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The Power of Positive Principals

Fresh school year begins with a few new faces

BHS welcomes Mr. Faircloth & Mr. McCullough as new principals



Bill and Suzanne Faircloth with sons Forrest and Brandon

Faircloth sets high goals

BY ASHLEY OSWOOD

Bill Faircloth, although new to BHS, is not new to Brownwood by a long shot. He is familiar with both the town and the people, and has come into the year with high expectations.

Faircloth plans to improve the discipline of the students at the school this year. He also wants to instill in young people respect for their teacher as well as respect for one another.

Another important goal that Faircloth expressed for this year is to get both teachers and students to enjoy coming to school because people perform better when they like what they are doing.

Faircloth graduated from Abilene Cooper High School, where he participated in both football and agriculture. He was also involved in student council, and his class once voted best personality for the yearbook. He was raised by his grandmother and had a job at a gas station throughout high school.

After graduation, Faircloth moved to Brownwood to attend Howard Payne. There he majored in education. He later got his Masters in Education Administration at Tarleton State University.

Mr. Faircloth referred to himself as a pretty average kid, and as principal, he is still a normal human being. He has been married to Suzanne for 31 years, and they have two sons. One of them, Brandon, is a coach and teacher

at Highland Park High School in Dallas. He and his wife Emily just had the first grandson, Cooper Noah Faircloth. Forrest, their younger son, is working on his masters degree at Texas Tech and is married to Hilary.

In his spare time Faircloth enjoys sports, fishing and going hunting, as well as playing with the new grandbaby.

The only pet at his house is one pug named Gus. Faircloth has taught 7th grade boys' Sunday school at Coggin Ave. Baptist for 31 years where he is also a deacon.

Previously, Faircloth has taught various math classes and coached at the elementary and junior high levels, including two years in Brownwood. He has spent nine years on the Brownwood school board. Before being hired here, he was the principal in Richland Springs and in Star for a total of four years. He also worked under Mrs. Hernandez for a while at the state school.

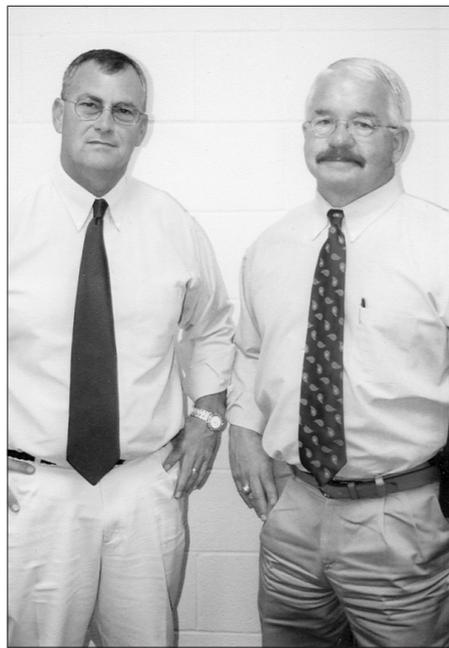
He is enjoying his new job here in Brownwood. He said that he loves the kids as well as the teachers. He and Mr. McCullough have been friends for many years, and so it is only a small step for them to work together.

Faircloth has been and will continue to be in attendance at all of the football games which he enjoys watching. He loves all of the extracurricular activities on the campus.

"I believe the more we get our students involved in positive things, the better off we all are," he said.

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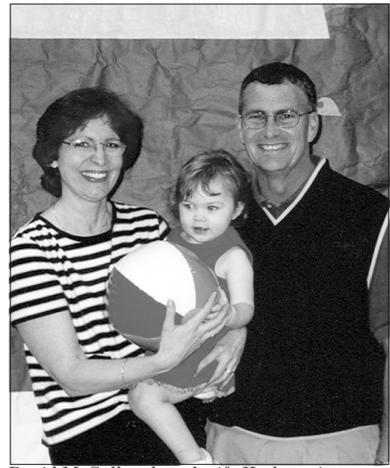
—McCullough



McCullough and Faircloth believe in strong discipline while creating enjoyable learning environment

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—Faircloth



David McCullough and wife Kathy enjoy spending time with granddaughter Cadence

McCullough returns home

BY COURTNEY WINDHAM

Brownwood is by no means "new" to our school's new assistant principal. Mr. David McCullough taught English and business classes here nine years ago. He was also a golf coach. When asked about his first impression returning to Brownwood High, he simply stated he felt he was "coming back home." He feels comfortable here, surrounded by a great and friendly atmosphere.

