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Two tickets correctly
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drawn Wednesday night for
the twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

The tickets were worth an
estimated \$10 million.

The tickets were sold in:
Palacios and New Boston.

The numbers drawn
Wednesday night from a field
of 50 were: 6-22-24-44-49-50.

Saturday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated \$4
million.

BRYAN — (AP) — A jury
today is set to enter a second
day of deliberations on pun-
ishment for a white suprema-
cist convicted of capital murder
in the dragging death of a
black East Texas man.

The jury mulling the fate of
Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32,
failed to choose one of two
punishment options — a sen-
tence of life or death — after
11 hours of discussion
Wednesday.

The panel accepted State
District Judge Monte Lawlis'
offer of a recess for the
evening shortly after 9 p.m.
CDI. The jury began delibera-
tions just before 10 a.m., after
hearing closing arguments
from attorneys on both sides.

Brewer, one of three white
supremacists accused in the
June 7, 1998, killing of James
Byrd Jr., was convicted by the
same jury Monday.

- Irene Gryder, 84, home-
maker.
- Charles J. 'Charley'
Ingram, 67, retired Pampa
firefighter.
- Luis Marez Luna, 83, veter-
an of World War II.
- Jacob G. 'Jake' Myers, 72,
former oil field worker.
- Ross Pendleton, 88, retired
farmer.

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New rules put Lefors EMS in a bind

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Lefors residents needing an ambulance
at night will now sometimes have a
longer wait, until more local EMTs are
trained or trained EMTs volunteer to help.

Lefors has operated for some time
under a variance, or exception, to a state
law that requires two EMTs (emergency
medical technicians) to be in an ambu-
lance transporting a patient. Lefors often
only has one EMT available at a time,
according to Kathy Tinney, Lefors EMS

Coordinator. Previous variances have
allowed for 24-hour operation with only
one EMT if that was all that was available.

But now, Tinney said the new variance
only allows one EMT transport from 6
a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. If an ambulance is
needed any other time, and two local
EMTs are not available, Rural/Metro
Ambulance in Pampa will have to be
called to transport the patient.

"That 15 minutes that Pampa takes can
be important," she said.

Tinney was told that there is "pressure
at the top to do away with variances," she

said.

The problem is while there are several
EMTs who volunteer for the ambulance
service, which is a part of the fire depart-
ment, they all have busy schedules,
according to Tinney. One evening for
instance, one was helping with Boy
Scouts, one was away at a firefighters'
school and a third was in classes in
Amarillo. Most also have jobs that take
most of their time.

While the answer to the problem may
be clear — train more EMTs — that is not
an easy task, according to Tinney. One

problem is a large percentage of the town
residents are elderly and another is the
type of work.

"This job isn't for everybody. We have
some former EMTs who just don't want to
do it anymore," she said.

Another problem may be apathy or just
a lack of understanding of the situation.

"We haven't gotten our town's attention
as far as our need for EMTs," Tinney said.

She wants the town to know the ambu-
lance service will still respond as needed
and will do what it can to help even if it is
not able to transport.

Tourism budget gets nod

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

A revamped Chamber of
Commerce tourism budget has
about 10 percent going to cover
administrative duties as
opposed to the 25 percent used
for that purpose in recent years.

Pampa City Commissioners
recently gave their stamp of
approval to the \$10,000
Chamber of Commerce tourism
budget which is funded by the
M.K. Brown Memorial

Auditorium's advertising bud-
get. About 60 percent of the
auditorium's revenues each
year are generated by the local
hotel occupancy tax, a portion
of which can be utilized to gen-
erate advertising and other pro-
motions which have the poten-
tial of generating additional
overnight tourism business.

Past Chamber board chair-
man Richard Stowers presented
the budget proposal which
includes payments for organi-
zational dues, advertising, pro-
motions and marketing. A little
over \$1,000 is earmarked for
administrative duties including
answering telephone calls
regarding tourism, answering
walk-in customer tourism ques-
tions and bookkeeping relative
to tourism committee business.

A portion of the budget,
about \$4,800, has not been al-
loted specifically because Stowers
said all of the events or activi-
ties to be supported have not
been selected. He did, howev-
er, present a list of candidates

(See TOURISM, Page 2)

Homecoming Friday night

Former Pampa Harvesters
are returning to Pampa and
Pampa High this weekend to
participate in the week's
homecoming activities.

Highlight of the activities
will be the crowning of the
Homecoming King and Queen
at 7 p.m. Friday at Harvester
Field prior to the San Angelo
Chief-Pampa Harvester foot-
ball game.

Candidates for queen are
Beth Buzzard, Lee Carmichael,
Emily Curtis, Vaughn Evans,
Mary Grace Fields, and
Rebekah Warner.

King candidates are Tyson
Curtis, Jesse Francis, Jacob
Lewis, Russell Robben, Gil
Solano and Justin Trollinger.

Following the announce-
ment of the 1999 King and
Queen, a moment of silence
will be held in observance of
safety concerns for the football
players and for the fans travel-
ing to and from the game.

