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## Father, Daughter Are Distinguished Alums At HHS



**Weldon Davis Is 2015 HHS Male Distinguished Alum**

Weldon Davis, this year's Hart High School Male Distinguished Alum, moved to Hart with his family in 1946, coming here from Terry County, where he lived for the first ten years of his life. He said his paternal grandparents, Joe and Elizabeth Davis, had moved to Castro County in the 1920s, and helped to establish Mulkey School, between Hart and Dimmitt. Both were teachers, and they farmed. They later moved to Terry County.

Weldon moved here with his parents, the late Harvey and Delphia Davis, and siblings, Jimmy Ray Davis, Jo Davis Light and Marie Davis Clevenger. The youngest of the Davis kids, Roger, was born in Terry County when Harvey took Delphia to her mother's for the birth; Roger is deceased.

Like most people who moved to Hart in the 1940s, irrigation was the draw for the Davis family. Weldon said three years of drought was enough to prompt Harvey to make the move. Weldon recalls that his father worked at the carbon black plant at Seagraves to supplement the family's income.

When the Davis family moved



**Vivian Bennett Is 2015 HHS Female Distinguished Alum**

Vivian Davis Bennett, a life-long resident of Hart, Texas, was born in Dimmitt Texas in 1958 to Weldon and Gaylia Davis. Also awaiting her arrival was her older brother, Leslie Davis; paternal grandparents, Harvey and Delphia Davis; and Clay and Mildred Anderson, maternal grandparents. With the arrival of younger sisters, Jennifer and Julie, the family was complete for many years until in-laws and grandchildren were added. The family made First Baptist Church in Hart their church home, where they actively served as the family grew up.

Vivian and Mark Bennett married in 1976, and are the parents of three grown children. Travis Bennett and his wife Tracy have two children, Jaxton, 10, and Savannah, 8. Travis is pastor of Morning Star United Methodist church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, where the family has lived since July 2010. Stacey Bennett and her daughter, Shiloh, age 8, live in Lubbock, where Stacey teaches theatre at Lubbock High School. John Mark Bennett and wife Elaine are the parents of Norah, age 3, and are expecting another girl in December. John Mark is a R.N. Anesthetist at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

## Honoring 2015

Vivian attended first grade in Kress because her parents lived just inside of their school district line. In second grade, the family moved back to the Hart school district. Vivian attended school in Hart until she graduated high school in 1976. Her favorite activities in school were music with Mrs. Margaret Rambo in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, and One-Act Play her senior year with Coaches Bill Taylor and Kenny Barnes.

Both music and theatre have impacted her life intensely. Vivian was worship leader at First United Methodist Church in Hart for many years, as well as at First Baptist Church later. She sang in the International Choir at Wayland Baptist University, but later changed her major to education with a major in History and English when she attended from 1987-1991. She graduated from the University in 1991.

Vivian began her teaching career at Olton Jr High in 1992 and was there a year. She moved to Hart Jr.-Sr. High, where she taught all levels of social studies, English, Speech and theatre arts, and directed the One-Act play from 1998 until she left in 2001. In 2001, she became the High School theatre teacher at Tulia High School and began directing the One-Act play. Directing is a true passion and she has been blessed to go to State three times while at Tulia. Her cast placed second at state in 2015. Even though she has no formal training in theatre, her love for the craft is enormous. She spends two weeks each summer at Texas Tech Univer-

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**HOMEcoming QUEEN CANDIDATES** - Standing are Lilibeth Nuñez and Abigail Samaniego. Seated are Windy Menchaca and Camrie Neudorf.

## 2015 Homecoming Activities Announced

Mark Castillo, Hart Junior-Senior High Student Council advisor, announces homecoming activities. The theme is "This Is Longhorn Country."

Monday - Western Day; Tuesday - Athletic Day; Wednesday - Bandit Day; Thursday - Maroon/White Day; and Friday - Dress-up Day.

The pep rally will begin on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game on Friday. Candidates are Camrie Neudorf, Windy Menchaca, Lilibeth Nuñez and Abigail Samaniego. The Longhorns host Wellman-Union in a six-man tilt. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

## Hart I.S.D. Honors Committee To Be Formed

Hart Independent School District is establishing an Honors Committee. The purpose of the committee is to honor past and present students at Hart I.S.D. that qualified and/or competed at the state level of competition, and hopes to recognize these individuals and teams in the near future. These students or teams could be for academic, band, choir or athletic. Individuals are compiling information of past student success about those individuals or teams.

Hart I.S.D. also requests interested persons willing to serve on

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