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Area talent in six-man games

Five area athletes, two coaches joining party at Lubbock

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

After having their share of battles against each other in the past, Sands' Heath Webb and Borden County's T.J. Sharp are now looking forward to fighting one of their last six-man battles together as teammates.

These two longtime rivals will be united as teammates next weekend in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's six-man all-star football game at Lubbock.

"This ought to be a lot of fun, especially since it seems like we've been playing against each other forever," said Sharp.

"I'm just looking forward to having one more opportunity to strap it on."

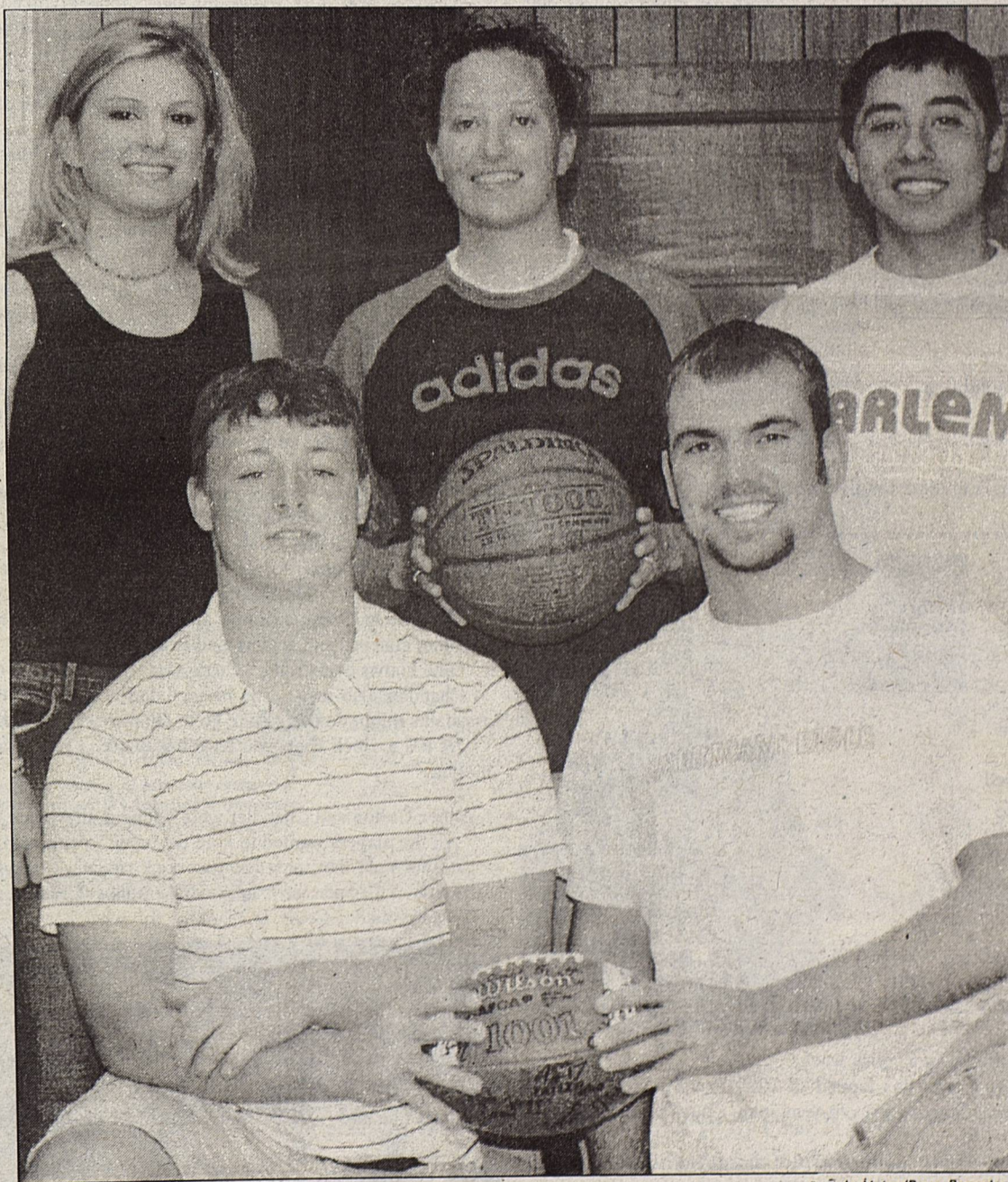
Three other area athletes who'll also be putting their skills to the ultimate limit next weekend in Lubbock are Borden County's Bobbie Kempf and Micah Hensley, who will be playing in the girls' all-star hoop contest, and Dawson's Nathan Peralez, who will play in the boys' all-star basketball game.

Kempf and Hensley, along with their West girls basketball teammates, will take on the East in their all-star girls hoop event set to tip off at 1 p.m.

