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## Ruling on Pledge goes against framers' intentions

By LARRY THORNTON

Managing Editor, Muleshoe Journal

Based upon reports coming once more from the ludicrous federal courts of California, God is once more under attack. Once again, a federal judge has declared the Pledge of Allegiance "unconstitutional," joining once more with those who believe if the word "God" is eliminated from the pledge the possibility of "Big Brother" telling someone how to worship will be eliminated.

And like so many others, the California court has hung its hat on the standard "separation of church and state" argument that was taken out of context from one of

### OPINION

Thomas Jefferson's personal letters so many years ago and continues to haunt the judiciary halls of our nation.

But, dare we be surprised, since many of these same individuals have long been confused by the Bill of Rights - that document protecting the rights of individuals, but which the anti-gun lobbyists and supporters have interpreted as protecting the rights of the states as well.

No matter how you wish to interpret the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to ignore the fact that the documents were written by

and for individuals professing belief in a Christian God is to ignore the very historicity of the documents.

When penning the words that so many jurists have claimed as the barrier between church and state, Jefferson was explaining that no Christian denomination should be given precedent over another, and based on what I've read of Jefferson's writings never expressed a belief that our government's relationship with our heavenly Father should be severed.

Jefferson believed man's inalienable rights were gifts from God, and also wrote, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost the only firm basis, a

conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?"

"That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"

Do these sound like the words of someone who would shun the pledge, or turn away from our nation's motto, "In God We Trust?"

While our nation may be one of "religious tolerance," that doesn't mean we should be a nation of "state-mandated" religious indifference.

For the federal courts to perpetuate this folly, and with this most recent ruling to broaden the idiocy endangers the very foundation upon which this nation was built.

## Tri-State Fair Winner



ABOVE, DENNIS UNDERWOOD took first place, Breed Champion Brahma Heifer in the Heifer Show at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo over the weekend. Others who competed and placed from Dimmitt include: Barrow Show: Brad Lane, Middle Weight Hamp, fifth place and Middle Weight Cross, seventh place; David Underwood, Light Weight Cross, fourth place; Lamb Show — Medium Wool: Class 7, Wendy Bradford, eighth place; Class 8, Jinna Wright, second place; Kalan Steinle, 10th place; Class 9, Jinna Wright, third place; Kalan Steinle, fourth place; Eric Odom, 14th place; Class 10, Jinna Wright, fourth place; Class 11, Eric Odom, third place; Eric Odom, fifth place; Toby Ward, seventh place; Class 12, Wendy Bradford, fifth place.

## Homecoming this weekend for DHS

A number of activities are planned for homecoming, including a bonfire, sponsored by the Dimmitt Fire Department at 8 p.m. Wednesday, at the rodeo grounds.

On Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. there will be a pep rally, the Flame King and Queen will be crowned, homecoming candidates will be introduced and the Class of 1985 will be honored.

Finishing off Homecoming festivities will be the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at 6:45 p.m., followed by the Bobcats facing off against the Plains Cow boys at 7:30 p.m. For more on the Nazareth and Hart Homecomings, see Pages 3 and 9.

## Country, gospel benefit concert

A high-energy country, gospel and comedy show will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Castro County Sheriff's Department, this family entertainment program, "The Texas Music Jubilee" will be returned for its eighth annual concert with proceeds going for equipment needed at the Sheriff's Department.

The show will feature an appearance by "One Day At A Time" TV, radio, recording artist Jeanette Lunsford, who has toured the United States and performed with such greats as Kitty Wells, Mel Tillis, LuLu Roman, Louise Mandrel and the late Vestal and Howard Goodman.

Also on the concert will be the Sensational Relations

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## Spring wins top weanling quarterhorse

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER

Managing Editor

Sue Spring has been working around and showing horses for 10 years. But this year was a big one for her when she and her weanling stallion - "I'm Obviously a Kid" won first place as Weanling Stallion Champion Quarterhorse at the Bayer Select World Championship Show, held in Amarillo. The six-day show started Aug. 31.

Sue and her husband, Charlie, who also came away with a ninth-place finish for 2002 Sorrel American Quarter Horse Gelding, keep their horses at Burns Ranch in Eden, near San Angelo, with trainer Matt Howell, son of Jack and Charlene Howell, of Dimmitt. Charlie's horse is named "Just Hot Heir." Last year Sue showed him as a 2-year-old.

The Springs give Matt a lot of the credit for their success. "He's one of the best trainers around," Charlie said.

Talking about her win with her horse - its barn name is "Kid Rock" - Spring said, "The win was breath-taking."

"They judge the horses on confirmation - how well he's put together, structural soundness, muscling," Spring said. "I show him - make him stand so the judges can inspect him. There were five judges. He placed first with three of the five, second under one and third under the other, so he was first overall."

With that win came a trophy, belt buckle, leather coat and prize money.

Sue said for her and her husband, Charlie, horses are not a hobby.

"It's a business," she said. "We have two brood mares. We raise and sell horses."

However, "Kid Rock" was a purchase and one that she plans to hold on to for a while anyway.

Asked what the horse got out of his win, Spring's answer was, "Lots of oats and all the hay he could eat."

In real life, Sue teaches fourth grade at Richardson Elementary and Charlie is a self-employed trucker for Excel.

Sue said she's never placed this high. In fact, "Everyone who enters is supposed to fill out an information sheet for a press release in case you win. I didn't even bother to fill one out. Winning was a major shock."

Charlie has just started showing recently, but said he grew up in a family where he showed animals as a youth.

"I've been a farmer all my life and have shown since I was 10 and in 4-H," he said. "The win in Amarillo was sort

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Sue Spring



SUE SPRING BROUGHT home a trophy, belt buckle, leather coat and top prize money at the 2005 Bayer Select World Championship Show in Amarillo.

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# Forum

## Comptroller should act on auditor recommendations

By Michael Quinn Sullivan

The appearance of impropriety is almost as bad as the reality.

And in the convergent world of politics and policy, appearance and the reality are all but inseparable.

The state auditor recently concluded a review of the Office of the Comptroller, issuing a report that found irregularities and prompted cries of outrage, disgust and bemusement — from all sides, depending on their point of view.

Regardless of one's views of Carole Keeton Strayhorn, her performance as comptroller, or the manner in which she has run her office, the recommendations offered by the independent auditor should be a wake-up call to Texans concerned with transparent government.

A recommendation lost in the media-political hoopla surrounding the report's release, was the suggestion that the legislature "transfer the authority to conduct tax

dispute hearings from the Comptroller's Office to the State Office of Administrative Hearings or another independent entity." What's the big deal?

In dealings with the state, businesses disputing their taxes essentially have their argument with the comptroller.

Under the current arrangement, the comptroller appoints the administrative law judges assigned to settle those disputes.

The Office of the Comptroller in essence serves as both the prosecutor and the judge — hardly an enviable position for the disputing taxpayer to find himself. The obvious potential for abuse cannot be overstated.

The headline-grabbing findings of the auditor point to the problem of an appearance, if not necessarily the presence, of malfeasance. The report noted that some 3,656 tax settlements (which is a favorable condition to the

taxpayer disputing a tax liability with the state) occurred within a year of a political contribution being made. Large firms who handle tax disputes for clients were among the big contributors to the comptroller's campaign funds, the auditor found. In fact, they comprised some \$1.7 million in campaign contributions from 1998 to 2004.

Not surprising. After all, those working in agriculture give to the ag commissioner candidates, lawyers contribute to judicial races, and oil-and-gas types give to the railroad commission (which has regulatory authority for reasons grounded in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century).

Where government power to affect an individual's prosperity and livelihood is concentrated, the individual can be expected to be politically friendly with the holder of that power. The greater the power, the greater the stakes, and therefore the greater the desire to be friendly.

Does that political friendship create the likelihood of abuse of power? Perhaps. But certainly the appearance of impropriety, of favoritism, is a dangerous thing. It causes to fester the unpleasant disease of distrust that so many in the public feel toward our political systems, eroding the necessary confidence in our democratic republic.

And that is precisely why systems of checks and balances must be in place, ensuring that honorable officeholders are not tempted to behave less than honorably.

The public must be given the assurance that cases affecting the welfare of our state are handled wisely, fairly and with great deliberation — not determined by the passing of a check.

Perhaps the system has worked appropriately for these many years. Or maybe it is rife with untold abuse. But the variety of concerns raised by the auditor's report on the Office of the Comptroller

should be seriously considered and the recommendations implemented immediately. Texans deserves both the reality and the appearance of propriety.

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## Rules for sending packages to the Middle East

1. No chocolate candies as they melt. Chocolate cookies are okay, however.
2. Nothing that will spoil.
3. Send all food in a freezer bag to keep the sand fleas out.
4. It may take four weeks for delivery, so if it is a holiday item, send it a month early.
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6. No pornography, alcohol or pressurized items are allowed.

## ON THE GO

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were a part of the congregation. Then there was Debbie Felt Smith and many of those who attended with Dimmitt roots.

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The music minister for the revival was Barry Hazel. He is the brother, of the F.B.C. music minister, Wayland Hazel. Our favorite song that Barry has written sings is "I Met Jesus in Texas." The words continue on "a little bit west of Abilene." We had a great time.

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Tom Mullins, pastor of the Abundant Life Church has already reserved the Expo building. His church is planning a big Halloween Carnival on Halloween night. He will tell you more about it close to the time.

## CONCERT

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Quartet, who was voted STGMA group of the year and were also nominated group of the year for the 2004 Diamond Awards; recording artist Cary Gilham and his crazy cousin "Delainard," who is a Christian comedian; and special guest Cassie Warden, who does praise interpretation.

Tickets are available at the Sheriff's Department, Lowe's and at the door. Please fill out your ticket stubs for door prizes.  
For more information, contact Jan at the Sheriff's Department at 647-3311 or 647-4611.

## WINS

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exciting. I've been showing off and on, but with my job, I just can't get there sometimes."

Asked how long he thinks he and Sue will keep showing horses, he said, "I suppose we'll do it till they throw dirt in our face."

The Springs have a daughter, Kim, who does public relations for NASCAR and lives near Dallas.


### YOUR EYES

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## CHURCH

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"Creator" do you suppose Jefferson was speaking of?

This is a great responsibility. Just as God has given us the world to be stewards over, a child is a soul we have been given by God.

We are to teach them how to live right and be pleasing before God.

We are to teach them the things they need to know so that they can have a home in

heaven.

These are the responsibilities of the parents whom God has blessed with this child. What a child thinks is important and what they will do with their life depends a lot upon what they learn as a child.

I hope you take this responsibility seriously.

This responsibility comes with a great reward.

You will have joy when you see your children succeed, especially if they not only succeed in this life, but also succeed spiritually.

Let's raise our children by the book, the Bible.

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

### Last Puzzle Solution



Words in the grid include: KERA, TIMET, CAPE, KNON, GUR, CMA, IMAGE, PETRATIL, TIGUAS, FLEURIDE, ODESSA, LEIT, MOHALLI, REED, BRAT, SLUEFOOTSUE, CRUISE, LOTTO, ATUNEINA, HIRED, CARDESIGN, BIGBOY, TUN, ATTEE, RAMAC, GG, ONAN, RATS, ATA, ZOO, YRS.

