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## Public meets new superintendent



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The Alcorta family is transitioning from their former life in Abilene to Dalhart. On Sunday afternoon, they had the opportunity to meet some of their new neighbors.

Joe Alcorta is the new superintendent of the Dalhart Independent School District. He and his wife, Amber, and their son, Henry, 15, were introduced to many new faces during the Meet and Greet in the board room at the DISD administration offices.

Members of the Board of Trustees were present, who had previously met Joe at a special board meeting on June 28. Staff members of the district and local officials also came out to welcome the Alcortas and enjoy punch, cookies and other treats.

Joe is excited after two weeks on the job. Amber is looking forward to closing on the family's new house August 8, along with the arrival of the moving van with all their possessions.

Staying in a rental home for now, the family has the basics, according to Joe: a couple recliners, a television and so forth.

Henry has a video game console in his room, too.

The teenager is eager to become part of Dalhart High School's cross country team. He ran on the varsity cross country team in Abilene since he was a freshman.

Henry has already met the cross country coach, Stephanie Vogel, and some of the team members. He has joined them running on Monday and Wednesday evenings, to keep in shape for the coming season.

Joe and Amber have two grown daughters, as well, Morgan and Jessica.

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Photos of Superintendent Joe Alcorta and his family were among the decorations at the Meet and Greet on Sunday at the DISD administration building.

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## Getting creative with paints



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Lacynda Hunter had an interesting way for her students to show their creativity.

During the Creative Crafts class on July 12, eight youngsters and one adult gathered at The Flying Pig Boutique to decorate a stepping stone and a flower pot in their own unique style.

As for the designs, Lacynda explained, "It's something you want to share with those coming to your home."

Selecting their favorite colors, the students used stencils with phrases like "Family Rules" or "You Are Loved" to adorn the stepping stones.

Donna Brasch chose the stencil "Dream." "I want to fulfill some dreams in my garden," Donna said about signing up for the class.

Anna Vyn, 11, used a technique Lacynda spoke about, using her painted hand to create a sunburst effect on her stepping stone.

Some of the other students, like Cayden Curbow, 7, used a paintbrush to create free-hand designs.

As the group moved to decorating clay flower pots, Lacynda demonstrated how to create a simple butterfly using painted thumbprints. From that basic design, the students could embellish the pot as they desired.

A lot of paper towels were used to clean hands, but the results were suitable to adorn the students' homes.

"I'm putting my stepping stone by the front door," said Anna. "We really don't have a back yard."

An added treat to the class came in the form

See **CRAFTS** on page 8

**Julie A. Ferraro | Dalhart Texan**

Lacynda Hunter, left, helps Anna Vyn, 11, create a sunburst on her stepping stone using paint on her hand during the Creative Crafts class at The Flying Pig Boutique last week.

## School board to meet tonight

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Dalhart Texan

The Dalhart Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday evening, with superintendent Joe Alcorta on the dias for the first time.

The agenda for the meeting includes a number of informational items, such as administrator reports and enrollment data. The ending budget for the 2017-2018 year, which ended on June 30, will also be presented.

The board will discuss amendments to the policies involving leaves and absences and teacher evaluations. Copies of student, parent and employee handbooks will be presented, along with a brochure highlighting positive aspects of the district.

Among the action items for the board's vote are consideration of a donation from the Amarillo Downtown Lions Foundation, and naming the authorized agent for TexPool and the National Incident Base Recording System.

The board is scheduled to vote approval for the 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct, and consider a high school open campus policy.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the administration building, 701 E. 10th Street.