Borden County's head boys basketball coach Trey Richey and his assistant, Bobby Avery, will be coaching Peralez as the West takes on the East in that all-star boys hoop contest scheduled to tip off around 3 p.m., next Saturday. The all-star hoop tilts will be played at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

Webb and Sharp and their West football teammates will take on the East next Saturday, in that annual six-man all-star game scheduled for approximately 7:30 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

During next Saturday's six-man all-star football game, one-time Flower Grove head football coach J.W. Massengale will follow one of his closest friends' cue by also being inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Hall-of-Fame.



Dwight Heins/Press-Reporter

SIX-MAN STARS: Area representatives in this weekend's Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star games are (front, from left) Sands' Heath Webb, Borden County's T.J. Sharp, (back, from left) Borden County's Micah Hensley and Bobbie Kempf and Dawson's Nathan Peralez. Webb and Sharp will play in the state's six-man all-star football game next Saturday night in Lubbock. Hensley and Kempf will play in the girls' all-star basketball game next Saturday afternoon. Peralez will play in the all-star boys' hoop tilt, also next Saturday afternoon. Borden County's Trey Richey and Bobby Avery will be coaching Peralez and the West in that all-star game.

Adams was inducted into that same Hall back in 1990.

During his 10 years as a head football coach, four of which he spent at Flower Grove, Massengale had five district championship teams and three regional championship squads.

Sands' Webb is also looking forward to getting the chance to play on the same side with Borden County's Sharp for a change.

"We've been lining up against each other beginning back in our seventh grade years on up. He's always been a good athlete," Webb said of Sharp.

"This should be a lot of fun getting the chance to play together on the same team for a change. I guess the only place we'll be hitting each other next week will be in practice."

The all-star football players report to practice Monday at Lubbock, while the all-star basketball players will report to workouts on Tuesday.

The games highlight that association's annual summer clinic that has been held in Lubbock the past six years.

After practically growing up together on the hardwoods, Borden County's Kempf and Hensley are looking forward to finishing up their schoolgirl careers as all-star teammates in Lubbock.

"This is going to give me the chance to play with Bobbie one more time," Hensley said. "We started playing basketball together back when we were in the fifth grade in Little Dribblers, right here in Lamesa.

"Honestly, I've really been a little nervous about this weekend, since I haven't picked up a basketball very much since our season's been over."

Micah's sister, Rebekah, played in this same game back in 2001.

Kempf is just as excited about hitting the hardwoods one last time.

"After watching this game last summer, I was hoping to get this chance to play in it myself," Kempf said.

In addition to getting the chance to play with Hensley one last time, Kempf is also looking forward to meeting her new teammates in Lubbock.

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More Than Just A Pretty Face

A Borden Star feature

University of Oklahoma's women's basketball coach Sherri Coale

Sherri Coale will forever be remembered in Lady Raider basketball history for "the kiss." One would assume South Plains basketball fans would take keener note of the fact that she led her Oklahoma team to the 2002 national championship runner-up finish or three consecutive Big 12 titles.

Or how about her fashion sense? Coale could easily make a living on the catwalk instead of the sidelines—except for the fact she's only 5'3".

However, neither her wins nor her wardrobe has anything to do with the memorable moment that secured her standing with the basketball faithful in the Lubbock area in February of this year during a Lady Raider-Lady Sooner game.

Coale was being taunted by a predominantly male fan section in United Spirit Arena—



ritine behavior for some university students at most all collegiate basketball games.

Sometimes words/phrases coming from that particular section are not notable, but in this case, it was fairly heart-hearted.

No surprise that one young man kept telling her that he loved her. The so-cute-you-could-pinch-her-cheeks Coale probably gets a lot of that.

With the focus and steely reserve of a military general (Napoleon comes to mind due to their common stature), she continued to pace the sidelines, directing her players and consulting with assistants.

After barking—even her voice is cute, something to the team at the other end of the court, Coale did it. She really lit it.

She turned and looked directly at the fans, lifted her hand, and..... blew a kiss.

They might have been expecting another gesture, but that's not Sherri Coale.

The hecklers high-fived and let up a loud roar. The Oklahoma bench nearly fell off their seats laughing.

More than likely those guys will be back in place in 2004 in hopes of interacting with the coaching love of their lives.

That's Sherri Coale, but there's a great deal more to this Oklahoma native than just a pretty face.

Growing up in Healdton, Oklahoma, Sherri Buben knew early that she wanted to teach and coach.

After all, that's what her fifth grade English teacher Mrs. Patton did.

"She was cute and pretty—just the neatest lady with such great energy," Coale said of her role model.

And Mrs. Patton was a well-dressed mother, too.

After graduating as an Academic All-American from Oklahoma Christian University in 1987 where she played basketball, Coale's career plans were realized.

Newly married to her college sweetheart, Coale joined the coaching ranks as an assistant at Edmond's Memorial High School.

And just like Mrs. Patton, she would also be an English teacher,

It was to be a brief apprenticeship as Coale was tapped in 1989 to take over the head coaching position at Norman High School. Here, in a seven-year span, Coale would make her mark in Oklahoma prep basketball.

Her teams appeared in four state tournaments, winning two of those. Her win/loss record was 147-40.