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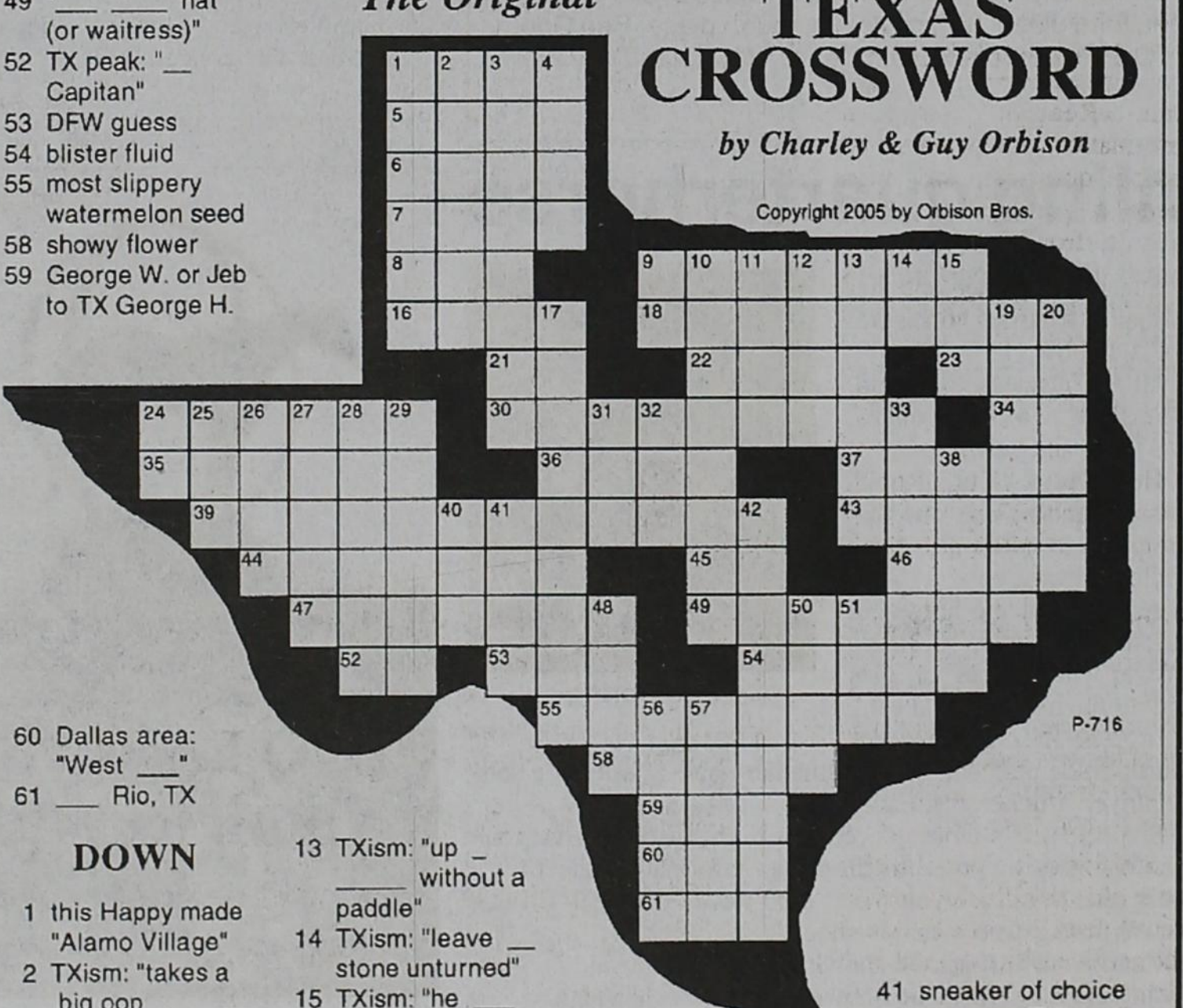
- 1 TXism: "winder" (exciting)
- 5 in 1910, TX Johnson knocked out the "great white"
- 6 acronym for state library's archives division
- 7 TXism: "bunched up like \_\_\_ at a trough"
- 8 birth month for TX Don Meredith (abbr.)
- 9 with 36-across, cartoon created by "Tex" Henson
- 16 actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- 18 SBC Center to the Spurs (2 wds.)
- 21 school exercise (abbr.)
- 22 drug addict
- 23 TX "alligator" or "spotted" fish
- 24 ground-huggin' cloud? (2 wds.)
- 30 boot repair (2 wds.)
- 34 "Et \_\_, Brute?"
- 35 gas at \$2 per gallon? (2 wds.)
- 36 last name in cartoon of 9-across
- 37 TX among other states?
- 39 TXism for "vulnerable" (3 wds.)
- 43 murders
- 44 San \_\_\_\_, TX
- 45 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 46 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gunpowder \_\_\_\_"
- 47 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ bunkhouse chili"

#### DOWN

- 13 TXism: "up \_\_\_ without a paddle"
- 14 TXism: "leave \_\_\_ stone unturned"
- 15 TXism: "he \_\_\_ his own grave"
- 17 woolly critters at the front? (2 wds.)
- 19 TX snake
- 20 most factual
- 24 \_\_ Porte, TX
- 25 female eggs
- 26 TXism: "if he \_\_\_ dog he wouldn't wag his own tail"
- 27 TX "Alibates \_\_\_ quarries"
- 28 TX Willie's "Turn \_\_\_ lights, the party's over"

#### 49 "\_\_\_ hat (or waitress)"

- 52 TX peak: "\_\_\_ Capitan"
- 53 DFW guess
- 54 blister fluid
- 55 most slippery watermelon seed
- 58 showy flower
- 59 George W. or Jeb to TX George H.
- 60 Dallas area: "West \_\_\_"
- 61 \_\_\_\_, Rio, TX



### WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	91	63		
Wednesday	89	52		
Thursday	81	52		
Friday	80	52		
Saturday	82	56		
Sunday	95	62		
Monday	95	62		

August Rainfall 6.57  
2005 Rainfall 17.70  
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

George and Carolyn Sides and Bill and Deanne Sowder have just returned from a visit to Boston for a few days of touring. From Boston they boarded the cruise ship Maadsam of the Holland-America Line to Bar Harbor, Maine; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Sydney, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Quebec City, Quebec; to Montreal, Canada.

They traveled with several Lubbock area folks who are clients of Peoples' Bank. It was a marvelous trip in every way - good food, good entertainment, good accommodations, excursions off ship in every port. "We also saw lots of beautiful scenery," said Deanne.

Falls is in the air!

The 2005 football season has started off in fine fashion! Dimmitt won its first game! West Texas State University and Texas Tech have also won. Even the Dallas Cowboys are off to a good start. Football can't get any better than that!

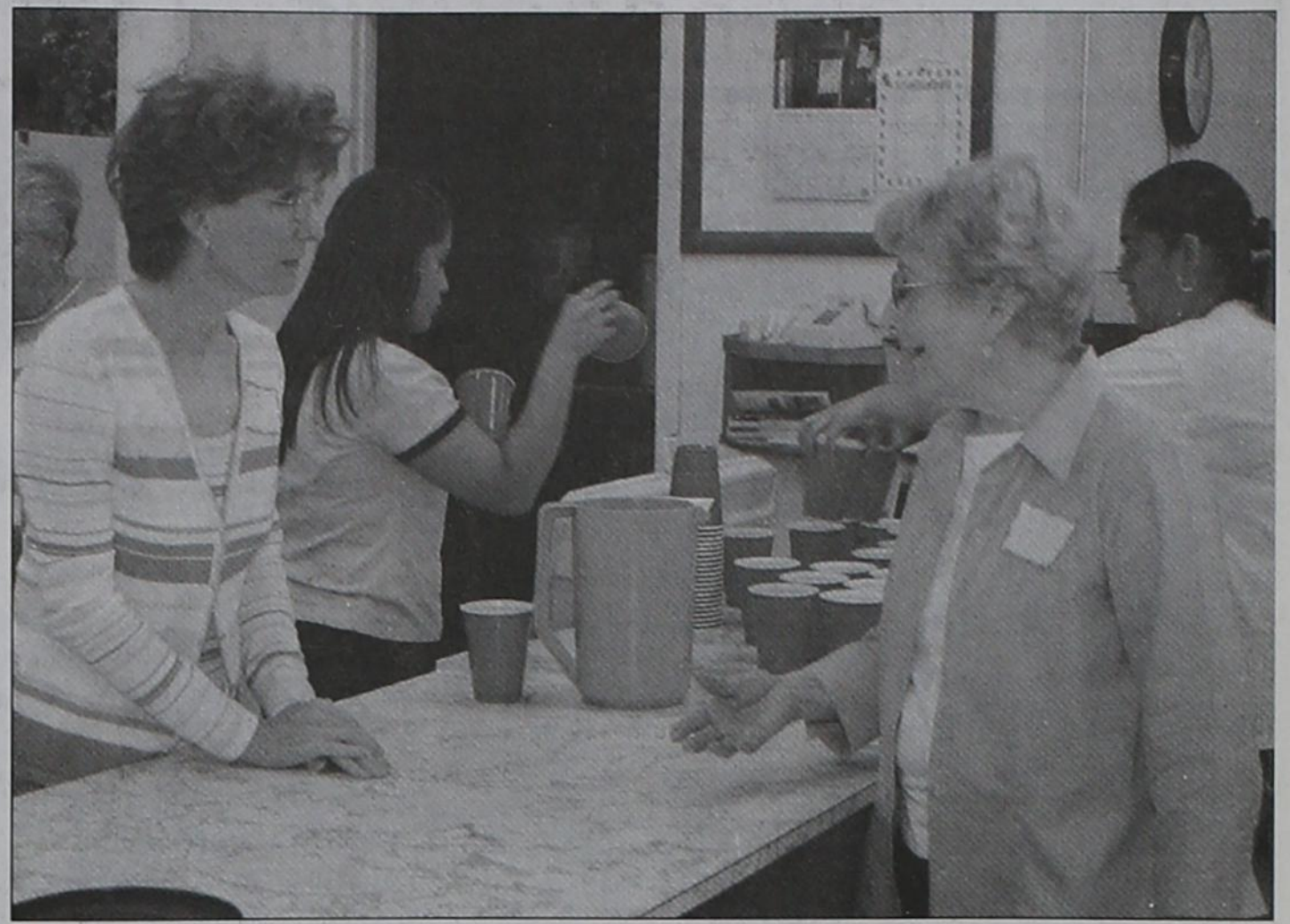
We are glad that the all-state Hereford Whiteface quarterback Cody Hodges is starting for Texas Tech.

Dr. W.J. and Sara Hill have season tickets for

the Texas Tech home games. Since Tech won, they are looking forward to a great season. We were tossing around the idea of buying season tickets for the Tech games, but our grandson Hunter Garza, age 9, is playing in the Clovis football league. This Saturday is his first game. We will be watching that.

The Monday, Sept. 12, Amarillo Globe News sports page headline was "Tech Quarterback Cody Hodges Shines in Debut." He is the Hereford quarterback that led the Whitefaces to the state playoff in Dallas his senior year in high school.

The Harley motorcycle crew from this area rode out Thursday to be a part of thousands of Harley bikers who will capture Ruidosa for the weekend. Some of those who took off on Thursday to the rally are Stan and Rita McDaniel, Van Hopson, Barry George, Scott Jones and Randy Schilling.



## Reunion Dinner

SUE BOOZER, LEFT, and Doris Flynt, right, visit before lunch on Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center, where the annual reunion lunch is held during Harvest Days. This year, the event as usual, featured great food and even better visiting.

The First Baptist revival services "Boots and the means by which he can be the preacher, evangelist that God has ordained him to be. He was the Hereford Barn Church preacher for about five years. There were several people from Hereford every night of the revival.

The Cowboy preacher, Randy Bird, is a very dynamic preacher. We was injured many years ago in a car wreck. While he was lying on the side of the rode awaiting someone to find him, he heard the Lord speak to him. He had known the Lord has wanted him to preach, but he had resisted the call. He is paraplegic, but his very devoted wife, Linda, is his legs

Some of those are former Dimmitt people. Perhaps you remember Patty Simpson Hill. She and her husband, Dick, See ON THE GO, Page 2

# Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, todos. Hello, everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the Harvest Day festivities. I always enjoy going just to see who is there. I never fails, I always see someone I haven't seen in years. The food and entertainment is always great too. There is always a something for everyone. Here is this weeks news.

Este es un mes muy importante para los Hispanos. This is a very important month for Hispanics. September is filled with fiestas and celebrations of all kinds. Los Hispanos siempre saben como tener un buen tiempo. Hispanics always know how to have a good time. I'd love to hear how your family celebrates el 16 de

Septiembre.

My husband, Josh, attended his 10-year high-school reunion last weekend. The Class of 1995 gathered at the home of Ronnie and Kay Gfeller, who are Jill's parents. The Gfellers grilled up some really tasty burgers for everyone. Josh enjoyed catching up on old times with his classmates and meeting their families. Saturday, the classmates gathered at the Country Club and enjoyed a wonderful BBQ dinner and more good times. Even though many classmates didn't make it to the reunion, several were in town for Harvest Days. Josh ran into his old buddy Ernie Guzman at the Expo and they chatted for a while about old times and what they are doing in life now.

Frank Mendoza Sr. enjoyed a wonderful Grandparents Day with his granddaughters, Reagan and Brenna Mendoza, at the Springlake-Earth school. Reagan and Brenna are the daughters of Frank Jr. and Jamie Mendoza. Frank says that it was really great to see how proud the kids are of their grandparents. He said that Reagan gathered information about him by asking questions and then made a presentation about him in front of her class. After the presentation was over Frank enjoyed lunch with both Reagan and Brenna, who were tickled to have lunch with their Abuelo Frank.

Frank says it was just so great to be able to spend time with his granddaughters.

Lisa and Frank Aleman of Amarillo spent Sept. 5 with their granddaughter, Dominique Rodriguez. Dominique celebrated her ninth birthday with her family and friends.

She was a very happy little girl, hey I'd say she's a young lady, especially since she received lots of gifts and almost \$80 in cash. Cash is always good. Lisa said everyone had a great time.

Bueno, no tengo mucho que contarles esta semana. Sorry, I didn't have much to share this week. As always, keep the info coming to [angie79027@hotmail.com](mailto:angie79027@hotmail.com), 647-0106 or 346-3882. Ayuden me. Help me. I need info for the column. I can't do it without your help, so send me your news. Hasta luego.

# Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Museum Committee hosted a sausage meal Saturday evening for everyone who helped with the museum at the German Festival. A beautiful evening for a yard party. A big thanks to those who prepared it.

A "Ladies Night" was held Sunday evening at 5 p.m. at the Home Merc. Everyone brought their favorite salad and enjoyed visiting. The program speaker was Christy Myrick of Hereford and singing was led by Tami Griffith of Dimmitt. Christy was introduced to us by her friend, Tisha Gerber.

She is a special person with a beautiful story that she shared with us.

A big thanks to Bev Schulte and those who helped her to have this special night for a large group of ladies. We were happy to have Gayla and Freddie Sue Myrick of Hart join us for the evening.

A special Mass was offered Sept. 11 at the Student Center in Canyon, for the grandparents and students attending WTAMU. The Rev. Scott Raef officiating at the Mass. He

gave a wonderful homily and a special blessing and cross for the grandparents.