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### WEATHER

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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The following are registration dates for the Dalhart Independent School District:

**Dalhart Elementary, 1401 Tennessee Avenue**  
July 25-26 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Headstart, Kindergarten and new students

**Dalhart Intermediate, 801 Oak Avenue**  
July 31 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for third graders  
August 1 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for fourth graders  
August 2 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for fifth graders

**Dalhart Junior High, 1802 E. 16th Street**  
July 30 – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for seventh graders and new students  
July 31 - 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for sixth and eighth graders

**Dalhart High School, 2100 Spirit Trail**  
July 31 – 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. for new students  
August 1 - 9-11 a.m. - juniors and seniors  
1-3 p.m. - freshmen and sophomores

Parents must be present to register students and proof of residency is required. Head Start students will need proof of age, immunization record and Social Security card, along with proof of family income, proof of public assistance or services (i.e. TANF, SSI or Medicaid), parent's Texas I.D. Card and documentation of child's disability, if applicable. Kindergarten and new students will need their birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record and parent I.D.

### Hartley County Sheriff's Department weekly call logs July 1-7

Hartley County Deputies had 33 citations and 8 service calls for the period.

**July 1**  
1416 Grass fire  
1635 Officer responded to Highway 54 for motorist assist  
2208 Request to speak with an officer

**July 2**  
0942 Officer responded to Highway 385 for reckless driver  
1615 Request to speak with an officer  
2305 Request to speak with an officer

**July 3**  
1637 Request to speak with an officer

**July 4**  
0022 Request to speak with an officer  
2255 Request to speak with an officer

**July 5**  
0804 Officer responded to FM 2357 for motor vehicle assist  
1249 Request to speak with an officer  
1408 Officer responded to Highway 87 for reckless driver  
1421 Officer responded to FM 2577 for motor vehicle assist  
1931 Officer responded to Highway 87 for reckless driver  
2012 Officer responded to Highway 87 for reckless driver

**July 6**  
2038 Request to speak with an officer

**July 7**  
1042 Request to speak with an officer  
1200 Officer responded to Highway 87 for motor vehicle assist

### Stolen vehicle suspect charged

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Dalhart Texan

Facing charges in both Dallam and Hartley Counties, a suspect who led multiple police agencies on a high-speed chase July 11 could eventually face substantial jail time.

Hartley County Justice of the Peace Beth Moore magistrated Trevor Ward last week. Three of the charges are from Hartley County, with an additional four charges from Dallam County.

The bond amount set for Ward and other details have not yet been released.



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## Community Calendar

### All About Kids Day

For the tenth year, All About Kids Day will be held at Rita Blanca Lake on Saturday from 4-7 p.m. In addition to an afternoon of free food, games, giveaways and fun, there will be a free school supply giveaway. All are welcome.

### Saturday Night Supper

Gordon Family Farms will be hosting a Saturday Night Supper of chicken fried steak at Dalhart Senior Citizens Center, 610 Denrock Avenue, on July 21 at 6 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$10. All are welcome.

### Antique Show

Legacy Assisted Living, 301 Texas Blvd. is hosting a Trash or Treasure Antique Show on Saturday, July 21. Registration will open at 9:00 with evaluations beginning at 9:15. Lynda Moore and Joan Fisk with Forever Treasures will do the free evaluations. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded. There is a limit of two items per person for evaluations. For more information, contact Paula Nusz, 806-244-1450.

### Dalhart Golden Wolves Football Tickets

Reserved seating football tickets for the Dalhart Golden Wolves football team will go on sale to current season ticket holders beginning Monday, July 30 and will be available until Friday, August 10. Tickets can be purchased at the Dalhart ISD administration office, 701 E. 10 Street. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets not picked up and paid for by the deadline will go on sale to the public beginning Monday, August 13 at 1 p.m.

### Raffle Tickets Available

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Dalhart Unit, is holding a raffle for a Traeger Pro Series 34 Wood Pellet Grill. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The tickets are available at A to Z Home Center, 809 Tennessee Avenue, or by calling Daisha Simmons at 806-249-8655.

### Movie Mondays

Hillside Church, 409 Denrock Avenue, is holding Movie Mondays at 10 a.m. each week.

### Names for Veterans Memorial

Dallam-Hartley Veterans Memorial is seeking names for additional monuments. Veterans must have served for one or more years, received an honorable discharge, and been a resident of Dallam or Hartley County for more than one year. Applications are available at [www.dalhart.org](http://www.dalhart.org) or by calling the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce: 806-244-5646.