At the same time, the University of Oklahoma's women's program was suffering — it was even close to being dropped.

Enter Coale in 1996. Most know the rest of the story. What would Mrs. Patton think now of that little girl from Healdton? "She's a season ticket holder every year," Coale said.



The obvious changes that come with a career move were all there for Coale in 1996 when she came to the University of Oklahoma.

She went straight from the public secondary school to a NCAA Division I university. Piece of cake.

For one thing, coaching and teaching English classes in high school is determined by the school's schedule—not the teacher's. For Coale, as for any public school teacher, the result was inflexible time demands.

Today, she is "the master of my own schedule" for the most part.

In high school, there were the late road trips on school nights followed by classes to teach the next day.

"I would go in at 7 a.m. and sometimes not be home until very late on game days," Coale said.

Husband Dane, a high school baseball coach, would see his season really start when his wife's was coming to a close.

Lesson plans, game plans, report card deadlines, progress report deadlines, Friday night football, and any other extracurricular activities on school calendars to go along with essays to grade.

After 11 years of that routine, Coale had to know that she could handle the rigors of collegiate recruiting, scheduling, and coaching—and with two small children going every step of the way.

Son Colton arrived in 1992 while Coale was at Norman High School. The birth of her daughter Chandler would coincide with her hiring in the spring of 1996 at Oklahoma.

Once again, previous life experiences would serve Coale well as she took on the role of mother as well as teacher/coach.

When she was only a year old, her parents divorced. Coale's mother worked outside the home, and many days Coale spent time with her grandmother.

"I spent a lot of time with Granny," Coale said of the woman who took part in a collective raising of the future coach.

Grandmother became known as "Granny" to all of Coale's friends and eventually her players.

The relationship between grandmother and granddaughter became even more special after Colton and Chandler were born.

Granny came to Norman. Today, the 87-year-old lives with Coale and her family, and just as she greeted Coale after school years ago, she does the same now for her great-grandchildren.

"She's always there; obviously the texture of the relationship is special," Coale said.

Since Oklahoma players and associates claim Granny as their own, Chandler is determined to keep a part of her great-grandmother all to herself.

"To Chandler, she is Grammy," Coale said, emphasizing the consonant difference.

Granny's presence along with the Coales desire to keep their children grounded—they live in the same house they had when they first came to Norman as young schoolteachers—does not prevent the sometimes humorous intrusions on their lives since Mom is, after all, Sherri Coale.

Colton instructs his mom to keep her head down and keep walking when mall visits are necessary; Chandler handles it with a bit more sarcasm.

"There goes Sherri Coale, there goes Sherri Coale," says the seven-year old, giving her best imitation of many locals' reactions upon seeing her recognizable mother.

Chandler also is the self-proclaimed public relations person for the Lady Sooners.

She'll attend Mom's camps, arriving at 7 a.m. and not leaving until midnight along with all the other coaches and student/player assistants.

"She knows everybody," Coale said. "She'll walk around and visit with all the campers."

Chandler also insists she be included in girls' night out—occasions when Coale and her assistants might do things like go to the movies. Chandler's logic is simple.

"If it's a chick flick you're going to see, I'm a chick. I want to go," Chandler tells her mother.

When Colton and Chandler were younger, they were inadvertent recruiting tools.

"All the players wanted to hold the baby," Coale said.

It's formula that must have worked: to date, Coale has coached three All-Americans, 19 Academic All-Americans, and one Olympian. Let's hear it for the kids.

Success aside, Coale is thankful for what her job provides her children, including the



numerous "aunts" and "big sisters" among the lady Sooner team and staff.

Travel opportunities are not taken for granted either.

"It is amazing the exposure they have had," Coale said. "I didn't get on a plane until I was 24"

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"It's going to be neat getting the chance to play with all of those different people and everything, but it's also going to help having somebody like Micah around one more time," Kempf said.

Last season, Kempf averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game while Hensley averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per contest, as they helped Borden County's girls win another district championship, finish 27-7 and be the No. 7 ranked 1A girls hoop squad in the state.

Dawson's Nathan Perez is looking forward to getting the chance to play for Borden County's Richey on the West's boys basketball team.

"It should be fun, but I imagine it's going to feel a little different after always going against each other in the past," Perez said.

"Coach Richey is a very good coach and he showed that again this year in the kind of season they had."

Borden County ended up going three rounds deep into the Class 1A state boys basketball playoffs as their league's runners-up team.

"I just want to go up there and play my hardest, and then we'll see what happens from there," Perez said. "Hopefully that'll be enough to come out of with the victory."

Richey is hoping to extend his win streak to four straight at six-man's all-star weekend.

Back in 1986, Richey helped power the West football squad to a 35-14 victory over the East following his all-everything career at Jayton. In the summer of '95, Richey coached the West to a thrilling 126-102 victory over the East in the all-star boys basketball game. Richey returned to the six-man all-star football game in 2000, helping Borden County's head football coach Bobby Avery engineer the West's 21-7 victory over the East.

