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GARDENING FOR THE COMMUNITY



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The community garden sits behind Dalhart High School. In addition to providing produce for members of the community, it is also used during the school year to provide different educational opportunities to high school classes.

Community garden provides resources to local citizens

BY John Verser
REPORTER

Ever wonder if you plant winter wheat in untouched ground what will happen? Melissa Ritchey, a Dalhart High School teacher, and her students did. That first experiment, plus a lot more work over the years, eventually led to what is known as the community garden. The garden is located on the back side of the high school.

"We wondered what happened if you put winter wheat out and just planted it. The soil's water holding capacity is the greatest it will ever be on ground that's not disturbed," Ritchey said. "So we literally drilled into the prairie to see what

would happen. We didn't get good contact with the seeds because the ground's not level. The areas where the wheat did make contact, it was phenomenal. That was really interesting to us."

Years after an experiment with one crop, the garden is now full of a variety of fruits and vegetables — or at least their seeds. A rainy spring led to a late start. Vegetables and fruit planted in this year's garden includes squash, cucumbers, sweet corn, beets, cilantro, peppers, eggplant, okra, grapes, watermelon, cantaloupe and both jalapeño and habanero peppers. Volunteers planted black-eyed peas Tuesday night.

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Tell Atha helps clear weeds from a row of grapes Tuesday night at the community garden. The garden is available for anyone in the community to receive fresh fruit and vegetables.

Open house set for July 9 to discuss Hwy. 54 rehab project

The Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Dalhart and Hartley and Dallam counties, will conduct an open house regarding the rehabilitation of U.S. 54 through the City of Dalhart on Tuesday, July 9.

The open house will convene with a short presentation by TxDOT at 6 p.m. at Rita Blanca Coliseum, at 2222 W. FM Road 281. The remainder of the open house will be dedicated to participant review of exhibits, asking questions, and providing comments on any aspect of the proposed project.

TxDOT personnel will be onsite to answer questions regarding the project. Comments must be received by Wednesday, July 24, 2019, to be part of the record.

The project proposes upgrading the existing U.S. 54 roadway by rehabilitating the existing pavement to concrete from the Rita Blanca Creek bridge to US 87 and constructing sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations from the Dalhart city limit to U.S. 87. Improvements to existing driveways are also proposed. Additional right of way will be required from one parcel on one property. There are no anticipated relocations of existing businesses or residences.

The meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Call 806-356-3200 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Safe Place, Inc. to continue thrift store operations in Dalhart, Dumas

The T-N-T Thrift Stores in Dalhart and Dumas will remain open.

The announcement was made June 28 on the store's Facebook page. The store's parent organization, Safe Place, Inc., announced earlier that week that its entire operation would be temporarily limited due to the loss of grant funding. Grant funding was on hold while an investigation is underway due to the "alleged misuse of grant funds by a former employee."

On June 28, it was

announced that the thrift stores would remain open.

"Although Safe Place, Inc. had to make some difficult decisions to temporarily minimize and suspend what services the agency can offer due to grant funding being temporarily suspended, the board of directors determined that T-N-T Thrift Store in Dumas and Dalhart will remain open and fully functioning," said Chris Fobbs, interim director, in the statement. "These locations have not only proven to be a great opportunity for the

community but play a vital role in Safe Place, Inc., agency also. It was vital to keep the thrift stores open not only for the business itself but they play a key role in the Safe Place, Inc. economic standings for day to day operations.

"The desire of Safe Place, Inc., board of directors is to resolve this matter in a timely manner while working with all authorities and other agency to have Safe Place Inc back up and fully operational. Please note that all donations will

continued to be processed in a professional manner as in past times. Thank you to those who donate, volunteer, and shop at T-N-T Thrift Stores. T-N-T in Dumas and Dalhart will continue to operate under normal business hours."

In the earlier announcement, Safe Place said it would help clients as it can during the current period.

"Safe Place will continue to help clients find shelter and aid during this hiatus with very limited contracted employees. It is the desire of Safe Place to work hand in

hand with law enforcement and grantors to expedite this process so that Safe Place Inc can become fully operational again serving clients and community to the agency fullest potential," the announcement said.

According to its website, Safe Place, Inc. is the only non-profit domestic violence and rape crisis program serving people in Moore, Dallam, Hartley and Sherman counties.

It provides "survivors and their children with emergency shelter, clothing, food,

crisis counseling, support groups, educational classes, advocacy, access to local and state resources" among other services, according to the website. It serves an area of 42,000 square miles with a population of over 35,000.

Safe Place also works "to increase awareness about and reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault by giving prevention-based educational classes to the general public and participating in a variety of community outreach events."

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Obituaries

Charlie Lee Hodo



Charlie Lee Hodo, 71, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at his home in Allen, Oklahoma. He was born May 27, 1948 at Sentinel, Oklahoma, to Charlie Jethro and Betty Irene Halford Hodo.