### Youth Group

The Church of the Nazarene youth group meets Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. at 1102 Keeler. Ages 12-18 are welcome.

### Summer Classes

Summer classes for youngsters and adults continue at Frank Phillips College and other sites around Dalhart. More information is available on the website: [dalhartcommunityeducation.org](http://dalhartcommunityeducation.org).

### Children's Storytime

The Dallam-Hartley County Library, 420 Denrock Ave, holds Children's Storytime every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m.

### Rotary Club

The Dalhart Rotary Club meets at noon each Thursday at the Dalhart Senior Center, 610 Denrock Ave.

### Senior Game Night

The Dalhart Senior Citizens Association hosts the Senior Saints Game Night every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Dalhart Senior Center, 610 Denrock Ave. Everyone is welcome.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed by Coon Memorial Home Health and Hospice to sit with patients, perform office work or run errands for patients. Information is available by calling 806-244-8738.

### Photography Contest

The 2019 XIT Regional Directory Photo Contest is ongoing. The winner's photo will be on the cover of the 2019 XIT phone directory. Photos can be submitted anytime via email to: [xitcom@xit.net](mailto:xitcom@xit.net) or by mail to XIT Communications, Attn: Photo Contest, P.O. Box 711, Dalhart, TX 79022. Additional information is available by calling the XIT marketing department: 806-384-3311.

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# Bible study continues at Legacy Assisted Living

**PAULA NUSZ**  
Special to the Dalhart Texan

Legacy Assisted Living has benefitted by having a special guest Bible study leader for the month of July.

Jacque Gavrilys, a native of Coffeyville, Kansas, has been sharing his insights into the Bible every Monday with the residents.

Jacque has cerebral palsy and brings a unique insight to his interpretation of the Bible as he leads his life from a motorized wheelchair.

Jacque is continuing his education, currently working on a teaching certificate. He will be attending Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma in the fall.

Jacque has been living with the Lobley family in Dalhart this summer. He is also working with the pastor from the Church of Christ, visiting with various members.

He especially enjoys working with the elderly. He understands the physical limitations that the aged experience as he also has similar limitations.

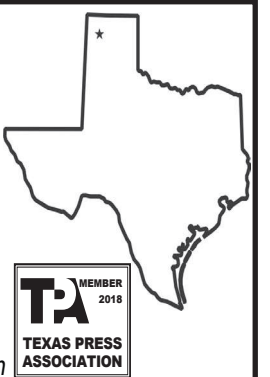
Jacque's Bible Study continues on Mondays in July at 10:30 in the Legacy living room. Everyone is welcome to attend his study.

If you need more information, please contact Paula (806) 244-1450. Legacy is located at 301 Texas Boulevard.



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# New superintendent eager to reconnect with kids

**JULIE A. FERRARO**  
Dalhart Texan

Dalhart Independent School District's new superintendent started on the job July 2, and he's optimistic about the future of local schools.

Joe Alcorta most recently served as executive director of human resources for the Abilene school district. He has a total of 27 years in education, of which 22 were spent in Abilene.

"I've been a teacher and coach, a principal, and director of personnel" before taking the executive director position about three years ago.

Abilene ISD had over 2,500 employees and Alcorta spent a lot of his time dealing with adults.

Coming to Dalhart is an opportunity to reconnect with the students.

"I was attracted by the demographics of the district," Alcorta said. He also was seeking a community where education is valued and there are higher expectations for young people.

Another factor in Alcorta's decision was his health. Not yet 50 years old, he suffered a heart attack about six months ago, which was followed by a stroke. He recently completed 12 weeks of rehabilitation and continues to exercise on a treadmill every evening.

"I know the Lord has a plan and purpose for my life," Alcorta said. His recovery spurred him to consider the other reasons he's here.

"I got into education to deal with kids," he said. He recalled how, when he was younger, he debated between going into youth ministry or education. After praying about it, he decided, "I could reach more kids being in the schools."

