

What is the World Methodist Council?

The World Methodist Council (WMC) links together Methodists around the world. It was first organized in 1881. The world Methodist family is 76 million believers in 138 countries, from 64 Methodist/Wesleyan groups. Seven different Methodist bodies from the United States participate in the WMC - the United Methodist, the African Methodist Episcopal, the Christian Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion and the Free Methodist churches, the Wesleyan Church and the Church of the Nazarene.

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First Christian
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Dimmitt Middle School End-of-Year Awards

Seventh Grade Outstanding Texas History Student: Jill Miller
UIL - Seventh Grade Maps, Charts and Graphs: Jeffrey Bishop, Jill Miller, Keila Schilling.
UIL - Eighth Grade Maps, Charts and Graphs: Chase Hatla, Sam Hazel, Laura Rodriguez
Eighth-Grade Outstanding History Students: Sam Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith
2004-2005 Cheerleaders: Keshia Smith, Brooke Parker, Devonee Ortiz, Viviana Quiroz, Alyssa Saenz, Stephanie Castro, Liz Hill, Jill Miller, Kassi Riddle, Liz Jackson, Keila Schilling, Jackie Ramirez, Cailee Gilbreath, Selena Saenz, Amy Saenz, Valeria Quiroz, Yareli Olmos
2004-2005 Right Hand Award Cheerleader: Alyssa Saenz
General Mechanics, seventh and eighth-grade: Isac Lopez, Jose Ortega, Joshua Correa, Anthony Jackson
Eighth-grade - Most Improved Tennis Player: Alyssa Saenz
Eighth-Grade Science Awards
KATZ TV (eighth): Stephanie Castro, Jordan Fuentez, Sam Hazel, Liz Hill, Michael Luse, Devonee Ortiz, Brooke Parker, Shawn Ryan, Alyssa Saenz, Keshia Smith
UIL Science Team: Sam Hazel, Michael Luse, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith
Hard Workers: Sally Arce, Rubi Sanchez, Paul Acker, Chris Fuentes.
"Slime" Award: Devonee Ortiz
Outstanding Science Student: Sam Hazel, Liz Hill, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith.
KATZ TV (seventh): Cailee Gilbreath, Yannin Marquez, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, Jill Miller, Yareli Olmos, Kassi Riddle, Selena Saenz, Keila Schilling
KATZ TV (sixth): Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Carrie Gilly, Lakota

Goe, John Hazel, Phylissa Kinser, Samantha Lanier, Rudy Martinez, Anahi Mendoza, Shea Myatt, Kade Riddle, Geena Steffens, David Underwood.
KATZ TV (fifth): Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Katrina Barrios, Haley Bonilla, Carter Hill, Candace Munoz, John Oltivero, Adam Reinart, Kelsey Schilling, Jesslyn Smith, Carsyn Steffens, Michelle Wait, Ryan Wilcox
TSA Awards
Eighth Grade: Paul Acker, Colton Bradley, Stephanie Castro, Jake Ebeling, Chase Hatla, Liz Hill, Michael Luse, Devonee Ortiz, Brooke Parker, Chance Schilling, Keshia Smith, Dustin Venhaus, Cornelio Salinas
Seventh Grade: Clarissa Acevedo, Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath, Jill Miller, Caleb Penney, Valeria Quiroz, Kassi Riddle, Keila Schilling, Sierra Monreal, Victor Lopez
Choir Awards Fifth Grade: Katy Aljoe, Liliana Castillo, Brittany Enriquez, Alma Melendez, Michelle Wait.
Sixth Grade: Oscar Chavez, Maria Esqueda, Melissa Gomez, Jessica Martinez, Gilbert Mejia, Estefanie Olivas, Monica Paz, Daniel Ramos, Stephanie Reyes, Luisa Stillman.
Seventh Grade: Patricia Burkman, Irashema Medrano, Valeria Quiroz, Selena Saenz, Tracy Silva.
Eighth Grade: Mayra Aguilar, Sally Arce, Alyssa Back, Brittany Freire, Jessica Leivas, Danny Lopez, Klarissa Martinez, Viviana Quiroz, Nohemi Ramos, Erica Rivera, Laura Rodriguez, Melissa Ruiz, Jennifer Saenz, Angela Vasquez
Band Awards: Outstanding Fifth-Grade Band Member: Merenda Garcia
Outstanding Sixth-Grade Band Member: Shea Myatt

