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County, DISD set budget hearings

By **DAVIE ANN BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Both the Dimmitt Independent School District and Castro County will have hearings to set the tax rate for the coming year. In neither case, is the proposed tax rate increased to the rollback point.

For the DISD, their hearing is set for noon on Aug. 29 at the Administration Building.

Castro County commissioners

will have their budget hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 12.

DISD has been at a disadvantage trying to set up its budget because the Legislature has been unable to decide how to finance public education in Texas.

"To a degree, we've been in limbo," said DISD Business Manager Vicki Eaton. "Finally, we had to move on and base what we're doing on current law."

This year is unusual, she said, in that the district is changing the date of its fiscal year from September 1 to July 1, which means that for this year only, she had to come up with a 10-month budget. The reason for the change, she said, is because the district, like all public schools, receives numerous federal grants and the federal budgetary year starts on July 1.

This year the district has lost

about \$42 million in taxable property, mostly because of the shutdown of Cargill. However, it gained about \$10 million, giving them a loss of \$32 million overall.

"We're scaling back the revenue as well as expenses, so it's a true budget," she said.

Superintendent Les Miller said that some of the information that's been getting out - mainly from legislators - isn't exactly accurate

about what's going on in the schools.

"They're saying there's no teacher raises," he said. "That's not true. They'll get a step raise until they reach the maximum. What they're talking about is that the Legislature hasn't redone the 20-step plan and worked in increases there. But teachers will get a raise this year - not a whole

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100 years and counting

First United Methodist Church marks its centennial

"A great success" is how Rev. Vergil Ichtertz characterized the centennial celebration of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church following four days of special services.

Near-capacity crowds gathered under the big orange "celebration tent" on the church's parking lot for an Old-Fashioned Singing and Ice Cream Social last Thursday night, a Cowboy Fellowship Service and Watermelon Bash Friday evening, and Youth Night with a hamburger feed and dance Saturday night. The celebration climaxed with a special worship service Sunday morning in the sanctuary.

Church officials reported that 239 current and former members signed the attendance books Sunday, along with Methodist leaders from North Texas and New Mexico, and that 210 stayed for a barbecue lunch following the service.

Sunday's service featured an original centennial liturgy written by Rev. Ichtertz, and sermon by Bishop D. Max Whitfield of Albuquerque. Lubbock District Supt. Jimmy Nunn also participated in the worship service, as did several appointed members of the congregation.

Four persons representing all generations took part in a ceremony that climaxed with the baptism of Katie Clayton, infant daughter of Matt and Tori Baker Clayton.

Special family guests were Donald and Mary Clayton, the child's grandparents; Donald and Ann Kelley and Wheat, all of Springlake.

Other family members who were there included James and Sandra Baker,



maternal grandparents; Cheryl Brown; and Frank, Jamie, Reagan and Brenna Mendoza, all of Dimmitt.

Donald Wright, Allan Bradley, Ben Sides and Wendy Bradford read statements of commitment on behalf of their generations while passing along a vial containing Jordan River water, which was used by Rev. Rusty Dickerson, former pastor, for the baptismal anointing.

Rev. Dickerson and two other former pastors of the church, Rev. Weldon McCormick and Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, told those present what the Dimmitt church had meant in their lives.

Another special guest at the Sunday service was Rev. Richard Bales, who came to Dimmitt in the 1970s as the assistant band director for Dimmitt Public Schools, served as choir director for the local church, and later became a Methodist minister.

Above, the Rev. Rusty Dickerson presents Kathryn Gail Clayton, the daughter of Tori and Matt Clayton, to the congregation at First United Methodist Church, Dimmitt, after he baptized her on Sunday with water from the Jordan River brought over by a long-time friend, Shawn Wheat. Below, Bishop D. Max Whitfield brings the sermon on Sunday morning as FUMC celebrated 100-years of operation in this Castro County community.



Wreck claims Hawkins life

Rhonda Michelle Hawkins, 33, of Dimmitt was killed Friday night in a one-car rollover that happened on FM 1062, about 17 miles northeast of Hereford, according to a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety. The accident occurred about 7:40 p.m.; she was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:30 p.m. by Deaf Smith County Justice of the Peace Eileen Behunn.

According to the DPS report, Hawkins was driving a 1999 Dodge pickup westbound when her vehicle veered off the roadway to the right and she overcorrected, sending the vehicle across the roadway to the left, crossing both lanes, going into the left-hand ditch. The pickup spun one-half turn and rolled over more than once, the report said, ejecting Hawkins, who was not wearing a seatbelt.

She was a graduate of Hereford High School. Survivors include her mother and step-father, Vickie and Jerry Shaffer; a daughter, Sandra Navarette; a granddaughter, Alizandria Nevaeh Zepeda, all of Dimmitt; a brother, Ronnie Hawkins of Hereford. For a complete obituary, please see Page 6.

Gas-saving tips

Industry analysts say our record high gas prices are likely to climb even higher and everyone is either driving around in circles to find the lowest price or just griping about them. According to experts, extra miles can be squeezed out of every fill-up if drivers followed a few simple rules.

* Lighten the car's load by removing all unnecessary items from the trunk, such as the bag of sand and shovel from the winter. Every 200 pounds of weight reduces gas efficiency by one mile per gallon. If you have to carry a lot of baggage, avoid using a roof-top container, which will increase the air drag. If you drive a pickup truck, the open bed will have the same impact, so put a cover on it.

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Most Common Misconceptions

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Forum

Why are we in Iraq and are we willing to stay?

(Editor's Note: You may not agree politically with what the General says, but please take the time to read it thoroughly and then think about it.)

By Major General Vernon Chong, USAF ret

This WAR is for REAL. To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it. Our country is now facing the most serious threat to its existence, as we know it, that we have faced in your lifetime and mine (which includes WWII). The deadly seriousness is greatly compounded by the fact that there are very few of us who think we can possibly lose this war and even fewer who realize what losing really means.

First, let's examine a few basics:

1. When did the threat to us start? Many will say September 11th, 2001. The answer as far as the United States is concerned is 1979, 22 years prior to September 2001, with the following attacks on us: Iran Embassy Hostages, 1979;

Beirut, Lebanon Embassy

1983; Beirut, Lebanon Marine Barracks 1983; Lockerbie, Scotland Pan-Am flight to New York 1988;

First New York World Trade Center attack 1993; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia Khobar Towers Military complex 1996;

Nairobi, Kenya US Embassy 1998; Dares Salaam, Tanzania US Embassy 1998; Aden, Yemen USS Cole 2000;

New York World Trade Center 2001; Pentagon 2001. (Note that during the period from 1981 to 2001 there were 7,581 terrorist attacks worldwide).

2. Why were we attacked? Envy of our position, our success, and our freedoms. The attacks happened during the administrations of Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush 1, Clinton and Bush 2. We cannot fault either the Republicans or Democrats as there were no provocations by any of the presidents or their immediate predecessors, Presidents

Ford or Carter. 3. Who were the attackers? In each case, the attacks on the US were carried out by Muslims.

4. What is the Muslim population of the World? 25 percent.

5. Isn't the Muslim Religion peaceful? Hopefully, but that is really not material. There is no doubt that the predominately Christian population of Germany was peaceful, but under the dictatorial leadership of Hitler (who was also Christian), that made no difference. You either went along with the administration or you were eliminated. There were 5 to 6 million Christians killed by the Nazis for political reasons (including 7,000 Polish priests). Thus, almost the same number of Christians were killed by the Nazis, as the six million holocaust Jews who were killed by them, and we seldom heard of anything other than the Jewish atrocities.

Although Hitler kept the world focused on the Jews, he had no hesitancy about killing anyone who got in his way of exterminating the Jews or of taking over the world - German, Christian or any others.

Same with the Muslim terrorists. They focus the world on the US, but kill all in the way - their own people or the Spanish, French or anyone else. The point here is that just like the peaceful Germans were of no protection to anyone from the Nazis, no matter how many peaceful Muslims there may be, they are no protection for us from the terrorist Muslim leaders and what they are fanati-

cally bent on doing -- by their own pronouncements - killing all of us "infidels." I don't blame the peaceful Muslims. What would you do if the choice was shut up or die?

6. So who are we at war with? There is no way we can honestly respond that it is anyone other than the Muslim terrorists. Trying to be politically correct and avoid verbalizing this conclusion can well be fatal. There is no way to win if you don't clearly recognize and articulate who you are fighting. So with that background, now to the two major questions:

1. Can we lose this war?

2. What does losing really mean? If we are to win, we must clearly answer these two pivotal questions. We can definitely lose this war, and as anomalous as it may sound, the major reason we can lose is that so many of us simply do not fathom the answer to the second question - What does losing mean? It would appear that a great many of us think that losing the war means hanging our heads, bringing the troops home and going on about our business, like post Vietnam. This is as far from the truth as one can get. What losing really means is: We would no longer be the premier country in the world. The attacks will not subside, but rather will steadily increase. Remember, they want us dead, not just quiet.

If they had just wanted us quiet, they would not have produced an increasing series of attacks against us, over the past 18 years. The plan was clearly, for terrorist to attack us, until we were neutered and submissive to them. We would of course have no future support from other nations, for fear of reprisals and for the reason that they would see, we are impotent and cannot help them.

They will pick off the other non-Muslim nations, one at a time. It will be increasingly easier for them. They already hold Spain hostage. It doesn't matter whether it was right or

wrong for Spain to withdraw its troops from Iraq.

Spain did it because the Muslim terrorists bombed their train and told them to withdraw the troops. Anything else they want Spain to do will be done. Spain is finished.

The next will probably be France. Our one hope on France is that they might see the light and realize that if we don't win, they are finished too, in that they can't resist the Muslim terrorists without us. However, it may already be too late for France. France is already 20 percent Muslim and fading fast!

If we lose the war, our production, income, exports and way of life will all vanish as we know it. After losing, who would trade or deal with us, if they were threatened by the Muslims. If we can't stop the Muslims, how could anyone else?

The Muslims fully know what is riding on this war, and therefore are completely committed to winning, at any cost. We better know it too and be likewise committed to winning at any cost.

Why do I go on at such lengths about the results of losing? Simple. Until we recognize the costs of losing, we cannot unite and really put 100 percent of our thoughts and efforts into winning. And it is going to take that 100 percent effort to win.

So, how can we lose the war? Again, the answer is simple. We can lose the war by "implosion." That is, defeating ourselves by refusing to recognize the enemy and their purpose, and really digging in and lending full support to the war effort.

If we are united, there is no way that we can lose. If we continue to be divided, there is no way that we can win! Let me give you a few examples of how we simply don't comprehend the life and death seriousness of this situation.

President Bush selects Norman Mineta as Secretary of Transportation. Although all of the terrorist attacks were committed by Muslim

men between 17 and 40 years of age, Secretary Mineta refuses to allow profiling.