Visiting and desserts were then enjoyed, making for a very enjoyable evening. Several from Nazareth attended, including Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Bud and Rita Kern, Leola Ramaekers, Carl and Mary Kleman, Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker, Alvina Gerber and Marilyn Wilson from Olton.

This week is Homecoming Week at our school, so it will be a special one everyday. The Spirit King and Queen will be chosen Thursday evening at the Pep Rally and on Friday night before the football game with Clarendon, the Homecoming Queen and her escort will be chosen.

Please, remember to pray for all of our sick people and for all those in our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq. New ones this week are for San Juana Olvera and Mary Lou Schmucker.

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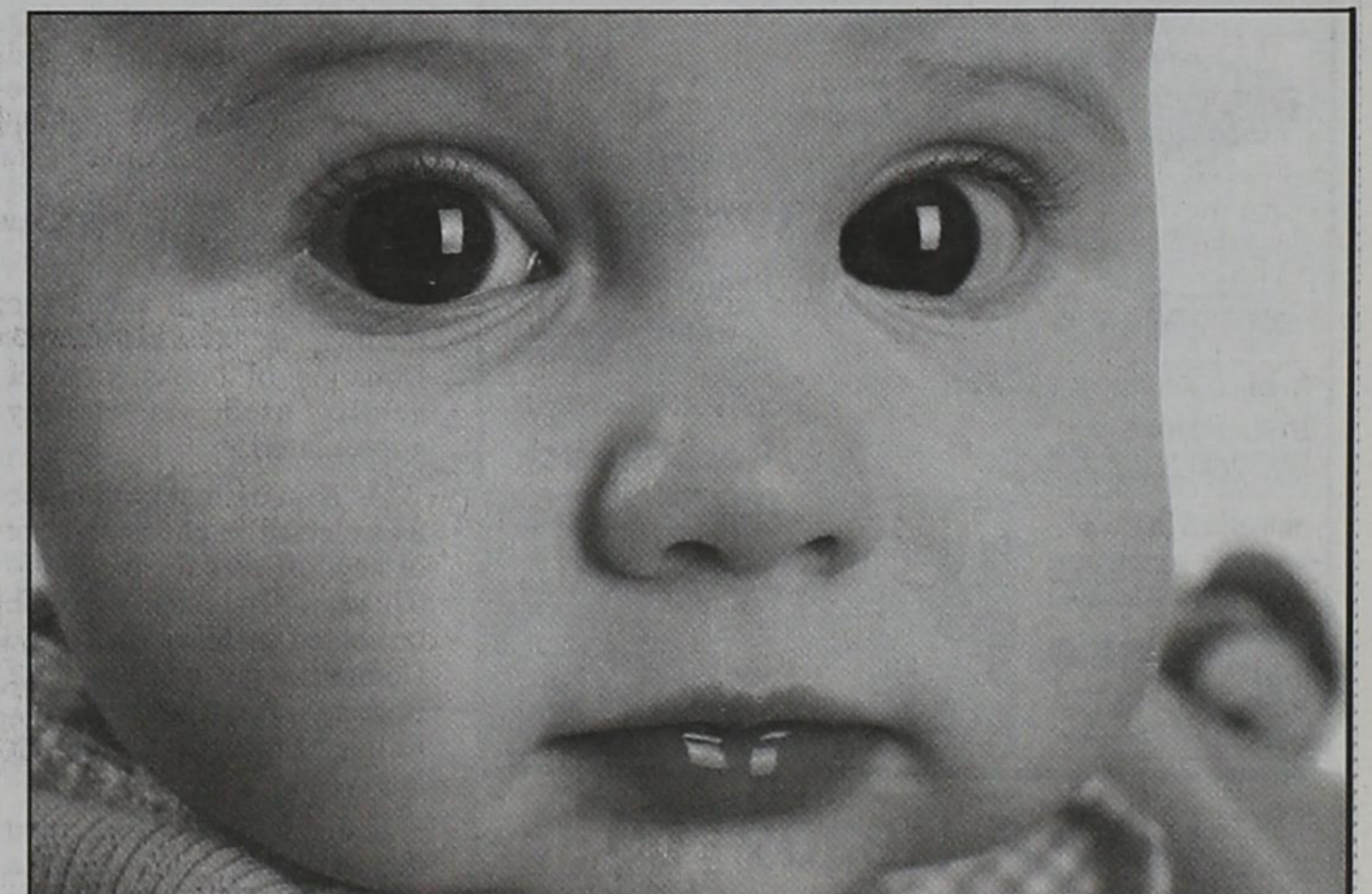
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Saturday, September 24, 2005  
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**Selections:**  
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## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

The Castro County News will be printing a special Christmas section devoted to greetings especially written by our readers.

We're calling these greetings "A Family Christmas."

Ads for this section start at \$45 and we encourage families to include a photo - or two! It's a great way to send Christmas greetings to your neighbors, family and friends. If you have a baby celebrating his or her first Christmas, let the Castro County News make it a memorable one by including a special greeting to your little one during this once in a lifetime event!

It's sure to be something you'll treasure for decades to come. Call our office to get more info about your opportunity to get a personalized Christmas greeting printed. "A Family Christmas" will appear in the Dec. 22, 2005 edition of the newspaper.



## Class of 1960 Reunion

The Class of 1960 met recently in Lubbock for its 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Some 21 class members were present for a time of reminiscing and renewing of friendships. Pictured above, back row: Hal Ratcliff of Amarillo, Jack Ragland of Lubbock, Dera Kay Cartwright Lowe of Lubbock, Mary Nell Dowdy Henley of Lubbock, Derryl Dodd Palmer of Boise City, Okla., Carl Lee Kemp of Amarillo, Wade Maynard of Dimmitt, Glenn Polk of Prosper, Zetha Ivey Collins and Ted Collins of Dimmitt; front row, Aundrea Boothe Frye of Friona, Carol Cowser Farris of Dalhart, Nancy Mauk English of Lubbock, Earlyne Taylor Gee of Wills Point, Jerry Hyatt of Hayward, Calif., Bennie Scott of Dimmitt, Lorene Tate Brazell of Albuquerque, N.M., Judy Palmer Fitzgerald of Plains, Amy Helen McSpadden Gililand of Amarillo. Attending but not pictured were Sammie Moore Hughlett and Johnny Wayne Holbrooks.

## Commissioners pass small tax increase

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

County Commissioners passed their budget for 2006, a total of \$3,592,418 in expenditures, on Monday night. It was approved unanimously. Afterward, commissioners approved at tax .068 cents, increase of less than a quarter of a cent, so taxpayers will see a slight rise in their property taxes.

This increase was not nearly as much as the county could have increased taxes without a public hearing commissioners could have increased it to the effective tax rate, \$.0711.

"The reason we didn't is because we actually went in and budgeted our expenses and used a tax rate that would cover those expenses because we felt it was a time other entities would increase taxes and we wanted to take what was necessary to pay our bills, but nothing more than that," said County Judge Bill Sava. "We talked about the tax payers and what it's like to have to come up with the extra money."

In other business, Castro County Commissioners adopted a resolution recognized September, 2005, as "National Preparedness Month" in Castro County.

Terms of the resolution included encouraging county residents to learn more about how they and their families can become better prepared to cope with disaster situations by building emergency supply kits, making family emergency plans, being informed about different threats and becoming involved in their communities.

The Commissioners encouraged local residents to consider volunteering their time and energy to support local and area preparedness efforts.

According to County Judge Bill Sava, the next meeting of the County Emergency Management Committee will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 10, at the Castro County Courthouse, Room 109.

## DARSPA holds first meeting

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association held its first meeting of the 2005-06 year on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. in the Rhoads Memorial Library meeting room. Theme for the year is

"Let Our Voices Be Heard." The meeting was titled "Speak For Yourself Through TRTA."

DARSPA now has 70 members, including 10 new

members. They are Shirley Barnes, David Knox and Nancy Wescott from Hart. New Dimmitt members are Emmett and Sue Broderson, Ruth Cochran, Darlene Collins, Polita Espinosa, Susie Gonzales and Nancy Greer.

Presiding over the business meeting was President Mary Jo Brown. With the help of Committee Chairmen members learned of ways to promote and voice TRTA initiatives. Reporting were Committee Chairmen Zetha Collins (Health), Gloria Hernandez (Informative and Protective Services), Jerry Durham (Members Benefits) and Joanne Snider (Legislative). Yearbooks prepared by Dawn Goolsby were distributed.

Projects for the year were announced and explained. A Christmas wall hanging made and donated by Helen Berryhill will be raffled. Tickets are \$1 each and available from any member from now until Dec. 13 when the drawing will be held. Other projects include saving Box Tops For Education, and Lowe's Grocery tapes to benefit local schools. The Children's Book Project will encourage reading at an early age. Donation of books, new or gently used, is greatly appreciated.

A nominating committee was elected to choose a slate of new officers for the 2006-07 year. The slate will be presented in November. The Committee is composed of Barbara Bain (Chairman), Ralph Smith and Elmer Berryhill.

Karen Carter presented the program and read a delightful Children's book titled "Love You Forever" depicting the love between mother and child from babyhood throughout life. Door prizes and the money jackpot were awarded

to six lucky winners. Door prizes were furnished by Vicki Richards, Lucille Dollar, Charlene Howell, Dawn Goolsby and Maxine Myers.

Refreshments were served from a beautiful table decorated in fall motif. Chairman of the refreshment committee was Waurayne Hughes, (Chairman). She was assisted by Hank and Syd Lynn, Verbie Nelson, Billye Gwynn Davis and Shirley Schacher.

Next meeting will be Oct. 11, when the group will tour the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo and have a dinner at the Big Texas Restaurant.

### 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.

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Where can you find both a doctor's appointment within 24 hours as well as quality healthcare? The Medical Center of Dimmitt is your place and it has a host of qualified professionals to help when you need you them. The Medical Center of Dimmitt has Board Certified physicians, a surgeon, and mid-level practitioners, such as a physician assistant and nurse practitioner, to help you with your healthcare. All our providers are accepting new patients! Help is just a few blocks away.

The Medical Center of Dimmitt focuses on family care, minor emergencies, family planning, Botox, wellness exams, and microdermabrasion treatments. Male and female annual exams can be scheduled within one week compared to two to three months elsewhere. Other services offered at the clinic are the Texas Health Steps for children—physicals and immunizations for Medicaid-eligible children; Department of Transportation drug screenings; youth physicals; and allergy, flu, and pneumonia shots for prevention. The recently updated clinic offers you quality healthcare just minutes away allowing you to focus on getting well instead of worrying about the additional costs to travel to another town. The Medical Center of Dimmitt is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Castro County Healthcare is sponsoring its annual health fair Wednesday, October 19 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. CCH will be offering flu and pneumonia shots, screenings for PSA, thyroid, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar, complete blood count and bone density. Coffee Memorial Blood Bank will be having a Blood Drive also. There will be lots of free items, including information about your health. CCH is offering a special promotion. If you join the exercise and fitness program at the Welch Rehab and Wellness Center, you will receive a FREE pedometer! For more information, please call (806) 647-5646 or (806) 647-2191.

### Physicians & Staff

**Gary Hardee, M.D.**, has provided healthcare service to area residents since 1985. He is the Medical Director of the clinic and a family practice physician who offers general family care.

**Tonia Frye, P.A.**, is a Physician Assistant offering care for the entire family including the Texas Health Steps program. She also assists physicians in the ER.



**Skylar Bizzell, M.D.**, is a family practice physician who offers general family care as well as botox, and acne and microdermabrasion treatments.

**Greg Matos, M.D.**, is a general surgeon and family physician offering a broad range of surgical care including abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery, and Cancers of the head, breast and neck.

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# CHURCH NEWS



## Raising children

Have you ever heard someone say, "I wish children came with an owner's manual?"

Well, they do. Our Creator has given us an instruction book for every part of our life. Even if you do not have children you can read within the pages of the Bible on how to raise

them. Many people say that the Bible does not include all of the things that children go through.

Well, the Bible doesn't talk about cars, or curfews, etc. But it covers the basic foundation of a child that will allow them to make the correct decision regarding these other aspects.

If you are having trouble with your child maybe you should read the owner's manual. Raising godly children is one of the greatest services we can do for God, the church, our world, ourselves, and our children. I hope if you have children you have dedicated yourself to raising them up to be godly people.

The issues of this world regarding our children will shape their views of the

world tomorrow. You cannot separate church and state.

They both have their roles to perform.

The reason you cannot separate them is because they are both put in place and owned by God. "Let every soul be subject to the

governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (Romans 13:1).

So before we start removing God from every aspect of government let us remember what Thomas Jefferson said, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

He would later say, "That

whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government."

Now just exactly which See CHURCH, Page 2



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# Obituaries

## Ramon Hernandez Aleman

Services for Ramon Hernandez Aleman Sr., 76, of Dimmitt, were Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt, with Fathers Ken Keller and Lupe Mayorga officiating.

Burial will be at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Aleman died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, in Dimmitt. He was born Jan. 18, 1929, in

Karnes City.

