

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Beth Benton Embry of McKinney, Laurie Sides Hill of Virginia Beach, Va., DeNise Dobbs Merritt of Amarillo, Connie Dennis Gilbreath of Dimmitt, Janet Sammann of Dumas, Ark., Jill Brown and Wendy Bruegel Launius of Austin and Julia Mann Powers of Houston all enjoyed a fun weekend recently in New Braunfels. It was a weekend full of shopping, floating the Guadalupe River, good food and great conversation. The girls try to get together at least once a year to catch up.

Tenants at the Castro County Senior Citizens Apartments met July 26 for their monthly birthday dinner. Members with July birthdays were Patsy Hudman and Wreathel Green. Others on hand were Gladys Hampton, Cleo Parks, Lorene Beach, Virgie Moulton, Susie Reeves, Adele Clark, Inez Lee, Nell Davis, Lois Hollingsworth, Opal Thomas, Ioma Stokes, Grace Anderson, Mavis Tittle, Edith Richardson, Cecile Plumlee, Nola Ivey, Una Ward, Ida Mae Moore, Neva Hickey, Faye Ethridge, Helen Wilmath and Roy Hollums. Visitors were Shirley Hollums and Shirley Dugeon.

Several members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary plan

to attend the 51st annual convention of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries next week in Dallas. About 1,000 persons will meet. Attending will be Jackie McLeory, president; Lucille Drerup, second vice president; and Mattie Seale, Ethel Fry and Mary Edna Hendrix. The theme of the meeting is "Slowly and Steadily, We Can Make a Difference." The theme will be explored through special speakers, workshops, awards competition and other opportunities.

Rhoda Mays enjoyed a visit with Andy and Jo Beth Mays and Bill and Sharla Mays in Amarillo last weekend. They went to see the play *Texas* on Monday night. Tara Mays, who is a teenager now, was there visiting as well.

Joan and Paul Craig of Austin have been visiting family members in Dimmitt. They were here to help celebrate Chuck and Tiffany Braafladt's birthdays. Other members of the family enjoying the special occasion were L.C. and Helen Braafladt and Charles and Jill McLean and daughters.

Sheryle Shaw gave the devotionals at the Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning and her subject was "Heroes." Some heroes become fa-

mous and then get in trouble with the law like O.J. Simpson, Pete Rose and many others. In the Bible some of the heroes were Job and Jesus, who suffered much pain but stayed true to God.

Renise Blair sang *A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord* and *He Hideth My Soul*. Bill Newland sang *Home Where I Belong*. Others singing were Bobbie Baldrige, Dorothy Hopson, Mauzee Youts, Mary Edna Hendrix and little Cliff Shaw.

Cliff Shaw celebrated his second birthday on Friday. His parents are Kenny and Cheryl Shaw, who are new in Dimmitt. Kenny's grandfather was pastor of the Baptist church in Dimmitt many years ago. Kenny's mom, June Shaw, drove from San Angelo to visit. They all went to Lubbock to the Discovery Zone for little Cliff to celebrate his second birthday. They have different areas for different ages and they all enjoyed the fun. They went to County Line to eat.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Dustin and Danae Clark and Jeremy and Megan Atchison of Levelland, who came with their grandmother, Jean White of Dimmitt. Lillie Cranford and Rebecca, Cari, Venita, and Amy Hall, all of Plainview, and

Edna Reinart of Hereford brought some delicious homemade cookies to the museum for our afternoon coffee break. Also visiting were Buddy and Marjorie Ketchersid of Iowa Park.

The museum association held its monthly meeting Thursday night with Clara Vick presiding in the absence of president Dale Winders. Plans were discussed for the Harvest Days celebration. Others attending were William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Robert Duke and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Ferne Dickey was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. Ferne served doughnuts for morning snacks and a delicious chocolate cake for dessert. Dugan Butler won high score and Susie Reeves won second high score. Others playing were Virginia Crider, Emily Clingingsmith, Edith Graef, Elizabeth Huckabay, Johnnie Vannoy, Dude McLauren, Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Helen Braafladt, Alma Kenmore, Neva Hickey and Loranel Hamilton.

Eloise McMasters entertained her daughters and families over the weekend. On hand were Shirley and Jerry McDonald and Donna and Danny Cade of Lubbock and Tami and Randy Griffitt of Dimmitt, grandson and wife Brian and Sandy Cade and great-grandson Levi of Lubbock. They all enjoyed a hamburger cookout at Tami and Randy's on Saturday night and dinner on Sunday at Eloise's home.

I drove over to Hart on Saturday morning to watch the parade and it was a good one. The theme this year was "Ode to the Wild, Wild West." Sheriff CD Fitzgerald and Linda led the parade that lasted for an hour. Others participating were other county officials and several candidates. Several boys from Boys Ranch riding horses; Hart 4-H members with a banner saying "To Make the Best Better"; the Masked Rider from Texas Tech (a girl this year) riding a beautiful black horse;

tractors and antique cars; Hawkins Memorial Clinic with fiddle music; the Schwan's truck decorated with pastel blue and aztec gold to match the colors on the truck; Mz Hart, Kelly Jones, dressed as a woman; The Big Texan with fiddle and guitar music; a Southwestern Public Service Co. truck with Sparky the Mouse in the cherry picker; Texas Boys Ranch from Lubbock; Hart and Dimmitt cheerleaders; an outhouse from Ed Harris Lumber Co. with Glyn Reed throwing out corncobs; bicycles and a unicycle; and "Happy Trails to You from Brooks Farms."

Emma Jean King, county chairperson for US Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, attended a campaign briefing Saturday at the Amarillo Club. Mrs. Hutchison talked with the volunteers about plans for the campaign and said she "would get around to the counties as she could, but her first obligation was to vote in Congress as the issues are determined."

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Fleming were in Dimmitt Sunday, and Dr. Fleming preached at First United Metho-

dist Church in the absence of the Rev. Johnny Robertson, whose family went to Red River for vacation. Dr. Fleming's daughter, Terri Louder, led the singing and she and Lacy sang *Song of Promise*.

Paul and Marla Winders Harbin are the proud parents of Hannah Jaye, born last week. Hannah has two sisters, Leah and Callie.

Darla and Tony Fisher and children spent a few days in Ruidoso for fun last week. Darla said it was a good, relaxing time. The Stan McDaniels met Shad at Six Flags over the weekend for a family outing.

Several Dimmitt residents participated in the Hart Days Parade on Saturday. Brenda Bruton and Becky Stovall drove the Castro County Fair vehicle; Cindy and Larry and Casey Lee along with Liz and Jedediah Murphy and Val and Vince Moss on the rural health float; Shirley Hollums and Joyce Thomas had pickups pushing their candidacy; and Deanne Clark and Dorothy Hopson drove a pickup with Kay Bailey Hutchison signs.

Nazareth

WITH VIRGIE GERBER, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Alma Conrad, 84, who passed away July 28 after a year of illness. Mass of Resurrection was read Monday morning in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee officiating, assisted by Rev. Jim Hutzler, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger, and Deacon Jerome Brockman. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery beside her husband, Leonard, who died in 1987. Her survivors are two sons, Ted Conrad of San Angelo and Tom Conrad of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five daughters, Rosemary Ramaekers of Umbarger, Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth, Colette Hoelting of Colorado Springs, Colo., Susan Bacon of Amarillo, and Angela Venhaus of Dumas; one sister, Cecelia Herzog of Olton; 28 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Rozena Albracht, Shirley Sharke, Roxanne Schenk and Frances Gerber of Umbarger and Amarillo attended the mass for Alma Conrad and then visited with Toney and Mary Gerber and Leonard and Alvina Gerber. Leonard is doing well after having a hip replacement.

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage Saturday at Kent Hoelting and Lora Schulte at Holy Family Church with Father Neal Dee officiating. Reception and dance were held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The Albert Gerber family enjoyed their annual get-together at Lake Kemp this past weekend. Everyone enjoyed boating, skiing, tubing, water wheel, fishing, swimming, card games, dominoes and as always too much good food. It was a great weekend and we did miss those who couldn't come this year

because of their jobs. Maybe in '95!

Charley and Bev Hill and Virgie Gerber spent last Thursday night in Wichita Falls with Traci Hill and her fiancée, Kevin Scholl. We enjoyed meeting Kevin's parents and sharing a meal with them. Traci has accepted a third grade teaching position at Petrolia, a small town northwest of Wichita. On Friday we drove to Lake Kemp to spend the weekend.

Prayers are asked for Kenny Schulte who had surgery in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt last week. He was transferred to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo

on Saturday where he had a second surgery. As of Tuesday he was still in intensive care, but seems to be doing better.

Bob and Linda Kendrick of Desota spent the weekend here with the LeRoy Pohlmeier families.

Mike and Audrey Birkenfeld of Rhineland visited with Rose Birkenfeld and other relatives over the weekend.

They had lunch with Rose, Leslie Birkenfeld and Leonard and Julia Birkenfeld Sunday.

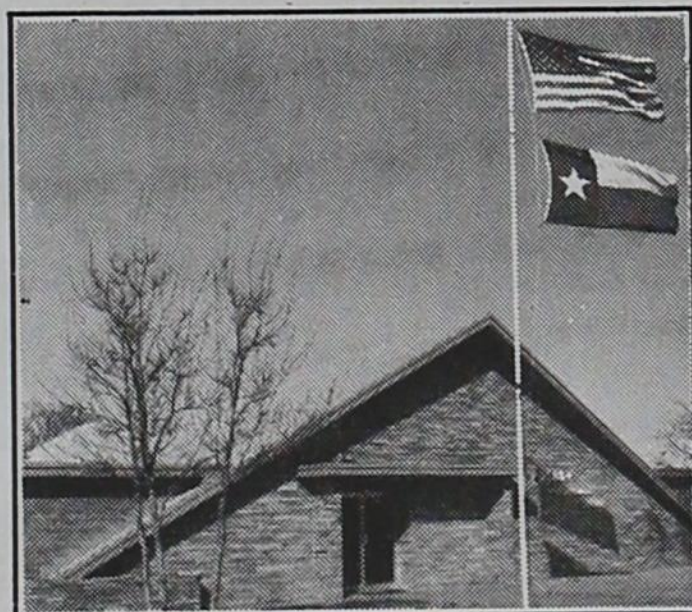
Kirsten, Harold and Daniel Verkamp of Amarillo visited with family in Nazareth Sunday.