Does that sound like we are taking this thing seriously?

This is war! For the duration, we are going to have to give up some of the civil rights we have become accustomed to.

We had better be prepared to lose some of our civil rights temporarily or we will most certainly lose all of them permanently. And don't worry that it is a slippery slope.

We gave up plenty of civil rights during WWII, and immediately restored them after the victory and in fact added many more since then.

Do I blame President Bush or President Clinton before him? No, I blame us for blithely assuming we can maintain all of our Political Correctness, and all of our civil rights during this conflict and have a clean, lawful, honorable war.

None of those words apply to war. Get them out of your head.

Some have gone so far in their criticism of the war and/or the Administration that it almost seems they would literally like to see us lose. I hasten to add that this isn't because they are disloyal. It is because they just don't recognize what losing means. Nevertheless, that conduct gives the impression to the enemy that we are divided and weakening. It concerns our friends, and it does great damage to our cause. Of more recent vintage, the uproar fueled by the politicians and media regarding the treatment of some prisoners of war, perhaps exemplifies best what I am saying. We have recently had an issue, involving the treatment of a few Muslim prisoners of war, by a small group of our military police. These are the type prisoners who just a few months ago were throwing their own people off buildings, cutting off their hands, cutting off their tongues and otherwise murdering their own people just for disagreeing with

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YOUR EYES

APPLYING EYE MEDICATION

Do you know the easiest way to put in eye drops or ointment? Most people don't. Consequently, they feel awkward, or worse, they don't get the proper of medicine.

Don't try to put in eye drops while lying down. You may get a drop in, but more likely, you'll just miss the eye itself. It's easiest if you work in good light. First, pull down the lower eyelid with your index finger. This will create a small "pocket" in this lower part of the lid, with your other hand hold the bottle of eye drops and gently squeeze the drops into this pocket. Eye ointment also can be squeezed into the pocket. Do your best not to touch the tip of the bottle to the eye. The drop or ointment will then spread itself over the eye with your normal blinking.

If you feel like you're "all thumbs" when using drops or ointments, it may be best to have someone do it for you. Don't be afraid to ask your eye doctor for help

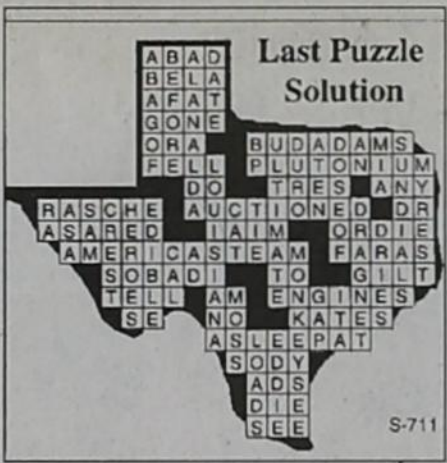


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- 16 TXism: "blood" (relatives)
- 19 TX Willie Nelson's "The Last Thing the First Thing This Morning"
- 21 TX Robby Benson character in "The Virginia Hill Story"
- 22 old Nacogdoches road "del Norte"
- 27 TXism: "want it so could spit"
- 28 church officials toward the tail
- 30 to leave quickly & hide from the law
- 32 TXism: "don't off half cocked"
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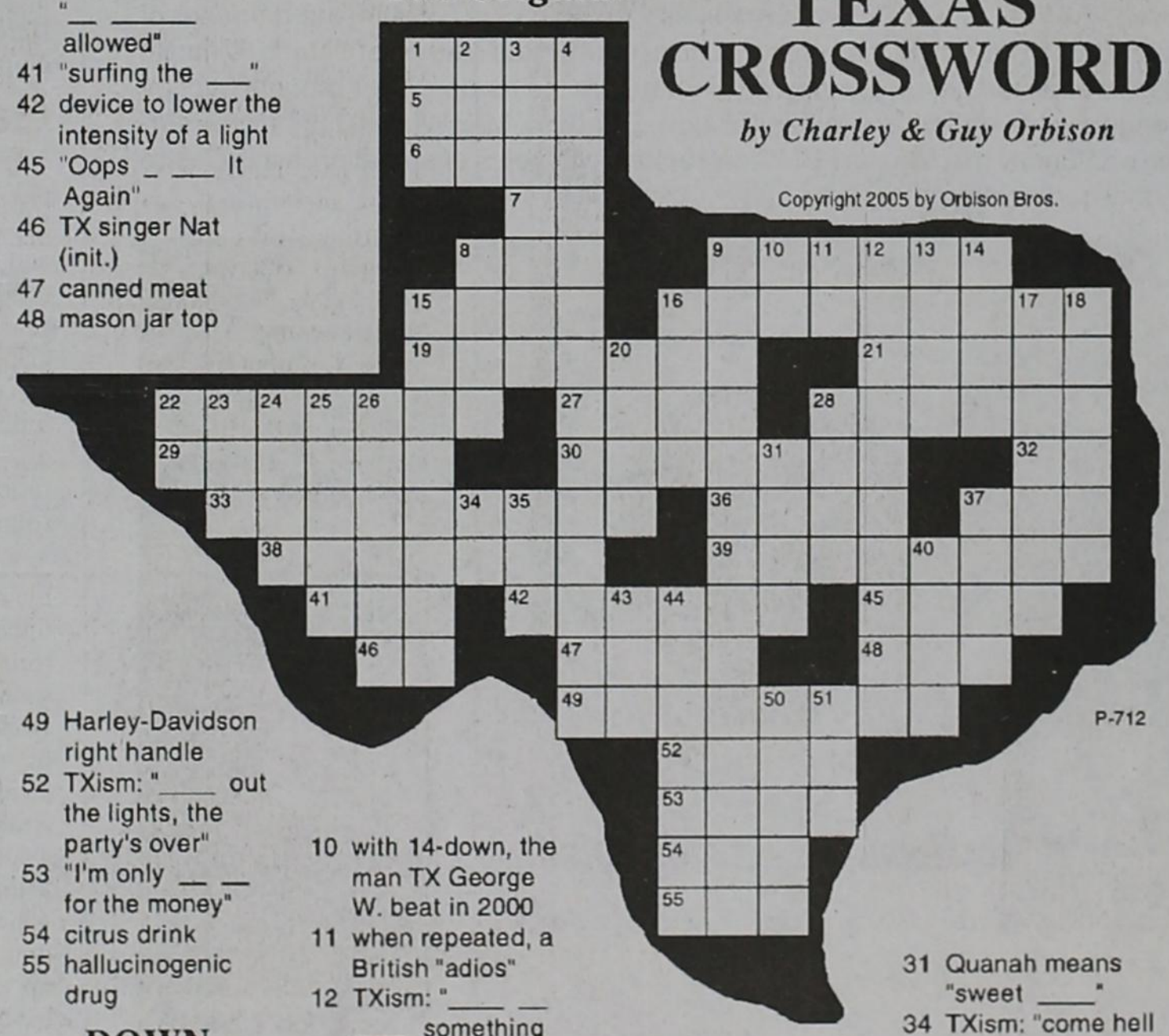
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The Original

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- 35 TXism: "Texas" (chill)
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- 51 cable channel

WEATHER	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	74	60	.06	
Wednesday	84	64		
Thursday	91	65		
Friday	91	64		
Saturday	90	63		
Sunday	90	62	.71	
Monday	80	61	1.51	

August Rainfall	5.21
2005 Rainfall	16.34
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

Don't forget to make plans for the Castro County Harvest Days Celebration, set for Sept. 8-10.

Call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 647-2524 for more information.

Dimmitt, Texas, U.S.A. looked a little like "Tent City," last weekend. The Methodists pitched a tent out on the front parking lot of the church.

On Thursday night, approximately 106 people gathered under the tent to sing praises of worship. Coby Gilbreath was the speaker for the service. He related some of the fun things he remembered about attending worship services every Sunday with his parents, his father, the late John Gilbreath; his mother, Dorothy; and two brothers, Matt who lives here and Hal who lives in Arizona.

Ruby Moultrie, who was the music teacher at Richardson Elementary during the late 70s, and now lives in Lubbock, sang "Love Lifted Me" and "He Touched Me." Deanne Clark Sowder accompanied her on the piano.

The Methodist men's quarter: Don Nelson, Ray Bradley, Charles Axtell and James Baker, sang "Precious Memories" and "I'll Fly Away."

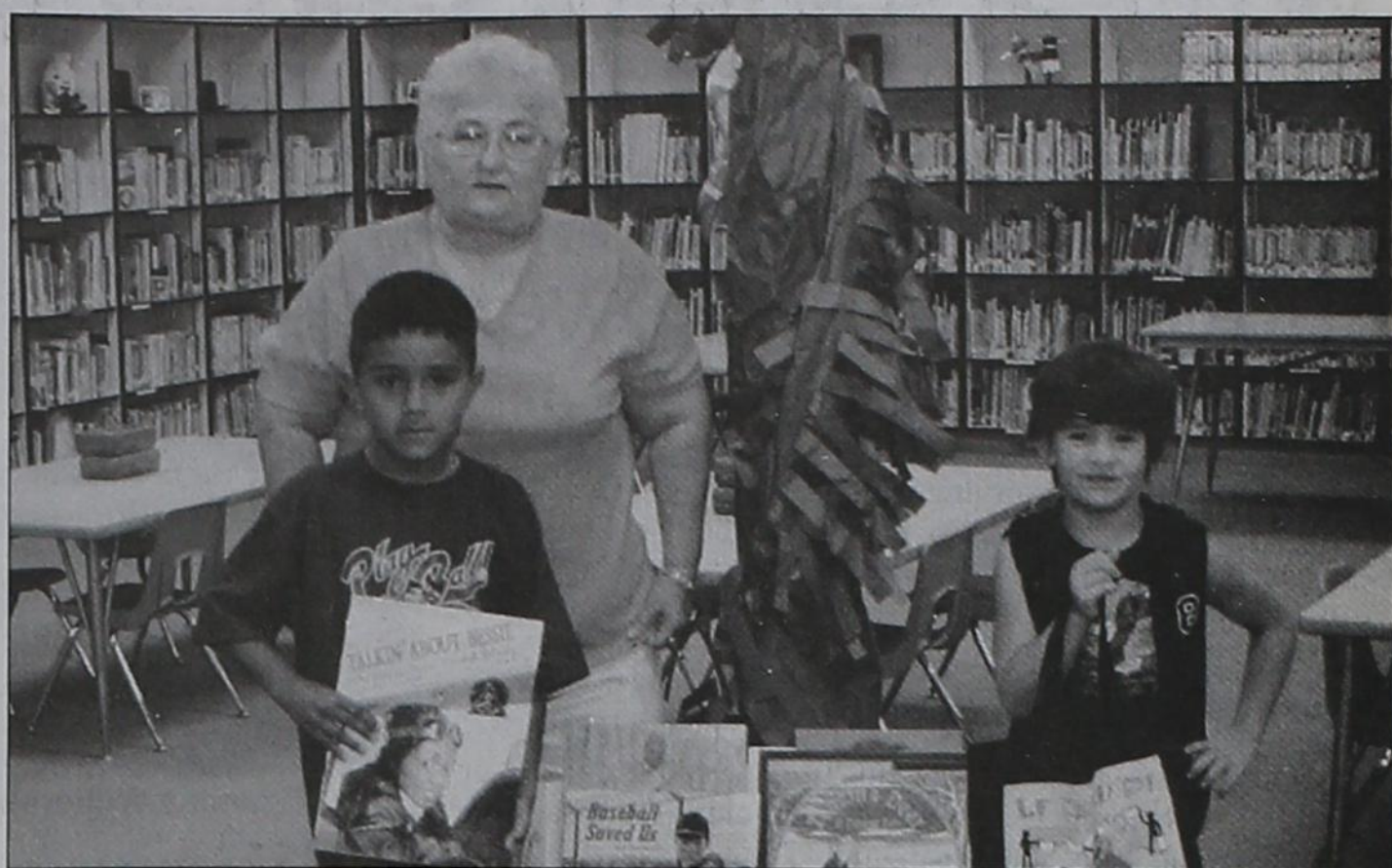
Another former Dimmitt resident, Bessie Elder Vought of Lubbock, shared with the congregation about her appreciation and fond

