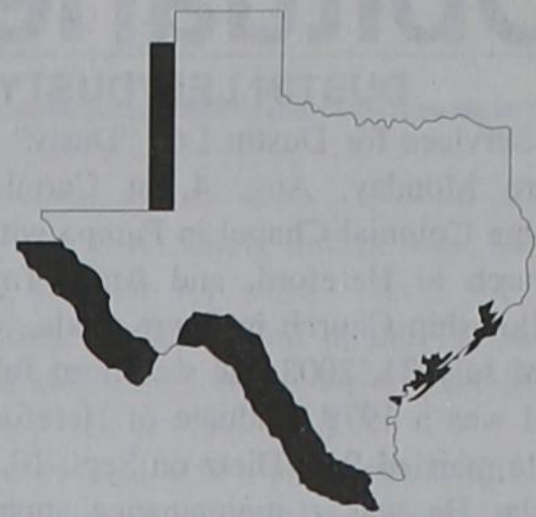


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Mountain of memories destroyed



At right, a fire at the home of the late Edith and Julian Acevedo at 411 SW 2nd St. breaks through the roof; at left, the fire has burned down Aug. 10. The Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department answered the call using four pieces of equipment and 12 fire fighters. The Acevedos raised five boys and two girls in their home, which had been there 40 years, according to their daughter, Mary Helen Flores. The house was moved here from Canyon, she said. The house, which had been vacant for about three years, was not insured. However, it was the memories stored in the family home that Flores is mourning. "It's kind of like closing a chapter in my parents' lives," Flores said. "As long as the house was there, I still felt a connection with my parents. Insurance couldn't replace memories." On Aug. 22, she said, the city will bulldoze the site, she said.



DISD votes on tax rate, hearing set for Aug. 27

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

Dimmitt trustees approved a proposed tax rate Monday that would increase taxes about 5 cents per \$100 evaluation. The board also set 6 p.m., Aug. 27, at the board room, for a public hearing on the tax rate. The rate will be \$1.45 per \$100 evaluation, compared to the current \$1.396, should the board decide to adopt it after hearing from the public.

Even with the increase, the district will have a deficit of about \$123,000. To eliminate that deficit would have required a tax rate of \$1.48.

Board member Paul Garcia first asked the board to adopt a lower rate of \$1.42, but it died for lack of a second. Greg Odom proposed the

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Hospital sets public hearing on tax increase

The Castro County Hospital District has proposed raising its taxes by 7.9 percent, after a board meeting held July 29.

The first of two public meetings on the tax increase has been set for 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18.

The proposal passed by a vote of 5-0, with Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, W.J. Hill, Mark Welch and Layne Myatt voting yes.

The proposed new tax rate is .369 cents per \$100 value. This is the first increase since 1987 when the Board set the tax rate at .350 cents per \$100 value with hopes to decrease the rate after the District became financially sound. Since that time, the District has added or expanded services

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No cheese for Dimmitt

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

After 20 months of work and dreams, Dimmitt was dealt a body blow Thursday.

Officials were informed that the cheese factory that city and county officials had worked so hard to land was going elsewhere, Mayor Wayne Collins said.

"We met with officials and they told us we were in the top three, maybe we were No. 2 on the list, but the cheese factory is going to Clovis, N.M.," Collins said. "They gave us a three-page letter and discussed their reasons for the decision.

"We're sick about it. We've worked on this for

about 20 months now. We've been talking to these guys and they've made a number of trips to Dimmitt. They've looked at our site many times, evaluated it; no flaw that they came up with, other than those three reasons they gave us and all those were beyond our control. Otherwise, our site was 100 percent acceptable; our proposal was 100 percent acceptable.

The first problem, he said, is location. Apparently the dairy industry has not developed as fast in this part of the state, due to low milk prices, as it has around Clovis.

"The center for milk production is still closer to Clovis," Collins said. "It would cost them in excess

of \$3 million a year to pay for the longer hauling distance to Dimmitt as opposed to Clovis."

The second reason for going with New Mexico is the tax rate system here, which depends on property taxes.

"Texas has very high property taxes, but no state income tax, while New Mexico has a state income tax, but lower property tax rates," Collins said. "This would be a \$200 million plant and to locate it here would cost the company an extra \$3 million a year."

Also, New Mexico can give a 30-year tax abatement; Texas only a 10-year tax abatement.

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City moves to clean up trash



IT TOOK CITY workers five hours Monday to clean up the trash outside this home on West Jones Street. The city had cited the owner, but after no action was taken, the city decided to handle the situation, Code Enforcement Officer Karen Hutson said. Mayor Wayne Collins said action had to be taken because the property was in violation of city code. "There were safety, health, all kinds of issues not appropriate for civilized society to tolerate," Collins said, adding that the owner will be assessed for the cost of equipment and man hours spent in the cleanup.

Ramos injured in accident at grain elevator

Ralph Ramos of Dimmitt was rescued by emergency workers Saturday after he was trapped in the grain elevator where he works.

According to reports, Sheriff's deputies got a call from the victim's wife, who had gone to the Agri Farm Industries elevator, but could not find her husband.

Deputies and Dimmitt police officers located Ramos, 62, who was trapped in a grain pit, up to his chest, according to reports. Volunteer fire firefighters and Dimmitt EMS took less than an hour freeing the man, reports said.

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Laurent found not guilty in auto accident deaths of two teens

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The trial of Jake Laurent, 19, indicted on two counts of manslaughters and three counts of aggravated assault ended Aug. 6 when a nine-woman, three-man jury returned not guilty verdicts on all counts.

The jury deliberated 1½ hours before returning its verdict. The trial started Aug. 5.

"I don't ever second-guess or criticize a jury," District Attorney James Horton said. "I presented the

best case I could, all I had."

Laurent was tried in the Aug. 19, 2001, deaths of Stacy Saenz, 17, and Casey Villanueva, 16, who were killed in a one-vehicle accident south of Dimmitt. The 2000 Chevrolet pickup was driven by Laurent, who was 17 at the time. Including Laurent, there were 10 Dimmitt youths injured in the accident. Three of those whose injuries caused Laurent to be charged with aggravated assault were Clayton Eby, Andy Sias and Matthew Gauna. All three

testified as to what they remembered about the accident, Horton said.

Laurent also took the stand and testified about the morning of the accident.

"He didn't remember much," Horton said. "But he said he'd been drinking."

Seven hours after the accident Laurent's blood alcohol level was .07 but that was not presented during the trial, Horton said, because it had been taken so long after the wreck occurred.

The parents of the two teens who died didn't attend

the trial, he said. "They were asked if they wanted to be there and didn't comment one way or the other," he said "But I didn't see them. The audience was so full, they could have been there, but most of those attending were Laurent supporters."

The night before the accident happened, Horton told the jury, the teens were having a drinking party at the forest.

"They started back in a pickup driven by Laurent and were going an excessive rate of speed on a dirt road

when they wrecked," Horton said.

The accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001. According to reports, the pickup was traveling north on County Road 511 at a speed in excess of 95 miles an hour when it struck a utility pole. Two of those injured walked more than five miles to the nearest farm to get help.

"We believe there was a dip in the road and when the pickup hit that dip at the

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Obituaries

DUSTIN LEE 'DUSTY' WILCOX

Services for Dustin Lee "Dusty" Wilcox, 42, of Miami, were Monday, Aug. 4, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Randy Byrd, of Barn Church in Hereford, and Andy Taylor, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Sayre, Okla., officiating. Mr. Wilcox died July 31, 2003. He was born July 10, 1961, in Dimmitt and was a 1979 graduate of Hereford High School.

He married Pam Dietz on Sept. 10, 1982, in Cleo Springs, Okla. He was a maintenance supervisor for Compressor Systems Inc., for the past seven years. He was a Cowboys and active in junior rodeo with his children. He was a former member of Miami Masonic Lodge and was an active participant in bluegrass music.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, John Wayne Wilcox of Miami and Clayton Lee Wilcox and Thomas Lee Wilcox, both of Cleo Springs; his mother, Linda Byrd of Miami; his father, Joe L. Wilcox of Crane; his grandmothers, Christell Wilcox of Dimmitt and Eupha Mae Sorenson of Wheeler; a brother, Dudley Wilcox of Crane; and a sister, Jody Bebb of Clayton, N.M.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

ESTELLA CARRASCO

Services for Estela Carrasco, 72, of Hart, were at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. John Hickey officiating. Mr. Carrasco died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003.

Mrs. Carrasco was born Dec. 25, 1930, in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. She married David Carrasco on Nov. 22, 1952, in Mexico.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Rosa C. Hernandez of Plainview and Maricela Carrasco of Amarillo; six sons, Ismael, Demetrio, Mario, Adolfo and Alejandro Carrasco, all of Hart and David Carrasco Jr. of Amarillo; three sisters, Trine Garcia of Presidio, Guadalupe Soto of Ojinaga, Chih., and Goya Navarette of Hart; a brother, Manuel Porras of Ojinaga, Chih.; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

JESSE MEDRANO SR.

Funeral services for Jesse Medrano Sr., 53 of Dimmitt were at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, 2003 at the Abundant Family Life Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Tom Mullins officiating.

Burial was in the Hart Cemetery at Hart.