A group of Pampa High
Choir students will present a
patriotic song selection. The
public will be asked to join in
singing the National Anthem.
The kickoff is at 7:30.

Early fall ritual ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Two sets of Pampa look-a-like children are busy examining pumpkins at the Schaefer Farms south of Pampa. Twins (left) Mickenzie and Madison Poole, age 4, and Jessie and Bailey Dixon, age 3, took home pumpkins Wednesday to make plans for Halloween.

CofC members hear about PEDC

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

(See related photo Page 2)

Members of the Pampa Economic
Development Corporation spoke at the
Pampa Chamber Luncheon this week
to remind citizens of their successes and talk
about what is planned.

Celanese Site Director and PEDC Board
Member Riley Kothmann spoke about plans
for the those two groups to work together to
bring in companies that have a synergistic

relationship with Celanese, companies that
use Celanese products or sell to Celanese.

He showed off the new recruiting brochure
that Celanese and the PEDC have produced
to send to companies to lure moves there.
Kothmann said the two entities working
together can offer more than either one can
offer separately. He also said an article in the
Wall Street Journal is planned along with ads
in trade publications.

Craig Cobb, on-site partner for Moody
Dairy, also spoke of the progress made there.
He said he is currently milking 371 head but

that number is increasing by approximately
five or six head a day. He said he hopes to be
up to 1,000 head within a few months.

Cobb admitted that the recent sudden drop
in temperatures has caused some problems,
especially with calves being born.

But, on the other hand, the cold weather is
helping in milk production. One of the sell-
ing points from moving into the panhandle
from down state is that cooler weather
increases milk production. Cobb said pro-
duction here is about 10 more pounds of milk
per cow than down state.

Senate limits oil-royalties bill debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and
a handful of Democrats broke a logjam
today on a proposal that would block the
Interior Department from revamping the
way it collects royalties on oil and gas taken
from federal land.

The Senate voted 60-39 to limit debate,
clearing the way for a vote on an amend-
ment by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-
Texas, that would prevent the rule change
for another year.

With debate concluded, Mrs. Hutchison
said she was certain of the majority needed
to put the provision into a \$14 billion
Interior spending bill.

Oil-state senators argued that Interior's
proposal would force the oil companies to
pay millions of dollars more in royalty fees
for oil pumped from federal land or off-

shore at a time when the industry already is
facing economic problems.

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., had
blocked consideration of the Hutchison
proposal for more than a week, threatening
to filibuster the bill unless the amendment
was withdrawn. Under Senate rules it takes
60 votes to limit debate.

Boxer had argued that oil companies
have for years engaged "in a scheme to
essentially rob the treasury of millions
upon millions of dollars" by undervaluing
the federal oil.

"This allows the oil companies to contin-
ue this cozy arrangement where they
decide what they're going to pay the fed-
eral government," said Boxer.

The government collects about \$1.2 bil-
lion a year from the 12.5 percent royalty fee.

The Interior Department has estimated that
oil companies are underpaying by as much
as \$68 million a year because of the way the
companies value the oil they pump.

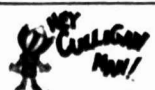
The Interior proposal, which would peg
the oil to the market price, has been in
limbo for two years because Congress
barred the department from implementing
the new rules in 1998 and again this year.

Mrs. Hutchison said the proposed
changes will harm independent oil compa-
nies already reeling from economic hard
times. She has characterized the higher fees
as a tax increase.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said the year-
long moratorium would give Interior and
the industry time to continue negotiations
and "find out what the fair market value (of
oil) really is."

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Lefors High Pirate Pride



Revelation

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

Although many people believe that the book of Revelation concerns the Rapture, the book of Revelation uses rich figurative language to describe the fall of the Roman Empire. It gives explicit clues to future persecution, as well as comforting strength to Christians that would live during this time, and it is the "unveiling" of things to come.

"Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away." The apostle Paul wrote this to the church in Corinth. It means that when the perfect has come, which is Jesus, all prophesy will be done away with. Monte Judah is a "prophet" that has said that Revelation is in direct concordance with the end of time. Monte Judah claims that God has spoken to him in visions about the end of time and the meanings of all the elements of the Revelation to John.

Monte Judah believes that the book of Revelation is about the end of time. He uses the verses out of context to provide backup for his beliefs that the end of the world is prophesied about in Revelation. His beliefs are based upon his "visions" that God has blessed him with. Again, I refer to I Corinthians 13:8-10, all prophesy has been done away with since Jesus has come to earth. God no longer has prophets to tell the world about Him. He has the Bible. The beast, which Monte Judah believes is the Prince of Wales, is in fact, the Roman Empire. John was being told about all the wicked things that the beast would do. Revelation 13:6 state that "Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme

His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven." This is talking about the beast from the sea, the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire would blaspheme God and persecute the Christians during this time.

The book of Revelation not only tells about the persecution to come for the Christians but it also tells them what is in store for those who survive. "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son." Revelation 21:7. This is the overall theme of the book of Revelation. Christians who overcome the persecutions and false prophets will be His children and He will be their God.