memories of being a member at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. She stressed how grateful she was for the Methodist congregation's ministry to her during the loss of loved ones.

The First Baptist Church has pitched a tent on the back parking lot for its annual picnic, which was held Sunday night despite the inclement, rainy weather earlier in the day. Their special guests were Matt Ray of Lubbock and the Top of Texas music group from the Amarillo area.

Matt Ray is the son of Dr. George Ray Jr. and his wife, Monette Ray. George Ray Jr.'s dad was pastor of First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, from 1951-57. George Ray Jr. and Monette Kenmore were high-school sweethearts and married while living in Dimmitt. George Ray Junior has been a pastor and church planner in New Jersey, Colorado, Texas and Minnesota. They are retired now and living in Lubbock. George Ray is an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University, Lubbock and interim pastor at First Baptist Church, Whiteface. George and Monette planned to be here Sunday night with Matt. Matt Ray is married to Debbie and they have two children, Cami and J.T.

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THROUGH THE READING is Fundamental program Richardson Elementary School was recently chosen to receive 10 bookcases, five cases of books for each grade level, posters, mouse pads, a read with me video, book markers and stickers and book bags. Above, Diann Leatherwood, who has been in charge of the RES RIF for the past 11 years stands with first graders Caesar Castillo, left, and Catherine Stanley, right, with one of the bookcases and some of the books the school recently received. "Ms. Leatherwood continually seeks ways to improve or strengthen the RIF program," said RES principal Doricell Davis. The resource kits RES received were worth more than \$7,500. The kits were created to help classroom teachers integrate the "Classroom Collection" into the regular classroom setting.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola. Hello. I hope everyone is enjoying all of the rain we have been getting. Personally, rainy weather makes me feel a little gloomy, but it's been kind of nice after all of the dryness. Well, enough about the weather, here is this week's news.

Well, I hope everyone's kids got off to a good start at school. We had a couple of first timers in our family, our nephew Christopher Martinez and our niece Brenna Mendoza both began school this year. Christopher will be attending Pre-K at Richardson Elementary and Brenna will be attending school at Springlake-Earth. I still can't believe the summer is over. It seems like every year it gets shorter and shorter. But hey, there are still plenty of beautiful days left for after school activities and weekend fun.

Football mania is in the air. Our nephews, Robert and Guss Arguijo, will both be playing football this year. Robert will be playing on the Junior Varsity team at DHS and Guss will be on the eighth grade team at DMS. It's gonna be a busy few months for the Arguijo family. Parents, let me know about your kids' games. Show them how proud you are of them in writing. Buena Suerte Bobbies y Bobcats. Good

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Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Plans are finished and the work list sent out for the annual Labor Day Weekend Parish fund raiser. The parade theme for this year is "Honoring Hears and Hands."

Always a great time to visit with people that you don't see every day, watch the parade, enjoy a good meal, play bingo, enjoy the trailer auction and livestock auction, lots of good children's games, concession stands and hamburgers in the evening. Also, a dance in the Community Hall.

Congratulations to Catherine Huseman who was honored with a party on

her 70th birthday Saturday evening at the Senior Citizens Center. The party was hosted by her children, Bernie, Darrell, Derwin, Bryan, Virgil, Craig, Emaline, Lenora, Marlene, Anita and their spouses. Many grandchildren and friends enjoyed the evening.

Congratulations to Gin Huseman who was honored on her 70th birthday with a supper and swimming party at the home of Paul and Edith Huseman on Friday evening.

The party was hosted by her family, Bonnie and Mary Jean of Amarillo.

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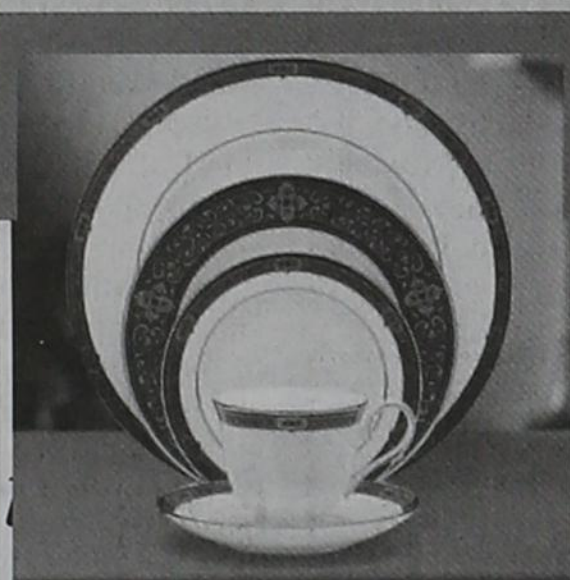
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Loudders honored with wedding shower

The lovely home of Karron and Steve Smith was the setting for a wedding shower for newly-wed Hannah and Jake Loudder on the morning of Aug. 13, 2005. The couple were married in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock on July 30. The groom's maternal grandfather, Dr. Bill Fleming, officiated at the service.

The serving table was covered with a cream damask cloth and a beautiful floral arrangement which echoed the room's decor of burgundy, cream and green. A cut-glass punchbowl with crystal cups and plates, crystal and silver trays and accessories held peach tea, delicious fruit, sausage balls and blueberry and pecan muffins.

The wedding gift presented to the pair was a king-sized, quilted comforter with matching pillow shams. There were 26 hostesses, including friends from Earth and Lazbuddie, as well as Dimmitt.

Honored guests included Ruby Bryan, Hannah's mother from San Marcos; Terri Loudder, Jake's mother; and Lou Fleming of Lubbock, Jake's maternal grandmother.

Out-of-town guests included Alton Loudder, Jake's great-grandfather, Genevieve and Lowell Westmorland, his great aunt and uncle, and cousins Lori Durham and Gena Yantis, all of Littlefield. Hannah's long-time friends, Sharon Van Duesen and Robin Sifuentes of San Antonio, accompanies Mrs. Bryant. Camilla Quirk, a life-long friend of Terri's, and her daughter, Nicole Quirk, were here from Amarillo. The couple will be at home in Cordell, Okla., where the groom is employed by H&P Drilling Co. The driller on Jake's rig is his brother-in-law, Justin Conway, Lacy's husband.

ON THE GO

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We've been pleasantly surprised to see at least two humming birds flying around in our back yard this week. There has been a little dull gray one who perched on the feeder first.

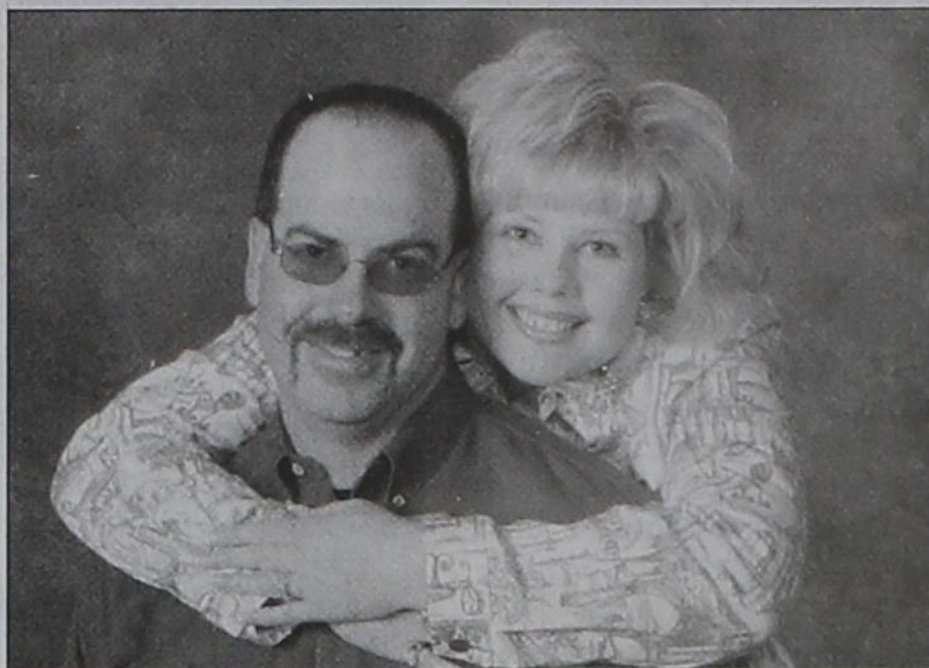
Now there is a beautiful orange one that's been enjoying the nectar.

I've had some of you ask about the humming birds this summer.

They've been a little late, but they did come.

As I write this, there is a little black-headed humming bird feeding. If you haven't put your feeders out, it's not too late.

Elois McMaster has recently celebrated another birthday. Kitty Bailey joined Elois and me for an ice cream treat.



Mecca Wilkerson & Shane Ashcraft

Wilkerson-Ashcraft

The engagement and approaching marriage of Mecca Wilkerson of Dimmitt to Shane Ashcraft has been announced. The bride is the daughter of Cleta Wilkerson of Dimmitt and the late Charles Wilkerson. The groom is the son of Terry and Valorie Ashcraft of Clarendon.

She is a 1988 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1993 graduate of Amarillo College, where she got her degree in nursing. She is employed at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Clarendon High School and a 1993 graduate of TSTI, where he trained to be a welder and a paramedic. He is employed at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The wedding is set for 7 p.m., Oct. 29, 2005, at First Baptist Church, Clarendon.