Mr. Medrano died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born Oct. 30, 1949 in Marlin, the son of Seferino and Maria Medrano.

He married Delia Tenorio on April 28, 1978 in Dimmitt.

She preceded him in death in 1988.

Mr. Medrano was self-employed in the heating and refrigeration industry for more than 30 years.



Jesse Medrano Sr.

Survivors include two sons: Jesse Jr. and Jacob Medrano, both of Dimmitt; three daughters: Suzanna DeLeon of Hereford, Jessica Marmolejo, and Roxanne Vargas, both of Dimmitt; two brothers: Thomas Medrano of Ropesville and Frank Medrano of Dimmitt; four sisters: Betty Montiel of Hart, Janie Garcia of Olton, Rena Lumbrera of Dimmitt and Tomasa Nino of Dalhart; and 10 grandchildren.

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Cheese

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The third reason is it's much easier to get a wastewater permit in New Mexico (about 120 days) than it is in Texas (about a year), Collins said.

"They didn't feel like this was a compelling reason, but it would have taken three times as long in Texas as in New Mexico to get the permit," he said. "They repeatedly told us there was not one single thing that could have been done at the local level that could have changed things."

"The extra hauling was beyond our control; the tax structure is a state problem and the regulatory process is also driven by the state legislature. In the long-term we'll work on some legislation to get these issues corrected."

Collins said that Dimmitt was by far the smallest town considered by the company.

"They thanked us profusely and said in the next two-to-five years, depending on how the dairy industry develops, they will likely be building another plant like this and if the center of production moves from west to east as they're predicting, we might have a chance to get that one."

Collins made extra copies of the letter from the company and said anyone who wants to may see a copy.

DISD

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\$1.45 rate and his motion passed on a 3-2 vote, with board members Rick Wright and Barbara Bain voting for the proposal and Garcia and Emilio Nino opposed. Not present at the meeting were trustees David Schaeffer and Chevo Lumbrera.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of Harold Hinsley, assistant principal at the high school.

And the board amended its drug testing policy to include oral swabs, which according to Superintendent Les Miller is easier and faster.

Ramos

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Ramos, who was conscious, was first transported to Castro County Health Care Hospital and later flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock. On Monday, reports said Ramos was listed in critical but stable condition.

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- 41 TXism: "a good judge of horse ___"
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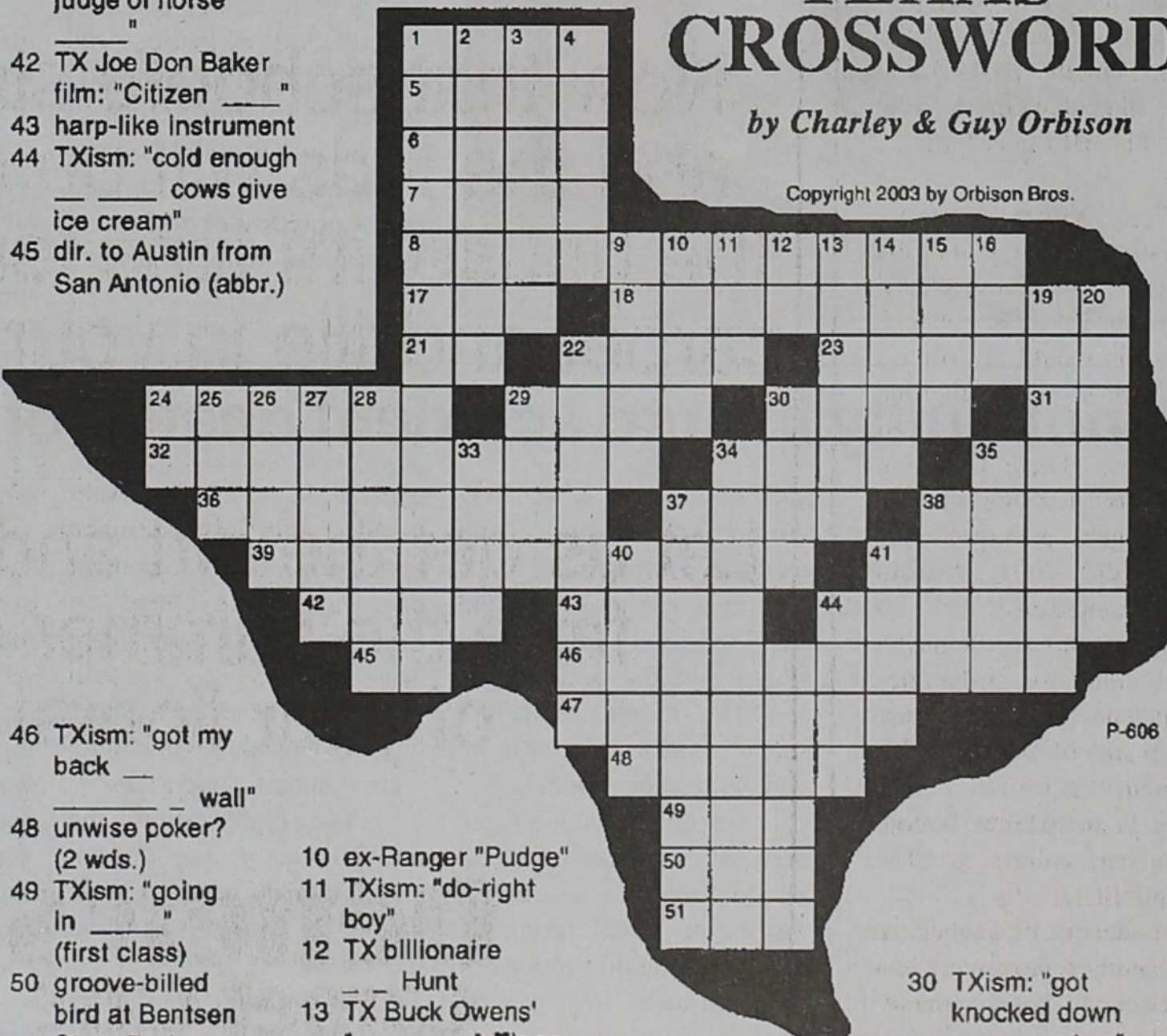
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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- A red spot in one eye
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- Squinting in bright light
- Eyes turning in or out
- Frequent rubbing of the eyes
- Water or unhealthy discharge

In Toddlers and Young Children

- Not seeing TV clearly from a short distance
- Holding books very close to the face
- Clumsiness
- Red or sore looking eyes or eyelids
- Trouble with differentiating colors
- Considerable blinking or squinting

In Older Children

- Inattentiveness and negative behavior
- Trouble seeing the board
- Headaches or eyestrain
- Blurred or double vision
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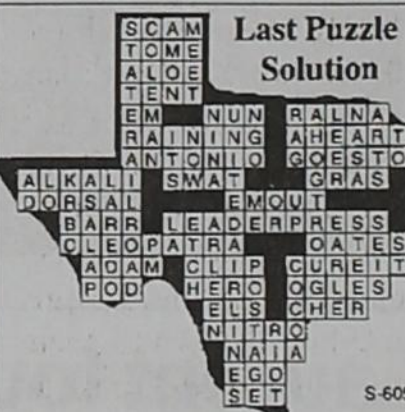


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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson 647-4579

Tonya Gober held a luncheon in her new home in Lubbock to celebrate the 80th birthday of Delores Ivy. Attending were sister-in-law Dorothy Self; her daughter, Gayla Brown; her daughter, Tisha Brown; a cousin, Jana Floyd; her daughter Sarah; and daughter-in-law, Leslie; nieces, Eva Dean Stephens and daughter Kendra Head, Barbara Matthews and daughter Angela Dun and Kaygan; Gail Moseley and daughter Lindsay and Rhonda Pummill, whose husband, Charley and son-in-law Ken flew her from Bedford for the day.

Saturday, Julia Gray of San Antonio, bride-elect of Andy Hill was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Sandra Baker. Misty Dawn Pritchard of Winters, bride-elect of Stuart Sutton was the honoree of a shower in the home of Barbara Bain. Following the showers, the bride-elects, their mothers and mothers-in-law, were special guests at the

Hereford Country Club.

Pat Braafladt, Lori Wilhite, Diane Sanders, Kay Rogers, Carol Lust and Jackie Byrnes were hostesses for the Gray and Hill luncheon.

Hostesses for the Sutton-Pritchard luncheon were Diane Sanders, Jan Baca, Carol Lust, Jackie Byrnes, Kay Rogers and Sally Bradford.

As you read in last week's Castro County News, there is lots of excitement going on in Dimmitt. Great plans are being made for the Ralph Smith Opus. Ralph, who served 31 years as the Dimmitt High school Bobcat Band director still lives in Dimmitt with his wife, Avis.

After 20 years of retirement, many of the ex-band members are making big plans for the celebration in September.

Ralph Glenn Smith of Dimmitt is the second generation of

band directing. His dad, the first Ralph Smith, was the Hereford Whiteface band director for many years. V.C. Hopson was a member of the Bobcat Band in the 1940s. Ralph Glenn's brother, Gerald Smith, was band director in Panhandle, Texas, for many years, circa 1950.