He is survived by six children: Maria Lynda Gonzalez of Sunray, San Juana Aleman of Corpus Christi, Benito Aleman, Ray Aleman Jr., Mary Ann Ruiz and Billy Ray Aleman, all of Dimmitt; a brother, Matias Torres of Fremont, Ohio; one sister, Adelia Almaquer of Seminole; 41 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; eight great-

great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Aleman was preceded in death by three sons, Jesus M. Aleman, Francisco M. Aleman and Adrian L. Aleman; a brother, Isidro Aleman; and one sister, Castile Arhant.



## J.H. MYATT

Services for J.H. Myatt, 73, of Dimmitt were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ with Brett Page officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Mr. Myatt died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born April 15, 1932, in Abernathy.

He married Earlene Nelson on Aug. 25, 1956 - they were married for 49 years. He was a farmer most all of his life. He was a member of Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ for 35 years. He was an active member of VFW. He was a two-time champion domino player. He was an avid sports fan. He loved his family and his church family.

Survivors include his

wife, Earlene Myatt of Dimmitt; two sons, Layne Myatt and wife Sue Rita of Dimmitt and Steve Myatt and wife Darla of Clarendon; one sister, Imogene Bryant of Abernathy; six grandchildren, Tyler Myatt of Lubbock, Ross and Shea Myatt of Dimmitt, Cassie Myatt of Lubbock and Samantha and Hallie Myatt of Clarendon.

Mr. Myatt was preceded in death by a brother, Lindell Myatt of Abernathy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, 11461S. Western, Amarillo, TX., 79118.



## ALLENA NELSON

Services for Allena Nelson, 78, of Dimmitt were Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, with the Revs. Howard Rhodes of Dimmitt and Bryan Knowles of Clarendon officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery, Dimmitt.

Mrs. Nelson died Sept. 17, 2005, in Dimmitt. She was born Dec. 16, 1926, in Acme.

She married R.O. Nelson Jr. on Aug. 11, 1947, in Abilene.

She graduated from Childress High School and attended Draughn's Business College in Wichita Falls.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1955.

In 1969, she moved to Clarendon, where they farmed. She returned to live in Dimmitt in 2000. She was a homemaker and always active in her church. She was a Baptist.

Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, R.O. Nelson Jr. on Sept. 4, 1998; a son, Jay Nelson on Sept. 3, 1987; her parents, Ben and Hazel Wallace; a brother, Garland Wallace; and two sisters, Ivy McAlister and Dee Mc Donald.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, George and Vickie Nelson of Dimmitt; a daughter, Jean Petty of Lubbock; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lavon Hall of Plainview.

## Ascension A. 'Chon' Vargas

Services for Ascension A. "Chon" Vargas, 55, were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt, with Father Ken Keller officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Vargas died Sept. 17, 2006. He was born in 1950 in New Braunfels. He married Sandy Gonzalez on April 12,



Ascension A. "Chon" Vargas

1969, in Dimmitt. He worked for the Dimmitt Independent School District for 19 years.

He was currently working for Kings Manor Methodist Home in Hereford for the last 13 years.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Vargas of the home; four sons, Ascension G. Vargas Jr., Johnny Joe Vargas, David Vargas and Eddie Vargas, all of Dimmitt; four sisters, Gloria Benavides of New Braunfels, Gloria Gonzales of Dimmitt, Janie Gonzales of Rome, Ga., and Cruz Gonzales of Tennessee; two brothers, Abel Vargas of Dimmitt and Juan Vargas Jr. of New Braunfels; and nine grandchildren.

## Iron bacteria: What you need to know

Iron bacteria are commonly cited as the culprit for any "slime" problems found in a well.

Interestingly enough, though, only a very small percentage of the slime seen in wells and pipelines is actually iron bacteria (also referred to as iron biofouling, iron oxidizing bacteria or by its proper name, Gallionella).

Most of the slime formations found in wells is by naturally occurring soil bacteria, not iron bacteria.

### What Are Signs That My Water May Have Iron Bacteria?

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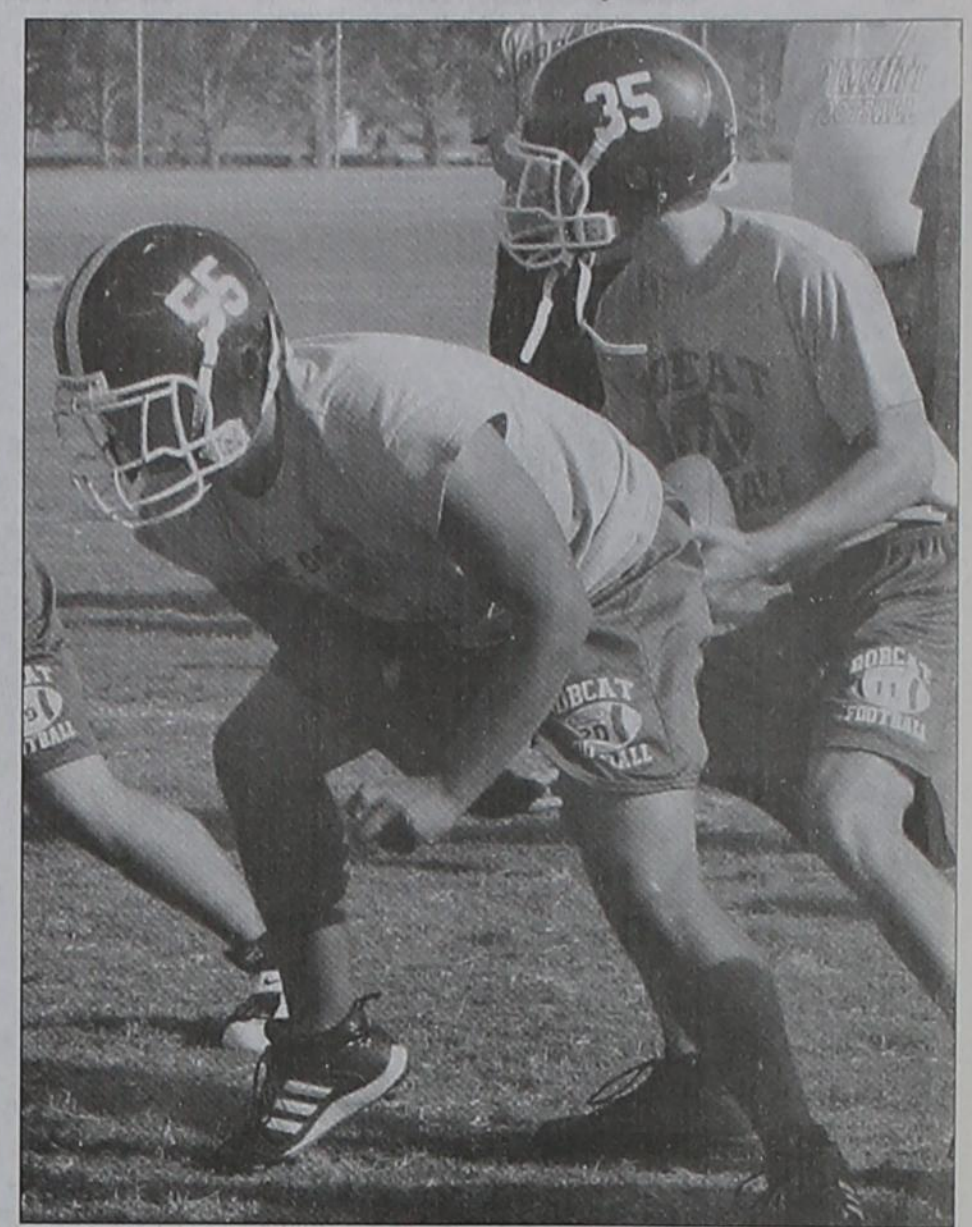
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## Sundown overwhelms Bobcats, 48-2

DIMMITT - It was all Sundown on Friday night as their quarterback, Creighton Henderson, threw for three touchdowns and ran for three more.

Henderson started off the night in the first quarter with a 79-yard strike to Knox for a score. The Oyler kick was good and Sundown led 7-0 with less than five minutes gone in the first period.

Two minutes later, Henderson ran 17 yards for a score; the Oyler kick was good and the Roughnecks had established a 14-0 lead. Still in the first quarter, with 2:25 remaining, Henderson ran 71-yards for a score; the Oyler kick made it 21-0.

In the second period, the Bobcats got on the board after penning the Roughnecks deep in their own territory. The center snapped the ball over Henderson's head out of the endzone for a safety.

Sundown quickly answered and with 4:54 remaining in the second quarter, as Henderson ran 13 yards for a score. The Oyler kick failed, but Sundown led 27-2. Still in the second quarter, with 2:27 remaining, Henderson passed 12 yards to Sehon for a score; Oyler's kick was good and the

Roughnecks led 34-2.

Henderson set up two more scores in the third period - first on a 65-yard run, then on a 33-yard pass to Sehon. Oyler's kicks were both good, giving the Roughnecks their final lead of 48-2.

"We were outmatched," said Dimmitt head football coach Rob Wills. "They were really talented. We fought and played hard, but were outmanned at every position."

However, Wills said a few players were standouts, including Aaron Arcos, "across the board. - on both sides of the football."

"He is really a good player," Wills said. "He's doing a good job." Arcos is an offensive guard and a defensive tackle.

All-in-all, Wills said, the defense played pretty well.

"When we got that safety, it was because our defense had them backed up to their own endzone," he said. "We just couldn't get anything together offensively or defensively. They were so quick and physical. They'd be there when we thought we had something going. They just whipped us."

Until strength and conditioning become a priority with the Bobcats, Wills said they can expect to continue to get pushed around on the field.

"They're starting to understand the importance of strength and conditions, but we're just beginning," he said.

On Friday, for Homecoming, the Bobcats take on Plains at 7:30 p.m.

There's been a change of schedule for the JV, since Plains doesn't have one. The JV will play the Sundown JV after the seventh- and eighth-grade games on Thursday night, probably about 7 or 7:30 p.m., Wills said.

As for Plains, Wills said he sees a good game.

"We match up well with Plains," he said. "I believe we can

ABOVE, LEFT, RYE PATTON, No. 12, runs the offense during practice on Monday. Directly above, Aaron Herrera, No. 55, snaps the ball to Marshall Wills, No. 35, on another set, then rises from his set position to make a block during practice.

play with them."

One player, Diego Salinas, is out for the season with a torn ACL.

Senior quarterback Marshall Wills is probable, as he sprained his SC joint in Friday's game.

"Usually your collarbone breaks before you sustain that kind of injury," Coach Wills said. "We're just glad he didn't break it."

Wills, however, was practicing on Monday afternoon, so it's possible he'll play.

### Bobbies 2005 Volleyball Schedule

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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### 2005 Dimmitt Football Schedule

Aug. 26	New Deal 42	DIMMITT 0
Sept. 2	Farwell 0	DIMMITT 6
Sept. 9	Abernathy 40	DIMMITT 0
Sept. 16	Sundown 48	DIMMITT 2
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.