In Daniel 8:1, Daniel has a vision that was fulfilled 400 years later. He was told in Daniel 8:26 to seal it for the distant future. In Revelation 1:3 John is told that the time is at hand and in Revelation 22:10 not to seal up his book for the time is near. So the time has to be less than 400 years. World history records the events of the fall of the Roman Empire and that this event did indeed happen in less than 400 years. In John's Revelation, these things are unveiled to him so that the Christians in Rome would have a consolation when these events began to unfold.

The book of Revelation is revealing the fall of the Roman Empire to John. Monte Judah's belief that it is a prophesy of the end of the world, or Armageddon is false. Monte Judah is using God's word out of context. Revelation gives the Christians a hint of what persecution is to come through the Roman Empire. It gives them strength and encouragement to endure the persecution and it unveils to them when and what is to happen in the near future. The events in Revelation have already taken place. All we are waiting for now is His return.

Bandit Football

staff writer
Amanda Sprouse

Last Thursday, the Lefors Junior High Bandits traveled to Ft. Elliot to take on the Cougars. But our little Bandits had no idea what was waiting for them when they stepped off that bus into Cougar territory. Never in their minds did they imagine that they would lose 26-13.

Now do not get me wrong, the Bandits went out there and played their hearts out. They used plays such as the 36 sweep, 21 lead, and the 25 sweep to try and keep up with those monstrous Cougars. The Bandits went the whole first half without scoring. It wouldn't be until the third quarter that Bandit fans would get to see their team make a touchdown. The touchdown was made by Jesse Soto with 3:36 left in the third quarter. The final touchdown would be made in the fourth quarter. Ricky Vaughn along with Soto were the two key players in that night's game. But each player got some playing time that night. There were some tough blocks and hits also.

The Bandits are a fairly young team. They are 1-1, but they are growing and gaining experience each game. By the end of the season, the mighty Bandits will be romping over every team that they encounter. They are putting in a lot of effort into their game. They have the spirit and the will to conquer their challengers.

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If at First you don't Succeed...

assoc. editor
Dee J Preston

Saturday, September 18, 1999 Lefors Pirates met the Lorain Bulldogs. The Bulldogs came out on top, with the final score being 44 to 55, but the game was an opportunity to improve for both teams.

The Pirates controlled the game until the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter there was a lack of excitement among the ranks of the Pirates, and it resulted in a defeat.

The major factor of the game was turn overs, they were happening left and right. The pirates had one fumble recovery made by Caleb Barnes and one interception made by Dee J Preston. There were also times that the Pirates lost the ball due to fumbles.

Although the Pirates had had night the game was still good. The Pirates had 373 yards rushing, 230 of which were ran by Senior Michael Steel. Steel was also the leading tackler with 13 solos and 3 assist.

The Pirates are concentrating hard on making the next two games good ones. The have Trinity on the 24th in Lefors and Yarbrough, OK on the 1st. After these two games the Pirates will be ready for District.

Pirates Pluck the Owls

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

The Lefors Pirates headed to Hedley on the 10th of September to battle the Owls. The Pirates, for the first time in many years, were picked to win. The Owls down in Hedley had something different in mind. They planned an upset.

On this night several storms began to make their way across the Texas Panhandle. One of these storms found it's way to Hedley. Just minutes into the first quarter the game was halted due to the lightning occurring close by. When they postponed the game, the Pirates were already up 18-6. The onslaught did continue. When the storms finally vanished, the two teams once again took the field. Not as bitter enemies, but as competitors. The field was wet. The grass was

slippery. The sky was dark. Perfect football weather. Although the wet grass proved to cause a few turnovers for both the Hedley Owls and the Lefors Pirates, the cooler air was quite a blessing.

The Pirates continued to pound the ball in by running the Owls went to the air. The Owls did a good job catching the ball, but the Pirates allowed very little yards after the catch. The Owls simply could not get into the endzone. The only other time they did put some points on the score board was by a tipped ball by the Pirates and an Owl caught it in the pay dirt. The Pirates, on the other hand, had not problem getting into the endzone. They put up a total of 44 points to Hedley's 15. The Pirates "Man of Steele" Michael Steele ran for 286 yards. Caleb Barnes helped by carrying the ball for over 60 yards averaging just over 5 yards a carry.

They Pirates came home with a win for the first time in many many years. I am sure that there will be many more wins to come.