"It's been 20 years now since I've played in this game, but it still ranks right up there as one of the more enjoyable weekends I've ever had," Richey said. "I want to help

make this weekend be just as enjoyable for these kids."

After coaching against some of these same players, like Dawson's Perez, Richey is now looking forward to now having that talent on his squad.

"In the past, we've always tried doing our best putting some kind of game plan together to slow some of these guys down. It's going to be nice to finally be able to use some of their strengths on our side for a change," Richey said.

"It's pretty nice to see some of these kids, like Nathan, rewarded in this way."

Last season, Perez averaged 17.3 points, nearly four rebounds, nearly five steals and nearly four assists while helping the Dragons enjoy a winning year on the hardwoods.

Webb wasn't only a two-time all-state linebacker at Sands - logging 156 tackles this past season, but was also a first-team all-district running back after rolling up 865 yards and 21 touchdowns rushing.

Sharp, on the other hand, was a triple threat in Borden County's march to the playoffs after rushing for 1,277 yards and 19 TDs, coming up with 120 tackles and kicking 36 PATs.

Webb actually has two more stints left in his high school career. In addition to next weekend's game at Lubbock, Webb will also be reunited with two of his old ex-Sands teammates in the all-Americas Bowl coming up July 26 at Big Spring. This all-star football team showcases players from not only the United States, but also Canada, Australia and Norway. Sands' all-state quarterback Jeremy Renteria and all-everything running back Nate Looney will also play in that tilt.

"It still hasn't really hit me that it's all over yet. That's why I'm so glad to still be getting this chance to play two more times," Webb said of his high school football career.

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Away from what makes her so well known, Coale relaxes with a good book-- and a pen.

She's been known to read an entire book in an airport terminal when having to wait on a flight, and the former English teacher has not forgotten her first love.

"I write. It's my passion," Coale said.

As any coach will confess, the need for therapy is there. Weeding is hers.

"I'll work in my flowerbeds, do some landscaping."

She and Dane do get together with other coaches and their wives at Purcell High School where Dane coaches. For the most part, however, home is the place to be.

"We do so much socially that when we have the chance, we just like to stay home."

Colton agrees. If given the chance to hop on a jet and go anywhere to recruit, all he really wants to do is go to the nearby lake.

Coale's reaction to her son's remark just proves that motherhood comes first.

"For so long my life has been their lives; they are old enough now that their lives don't have to revolve around mine."

Before Coale, the most famous Oklahomans in my recollection were some guys named Mantle, Haggard, and Rogers.

Those guys probably would not object to having her name mentioned with theirs. Sherri Coale not only revived the University of Oklahoma women's basketball team, she has taken it to the top.

Besides all that, she loves her Granny; she goes to the lake with her family; and, at one time, she stayed up late grading papers.

Not even Mickey, Merle, and Will did that.

By Sue Jane Mayes

Interviewed in her office in Norman, Oklahoma, June 25...pictured with Sue Jane, Emily, and Julie Mayes
Photo by LaNita Avery



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole, Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

space rental is all it will cost you! You get to keep 100% of the profits from the items you sell. We will allow you to come in on Friday, July 25th to set up your booth. Tables will be first come first serve. We will lock the barn overnight, but please note that 4-H will not be responsible for your merchandise. The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run through 2:00 p.m. Following the sale, you will be responsible for removing anything you have left. We hope to be out of the barn by 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Belt Buckle Bonanza Results: Waco, Texas

Premium Show:

- Class 2 Southdowns: Miles Valentine - 2nd Place
- Class 3 Southdown: Miles Valentine - 1st and 2nd
- Place Class 2 Finewool Cross: Miller Valentine - 4th Place
- Class 5 Finewool Cross: Miller Valentine - 3rd Place
- Class 5 Medium Wool: Miller Valentine - 2nd Place

Awards Show:

- Class 2 Southdowns: Miles Valentine - 4th Place
- Class 3 Southdowns: Miles Valentine - 4th and 5th Place
- Place Class 2 Finewool Cross: Miller Valentine - 4th Place and Miles Valentine 9th Place
- Class 5 Finewool Cross: Miller Valentine - 1st Place
- Class 5 Medium Wool: Miller Valentine - 5th Place

BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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4-H Sponsor Community-Wide Garage Sale

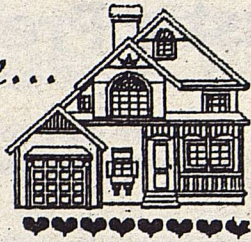
Are you trying to figure out what to do with all those things you and your family don't need anymore? Well, Borden County 4-H will be sponsoring a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 26 at the show barn in Gail. We will take care of the advertising, all you need to do is rent a space,

set it up and sell your stuff! 4-H will also sponsor a drink concession stand throughout the day.

We will be renting spaces now through Tuesday, July 22nd. The cost of the spaces will be \$15 for a 10 foot by 10 foot area, or \$25 for a 20 foot by 20 foot area. Your booth

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Summer Heat: The Silent Killer

With summer comes hot weather, an increase in outdoor activities, and an increase in heat-related deaths and illnesses. The fact is, on average, more Texans are killed by heat each year than by tornadoes or hurricanes. Here are a few things to remember when working or playing in the scorching West Texas summer heat.