Her daughter, Tammy Griffitt, Tammy's husband, Randy, and their children, Tanner and Heather, Kaden and Jared had her over for a special birthday dinner.

Well, it's watermelon time. A good fairy has left two wonderful melons on our front porch. We're not sure who brought them. We think his initials are R.M., but thanks a lot, we're enjoying them.

GRADE

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lives according to His gospel He will make up for our short comings. Jesus explained it to His disciples this way. "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:10).

The reason the righteous are scarcely saved is because we have done all God has commanded us to do; we have only done what is expected of us. We have not done anything to be rewarded. We still have not paid the wages of our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). If you want to make the grade you must first be in Christ. All who obey the gospel will receive the points and make the grade and receive eternal life. Aren't you glad for the

NOTICE

The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. However, 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, both wedding and baby, 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.

CCEEA holds meeting

Castro County Extension Education Association met with five members and one guest, Dee Briscoe. Roll call was answered with "name one thing you hope to accomplish this year."

This is Fair time, Sept. 9-10, and we will be helping with it. We encourage people to enter the crafts, canning, garden stuff and plants.

It is time for our state meeting that will be held in Waco, Texas. This is a fun and information meeting. We have five members that are making plans to go.

Members present were Patsy Entrekin, Claudine Langford, Pauline Hoyer, Sandra Bagwell and Jackie Edwards.

Castro County grand jury hands down indictments

The Castro County Grand Jury handed down six indictments on Aug. 18.

They were:

* Miguel Pantoja, Hart, deadly conduct - discharge firearm.

* Amber S. Sweet, Hart, tampering with government records/defraud/harm.

* Jose Antonio Rodriguez, Dimmitt, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

* Jerry Gonzales Pena, Dimmitt, theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

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Making the grade

Well it is that time of year again; the time of year when teachers go back to work and parents rejoice. If you have kids I hope they are enjoying the early days of school. When we think of school one of the things which may come up is whether your child will

make the grade; not only in the classroom or the report card but at the state level.

This makes it a good time to think about whether we are making the grade as Christians or not. How do we make the grade as a Christian? We need to first realize we cannot make the

grade on our own. At our best we still fall short of the glory of God. "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now 'if the righteous one is scarcely

s a v e d , where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:17-18). Even when we do our best we are barely saved. The righteous man who obeys the gospel of God receives a grade on the curve. Jesus makes up the



Brett Page

difference between our best and God's perfection. Do you remember taking a test where everyone did poorly? When I was in school sometimes the teacher would take the highest score and add enough points to make it a hundred, and then add the same number to all the scores. I was so thankful for this. This was called a grade on the curve. The difference between the test in school and the life as a

Christian is the start. In school you could hope the teacher would grade on the curve, but God has promised all who are in Christ will get a hundred. God tells us if we live our
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Obituaries

VASCA MARIE KITTRELL BYRD

LITTLEFIELD - Funeral services for Vasca Kittrell Byrd, age 89, of Littlefield were at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Littlefield with the Rev. Joe Stewart officiating and the Rev. Glen Harlan assisting. Graveside service was at 2:30 p.m., at the Hart Cemetery in Hart, with the Rev. Matt Baird officiating. Burial was in Hart Cemetery.

Mrs. Byrd died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at Littlefield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Littlefield. She was born on April 11, 1916 in Amity, Ark. to Fred and Carrie Cates. She married Dink Kittrell on Dec. 11, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1965. She then married Roy Byrd on Jan. 4, 1972 in Hart. He preceded her in death in 1993. Also preceding her in death was a son John Kittrell in 1997 and a grandson Daryl Davis in 1988. She was a member of the Victory Choir of the First Baptist Church and active in the Sunday School Ruth Class benevolent team. She was also Presi-



Vasca Kittrell Byrd

dent of the Sunday School Ruth Class. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters: Joyce Roberson of Amherst and Peggy Davis of Anton; one son, Jerry Kittrell of Hart; four sisters, Helen Thompson of Texarkana, Ark., Jay Pete and Freddie Wendall both of Hot Springs, Ark. and Dot Tankersley of La Guna Hills, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Family request memorial be made to the Hart Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 215, Hart, TX 79043.

J.E. WARRICK

Services for J.E. Warrick 84, of Hereford were Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at Frio Baptist Church with the Rev. James Peach officiating. Burial was at West Park Cemetery. Mr. Warrick died Monday, Aug. 15, 2005. He was born Sept. 16, 1920, in Wellington, to Jesse Eugene and Fannie Ellen Warrick.

He married Nadine Hall on Aug. 17, 1971, in Willcox, Ariz. He was a farmer in Hereford for many years and attended Frio Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nadine of the home; one son, Ronnie Hall of



J.E. Warrick

Canyon; two daughters, Ramona J. Culbertson of Wheatland, Mo. and Reba J. Lay of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

RHONDA MICHELLE HAWKINS

Services for Rhonda Michelle Hawkins, 33, of Dimmitt were Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at Hereford Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with Johnny Eastep of Central Church of Christ, Hereford, officiating.

SBurial was at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Ms. Hawkins died Aug. 19, 2005, in a one-car accident in Deaf Smith County. She was born Dec. 29, 1971, to Ronald and Vickie Hawkins. She graduated from Hereford High School.

Survivors include her mother and step-father, Vickie and Jerry Shaffer of Dimmitt; a daughter, Sandra Navarette of Dimmitt; a brother, Ronnie Hawkins and wife Jeanette of Hereford; a grandmother, Ada Hawkins of Palestine; a granddaughter; one aunt, Jan Curtis of Palestine; an uncle, Mike Hawkins of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Arden Hawkins on Sept. 9, 1980.

Memorials may be made to the Alizandra Zepeda Fund, c/o Vickie Shaffer, P.O. Box 84, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.

BUELL OSCAR AYERS

Buell Oscar Ayers, 88, died Aug. 1, 2005, in Bartlesville, Okla. Private family rites were held later.

He was born May 4, 1917, in Dimmitt, the son of James O. and Luena (Turner) Ayers. He received his education in Dimmitt and continued his education at Waylon Baptist College in Plainview, and Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, where he received his Ph.D. in chemistry and was a professor. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and attended the Blacksberg, Va., Army school. During his military career he did research for the U.S. Department of Energy and received a commendation from the President of the United State for his research.

He married Novelene Bay McKinney on Feb. 5,

1942, and they lived around the country while he was in the Army. Afterward, in 1952, they returned to Ames where he continued as a professor. He joined the Phillips Petroleum Company's Research and Development Department, where he obtained numerous patents. He retired in 1988 and they had continued living near Bar-Dew Lake in retirement.

He was a former member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Bartlesville and was a retired member of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Ayers is survived by his wife, Novelene Bay (McKinney) Ayers; a son, Byron O. Ayers, both of the home; and a brother, Billie Ayers of Anderson, Missouri.

School gets off to a great start

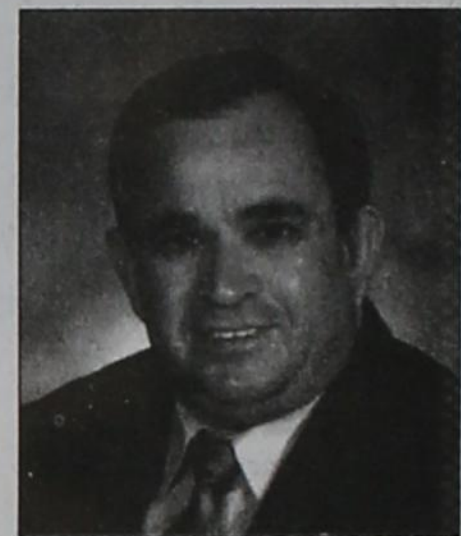
By LES MILLER
DISD Superintendent

Dimmitt ISD got off to a great start.

Enrollment figures after the first week of school show an increase of 20 students district-wide compared to the end of last year's enrollment figures.

We currently have 1120 students enrolled and expect more to enroll as we approach Labor Day.

This year we have several new staff members and are planning an OPEN HOUSE



Les Miller

on each campus for you to come meet your child's teacher.

Mrs. Doricell Davis is the "new" principal at Richardson Elementary.

She was previously the DISD Curriculum Director and has planned the RES Open House for Thursday, August 25 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

If you have not had an opportunity to meet her or any of the RES staff members, please make plans to attend.

The Middle School and High School campuses are planning their Open Houses for the near future and will be letting you know of the dates and times as soon as plans are finalized.

Sharon Bills, "new" Alternative Campus Director would also like to welcome you by their location at 210 W. Jones to see all of their offerings.

With the beginning of school it is always wise to remember to be on the lookout for students crossing the street, and to adhere to all traffic rules as the School Buses are out early every morning bringing students to school.