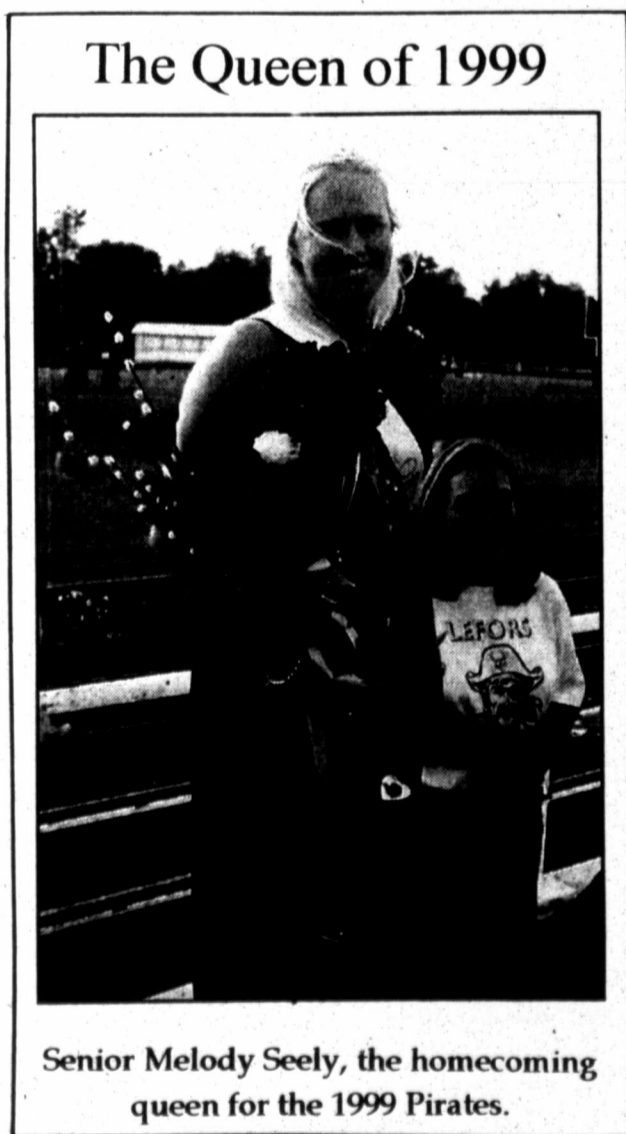
Michael "The Man of Steel" Steels demonstrates his faster than a speeding bullet speed.



The Pirates set up their offense and prepare to burn up the field.



Amanda Daugherty and Jennifer Sprouse pump up the Pirates at a Pep Rally.



Senior Melody Seely, the homecoming queen for the 1999 Pirates.

Tidbits

September

- 23 Bandits play Trinity(there 5:00)
- 24 Pirates play Trinity(there 7:30)
- 30 Bandits play Miami(there 5:00)

October

- 1 Pirates play Yarbrough, OK(there 7:30)
- 1 Deadline for SAT Sign-up
- 7 Bandits play Higgins(there 6:00)
- 8 Pirates play Higgins(there 7:30)
- 9 SAT Testing
- 14 Bandits play Miami(there 5:00)
- 15 Pirates play Miami(there 7:30)
- 23 ACT Testing

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Postal stamp to commemorate Beetle-mania

WASHINGTON — On Feb. 9, 1964, millions of American youngsters sat glued to their television sets as four rock n' roll musicians from Liverpool, England, made their American television debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." It was a defining moment in entertainment history. During that performance, the Beatles — John, Paul, George, and Ringo — changed the face of the music and entertainment industry forever. The U.S. Postal Service Senior Vice President of Government Relations Deborah Willhite and the Lord Mayor of Liverpool recently unveiled the new Beatles commemorative U.S. postage stamp.

"During the '60s, the Beatles influenced virtually everyone," said Willhite. "They dominated the worlds of music, fashion, entertainment, and pop culture for millions of people around the globe."

"In a similar manner, the Postal Service helps bind our country together as a world leader in the communications industry. We are

proud to honor this innovative and creative musical group through the 'Celebrate The

Submarine to become a postage stamp and I'm going to send lots of letters to people with little

The Beatles stamp was selected by the public during nationwide balloting in May 1998 as one of 15 commemorative stamps saluting the 1960s. Over a two-year period the public was offered opportunities to vote for stamp subjects honoring the 1950s through the 1990s, as part of the Celebrate The Century stamp and education program.

Century program," said Willhite. The Beatles stamp was selected by the public during nationwide balloting in May 1998 as one of 15 commemorative stamps saluting the 1960s. Over a two-year period the public was offered opportunities to vote for stamp subjects honoring the 1950s through the 1990s, as part of the Celebrate The Century stamp and education program.

"This is great, it's a huge honor," said Paul McCartney. "It's lovely for the Yellow

Submarines on them. The letters will be winging around everywhere with this stamp on them."

"I like postage stamps, I've always liked stamps," said George Harrison. "I used to collect them when I was a kid; it's something to do with the fine art of stamps and the way they print them is very good quality. I've seen stamps of all kinds of people and things, so why not a Yellow Submarine?"

Other winning 1960s stamp

subjects include: Man Walks on the Moon; The Integrated Circuit; Lasers; "I Have a Dream"; Woodstock; The Vietnam War; Peace Symbol; The Peace Corps; Star Trek; Super Bowl 1; Green Bay Packers; Roger Maris, 61 in '61; Ford Mustang; and Barbie Doll.

The stamps will be issued Sept. 17, 1999, in Green Bay, Wis., joining six panes of 15 stamps saluting the 1900s-1950s, now available at post offices nationwide.

The Celebrate the Century commemorative stamp and education program honors some of the most significant people, places, events, and trends of each decade of the passing century. In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education and 12 leading education associations, the Postal Service has developed a curriculum being used in some 300,000 classrooms nationwide, taking students on a field trip through the last 100 years of American history.