HONORED PIONEERS — Manuela Rodriguez (left) and Nora Lancaster were the Honored Pioneers for 1994 Hart Days. They were honored at the parade and at a reception Saturday morning in the Hale County State Bank-Hart Banking Center. Photo by John Brooks

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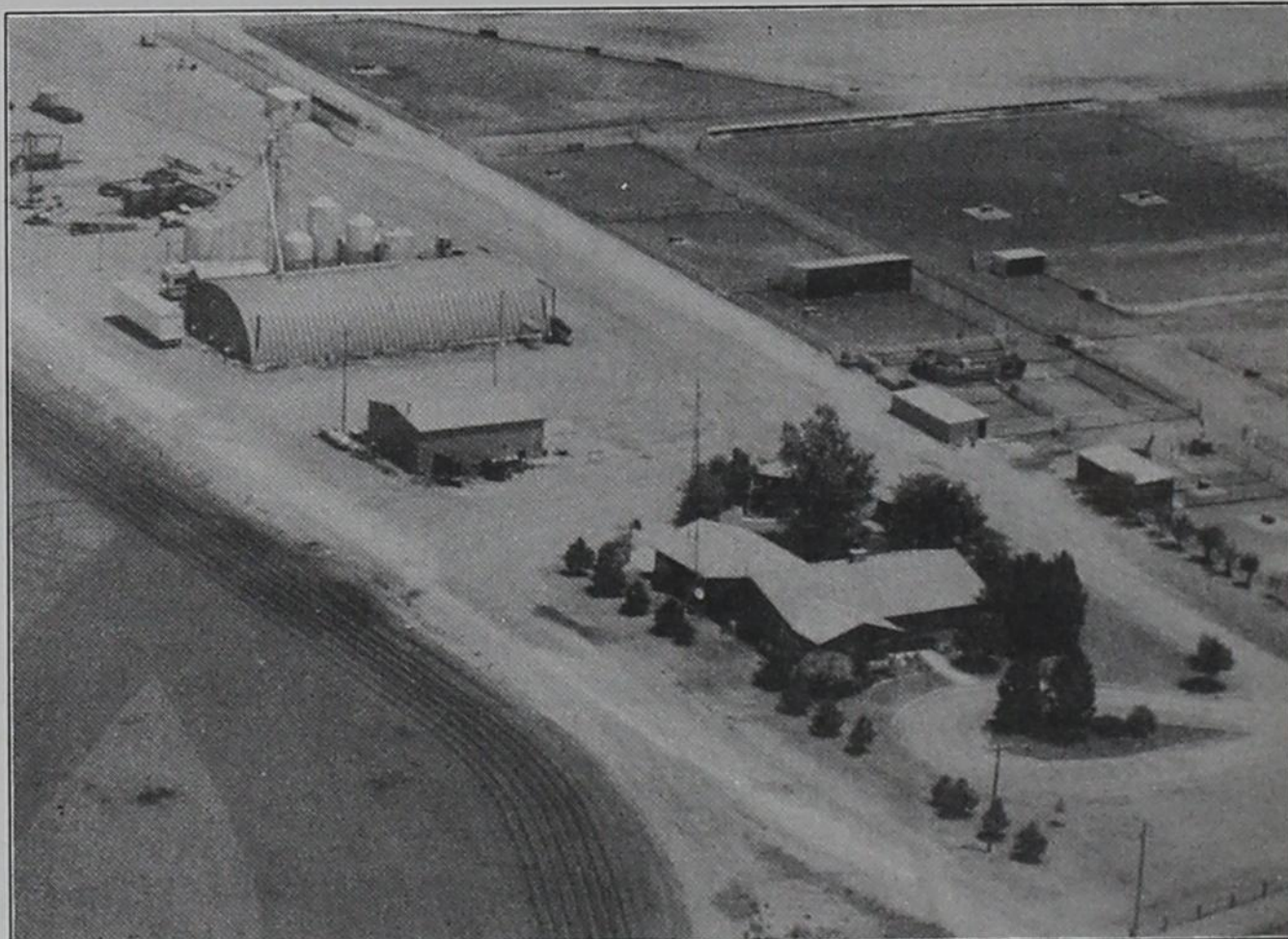


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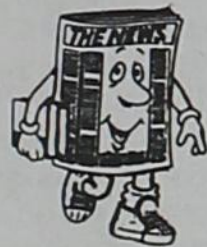
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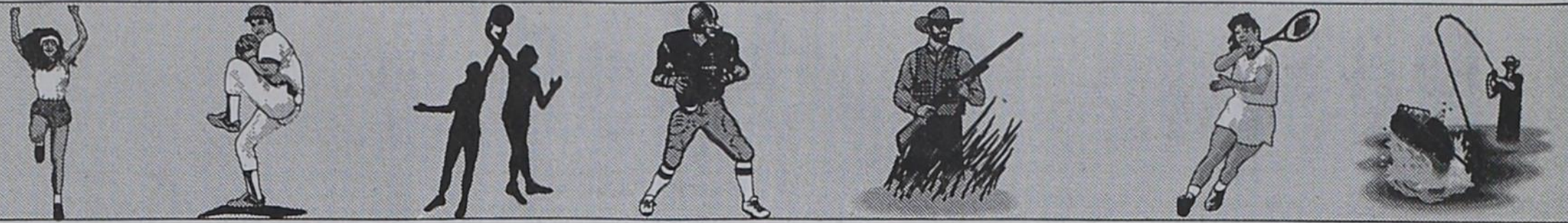
We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the *CASTRO COUNTY NEWS*.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Elaine Broadstreet
Jessica Flores

Sports



Workouts underway for football season

Those sounds you are hearing today, those really strained, strange ones, may be the sounds of football players recovering from the first day of practice.

Football season began Wednesday as all three county teams held workouts. Nazareth began at 7 a.m. and Dimmitt started at 7:30 a.m. when players were issued equipment, then took to the field for their first practices.

"We sent out 84 letters (to prospective players) and we should have between 70 and 80 out here working out," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "We'll have more

participating this year than we have had in several years, and we're tickled about that."

Freshmen began their workouts at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday when they were issued equipment. They'll work out every day from 1 to 3 p.m. until school starts. The varsity and junior varsity will have two workouts, both in the morning, until school begins. Players were issued all of their equipment Wednesday, but can only work out in shorts, shoes and helmets until Monday, when full-contact drills are permitted.

The Bobcats have preseason scrimmages set against Lubbock

Cooper and Springlake-Earth before opening the season Sept. 2 against Springlake-Earth at Bobcat Stadium.

Nazareth coach Rick Price welcomed about 30 players to the first workouts Wednesday. The Swifts' numbers are up this year with big freshman and sophomore classes. They will work out at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day until school starts.

The Swifts will scrimmage Ralls on Aug. 19 at Nazareth.

Hart plans one workout a day at 6 p.m., with about 54 players expected out this year in high school.

"We're real excited about our numbers," said Hart coach Danny

Wilhelm. "This is the most we've ever had out for football and we're really excited about it."

Hart will continue working each day at 6 p.m. until school starts. The Longhorns will scrimmage Lubbock Christian on Aug. 18, Wilhelm said. The time has not been set.

The early start was precipitated by moves to accommodate Class 5A schools which wanted to get in more work before the first games on Sept. 1-3. Coaches don't like it.

"It's too early," Chisum said. "But, you have to do what you have to do, and we're underway."

'Meet the Bobcats' set

"Meet the Bobcats" will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Booster Club, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

An ice cream supper will be served, and members of fall sports teams will be introduced. All booster club members are asked to bring a freezer of ice cream to the supper.

County team roping slated

A county team roping (only county residents) will be held during the rodeo performances. To enter call Tod Bradley at 647-5307, by Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any rodeo

queen or princess candidate. Advance tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Children 5 and under are admitted free. Gate admission will be adults, \$5, and children under 12, \$3. Performances begin at 8 p.m.