He married Dianne Marie Blodgett on Feb. 20, 1970 in Perryton, Texas. Mr. Hodo was a self-employed restaurant owner. He served in the U. S. Army.

Charlie was an avid fisherman asking as his health allowed, and was a charter member of the Tip Top Bass Club in Dalhart for many years. He served on the XIT Rodeo and Reunion Board from 1990-91, in charge of concessions. Being a devoted grandfather, nothing gave him more joy than trying to keep up with his five grandchildren's activities.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne, of the home; two sons, Brad Hodo and wife Jennifer, of Haslet, Texas, and Chad Hodo and wife Ashley, of Aledo, Texas; five grandchildren, Shelby, Sydney, Ethan, Skylar and Ellis; five brothers, Tom Hodo and wife Judy of Lewisville, Texas, Sammy Hodo and wife Karen of Lane, Oklahoma, Edward Hodo and wife Sarah of Perryton, Texas, Gary Hodo of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Philip Hodo and wife Debbie of Allen, Oklahoma; a sister, Cathy Akins and husband Harold of Allen, Oklahoma; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services for Charlie Lee Hodo will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, at the Church of God of Prophecy in Allen. Rev. Ed Rutherford will officiate.

Community Counseling services coming to High Country Rural Health Clinic

Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District announces the addition of counseling services. Beginning July, patients will see Bobby Medford, LPC at High Country Rural Health Clinic. Medford will serve children, adolescents and adults, male and female.

Medford has been a Licensed Professional Counselor for 16 years. He has earned a masters degree in Christian Counseling and a bachelors degree in Psychology. Medford has been with Psychod for five years and started serving as Director of Senior Care Solutions in July 2018.

"I am passionate about what I do because I get to see people's lives improve and healing. I want to see health and wholeness in people for their body, mind and spirit. When people are healthy emotionally, mentally and spiritually then they are

healthier physically, it all works together. Everyone has a story that is unique to them. They want someone to listen and acknowledge their story and walk alongside them to become the persons they want to be. This is what I love to do," Medford said.

Medford has worked in the panhandle the past 15 years and loves the rural setting. Rural communities usually do not have the same resources metropolitan areas do so they become innovative and resourceful, which is part of the challenge that Medford enjoys.

"Finding new ways to serve the citizens of Dallam and Hartley counties is our goal. We are proud to offer healthcare services any major



Bobby Medford, LPC

city would have, but with the personal touch only a small town can provide," said Loree Tamayo, Chief Executive Officer.

To make an appointment, please call 806-244-5668. Dallam Hartley Counties Hospital District, located in Dalhart, is a healthcare system designed to serve the community at every stage of life. Offering services including

obstetrics, surgery, radiology and swing bed at Coon Memorial Hospital, providing wellness and rehabilitation services at family practice or specialty clinics, or caring for seniors through long term care facilities, DHCHD's mission is to provide quality healthcare close to home. To learn more, visit www.dhchd.org

Community Calendar

Ladies Luncheon: A Professional Ladies Luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at Frank Phillips College-Dalhart.

Hot Dog Cookout: High Country Rural Health Clinic will host a free hot dog cookout from 2-5 p.m. on July 3.

KidZone: Liberty Baptist Church, 12020 U.S. Highway 87 South, will hold KidZone for ages 5 through fifth grade on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m..

Church of the Nazarene 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.

Children's Storytime: The Dallam-Hartley County Library, 420 Denrock Ave., will host story time on the second and fourth Wednesday and Friday of the month 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.

Home Health and Hospice Volunteers: 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.

Hospice Connection Group: The hospice connection group holds a luncheon on the last Wednesday of each month at Coon Memorial Hospital, 1411 Denver Avenue. The program is open to everyone, and especially those who have a loved one in hospice care or that has recently passed away. The group

meets at 11:30 a.m., and a pot luck lunch is served at noon.

Bereavement Group: A bereavement support group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Dalhart Prayer House, located at Third Street and Denrock.

Back-to-School Bash: A community-wide back-to-school bash will be held 5-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, in the Memorial Stadium parking lot. Meet the Dalhart High School fall athletes, coaches, cheerleaders and band members. A brown bag special (burger, chips, cookie and water) will be available for \$5. There will be several booths available for fun activities. If you would like a booth, contact Christy Dovel at 244-7309 by Aug. 1. There are 20 booths available.