The origin of the Beatles can be traced to 1957 when Paul

McCartney joined John Lennon in his newly formed band, the Quarry Men. Within a year, guitarist George Harrison joined the group and they later rechristened themselves the Silver Beatles.

Later, two other boys also joined the group; an art school friend of Lennon's, Stuart Sutcliffe, and Pete Best who became the drummer. By August 1960, the group had a new name, the Beatles, dreamed up by Lennon.

In 1961, a local record store manager, Brian Epstein, took an interest in the group and became their manager in January 1962. He secured them an audition with EMI record producer George Martin, who was largely responsible for their musical success.

In August 1962, drummer Pete Best was replaced by Ringo Starr. Sutcliffe had died months earlier of a brain hemorrhage.

December 1963 marked the release of their first commercial hit single record in the United States. "I Want To Hold Your Hand" was number one for seven weeks and the Beatles became a household name in America.

Although the group officially disbanded in 1970, 30 years later, their music continues to influence a new generation of music lovers.

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory

Committee recommends all stamp subjects and designs to the Postmaster General for final approval. The committee also selected the stamps to honor the 1900s through the 1940s. During month-long balloting periods, the public selected the subjects for stamps commemorating the 1950s through the 1990s.

Each decade-specific ballot offered a total of 30 choices in five categories: People & Events, Arts & Entertainment, Sports, Science & Technology and Lifestyle. The top two vote-getters in each category, along with the next five highest vote-getters overall, become stamps for a total of 15 stamps per decade.

The Celebrate The Century series of 150 commemorative stamps, available on 10 stamp panes honoring each decade of the 20th Century, captures 100 years of American history in a colorful and educational way. The 1970s stamps are scheduled to be issued in November 1999, the 1980s in January 2000, and the 1990s in April 2000.

For more information on stamps, or to see an image of the Beatles stamp, visit the Postal Service website at www.usps.com and click on "Stamps." To order the Celebrate the Century stamps, or other stamp products, go directly to www.stampsonline.com.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

RED CROSS
The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required.

For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

MEMORY WALK
Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle will hold "Memory Walk '99" Saturday, Sept. 25 at Sam Houston Park, Line Avenue and Western in Amarillo. Registration/check-in will begin at 9 a.m. and the main event will start at 10 a.m. Walkers of all ages are encouraged to participate, individually or in groups. The walk is baby stroller and wheelchair accessible and pets are welcome. For more information or for a registration brochure, call the Panhandle Chapter at (806) 372-8693 or outside Amarillo at 1-800-687-8693.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be having an immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and varicella (chickenpox). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinics open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered:
—11 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Sept. 27, City Hall first floor, 6 Main St., Canadian.

MUSEUM DAY
Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will hold "Museum Day" Saturday, Oct. 2. Various exhibits may be viewed during the celebration including artist Robert McKenzie's "Creation" and photographer Charles Kruvand's "Texas Waterways." A barbecue lunch (adults, \$7, children under 12, \$3) will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the County Agriculture Barn.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
Erick Chamber of Commerce in Erick, Okla., will sponsor a city-wide garage sale Saturday, Oct. 9. A list of all garage sales will be

available Friday, Oct. 8, at C&K Quickstop and Puckett's Grocery.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer Internet I during October and Excel during November. To register or for more information, call Pampa Center at (806) 665-8801.

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Frank Phillips College Massage Therapy students will be giving \$10 massages throughout September in the Classroom Learning Complex, Room CLC-26, on campus in Borger. Appointments may be arranged at 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. on Saturday.

To sign-up or for more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 789. The Massage Therapy Program consists of 300 hours of class time and 50 hours of hands-on experience. The next massage therapy class is scheduled from 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 19-May 25.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-6000.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. Training sessions will be from 6-9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Aug. 24 at TCC, 310 S. Cuyler. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796. RSVP by Aug. 17.

ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 27 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The

program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 24.

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Modern Woodmen raises funds for local charity

During June, July, and August 1999, local Modern Woodmen of America members raised funds for the Pregnancy Support Center as part of the fraternal life insurance provider's Community Benefit Program.

Introduced this year, the Community Benefit Program enabled hundreds of Modern Woodmen camps across the country to help community organizations and small charities, while growing the membership in local camps/lodges.

For each new adult member added to qualifying camp during June, July and August, \$20 was accumulated. With 13 new local members, the Pampa camp raised \$260 for the Pregnancy Support Center. The check was presented on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Dos Caballeros. And the funds will help to continue the work of the Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa.

Local Modern Woodmen Camp Secretary Francis Furgason says the Community Benefit Program is another way members reach out to the community. "Helping families and supporting communities are important to Modern Woodmen," says Furgason.

Member-owned Modern Woodmen of America, based in Rock Island, Ill., provides life insurance, annuities and service programs to more than three-

quarters of a million Americans. contact the Modern Woodmen office in Pampa at 665-7856 for

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New laws to strengthen child support enforcement

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn recently announced the implementation of laws designed to improve the performance of the Child Support Division. The measures were passed during the 76th session of the Texas Legislature and took effect Sept. 1.