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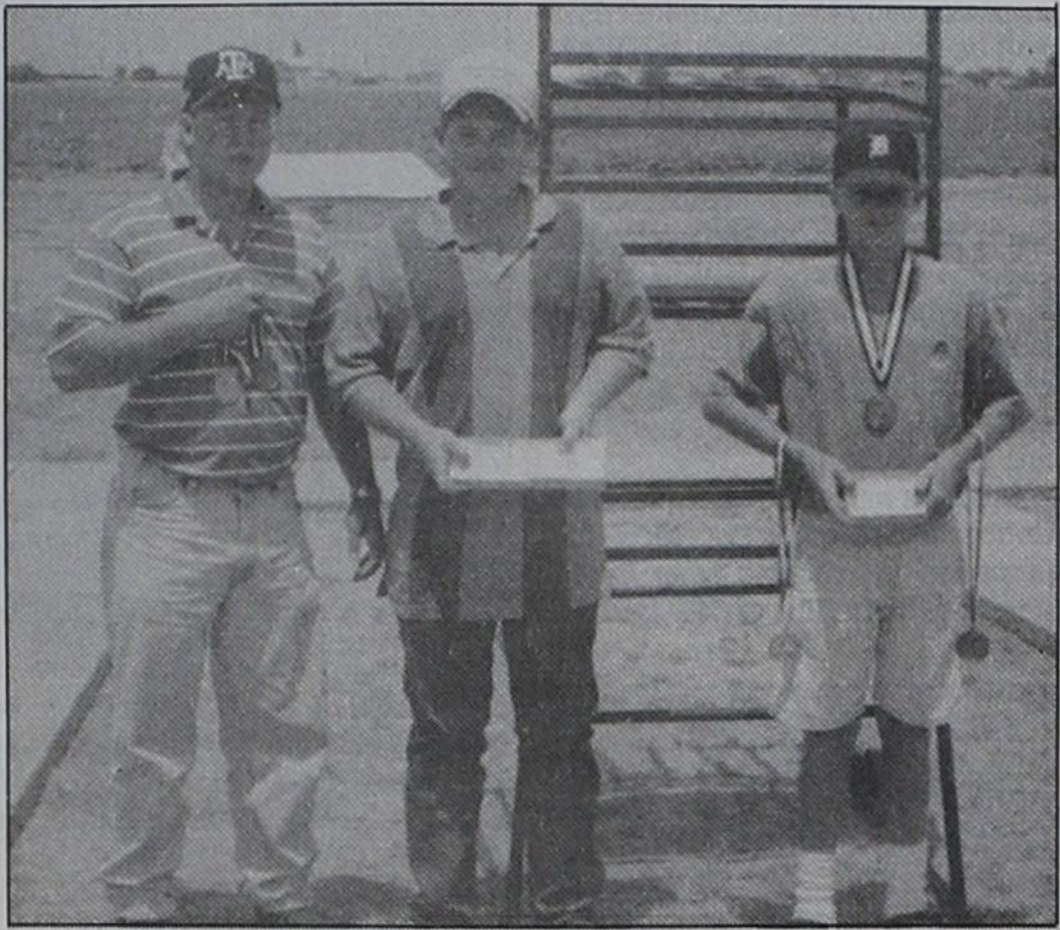
Hereford run set August 13

Hereford YMCA and Hereford Cablevision will sponsor the annual Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run, 2-Mile Fun Run and 2-Mile Walk, Aug. 13 in Hereford.

Advance registration is \$8 and may be paid to Race Director, Hereford and Vicinity YMCA, 500 E. 15th St., Hereford, TX 79045. T-shirt size should be included with the entry fee. Persons registering and paying by Saturday will receive a free running cap.

Several age-group divisions for men and women are planned for the race, on a flat, fast course. In the running events, there will be a duffel bag and medal for first place in each division, with second and third place finishers receiving medals. All participants finishing the two-mile walk will receive ribbons.

The race will begin at 8 a.m. on Aug. 13, with signup that morning from 7 to 7:45 a.m.



WINNERS FROM THE SOUTH PLAINS DISTRICT 2 TRAP AND SKEET SHOOT are Dimmitt 4-Hers (from left) Cory Mays, Brian Simpson and Wesley Mays. The competition was held at the Lubbock Gun Club July 15 and 16. Courtesy Photo

LGA reviews work plans, awards prizes

The Dimmitt Ladies Golf Association held their regular meeting at the Dimmitt Country Club last week.

Carolyn Watts, president, presided over the meeting. Upcoming events and projects were discussed during the meeting.

Melissa Carpenter discussed work projects to do for the Dandies and Darlins golf tournament, and committees were assigned to work on those projects.

Dolores Baldrige awarded prizes to June Parker, Audrey Shotenkirck, Shirley Schacher, Sheryl Clayton, Mozelle Hall, Tina Mauer, Cindy Reynolds, Kellie Proffitt, and Carolyn Watts for Play Day.

In the Flubbers/Dubbers contest, the Dubbers are ahead of the Flubbers 3,423 points to 2,958 points.

The LGA also voted to have a float in this year's Harvest Days parade, with Jo Beth Mays as head of the project.

Plans were made for the Grandma's tourney as well.

Shooters earn district honor

The South Plains District 2 Trap and Skeet Shoot was held July 15 and 16 at Lubbock Gun Club. Over 120 4-Hers competed in the two day competition. Results from the Castro County group include the following:

Wesley Mays, Junior, First place—Skeet; Second place—Trap; and High Overall Individual.

Brian Simpson, Senior, First place—Trap; Runner Up High Overall Individual; First place Two-man Team—Skeet; First place Two-man Team—Trap; and First place Two-man Team Overall.

Cory Mays, Senior, First place—skeet; First place Two-man Team—Trap; and First place Two-man Team Overall.

Other Sub-Junior participants were Tanner Self and Tanner Griffith.

4-Hers also participated in the Deaf Smith County 4-H Invitational Trap and Skeet Shoot on July 23. Results include:

Brian Simpson, Senior, Second Place—Trap.

Wesley Mays, Junior, Second Place—Trap.

Also participating were Tanner Griffith and Tanner Self.

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FHA OFFICERS — Dimmitt High School has named its FHA officers for the 1994-95 school year. Those earning offices are (seated, from left) Candi Espinoza, Lindsey Garza and Yesenia Arredondo;

and (standing, from left) Katrina Vernon, Mirella Cardona, Marta Arredondo, Brandi Rice, Rachel Goldsmith, Sarah Goldsmith and Angie Mendoza.

Courtesy Photo

Dimmitt FHA hopes for 'exciting' year

The Dimmitt FHA chapter is gearing up for the 1994-95 school year and hopes to make itself more visible in the community.

The officers attended a leadership training this summer, where they worked on their respective responsibilities and on a calendar of events for the upcoming year.

The group plans to participate in the Harvest Days Parade.

Dimmitt FHA officer Rachel Goldsmith, who is also a regional FHA officer, discussed her trip to Orlando, Fla. to the national FHA convention.

FHA/HERO is celebrating its 50th birthday this year and the local chapter plans to look back at the last 50 years and show the community that FHA is "about life."

Blood pressure session planned

The Texas Dept. of Health will be conducting a blood pressure clinic August 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

These clinics will be held the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 647-2404.

AC plans LVN clinic

Programs are underway to create a clinical site at Plains Memorial Hospital for the Amarillo College School of Vocational Nursing.

Clinical rotations are tentatively scheduled to begin with the fall semester in 1995. The clinical days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the classroom portion of the program taught on Thursday and Friday in Amarillo.

Prerequisites include human anatomy, nutrition and Physiology I and II. Those classes will be taught in Hereford during the coming fall and spring semesters. The anatomy and Physiology I classes are also scheduled for Saturday mornings this fall in Amarillo.

Students must also pass Amarillo College's placement test. More information is available from Linda Rasor or Cindy Ellis at 647-2191.



KRISTI MILLER, 4, gives it her best shot in the kids' tractor pull held Saturday as a part of the Hart Days activities in Hart.

Photo by John Brooks

Area VFW posts plan fall district meeting

Veterans and auxiliary members from the 17 posts in District 13 will gather for a convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which is scheduled Saturday and Sunday at Friona's VFW post.

District commander Ted Stubblefield of Dimmitt will preside over the meeting. Stubblefield, who serves as both post commander and district commander, will report on

actions taken at the Dept. of Texas Convention held in Dallas in June.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday. Fees will be \$10 for singles, and \$20 for couples. Auxiliary School of Instruction is from

4 to 6 p.m. and a social get-together is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. A Country & Western dance will be held from 9 p.m. until midnight (BYOB).

Registration will continue Sunday from 8 to 9:15 a.m. Fees will be \$7.50 for singles and \$15 for couples.

The convention will include a memorial service Sunday morning at 9:30 and a joint business meeting from 10 a.m. to noon.

Main speaker will be Alexander Vernon of Killeen, junior vice-commander of the Dept. of Texas VFW. Vernon has served in the US Army for over 20 years, and has been awarded many honors during his years of service.

Social Security

Last year almost three million Social Security cards were issued to new-born babies through an "Enumeration at Birth" process at hospitals where the children were born. These three million cards represented about half of all new Social Security cards issued last year.

Through special agreements between the Social Security Administration and states, parents may voluntarily choose to have the birth registration form they complete at their local hospital serve as an application for their newborn baby. The state vital statistics office shares the birth information with us, eliminating the need for parents to mail or take the newborn's birth certificate and other documents to a Social Security office later on.

Once we receive the application we assign a Social Security number and mail the card in the child's name to the address shown on the birth certificate. The process takes about one week from the time we get the birth information.

According to statistics our agency keeps, about 85% of the parents of new-borns in states where this process is available choose this option. Since 1987, when the program began as a pilot project, a total of 12.3 million babies have been enumerated this way.

A Social Security number is needed to claim any child who is at least one year old as a dependent on federal tax returns. And the number is needed to start a savings account or buy bonds in a child's name.

I also want to remind everyone that this is a free service. Don't be misled by any company who seeks to charge a fee for getting your child a Social Security card.

Workshop slated for substitutes

In-service training sessions for all persons planning to do substitute teaching in the Dimmitt schools will be held Monday and Aug. 22.

Monday's meeting will be at 9 a.m. in the Resource Center at Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive. The Aug. 22 meeting will be at 9 a.m. at the District Administration Office, 608 W. Halsell.

Persons attending the sessions should bring a driver's license, Social Security card or other proper identification.

Shower fetes Shellie Cargo

Shellie Proffitt Cargo was honored with a bridal shower on July 23 in the home of Patricia Braafladt in Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by the honoree, Kellie Proffitt, Sandra Potts and Mrs. Braafladt.

Guests were served petite cinnamon rolls, fruit, dip and almond tea. The serving table was accented with crystal appointments.

The hostesses presented the couple with stainless steel cookware.

Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Margarito Andres, son of Rachel Ramirez and Isidro Rodriguez of Dimmitt, was born July 24 at 3:46 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs 2 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

He has two siblings, Isidro Jr., 4, and Emily Danielle, 1.