We recall that Ralph Smith No.1 was a very gentle, soft-spoken, man. He was a little slow to get perplexed, but V.C. says that Ralph No. 1 had been just as quick to terminate a band member's band trip as Ralph No. 2. Even if it was his own son's.

Lori Wilhite and Cindy Ford of Lockney gathered a group of young people this summer for a trip to Cancun, Mexico. Lori's daughter, Meggie Lemons, Cindy's daughter, Jenna and Matthew Sanders and Brittany Williams completed the group that enjoyed the beautiful beaches, snorkeling, sight-seeing and lots of other things.

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber 945-2669

Many family and friends attended the wedding of Jaimye Bingham and Brian Foote on Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Father John Kodanbandath officiating.

Reception, dinner and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Congratulations to Butch Olvera who was honored on his 80th birthday with a party at the American Legion Hall. He was happy to have all of his family together: Gabe and Margaret Gamboa of Plainview; Pete Olvera of Abilene, John and Alida Davila of San Antonio; Rolando and Rachell Presas and Rueben and Yolanda Olvera, all of Dimmitt; Caroline Bermea, Jesse Olvera, David and Mary Lynn Olvera, all of Nazareth and all of their families. Also several cousins from Houston and Raymondville. Everyone enjoyed a family dinner and a great power point presentation!

Alvina Gerber was honored on her 75th birthday

with a family dinner at the Senior Citizens Center, hosted by her family.

Open House was held from 2 to 4 p.m., with a host of family and friends attending. Everyone enjoyed looking through Alvina's scrapbooks that she has kept for years.

Gilbert Schulte celebrated his 71st birthday at their lake home at Lake Colorado City.

It was terribly hot, but they spent much time in the water, boating and skiing. Attending were the families of Doyle and Rosie Kleman, Dan and Karen Gerber, Joe and Elaine Barnes and Rodney and Mona Schulte and of course, Dolly Schulte.

The Tascosa Tennis Tournament was held last weekend. Jake Hoelting won first in the 16 year old boys singles; Monty won third in the 18-year-old boys; Jake and Monty won second in the 18-year-old doubles; and Matt Birkenfeld reached the semi-finals in the 14-year-old singles on

Saturday, but didn't compete on Sunday.

The Randall Open Tournament was held this weekend.

Jake Hoelting won first in the 16-year-old boys; Jake and Charlie Rundell were second in 18-year-old boys doubles and Charlie reached the semi-finals in the 16-year-old boys singles.

Prayers are asked for: Joe Woeteveck, Norma Schacher, Carol Birkenfeld, Joe and Amy Schmucher, Carl Kleman, Sam Albracht, Crystal Fischbacker, David Nobile, Floyd Birkenfeld, Michael Schacher, Alice Palazzini, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Ryan Birkenfeld and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

A good group gathered at the Senior Citizens Center Building Sunday evening to enjoy fellowship, a great meal (even corn on the cob), a short meeting and cards or dominoes of choice.

Hispanic Voice

with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Maria Guerrero of Hart will be celebrating her birthday on Friday, Aug. 15, at the residence of her daughter Carmella Salinas of Dimmitt.

I always enjoy talking with Carmella.

She makes me laugh. She tells me her sister Maria Elena (and Adrian) will be joining them and also her brother Jose. Maria is from Odessa and Jose is from Hampton, Iowa.

Ge, I think that's pretty much like 1,000 miles away!

Well, Happy Birthday goes out to Maria Guerrero and I'm sure she will have a good time with family and friends.

Happy Birthday Maria

and many more.

We are looking forward to the wedding of Linda Trigo and Mano Valderaz.

They will marry Aug. 16 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 2 p.m. Reception will follow and ending with a dance at Dimmitt's Expo Center.

Their wedding party consists of: best man- Greg Martines; matron of honor- Maggie Dunlap; bridesmaids - Larrisa Echevarria, Mariza Valderaz, Anita Pompa, Daphanie Rivera; groomsmen - Augustin Munoz, Jacob Lira, Jerry Rivera, Vance Dunlap; Flower girl- Adryana Valderaz; Ring Bearer- Matthew Trigo; train bearer-

Brian Saldana and Bethany Saldana; ushers - Jeremy Pena and Johnathan Lira.

Linda is a 1998 Dimmitt ISD graduate and is the daughter of Alex and Linda Trigo.

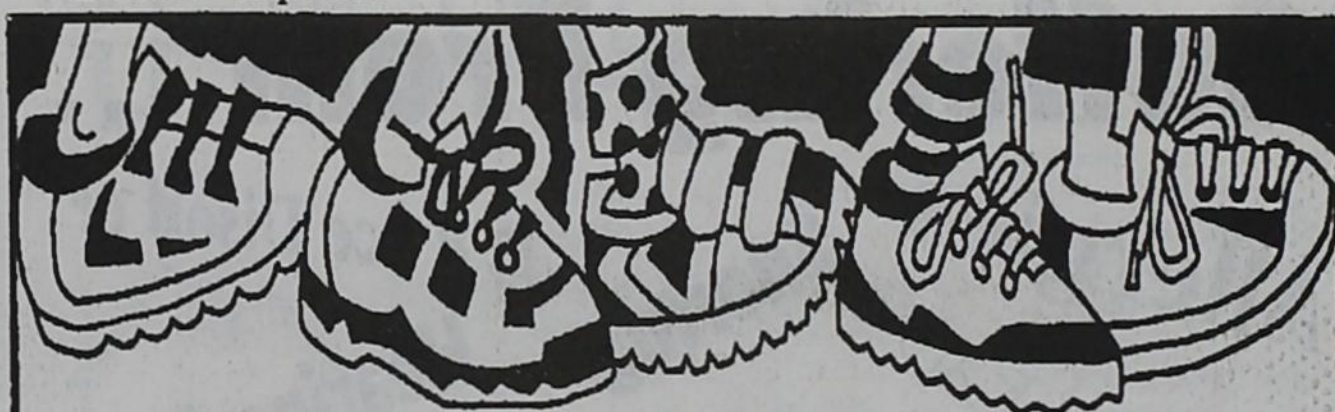
Mano is the son to Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Valderaz.

Special prayers are needed for Ralph Ramos. He is in UMC Hospital in Lubbock in ICU and in serious condition; also for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar.

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The Idle American

"ARE YOU ready to keep your promise?" I've posed this question many times to educators at in-service programs to kick off school years. NO hands go up. Then, I continue, "Back in May, you prayed, perhaps silently, 'Oh, God, if you'll just get me through this month, I promise I'll come back in August, ready to give it my best again.'" I'm glad they made the promise, and I'm glad they're back. Few chapters in life equal the excitement and a "sense of the possible" offered by new school years. May God bless everyone at the schoolhouse.....

Most educators live out each day committed to teamwork, achievement and optimism. Several years ago, though, I overheard a conversation dominated by "I don't like" comments—all from one disgruntled teacher. "I didn't like the kids last year. I don't like the kids this year and I won't like the kids next year. In short, I don't like kids," the teacher said. A question came from the crowd of "gruntled" teachers. "Do you believe in reincarnation?"

"I'm not sure," she answered. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, if you did, you could pray to come back as a childhood disease," her

colleague said.....

WAS I DREAMING, or was there a news clip of Secretary of State Colin Powell answering how he felt about the new "Colin Powell doll?" His response: "First of all, it's not a doll, it's an action figure....."

Speaking of political figures, did you notice that the Democratic senators' retreat to Albuquerque extended well beyond their House counterparts' trek to Ardmore? One political wag insists both groups did it "on the cheap," getting bargain basement hotel deals on the Internet. He said they offered bids for accommodations outside of Texas at hotels in cities starting with the letter "A."

Hey, is this an "RHIP" (Rank Has Its Privileges) thing? Somehow, the represent-atives got the Holiday Inn in Ardmore; senators settled in at the Marriott in Albuquerque. Several of the exiles in New Mexico went on a "fact-finding trip" to an Indian reservation. The visit was indeed instructive. Now they can make lanyards.....

AT THE Dallas Cowboys' training camp in San Antonio, players are wide-eyed and open-mouthed reading the coach's daily posts on the bulletin board. New posts

appear each day announcing rules—both "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not"—all somber and to the point. Players can't wait to get the latest "Parcells' post." (You don't like that one? How about his BILLboard?).....

"Veeerrrrryyyy interesting!" That's what the little guy on the tricycle used to say on TV's "Laugh-In." Today, he would fall off his trike with so many giggling opportunities on the Left Coast..... There is a real possibility that the Golden State's new governor may be movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger, a candidate who so far hasn't been able to pronounce "California." (I'm not sure how many of the 500 plus candidates can!)

Hey, wait! Maybe Arnold might start calling it, "The Golden State."

Wonder if he's checked with another showman, Jess Ventura? The former wrestling star was elected governor of Minnesota but soon decided that wrestling—and most other pursuits—are more fun than being governor! Ah, government allows no staging and no re-takes..... Or does it?

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Calendar

In-service for substitute teachers

An in-service for Dimmitt ISD substitute teachers will be at 9 a.m., Aug. 26, in the Administration Board room, 608 W. Halsell. Those attending are asked to bring their Social Security card and driver's license.