"I appreciate the legislature's attention to Child Support. Improving the performance of the Child Support Division is my number one priority, and these laws will help tremendously in that effort. Child support enforcement must be tough — deadbeats should not be allowed to fall through the cracks in the system," Cornyn said.

One new law strengthens Child Support enforcement in eliminating the statute of limitations. Previously, Texas law did not permit the attorney general to pursue unpaid child support claims

after the child reached 22 years of age. With the new law, the statute

Another law assists the AG's office in establishing paternity. Before the court can order child support, legal paternity must be established for the child.

of limitations for the enforcement of child support orders was eliminated, enabling the AG to pursue unpaid child support regardless of the age of the child. This law establishes that parents are always responsible for child support and removes the incentive for deadbeats to evade the law until their child reached 22.

Another law assists the AG's office in establishing paternity. Before the court can order child support, legal paternity must be

established for the child. Formerly, the parents were required to sign an Acknowledgment of Paternity and then request the AG to receive a legal finding of paternity from the court. The new law requires the parents to sign the AOP which is furnished by the hospital after the birth of their child.

When the AOP is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics, the AOP becomes a legal finding of paternity, streamlining the process and eliminating the need for the court to establish paternity. With a little more than 100,000 children born out of wedlock in Texas each year, establishing paternity is essential in child support enforcement.

Additionally, to address the large number of unanswered phone calls to Child Support offices across the state, Cornyn requested and received resources from the Legislature to establish regional call centers in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio.

Lubbock ag meeting to educate public

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, along with other groups, will sponsor the Unity in Agricultural Awareness Conference Oct. 10-12 at the Holiday Inn, Lubbock Plaza. The Farmer-Stockman Show will be held Oct. 12-14. This national conference is aimed at unifying agricultural awareness efforts and providing an information outlet for educators and media personnel to dispel the untruths surrounding the industry. It was developed to bring focus to these problems and identify those who will speak for agriculture. The Department of Agricultural Education and Communications at Texas Tech University, along with an advisory council of industry and government representatives have developed an exciting and informational program for the conference.

A variety of speakers from the agriculture, education and media industries will be featured. Clem McSpadden, a nationally known motivational speaker, sponsored by the ProAg organization will kick-off the program Monday morning.

Philip Morris Management Corp. will be presenting materials about their new agricultural awareness initiative, "Shared Solutions." Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will also be present. The U.S. Meat Export Federation will be represented by Bruce Cobb. Other groups presenting updates include Ag in the Classroom, Food, Land & People, AgriFood Masters and Star Farms.

Other program activities include a roundtable discussion hosted by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal which will focus on the future of the agriculture industry in the next millennium. A series of question and answer panels will address the most serious communication and education problems facing the agriculture industry in the coming years.

For more information, see the conference website: www3.ttc.ttu.edu/UIAA. You can also contact Dr. Jacqui Lockaby or Wendy Whalen in the Agricultural Education and Communications Department, (806) 742-2818.

Roberts County field day in offing

MIAMI — Roberts County Soil and Water Conservation District, Texas Extension Service and National Resources Conservation Service will host "Roberts County Field Day" beginning at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts at Roberts County Project Center in Miami.

The bus and/or vehicles will depart from the center at 8:30 a.m. for three scheduled stops during a morning tour. Topics to be discussed include: BMR Sorghum; Range Management; Wildlife Needs and Management; and Brush Management of Mesquite,

Sandsage, Saltcedar, etc. A chuckwagon lunch will be served courtesy of Roberts Co. SWCD, Texas Prairie Rivers, Inc., First State Bank of Miami and others. Immediately after the noon meal will be presentations on Nature Tourism and Regional Water Planning followed by humorous tales through song and verse.

The bus will return to Miami between 2:30-3 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, call (806) 868-3531 on or before Sept. 24.

Parachute fun



Parachute activities strengthen arms and smiles. Residents of Pampa Nursing Center parachute to music under the direction of Activities Department. Above: (left-right) Willie Manry, Pansy Cargile and Frances McCracken. (Special photo)

Foundation grants to benefit children with special needs

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Foundation is seeking to award approximately \$10,000 to meet some very special and unique needs for area children. The foundation is now accepting applications for mini-grants from the Children's Fund. The fund will distribute individual grants from the charitable contributions raised during the 1998 Children's Fund campaign. Each grant will range from \$500-\$1,000.

Any 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle and offering services to children is eligible to apply for the one-time grant. Interested agencies should contact AAF to request an application form. Applications are due to AAF on or before Monday, Oct. 4.

Children's Fund provides local citizens a way to acknowledge business associates and special friends through a special charitable gift in their name. Since 1993, the Children's Fund

has awarded more than \$50,000 from charitable gifts with an additional \$10,000 to be awarded in November.

The Downtown Women's Center is working to create a hand-crafted gift to be mailed to each honored recipient as a symbol of the gift made to area children.