Paternal grandparents are Ubaldo and Eulalia Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Sam Ramirez of Dimmitt and Mary Ramirez of Austin.

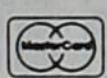
Great-grandparents are Gavino and Josephina Rodriguez of Dimmitt and Julia Cantu of Edinburg.



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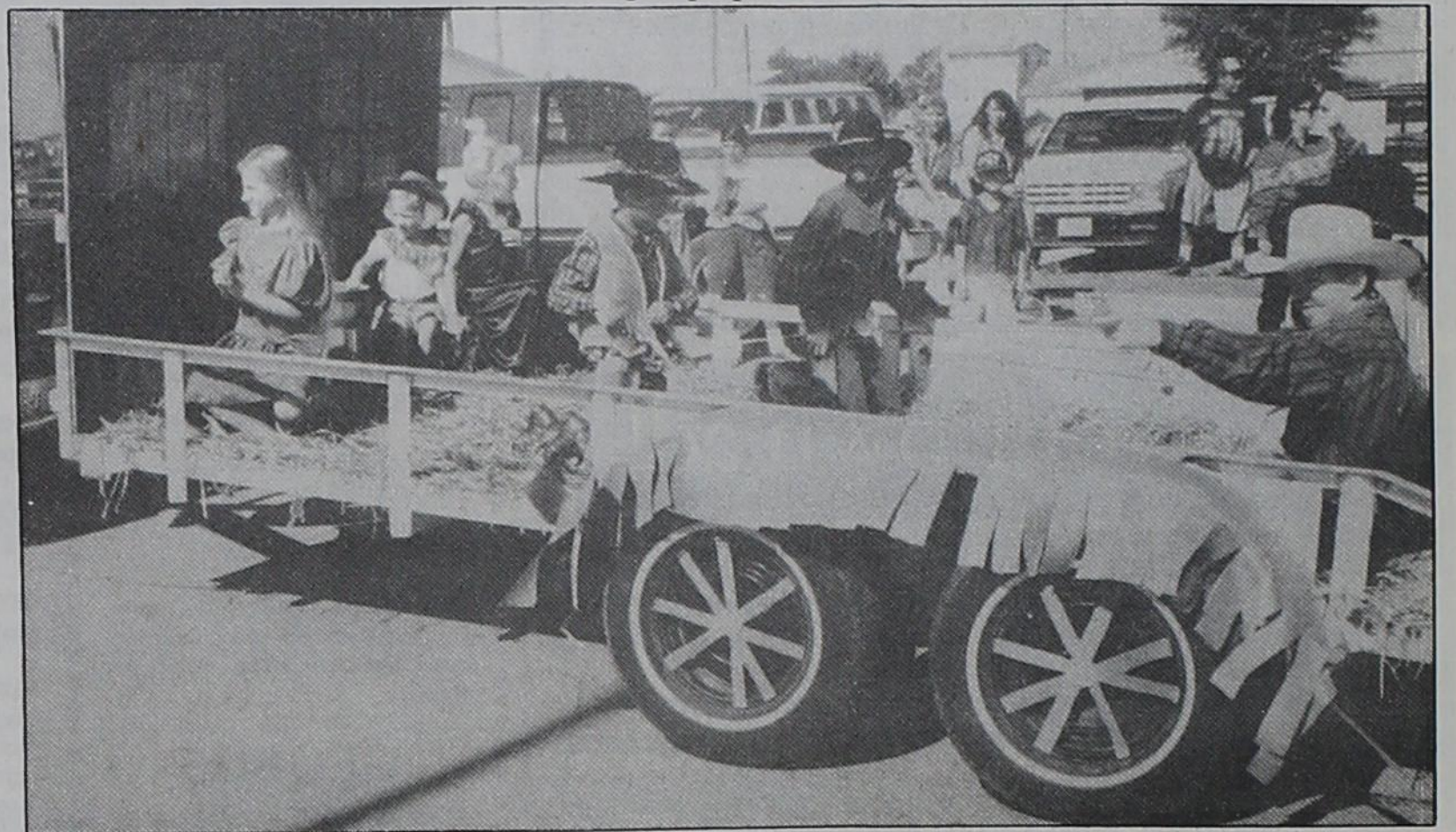
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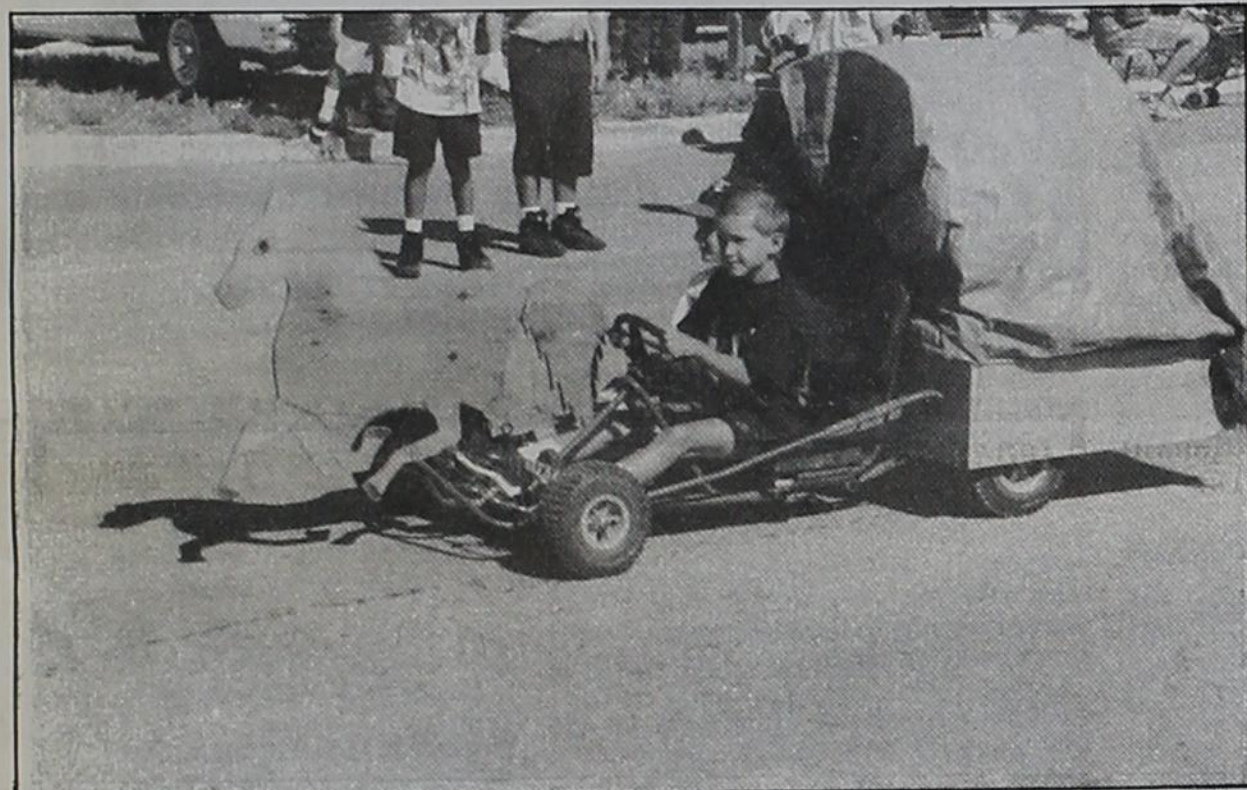
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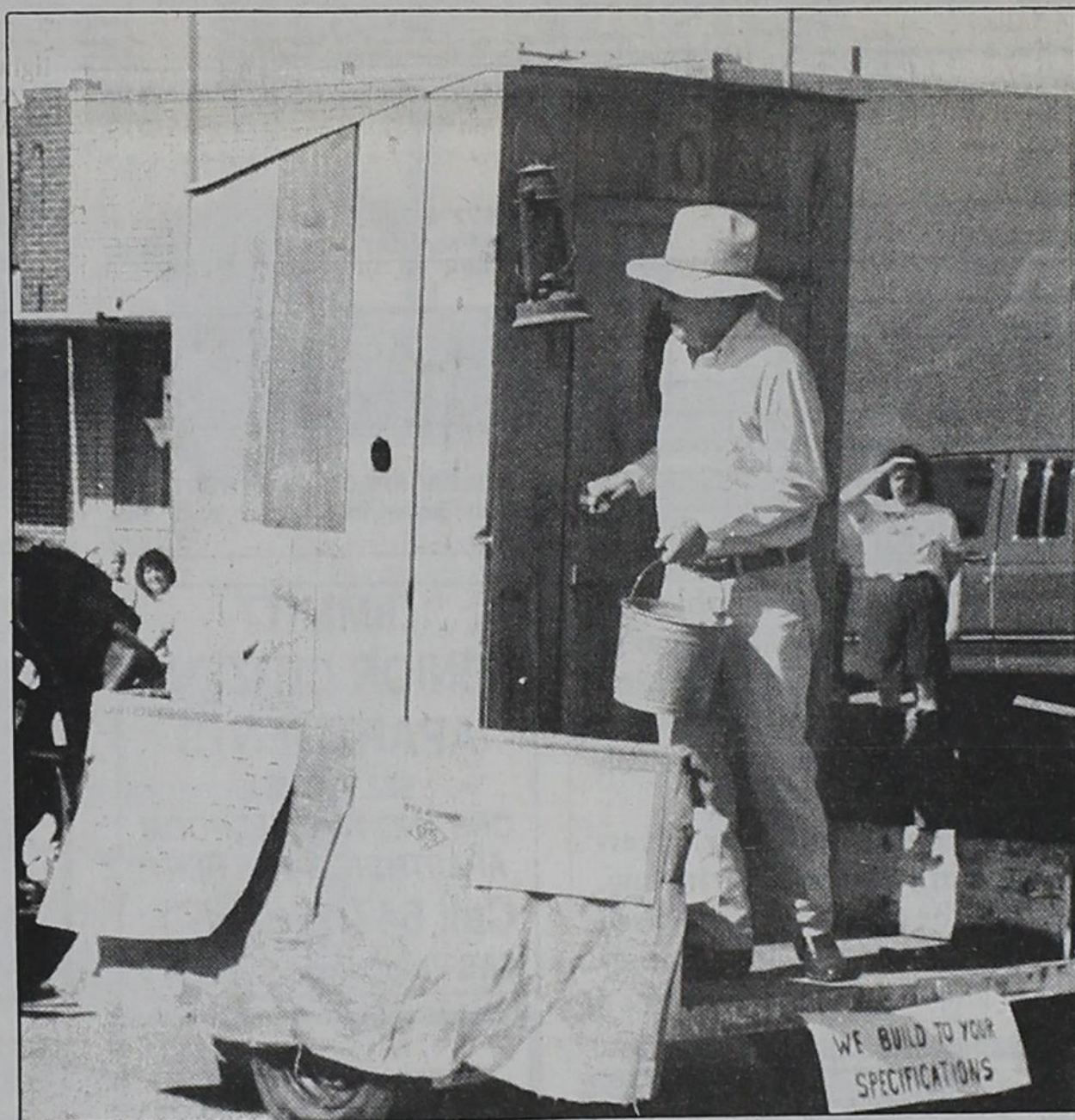
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Weekend:

Olton's Summer fun fest

Sandhills Day is Saturday . . .

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

OLTON — The majestic old sandhills south of here — called a one-of-a-kind "sand crawl" formation by geologists who deem it a Pleistocene remnant of the Brazos River — have fascinated and served man for eons.

First it was the Indian, later the Comanchero and Buffalo hunter, then finally the pioneer — who sought out accessible spring waters two feet below sand level.

Fun loving West Texans still trek to the old hills annually as part of Olton's Sandhill Days Celebration which hits a crescendo on Saturday. Its one of Texas'

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Drama/Musical a la prairie theatre det

'Ballad of Crawfish Draw' is pride of 'native'

Tale of Indians, sandhills, buffalo bones, romance . . . An authentic, historic epic

OLTON — Mardema Ogletree's *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* has links to historical events stretching Old Tascosa to Lubbock. Its heroes and heroines of the 1890's come alive Aug. 12-13 in **See Pg 3**



Olton's Sandhills Celebration

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August 2-6

4 Big Days

Thursday, Aug. 4

- 6:00 pm--Hamburgers, etc. (Lions Club)
- 8:30 pm-- Home Talent Show in open air pavilion

Friday, Aug. 5

- 2:00 to 4:00 pm--Tour of Runningwater Draw Care Center (800 13th Street)
- 6:00 pm--Dog Show
- 6:00 pm--Hamburgers, etc. (Lions Club)
- 8:30 pm--Street Dance - "Country Nites"

Saturday, August 6th

- 6:00 to 9:00 am--LIONS CLUB Breakfast Lions Club Building
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- 6:00 To 9:00 am--OLTON CHAPTER VFW Pancake Breakfast
VFW Hall across from Leon's
- 8:00 am--Arts & Crafts Show Around the Square(all day)
- 10:30 am--Parade Begins
- 11:00 am--Games begin-Volleyball, Horseshoe Pitching, Registration, etc.
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm--Registration of Pioneers and Guests
At the Sandhills Headquarters across south of Pavilion
- 12:00 noon--Hamburgers, Baked Potatoes, Mexican Food
Other Food Booths also
- 1:00 pm-- Recognition of Pioneers and Guests
Softball Tournament
- 2:00 pm--Childrens' Games, Petal Pushers, Tractor Pulls
- 2:00 pm--Entertainment and Gift Certificate Drawings (Olton Bucks)
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- 8:30 pm--Square Dance, Jimmy Gouge, Caller

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Annual harvest fun fest set August 12-13 in Dimmitt

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The Castro County Fair will be held Friday and Saturday at the Expo Building. Entries are due by 6 p.m. Thursday. Viewing will continue through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Arts and Crafts exhibits will be available for viewing all day Friday and Saturday.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Dimmitt Roping Club will be produced by Blackwell Rodeo Company. It is a TRCA-sanctioned event.

Saturday action is highlighted by the

annual Harvest Days Parade.

Parade line up time is 9 a.m. The parade kicks off a full day of fun activities.

A fairly new fun is the second annual Tug O War, sponsored by the Dimmitt Fire Department. The first pull will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. Prizes will be awarded the winning team.

The Class of 1939 of Dimmitt High School is holding its 55th reunion in conjunction with this year's harvest event.

Coordinators are J.R. and Mary Jo Brown, Dorothy (Graham) Sheffy and Garnett Holland.

The Class of 1939 will meet at the K-Bob Steak House at 7:30 p.m. Friday for a dutch treat dinner. They will also convene at 10 a.m.

Saturday in the Senior Citizens Building, 218 West Jones. The Early Settlers and class members will visit, watch the parade and have lunch.

Dimmitt's Friendship Quilters are sponsoring a quilt show Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last year's event drew 55 entries.

Various awards will be given top quilters.

The annual Horseshoe and Washer Pitching Contest will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, with registration ending at noon.

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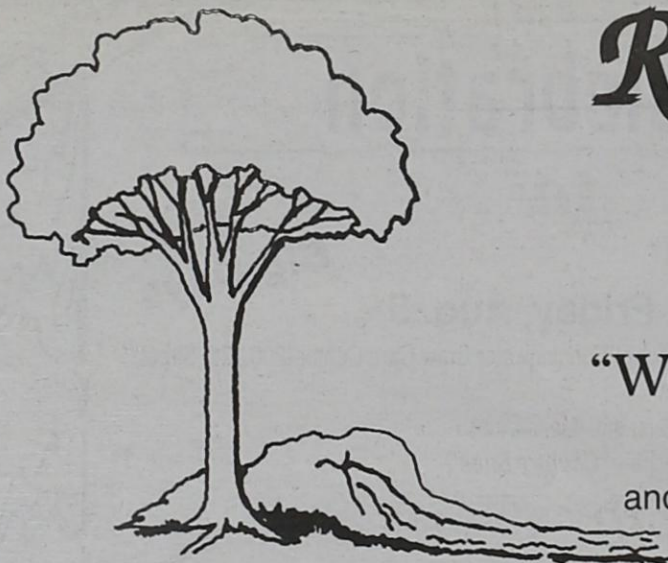
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People, events from Old Tascosa to Lubbock part of drama/musical

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an outdoor setting, in a theater on the prairie two miles south of Olton on FM 168.

Show goers may enjoy Dinner on the Draw from 6 to 8 p.m., including a barbecue meal with all the trimmings.

The drama begins at 8:30 p.m.

The original play is written by Mardema Ogletree, a Lubbock resident and Olton native, with musical score by Harold Dean Carson.

Jay Brown, director of the Theater of the Performing Arts at South Plains College in Levelland, is directing.

Ballad of Catfish Draw is an entertaining version of the area's history from about 1890 to 1909.

To the west of the prairie theater can be seen the sprawling Catfish Draw valley.

A historic wagon road which wound beside it was part of the shortest route to Santa Fe from Spanish Texas.

High on a hill to the west and surrounded by big trees is the old two-story home of a former XIT ranch cowboy and his family.

The characters in the drama, for the most part, are based on some of the Crawfish Draw area pioneers.

The first scene opens on the last of the old buffalo hunters near

the Sand Hills.

The choral group explains about the travels along the trail of mustangers, cattlemen and the buffalo bone pickers as well as the Texas Rangers.

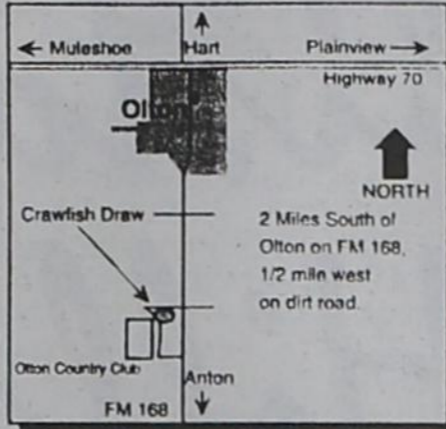
The group tells about Sam, a former buffalo bone picker picking up a wife, as well as sheep in Tascosa.

He also acquires a still, which he illegally operates out in the Sand Hills. The scene shifts to Sam's place where he has one conflict after another.

Hospitable Mr.

Cunningham, based on a character whose name once was associated with a prominent dune in the hills called Cunningham's Hill,

was a friend of Frank Norfleet. They manage to provide a prospector with plenty of information about the Catfish Draw country. Sam gets an official visit from the Castro County



deputy sheriff and continues to agitate and be agitated.

An unforgettable finale in this scene is Martha's poetic tale of her early years in Crawfish Draw country.

At intermission, the time is early May of 1908. The place is the Castro County court-

house in Dimmitt. A crowd's excitement first focuses on the outcome of Col. C.C. Slaughter's lawsuit against Sam.

There is a great deal of conflict concerning the signing of the petition to organize Lamb County and locate the county seat. Old Spring Lake and Olton were the only towns in the county at that time.

Sam disappears in

the sand hills; his horse comes home alone. Neighbors search for Sam.

The ending will be revealed at the performance next week.

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Meet the 'historian' of the Sand Hills country

■ Play results from untiring study of Plains area history

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

OLTON — Mardema Ogletree's effort to recreate life of the 1890s in Olton Sandhills country and portray its authentic heroes and heroines on a

prairie stage under the stars next week stems from her lifelong love of area history.