Free class for food vendors

Castro County Extension is hosting a free class for all people who will have a food booth at the fair this year. The class will be held at the Extension office at 205 N Broadway in Dimmitt from 10 a.m. - noon on Thursday, Aug. 21. The Castro County Fair Association is requiring that at least one person from each booth attend the class taught by Kristy Mitchell, CEA - FCS.

County Fair booths available

The Castro County Fair Association has begun renting booth spaces to vendors wishing to participate in the Castro County Fair, which is set for Sept. 6, at the Castro County Exposition Center.

At present, spaces are available inside the Expo, in the Quonset area and outside the buildings for crafts, games and food. Vendors wishing to secure booths for this year's event should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce immediately at 647-2524 or stop by the offices at 115 W. Bedford.

Physicals needed before school

All incoming freshmen and juniors, who will be participating in sports, need to get a physical by the start of school. Physicals are available at the Dimmitt Medical Clinic.

Old Settlers Reunion

Castro County Reunion, formally known as Old Settlers Reunion, will meet Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Senior Citizens Building on Jones Street. Don and Verbie Nelson are the leaders this year.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and then everyone will watch the parade. The meal will be served at noon, with everyone bringing one or two covered dishes. This meeting is for everyone to come see all old friends and enjoy.

Dimmitt Band reunion 1956-83 set

"Mr. Ralph Smith's Opus," is the theme for the Band Reunion for DHS exes for the years 1956 through 1983 and their parents.

The reunion will be Sept. 6, Saturday, during Harvest Days. Members will participate in the Harvest Days Parade at 10 a.m. and there will be a barbecue, visiting and films at the Expo Center at 5:30 p.m. that same day.

For more information, contact, Teresa Underwood Lindsey at teslindsey@hotmail.com; Delores Wilke Heller at 647-2655 or hellerdelores@hotmail.com; Sharon Lilley Steffey, 938-2693; Sue Bagwell Boozer, 647-5632; Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524; or look at the website: geocities.com/teslinsey706/bobcatbandreunion2003.html

Multi-class DHS reunion set for Sept. 19-20

A multi-class reunion has been scheduled for Sept. 19-20, 2003, at the Fifth Season Inn West in Amarillo. The members of all classes of 1944 through 1955 and any others who would like to attend will be welcomed.

There will be special rates for those who call and make reservations and identify themselves with the Dimmitt HS reunion. It will begin with snacks brought by the exes on Friday afternoon and evening. There will be a catered barbecue on Saturday night, Sept. 20. Price will be \$10 per plate and reservations may be made at the time of registration. The meetings will be held in The Amarillo Room. A brief business meeting will be held after the meal on Saturday night.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship. The agenda will be unstructured allowing ample time for visiting and renewing acquaintances. For more information, call Phyllis (Youts) Jackson at 647-2577 or Lewis Martin at 355-7977.

Tiger League signups set for Aug. 21

Tiger League football sign up and weigh in will be at 7 p.m., Aug. 21, at the Chamber of Commerce Building. All

boys in the fifth and sixth grades wanting to play tackle football should attend the meeting.

Those attending must have a copy of their birth certificates and \$50. This will be the only opportunity to sign up. Anyone with questions may call Jon Riddle at 647-3151.

Hospital

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in order to keep up with the needs of Castro County and improve revenue, according to a news release.

The release said the district has implemented a number of cost-cutting measures, including not replacing Dr. Joplin with another physician, but with a physician assistant. Recently three Department Managers resigned and their duties, at this time, have been delegated to other employees. EMS staff is pulling double duty by working in the Emergency Room along with the EMS service. The Geri-Psych unit will be closing Aug. 22 the release said. Five of those staff members will be transferring to the hospital side, which leaves 21 people looking for work outside of the District.

The District also has employees taking a decrease in pay, at their request, during the summer months due to the decrease in census.

The District has requested assistance from the City and County with capital equipment needs for EMS and has received no response, the release said. The proposed tax rate will increase tax revenues by \$100,000 from \$1,296,000 to 1,396,000. It will cost the average homeowner \$1.02 extra per month each year. This additional income over time will assist the hospital with capital equipment needs. The second public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 28, in the Solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Earlier this month, the board met on July 24. CEO Linda Rasor reported that current revenue is \$600,000 per month, compared to \$800,000 in expenses with \$250,000 in CDs.

She told board members that employees have been voluntarily cutting back on hours to reduce expenses and that the nursing staff is also cutting back due to the low census.

The board was told that the medical records department received their scanning software and have begun to scan records onto CD's which should be more efficient and save space.

The board also approved privileges for Jason Whiteley, CRNA, who will be working on an "as needed basis" in the anesthesia department.

A policy was approved for the billing and administrative staff to write off balances up to \$50 on denied claims.

Linda Rasor reported that the average length of stay has been 3.09-3.16 days which is under the 4 days required to be Critical Access.

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CHURCH NEWS

Looking out for others



Chuck Ball

As a father of three small children, I feel that I'm always looking out for someone, mainly my kids. I would assume that we all look out for our spouses and children, but what about others? Do we find ourselves interested in the well-being of those around us? We better take care and look out for our families and, from my study of the Bible, I've found that we should also look out for the interests of all others, not just family. We live in a very self-centered world that believes you are to take care of yourself and meet your own personal needs and not be concerned with others. That philosophy seems to be an "every man for himself" type of belief. The apostle Paul wrote about this very subject and is very plain and to the point as he shares our responsibilities in this regard. *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."* (Phil. 2:3-4)

Paul explains that we are not to be self-centered and look only to our personal interests but to look out for the interests of others. This is a difficult lesson to grasp and put into practice because the world in which we live teaches a total different lesson. According to the world, we are to make our own way and not concern ourselves with others. Jesus is the ultimate example of one who was truly interested in the interests of others. *"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!"* (Phil. 2:8) Jesus went to the cross for your best interests and mine. He didn't die that Friday on a cross for His sins because He had no sin (II Cor. 5:21) (Heb. 4:15) He was totally looking out for the spiritual well-being of all that would ever live on this earth when He gave His life on the cross.

Wouldn't it be a better world if we all tried to be like Jesus by putting the interests of others before our own?

Why make it easy for thieves?

BY JIM DAVIDSON

The English author Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) once said, "Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it."

Are you aware that almost 5 million residential burglaries occur each year in our country?

This works out to one every 15 seconds.

By the time you have read this far someone's home or apartment has been broken into and some of their most precious possessions have been stolen by thieves.

The economic impact, as well as the emotional trauma, on the American people is tremendous.

Each year losses experienced by burglary victims is estimated to be \$3.1 billion and the average loss per residential burglary is \$1,441.

Several weeks ago I got a phone call from Jason Bird, an executive with the Burglary Prevention Council in Chicago, Illinois. He passed along some information about their organization which was formed back in 1995 as a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of residential burglaries.

A few days later a nice

press kit arrived in the mail and after reviewing it, I decided to pass along some of the pertinent information to you in the hope that it may keep you from becoming a burglary victim.

The reason I decided to share this is because none of us who have a home, apartment, condominium, cabin or cottage is immune from unlawful entry by those who want to respect our property more.

Because of human nature, until it happens to us we are lethargic and complacent. That's someone else's problem, we say.

Just last night when I was at church a young single lady was very distraught because a few days earlier someone had broken into her apartment.

They did not take much but she just felt violated, as any of us would.

According to the Burglary Prevention Council the good news is that nine out of 10 burglaries can be prevented.

In the press kit I received there was a fantastic booklet titled "SAFE AND SECURE. A complete do-it-yourself guide to safeguarding your home against burglars." The index contains a listing of the various topics that are in the booklet. They are: Introduction/Understanding The Burglar, Evaluating Your Home's Security with

subheadings.

Your home's current security measures, Your home's design and Your neighborhood.

Next is Burglar Entry Points with subheadings... Doors, Locks and Windows, Your Possessions, Creating A Secure State Of Mind, If You Are Burglarized, Protecting Your Home, Vacation Checklist, Home Protection Devices, Summery and 10 tips. Because I have had the opportunity to read it, I can promise you this booklet is well done and would be a valuable resource for any person who would like to take measures to prevent a burglar from making off with their property.

The booklet "SAFE AND SECURE" is free from the Burglary Prevention Council, but they do ask that you send \$1 to cover the cost of handling and a self-addressed stamped envelope to 221 North LaSalle Street,

Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. You may also download this booklet from their Web site at www.burglaryprevention.org. I realize this kind of information is not very exciting, but as I have said before, it does not make a lot of sense to be motivated and work hard to buy some of those material things we all enjoy just to have a thief come along, break into our place of residence and help himself to whatever he wants. The good news is that with a little extra time and effort, nine of 10 burglaries can be prevented. Yes, it can happen to you. Us too!! (Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034)

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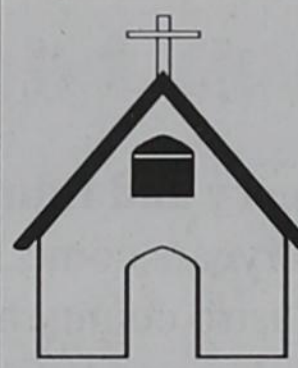
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A couple of weeks ago Microsoft announced that they had found a major security flaw in both their Windows 2000 and XP operating systems. At that time they released a Security Update that would fix the vulnerability. Since then a Worm named W32.Blaster.Worm has been released that will attack a PC that hasn't been updated and disable its ability to connect to Microsoft and download the patch.