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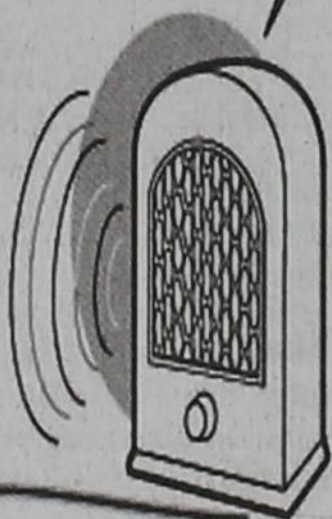
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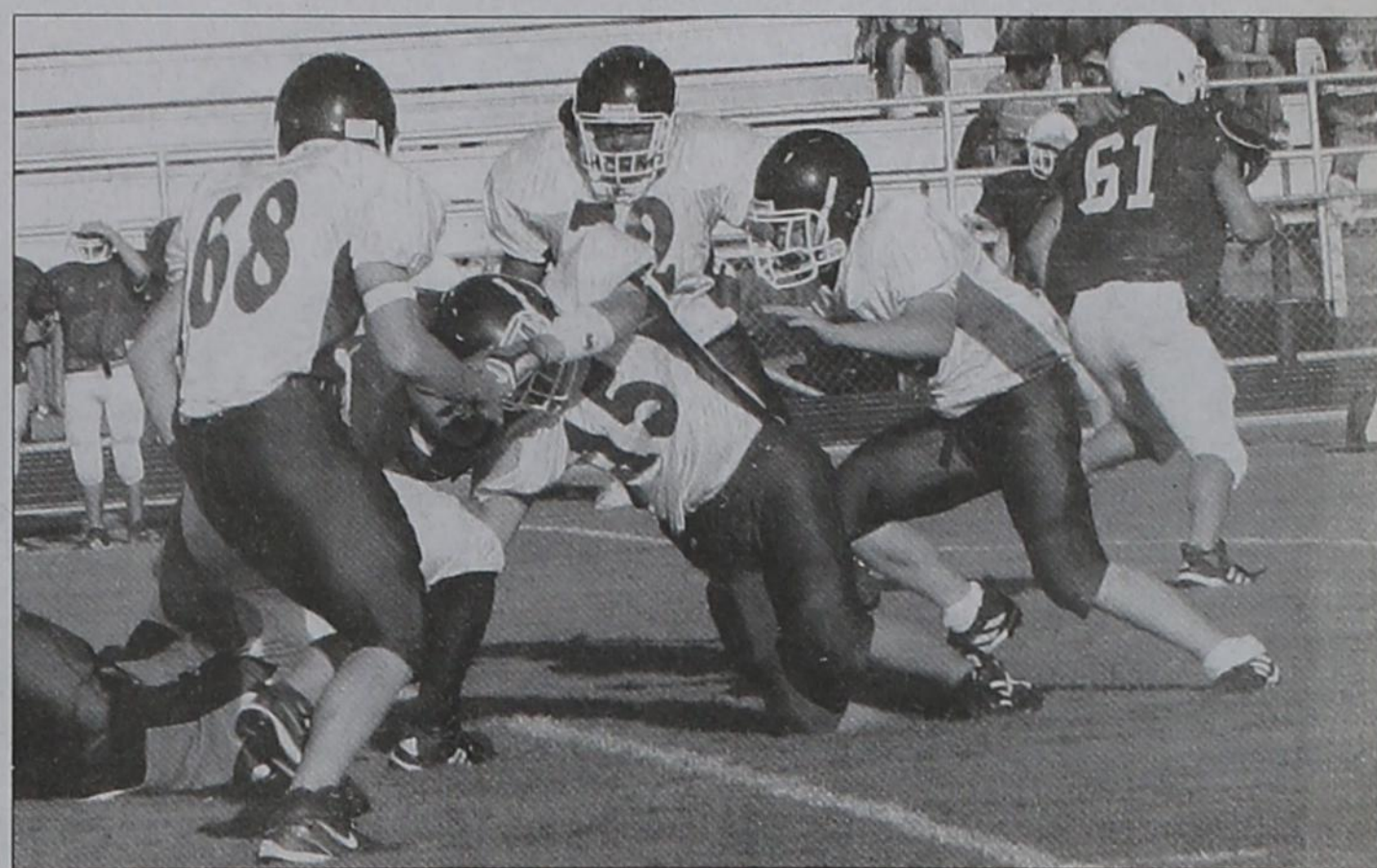
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Vicious on Defense

Above and right, the Bobcats defense converged on the Roosevelt ball carriers during Friday's scrimmage at Bobcat Stadium.



Bobcats' defense steps up

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Dimmitt head football coach Robert Wills said he saw a lot of improvement on Friday when the Bobcats scrimmaged Lubbock Roosevelt, especially in the defense.

"I saw improvement in our intensity, but we still have a long way to go," Wills said. "That's the main

thing I'm looking for. And we need a little improvement in execution. We've got a long way to go there."

Overall, early in the scrimmage the Bobcats made some big plays on defense when they were needed, Wills said. "Later, when we needed to, we didn't make the big plays and that's why they scored three times in our game format."

What bothers him most, he said, is "I don't think the kids realize how good they can be; their confidence level isn't where it needs to be.

"Later in the scrimmage when we had them on the ropes and needed to make big plays, we didn't and they ended up scoring."

Defensive standouts for the Bobcats were defensive ends Aaron Herrera and J.D.

Fowler and linebacker Edward Wait.

"Those three guys are starting to play like we need them to play," Wills said.

Right now, he said, the team is still working on the fundamentals.

"We're starting four sophomores and a freshman, Colton Bradley, at safety," he said. "My goal is to have as few two-way starters as possible. Right now we have six, I'd like to only have two or so. That will work in our advantage down the road. If we play mostly one-way kids, it'll

help us in the third and fourth quarters of games."

The Bobcats are preparing to travel to New Deal for a 7:30 p.m. game on Friday.

"I think New Deal is as good as their ranking (fourth or fifth in the state in 1A)," Wills said. "They're real physical and they execute extremely well. We'll have to play a real good game to

compete. "They have a lot of returning starters from last year, including their two running backs. On defense, they run to the football real well. We're going to attempt to use their aggression to our advantage."

The Junior Varsity will host New Deal on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Bobbies slam Tulia

The Dimmitt Bobbies defeated Tulia on Saturday at Tulia in the team's first regular game of the season. And they did it in spectacular fashion, winning the first three games, 25-14, 25-18, 25-20, said coach Dene Adams.

This is the first time the Bobbies have won three straight out of five, she said.

"We've never beat anyone like that before," Adams said. "It was a team

effort. We usually don't have the team clicking like that. On Saturday all eight girls on the varsity just clicked. It was incredible. I've never seen the girls play like that before, that hard and as a team. It was really awesome."

Over the weekend, the junior varsity played in the Bushland Tournament. Although they didn't win, Adams said she was pleased with their efforts.

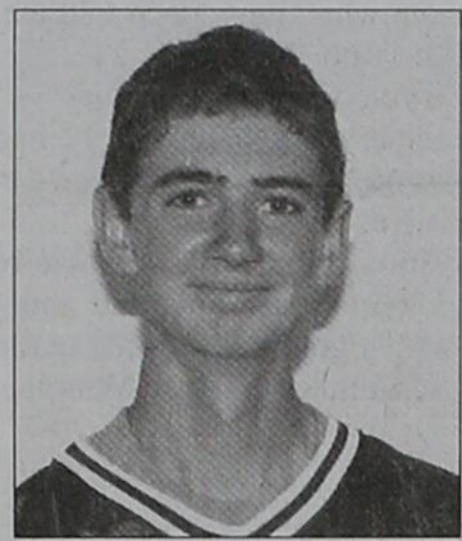
"Although they didn't win, they improved with every game," she said. "We don't have volleyball in junior high, so the junior varsity players are just getting their first taste of the game. What we're looking for on the JV is improvement and preparing them for varsity play and that's what we're seeing."

This weekend, both the JV and varsity will compete in the Highland Park tournament.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 18,20	JV Bushland Tournament	There	
Aug. 20	Tulia	There	
Aug. 23	JV-V Highland Park	There	5 p.m.
Aug. 26,27	JV and V San Jac Tourney	San Jacinto	
Aug. 30	JV-V Friona	There	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	Varsity Whiteface	There	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	JV-V Tulia	Home	11 a.m.
Sept. 13	JV-V Levelland	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 17	Varsity - Whiteface	Home	10 a.m.
Sept. 20	JV-V Plains	There	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	JV-V Denver City	There	1 p.m.*
Sept. 27	JV-V Friona	Home	5 p.m.*
Oct. 1	JV-V Denver City	Home	1 p.m.*
Oct. 4	OPEN		
Oct. 8	JV-V Colorado City	Home	1 p.m.*
Oct. 11	JV-V Shallowater	There	5 p.m.*
Oct. 15	JV-V Colorado City	There	1 p.m.*
Oct. 18	JV-V Friona	There	5 p.m.*
Oct. 22	OPEN		
Oct. 25	JV-V Shallowater	Home	5 p.m.*



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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 19	Roosevelt	Home	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	New Deal	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Farwell	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Abernathy	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Sundown	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Plains*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept.30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Friona	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Olton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Tulia	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Lockney**	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Floydada	Away	7:30 p.m.

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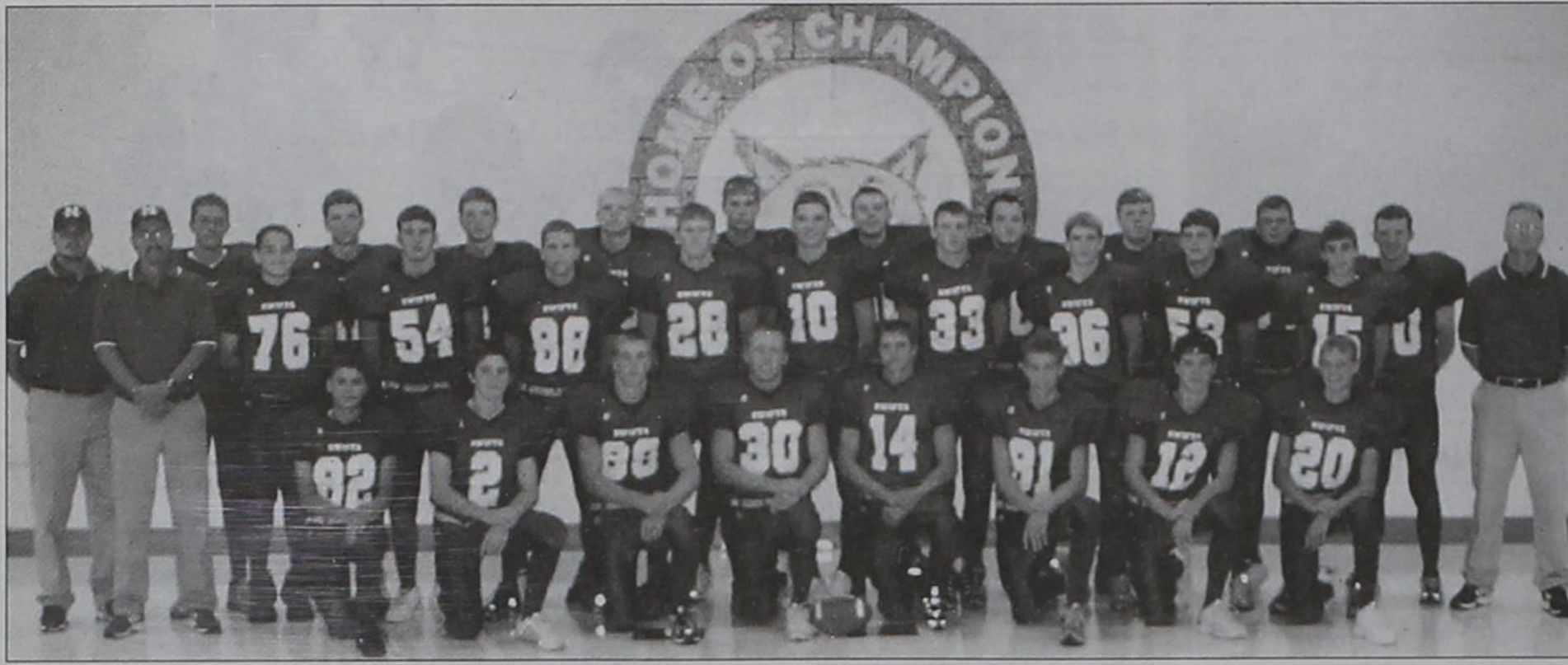
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2005 Swifts Varsity

Swifts varisty and JV perform well in scrimmage at Memphis Ready to take on Claude on Friday

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

MEMPHIS - The Nazareth Swifts performed well - both varsity and junior varsity - pleasing head football coach Ricky Peacock on Thursday night in the team's first and only scrimmage.