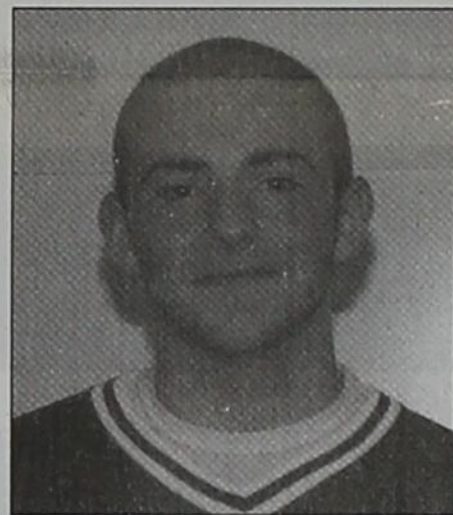
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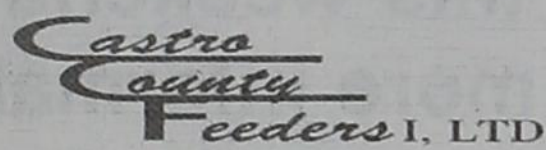
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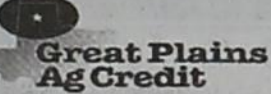
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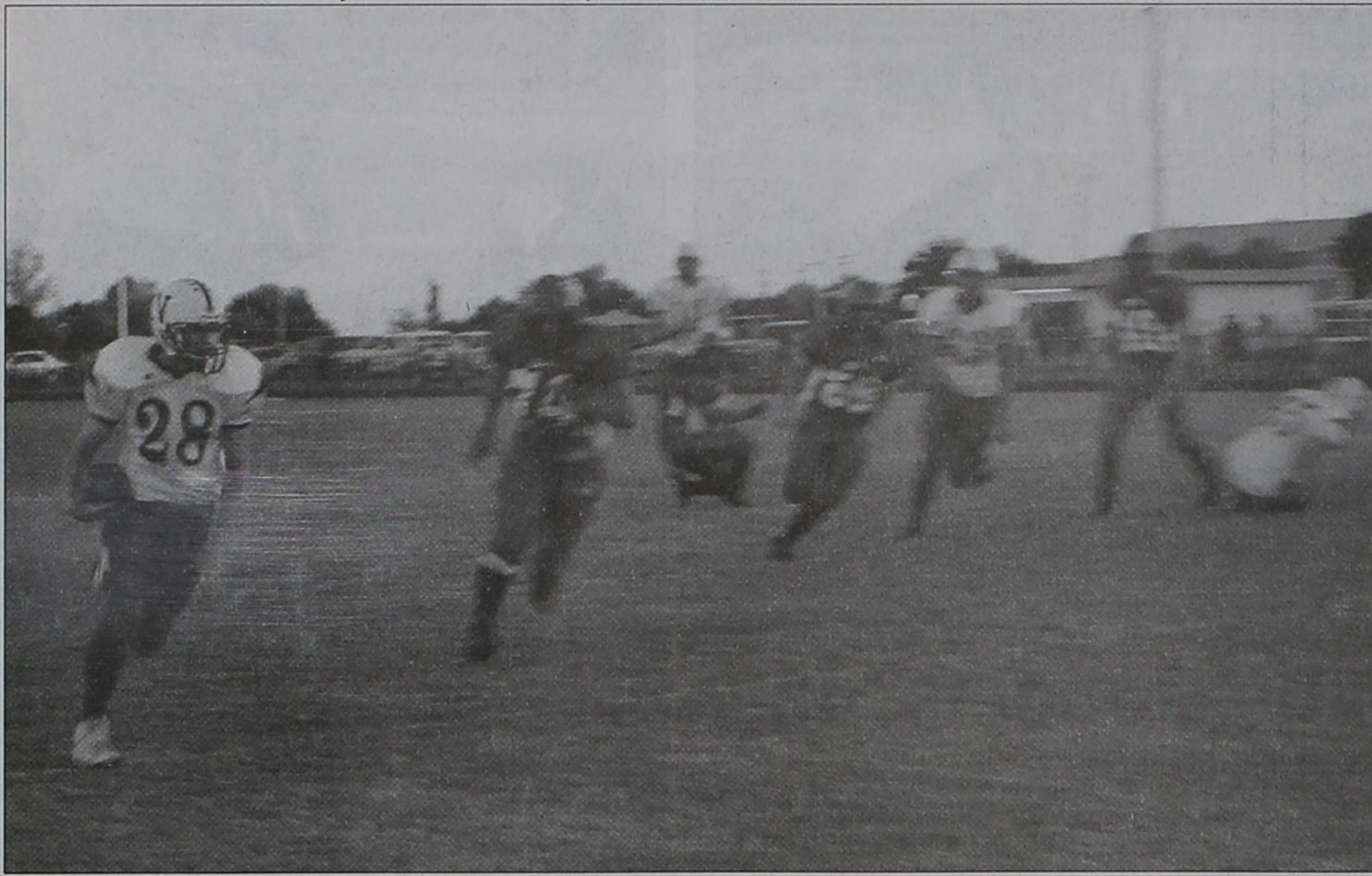
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## Nazareth stops White Deer

By **DAVIE BROWDER**  
Managing Editor

**WHITE DEER** - It was all Nazareth on Friday night as the Swifts won, 34-0.

Tucker Waggoner accounted for the Swifts' first three touchdowns, scoring on runs of 21, 1 and 21 yards, amassing 156 yards on the night. All three touchdowns came in the first quarter.

The Swifts got on the scoreboard again in the second quarter, as Ross Hunter intercepted a pass and returned it 18 yards for a score.

Their final score came in the third quarter, as Zane Farris ran 15 yards for the touchdown.

Kicker Clifford Gerber was 4-of-5 on the night kicking.

"I thought we had another good effort defensively," said football coach Ricky Peacock. "We gave up a few yards on some passes, but defensively we



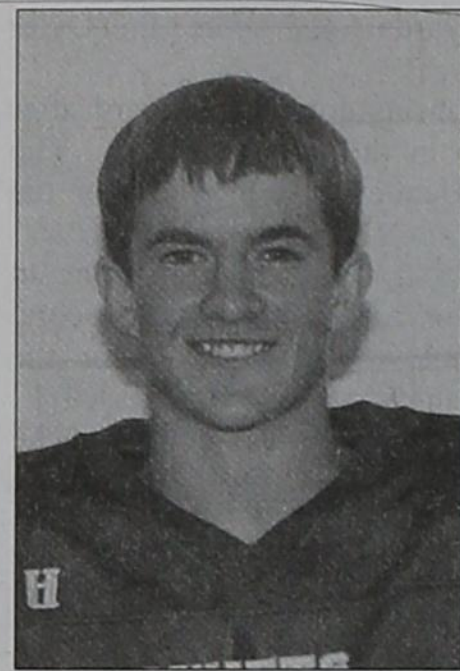
**ABOVE, TUCKER WAGGONER, NO. 28,** runs around right end to the White Deer 1-yard-line. **AT LEFT, WAGGONER** runs up the middle to amass some of his 156 yards. **BELOW, ZANE FARRIS, NO. 14,** picks up some yards during the Swifts' first possession of the game on Friday.



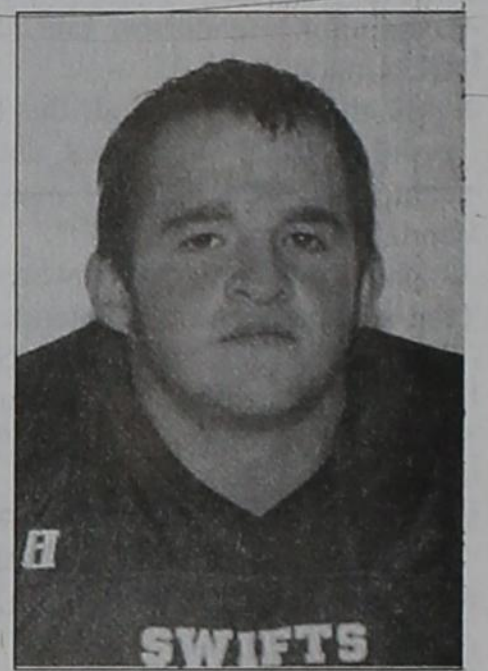
Aug. 26	Claude	13	NAZARETH	63
Sept. 2	Anton	7	NAZARETH	41
Sept. 9	Morton	17	NAZARETH	34
Sept. 16	White Deer	0	NAZARETH	34
Sept. 23	Clarendon**		Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	OPEN			
Oct. 7	Hart*		Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Springlake-Earth*		Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Farwell*		Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sudan*		Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Bovina*		Away	7:30 p.m.
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** Homecoming				

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.



**Josh Braddock**  
No 36



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have another good defensive effort," Peacock said. "It will start there. They have a few more weapons than we saw at White Deer. We'll have to do a good job of controlling the running game and continue to find ways to score. We've been able to do that so far. We'll try and keep our offense going." On defense, Zane Farris led in tackles with 10, followed by Clifford Gerber with seven, Chase Black and Kean Lilley with six each and Tucker Waggoner and Cameron Cluck with five.

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held them to negative yards rushing and had two goal-line stands, where they had first-and-one inside the one and they didn't score either time, so our defense played well."

On the negative side, Peacock said the Swifts had "way too many turnovers."

"We lost a little of our intensity before halftime, had some turnovers that killed some drives, made some mistakes we hadn't been making. Those are

some things we've got to clean up as we get ready for district."

On defense, Peacock said Cameron Cluck was a standout with an interception, knocking down three passes and making tackles twice to stop White Deer from scoring, Peacock said.

On offense, he said, Waggoner ran the ball well. This week, the Swifts take on Clarendon for homecoming at 7:30 p.m.

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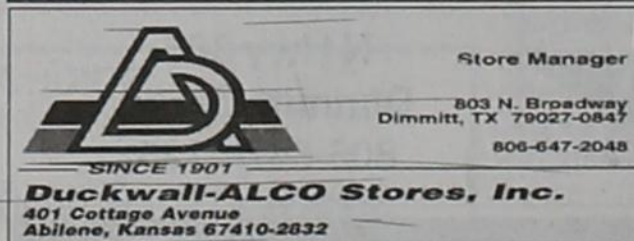
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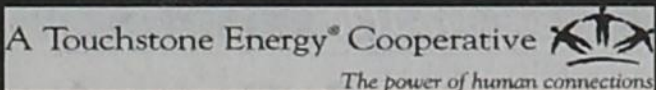


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# Ethridge, Jones named Hart Distinguished Alumni for 2005

Will be recognized during Pep Rally on Friday and later during Homecoming game on Friday night

Hart High School has announced the new inductees for "Distinguished Alumni" for 2005.

They are Nelda Ethridge and Cecil Ray Jones. The two will be presented at the Homecoming pep rally Friday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 in the High School gym and during halftime of the Homecoming Game with White Deer. Both inductees will have their pictures hung in the hall of honor at the High School.

Nelda Ethridge graduated in 1974. She played basketball and was active in the FHA. She is married to Wayne Ethridge and they have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Her husband and daughters are High High School graduates. Nelda is business manager for Hart ISD and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hart.

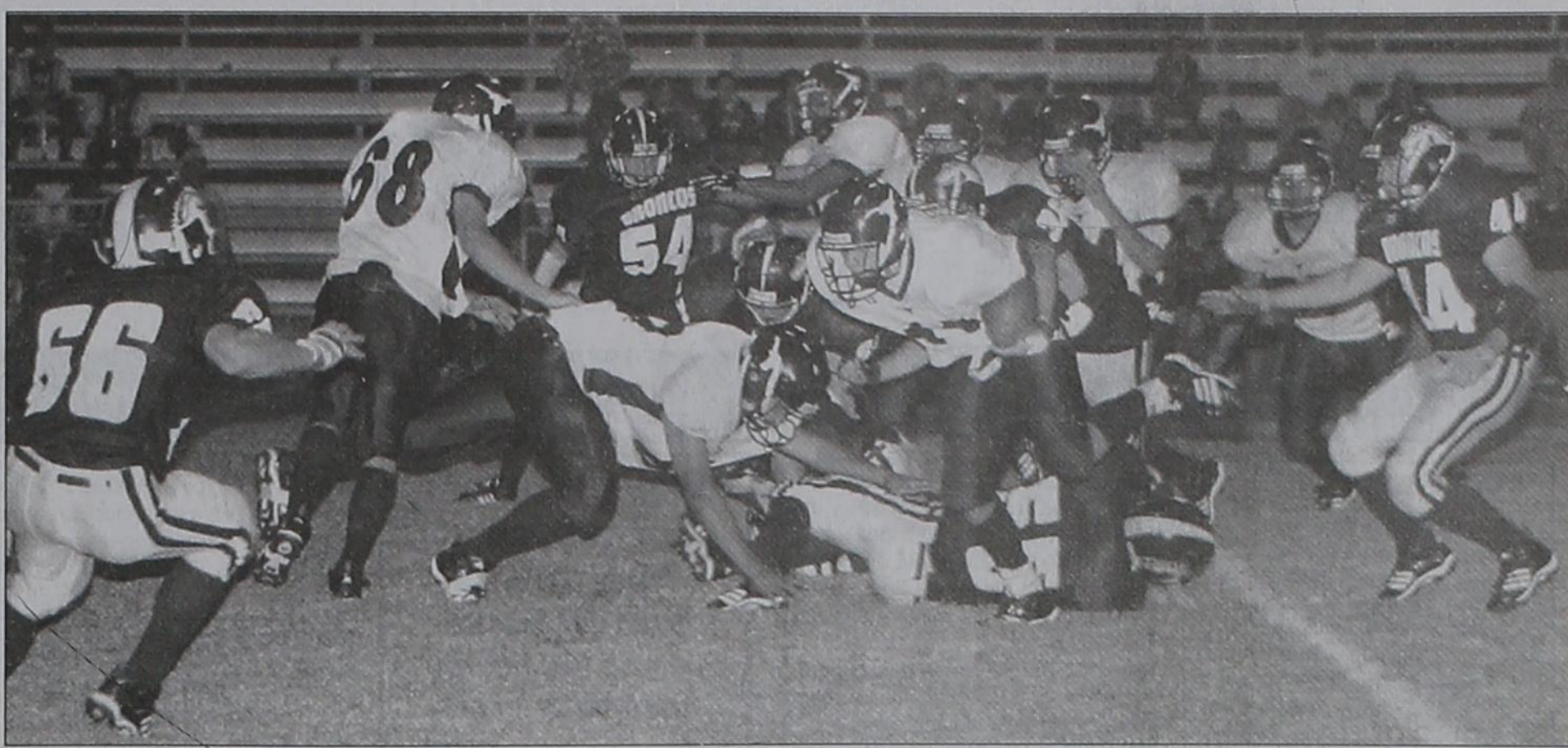
Cecil Ray Jones graduated from Hart High School in 1946. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He has been married to his wife Louise for 57 years.

His two sons graduated from Hart High School. He is owner and operator of Jones Electric and co-owner of the Kozy Korner in Hart.

He served on the School Board at Hart for 11 years, serving as president for two years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hart.

The two honorees will have 8x10 portraits hung in the Hall of Honor at Hart High School.

Past honorees include: 2004: Polly Simpson, Class of 1945 and Leland Hacker, Class of 1948; 2003, Retta Knox, Class of 1966 and Hillrey Aven, Class of 1939; 2002, Marguerite McClain, Class of 1942 and Cecil Ham, Class of 1946.



Photos by Roger Estlack

# Hart falls to Clarendon

CLARENDON - The Longhorns fell to Clarendon 64-2 on Friday behind the rushing of Clarendon's Will Betts, who had 157 on 16 carries and two touchdowns on the night. Meanwhile quarterback Quentin West passed for 121 yards and two scores.