The fund helps agencies meet special needs of children and

youth which are not met through normal funding channels. Grants from the foundation have made the following possible:

- Basic items of socks, shoes, toothbrush and shampoo for underprivileged children;
- Birthday gifts for children removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect;
- A ranch Christmas outing for chronically or critically ill

children and their families;

—Baby beds, car seats and diapers for needy children whose mothers attend parenting classes;

—New gloves to accompany free coats for children of low to moderate income families;

—Christmas presents for children of families spending a last holiday together due to a terminal illness.

Applications available for annual holiday program

Southwest Airlines and the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle have announced the start of the 20th annual "Home for the Holidays" program which will provide Panhandle seniors with complimentary tickets to visit family and friends over the holidays. Applications are available at senior center across the Panhandle and by contacting the Area Agency on Aging at 372-3381 if calling from the Amarillo/Canyon area or 1-800-642-6008 outside of Amarillo. To apply, a person must be 65 years of age or older and demonstrate a strong economic need. Deadline for submission of applications is Friday, Oct. 15, 1999.

Fifteen applicants from the Panhandle area will be selected to receive complimentary round-trip

tickets based on their need for economic assistance and their reason for travel. Married couples may name their spouses on the application if they would like the selection committee to consider both as possible recipients. Past recipients may apply, and only one application per person will be accepted. No ground transportation or additional travel expenses will be provided. Recipients may travel anytime between Monday, Dec. 6, 1999 through Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000.

Since the program began in 1979, thousands of senior citizens have been sent "Home for the Holidays." In 1986, President Reagan cited the program as an outstanding community service program and awarded it the Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiatives.

Texas Department of Transportation website for schools

AUSTIN — Students and teachers can take advantage of a new learning source via the Internet thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Called "Tools for Schools," the new Internet-based educational resource is located on TxDOT's website, www.dot.state.tx.us.

Cartoon characters, TEX and DOT, along with their dog Buckles, guide visitors through the site providing information about transportation and safety. The website contains photos and facts on a variety of transportation topics including roads

and bridges, construction equipment, different modes of transportation, school safety, traffic signals and signs, recycling, litter prevention, archeology, bats, coastal erosion and wildflowers.

The website also contains facts about Texas, coloring pages that include kindergarten-first grade reading level text, a puzzle section, TEX and DOT's Coloring and Activity Book, links to many educational websites and a resource page for teachers.

TxDOT produced Tools for Schools in response to numer-

ous requests for transportation-related information to enhance classroom instruction.

ALA gift will help fight lung disease

AUSTIN — Have you recently lost a loved one to lung cancer, emphysema or other lung disease? The American Lung Association of Texas can dedicate a memorial in the name of your loved one. Your memorial gifts will help the Lung Association to prevent lung disease and improve the care of those who suffer from it.

You also can dedicate your gift to a loved one who has decided to quit smoking or in honor of a special birthday or anniversary.

ALA is committed to fighting lung disease, a leading cause of preventable death and disability, and promoting lung health for all Texans through education, advocacy and community programs.

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Square House exhibit to pays homage to honest wheat farmer

PANHANDLE — "Early Texas dry-land wheat farmers never lied," insists artist Robert McKenzie. "They always told the truth."

Sounds like hyperbole, but the truth of one wheat farmer's soul is unmistakably present in a special exhibit of McKenzie's work, which opened recently at

the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle and will remain on display through Oct. 31.

On huge powerful banners of linen and cotton, McKenzie explores his spiritual journey through the seven days of creation, Genesis version.

In this work McKenzie reach-

es deeply into a religious faith that took root in the 1920's as he grew up in the dryland wheat fields of Texas. But what McKenzie also gives us is the wisdom of a man past his 80th birthday — a man who has brooded deeply over what mankind has done with God's gift of creation.

Born in 1919 and reared in the Texas Panhandle, McKenzie turned to art early, searching for a way to express his inner life. When it turned into a passion, he became an art student at West Texas Teachers College in Canyon. Frustration dogged him until he discovered silk-screen fabric printing years later.

After printing fabric for 45 years — and going through a second hip replacement in 1997 — McKenzie says he realized God had a different mission for him. So he began the work that has occupied his last two years.

The size of this work calls the viewer to alert instantly — very large banners ranging from 4 1/2 x 8 feet to 6 x 11 feet. The colors command immediate attention as well. But, beneath this arresting technique lies the wisdom of a man who has watched creation closely for eight decades.

Spiritual, wise, enormously talented — and mischievous. McKenzie's sense of humor is as dry as the panhandle wheat

fields of his youth. Visitors to the "Creation" exhibit should look very closely at his banners. More obvious humorous elements are the three-dimensional props scattered throughout the exhibition such as the plush bison and rubber snake in the Palo Duro Canyon. Be sure to have a few animal crackers as you look at "Day VI." Along with the "Creator," a bench at "Day VII" lets the visitor rest and reflect.

McKenzie is a legal resident of panhandle. He spends much of his time with his wife, Ginger, a professor of Montessori education at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. McKenzie maintains his

art/design studio at the Pendleton Art Center in Cincinnati.