Yet, her discovery of the historic details now part of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* is a more recent phenomenon.

Not more than a few years ago the Olton native accidentally stumbled on what could be likened to the original cradle of Lamb County civilization on the banks of a valley whose name she never knew until then.

It lay along a route believed to have been heavily travelled by a who's who of Southwest history: including pre-Puebloan Indians, Coronado's army, Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, Comancheros, buffalo hunters and the list goes on. It lay along what was a main route between Spanish Texas and Santa Fe, one of the oldest settlements in North America.

It was here on the banks of a minor, wandering draw called Crawfish that the Olton area's key players first settled.

Shortly after her visit to the site, the drama



Playwright Mardema Ogletree



Photo By Sue Cannon/Olton.

Last evidence of wagon road

A sandhill since levelled for ag purposes was photographed several years ago as it still revealed evidence of the old wagon road along Crawfish Draw. Called the main route from Spanish Texas to Santa Fe, the road was traversed by wagons which left ruts along the bottom of a v-trough left in the shifting dunes.

all but jumped onto the page and wrote itself, she claims.

"I had gone to Olton and was interviewing old timers, because I was very interested in local history," she said. "I was into local projects, like working on the Lamb County History, so I was seeking first hand historical accounts."

On visiting Walter Struve, member of a pioneer family, she was shown an old photograph of a long-forgotten wagon road winding along

what he called Crawfish Draw.

"I had never heard of Crawfish Draw," Ogletree admits. "Walter Struve showed us the photo, and took us out to the site. About then I realized it was along that draw that the very first pioneers had settled."

That discovery was like hitting pay dirt, and it turned into the major inspiration for what was to follow.

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The past fuels tourism in today's 'Olde Olton'

OLTON — Tourism has become a driving force in this Lamb County town which sprang to life in 1908 when an influx of settlers began putting down roots in rich agricultural land north of the sandhills.

Almost a century later the culture of Olton has matured to the point it looks back with pride on a long and rich heritage known to be at least as old as some historically significant pre-Puebloan Indian campsites scattered through the sandhills south of here. (Some believe the archeology here to be as significant as the Lubbock Lake Site)

Restoration of bits and pieces of Olton's past has become a focus of efforts to rejuvenate the economy via tourist development.

Some quaint shops have sprung up here: Main Street Classics, unique antique car museum on main street, and a new bed and breakfast hotel next door opened several weeks ago just in time for a major event.

Due in part to some local promotion, out of town visitors have begun to visit Olton on a regular basis, according to local merchants.

In August for the past 15 years, Olton has held its annual weekend fun fest celebration

called Sandhills Days

The event has begun to draw hundreds annually to its crafts show, food booths and fun events held from sunrise to sunset near a downtown pavilion.

This year, the big celebration day is Saturday with a host of fun events on the card.

The event is not actually staged in ancient sand dunes, (it takes place in Olton while the formations are actually located about six miles south of town).

Yet, it stands as a memorial to an almost forgotten tradition of picnicking and frolicking in the dunes of the sandhills. It is an oft remembered popular pastime dating from the time of the pioneers.

Former chamber manager Lois Brimhall is credited with pushing the celebration about the time of the nation's Bicentennial as a "good idea to celebrate our sandhills heritage."

Its schedule of events spotlights recreation more than it does history.

Yet, someday soon, the town's dream will be to develop that heritage by developing the Sand Crawl Museum and Library.

That facility will benefit from proceeds of a two-day performance of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw* next week.

The original drama/musical production will be a history lesson in itself, since its author Mardema Ogletree has based it on the experiences of several pioneer families of the area.

The Sand Crawl museum will be developed as an interpretive center to tell the story of the unusual sand formation south of here, a one-of-a-kind geologic formation stretching from the Lamb/Hale County boundary into Eastern New Mexico.

The sandhills fascinated early day explorers. Its prominence to them is evident on an 1875 map of Kansas, Indian Territory, Texas and New Mexico which shows nothing on the South Plains (then called Staked Plain) except the "Sand Hills" plus a trail near it with a few springs and water holes.

Mrs. Ogletree, an Olton native who has devoted her life to the study of South Plains history, said she is excited to be part of an effort that could lead to the development of a museum honoring the sand hills area.

"I would like to see the museum develop to interpret the rich history of the area, because that is important to me," she said recently. plains history

Staging of the *Ballad of*

Crawfish Draw marks the second original Lamb County historic drama of this century. In 1976, the town staged another outdoor production, *Giants of the Great Plateau*, written by Bettye Givens.

Barbara McFadden, manager of the Olton Chamber of Commerce, said the town is already noticing a strong appeal their efforts are having with folks in the Panhandle/South Plains region.

She is one of seven women who are partners in the Wild Plum

Bed and Breakfast, a lodging establishment which is a restoration of a 1940s era mercantile company/boarding house on main street.

Popularity of the Wild Plum is evidenced by the fact it has already been booked solid for the next three Sandhills Celebrations.

Olton has a lot to offer this weekend, or any weekend area residents wish to get away from the hustle and bustle of life in the city.

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On the Cover . . .

In this artistic photo collage, Olton Chamber Manager Barbara McFadden shows off Sandhills Days t-shirt, seemingly standing on a classic sand dune in the unusual geologic formation south of town. The sand hills background is actually an old file photo from the *Plainview Daily Herald* and was superimposed electronically.

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most unusual celebrations, owing to its celebration of a rare geologic formation called "Sand Crawl" south of town. A schedule of events for tonight's activities and for the all day Saturday celebration appear elsewhere in this issue.

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She now had a setting for a play. All that remained would be pulling in a cast of characters based on historical facts. Her research and interviews conducted years ago would help produce the script.

Thanks to assistance from Jay Brown, director of the Theatre of the Performing Arts at South Plains College and composer/musician Harold Dean Carson, the play has come to fruition with expert direction and musical touches applied with artistry.

Mardema admits the play has come a long way since her first close up look at Crawfish Draw country.

She remembers the day several years ago when she teamed up with Olton Enterprise newspaper publisher Sue Cannon to do a modern day survey of the draw and the sandhills.

"We took pictures of the area, crossing the sandhills in my station-wagon," she laughs.

Out of towners who gather on a hill south Olton of olton next week to view the play will experience the same geographical locale that inspired her that day.

"It's on a hill in the Crawfish Draw valley two miles south and a half mile west of Olton," she explained. "From there the audience can see up the val-

ley all the way to Olton feedlot. It is a tremendous view. One can also see the the first settler's old house on a hill in the distance, a two story home belonging to E.N. Burrus."

Information furnished by the Burrus family on an earlier occasion yielded many details incorporated into scenes of her present drama.

Much information was furnished by Mrs. E.N. Burrus, wife of the third county judge of Lamb County who had worked for the XIT Springlake Division.

"She was a wonderful lady," recalls Ogletree. "I interviewed her years ago. One of my characters is loosely based on her life and on some of the stories she told me."

Characters in her play are a who's who of Lamb County heritage.

"It includes the last buffalo hunter in the area," she explained. "Old Man Hart is in the play, namesake of Hart Camp, where he established a dugout camp south of the Sandhills."

Also portrayed is Frank Norfleet, the colorful character who hailed from Hale Center.

The time line for Ballad of Crawfish Draw is the 1890s.

A student of history will note numerous connections between the Olton Sandhills area and pivotal persons and events of the 19th

Century.

Col. C. C. Slaughter had a dugout nearby on the Runningwater Ranch.

N.C. Payne, an early day pioneer windmill had a two-room dugout in a ravine nearby.

Indians often camped near the pioneer settlements.

"There once was a skirmish between Indians and buffalo hunters at a water hole south of the sandhills east of Hart Camp," relates Mrs. Ogletree. "It is mentioned in John R. Cook's book, 'The Border and the Buffalo,' which describes that site. It occurred in the spring of 1877."

One of the less than savory personalities, but a main character in her ballad is a bone picker named Sam Samuels, a villain whose character is purely fictitious. According to her script he comes on the scene about 1890.

This connection with the buffalo of the sandhills owes to a belief that the last of the area's buffalo hid out in the sandhills, which offered water and cover among the numerous hackberry groves.

"Supposedly, hunters

went into that area and killed off the last of the buffalo," she said. "Frank Norfleet reportedly told his son, Pete, that pioneers told him at one time that hides were piled high after one of the final hunts in the area."

The first surveyor to enter the sandhills, O.W. Williams, is said to have used buffalo skulls to mark his corners.

Early day explorer Albert Pike (no relation to Zebulon Pike) is supposed to have camped near some Comancheros in the Sandhills in 1832. Pike, an adventurer from Taos, N.M., wrote a book "Second Journey on the Prairie, about his travels in 1832, and mentions going into the eastern part of the sandhills."

Historians like Pike noted the many trees growing in the hills, mostly the hills in Lamb County.

Pike wrote of leaving the sandhills and following Blackwater draw into the present site of the City of Lubbock. In what is now Mackenzie Park and specifically Meadowbrook Golf Course, Pike stopped at Canon De Rescate

(Canyon of Ransom) where Mexican Comancheros regularly met Indians to trade items.

Some of the more colorful tales spun by pioneers to Mrs. Ogletree are highly uncorroborated, but have nevertheless proved entertaining.

One related by a pioneer woman was a claim that "hunters from Plainview were responsible for killing off all the antelope in the Sandhills".

Another major event of the 1890s, one she was compelled to drop from the script due to time constraints, was a harrowing tale told of a group of hunters from the area who found themselves hopelessly lost in the Sandhills during a blizzard.

Armed with these countless details gleaned in a lifetime of research, Mrs. Ogletree says she could talk about the history of her home county for hours, and perhaps write several more dramas.

"I loved the Sandhills as a child, it was a recreation area," she said. Growing up in Sandhills Country near the old XIT Ranch.