Clarendon opened the game with 29 first-point scores, 7 in the second period and 14 in each of the two final periods. Hart's lone safety came in the second period.

Hart couldn't get anywhere on the ground, but did have 113 yards passing.

Hart head coach Jay McCook explained the game this way:

"We're young and made way too many mistakes," he said. "We get behind and it's hard for freshmen and sophomores to turn that around. We're glad it was a non-district game and doesn't count."

"We rushed the ball a little better in the past. We were hoping for improvement but reverted back. Everything that could go wrong did. They shut our passing game down pretty good."

Players of the week this week were Javier Minjarez on offense and Rudy Cazares on defense.

For Homecoming on Friday, the Longhorns take on White Deer.

# NCLB not what it's made out to be

By **DIGGER ELAM**  
Hart ISD Superintendent

As the buzzer goes off to end the third quarter of NCLB, it's time to start the "fourth quarter." I am talking about the dreaded time for the "highly qualified" section of NCLB 2001 to go into effect.

The "highly qualified" section of NCLB 2001 stated that all teachers must comply with this law by end of the 2005-2006 school year. This law has three parts: have a bachelor degree or higher, full state certification, and demonstrate competency in the subject being taught.

The "kicker" is how does a teacher know if he or she demonstrates competency in the classroom? The answer lies with the Texas Education Agency who has set up a points system for teachers.

The point system gives credit to teachers for experience, course work, and continuing professional education. The system is not good, but this is the best the agency could do.

Most districts will not give out contracts in March to any teacher or para-professional that is not considered to be "highly



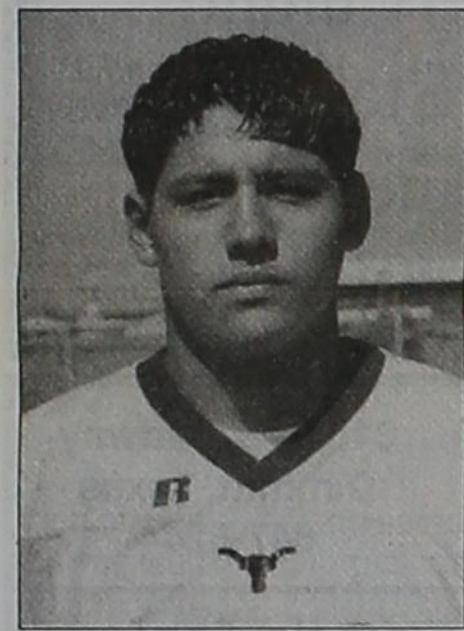
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qualified." Teachers and para-professionals have had six years to prepare for this day.

What about teachers in some rural communities, where small teaching staffs result in individuals teaching many different subjects? The Education Department has extended the deadline for those teachers to become "highly qualified."

I bet many teachers feel they are working for Ringling Bros, Barnum and Bailey Circus having to jump through all those hoops!

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Don't forget homecoming this weekend. Come out to the Pep Rally on Friday and then again Friday night for our game with White Deer.



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Sept. 2	Petersburg 47	HART 7
Sept. 8	Wellington 51	HART 6
Sept. 16	Clarendon 64	HART 2
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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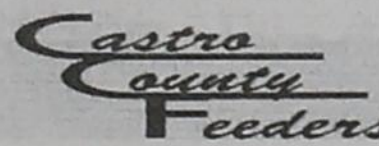
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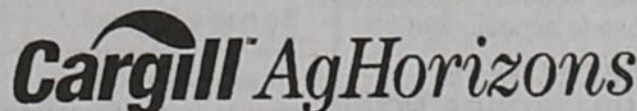


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**INVESTMENT PROPERTY-**Mobile home park-17 lots and hook-ups. Owns 8 mobile homes and leases 9 spaces. Owner financing available.

**NICE** two bedroom, 1 bath, two living areas, kitchen, utility. Brick with metal roof. Central heat and air. Fenced yard with storage.

**BEAUTIFUL HOME-**approximately 2606 sq ft-3/2.75/2. Two large living areas, remodeled kitchen, new appliances, utility, storage building with basement. Fenced with sprinkler system.

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**\$130,000-4/3/2-**Large lot on corner lot, fireplace, flagstone floor, sprinkler system, seller will pay allowed closing costs.

**\$89,000-3/2/2** Owner has moved, fireplace, great location, hot tub, nice shop, help with closing costs.

**\$80,000-3/2/2-**lots of new paint and carpet, fireplace, corner lot, nice shop, close to schools.

**\$79,500-3/2/2-** Great home. Lots of new paint and tile, basement, large corner lot, will pay closing costs.

**\$55,000-5/3/0-**Large country home. You finish and save \$\$\$.

**\$55,000-4/3/2-** Lots of house for the money, this home has lots of room, basement, large garage, carport, storage room.

**\$53,000-** 3/2/1- Nice well-kept home with extra lot to park your truck or build a shop.

**\$30,000-3/1.75/2-**Excellent starter home in great shape, includes a smaller rental unit.

**\$45,000-3/1/0** Two homes for the price of one, large corner lot. Rented unit rents for \$400.

**\$40,000-2/2/0-**Wonderful home that has been well-kept. Corner lots with trees and nice storage building, storage for camper, etc.

**\$30,000-3/1/0-**Excellent starter home in great shape, includes a smaller rental unit.

**Commercial:**  
**\$80,000-Price reduced!** Mobile Home Park with large shop includes five permanent mobile home lots and two mobile homes, all rented. 18 overnight spaces. Lots of depreciation and income.

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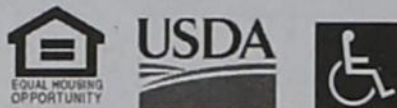
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#### DISD Menus

**Friday:** Breakfast - Hot Pocket egg and cheese, Rice Krispy treats, Lunch - Chicken enchiladas, fishburgers, salmon casserole, Mexipinto beans, baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo, taco condiment salad, tossed salad, fruited gelatin.

**Monday:** Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Hamburgers, Italian spaghetti, fajita submarine.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff Cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Corn dogs, turkey salad sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich/soup.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, cereal, Danish. Lunch - Fried chicken, bean chalupas, hoagie submarine.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, peaches, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Stagecoach spaghetti, enchilada casserole, ham and cheese on bun.

#### HISD Menus

**Friday:** Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage, cereal. Lunch - Rib sandwich, pizza with pork topping, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, dill pickles, chocolate chip cookies.

**Monday:** Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal. Lunch - Steak fingers, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, tossed salad, peaches.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, corn dogs, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, chocolate pudding.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Taco salad, beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, oatmeal cookies.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Burrito with chili, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, yellow cake.

#### NISD Menus

**Friday:** Breakfast - Sausage on roll, cereal. Lunch - Nachos with rolls, corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, peaches, Jello.

**Monday:** Breakfast - Banana loaf, cereal. Lunch - Sloppy Joes, corn dogs, tossed salad, okra, peaches, pudding.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast - French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Enchiladas, chef salad, tossed salad, beans, pears, s'mores.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti with cheese sticks, pizza, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, spice cake.

**Thursday:** Breakfast - Cinnamon pastry, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, fries, lettuce, beans, oranges, cookies.

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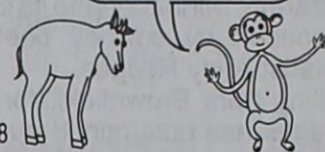
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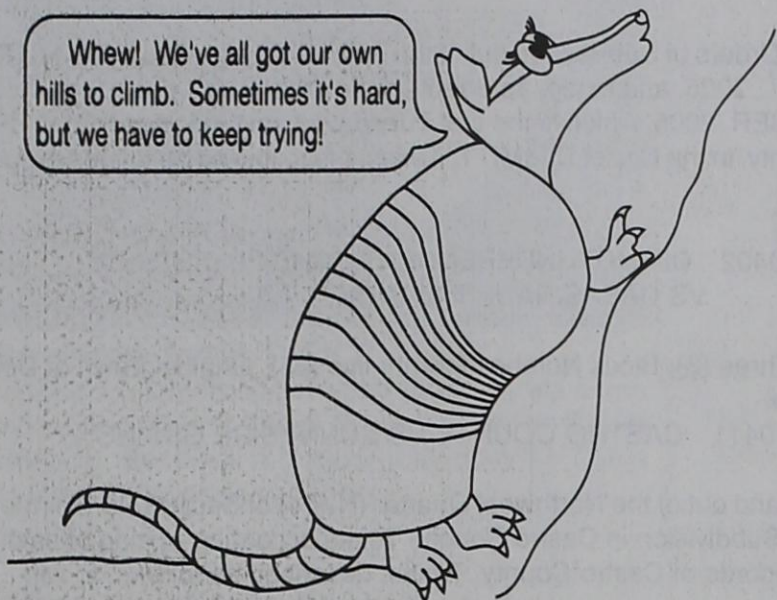
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Can you find him?



## You Can Do It!

Whew! We've all got our own hills to climb. Sometimes it's hard, but we have to keep trying!



Everyone has talents and abilities. Can you draw, dance or sing? Do you like to write stories or do science experiments? Maybe you are good at playing sports and coaching others. Try something new...you can do it!

There are many ways to let others know that they are special and that they can do many things. Read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle below with things or ideas that help us be the best we can be.

1. small statue, prize for winning
2. working well with others
3. a hard try
4. to give hope
5. to give a prize for a special performance
6. to reach a goal
7. to believe in oneself
8. to put arms around and hold tightly
9. narrow strip of satin given for being a winner in a contest
10. to speak highly of someone

Yes, yes color everything on this page using your pencils or markers! Try using sky blue or sunshine yellow...hee-hee!

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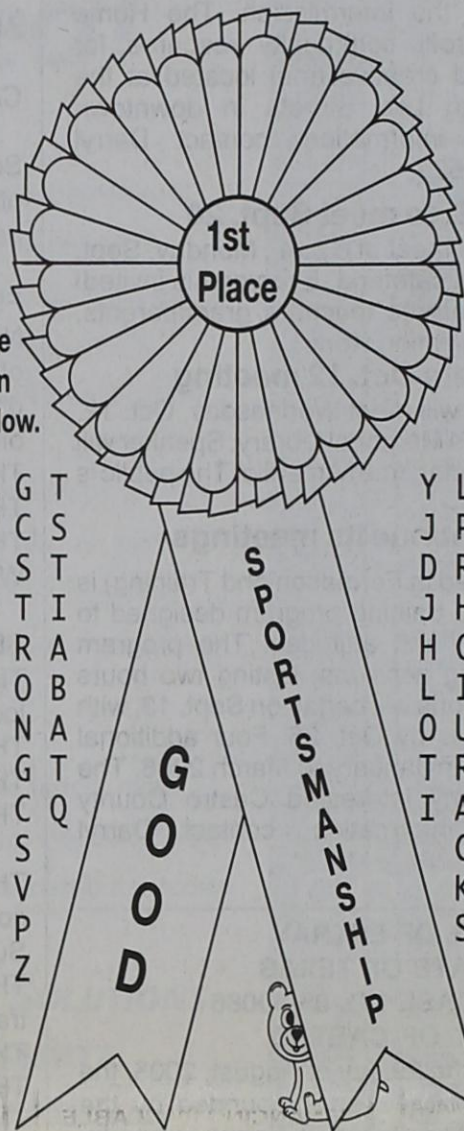
- praise
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- encourage
- teamwork
- accomplish
- confidence

Think about your classmates and friends. What do you like best about each one? Tamika is cheerful. Matt is funny. I'll bet you can think of something special about everyone, even your brothers and sisters.

What is special about you? Which of these qualities would earn you a first-place, blue ribbon?

- kind
- smart
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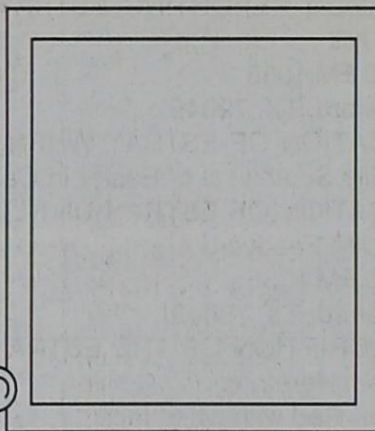
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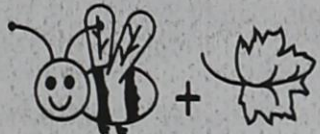
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Share your feelings with someone close to you.



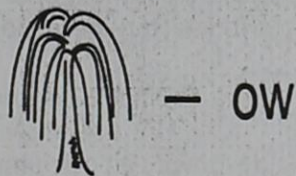
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Hint: the name of some pictures *sounds* like the word you want to put in the blanks.