In addition to "Creation," McKenzie has provided other examples of his large, colorful and prolific fabric art. Among the 14 religious and secular banners are "Noah's Ark," animals; social commentaries; and the Palo Duro Canyon. Seven chasubles, or priest's vestments, and six framed pieces are also on display.

"Creation" and "The Art of Robert McKenzie" can be seen in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. This building is located at the intersection of Texas Hwy. 207 and 5th St. in Panhandle. Admission to the museum and to this special exhibit is free. For group tours and more information, call the Square House Museum at (806) 5367-3524.

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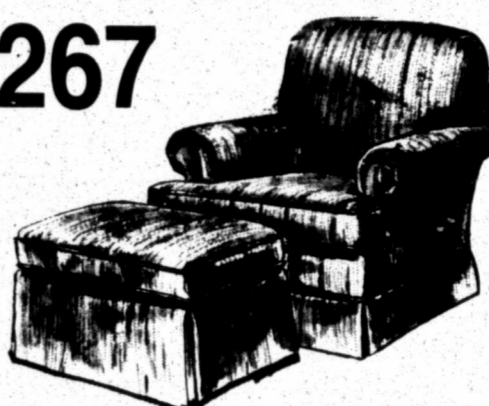


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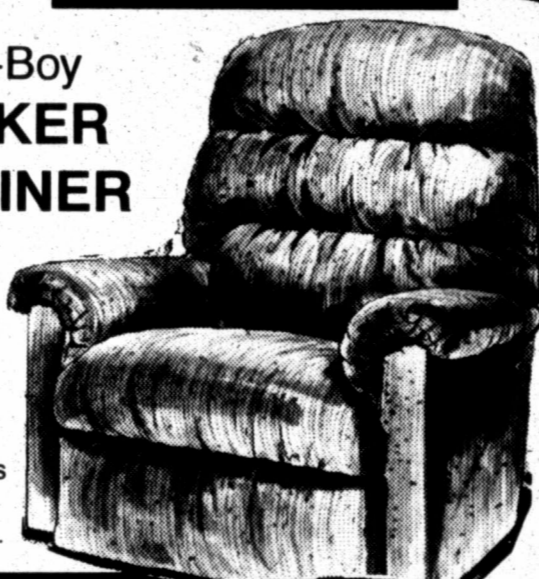


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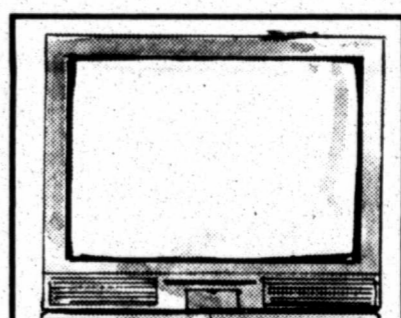
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PPHM to offer New Deal display

CANYON — Beginning Sept. 11 and continuing through Nov. 28, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present 82 photographs documenting New Deal art in New Mexico. Organized by the Office of the Secretary of State of New Mexico, the exhibition documents 65 murals, 667 pieces of portable art (paintings, prints, sculpture), and numerous Hispanic and Native American craft objects.

Art programs became integral to Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and contributed heavily to the confusion created by its "alphabet soup" programs. Although there were limited art activities attached to other New Deal programs such as artists assigned to CCC camps, virtually all New Deal art was produced under four programs: The Public Works of Art Project; the Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture; the Treasury Relief Art Project; and the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project.

The first New Deal art project, the PWAP lasted from December 1933 to June 1934. The PWAP used CWA funds to employ artists at craftsmen's wages (\$42.50 per week) to decorate public buildings throughout the United States with murals, sculpture and easel paintings. The PWAP sought to provide relief as well as acquire high-quality works of art for the public. Under the PWAP, artists were chosen by one of 16 regional committees appointed to serve the artist's geographical area. Artists submitted preliminary full-scale sketches for proposed artworks to each committee for final approval. Two murals for the Museum's Pioneer Hall were funded under the PWAP.

Continuing with the focus on public buildings begun by the PWAP, the Treasury Department founded its Section of Painting and Sculpture (later the Section of Fine Arts) in October 1934 to commission works of art for new Federal buildings, usually post offices. Anonymous national and regional competitions were used to select artists who were not chosen from relief roles. Locally, the murals at Amarillo, Borger and Wellington were commissioned under the Section.

TRAP artists were chosen according to relief rules of the WPA to decorate existing federal buildings. Often the quality of work done under TRAP was lower than that of other New Deal art programs as artistic talent was secondary to need. The mural in the Canyon post office may have been a TRAP commission.

Designed to give economic assistance to artists, the FAP was administered through state WPA agencies. The bas relief in the Hereford post office may have been a WPA/FAP commission.

Well known artists from the Taos and Santa Fe art colonies such as Gene Kloss, Emil Bistram, Victor Higgins, Giselia Loeffler and Joseph Fleck worked on New Mexico New Deal art projects, along with eastern New Mexico artists such as Peter Hurd, Pedro Cervantez and Russell Vernon Hunter. The exhibition includes photographs of works by these artists and many others who were among the 167 who created works for the New Mexico New Deal.