- ✓ **Slow down.** Heed your body's early warning signs. Reduce activities and stay in a cool, shady or air conditioned place as much as possible.
- ✓ **Don't dry out.** Drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. Water should be your drink of choice - even if you are not thirsty.
- ✓ **Dress for hot weather.** Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to help maintain normal body temperature. A wide-brim hat or cap is a must if outside. Wear sunglasses if prolonged exposure to the sun's rays and glare is anticipated, especially while driving.
- ✓ **Avoid thermal shock.** Go slow for those first few hot days. Heatstroke frequently develops swiftly with little warning. Over half of heatstroke victims become ill less than 24

hours before being hospitalized or found dead.

- ✓ **Get out of the heat.** If your residence is not air conditioned, get to an air conditioned environment for at least a few hours a day. Visit the grocery store or Wal-Mart, or go to a shopping mall or theater. They are all excellent places in which one can

escape the heat of summer. If this isn't possible, a well-ventilated shady area will do.

✓ **Don't get too much sun.** Sunburn makes the body's job of heat dissipation more difficult. Besides a hat, sunglasses and proper clothing, a good sun screen is recommended, no matter how fair or dark your skin is. There are also new fabric washes with sun screen in them. These products help to increase the protection your clothing provides from the sun. Check you local grocery store for these new products.

✓ **Beware of high humidity.** Perspiration is the body's natural way of cooling the skin. When the humidity is low, this evaporation actually "cools" the skin. Air movement, such as with a breeze, fan or air conditioner, acts to evaporate perspiration and cool your body. When the humidity is high, this evaporative cooling process is lost, and the danger of heat-related illness or death is greatly increased.

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High Plains Vegetable And Weed Control Field Day is July 30th.

LUBBOCK - Persons who are interested in vegetable production and weed control options of vegetable crops should mark July 20th on their calendar. That's the date for the 1st Annual High Plains Vegetable and Weed Control Field Day at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

The center is just north of the Lubbock International Airport off of Interstate Highway 27; take exit 11 off of I-27 and drive east approximately one-half mile.

"We will discuss general weed control practices for vegetable growers, and new herbicides which may be labeled for vegetable crops," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist headquartered at Lubbock. "The field day will also feature a walking tour of the vegetable research plots here at the center.

"The walking tour will include the statewide watermelon variety trial, and fungicide research for powdery mildew control in pumpkins and cantaloupes. We will also look at our herbicide research trials for pumpkins, cantaloupes, pepper (bell, chili and jalapeno), snap beans and tomatoes."

Those who attend can qualify for two general Continuing Education Units (CEU's) approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The field day will begin at 9 a.m. and includes lunch. Those who plan to attend should RSVP by contacting Wendy Durrett (806)746-6101 by July 23, Wallace

said.

"After lunch we will drive up to the Halfway Research and Extension center in Hale County for an afternoon tour of our vegetable research plots there. The Halfway facility is about 45 minutes from the Lubbock Center. The afternoon tour at Halfway will begin at 2 p.m." Wallace added.

For more information on the July 30th High Plains vegetable and weed Control field Day, call Wallace at the Lubbock Center, at (806)746-6101, or 746-4052.

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Borden County I.S.D. Back to School Supply List

(Kindergarten – 6th)

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (NOT paste), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (Fiskars for kids), supply box (cigar box size), 4 #2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, baby wipes or wet wipes, big eraser, 1 box of Kleenex

First Grade: 2 boxes of 16 crayons, 5 #2 pencils, supply box, scissors (Fiskars for kids), 2 medium sized bottles of Elmer's school glue, 2 glue sticks, 1 1-subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes, 1 box of Kleenex

Second Grade: 12 #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's school glue, red grading pencil, notebook paper (wide ruled), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet wipes

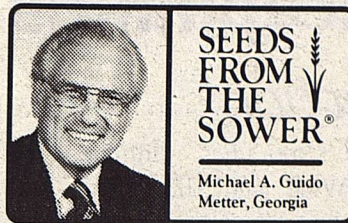
Third Grade: Loose-leaf notebook, 1 spiral (wide ruled), 1 pkg. 3X5 index cards, 1 ruler (metric and standard), 4 red pens, 1 bottle of glue and 2 glue sticks, 2 folders, 2 large boxes of baby wipes, notebook paper (wide ruled), 24-#2 pencils, large eraser, gym shoes, crayons, colored pencils

Fourth Grade: Crayons, map crayons, box of #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils), pencil sharpener with a lid that will stay on (bring pencils sharpened), 3 red grading pens (no black or blue pens), loose leaf notebook, zipper pencil bag for notebook, 8 folders with inside pockets (no brads), wide ruled notebook paper (no college ruled), standard and metric ruler, 2 large

inexpensive boxes of baby wipes, glue sticks only, (no plastic molded crayon boxes), art gum erasers, scissors-smaller 6 inch size with sharp tips, 1 box of kleenex, gym shoes