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Without getting too technical, the flaw allows hackers to probe certain TCP ports on your PC via the internet. If any of these ports are open then

your computer's security may become compromised. A hacker can then access any file on your computer and even open and close applications. It is important to note that Windows 95 & 98 machines are NOT affected.

One of the tell-tale signs that your computer has the worm is that the PC will shutdown while surfing the

internet. Sometimes it will say that the RPC service has caused the shutdown other times it will just power off. Downloading and applying the patch will fix the vulnerability, but will NOT remove the worm - you will need a good antivirus program to do that.

If you are having problems downloading the patch from Microsoft please go to my website at www.csdimmitt.com and download the patch from there. Just click on the XP and 2000 Patch link on the left margin. For a free online virus scan go to www.housecall.antivirus.com. I strongly urge you to do both of these tasks ASAP!

Cleanup continues

CITY WORKERS TAKE down a metal fence around a house on West Jones Street on Monday as workers moved in to clean up trash accumulated there.



Idle American

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not many will worry about the actual odds of winning the jackpot—one in 135 million. One observer said, "If you want to win the lottery, just raise your window. The odds of buying a winning ticket and one blowing in from outside are about the same....."

NOW HE'S not to be cut too much slack. But Mark Cuban's comments (the ones he made about Kobe Bryant's Colorado escapade) may fall into the "it figures" category-IF the latest rumor is true. It has not been confirmed if Cuban and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams are cousins. Of course, Cuban hasn't run for public office.....yet.....

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Bobcats bring experience to the table for the season

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Despite the loss of 10 seniors, the Dimmitt Bobcats look like they'll be a solid team this season.

"We have 14 players back this season, including our starting quarterback Nicky Gauna and our starting fullback, Matthew Sanders, who was co-MVP defensive player of the year in district last year," said coach Glen Dunnam.

"All the guys who are coming back that are seniors - Caleb Dickerson, Tyler Myatt, Chris Lindsey, Adam Wright, Jake Porsch, Jared Griffitt - they have to this point through this first week really stepped up and taken the leadership role that I've needed.

"It makes a big difference when you're going through conditioning or drills when as a coach you don't have to

say anything about keeping up the pace because you have that group of leaders keeping the younger ones working."

Dunnam had high praise for his upperclassmen's work ethic.

"It's really strong and I think that filters down," he said.

"The younger kids see that and see what it takes to step up."

The team's first game will be Aug. 29 at Friona.

"It will be a pretty tough game," Dunnam said. "There's a rivalry there and we feel like we have a little bit to prove," he said, noting that two years ago, Dimmitt lost to Friona and last year the game was called at halftime, due to weather.

"It will be a tough game to start with, but it will give us a good chance to see where we're at up to that point."

The Bobcats run their offense based out of the I formation, but "we spread it out, throw the ball quite a bit," Dunnam said.

And in that area, the team has its receivers - Lindsey, Myatt, Wright and Porsch - all returning.

"That's given us a real opportunity because our receivers are familiar with the situation and we're not changing anything," Dunnam said. "They already have a grasp on the basic stuff and that will make a big difference."

All-in-all, Dunnam said he's pleased with the way the first week of workouts has gone.

"We've come into workouts in pretty good condition," he said.

"We're not dragging. We pick up in the drills and get to drills faster and it makes a huge difference."



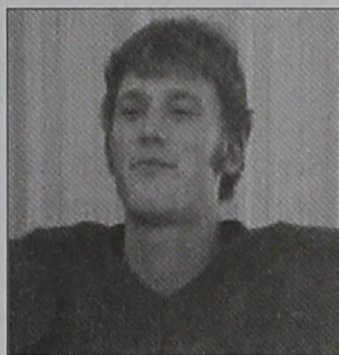
DHS COACH GREG DUNNAM said his players came into the first days of practice in good shape. That, plus having a group of experienced players back this season has hopes high for the Bobcats.



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Winning tradition means a lot for Nazareth Swifts

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The winning tradition in Nazareth means a lot - to fans, coaches - and especially players.

So although Coach Ricky Peacock lost eight starting seniors off his team that went 9-3 last year, losing in the second round of the playoffs to Sunray in double overtime, he's optimistic about this year.

"We're still going to be pretty solid," Peacock said. "Our leading rusher, Trey Robb, and our starting quarterback, Jordy Rowland, are both back.

"Plus, we've got four linemen that started at least a couple of games last year, so we're hoping that

will help us."

The question mark, he said, will be the receivers, since Nazareth runs a shotgun offense with four-wide receivers spread in the backfield.

"We lost four seniors that were our starting four receivers," Peacock said. "We have some guys who have some playing time.

"But the lack of experience is something we will work through early in the season. There'll be some dropped balls and broken routes.

"But our kids are working hard."

That's where the Nazareth winning tradition comes in.

"The younger kids, when it's their turn, they work

hard," Peacock said. "They feel like they should be out there on the field and that's a big part of the battle for a coach."

This year the team will play six pre-district games, since Kress has changed over to six-man football. And that extra game will be a benefit to a team that's looking for its rhythm.

The first game of the season will be at 1 p.m., Aug. 30, at Amarillo Highland Park, and Peacock expects a battle.

"We beat them last year here, but they'll have a lot of kids back from last year's team."

Maybe, but do they have that same winning tradition that Nazareth does?



NAZ COACH RANDY PEACOCK talks with his players during workouts.

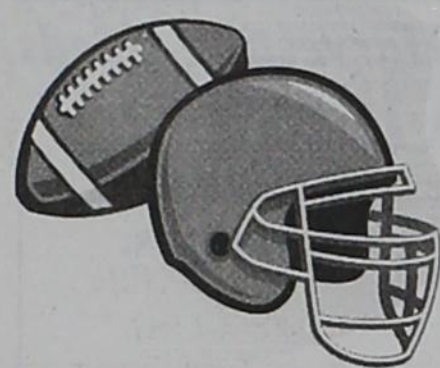
Nazareth Swifts 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 21/22	Claude (scrimmage)	Home	TBA
Aug. 30	Am. Highland Park	Away (Dick Bivins)	1 p.m.
Sept. 5	Anton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Sunray	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Clarendon (homecoming)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Lubbock Monterey Sophs.	Away (Lowrey)	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Farwell*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17			Open
Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.

* denote district games

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 11	Bushland	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Plainview	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Plainview	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	Bushland	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	FARWELL	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 16			Open
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 6	SPRINGLAKE-EARTH	Home	5 p.m.



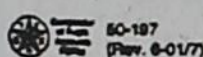
Nazareth Swifts



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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Castro County Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 18, 2003 at 6:30 pm

FOR the proposal: Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, W.J. Hill, Mark Welch
 AGAINST the proposal: None
 PRESENT and not voting: None
 ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 34,510	\$ 35,020
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 34,510	\$ 35,020
Tax rate	.339	.369
Tax	\$ 116.99	\$ 129.22

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 12.23 or 10.5 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by .03 per \$100 of taxable value or 8.8 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Schilling plays at All-Star

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

It was his last game of basketball. That's the way Eric Schilling described playing recently in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game in Fort Worth.

Schilling played for the North, which won 116-106.

"I really enjoyed playing," Schilling said. "I

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Multi-dimensional game is aim for Hart this season

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The Hart Longhorns have six starters from last year's team returning and, more than that, many of those players were on the varsity in 2001 when the team went 8-2. That year the Longhorns were ranked No. 9 in the state, but missed the playoffs because Stanford (ranked No. 1) and Nazareth (ranked No. 5) were in the same district and only the top two teams in 1A go to the playoffs.

But the experience those players have amassed both in 2001 and in 2002 when the team went 4-6, may pay big dividends this year, according to Coach Jay McCook.

"Everyone of the kids playing on that team felt like we should have gone to the playoffs," McCook said. "We had a down year last year, but we're hungry to go back to the playoffs."

"We're glad we have some upperclassmen who played on the varsity level so we have some experience back and we've had some kids who played on the JV and we expect them to step up and fill the holes left from graduation."

The team's six returning offensive players (many who play both ways) include: Center Chris Rodriguez, who moves to guard this year; junior Angel Beanes, strong tackle; Eran Castillo, quarterback; Roy Robledo, tight end; Josh Finch, halfback; Marty Gonzales, who as a sophomore started at guard, was moved to tight end last year and will move back to guard this year.

So far 33 players have come out for football, but McCook expects more once school starts.

The team runs out of a multiple-I formation.

"We can run the power game when we need to, but



THE HART LONGHORNS have been having two-a-days since Aug. 4.

run options as much as we can," McCook said. "Eran Castillo was our leading passer. Before last year, he was a receiver, so this is his second year at quarterback. Last year, he started seven games.

"Obviously, we'll have to get the ball to Josh Finch, but we're going to have to throw the football. We're going to have a better percent completion rate. Last year we were too one-dimensional."

Returning defensive

players include Chris Rodriguez, Angel Beanes, A.J. Carrasco, Josh Finch, Eran Castillo and Isaias Ponce.