Before relocating to Brownwood, McCullough worked for Early ISD. He was at Early Elementary for one year, the middle school for two years, and then was assistant principal at Early High for two years.

McCullough received his Masters in Education at Tarleton State University and his Bachelors at HPU, majoring in Business Administration.

After college, McCullough was a golf pro for eight years. In the course of his life, he realized the only time he truly seemed happy with his career was when he gave golf lessons to kids. He decided

he needed to work with kids and that he wanted to make an impact on their lives.

Our principal, Mr. Bill Faircloth, is also a familiar face to McCullough. McCullough claims he "could not ask for a better working relationship than what [he] has with Faircloth." The two have known each other for over 15 years and have taught Sunday school together.

McCullough was highly involved in extra curricular activities at his high school, Garland High. He participated in NHS, Student Council, the Spanish Club, baseball, football and (of course) the golf team. He still enjoys playing golf and spends lots of time with his grandchildren.

McCullough's goal as principal of BHS is to have a positive effect on the students, as well as the staff.

"BHS has great students and I want to make everything as positive as possible," McCullough said.

His expectations are also to make BHS a more pleasing environment.

"BHS should be a place for education, but at the same time, everyone should enjoy coming," McCullough said.

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RULIN' THE SCHOOL

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS NEW STANDARDS

BY NICK FLEMING



Underclassmen, skip the parking lot and scurry into the cafeteria line; campus is closed to all except seniors.

There is no reason to make us stay on campus while all the classes in front of us got to go wherever they wanted for lunch,

—junior Steve Humeniuk.



All seniors and only seniors are privileged to park in gym lot. Other drivers have choice of remaining lots.

“Corporal Punishment is just another tool to use in discipline; it does not work with all students, but does work with some,”

—asst. principal McCullough



Many students might have to “fetch the switch” after the school board voted corporal punishment into the disciplinary code.

With a new year and new administration, there are definitely some new rules. Some are more drastic than others, some celebrated, others debated.

Good news first; no more ID's around our necks. The reaction of most is like that of senior Josh Tittle's “WOOHOO!” Though we still have the ID's, we do not have to wear them around our necks. Just remember students must keep them in purses, wallets, or backpacks while at school.

A new policy is that there will be no more off-campus lunch for juniors. Therefore, seniors won't see Brock Woods at Chicken Express this year. This new rule hasn't gone over well with the juniors

“I don't think it's fair. There is no reason to make us stay on campus while all the classes in front of us got to go wherever they wanted for lunch,” said junior Steve Humeniuk.

We also have new times for school. Instead of last year's time, 8:05-3:30, we have 8:00-3:35. That five minutes lost is not a good thing for those who like to sleep in. “These five minutes are killing me,” senior Jason Behler said.

Many students have been confused about the new parking regulations, but it is pretty simple. Seniors park in the gym parking lot. Underclassmen can park in either the cafeteria or band parking lots. There is an exception to this rule: before an extra curricular event that will be out of town, students may park in the parking lot of their choice before leaving, to prevent students having to wander through the darkness to find their cars. Students still must purchase a parking permit for ten dollars.

On the heavier side of things, corporal punishment has been reinstated, and there are mixed emotions on this issue.

Public school is the only place where corporal punishment is used; it is not even used in prisons or juvenile correctional facilities.

Although it may seem a little “old school,” it is not exactly the same as it used to be. Now, it is not the first punishment, and the school doesn't want to have to enforce it, but it is there as a last resort.

“Corporal Punishment is just another tool to use in discipline; it does not work with all students, but does work with some,” assistant principal David McCullough said.

We must learn to adapt, and we must learn to obey and respect these new policies. We do not have to agree with them, but life will be much easier if we learn to comply with them.

2004 Changes

- Parking lot restricted
- School day extended
- Pep rallies rescheduled
- Closed campus lunch
- School store relocated
- Corporal punishment instituted
- Lanyards now unnecessary
- Dress code revised

Where have all the cookies gone? Relax, cookie monster. The school store only moved to the gym. It still offers its variety of delicious snacks and refreshing beverages.