"It went real well," Peacock said. "We were able to put four scores on the board without older kids. We scored twice in our first 20-play section and twice in a live quarter, so I was real pleased with the way the offense performed."

Defensively, the Swifts played well, too, he said. "Memphis was able to get one score in the 20 play-session with the help of some penalties. Our defense played pretty well," Peacock said. "During the live session, they had one sustained drive but we stopped them, got the ball back with about 40 seconds to go and drove about 80 yards."

The four scores for the Swifts varsity came balanced - two passing and two running. Tucker Waggoner scored once on

the ground and junior quarterback Dustin Schulte threw for two scores and ran for another.

The Junior Varsity tied the Memphis JV 1-1, Peacock said.

Now the Swifts are preparing for their game at Claude at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"It's usually been a competitive game," Peacock said. "I know their numbers are down from what their coach told me. I haven't seen them yet, the film is on its way."

So the Swifts will just keep trying to better, he said.

"We did a lot of good things in the scrimmage, but we had some things we need to improve on," he said. "We need to iron out the problems that we have."

"We still have a couple of positions, both ways, that we're looking at. There are some guys who are learning and going to give us playing time to see who's going to win the battle for those spots. All-in-all, the scrimmage against Memphis was good. We got after it."

Aug. 26	Claude	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Anton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Morton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Clarendon**	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Hart*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Springlake-Earth*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Farwell*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sudan*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
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Sept. 8	Morton	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Amarillo San Jac	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	OPEN		
Sept. 29	Bushland	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	Hart	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	Springlake-Earth	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	Farwell	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 27	Sudan	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 3	Bovina	Home	5 p.m.

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Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on roll, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce, beans, apples, cookies.

Monday: Breakfast - Muffins, cereal. Lunch - Soft tacos, pizza, lettuce, peas, applesauce, brownies.

Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Pigs in a blanket, baked potato, tossed salad, corn, pears, jello.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chalupas, burger and fries, lettuce, green beans, pineapple, spice cake.

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Jenny of Littlefield, Becky of Tulia, Lori's family of Amarillo, Paul of Nazareth, David and Bart of Amarillo, Mike of Tulia and Greg of Canyon.

Also present were Gina's brother, Sam Burt of Longview and Sam's daughter, Amy, and husband and three boys, all of El Salvador; and Harlen Crum of Plainview, (Sue Burt, who is deceased, husband.) Also, most of Gin's 37 grandchildren were there.

Jamie Birkenfeld and Megan Schulte have recently moved to Dallas to begin classes at Christ for the Nations Institute.

Jamie will be studying music and mission work while Megan has chosen youth ministry. Also, Sarah (Ellison) Wethington, is a second-year student at the school.

Karleen Hoelting, Mona Brockman, Fred Ball, Carl and Mary Kleman, Jimmie Schulte, Norma Schacher, Evelyn Rossi and Lou Wethington attended the wedding of Justin Braddock and Stacy Mott at the Church of Christ in Burlison.

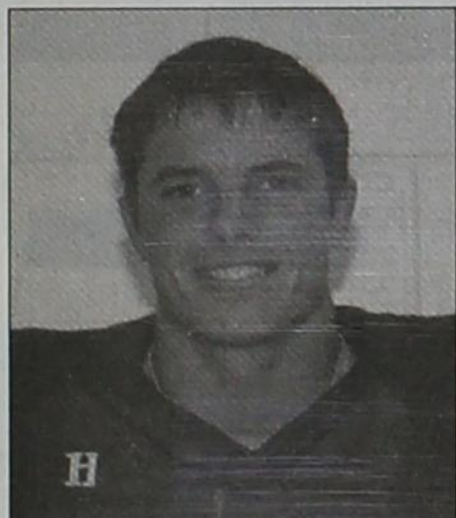
The reception, dinner and dance was held at Rock Creek Range in Joshua. Justin is the son of Richard and Mary

Braddock of Seagoville and grandson of Esther Braddock of McKinney.

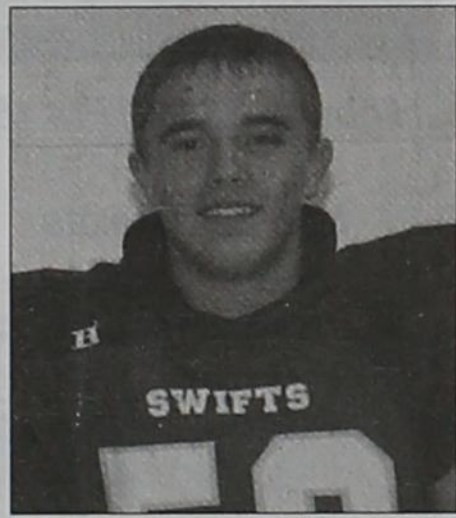
Charley and Bev Hill and Virgie Gerber attended a birthday party for Brynlee Hill, who just turned 6. The party was held with 20 friends enjoying "Ready, Set, Go," a great place in Lubbock for kids to go and have fun. Also attending the party were Todd, Misty and Harrison Hill, Darlene Maxwell and Phil Sullins of Amherst.

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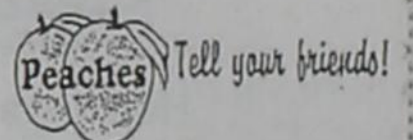
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Longhorns in 3-way scrimmage

The Hart Longhorns participated in a three-way scrimmage with Anton and Sundown at Sundown on Friday. "Offensively, we played a little better," said head Hart football coach Jay McCook. "Our offensive line is firing off the ball better and staying with their blocks." However, McCook said the team has to get a better running game to improve significantly. "We have a couple of kids who are pretty fast," he said. "We're just young and need a lot of work. Next week is an open date. Lorenzo canceled because they're going to six-man play. It's probably lucky for us. We can use the extra week of practice." McCook did single out his defensive secondary as standouts from the scrimmage: Eric Menchaca, Joey Martinez, Adrian Rosas and Jose Macias.

For the rest, McCook said, practice is the one thing that will help a young team prepare for the Longhorns season schedule. "Being so young, we just need a lot of work," he said. "And that's what we'll be doing the next two weeks - practicing."

The Longhorns' first regular season game is set for 7:30 p.m., Sept. 2, in Petersburg.

Hart Menus

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti and meat, pizza with cheese, tossed salad, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookies.

Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal. Lunch - Country fried steak, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans,

tossed salad, peaches.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Corn dog, pizza with pork topping, tossed salad, carrot sticks, corn, fresh fruit.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Salisbury steak, baked potato, bean burrito, tossed salad, carrot sticks, green beans, brown gravy, fresh fruit, yellow



A HART LONGHORN sees daylight against Smyer during the team's scrimmage on Aug. 13.

cake.
Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, bean burrito, corn, tossed salad, french fries, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding.



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Sept. 16	Clarendon	Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	White Deer ***	Home 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Sundown	Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Nazareth*	Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Farwell*	Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Bovina*	Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	S.L. Earth*****	Home 7:30 p.m.
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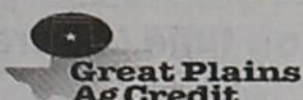
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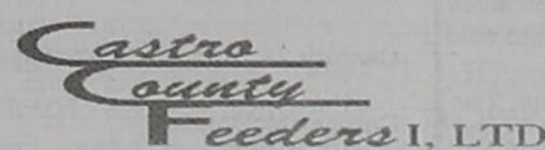
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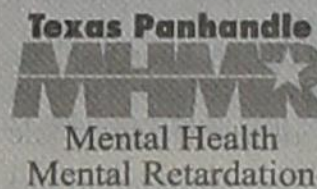
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Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Department of Public Works at 905 E. Bedford between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by article 1011g of the Vernon's Civil Statutes.

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IRAQ
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Saddam Hussein. And just a few years ago these same type prisoners chemically killed 400,000 of their own people for the same reason. They are also the same type enemy fighters, who recently were burning Americans, and dragging their charred corpses through the streets of Iraq. And still more recently, the same type enemy that was and is providing videos to all news sources internationally, of the beheading of American prisoners they held.

Compare this with some of our press and politicians, who for several days have thought and talked about nothing else but the "humiliating" of some Muslim prisoners - not burning them, not dragging their charred corpses through the streets, not beheading them, but "humiliating" them.

Can this be for real? The politicians and pundits have even talked of impeachment of the Secretary of Defense.

If this doesn't show the complete lack of comprehension and understanding of the seriousness of the enemy we are fighting, the life and death struggle we are in and the disastrous results of losing this war, nothing can.

To bring our country to a virtual political standstill over this prisoner issue makes us look like Nero playing his fiddle as Rome burned - totally oblivious to what is going on in the real world.

Neither we, nor any other country, can survive this internal strife.

Again I say, this does not mean that some of our politicians or media people are disloyal.

It simply means that they are absolutely oblivious to the magnitude, of the situation we are in and into which the Muslim terrorists have been pushing us, for many years.

Remember, the Muslim terrorists stated goal is to kill all infidels! That translates into all non-Muslims - not just in the United States, but throughout the world.

We are the last bastion of defense. We have been criticized for many years as being 'arrogant.'

That charge is valid in at least one respect.

We are arrogant in that we believe that we are so good, powerful and smart, that we can win the hearts and minds of all those who attack us, and that with both hands tied behind our back, we can defeat anything bad in the world.

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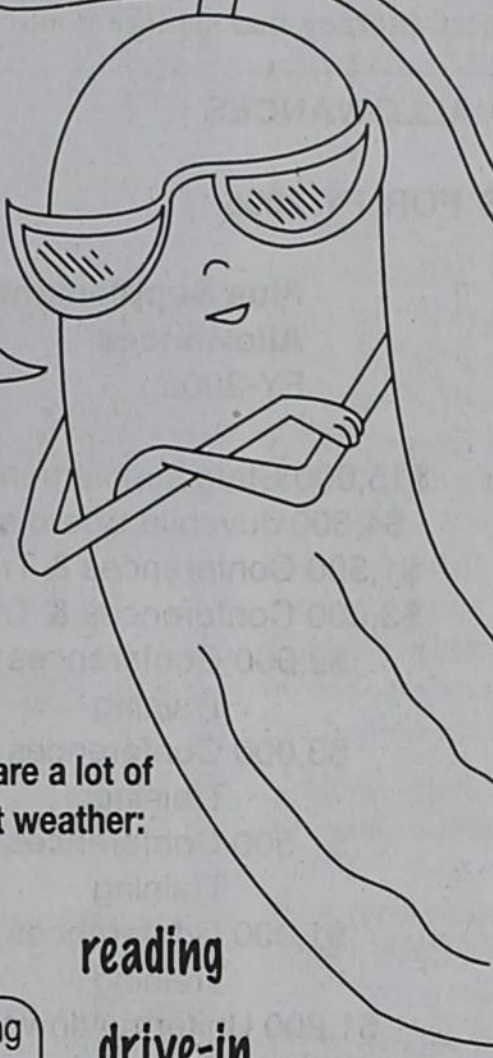
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Keeping Cooooooool!