Fifth Grade: notebook, brown dividers with holes and pockets for notebook, notebook paper-WIDE RULED ONLY – NO COLLEGE RULED, 1 dozen #2 pencils, 4 red pens, 1 art gum eraser, no black or blue pens, 2 black sharpies (twin tip), 4 large glue sticks (.77 oz), colored pencils (36 in box), 1 ruler with metric and standard measurements, 1 package of 50 Crayola Washable Markers super tip, 1 package of 10 Crayola Markers broad tip, scissors, seven different colored spirals, wide ruled only, please. If you can find them with more than 70 sheets. NO three or five subject spirals. No college ruled. Seven different plastic folders with pockets, no brads.

Sixth Grade: One 2 inch 3 ring notebook, 6 pocket dividers, 30 regular dividers, 1 package highlighters (5 different colors: green, blue, orange, yellow, pink), 1



A girl shouted, "Mother, guess what!"
"I don't know-what?" she asked and kept on working.
"Mother," she cried, "you're not listening."
"I am," answered the mother and kept on peeling potatoes.
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package map colors (at least 24), 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled, 70 pages-red colored), 5 packages notebook paper (wide ruled), 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 package red pens (10 at least), 1 package black pens (10 at least), 1 package pencils (10 at least), 1 glue stick (large, 2 packages wet wipes.

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Obituary

Cloda Wyche Wilson 1917 – 2003

Cloda Wyche Wilson, age 85 years, 7 months and 3 days of Comanche, Texas, died June 28, 2003 at Comanche Community Hospital in Comanche.

She was born on November 25, 1917 in Gustine, Texas to Hubert A. Wyche and Winnie Wilson Wyche. She was a graduate of John Tarleton Junior College in 1936. She began her service with U.S. Department of Agriculture in Comanche County in 1938, transferred to Tom Green County in 1945 as Chief clerk and retired in Borden County in 1974. Cloda received several awards during her career for performance and special achievement. She was a Christian, having accepted

Jesus Christ as her Lord and savor many years ago. Her favorite scriptures were Isaiah 53 and 2 Cor. 5:1-10.

Mrs. Wilson was united in marriage to James E. Wilson on October 25, 1940 in Eden, Texas. He preceded her in death on February 3, 1990.

She is survived by her nephew Tommy Joe Davidson, Fort Worth, Texas; caring friend, Rita McNew, Comanche, Texas and by many nieces, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Jo Davidson and her brother, Jack Wyche.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2002 at graveside with Dr. Van Christian of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in gardens of Memory in Comanche County, Texas with Comanche Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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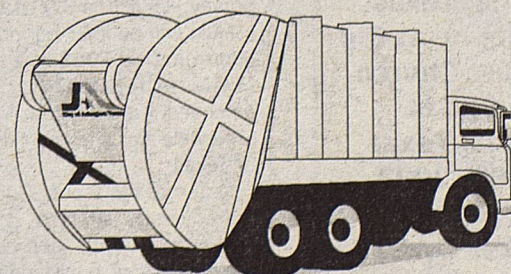
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Fill 'er up with trash

The city of Arlington formed a \$3 million partnership with a private company to convert trash into electricity. When trash decomposes, it creates methane gas, which scientists can capture and recycle for energy production.

Arlington teamed up with Midland-based Renovar Energy Corp., to produce a methane gas recovery system at the Arlington Landfill. City leaders say the system could save Arlington \$75,000 annually and improve air quality.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the city of Arlington.

West Nile Virus and Encephalitis a Threat to Horses;

Vaccination Can Provide Protection

A few moments with your local veterinary practitioner can help protect horses, mules and donkeys against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses: West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness," that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of June 24, 26 cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger. "According to the TDH, the 26 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Van Zandt Counties. WNV also has been detected in six birds

and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird in Orange County; one bird and two mosquito pools in Dallas County; four mosquito pools in Tarrant county, three mosquito pools in Jefferson and two in Nueces Counties.

"In June 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their veterinarian or the TAHC for assistance. Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

WNV infection was first detected in the U.S. in New York in 1999, and since then, the virus has swept across the country, spread by infected mosquitoes that have fed on birds carrying the disease. Only four states on the U.S. mainland have not reported cases: Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah. Dr. Conger said it is likely that these states also will eventually have cases of WNV.

"Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout the U.S. and this year we may have cases in Texas, as south Carolina, Florida and Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger. "It is important to note that the vaccines for WNV, WEE and EEE do not provide cross-protection. For example, WNV vaccine protects only against WNV."

As of late June, 14 horses in South Carolina have been diagnosed with EEE. In Florida, more than 110 EEE cases in equine animals have been confirmed, and in Georgia, a dog, three birds and 16 horses have tested positive for the disease.

"WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger.

Dr. Conger explained that the WNV vaccine for horses' vaccination requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart.