Wake up sleepy heads! School begins five minutes earlier and ends five minutes later. Resist pushing the snooze button that last time because if you snooze, you lose (in this case your Saturdays).

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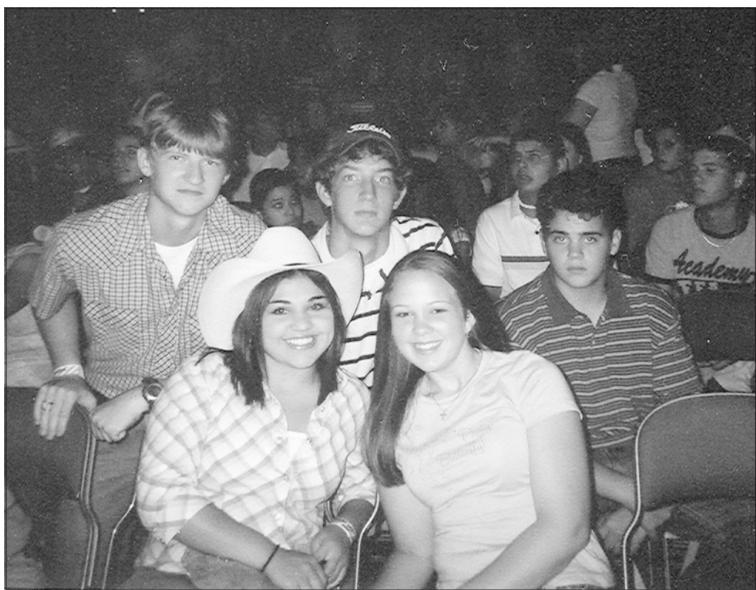
No longer shall the students of BHS wander the halls with their identical dog tags. Lanyards have been kicked out in exchange for spiffy wallet versions.



Hope you like your second period because you are stuck in there all period on Fridays. Pep rallies have been moved to seventh period.



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FFA members Jessica Esparza, Whitney Miller, Kirby Spinks and Cody Fisseler enjoy a private concert performed by the country music group, Cross Canadian Ragweed.

Esparza earns highest honor in FFA

BY COURTNEY WINDHAM

FFA member Jessica Esparza received the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA, the Lone Star FFA Degree. Esparza received this degree while attending the 76th Annual Texas FFA Convention this summer, the week of July 13-16. Other FFA members that attended the convention were Cody Fisseler, Kirby Spinks, Whitney Miller, and graduate A.J. Moore, who also received the degree.

Esparza received the award in recognition of her agricultural awareness, leadership, career development, and active involvement in the FFA organization. She was one of approximately 1200 students to receive this honor out of the 8800 members who attended

the convention.

"[To earn the degree] was a long process, sending in record books through area, district, then state competitions. It was suspenseful wondering if I would reach the next round," Esparza said.

Since Esparza is a member of the agricultural youth leadership organization serving as the president of the chapter and the first vice president of district, she spent the week attending workshops and serving on the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

While at the convention in Fort Worth, members attended an assembly with guest speaker Lieutenant Governor, David Dewhurst. The members

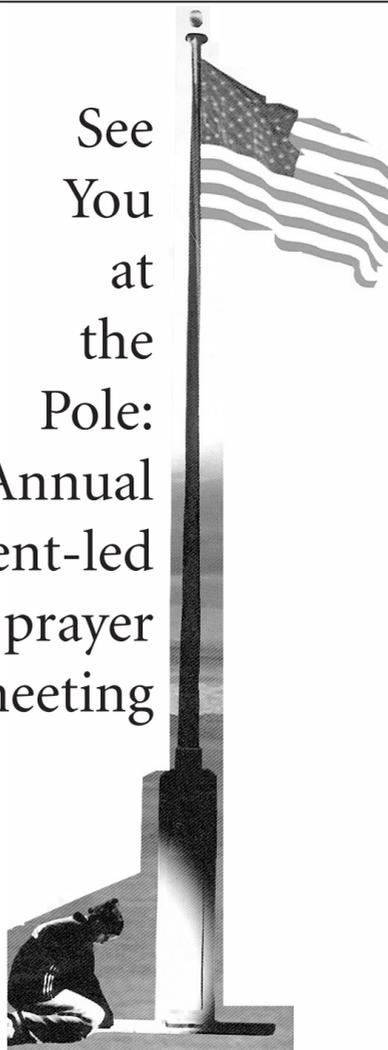
also enjoyed a private concert performed by the country music group, Cross Canadian Ragweed.