Summer is here and that means plenty of sunshine and heat! It has been **hot** and we all want to be **cool**. We want to look cool, do cool things and keep cool while doing them.

Have you heard the expression "as cool as a cucumber?" I'm soooo cool that I get to be the guest host on the page this week while all the regular animals are chillin' out on vacation.

Now that's cool!



1 air conditioner
2 shade
3 hat
4 umbrella
5 pool
6 ice cream
7 fan
8 sweat
9 sports bottle
10 sunscreen
11 sunglasses
12 Popsicle
13 breeze
14 water

"Cool" Things to Do, Use or See!

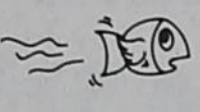
Find and circle these twenty things that are a lot of fun to do, use or see during periods of hot weather:

- arcade games
- swimming
- reading
- soccer
- garden
- drive-in
- auto show
- miniature golf
- batting cages
- fishing
- frisbee golf
- go-carts
- badminton
- picnicking
- boating
- sprinkler
- movie
- tree house
- computer

I like boating and fishing.



I like swimming... away that is!

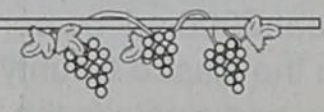


It's important to keep your cool and keep yourself cool during sizzling, hot weather. Fill in this crossword puzzle with things that you can use to keep yourself "as cool as a cucumber."

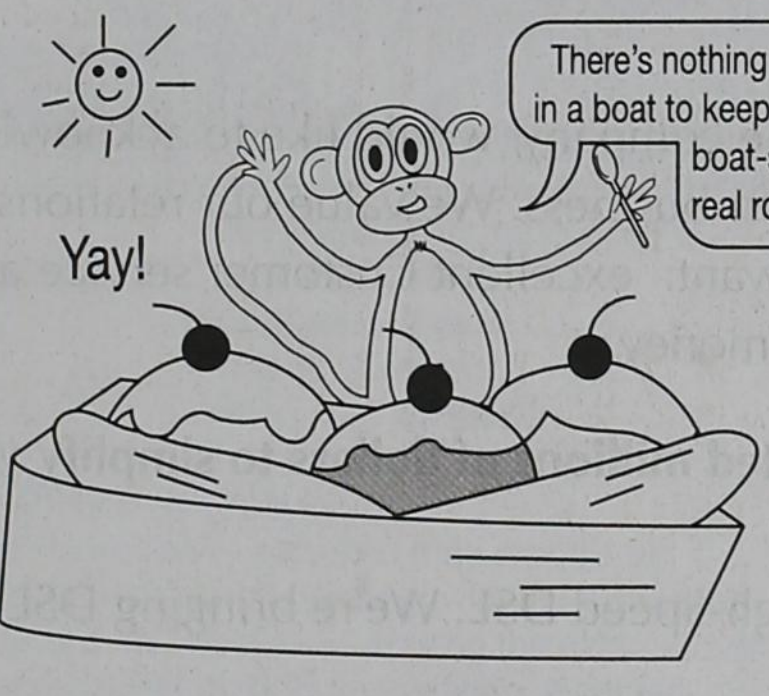
- use it to protect your skin from burning
- your body gives off drops of this to balance its temperature
- holds liquid for biking and hiking (2 words)
- brand name for flavored frozen water on a stick
- protect your eyes from the harmful rays of the sun
- swim or float in this to keep cool
- a gentle wind
- moves air around
- when the rays of the sun are blocked we can rest in this
- cover for the head
- large one for the beach can protect your whole family
- machine controlling temperature and amount of water in the air (2 words)
- H₂O
- sweet dessert, frozen cream and eggs (2 words)

News Flash!

I love the cool greens, blues and purples of the grapes.



Check out our website for puzzle answers: newspaperfun.com. We have added Flash to our website to add extra fun...this means that things move around! Write to me, Peak, at my email address: Peak@newspaperfun.com.



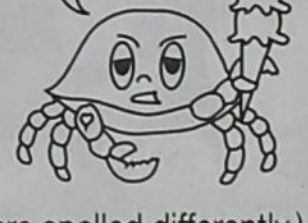
There's nothing like a banana split in a boat to keep cool. I mean in a boat-shaped dish, not a real rowboat!

Keeping Cooooooool!

Find nine words that rhyme with "cool" and circle them:

- bicycle
- tool
- rule
- race
- swings
- park
- lake
- picnic
- dolphin
- drool
- spool
- seesaw
- zoo
- hike
- school
- picnic
- pool
- fool
- lemonade
- camping
- fort
- baseball
- mule
- vacation
- stool
- play
- baseball

This is somehow making me feel a bit less crabby!



(Hint: 2 of the words have the same sound, but are spelled differently.)

And finally, name any Muslim countries throughout the world that allow freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, equal rights for anyone - let alone everyone, equal status or any status for women, or that have been productive in one single way that contributes to the good of the world.

This has been a long way of saying that we must be united on this war or we will be equated in the history books to the self-inflicted fall of the Roman Empire. If, that is, the Muslim leaders will allow history books to be written or read.

If we don't win this war right now, keep a close eye on how the Muslims take over France in the next five years or less.

They will continue to increase the Muslim population of France and continue to encroach little by little, on the established French traditions.

The French will be fight-

ing among themselves, over what should or should not be done, which will continue to weaken them and keep them from any united resolve.

Doesn't that sound eerily familiar?

Democracies don't have their freedoms taken away from them by some external military force.

Instead, they give their freedoms away, politically correct piece by politically correct piece.

And they are giving those freedoms away to those who have shown, worldwide, that they abhor freedom and will not apply it to you or even to themselves, once they are in power.

They have universally shown that when they have taken over, they then start brutally killing each other over who will be the few who control the masses.

Will we ever stop hearing from the politically correct, about the "peaceful Muslims"?

I close on a hopeful note, by repeating what I said above.

If we are united, there is no way that we can lose.

I hope now after the election, the factions in our country will begin to focus on the critical situation we are in, and will unite to save our country.

It is your future we are talking about!

Do whatever you can to preserve it.

After reading the above,

we all must do this not only for ourselves, but our children, our grandchildren, our country and the world.

Whether Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal and that includes the Politicians and media of our country and the free world!

Please forward this to any you feel may want, or NEED to read it. Our "leaders" in Congress ought to read it, too. There are those that find fault with our country, but it is obvious to anyone who truly thinks through this, that we must UNITE!

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TAXES

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lot, about 3 percent."

Miller said the district has tightened its belt to keep expenses down for the taxpayers.

"We've lost 10 positions through attrition," he said. "When those people left, we've assigned their duties to others in the district. We haven't cut any classroom programs."

Castro County Commissioners have wrestled with decreasing revenues also due to the shutdown of Cargill. However, despite what they said last year, commissioners were able to retain the employees insurance program at the same level as last year - at a cost of more than \$7,000 per person. The county's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is \$3.5 million dollars, up slightly from last year. However, \$111,000 of that money will be coming

from state coffers to pay for the Help Americans Vote Act, said County Judge Bill Sava.

"Gasoline expenses were one of the biggest items we had to content with," Sava said. "But we have to keep the roads maintained. I call it a truly balanced budget. We're asking for the revenue we need but we're not asking for any more than that."

The County could have asked for 7.1 cents per \$100 valuation and not exceeded the rollback numbers, however, commissioners chose to ask for 6.8 cents per \$100 valuation on a 4-1 vote. The lone dissenter was from Commissioner Bay Baldrige who had earlier asked commissioners to approve the 7.1 figure. His motion died for lack of a second.

On Monday, commissioners voted 4-1, again with Baldrige as the lone dissenter, not to give an additional \$11,600 to the district attorney to take the place of a grant that had been paying part of the salary of investigator Delbert Morris. The district attorney had said he could come up with

\$500 a month out of the hot check fund to help compensate for the lack of state funding, but Commissioner Dan Schmucker, who made the motion not to allow the additional \$11,600 reminded commissioners that when the program was approved they were told it wouldn't cost the county any money. The county was already paying part of the investigator's salary, which was \$25,392 last year - the grant was about \$15,000. This however, doesn't mean that the investigator position will be eliminated, Sava said, noting that the district attorney may make other moves to accommodate Morris.

TIPS

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* Incorrectly inflated tires decrease fuel efficiency. Check vehicle and tire manufacturer for proper inflation.

* Don't turn on the air conditioner as a first response to the heat.

* Smooth out your driving style by avoiding "jack rabbit" starts and sharp braking. Both expend gas and can present a hazard for others on the road.

* It's estimated that every mile per hour driven above 55 MPH costs 1% in fuel economy. So, slowing down can be both safe and fuel-efficient. Maintaining a constant speed also maximizes your car's performance. Use your car's cruise control.

* Traveling at a fast speed in a low gear wastes gas.

* Accelerate a little as you approach a hill, rather than hitting the gas and switching gears once on the incline.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES FOR CASTRO COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FY-2006

Position	Salary & Supplements FY-2005	Salary Proposed FY-2006	Plus Supplements & Allowances FY-2006
County Judge	\$44,776	\$29,976	\$15,000 State supplement salary* \$4,800 Juvenile Board salary \$1,500 Conferences & Training
Clerk	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$3,000 Conferences & Training
Justice of the Peace	\$26,160	\$26,160	\$2,000 Conferences & Training
Treasurer	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$3,000 Conferences & Training
Constable	\$19,512	\$19,512	\$ 500 Conferences & Training
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$1,000 Conferences & Training
Sheriff	\$28,836	\$28,836	\$1,200 Uniform Allowance \$1,500 Conferences & Training
Commissioners	\$22,464	\$22,464	\$1,500 Conferences & Training

* Judge's supplement increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 pending Governor's approval

Officials are reimbursed for official travel by personal transportation at \$.33 per mile

The proposed budget is on file in the County Clerks Office for public inspection.
(Local Government Code 111.006)

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

In accordance with Local Government Code 111.007 a public hearing for Castro County's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 will be conducted on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Castro County Courthouse, 100 E. Bradford St., Dimmitt, TX. Any taxpayer of the county may attend and may participate in the hearing.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioners Court shall take action on the proposed budget and the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2006. (Local government Code 111.008).

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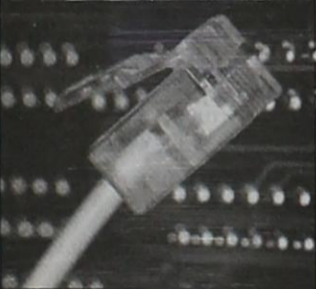


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HISPANIC VOICE

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Luck Bobbies and Bobcats.