Spending memorable

hours trekking through the sandhills formations on family outings — including one Weiner roast she recalls vividly — has equipped her with the a feel for history.

The playwright knows the Sandhills like her own back yard. She talks of its 19 varieties of native grass, its native hackberry and cottonwood trees, its pre-Pueblo Indian campsites and its dwindling untouched springs and dunes hidden on private land.

Her study has revealed a changing face of a land once dotted with pristine, untouched dunes. In recent years, many farmers have levelled the hills for ag production of potatoes and other crops. She says the only real preservation of the original beauty has been on private land.

Her knowledge of its major archaeological sites and all the references by early day explorers is vast.

Born in Olton and now living in Lubbock, she remembers that regular treks to the Sandhills (about six

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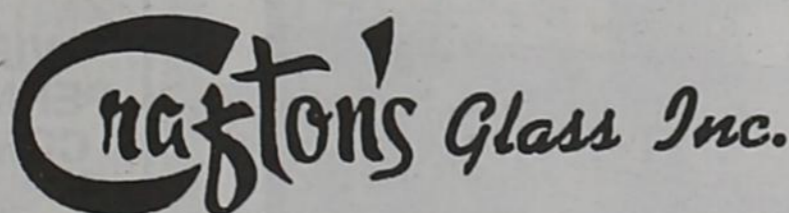
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 miles south of the city) were a focus of family fun and entertainment for many in the area during her childhood — much like the annual tradition of getting together each summer in Olton for Sandhills Days.

"There was also a lot of courting done there," she laughs.

Through the years she has met more than one couple whose first meeting was at the

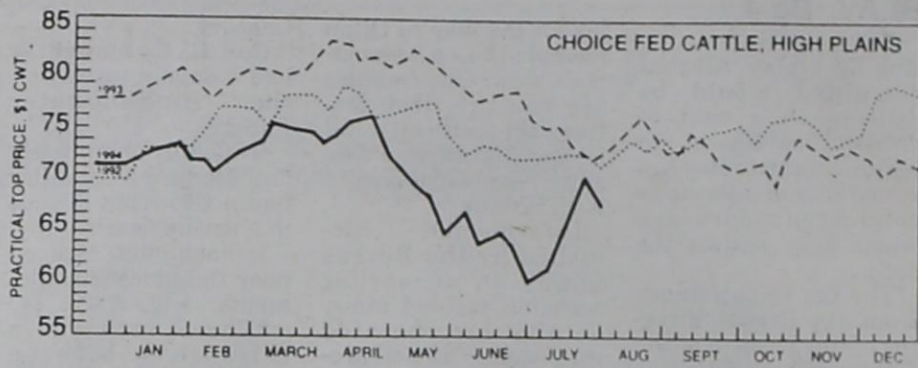
dunes. "Families came from all around, giving young persons from various communities a chance to meet," she said. "Alice Willis, a pioneer, said that is how she met her husband, Guy Willis, a pioneer abstractor.

One of her first major history papers in school was written about the history of the Sandhills.

She studied history as a part of a General Studies degree she

earned at Texas Tech in 1973. A love for delving into the past has led her into many independent research projects — and her most rewarding ever began on the banks of Crawfish Draw several years ago, and inspired this latest Texas High Plains prairie drama.

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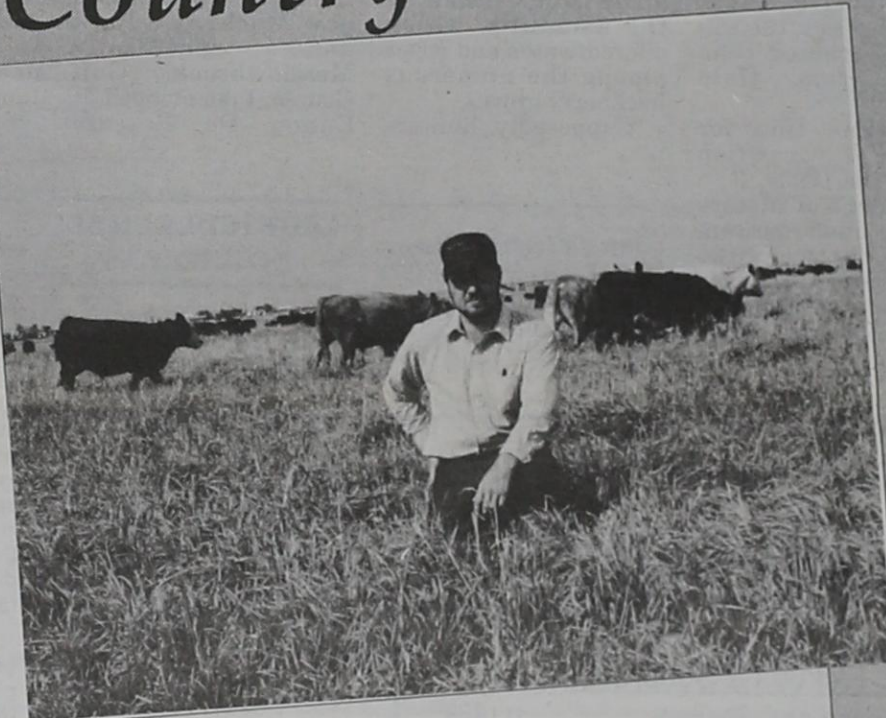
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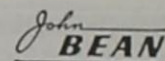
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Cast has historic ties to drama characters

By **GORDON ZEIGLER**
AgReview Writer

Seen through the eyes of Gayle Allcorn, one of a host of cast members rehearsing for next week's debut of *Ballad of Crawfish Draw*, it appears the experience of putting on an original drama has been an exciting one for all the local volunteer cast members involved.

"It is beginning to come to life," she says of the drama/musical. "And we are beginning to feel just like a family," remarked Mrs. Allcorn.

She credits guest director Jay Brown (director of theater arts at South Plains College) with "really bringing life into the drama."

Cast members include many adults with special ties to real life Olton pioneers being portrayed.

Jay Cowart, for example, plays the part

of Lamb County pioneer Fred Schrier — based, coincidentally, on his own grandfather.

Mrs. Allcorn plays his wife, Emma Schrier.

There are also a few characters drawn from imagination, added to help the plot along.

That includes crusty old bone picker Sam Samuels, played by Olton area farmer Mark Gunter.

Heroine of what has been likened to a Greek tragedy on the High Plains is Mary Harper played by Gay Snider.

Also portrayed in the action are the last buffalo hunter in the area, Old Man Hart, Hale County's colorful J. Frank Norfleet and others.

Without revealing the outcome of this tragic tale, it is suffice to say it will end on a happy note.

The theme music, sung A Cappella throughout the play, carries the story to its end, proving that

despite adversity and sorrow that life on the prairie. Many tunes will be familiar, others will be new.

Harold Dean Carson has written many original tunes to accompany lyrics by play author Mardema Ogletree. Carson's tunes join favorites like Red Wing, Red River Valley and Streets of Laredo.

The Cast: Rick Harper, a buffalo skinner; Delmer Givens, Old Man Hart; Mark Gunter, Sam Samuels; Gay Snider, Mary Harper; W.B. Dickenson, Foreman; Sam Thomas, Billy Kilmer; Mike Wilcox, Frank Norfleet; Alan Debnam, Hiram; Tanya Debnam, Martha; Billy Carson, Mr. Cunningham; Terry Snider, Bob Smith; W.B. Dickenson, Deputy; Margie Dickenson, Katherine; Kerwin Oliver, First Juror; Rick Harper, Second Juror; Landon Smith, Petitioner; Terry Snider, Henry;

Alan Williams, Henry Williams; Bob Perry, Old Man Wicker; Lucille Perry, Mrs. Wicker; Gayle Allcorn, Mrs. Schreier; April Gunter, Stella Schreier, James Cowart, Fred Schreier; Justin Gunter, Danny Harper and Melissa Wilcox, Indian Maid.

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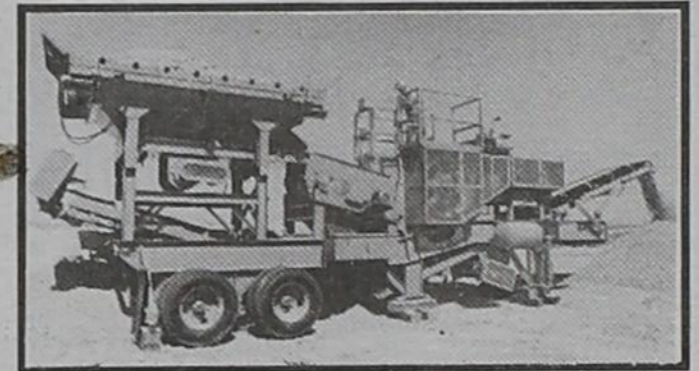
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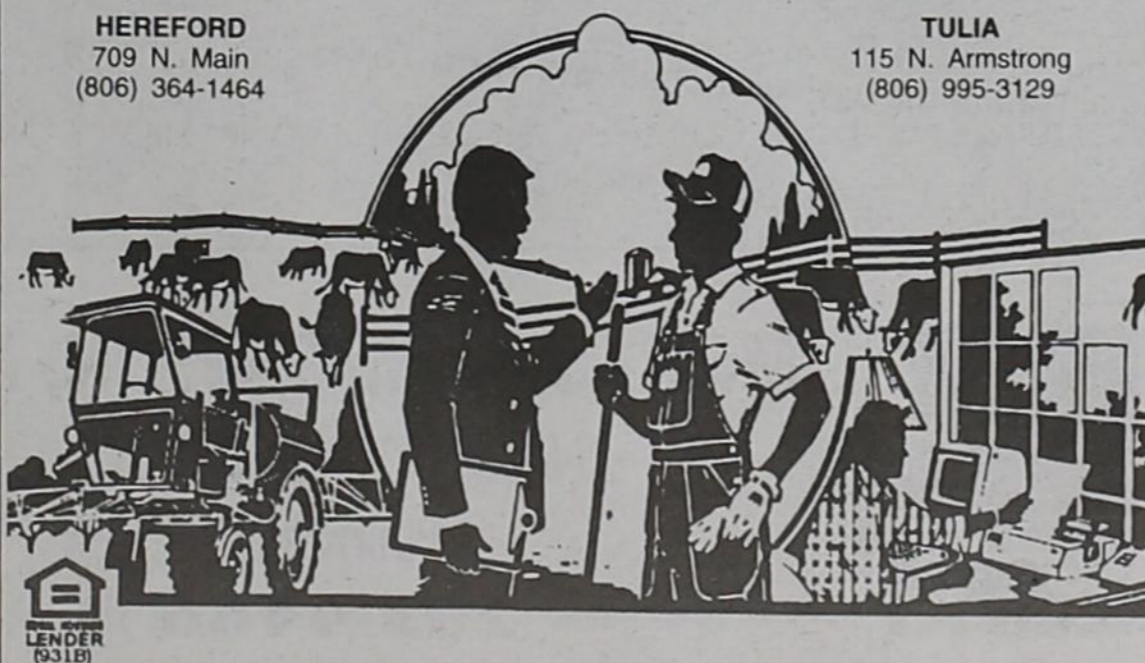
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city, Mrs. McFadden believes.