Outstanding Seventh-Grade Band Member: Ivonne Alvarado
Outstanding Eighth-Grade Band Member: Cornelio Salinas
Eighth Grade Awards
Algebra I Outstanding Students: Sam Hazel, Cornelio Salinas, Keisha Smith
Eight-Grade Math: Damian Garcia, Chris Fuentes, Viviana Quiroz, Mayra Aguilar
UIL Calculators: Colton Bradley, Chance Schilling
UIL Spellers: Chris Fuentes, Armondo Prieto, Devonee Ortiz
Dam Hazel (sixth in District) Reading Awards:
Outstanding Eighth-Grade Reading Students: Sam Hazel, Liz Hill
Most Improved Reading Award: Daniela Lopez, Kathleen Martinez
Original Vocabulary Usage Reader: Jake Ebeling
Hardest Reading Worker: Sally Arce
Sunshine Reading Award: Keshia Smith
Comic Relief Readers: Colton Bradley, Chase Hatla
Most Inquisitive Reading Minds: Shawn Ryan
Most Lively Reader: Chance Schilling
UIL Ready Writing: Elizabeth Hill, Keshia Smith, Chase Hatla, Sam Hazel
2004-05 UIL Impromptu Speaking: Keshia Smith, Shawn Ryan, Devonee Ortiz
2004-05 English Award for Outstanding Work: Sam Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Cornelio Salinas, Mary Huerta and Keshia Smith, highest average: 99
Seventh-Grade English Awards
Outstanding English Speakers: Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath, Jill Miller
Hardest Workers: Cruz Maldonado, Marty Puga, Kassi

Riddle, Miguel Zepeda
Most Improved: Emily Fernandez, Melissa Molina, Amy Saenz, Brianda Woods
English Honors Students: Clarissa Acevedo, Eric Fuentes, Kasandra Lopez, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, April Munoz, Caleb Penney, Edgar Perez, Brenda Salas.
UIL Spelling: Irashema Medrano, Caleb Penney, Valerie Martinez, April Munoz
UIL Ready Writing: Jill Miller, Kassi Riddle, Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath
KATZ-TV: Cailee Gilbreath, Yannin Marquez, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, Jill Miller, Yareli Olmos, Kassi Riddle, Selena Saenz, Keila Schilling.
Seventh-Grade Science
Highest Average: Caleb Penney, Jill Miller, Dustin Gilbreath
Hardest Worker: Eric Herrera
Hardest Worker, Outstanding Student: Keila Schilling
UIL Science: Caleb Penney (second place), Miguel Zepeda, Dustin Gilbreath, Kassi Riddle, Reba Fowler
Highest Average-Texas History: Miguel Zepeda, Cailee Gilbreath
Most Improved Seventh-Grade Student: John Lopez
Seventh-Grade History
Texas History
Most Reliable: Kassi Riddle, Brenda Salas, Irashema Medrano, Travis Culver, Dustin Gilbreath, Marty Puga, Patricia Burkman
Outstanding Texas History: Third period: Jeffery Bishop; fourth period: Martin Hernandez and Edgar Perez; seventh period: Caleb Penney
Seventh-Grade Homemaking
Best Cook: Yanine Marquez, Ashley Almanza
Super Dish Washer Award: Tito Rodriguez
Eighth-Grade Homemaking
Best Cook: Alyssa Back, Jennifer Saenz, Stephanie Sanchez
Seventh-Grade UIL Listening Skills Team: Joshua Alvarez, Eric Fuentes, Reba Fowler
Sixth-Grade Reading
Top AR: Carrie Gilly
Just for the Love of Reading: Michael Shea
Top Reading Helper: Terence Hernandez
UIL Oral Reading Team: Kade Riddle, Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Samantha Lanier
UIL Listening Team: Shea Myatt (first at district), John Hazel, Karina Abrego, Estefani Olivas
Sixth-Grade Science
Science Students of the Year: Karina Abrego and Jonathon Casas
Sixth-Grade Social Studies Awards
Hardest Worker: Stephanie Reyes
Castro County Spelling Bee Participants: Geena Steffens, Erik Mendoza
UIL Maps, Charts and Graphs: Team placed second: Heloise Cillie (second), Kade Riddle, David