Before I go on to other news, I'd like to wish my hubby, Josh a very Happy 5th Wedding Anniversary. I LOVE YOU! I hope he knows that there is nothing in this world that could make me happier than being married to him. I can't believe that five years have

gone by. It seems like just yesterday we were planning our wedding. Thank you for everything you do for me. We may have our little "disagreements," but we always manage to compromise. "Yo se que a veces soy necia, pero siempre sabes como contentarme". I know I am stubborn at times, but you

always know how to make me happy. Thank you for five wonderful years and may God give us many more years together.

Silvia P. Guerra and her husband, Dr. Cesar Guerra have had a busy week. The two are currently on a trip to Seattle, Wash., and Silvia has been updating me on how it's going. Silvia says they

met up with Carlos and Griselda Mendez at the airport in Amarillo and chatted it up for a while with them. They all enjoyed a few glasses of "tea" and played the "nickel" slot machines and she and Cesar tripled their monies. The Mendez's were on their way to Las Vegas and the Guerras wish them the best of luck. Once in Seattle, the Guerras met up with their daughter, Elsa, her husband Steve and the grandkids (estan bien chulos los nietos! their grandkids are gorgeous!). The first outing they all enjoyed together was a trip to Mount St. Helens. Silvia said it was just amazing, she also sent me pictures and it is amazing. She says they were so close that they could actually see the flume of steam from where it erupted in 1980. She says it is actually still active and rumbles from time to time. They were also able to see all of the destruction that was left behind after the eruption.

Silvia says it is a truly awesome sight. On another outing, their family took them on a walk on a trail in a forest near their home. It took them all over three hours to get back to where they started. Silvia says she was really impressed by all of the ferns that grows out in the wild. Obviously, the Guerras are having a wonderful time with their daughter and her family. Silvia promised to keep me up to date on how their last few days in Seattle are spent.

Feliz cumpleaños a nuestro sobrino. Ignacio Mendoza Jr., or Junior, as we know him. Junior, who is the son of Ignacio and Lorraine Mendoza will be turning 1 year old on Aug. 26. That's the same day of my and Josh's anniversary. It's hard to believe he is already a year old. He's already climbing up and down the stairs and giving his grandma, Maria Herrera a run for her money. Happy Birthday from all of the Mendoza family.

Soila Reyes and Frank Mendoza Sr. attended the pinning ceremony for the LVN graduates at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Soila's granddaughter, Kristina Gonzalez, was

among the graduates and will be employed at Covenant Hospital in Plainview after graduation. After the graduation, they all enjoyed a beautiful reception and a dance featuring DJ Hitman at the Plainview Country Club.

Moms, don't forget to sign your little girls up for the Castro County Country Queens pageant. Gosh, that's a mouth full. There will be a girls pageant for ages 3-13 and a teen pageant for ages 14-18. If there is one thing Dimmitt's got, it's beautiful girls. So, for more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524. Don't miss out on this event.

The DHS Class of 1995 will be holding its 10 year reunion Sept. 9-10.

So parents, if your kid graduated in 1995, give them a call and tell them about it. Sometimes it's hard for the organizers to get in touch with everyone, so every little bit of help is appreciated. For further info contact Carla at 647-5056 or visit www.dhs1995.com.

Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. That's all for this week. Thanks to all my readers. I really can't believe how many people and how far away people read this. If you're out there somewhere and you once lived in Dimmitt, I'd love to hear from you. Let your friends know where you are.

As always, keep the info coming to angie79027@hotmail.com. 647-0106 or 346-3882.

DISD Menus

Friday: Breakfast - Hot Pocket egg and cheese, Rice Krispy treats. Lunch - Turkey and dressing, hot dog on bun with chili, fajitas with onions & peppers, candied sweet potatoes, Mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad, cole slaw, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, fideo Mexicano.
Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Vegetable lasagna, poor boy steak, chicken taco, broccoli with cheese sauce, Mexicali corn, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad, fruit fantasy, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Smucker's Peanut Butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff cereal bar, orange wedges.
Lunch - Steak fingers, cheese enchilada 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, cornbread.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, cereal, Danish. Lunch - Barbecue rib patty on bun, 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, Fritos.

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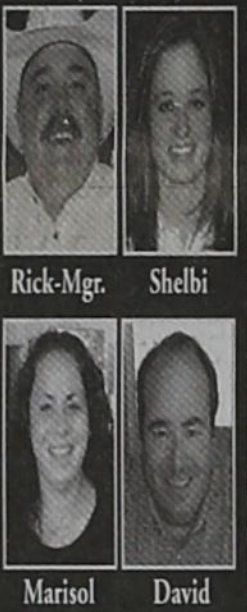
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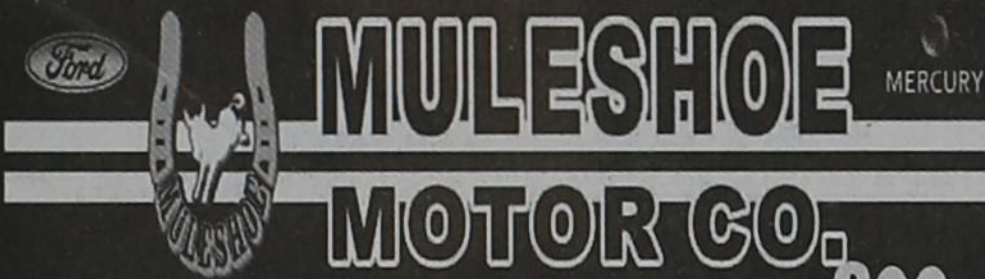
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To La Herradura, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's original notice of seizure & intended forfeiture petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 17th day of October, A.D., 2005 before the Honorable Court of Castro County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Dimmitt, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28th day of February, 2003, in this case, numbered B8037-0302 on the docket of said court, and styled, The State of Texas Plaintiff, vs. 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, OK Tag (fictitious) 1058 CM VIN# 1C1MAFZD2AB213056 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
The State of Texas, Plaintiffs and Ismael Flores, Cecilia Ontiveros, Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing and La Herradura are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: *
Suit to forfeit the 1989 Chamberlin Semi-Trailer, identified above as contraband as provided by Texas Code Criminal Pro. Ch. 59. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this is the 19th day of August, A.D. 2005.

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To Eagle Trailer Rental and Leasing, Defendant, Greeting:

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Goings-on at Lowe's



ABOVE, DAVID RODRIGUEZ of Dimmitt, stands behind the bicycle he won at the drawing at Lowe's Supermarket. To his left is assistant store manager Brad Hicks; on the right is store manager Joe Murray.



ABOVE, ROGER LOWE SR., president of the chain. To his left is assistant store manager Brad Hicks; on the right is store manager Joe Murray.

BELOW, EVERYONE WAS eating and enjoying the great company at Lowe's Grocery in Dimmitt for the annual Appreciation Luncheon held Aug. 8. The local store treated its customers and vendors to a special luncheon, where they were served smoked brisket, potato salad, chips, cole slaw and a variety of other great-tasting food. More than 500 people were served by the employees and local manager Joe Murray and his wife, Kathy. Roger Lowe Sr., owner of the chain, was present and said he was impressed with the turnout. "I think the people of Dimmitt are the best support for our store and we like to show our appreciation to the entire public," Murray said. "We thank all that showed up at this great feast."



Community Calendar

Second annual breastfeeding conference set

"Breastfeeding, A Family Affair," especially for pregnant women, new moms and families will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Amarillo College Polk Street Campus, 1314 S. Polk St., Amarillo. The \$5 fee includes lunch and door prizes.

To register, call toll free 1-888-CARE or (806) 337-1700. 2CARE for Moms and Babies participants are asked to bring cards for points.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Panhandle Breastfeeding Coalition. Sessions include a book review on "Wearing Your Baby," information on breastfeeding and medications, a dads session and information on La Leche League.

Open House at RES

Richardson Elementary will have an Open House Thursday, Aug. 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents can visit with their child's teacher then go to the cafeteria for cookies and punch.

We would like to encourage all parents to take this opportunity to visit our school and get acquainted with the teachers.

Dimmitt Fire Fighters 'fired up' to help MDA

On Friday, Aug. 26, and Friday, Sept. 2, Dimmitt Fire Fighters will hit the town in the annual Muscular Dystrophy "Fill the Boot" campaign.

The firefighters will be on the streets with their boots so motorists may give their dollars and change to help firefighters in their support of MDA.

Also, look for your local heroes in the Dimmitt schools collecting funds to help the MDA. In 2004 during the "Fill the Boot" program, Dimmitt firefighters raised about \$1,500 for area children and adults battling neuromuscular disorders. MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular dis-

eases. Money raised by MDA goes toward our local clinic at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, support groups, medical equipment and repair and summer camp at Ceta Canyon for children with muscular dystrophy.

Please take a moment to drop some cash into a boot when you see your area firefighters out on the streets.

Early release at RES

Richardson Elementary will have an early release on Sept. 2 at 12:40 for students.

Early release is for Richardson Elementary only. Buses will not run until 3:45 PM.

Arrangements will be made to supervise students that ride a bus, or cannot be picked up, until the normal release time of 3:45 PM.

Richardson Elementary staff will have professional development that afternoon until 4:00 PM.

Labor Day parade set Sept. 4

Holy Family Parish in Nazareth will have its annual Labor Day Weekend Picnic and Parish Fund-Raiser beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 with the parade. Children's rides and games begin after the parade and go until 5 p.m.

A roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Community Hall at 104 First Street. Arts and crafts sales, raffle and bingo will take place. Livestock donated by local ranchers and parishioners and goods donated by area businesses will be auctioned, beginning at 2 p.m.

A hamburger supper from 5 to 8 p.m. will be at the Community Hall.

Festivities end with a Community Hall Benefit Dance to be held at the Community Hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Music will be provided by "Agave Posse."

Queens pageants

There's still time to sign up for the Castro County Queens Contest. Ages 3 to 18 are invited to participate.

Girls pageant, ages 3-13, are going to be held at the High School Auditorium on Aug. 27.

The teen pageant will have a tea held Aug. 27 to help with dresses, make-up, hair and nail tips. The teen pageant will be held Sept. 8. Registration fee is \$10. Call the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for information at 647-2524.

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Thursday, Aug. 25

Richardson Elementary OPEN HOUSE – 5:30 – 6:30

Football: JV vs New Deal – Here – 6:30

Friday, August 26

Football: Varsity @ New Deal – 7:30

Volleyball: JV & Varsity @ San Jacinto Tournament

Saturday, August 27

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Tuesday, August 30

Volleyball: JV & Varsity @ Friona

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