After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year. In areas where mosquitoes are a continual problem year-round, animals should receive a WNV booster every six months. "Owners should take action now to get their equine animals vaccinated, before cases become more widespread," urged Dr. Conger.

"EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Conger. "In most cases, horses can be vaccinated for WNV, EEE/WEE at the same time." He said some veterinarians also employ the EEE/WEE vaccine in an off-label use to protect ratites (emus, rheas and ostriches) against the disease.

"While no vaccine can guarantee 100 percent protection, it's much better than no protection," commented Dr. Conger. "Last year, Colorado State University followed more than 500 equine animals infected with the WNV in Colorado and Nebraska. The death rate was greater than 36 percent in animals that had not received vaccine. The

death loss dropped to around 20 percent for animals that had received at least one dose of WNV vaccine. Of the 13 animals properly vaccinated with two doses of vaccine, a dozen survived."

Dr. Conge said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, and inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers. If an owner has been exposed to rabies while caring for a sick horse, appropriate preventive health measures must be taken immediately, he said.

"WNV, EEE and WEE impact a community's animals, and owners should take advantage of opportunities to protect their stick by reducing mosquito populations and vaccinating," said Dr. Conger. "Although these 'sleeping sicknesses' aren't regulatory diseases, veterinarians are required to report cases, so that disease trends or outbreaks can be followed and all preventive and educational measures can be taken."

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Equipment Operators and CDL Truck Drivers For Brazos Wind Ranch Project at Fluvanna, Texas. Applicants be at Old Methodist Church Building in Fluvanna, Texas July 19th, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. E.D. Baker Co. LTD Stephens Franks 806/886-1051

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Spraberry** formation, in the following section and lease: **Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 2545** in Section **12**, Block **33**, T&P RR Survey, **15 miles SW of Gail**.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately **6000 to 11000** feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512)463-6792.

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A Soda Jerk Goes to War

In 1942, Cobb's Drug Store in Brady had the largest soda fountain in town. Its location on a corner of the courthouse square made it a prime destination for both local residents and visitors.

Seventeen year old Bud Lindsey was the soda jerk and dispensed ice cream, cold drinks, hamburgers and steaks. The young entrepreneur had invested \$500 for equipment and supplies to take over the soda fountain when the previous soda jerk was drafted.

Bud was drafted in November of 1943. he became an infantryman with the 100th Infantry Division and went to Europe. He earned The Bronze Star for

bravery during combat. He was captured on November 21, 1944 and spent the rest of the war in a prison camp in Germany. He was released when American troops overran the camp in late April of 1945.

Bud returned home and took up a career in radio engineering. "We pretty well put the events of World War Two behind us. It was something you didn't talk about. You didn't brag about it. You didn't worry about it. It wasn't until about fifty years later that I got to thinking about it."

Bud, who now lives in Stanton, ran across some letters he had written to his mother during the two years

he was in the Army. She has saved them. They were in an old trunk in his sister's house in Brownwood and she was cleaning out and she wanted to know if Bud wanted them.

He got to reading them and started to recall some of his experiences. He typed the letters so his sisters and nephews could read them. Then he decided to fill in between the letters and the result was a book he titled *A Soda Jerk Goes To War*.