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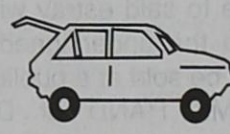
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### DISD Calendar

**Thursday, Sept. 22**  
Richardson Elementary - Picture Day  
Homecoming Spirit Week - DMS / Purple & White Day - DHS / Pajama Day  
DMS - Pep Rally - 3:15  
Football: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> vs Plains - Here - 5:00 & 6:30  
JV vs Sundown - Here- after 7th and 8th grade games  
**Friday, Sept. 23**  
Homecoming Spirit Week - DMS & DHS - Dress-Up Day  
DHS Homecoming Pep Rally - 2:45  
Homecoming Queen Crowned at 6:45 before Football Game  
Football: Homecoming Game -

BOBCATS vs Plains - Here - 7:30  
**Saturday, Sept. 24**  
Volleyball: JV & Varsity vs Denver City - There - 1:00  
Cross-Country - JR High & High School @ Lubbock - Mae Simmon's Park  
**Monday, Sept. 26**  
DHS Jrs. / Senior Ring Orders  
**Tuesday, Sept. 27**  
Volleyball: JV & Varsity vs Friona - Here - 5:00  
**Wednesday, Sept. 28**  
Nothing but EDUCATION on the agenda.

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# Community Calendar

## Program Sept. 25 at Home Merc

On Sunday evening, Sept. 25, the Home Mercantile in Nazareth, will inaugurate its sixth Season of Events with a concert by cowboy poet, singer-songwriter, and guitarist Andy Hedges.

Hailing from Brownfield, for the last 10 years, Andy Hedges has entertained audiences all over the West with his classic cowboy recitations, clean guitar work and cowboy folk music. He has performed at The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev., The National Cowboy Symposium and countless cowboy gatherings, theaters, schools and concerts around the West. In 2004 the Academy of Western Artists named Andy the Male Poet of the Year.

He has released two cowboy poetry albums, and just this year has debuted his first music album, "City Boys." Produced by Andy Wilkinson, "City Boys" is a collection of "eclectic cowboy folk" music. It includes new songs by Andy, Rod Taylor, and Andy Wilkinson, old obscure songs from the cowboy, Scottish, bluegrass, and folk traditions, as well as songs by Bob Dylan and Don McLean.

There is no admission charge for the event, which runs from 5-7 p.m., but donations are appreciated. Dessert will be served during the intermission. The Home Mercantile is a nonprofit community resource for education, service, and creative arts; located at the corner of Second and Leo Streets in downtown Nazareth. For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529.

## D.R.E.A.M.S. to meet Sept. 26

D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, at the Middle School cafeteria. Everyone is invited! We need help from all parents, teachers, grandparents, etc., to make this organization work.

## Book Club sets Oct. 12 meeting

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library. Speaker will be Jo Crump, a hat collector, from Amarillo. The public is invited to attend.

## L.I.F.T. to continue its meetings

L.I.F.T. (Leaders Involved in Formation and Training) is a community leadership training program designed to build knowledge, skills, and attitudes. The program consists of nine evening sessions, lasting two hours each session. The sessions will begin on Sept. 13, with four successive sessions by Oct. 25. Four additional sessions will take place in January to March 2006. The program is open to any interested Castro County resident. For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld, 938-2529.

## NOTICE OF ESTRAY THE STATE OF TEXAS ESTRAY CASE NO. 05-00086 COUNTY OF CASTRO

WHEREAS, on the 29 day of August, 2005, the hereinafter described estray was impounded by the undersigned authority, this Notice of Estray is hereby given as required by law:

### PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY:

B.J. Hill  
1200 FM 1055  
Hereford, TX. 79045

### LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND:

½ Mile Southwest of Easter in Castro, County, Texas:

### LOCATION OF ESTRAY UNTIL DISPOSITION:

Bud Hill Feedyard  
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### DESCRIPTION OF THE ESTRAY:

Breed: Hereford  
Color: Red with white face  
Sex: male  
Age:

Size: 450#-500#

Markings: Notch on tip of each ear

Other identifying characteristics:

Purple Ear Tag in Right Ear with #2981

The owner of said estray may recover possession of same by providing the sheriff of Castro County, Texas, with an Affidavit of Ownership of Estray and payment of the estray handling fees incurred.

If the ownership of said estray is not determined with fourteen (14) days following the final advertisement required by law, title to said estray will rest in Castro County, Texas, and the undersigned authority shall cause said estray to be sold at a public auction

WITNESS MY HAND at Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, this the 1 day of September, 2005.

CD Fitzgearld, Sheriff  
Castro County, Texas.

By: Glen Snitker, Deputy

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The Dimmitt PTO wants the public to know that we have a chance to participate in two programs that allow the PTO to earn free educational equipment and money for our schools. From Sept. 1 through March 31, 2006, the PTO will be able to turn cash register tapes collected from any Lowe's Supermarkets (Dimmitt, Hereford, Hart, Canyon, etc.) into valuable and important educational equipment we otherwise would only dream of getting. Also, all year long you can save all your Box Tops 4 Education found on many

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## NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

### COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 6 day of Sept., 2005, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11:30 A.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. B8207-0402 DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VS CASAS RAUL T & ANNA M

All of Lot Number Three (3), Block Number Twenty-five (25), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas

Cause No. B8331-0411 CASTRO COUNTY VS SUNNYSIDE GIN INC

Seven (7) acres of land out of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section No. Thirteen (13) in Block Number One (1), of the W.E. Halsell Subdivision in Castro County, Texas according to map of said subdivision, recorded in Vol 11, page 207, Deed Records of Castro County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a 5/8-inch steel rod set in the South line of a 60 ft. wide county road running along the North line of the said Section 13, which Place of Beginning is 208.7 feet South 89°2' East and 30 feet South 0°58' West of the Northwest corner of the said Section 13, and which Place of Beginning is in the East line of and is 30 feet South 0°58' West of the Northeast corner of a one acre tract described in deed recorded in Vol. 47, page 216, Deed Records of Castro County, Texas;

THENCE South 0°58' West parallel with WBL of said Section 13, a distance of 300 feet to a 5/8" rod;

THENCE South 89°2' East a distance of 726 feet to a 5/8" steel rod;

THENCE North 0°58' East a distance of 300 feet to south line of county road, a 5/8" steel rod; THENCE North 89°2' West along south line a distance of 726 feet to the Place of Beginning; and

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of First Tract above;

THENCE South 89°52' East along south line of First Tract above a distance of 186 feet, a 5/8" steel rod which is located 3 feet east of gatepost;

THENCE South 0°8' West 234.2 feet, a 3/8" steel rod;

THENCE North 89°.52' West 186 feet to 5/8" steel rod;

THENCE North 0°8' East 234.2 feet to the Place of Beginning; and

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a ½ in. rebar stake set in the East R.O.W. Line of U.S. 385 and being the southwest corner of a one (1) acre tract deed to E.R. Sadler, from which stake to the northwest corner of said Section 13, Halsell Subdivision No. 1 bears North 00°01'10" West 534.32 feet and South 22°59'40" West 74.24 feet;

THENCE North 89°59'40" East at 134.80 ft. pass a 5/8 in. rebar stake set for the southwest corner of a 1.000 acre tract deeded to T.R. Hogan for a gin tract, in all 320.80 feet to a 3/8 in. Rebar stake;

THENCE South 00°03'20" East at 135.77 ft.;

THENCE South 89°69'40" West 320.88 ft. in right of way line;

THENCE North 00°01'10" West 135.77 ft. to the Place of Beginning and containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less

FOURTH TRACT: Being at 1.866 acre tract of land out of the Northwest corner of Section Number Thirteen (13), Block Number One (1), Halsell's Subdivision of State Capitol Lands, in Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/8 inch rebar stake set at the intersection of the accepted North line of Section 13 and the South line of Section 4 - both in Halsell's Subdivision No. 1 - and the East Right of Way line of U.S. Hwy. 385 as it is monumented on the ground, from said stake at the original Subdivision stake marked 3-4-13-14 bears North 89°59'40" East 1884.6 varas (5235.0 feet);

THENCE North 89°59'40": East at 159.70 feet a 3/8 inch rebar stake set for the Northeast corner of a 1.00 acre tract out of the Northwest corner of said Section 13;

THENCE South 00°11'20" East along the West line of a 5 acre Gin Tract at 208.70 feet pass a 5/8 inch rebar stake for the Southeast corner of said 1.00 acre tract, at 330.00 feet pass the Southwest corner of said 5 acre Gin Tract, at 565.1 feet a ½ inch rebar stake, the Southwest corner of a 1.00 acre Gin Tract;

THENCE South 86°56'30" West at 134.80 feet re-set a 3/8 inch rebar stake in said R.O.W. line;

THENCE North 00°01'10" West at 311.25 feet a broken, leaning concrete obelisk;

THENCE North 14°03'10" West at 46.7 feet pass a 3/8 inch rebar stake for the Southermost Southwest corner of said 1.00 acre tract, at 103.1 feet a broken concrete obelisk;

THENCE North 00°01'10" West 154.00 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 1.866 acres of land, more or less

SAVE AND EXCEPT a 2.00 acre tract out of the Northwest part of Section 13, Block 1, W.E. Halsell's Subdivision in Castro County, Texas, as shown by the plat thereof of record in Volume 11, Page 207, Deed Records of Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/8 inch iron rod found with ½ inch iron rod adjacent at the intersection of the Easterly line of U.S. Highway 385 as monumented and the North line of Section 13, Block 1, W.E. Halsell's Subdivision whence a 1 ½ inch iron pipe found for the Northeast corner of said section bears South 89°59'40" East 5234.89 feet;

THENCE South 89°59'40" East along the North line of said section, 342.39 feet to a ½ inch iron rod set for corner;

THENCE South 00°13'17" East at 30.00 feet pass a ½ inch iron rod set for reference and at a total distance of 258.05 feet a ½ inch iron rod set for corner;

THENCE North 89°59'40" West 318.30 feet to a ½ inch iron rod set in the Easterly line of U.S. Highway 385 as monumented;

THENCE North 00°01'10" West along the Easterly line of said highway as monumented, 4.04 feet to a ½ inch iron rod set adjacent to highway concrete monument remnants;

THENCE North 14°03'10" West along the Easterly line of said Highway as monumented, 103.10 feet to a ½ inch iron rod set for corner;

THENCE North 00°01'10" West along the Easterly line of said highway as monumented, at 124.00 feet pass a ½ inch iron rod set for reference and at a total distance of 154.00 feet the place of beginning

Cause No. B8113-0306 DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
VS. TORRES MARY J

All of Lot Number Four (4) and that portion of the East-West alley lying between Lots Number Three (3) and Four (4) heretofore vacated and abandoned by the City of Dimmitt, Texas, all in Block Number One Hundred and Fifty-eight (158), in the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas

Levied on the 6 day of Sept., 2005, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF DIMMITT.

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**Braddock retires from TxDOT**

**RETIRED CASTRO COUNTY** Maintenance Supervisors Tommy Guzman, right, and Doyle Wassom, left, present a retirement plaque to Bruce Braddock, former Castro County assistant maintenance supervisor. Braddock retired recently from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) with 29 years of service.

**Social Security Q&A**

**Question:** I've been receiving Social Security disability benefits since I was a young adult and I'm now getting close to 50. Is there a time limit on disability benefits?

**Answer:** No. You will continue to receive disability benefits as long as you continue to have a severe disability that makes you unable to work. Your condition will be reviewed from time to time, but your benefits will not end because of how much you've received or how long you've been getting benefits. If you still receive disability benefits when you reach retirement age, nothing will change, including your monthly benefit amount. But for Social Security purposes, your benefits will be called retirement benefits instead of disability benefits.

**Question:** My daughter is a 23-year-old waitress who recently suffered a sudden stroke. We are trying to get her all of the help that we can. Since she has only worked for about five years, would she qualify for Social Security disability benefits?

**Answer:** When you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn work credits. To qualify for Social Security disability

benefits, you must have earned enough work credits by working long enough and recently enough to become insured. The amount needed to earn a credit is \$920 in 2005, and you can earn up to four credits in a year. Generally you need 20 credits earned in the past 10 years to qualify for disability benefits. But for younger workers, the number of credits needed may be lower - as low as six credits during a 3-year period for someone as young as 23.

**Question:** I don't have any income except for my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. And I've never really owned anything, except for my car. However, my mom is moving to Florida and wants to sign the house over to me. I think it is worth about \$140,000. Can I still get SSI if I own a house?

**Answer:** Yes. While your SSI can be affected by your income and resources, we usually don't count your car, or a house that you live in. In fact, there's a whole list of items that we do not count as income or resources. These income and resource exclusions are featured in the publication Supplemental Security Income.