Intent on leading by example, Alcorta is determined to do whatever is needed for the students in Dalhart ISD, despite the more than \$500,000 shortfall in the 2018-2019 budget. He hopes, by being good stewards of the district's funds, the actual spending will allow for a balanced budget by the end of the next school year.

He views himself as a "team builder" as opposed to a "change agent." He would like to establish a good foundation within the district, and make it possible to grow from there.

A challenge Alcorta is facing in his new position is filling the many open positions within the district. He plans to organize job fairs to attract qualified applicants to the district.

Alcorta is also working to establish connections with local organizations, such as Frank Phillips College and the area churches. "I've met a lot of people already," he said.

He's also creating a promotional brochure for the district, highlighting the many programs and assets, to reattract families who have left the district for other schools.

Alcorta knows coming to a new community is a learning opportunity. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the climate and culture of the district."



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**Joe Alcorta, center, new superintendent for the Dalhart Independent School District, stands with his son Henry as he chats with members of the public during the Meet and Greet on Sunday.**

## • Alcorta

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The chance to meet members of the community, and for the community to meet them and make them feel welcome, was appreciated by the Alcortas as they continue to settle in the city.



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Joe Alcorta in his office at the Dalhart ISD administration building.

## • Crafts

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Abby Thompson anticipating her 11th birthday by sharing cupcakes with the other students. Abby was born on Friday the 13th in 2007, and celebrated officially again this year on Friday the 13th.



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**Donna Brasch creates a butterfly on a flower pot using paint on her thumb during the Creative Crafts class at The Flying Pig Boutique last week.**

## Current Listings

### 1016 Maple Ave. - PRICE REDUCED!

This home is in a nice location and offers 3 bedrooms and 1.75 bathrooms. Amenities include central heat and air conditioning, a large back yard and a nice concrete driveway. This home needs freshened up and could be a show place.

### 622 Scott Ave. - PRICE REDUCED!

A great place to start! This property would also make a good investment. This home offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, central heat and air conditioning and the kitchen appliances.

### 1509 Omaha St.

The open floor plan offers a fireplace, 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms making this property very appealing. This double wide mobile home has approximately 1680 square feet, is approximately 10 years old and comes on 2 lots.

### 701 Idaho St.

Space and comfort! This open floor plan has a large living room with fireplace, nice dining room and kitchen. The owners suite is on the opposite end of the house from the 2 guest bedrooms and bathroom. This double wide mobile home has approximately 2100 square feet, is approximately 10 years old and comes on 2 lots.

### 1722 Denver Ave.

A great home on a large corner lot! The large open living space offers 2 living areas, a dining space and the kitchen with nice granite countertops and plenty of storage. Down the hall are 3 bedrooms and a large bathroom. The sunroom is a comfortable space. When you come in from the attached garage you will find the well organized mud/laundry room and a nice bathroom.

### 601 Olive Ave.

A 2 for 1 property! The main house is in good condition, has 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, laundry room, & central heat and air conditioning. The efficiency apartment is small and well organized.

### 1601 Peach Ave.

Totally remodeled and a great location! All new windows, paint, flooring, cabinets and bathroom fixtures make this home move in ready! For year around comfort you have central heat and air conditioning. The kitchen has a great walk in pantry and a large dining area. This home has all new kitchen appliances and a stacked washer and dryer!

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# OPINION

## A Tale of Two Mustangs

Coming from a family of mechanics – father, brother and three of my four sons – I’ve been around a lot of cars in my life.

Early on, I decided I liked Mustangs best.

My two requirements for any car I’ve purchased is a good engine and a good stereo. Admittedly, I have a lead foot, and I like my music loud when driving fast.

Now, in the 50-plus years since the Mustang was first offered to the public, the body design has taken some wrong turns, in my estimation. In the late 1970s, for instance, during the gasoline crisis, the Mustangs “shrunk” to little more than a compact car – though they were kind of cute.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the engineers in Detroit felt the need to tamper with the front end, to where they didn’t even look like Mustangs – to me – anymore.