WHAT TO SEE:

The Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast is owned by seven Olton women: Judy Lee, Glenda Goen, Barbara McFadden, Lois Brimhall, Tomie Struve, Twila Sawyer and Jean Green.

Mrs. Green, a local art teacher and artist, has paintings hanging throughout the Wild Plum.

Each of seven guest rooms has been decorated in a decor designed by each partner separately. It is described as an experience in country elegance, much like that exhibited on the pages of Southern Living magazine. Its lobby is complete with historic player

piano.

The Wild Plum features a tea room often reserved for family reunions and parties. It is equipped with a gift shop and is located on the city's main street.

The Wild Plum tea room is open for breakfast, and for luncheons on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, plus by special arrangement the rest of the week.

Olton now boasts five gift shops:

The Mini Mall, owned by Patsy Mills features consignment goods

Bizzell's Dress Shop, owned by Mable Bizzell, is a fashion and clothing store

The Flower Shop owned by Mac and Gaylon

McGill features silk flowers and gifts

The Gazebo, owned by Cynthia Lawson, features fresh flowers.

Plums and Pretties, the shop in the Wild Plum, features all types of decor and gift items.

An antique car museum located next door to the Wild Plum features nifty 50's and other old cars. In

the back it has the recreation of an early day service station with gas pump and is the resting place of Olton's original old crossroads stoplight (Olton no longer has a stop light in operation).

The car museum, owned by Willie and Nick Green, features a new "treasure car" of the month owned by an area old car buff each month.

The Old Circle Store owned by Bill and Lea Langford and located on U.S. 70 five miles west of Olton, is the restoration of an old grocery store and filling station which served the community long ago. It features antiques, decorator specialties and gifts.

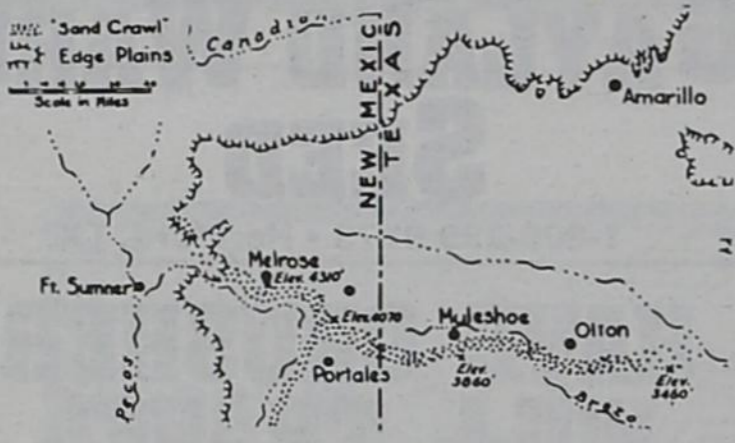
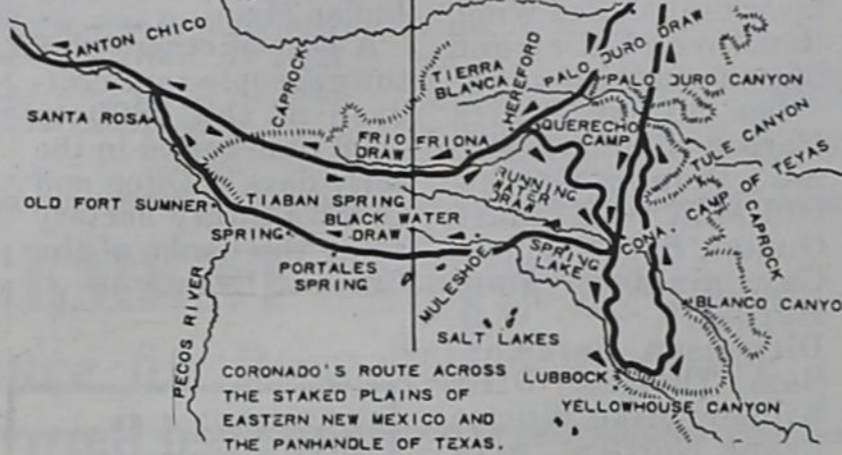
Museums in the area with exhibits related to South Plains and sand hills area:

Museum of the Llano Estacado: On the campus of Wayland Baptist University, it is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum: Located south of Hale Center on Interstate 27 and open daily from 1 to 5 p.m. weather permitting.

Floyd County Historical Museum: Located on the courthouse square in Floydada and is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum and Community Center, located at US 82 and FM 651 in Crosbyton, is open 9 to 12 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Offers local and regional archives plus a Texana library for onsite research.



U.S. & Canada solve wheat trade troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Canada reached agreement Monday in a contentious fight over wheat that had threatened to spark a full-blown trade war, members of Congress said.

The agreement will limit overall wheat imports from Canada by imposing high tariffs on shipments above certain levels, according to farm state lawmakers who were briefed on details of the accord.

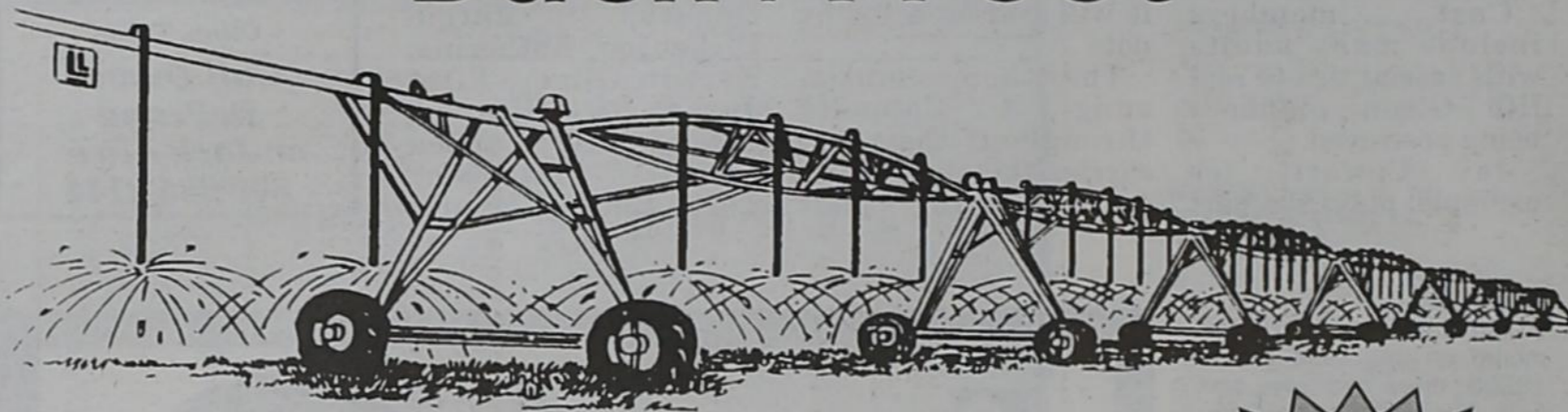
U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor was scheduled to discuss the agree-

ment with reporters later in the day.

"It's not everything I would like to see, but it nonetheless is the first step that will essentially stop the shipments above a certain level," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "It will bring the speeding train to a halt."

Dorgan said the agreement will create a separate set of tariffs for durum wheat, the variety grown mainly in North Dakota and Montana that is used to make pasta. The fight over durum wheat was at the core of the dispute.

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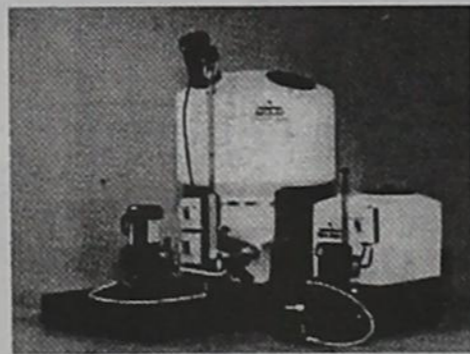


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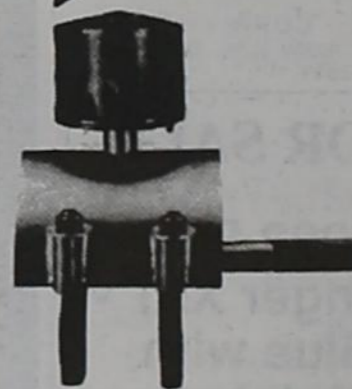
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