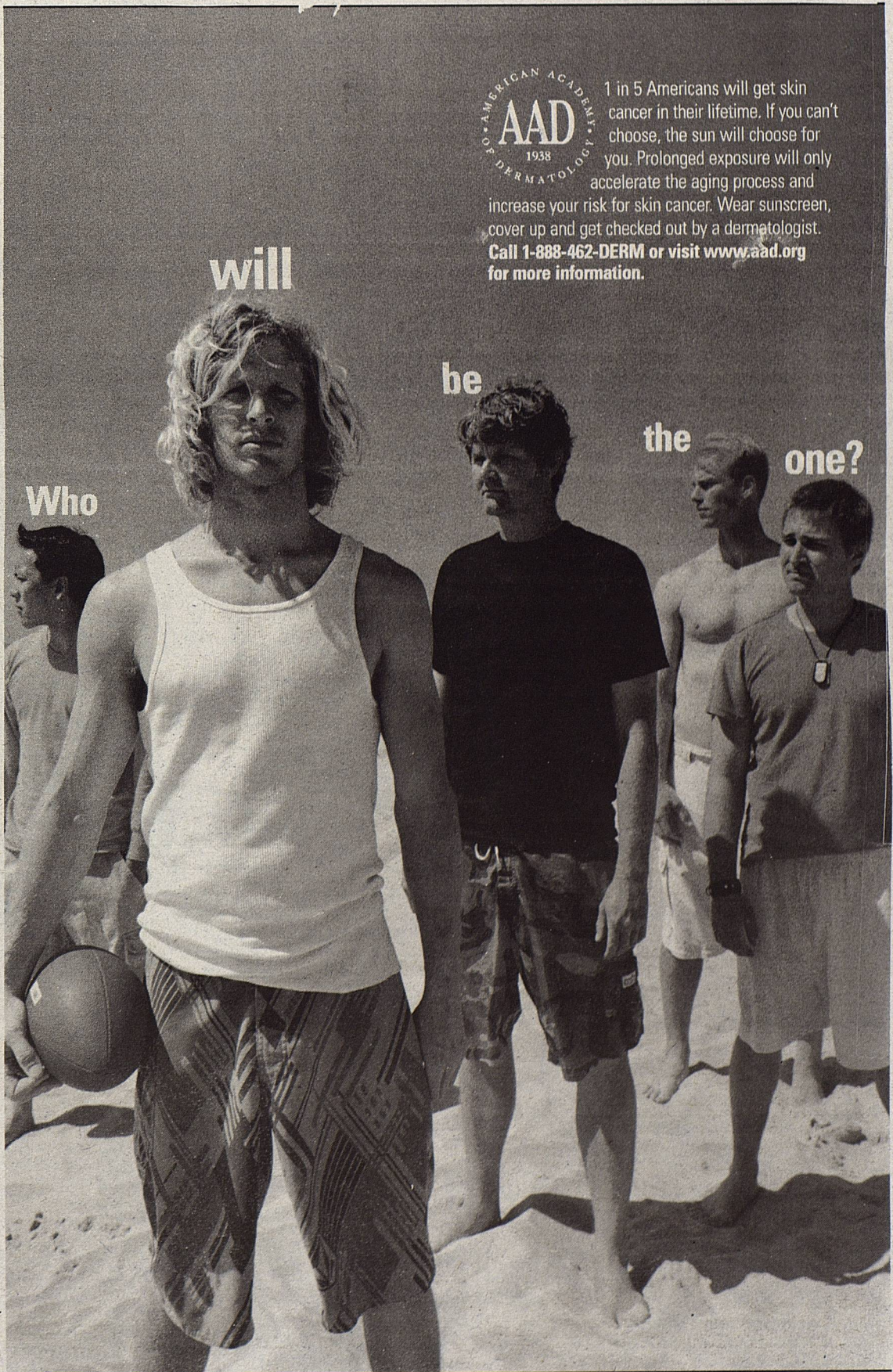
"It wasn't anything I wanted to do to become a famous author. My parting the war was small, but it is history and I gave my perspective. I wasn't a great letter writer. And when I read some of those letters now, I have no memory of the events I wrote about."

The letters did reveal the names of some of the men who served with him during the war. He contacted some of them and renewed

acquaintances.

"I would have loved to have some writing material while I was in prison camp so I could have reported on the daily life. But the Germans only gave us forms for letters about once a month. And those were censored. My folks only received one letter I wrote from prison. I didn't not receive any mail from home while I was in the camp, even though they wrote and sent packages. But

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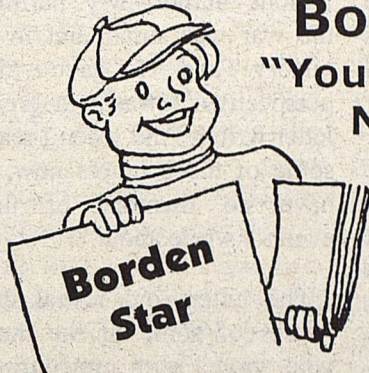
Bud says he was embarrassed to be captured. Four German soldiers came upon him while he was alone. So he surrendered rather than to be killed. "I was not really scared. I just figured there was no point in worrying about something you couldn't do anything about. They saw me before I saw them. There was not much I could have done."

His book contains the actual letters he wrote along with some of his experiences. It also has photographs and a telegram from the Army to his parents reporting their son was missing in action.

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Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than **12:00 PM on Friday, July 18, 2003**. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

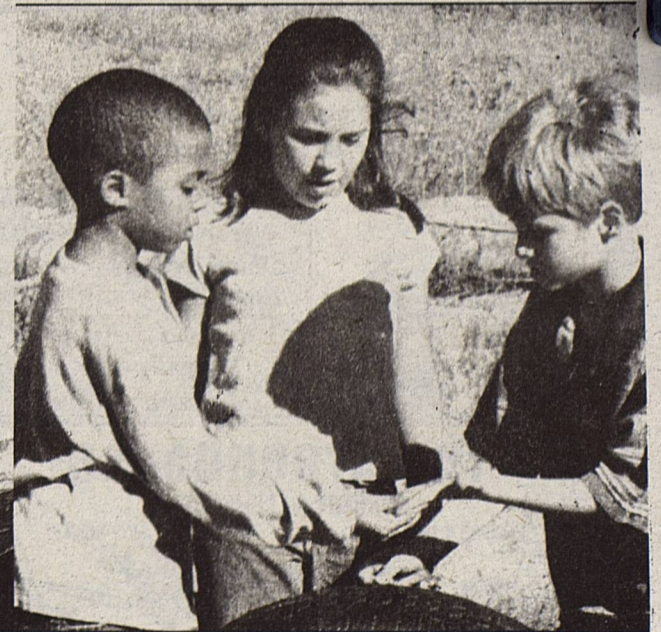
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