Underwood (fourth), Shea Myatt
Current Events Experts: Kade Riddle, Heloise Cillie
Outstanding Social Studies Students: John Hazel, Geena Steffens
Best Country Reports: Shea Myatt, Wendy Bradford
Overall Sixth Grade Most Improved: Maria Esqueda, Ricky Gonzales
Outstanding Student: Wendy Bradford, David Underwood
Sixth Grade English
Top English Students: John Hazel, Heloise Cillie
UIL Champion Spellers: John Hazel, Geena Steffens, Jonathon Casas
UIL Ready Writing Participants: Carrie Gilly, Wendy Bradford, Geena Steffens, John Hazel
Sixth Grade Math
Outstanding Math Students: Monica Paz, Rudy Miller
UIL Math Team (Second Place as a team): Emily Rodriguez, Karina Abrego, Ashley Howell (sixth place-individual), Monica Paz (third place-individual)
Fifth-Grade Awards
Top Achievements in Reading:

Carsyn Steffens, Kelsey Schilling, Candace Munoz, Brittany Lindley, Monique Aleman
Top Reader (Most A/R Points): Jesslyn Smith
Highest Achievement in Math: Brittany Enriquez, Ryan Wilcox, Juana Garcia
Social Studies: Carter Hill, Candace Munoz, Bo Puento, Juana Garcia
Jesslyn Smith
Citizenship Award: Juan Hernandez, Karina Dozal
Science Awards: Carter Hill, Adam Reinart, Kelsey Schilling, Manuel Acevedo, Korina Dozal, Gustavo Garcia, Uriel Rodriguez, Clemente Lopez, Jesslyn Smith
Art: Monica Grado
Outstanding Achievement Overall in Fifth Grade: Katy Aljoe
Academic Achievement in English: Jesslyn Smith, Brittany Lindley, Monique Aleman, Haley Bonilla, Carsyn Steffens
Hardest Workers in Fifth Grade: Meranda Garcia, Ignacio DeLaCruz, Nallely Salas, Lucero Galvan, MorgAnne Thompson, Nathan Willian, Johnny Rosales

DMS Honor Rolls

FIFTH GRADE
Six Weeks A Honor Roll
 Katy Nicole Aljoe; Juana Garcia, Jesslyn Rose Smith
Final A Honor Roll
 Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Haley Bonilla, Karina Dozal, Brittany Enriquez, Carter Hill, Kelsey Schilling, Jesslyn Smith.
Six Weeks A-B Honor Roll
 Manuel Alejandro Acevedo, Monique R. Aleman, Gerardo Bojorquez, Haley Bonilla, Karina Dozal, Brittany Rose Enrique, Lucero Galvan, Gustavo Garcia, Joshua Garcia, Meranda Garcia, Carter Hill, Marissa Rae Jackson, Brittany Lindley, Candace Munoz, Adam Reinart, Margarito Rodriguez, Juan Atilano, Nallely Salas, Kelsey Schilling, Carsyn Steffens, MorgAnne Thompson, Ryan Wilcox.
Final A-B Honor Roll
 Manuel Acevedo, Gerardo Bojorquez, Ignacio DeLaCruz, Lucero Galvan, Gustavo Garcia, Juana Garcia, Meranda Garcia, Tanner Gilbreath, Monica Grado, Juan Hernandez, Marissa Jackson, Brittany Lindley, Alma Melendez, Candace Munoz, Adam Reinart, Margarito Andres Rodriguez, Juan Domingo Atilano, Nallely Salas, Carsyn Steffens, MorgAnne Thompson, Josslene Torres, Coby Venhaus, Michelle Wait, Ryan Wilcox, Nathan Willian
SIXTH GRADE
Six Weeks A Honor Roll
 Karina Abrego, Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Larissa Corral, Carrie Gilly, Lakota Goe, Terence Hernandez, Victoria Hinojosa, Nikki Lara, Rodolfo Martinez, Darci Page, Liset Soto, Maria Stillman, Luis Velasquez.
SEVENTH GRADE
Six Weeks A Honor Roll
 Jeffrey Bishop, Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, Jill Miller, Yareli Olmos, Caleb Penney, Martin Puga, Kassi Riddle.
Final A Honor Roll
 Jeffrey Bishop, Cailee Gilbreath, Dustin Gilbreath, Valerie Martinez, Irashema Medrano, Jill Miller, April Munoz, Caleb Penney, Martin Puga, Kassi Riddle, Keila Schilling
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
 Contract 6129-33-001 for ILLUMINATION MAINTENANCE in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on July 13, 2005 at 10:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$141,870.00.
 Contract 6129-79-001 for CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS in HALE County, etc will be opened on July 13, 2005 at 10:40 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$94,997.28.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Dist/Div Office(s)