So, when the Mustangs started looking like Mustangs again in 2005, I treated myself to a brand new “Blue Beast” as I called it. I’d been needing a new car, and it was my reward to myself for raising my sons, and surviving. (I’m still waiting for the gray hair after all that.)

After signing all the papers, I drove it off the lot and found a nice, quiet country road, where I floored the accelerator and got it up to 100 miles per hour.

On ordinary days, I drove my Mustang to and from work, and even washed it myself. I still have a small scar on my right pinky finger, from when I burned myself on the hot exhaust pipe while soaping up the rear bumper.

That Mustang became a present to my youngest when I decided to head off for some full-time volunteer service projects in 2012. When I later learned he’d sold it... well... ‘nuff said.

Over time, when reporting on various car shows, I always gravitated toward the Mustangs on display, drooling at the engines and wishing for the chance to own another.

I even test drove a 2018 Mustang this spring, but with the size of the engine only 2.3 liters, it didn’t seem to have the “umph” I wanted. (And I wasn’t going to pay an extra \$20,000 just for a 5.0 liter version.)

Flash forward to last week, when the Hyundai I’d just bought in March wound up with a dead battery. The customer service – or, lack thereof – I received from the Hyundai dealers and corporate really upset me. They actually refused to cover the battery under warranty – and the car only had 3,450 miles on the odometer!

I’d seen the red 2005 Mustang GT here in Dalhart a few weeks ago. I started thinking about it, but work kept me so busy, I didn’t get back to it. So, in the process of replacing the one car battery, I decided to get rid of the vehicle which might become a “problem child” – partly because of all the computer gadgets – and indulge myself.

So, I again have a Mustang, with a powerful engine and a really good stereo. If you notice me smiling a lot in the future, that could be one reason why.



**Julie A Ferraro**

## Inspiration in the museum

**JULIE A. FERRARO**  
Dalhart Texan

The meeting of the Dalhart Area Fine Arts Association wasn’t so much about business on Saturday, but the potential for inspiration.

Gathering at the XIT Museum, the members learned about a new type of marker with edible “ink” that can be used to decorate cookies.

They were able to sign up for future events, such as the gourd decorating workshop on August 11, and a trip to Meira Ranch near Clayton on September 8.

Before venturing into the museum to spend time drawing or painting whichever exhibit provided inspiration, the members also had “show and tell,” giving them a chance to share recent artistic efforts, such as graphite portraits and scratch-art, where a black surface covers a colorful layer and the image is created by scratching off the black coating to reveal the colors underneath.

Membership in the Dalhart Area Fine Arts Association is \$12 per year. More information is available on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Where-BeautyStarts](http://www.facebook.com/Where-BeautyStarts).



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**Charles Firestone describes a graphite drawing he completed during “Show and Tell” at the Dalhart Area Fine Arts Association meeting on Saturday.**

## Boutique offers items not otherwise available

**JULIE A. FERRARO**  
Dalhart Texan

For Lacynda Hunter, family comes first.

The idea for The Flying Pig Boutique grew from some seemingly random occurrences in her life.

“I quit my job to get ready for my daughter’s wedding,” Lacynda said. After that, she started painting furniture for her other children who were married.

That task required making the trip to Amarillo for supplies.

She had the inspiration to start offering items to the Dalhart community which other local stores didn’t carry.

“We started in October 2016 and held our grand opening in March 2017,” Lacynda recalled.

The boutique grew from restoring furniture to a collection of unique items.

Those items can be part of a gift basket, Lacynda said, as inexpensive as a \$5 teacher gift to a \$250 cast iron skillet.

“That’s the theme of the store. We offer what you can’t get or can’t do in town,” she added. “A lot of people don’t know about our products.”

For instance, The Flying Pig carries Amy Howard At Home paints. They can be used on any clean surface.

Items such as Crackalaka – various flavors of cracker season – are part of The Flying Pig’s selection, along with Skip’s Mix non-alcoholic Bloody Mary mix, Wine Freezers, and sandals.