"I've been a fan of CCR, so the fact that we had a concert was awesome, but since Brownwood got front row seats, it made the night even more exciting," Esparza said.

Esparza has been a part of FFA for four years (being president for three). She is one of about 60,000 active FFA members in Texas. The FFA program is designed to develop leadership skills, career development, and personal growth among its members.

"FFA is an honor program. You actually have to work hard to achieve your goals," Esparza said.

See You at the Pole: Annual student-led prayer meeting



BY TERRELL FULTON

Wednesday, September 15, marked the 15th annual See You at the Pole prayer meeting or the national day of student prayer. Students pray for a wide variety of things from the war in Iraq to bringing moral and spiritual awakening to their campus. Every year there is a theme to See You at the Pole and this year's theme was Ascend: pure hearts, clean hands, quoting psalms 3:4 which states only those with "clean hands and a pure heart" may enter into God's presence.

See You at the Pole began with one youth group in Ft. Worth. It soon spread throughout Texas then the rest of the United States. It is now held on six different continents in 17 different countries. This is a movement for students by students, although everyone was welcome to come and participate in the day of prayer.



BHS Students gathered to sing and pray in small groups before school Wednesday, September 15

Does your car need attention?

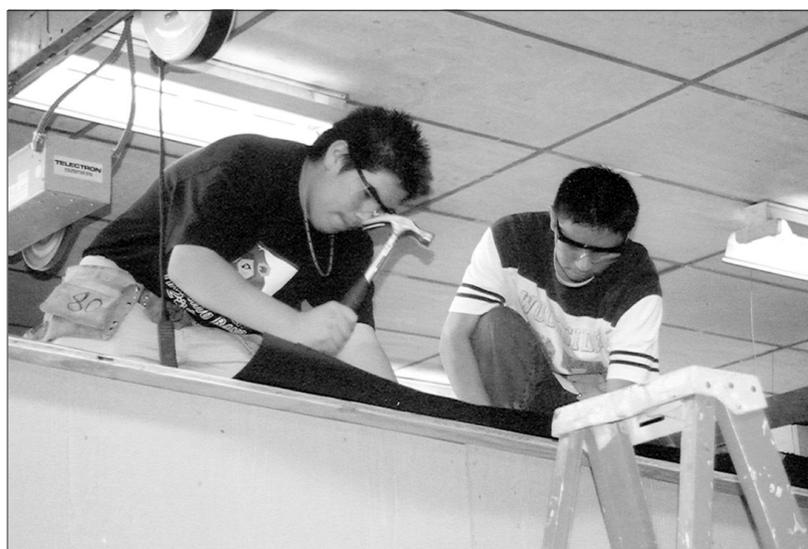
Oil changes
Car washes
Other needs

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Mr. Crofford's Automotive Technology class is exactly whom you are looking for!

See Mr. Crofford in room 707 for more information.

Jessica Osborn



Angel Ibarra and Gabriel Mares construct a portable building Photo by Terrell Fulton

Building Trades already hard at work

BY JESSICA OSBORN

Danny Valdez's Building Trades classes have started the new year. They are building podiums and shelves for some of Brownwood High School's staff. They are also building a storage building for a Brownwood resident.

With district competition coming in a few months, they are getting ready to start on district competition projects. District, now known as Skills USA, is in Waco in February and Fort Worth in March.

Building Trades I and II are both competing

and have a lot of work to do. The students work separately on projects ranging from quilt hutches, to dining tables, to patio equipment. A big part of their project grades, 50%, is documentation of their work kept in notebooks. The notebooks serve as a record of their progress, and shows the steps they take to get to where they are.

"I am excited about the opportunities and challenges for my students this year," Valdez said.



Seth Featherston nails siding on a portable building Photo by Terrell Fulton



Jimmy Fisher and Carl Tomlinson use the miter saw to construct their project Photo by Terrell Fulton

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