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



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Local dairies aid school districts

There is no doubt about the economic influence of the area's burgeoning dairy industry. Officials can quote employment statistics, sales figures and more that reflect the growing importance of the farms and allied businesses - but dairy also is affecting the youth of Castro County more directly.

"It's a great way of giving back," said Sue Ann Claudon, general manager of Dairy MAX, a regional dairy promotion organization supported by dairy farms. "The health of children is at stake in many cases these days because they don't consume enough dairy foods. What we can do is educate and, in a limited way, make available the tools to enhance consumption."

For every 12 gallons of milk they produce, dairy-men contribute 15 cents to their milk promotion program: a nickel goes directly to nationwide efforts and a dime stays within a particular promotion territory.

Recently, after milk processors began responding to dairy farmers' appeals to update their packaging, Dairy MAX and Southwest Dairies began helping schools purchase milk vending equipment. Castro County dairy farm families requested help for their schools. With the help of Dairy MAX, Southwest Dairies and local dairy families, Hart received a free milk cooler for its cafeteria. Dimmitt and Nazareth ISDs both received free milk vending machines that dispense various flavors of milk. Hart chose not to receive a free milk vending machine. Also, Nazareth now has a small milk merchandising case for concession stand use at sporting and other events.

"Boys and girls are falling so short of recommended intakes of the calcium they need for stronger bones, we feel that making milk more available is a way to combat the problem and improve their health," Claudon said.

For more than 35 years, dairy farmers in the region have provided free nutrition education materials to second- and fourth-grade teachers in Castro County and 130 other school districts in the

Panhandle and South Plains. "We certainly don't miss the chance to emphasize dairy's goodness," said Suzann Parker, Dairy MAX program coordinator for West Texas, "but like a healthful diet, the materials are balanced in their treatment of all the different food groups. That's what has earned teachers' respect in turning to the dairy industry year after year for such information."

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help everyone have an interesting day. The Suds and Sounds Concert at the Ballpark will be held from 6:30 to 1 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the K. of C's Charities and the Naz Community Hall.

Please pray for all of our sick people and especially for those serving in our Armed Forces in Iraq. A new one added this week is Joe Drerup who had a triple by-pass last week at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is doing fine!

ON THE GO

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Dickie Reinhardt Ballard of Lubbock. Dickie is a DHS grad, circa 1959. She was here for the memorial services for Lena Allen. She and Martha Jo drove to Nazareth to visit friends, May and Denise Ellison of Nazareth. While she was here they ate at several good places, but voted the Methodist Women the best cooks anywhere!

Kay Kellar had her "tennis group" as her guests in her cabin at Ruidosa, N.M. This had been a traditional annual outing for this group for many years. Kay is the only one who still lives in Dimmitt. Her guests were Jane O'Kelley and Janet Hand Smith of Amarillo; Margaret Parsons of Friona; and Deanne Clark Sowder of Lubbock.

Besides playing tennis, the group attended the "Don Quixote" movie and a beautiful ballet program at the Spencer Theatre. This was very, very, good, according to Deanne.