Lacynda is known for being a holistic person, and she’s always searching for healthy options. “It’s all about that unique lifestyle,” with the product line including Smarty Pits, an aluminum free deodorant that is also paraben-free, phthalate-free, petroleum-free and hand made in the U.S. Candles, bath soaps and other items fill her office.

Operating the business from the family home, called a “barndominium” – combining the words barn and condominium – Lacynda has been able to be cost efficient and maintain a low overhead. “I wanted to make sure it would be a success.”

Married to Bob Bailey, three of the couple’s sev-



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**Lacynda Hunter displayed many of The Flying Pig Boutique’s items at the Purpose Market on Saturday.**

en children from the blended family are active in The Flying Pig Boutique, as well. When the family took a mini-vacation to Dallas, the youngsters spent a day at the market, selecting items their friends would be interested in.

Madelyn Bailey, 15, Mitchell Bailey, 13, and Annie Schacher, 13, enjoy being part of the family business. For Madelyn, especially, it’s a chance to learn about running a business as she approaches adulthood.

The Flying Pig Boutique can be found on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theflyingpig16](http://www.facebook.com/theflyingpig16).



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# XIT Rangers help kids develop skills

JULIE A. FERRARO  
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**Above: Kain Van Ryn maneuvers his horse between the poles Saturday at the XIT Rangers Play Date.**

**Below: Rylee Schoonover participated in the "stake race".**



A "play date" is, for some parents, a chance for their kids to meet and play with others the same age.

For the XIT Rangers, a "play date" brings those of all ages to the arena on Farm-to-Market 281 to improve their skills with the horses.

Saturday evening, the play date brought out a number of youngsters and their horses, saddled up and ready to go.

Just for fun, the events began with "wild cow milking." Using a wooden cow with a plastic bottle and squeeze top for an udder, youngsters raced from the starting line with a cup, "milked" the cow and returned to the finish line with the liquid in the cup.

Then, it was onto the horses. The "straight away" had the riders urge their horses through the middle of the arena, around a barrel and back.

Electronic timers provided accurate results.

The "stakes race" required riders to maneuver their mounts around traffic cones with stakes in them, and the "pole race" had the horses weaving in an out of the row of poles. Flag races and other events went on into the night.

Five age groups participated in the play date: 0-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years, 15-17 years and the "open" category for those over 18.

J.B. Stegall, 17, served as announcer for the evening. He currently serves on the board. "It's good to give back to the Rangers, who helped me get my start," he said. Nurturing his passion for horses while also having fun is important.

Stegall is studying general science at Frank Phillips College, with an eye to moving on to Texas A&M to earn a degree in animal science. "It's a passion of mine."

Riders like the Van Ryn children - Diesel, Pierce and Kain - and Rylee and Remington Schoonover put a lot of effort into the drills. Stratton Schoonover was so focused on the course he had to ride, he lost his hat a couple times.

Dori Fritz's horse wore pink socks, matching her shirt and ballcap. She was one of two adults participating in Saturday's play date.

Through the riders' hard work and skill, they earn points through the year toward awards in their respective age categories, like a belt buckle, spurs or saddle blankets.

The XIT Rangers started as a palomino club, according to KeriAnn Sullins. The members originally helped at the annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion in the 1930s and 1940s, providing security, she added.

Fundraisers such as the arena's concession stand and Sunday's Gospel Sing-a-Long use the proceeds to keep the arena in prime condition for those who practice there, as well as the buildings on the property.

The XIT Rangers are in need of board members, and new members are always welcome. More information is available by contacting Chris Goodson, XIT Rangers president, at 806-333-3904.



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**Above: Stratton Schoonover lost his hat during the straightaway event Saturday at the XIT Rangers Play Date.**

**Below: Mary Wittmere was one of the adults participating in the events.**



## Outlaws lead softball league with two weeks to go

BILL KELLY  
Dalhart Texan

The Dalhart Softball Association finished another week in the men's league season with Outlaws remaining in first place with a record of 14-3. Weak-End Warriors took over second place with a record of 13-5, while Havok dropped to third place with a record of 13-6.