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

**PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)**

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

**PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)**

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

**PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)**

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

**PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)**

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

**PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)**

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

**PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)**

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

**PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)**

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)**

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

**PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)**

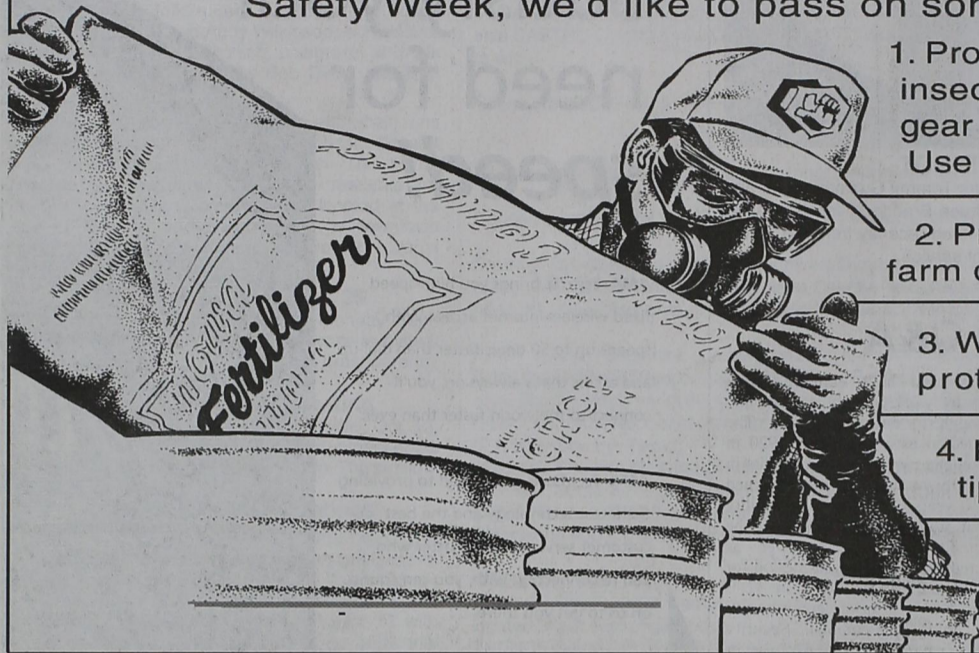
HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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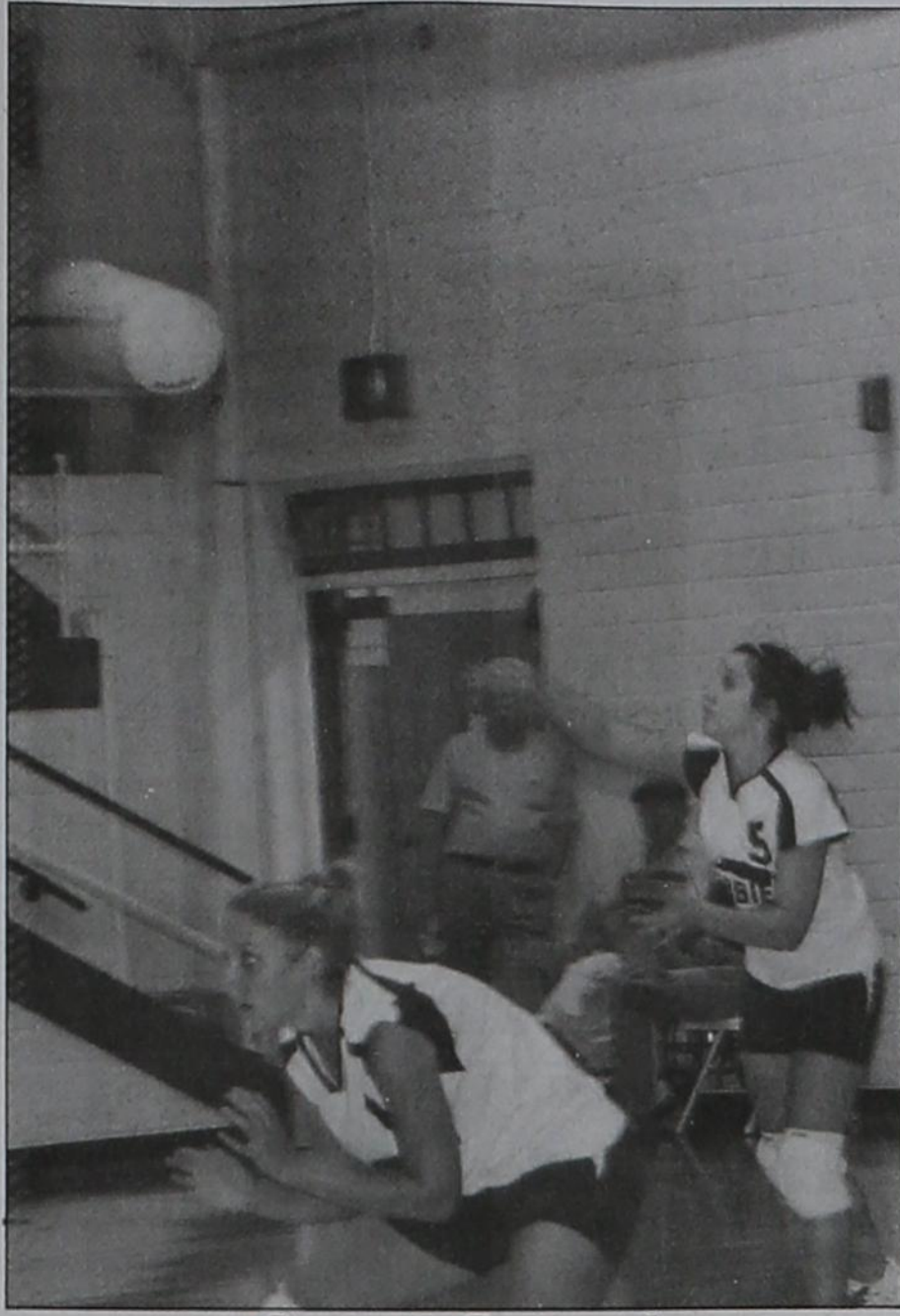
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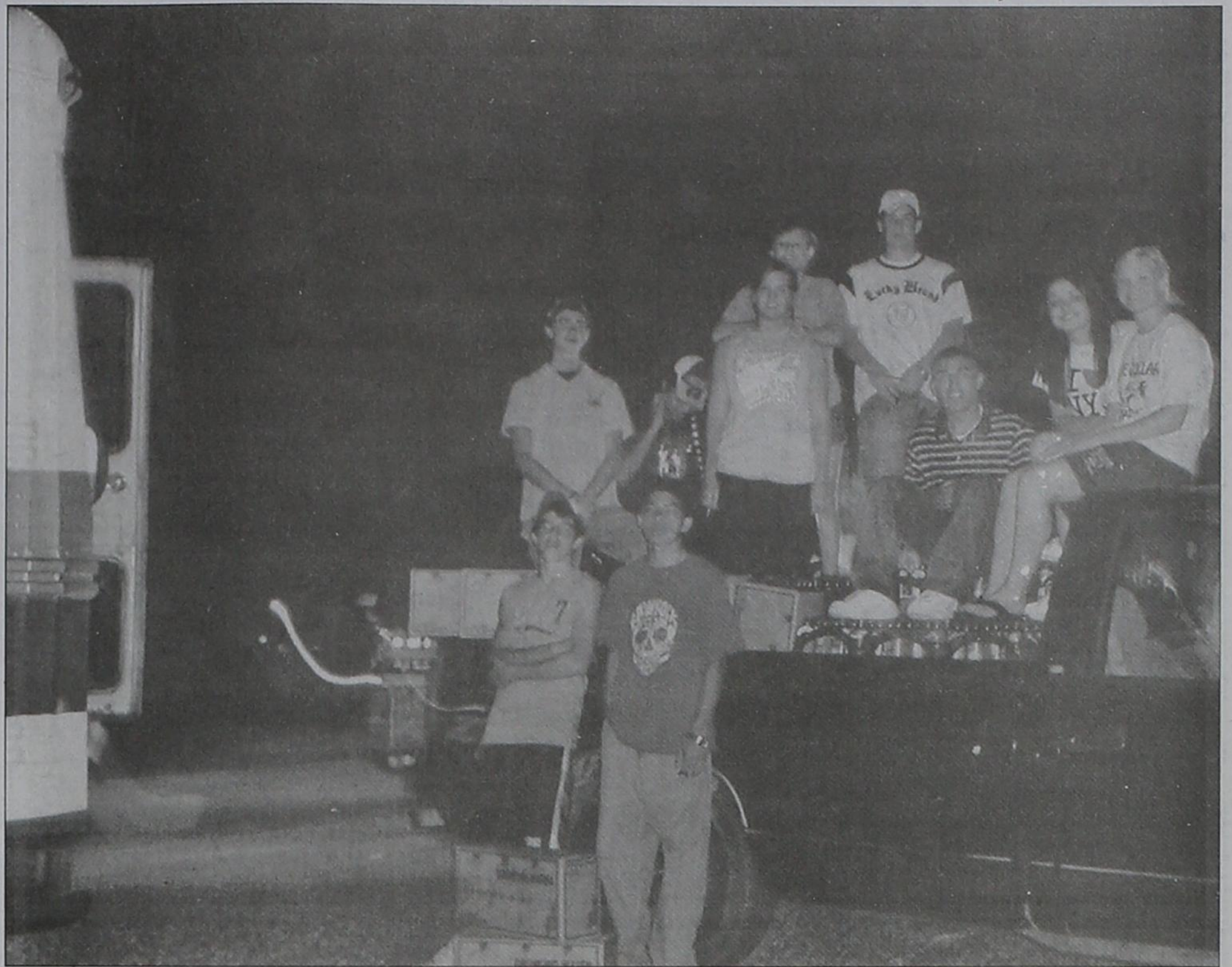
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**Great Serve!**

Brandy Smith, No. 5, serves against San Jacinto, as teammate Darcy Fisher gets ready for the return.



**DHS Student Council organizes aid for Katrina victims**

The Dimmitt High School Student Council organized a campaign to "fill the bus" with water for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Pictured are: Michael Rasor, Anthony Enriguez, Kirsti Edwards, Kylan Riddle, Houston Sutton, Humberto Aguilar, Natasha Jordan, Brittany Williams, Kaden Griffitt, Diego Salinas.

**Card of Thanks**

The Aleman and Ruiz families would like to Thank all of you that were there for us in prayer, in thought - our friends, his friends, everyone that sent a covered dish, a plant, paper goods and said a kind word. The caretakers, doctors - and a special thanks to Hospice and Home Health. We appreciate everyone. The church that assisted. A heartfelt thanks to Father Ken, Guadalupe, all the members for their participation and the dinner after the services.

**What s the Law?**

*Q. If a gas station raises its price by 30 cents a gallon, and then the other retailers around him raise their prices to match his, isn t that illegal price fixing?*

**A. It is not illegal price fixing if everyone just follows the leader. For example, this often happens in the airline industry. One company will raise its price and see if others follow. If they do not, the price is usually lowered.**

**On the other hand, it would be illegal if the companies got together in advance and all agreed to raise their prices. That would be a violation of our anti-trust laws.**

*Q. When you buy a brand new car, how long do you have to return it if it turns out that you don t like it?*

**A. I don t know how many times I have received this question. The answer is that you have no time to just change your mind when you buy a car. There is no three day rule that allows you to change your mind. Unless you have been misled or deceived into signing the contract, it is enforceable from the moment you sign it.**

*Q. Can a debt collector tell you that what you can afford to pay every month is not enough? I offered to pay what I could afford and was told he would only take twice as much. I can t pay what they are asking for.*

**A. A creditor or debt collector has no obligation to take anything less than the full amount you owe. If you offer to pay what you can afford, the creditor can refuse, or suggest an alternative amount. In most cases, however, this is just an attempt to get more money. Once they understand that your offer is really all you can afford, they usually will accept it.**

*Q. I recently showed up for work and was told to take a drug test. Is this legal? I was never told I would have to do this when I was hired.*

**A. As a general rule, a private employer in Texas has the right to require you to take a drug test. If you**

**refuse, you may be fired, unless you have a contract or union agreement stating otherwise.**

*Q. I know you have to stop for a school bus loading or unloading children if you are traveling in either direction. Does this apply when you are on a divided highway?*



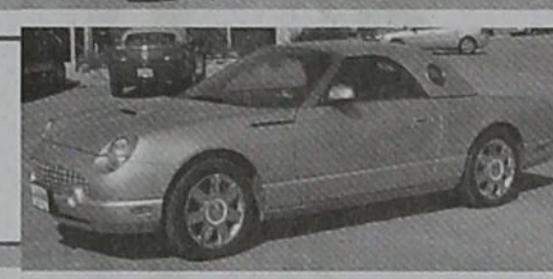



**A. A driver traveling in either direction must stop for a school bus that is loading or unloading school-children. You do not have to stop, however, if you are on the opposite side of the school bus on a separated roadway.**

**For example, if you are traveling east on a highway divided by a median planted with grass, you do not have to stop for a school bus traveling west on the other side of the median. The highway must, however, be divided by a space where cars may not drive. A highway is not considered divided if the roadways are separated only by a left turn lane.**

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## Harvest Days winners named

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Prize money is at the County Extension Office and should be picked up as soon as possible.

Winners include the following:

**Baking:**

Best of Show, youth: Bianca Salas, decorated cake  
Best of Show, adult: Evelyn Backus, candy

**Canning:**

Best of Show, youth: Beth Horn, preserves  
Best of Show, adult: Betty Jones, applesauce

**Clothing:**

Best of Show, youth: Beth Horn, costumes, coordinates  
Best of Show, adult: Alene Thomas, vest and skirt,

**Crafts:**

Best of Show, youth: Curtis Thomas, wood  
Best of Show, adult: Claudine Langford, afghan

**Farm and Garden:**

Best of Show, youth: Keila Schilling, watermelons  
Best of Show, adult, Paige Bizzell, pumpkin

**Horticulture:**

Best of Show, youth, Dustin Kern, stem  
Best of Show, adult, Richard Moore, potted plant

**Photography:**

Best of Show, youth: Wendy Bradford, animal  
Best of Show, adult: Jody Riley, landscape

**Quilt:**

Best of Show: Ina Cleavinger

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