We would like to recognize the West Texas University students from Dimmitt who made the Dean's List this last semester. Those students who had GPAs between 3.25 to 3.85 are Stephanie A. Casas, senior; Aundrea B. Embers, a junior; Dana M. Gonzales, a senior; Leigh A. Lay, a senior; and Daniell R. Proffitt, a senior.

The President's list have a GPA of 3.85 or better. Todd R. Jansa, a sophomore, was the lone Dimmitt student to achieve this. We want to convey our congratulations to them!

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Obituaries

GARY LYNN LILLEY

Graveside services for Gary Lynn Lilley, 58, of Hart, were Friday, June 3, 2005 at Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery in Plainview with the Rev. Marvin "Happy" Toler officiating.

Mr. Lilley died May 29, 2005, in Dimmitt. He worked as a cowboy and in construction most of his life.

Survivors include his mother, Vaudine Lilley of Hart; a son, John R. Lilley of Mineral Wells; a daughter, Jill C. Lilley of Lubbock; a brother, Brent Lilley of Nazareth; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John B. Lilley in 2004.

GLENNA FAYE CORNETT

A memorial service for Glenna Faye Cornett, 63, of Dimmitt was Friday, June 3, 2004, at Silverton Church of Christ with Brett Page officiating. Mrs. Cornett died May 31, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born Dec. 6, 1941, in Ajo, Ariz.

She received her masters degree in education from West Texas State University in 1980 and taught at the Silverton Independent School District and the Lubbock Independent School District for many years until her health declined. She was a member of Dimmitt Church of Christ and TSTA.

She is survived by two sons: Tad Cornett and Mike Cornett, both of Dimmitt; two daughters, Kim McPherson of Wellington and Shellie Powell of Lubbock; a sister, Helen Strange of Corsicana; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The Arthritis Foundation, 4300 MacArthur St. 245, Dallas, TX. 75209; (800) 442-6653.

KELLY LEE BIRDWELL

Services for Kelly Lee Birdwell, 48, of Dimmitt, were at 2 p.m., Monday, June 6, at First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Park.

Mr. Birdwell died June 1, 2005. He was born June 1, 1957, in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High. He earned his pilot's license and worked in the used car business and as a truck driver. He worked for Odom Trucking for many years.

He was a life-long Dimmitt resident and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mary Jo and Kent Birdwell of Dimmitt; three sons, Buddy James, Elvis Joel and Benjamin Zachary, all of Dimmitt; two sisters, Paula Jo Bradford of Canyon and Karen Evelyn Barron of Austin; two brothers, Steven Kent Birdwell of Nashville, Tenn., and Russel Lynn Birdwell of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren, Kaden and Caleb Birdwell.

TEDDY RAY JACKSON

Services for Teddy Ray Jackson of Ruidoso Downs, N.M., will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Dimmitt with Jason Stone officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, at Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery in Littlefield.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Colonial Funeral Home, 809 W. Butler Blvd. in Dimmitt.

Mr. Jackson died June 7, 2005. He was born Nov. 13, 1937, in Littlefield.

He worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 32 years in Littlefield before retiring in 1993 to Ruidoso Downs, N.M. He was a member of First Christian Church in Ruidoso Downs; the Masonic Lodge No. 1161 in Littlefield; Eastern Star in Hereford; and Elks Lodge in New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.; two sons, Dennis Jackson of Evanston, Wyo., and Steve Jackson of Hobbs, N.M.; six grandchildren, Amanda, Christopher and Alexander Jackson of Evanston, Wyo., Kyle Jackson of Hobbs, N.M., Shenea Jackson of Lubbock and Ryan Jackson of Littlefield; two great-grandchildren, Matthew Grimes of Lubbock and Jade Chilia of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Rosa Lee Hood of Ruidoso Downs, N.M.; two brothers, Roy Jackson Jr. of Littlefield and Charles Jackson of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Linda Grand of Dimmitt.

WALTERS

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"I don't know how to explain the 'free feeling' I had while I was working on the ranches," he said.

"It had something to do with the attitude of the foremen and my self-confidence to change from the southwest to the west or to the northwest.