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**Christian Del Toro swings at a pitch as New Life Blue plays Havok on July 13.**

There were five games on July 9 and all were blowouts. In the first two games, Havok beat Average Joes 26-3 while Weak-End Warriors defeated The Mixx 7-0.

Then, New Life Blue took on Bad Habit and won by a score of 18-5 and Balls Deep beat Ice Cold Pitchers 16-6.

In Monday's final game, Young Gunz played New Life Red and won that matchup by a final of 25-5.

The men's league had three more games on July 10. Weak-End Warriors took on Outlaws in the first matchup and handed the league leaders their third loss of the season, winning by a score of 19-12. Roadrunners defeated The Mixx 18-7, and Average Joes played Ice Cold Pitchers and won that game by a final of 17-13.

Weather problems caused some games scheduled on Thursday to be postponed until Friday, while others have yet to be made up.

In those rescheduled games, New Life Blue squeaked by Havok for a final of 13-11, and Bad Habit defeated Young Gunz 7-0.

Young Gunz played against Havok and won by a single run, 13-12. Average Joes beat New Life Blue 16-8.

Two games on Friday ended with score of 7-0: Bad Habit beat The Mixx, and Weak-End Warriors triumphed over Balls Deep.

Bad Boyz took on Roadrunners and won that matchup by a score of 12-10, and Outlaws won against New Life Red by a score of 10-5.

Three games are scheduled for tonight.

These are the standings for the men's league through July 13.

Outlaws (Justin Ortiz): 14-3  
Weak-End Warriors (Fernando Hernandez): 13-5  
Havok (Albert Mendoza): 13-6  
Young Gunz (Tim Gallagher): 12-6  
New Life Red (Gene Phillips): 11-7  
Roadrunners (Bobby Penner): 10-8  
Average Joes (Joe Kramer): 10-9  
Bad Boyz (Junior Hernandez): 9-8  
The Mixx (Hugo Davila and Edmar Montes): 8-9  
Balls Deep (Tim Lenz): 7-11  
New Life Blue (Terry Stegall): 5-13  
Bad Habit (Daniel Gonzales): 3-16  
Ice Cold Pitchers (Anthony Leal): 2-16



## Dalhart hosts Quick Quads

**BILL KELLY**  
Dalhart Texan

The first of three Quick Quads tournaments was held at the Dalhart High School gymnasium on July 12 as the Lady Wolves get ready for the upcoming season. Others just came out to have a good time.

Quick Quads tournaments differ from normal volleyball tournaments. There are no referees, so violations and decisions about whether a ball is out of bounds is based on the honor system. Also, there are four players to a team instead of the usual six, which is why the word "quads" is used (although there were a couple of teams on Thursday that only had three players.)

In the tournament, the players form their own teams. While the first two teams play each other, the other teams line up on the north end of the court. The team that wins the point moves to (or stays on) the south end of the court, while the losing team retrieves the ball and rotates behind the other teams. The next team in line then serves against the team that won the point. Teams continue rotating in this manner for two periods of 25 minutes before there is a break.

Since each team plays another team for just a single point before rotating, there is no official score kept. The point of the tournament is just to have fun and give players a chance to practice and keep in shape. It is also used as a fundraiser for the booster club.

There will be two more Quick Quads tournaments: July 19 and July 26. The event is open to all ages, and boys are welcome to come play as well.

Along with getting a chance to play volleyball, the players also have their names entered into a drawing for door prizes, which usually consist of \$5-\$10 gift cards and other small items.

The tournaments begin at 7 p.m., but teams are encouraged arrive early to sign up, with the doors usually opening about 6:15 p.m. The cost for the tournament is \$5 per player.



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Madison Todd serves in the Quick Quads Tournament on July 12.