McCook said workouts have been going pretty well. "We had summer workouts that were voluntary, but those kids who came to them showed up in pretty good shape for the first week of workouts," he said. "The rest are catching up."

Hart Longhorn 2003 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 29	Lubbock Roosevelt	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	New Deal	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Morton	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Boys Town	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26			OPEN
Oct. 3	Petersburg- Homecoming		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	* Bovina	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Farwell	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Nazareth	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Amar. Christian Fellow.	Here	7:30 p.m.



Isaias Ponce
Hart



Eran Castillo
Nazareth

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| 2 - Elmer's glue sticks | 1 - large glue stick | package No. 2 pencils |
| 1 - pair scissors (Fiskars, pointed) | 2 - large boxes of Kleenex | eraser |
| 1 - box of 8 markers | 3 - 12 packs of pencils | 24-count crayons |
| 1 - spiral notebook | 4 - BRADDED pocket folders | package map pencils |
| 3 - pocket folders with brads | 2 - PLASTIC pocket folders | 1 - 8-count washable markers |
| backpack | 4 - large erasers | 1 - glue stick |
| Kindergarten mat - plastic kinder mat only | 4 - spiral notebooks | good pair of scissors |
| | | 3 - large boxes Kleenex |
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0004639-000

APPLICATION. CORRY FARMS, L.L.C., P.O. Box 9158, Amarillo, Texas 79105 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new TPDES Registration No. WQ0004639-000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 3600 total head of which 2400 are milking head in Parmer and Castro Counties, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on April 28, 2003. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility is located on the west side of Farm-to-Market Road 1057, approximately 2 miles south of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2397 and Farm-to-Market Road 1057, said intersection is approximately 10 miles south of Summerfield, Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Parmer County Courthouse/County Clerk Office, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas, and at Castro County Courthouse/County Clerk Office, 100 E. Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.tx.us. Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time, until the phase-in is completed.

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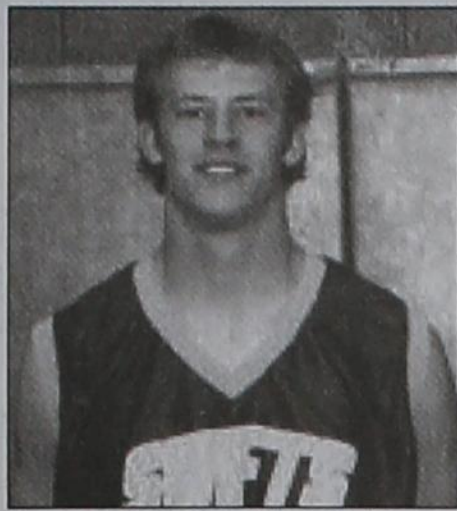
knew that was the last basketball game I'd play and I wanted to make the most of it. I also enjoyed meeting all the guys and getting to play with them."

Schilling contributed 4 points, five rebounds and two steals during the game which was played at Daniel-Meyer Stadium at TCU.

He said he has decided to concentrate on college and not play sports, although he was offered chances to play at several colleges.

"At first I planned on playing," Schilling said. "But then I decided I was just going to go to school and focus on that."

He said his parents kind



ERIC SCHILLING

miss participating in sports, but I won't regret my decision."

Eric is the son of Randy and Monette Schilling of Nazareth. He has two brothers, Brandon and Gaylon and a sister, Heather.

In his four years at Nazareth, playing post, Schilling was named All-State, MVP at the state tournament and played on the first back-to-back boys state championship basketball team in school history.

At 6-5, he averaged some 20 points and 10 rebounds his junior and senior years.

He also received all-state honors in football and baseball.

of wanted to see him play at the college level.

"It's hard for them to realize they won't ever see one of their children play, but they've been real supportive of my plans," he said, adding that his two older brothers had also participated in sports. "I'll

Laurent

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high rate of speed, the driver immediately lost control," said DPS Trooper Keith Smith at the time of the accident. The pickup crossed a ditch and slid sideways into a utility pole, which held three transformers. The impact broke the power pole in half. There were four teens in the front and six in the bed of the pickup.

Upon impact, Laurent and eight others, including the six in the bed of the truck, were ejected. Saenz was trapped inside the pickup. Villanueva had been riding in the back. Both died instantly, according to reports. No one had been wearing seat belts and alcohol was a contributing factor, reports said.

Sais suffered second- and third-degree electrical burns caused by the damaged power line and transformers. Others injured include Laurent, who sustained a head injury; Eby, who was riding in the front by the right side door; Kenneth Worsham, who was in the front, riding in the middle; and Gauna, Anthony Oltivero, Lupe Cisneros and Juan Gonzales, all of whom were riding in the cargo bed. Gauna sustained chest and abdominal injuries, including a collapsed lung; Worsham was treated for a fracture; and Cisneros, Oltivero and Gonzales were all treated for minor injuries and released.

Laurent was represented by Alton Griffin of Lubbock.

Wildfire risk on the rise and prevention is the key

COLLEGE STATION - Jim Hull, Director of the Texas Forest Service, represented forest agencies nationwide when he testified before the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture on Wednesday, July 23. Hull informed congressional members what state forestry agencies are doing to address the risks of wildfire and what Congress can do to help.

Federal and state assistance to rural and volunteer fire department helps prevent wildfires from spreading, since VFDs are the first responders in wildfires. Wildfires have the potential to affect all Texans with air pollution, loss of valuable timber, structures and aesthetic beauty. To prevent such negative effects, Hull urged the Committee to shift

emphasis from fire suppression to fire prevention.

"State forestry agencies have taken the lead in developing a national process to identify and prioritize communities that are at risk for wildfire," Hull said. As part of the National Fire Plan, state-by-state maps will be developed showing communities and landscapes zoned by level of risk. "Based on these risk zones, federal, state, tribal and local agencies can identify high priority fuel reduction projects in each state," Hull said.

HR 1311, the Rural Fire Department Equipment Property Act of 2003 and its companion bill, S. 641 will help state forestry agencies continue to equip local volunteer fire departments. "The bill is

urgently needed so that volunteer firefighters can maintain safe and efficient firefighting and initial attack capabilities," Hull said.

Through the Rural Fire Department Assistance Program, the Texas Forest Service distributed over \$14 million this year, and will distribute approximately \$14 million annually for the next nine years to volunteer fire departments as cost-share funding for equipment and training.

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DISD, NISD announce free, reduced price meal policy

The Dimmitt and Nazareth ISD have announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

Each school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children.

Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school.

To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number.

An adult household member must sign the application.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,074	\$14,022	\$923	\$1,169	\$213	\$280
2	16,740	21,033	1,395	1,753	324	413
3	22,406	28,394	1,867	2,353	435	560
4	28,072	35,755	2,339	2,953	546	700
5	33,738	43,116	2,811	3,553	657	840
6	39,404	50,477	3,283	4,153	768	980
7	45,070	57,838	3,755	4,753	879	1,120
8	50,736	65,199	4,227	5,353	990	1,260
9	56,402	72,560	4,699	5,953	1,101	1,400
10	62,068	79,921	5,171	6,553	1,212	1,540
11	67,734	87,282	5,643	7,153	1,323	1,680
12	73,400	94,643	6,115	7,753	1,434	1,820
For each additional family member add:						
		\$4,686	\$382	\$465	\$112	\$143

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application.

If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE."

The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the food service director will review applications and determine eligibility.

In Dimmitt and Nazareth, parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may weigh to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

In Dimmitt, under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Charles Ketchum, director of food services, will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Mr. Les Miller, Superintendent of Schools, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX., 79027 or telephone (806) 647-3101.

Parents in Nazareth wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Marshall Harrison, Supt. Box 189 Nazareth, Texas 79063 806-945-2231.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits.

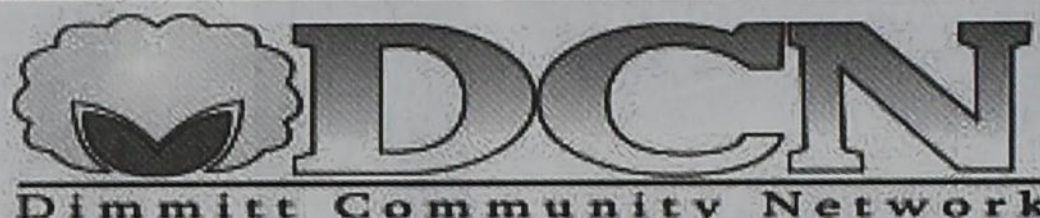
Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school.

Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, natural origin, age or handicap.

If any member of a household believes he/she has been discriminated against, he/she should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



August Computer Classes

Complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library and sign up for classes. There is no charge for classes through August. A small charge will be made for materials. Classes will be limited. Sign up early. This opportunity for technology learning is made available by a TIF grant, the City of Dimmitt, and DISD. Don't miss out! Classes will be held in the Dimmitt City Hall (CH) "Technology Center" and the Senior Citizens Center (SrC) "Learning Center."

Reminder: You must complete the application forms & receive a password BEFORE you can take a class or use the Network computers.