"You could use your own judgement of when to take a day or two off or to quit the ranch and go to another - and you felt free to go."

Walters first came to Texas in 1957 from New Mexico and he worked a the 6666, the Matador and the R.O. Ranches, to name a few.

His first marriage came in 1972; his second was in 1996.

He moved to Dimmitt in 1975 and bought a house here in 1978.

He first started working as a farrier in the mid-1960s as he went back to California and Arizona and worked

ranches there, he said. He put shoes on his last horse on May 7, 2004, his birthday, retiring after that due to his health.

But it's the cowboy life he returns to over and over.

"It's not a profession or a job," he said. "You didn't think of it as a work job. There's wasn't a certain amount of hours to a day.

"It was always 24 hours a day. In this world, it just couldn't get no better than this.

"Material things really

didn't mean that much. What you had, you took care of.

"With a good horse under you, looking at as much as you could of the Lord's earth and its wonders and enjoying your fellow man and giving thanks that no one can take that from you; even when you leave the ranch life, you can always take this with you on your continuing walks through life.

"It's like a brand - you wear it the rest of your life."

TAKS

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Miller said that anyone with questions is welcome to contact any of the school administrators, who will be happy to go over the test scores and explains all the intricacies.

In Hart, Superintendent Digger Elam said there were a number of bright spots for the district, as well as several areas that would get more attention next year.

"In elementary, our reading and writing results were outstanding," Elam said. "In high school, the English Language Arts scores were outstanding. They were all in the 90s - the lowest in high school was 94 percent. Third grade reading was 100 percent. And Social Studies scores in our district were good.

The problems came in math and science, he said. "Our lowest scores throughout the district were in math and we have areas of concern with science at the high school level," Elam said.

"What the results are telling me is we continue going the same direction with our reading and writing in the lower grades and high school English/Language Arts will continue with the same methods and procedures we've had," he said. "There will be changes and interventions in math throughout the district. One intervention is four early release dates next year - designed for our staff to get together and decide what needs to be taught so students coming into a new grade are prepared.

"Well probably be sending our math and science teachers to more extensive training. Also we've joined a consortium at WTAMU that deals with math and science and they will be sending master teachers into our school to help our teaching staff."

The other intervention is emphasizing Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills every day in the classroom, he said "That's what you teach, along with the curriculum, to help prepare for TAKS," Elam said. But I'm very concerned about math and science. It was low all over the state. A lot of it is dealing with students learning how to take the TAKS math and science tests."

Elam said he's not 100 percent pleased with the results "It's obvious we have work we need to do and we will do those things we need to do," he said. "We have a good staff and good students. We'll roll our sleeves up, go to work and get this problem fixed."

In the Nazareth ISD, Superintendent Marshall Harrison said that, based on the new standards, "we also met the "No Child Left Behind" federal guidelines and, based on our numbers, we'll once again be an exemplary school."

"Each year, the standings, passing rate standards increase, therefore the level to get to exemplary increases," Harrison said. "Basically our scores this year exceeds state standards. All our scores are incredible. Although we have changing demographics, a lot of our success has to do with the kids' home life, plus we have some extraordinary teachers."

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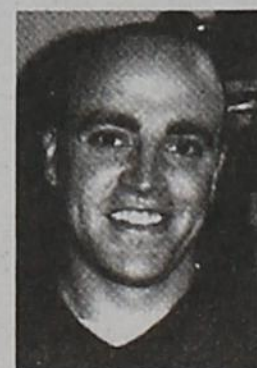
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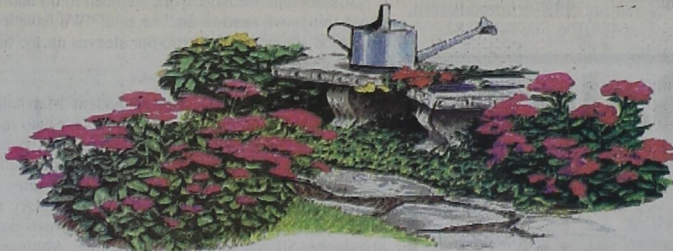
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