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# Dalhart hosts baseball camps



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**Left: Dalhart High baseball coach Shawn Brasher held a baseball camp last week. Those attending the camp had fun while learning fundamentals such as hitting, pitching, catching and sliding. These are some of the students in grades 1-5 who attended the camp.**

**Right: Sixth-ninth grade students attended the Dalhart High baseball camp from July 10-12. Front row l-r: Kreed Hines, Braxton Akin, and Kade Speer. Back row l-r: Cole Kemp, Christopher Ruiz, Ricardo Chaparro, Kyler Read, Hunter Trusler, Talon Garcia and Coach Shawn Brasher.**

## All things trains flavors Purpose Market

JULIE A. FERRARO  
Dalhart Texan

It's not just little boys who love trains. Girls do, too.

All the children who came to the Purpose Market on Saturday got their fill of trains, with everything from a mini roller coaster with Thomas the Tank Engine to a small steam train, a train-themed obstacle course to win an engineer's hat and train whistle, and a larger "train" with the cars pulled by a utility vehicle.

Hilmar Cheese Company set up a canopy, using their new griddle to create grilled cheese sandwiches with cheddar, pepper jack, and other cheeses.

Barrett Bezner, 12, brought a load of the red po-

tatoes grown by his grandfather, Richard Barrett, to sell. He also donated 50 percent of his sales to the 4-H Archery program, which had a booth to recruit new members.

The Hutchison family brought their home-grown vegetables, such as assorted squash, carrots, bell peppers, green beans and black-eyed peas. Home-made baked goods and crafts were available, as was the bounce house, hand-made tortillas and burritos, and job applications for the Dalhart Unit prison.

One booth encouraged customers to order their locally-grown sweet corn, which will be ready in the coming weeks. By calling Sarah Vyn at 949-274-2115, orders for sweet corn may be placed, and will be delivered when the are picked from the stalks.



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Dalhart Texan

**Right: William Allen, 21 months old, rides a miniature train during the Purpose Market on Saturday.**

**Below: Jeremiah Bell, 2 1/2 years old, pulls a "train" as part of a train-themed obstacle course at the Purpose Market on Saturday.**



## Movie in the Park brings out families

JULIE A. FERRARO  
Dalhart Texan

While the threat of rain had organizers debating whether to cancel the event, the weather proved cool and pleasant for the first Movie in the Park on Friday night.

Families with young children brought their own chairs to "Watermelon Park" near the Rita Blanca Coliseum, where a blow-up screen had been set up on the stage. The animated film "Coco" was the feature attraction.

The event also served as a way to welcome newcomers to the Dalhart community. Nicole Pickett, president of the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce, explained, "We used to hold events to welcome new neighbors twice a year, with free hot dogs." The scheduling sometimes conflicted with other activities, however, so it was decided to bring people together for a movie in the park.

Under a canopy, Beth Moore, one of the event leadership team for Relay for Life and Hartley County Justice of the Peace, popped popcorn which was sold for \$1, along with candy bars and sodas to raise funds for the upcoming Relay for Life on September 15.

Youngsters could also grab a glow stick for free. Hilmar Cheese Company provided grilled cheese sandwiches for \$1, freshly made by intern Will Steffe. Those proceeds also went to Relay for Life.

As the sun set, the families gathered together to enjoy the film, almost like a drive-in movie without the car.



Julie A. Ferraro  
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**Beth Moore, left, serves popcorn to Dalila Camacho and her children, Camilla, 6, and Damian, 4, during Movie in the Park on Friday night.**

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Leroy Schaffner  
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Jay Garcia, 15, practices on his skateboard at the skate park last week.



Barrett Bezner, 12, sold red potatoes at Saturday's Purpose Market, donating 50 percent of his sales to the 4-H Archery program.



Cayden Curbow, 7, uses a stencil to decorate her stepping stone during the Creative Crafts class last week at The Flying Pig Boutique.



Jasper Webb, 19 months old, sports a choo-choo tattoo at the Purpose Market on Saturday.



Marcus Zarate, 1, gets some help using a bow and arrow from grandma Kelly Whitcavitch at the Purpose Market on Saturday.



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