Dimmitt Community Network Class Schedule

Date	Class	Time	Location
Aug. *4, 18	Microsoft Publisher	6-9 P.M.	SrC
*6, 13	Web Design	6-9 P.M.	CH
*19, 20, 26, 27	Forensic Science	6-9 P.M.	CH
13, 20	Quilt Design	4-6 P.M.	SrC
*21, 28	Make-It & Take-It	6-9 P.M.	SrC

DISD teachers can take classes marked with (*) asterik and receive GT credit and Comp time.

Description of Classes

- Beginning Computers**
Must already know how to use the mouse and keyboard and be able to turn on and shut down the computer properly. Learn more about windows, terminology and personalizing your computer.
- GED Preparation**
Must already be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. This class gives information about the GED test, gives you resources on the Internet to use in preparing for the GED, and tells you how to get into programs on computers within the Network which can help you prepare for the GED.
- Quilt Design**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows.
- Job Skills**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows and Microsoft Word. Learn to create a resume, cover letter and thank you/follow up letter. Learn tips for applying and interviewing for a job.
- Rosetta Stone**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to use the Rosetta Stone language program. This program allows you to learn either Spanish or English. This particular class will be taught in Spanish.
- Computer Potpourri**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn how to use a printer, fax machine, scanner, web cam and CD burner.
- Troubleshooting**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Learn why your computer is acting the way it is and what to do about it. Take apart and put together a computer.
- Make-It & Take-It**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Utilizing digital cameras, scanners and Word Art to embellish a T-shirt, mouse pad, coaster and tote bag. Students must bring their own T-Shirt.
- Web Design**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to create a website, using Microsoft Front Page, for personal or classroom use.
- Microsoft Publisher**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to design letters, flyers, cards, newspapers and etc.
- Microsoft Excel**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Create workbooks/spreadsheets.
- Robotics**
Must be able to mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Beginning computer programming; learn to assemble and control robots in hands-on projects.
- Forensic Science**
Must be able to use mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Learn the entire process of solving a crime, explore DNA fingerprinting and create a composite picture of a person.
- Computer Animation**
Must be able to use mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Bring digital photos to life with words and music.
- Digital Editing**
Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard, windows and various programs. Must be proficient with computer. Manipulate pictures taken with the digital camera.
- Microsoft Access**
Must be able to use a mouse, keyboard and windows. Create a database for mailings, recordings and inventory.

If you have questions please contact Rhodes Memorial Library (647-3532, Tues.-Sat.).
Thank you,
Melissa Goolsby, Educational Coordinator
Tammy McLain, Educational Coordinator

TUNE IN!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS 6 to 7 a.m.
and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F

MORNING SHOW 7 to 8 a.m. daily
Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries,
American Folk Song, school lunch menus, Good Neighbor

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT 8:00 a.m. daily

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School Menus

Dimmitt

Monday 8-18
Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Cereal Bar
Assorted Fruit Juice
White Milk
Hamburger
Italian Spaghetti
Fajita Sub Sandwich
French Fries
Green Beans
Refried Beans
Hamburger Salad
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Candy Choc. Chip Cookie
Milk

Tuesday
8-19
Strawberry Danish
Assorted Fruit Juice
White Milk
Corn Dogs
Turkey Salad Sandwich
Grilled Cheese w/Soup
Pork & Beans
Mexicali Corn
Black-eyed Peas
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello
Chips
Milk

Wednesday

8-20
Corn Pops Cereal
Fresh Bananas
Assorted Fruit Juice
White Milk
Fried Chicken
Bean Chalupas
Hoagie Submarines
Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice
Vegetable Medley
Tossed Salad
Taco Salad
Hamburger Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk

Thursday
8-21
Cinnamon Rolls
Assorted Fruit Juice
White Milk
Chicken Spaghetti
Enchilada Casserole
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Broccoli w/Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Orange Wedges
Tossed Salad
Taco Salad
Hamburger Salad
Chips
Crackers
Milk

Friday
8-22
Breakfast Burrito
Apple Juice

White Milk
Pepperoni Pizza
Nachos
Chicken Pot Pie
Fried Okra
Refried Beans
Baked Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Cantaloupe
Blue Jello
Biscuits
Milk

Hart

Monday
8-18
Sausage
Biscuits
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Chicken Strips
Ham Sandwiches
Rolls Wheat
Mashed Potato
Broccoli and Cheese
Gravy
Fresh Fruit
Watermelon
Cantaloupe
Peaches
Jello
Milk
Tea

Tuesday

8-19
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit Juice
Cereal
Milk
Lasagna Meat
Pizza
Spaghetti Meat
Cheese Roll
Salad
Carrot Sticks
Pears
Corn
Jello
Milk
Tea

Wednesday
8-20
Cinnamon Rolls
Cereal
Juice
Milk
Roast with Gravy
Corn Dog
Salad
Carrot Sticks
Green Beans
Fresh Fruit
Rolls
Pineapple Upside Down
Cake
Milk
Tea

Thursday
8-21
Cinnamon Toast
Applesauce
Cereal
Crackers-Graham
Milk
Juice
Fideo Con Pollo
Enchilada Casserole
Chips
Corn On the Cob
Carrot Sticks
Peaches
Fresh Fruit
Milk
Tea

Friday
8-22
Sausage
Biscuits
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Frito Pie
Cornbread
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Pinto Beans
Salad
Jello
Crackers
Rice Krispie
Milk
Tea

Nazareth

Monday
8-18
Cinnamon Rolls
Cereal
Milk
Fruit Juice
Nachos
Rolls
Corn Dogs
Peach Cobbler
Pineapple Chunks
Green Beans
Frito Salad
Fruit Juice
Milk
Tea

Tuesday
8-19
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Patti
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Chicken Nuggets
Beef Fingers
Bread
Blueberry Crisp
Fruit Cocktail

Scalloped Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Fruit Juice
Milk
Wednesday
8-20
Breakfast Pockets
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Beef Tacos
Hamburger & Fries
Oatmeal Blueberry Muffin
Fruit Cocktail
Green Peas
Lettuce
Fruit Juice
Milk

Thursday
8-21
Muffins
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Chicken Spaghetti
Rolls
Sausage Pizza
Pears
Corn
Tossed Salad
Fruit Juice
Milk
Tea

Friday
8-22
Sausage on Roll
Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk
Hamburger
Chicken Sandwich
French Fries
Cookies
Peaches
Pinto Beans
Lettuce
Fruit Juice
Milk
Tea

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Nazareth schools join wireless age

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Nazareth schools are on their way to a paperless system - at least in as far as that's possible, said Supt. Marshall Harrison.

"All our board meetings are done on laptops," he said. "We post the agenda and material for the meetings on a secure Web site and the board members can access it easily."

"That way we save on paper, mailing and members get their information in a more timely fashion."

Harrison said the laptops used by board members are the same ones used in computer classes at the school, so the machines see double duty.

"Changing over, which we did in April, makes our meetings flow a little better," he said. "Technology is real important to me, so the more we can show we're using it, the more students and teachers will take note of it."

"And our board president Keith Hoelting, as well as the rest of the board, is behind the

move, too."

Board members have an e-mail address so they can log on to the Web site and stay up to date.

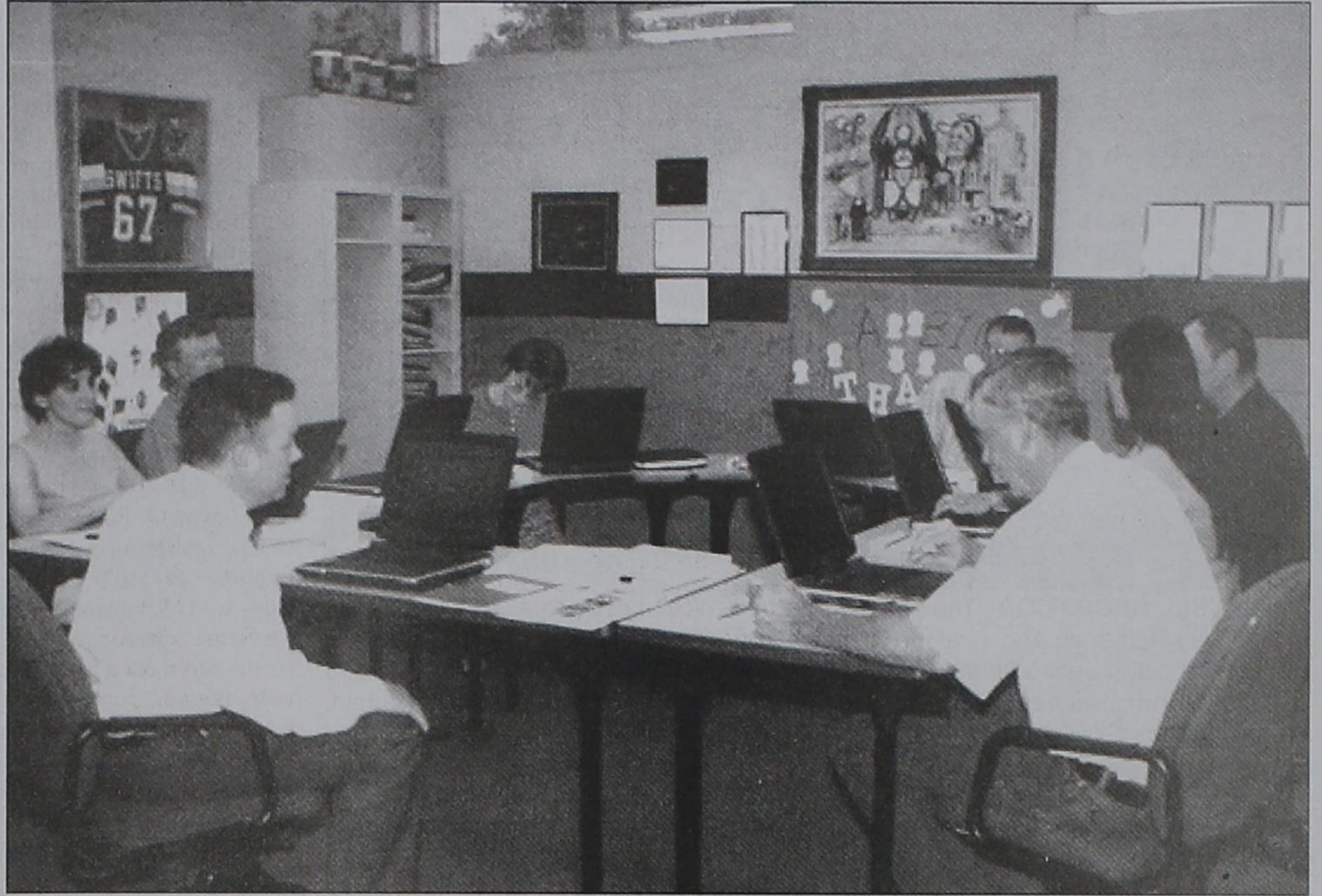
In addition, the Student Code of Conduct, as well as the Employee Code of Conduct, will be posted on the school's Web site.

"We've had people from the outside come to our board meetings and they've been really surprised we're up to speed on this kind of thing," Harrison said.

In fact, as soon as the renovations called for in the bond issue are completed, there will be a scrolling sign outside the school which will be tied to the Web page, to help the school keep residents informed of what's going on in the district, he said.

"The more we communicate with the people, the better," Harrison said. "And we have to remember some people in the community don't have access to computers, so we want to get the information out in every way possible."

One of the main reasons for



BOARD MEMBERS ROUTINELY use laptops at board meetings. Starting at far left and going clockwise: Judy Kleman, Dwayne Kleman, Jeanie Birkenfeld, Keith Hoelting, Jim Hoelting, Patti Kern, Rex Ramaekers and superintendent Marshall Harrison.



SUPERINTENDENT MARSHALL HARRISON works on his laptop.

Tech nearing season ticket goal

LUBBOCK - Prior to launching its current season ticket campaign, Texas Tech set a goal of 20,000 as the magic number for season ticket sales for the 2003 season. As of noon Monday, that goal is well within reach as 17,500 season tickets have been sold to the public. Tech's season ticket total this year reflects a 35 percent increase over the 12,954 sold prior to the 2002 season. The record for season ticket sales at Texas Tech is approximately 22,000, set in 1979. The reason for the success can be primarily attributed to Tech's \$99 season ticket, which includes each of the six home games this season. "We are excited about the enthusiasm from the community," Texas Tech Assistant AD for Ticket Operations David Welsh said. Season tickets for the 2003 season will remain on sale through Fri., Aug. 29. Single-game tickets for the season opener against SMU and other games during the season can be purchased at the Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office at the

north end of Jones SBC Stadium between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Single-game tickets went on sale Monday morning for all games with the exception of the Texas A&M game. Texas A&M individual game tickets go on sale Mon., Sept. 1, at 8:30 a.m. The A&M ticket will cost \$75. The Texas Tech Athletic Department is offering Red Raider football fans an early jump on tickets for the Texas A&M game by purchasing either a \$90 or \$100 mini-pack depending on location. The mini-pack features tickets for both the SMU and A&M games and provides the only opportunity other than a season ticket to purchase a Texas A&M ticket prior to Sept. 1. Other single-game ticket prices range from \$10-\$50 for the SMU, New Mexico, Iowa State and Colorado games. Oklahoma single-game tickets can be purchased for \$45. Tickets for the 2003 season are available by calling the Athletic Ticket Office at 742-TECH (8324) or (888) GO-BIG-12.

North Gin Progress Report

North Gin is on its way to becoming the most modern gin plant in the state of Texas. The frame on the building is almost complete. The main building is 120 feet wide and 150 feet long. The side walls are 32 feet tall and the center peak is about 44 feet tall. On the north side is the mote press area and finished bale storage area. It is over 7500 square feet area. They will put the sheet metal on the sides first and then complete the building when the roof is done.

We are on schedule to complete the Gin well before the start of harvest this fall. Please come by to visit or to ask any questions.

NORTH GIN 647-5338



trying to switch from paper to wireless communications, he said, is expense. "It's a cost-saving measure," Harrison said.

"The comptroller of the State of Texas has suggested that schools try to go to this type of system where possible."

Harrison is all about cost-saving measures.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13, Nazareth trustees will be presented with a balanced budget for the coming year. The budget will include a 5-

cent tax increase, Harrison said, but that will go to pay on the bond issue.

Just as in the past two years, this year's budget shows the district will end up in the black.

For the coming school year, the amount will be approximately \$7,000, Harrison said.

This past school year, the budget had a positive balance of about \$12,000 (but that was because \$86,000 was spent on vehicles, Harrison said). The 2001-2002 school year ended

with a \$93,000 surplus, he said.

The board will be asked to approve the coming year's budget on Aug. 13.

"It's very important for our folks to know that we finished the year in the black," Harrison said.

"If we don't have the funds, we don't buy it. We'll make cuts before we over extend our budget."

"It's very, very important to maintain financial responsibility and the stability of the school district."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The DIMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2003 in the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 W Halsell Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.396	\$ 0	\$ 1.396	\$ 2639	\$ 3949
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3908	\$ 0	\$ 1.3908	\$ 2619	\$ 3969
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.45	\$ 0	\$ 1.45	\$ 2696	\$ 4072

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$34,900	\$ 35,340
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$19,900	\$ 20,340
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.396	\$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 277.80	\$ 294.93
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 17.13

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.619. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.619.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,572,205
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ --



FAREWELL RECEPTION The Running Water SWCD held a farewell reception to honor Gary Hunter on Aug. 6, at the Dimmitt Field Office. Hunter has served as district conservationist in Castro County for 22 years. He has taken a similar position with NRCS in Swisher and Briscoe counties, beginning Aug. 11. Pictured at left is Robert Birkenfeld, Running Water SWCD chairman, and at right is Gary Hunter.

Cotton News

A mixture of buying and the absence of any sustained selling boosted New York cotton futures to a four-day high on Wednesday before falling lower once again as the market found little enthusiasm for the upside. Fundamentally, sources reported declining cotton conditions in Texas, and USDA reported another exceptional week of export shipments.

In its final sales and export report for the marketing year, USDA placed shipments for the week ending July 31 at 331,400 bales which boosted the yearly total to record levels. Exports of 10.9 million bales of U.S. upland cotton for the entire 2002-03 season represent a marketing year record, according to USDA. In fact, the

department noted exports for 2002-03 were 7 percent greater than the previous year's total of 10.2 million bales.

The past month saw a rapid rise in U.S. cotton shipments as mills clamored to take advantage of the 2002-03 Step 2 marketing certificate. The payment comes into effect if the price of the cheapest U.S. growth is above the average of world cotton prices for four consecutive weeks and is designed to make U.S. cotton competitive. It recently had been close to marketing year highs, but the Step 2 rate changed with the start of the new marketing year, and according to traders, the new rate is considerably lower.

Activity slowed on the spot cotton scene as online

sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers decreased in the five trading days ending Aug. 7. Just 930 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 8,297 bales changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 45.50 to 54.00 cents per pound versus the previous week's 48.37 to 54.06 cents per pound range.

Meanwhile, the crop condition report released this week by USDA showed a slight deterioration in the U.S. cotton crop. As of Aug. 3, 16 percent of the crop was in poor to very poor condition versus 14 percent the previous week while the crop in good to excellent condition fell to 53 percent compared with 55 percent a week earlier. According to the report, crop conditions had worsened in Alabama, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

The percentage of the U.S. crop that had begun squaring increased to 94 percent versus 89 percent the previous week. Boll setting increased by 15 percentage points for the week to 69 percent but development still is behind the 83 percent reported at the same time one year ago and the five-year average of 84 percent.

Concerns about the condition of the Texas crop, the largest cotton producing state in the United States, have been raised by a number of traders recently as most of the state is in need of rain.

According to the Department of Agriculture's Drought Monitor data for the week ended Aug. 5, most of the High and Rolling Plains of Texas were considered to be in a "moderate drought" with parts of the region described as being in "severe drought." Irrigation has continued in the northern counties of the area; however, a prolonged period of wet weather is needed before subsoil moisture levels there return to normal.

Citizens urged to take part in Fair

The Castro County Fair Association and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage everyone to become involved in the coming Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, Sept. 4-6.

The Pet Show and Junior Tractor Pull will be Sept. 4; the Fair and Parade will be Sept. 6.

There's not a better way to publicize your organization, advertise your business or promote your activities or events - while having fun at it.

There will be new activities and entertainment, along with those that are back by popular demand.

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