Senior Center Weekly Menu July 8 - July 12

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| Monday | - Ham Potato Casserole, Frito Lettuce Salad, Zucchini Squares, Hot Roll, Turtle Brownies. | Hello Dollies. Thursday - Smothered Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Bacon Pea Salad, Hot Roll, Strawberry Shortcake. |
| Tuesday | - Roast, Potatoes and Carrots, Spinach Salad, Hot Roll, Watermelon and Cantaloupe. | Friday - Shredded Beef Wraps, Garden Pasta Salad, Relish Tray, Dessert |
| Wednesday | - Grilled Chicken, Mixed Veggie Casserole, Lettuce Salad, Brazilian Cheese Roll, | Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Dalhart Senior Center is located at 610 Denrock. |

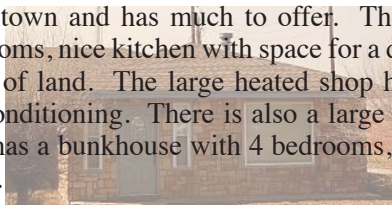


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110 W 10th St
A charming house with potential! There are 3 bedrooms and one bathroom, a dining room, living room and the kitchen on the main floor. The basement is large and could be finished. This lot is large and there is a 3 stall garage.



Lots in Headquarters - Several lots in the Headquarters addition. Prices range from \$27,000 to \$37,000.

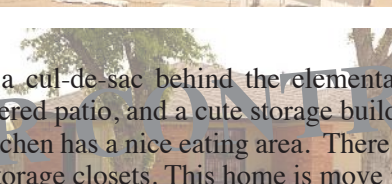
#1 Honeywood
A great place to start. This 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home is neat and clean. The yard is fenced and well maintained. There is a covered carport and 3 storage buildings.



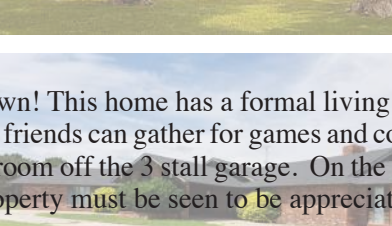
1501 HWY 87 South Commercial Property
Nice commercial building with approximately 2160 square feet. This building is on a large lot with frontage on highway 87. It has a reception area, several offices, 3 bathrooms and a large conference room. There is an asphalt parking lot on the south side of the property.



1222 Chaparral
Lovely home located on a cul-de-sac behind the elementary school. This property has mature landscaping, a covered patio, and a cute storage building. The living room is large with a fireplace and the kitchen has a nice eating area. There are 3 spacious bedrooms, 1 & 3/4 bathrooms and extra storage closets. This home is move in ready!



13125 HWY 385
Make this property your own! This home has a formal living room and a great room with a fireplace where family and friends can gather for games and cooking. There are 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, and a bonus room off the 3 stall garage. On the west side of the property there are 2 large barns. This property must be seen to be appreciated.



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CHURCH CORNER: Religious faith and the state

BY Rev. Philip C. Ray, OP
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There is much discussion in the public square these days regarding the relationship between church and state in our country. We hear phrases such as “freedom of religion” and “freedom from religion,” and there seems to be confusion about what these mean; and the agendas behind them.

To get a clearer picture of the background of these arguments, we have to look at the background of life in colonial America. People settled in the new colonies for all sorts of reasons, chief among them religious freedom. The northern colonies were mostly the Congregationalists, Maryland for the Catholics, the middle colonies for the Quakers, and the southern colonies from Virginia south the Church of England.

In the colonies, the Church of England was “established.” That is it was sanctioned by the government and was essentially an arm of the government. The boards or vestries of the Church of England collected taxes and were responsible for all sorts of civil life: maintaining schools and paying teachers’ salaries, maintaining roads and community cleanliness, maintaining orphanages, paying the sheriff as well

as paying clergy and overseeing the upkeep of church buildings.

In addition to that, in many instances, the church building served as the court house during the week. And there’s more. Church attendance was required and penalties enforced for absences. Dissenters not only had to pay the tax, they had to pay more for being a dissenter of the Church of England.

Besides freedom from England, the American Revolution brought about many changes. Our Founding Fathers established a new democratic republic. Among the changes was doing away with the “established” church system. So they wrote in the First Amendment, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Notice there are two clauses: the establishment clause and the free exercise clause. What is confusing about this? There wouldn’t be any confusion except for those who wish to remove religion from the public square.

The intolerant (easily offended) secular left is



Fr. Philip C. Ray

determined to clear the path for their agenda by removing religion from our culture. Why do we have “a moment of silence” instead of prayer? How many reindeer and Santa Clauses does it take

to cover up shepherds, angels and wise men in a nativity scene? How is it that our children are being indoctrinated rather than educated regarding cultural norms?

The clamor from the left is no excuse for those of us wanting to keep our religious liberties remaining silent. The truth of the left is not the same as the Truth of Christianity. Two differing truth statements cannot both be true. If one is true, the other is not. Loud repetitious words do not make something true. It is past time for Christians to speak up and to speak out before it is too late.

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Josh. 24:15 NKJV
May these words serve as encouragement for you,

Fr. Phil+

Fr. Philip C. Ray is the rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart.

TDLR: Motorists must slow down or move over around emergency vehicles

Texas roads will be crowded throughout the summer. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) asks all Texans to please remember to slow down or move over if you see emergency vehicles – police, fire, EMS, highway response trucks and tow trucks – with their lights activated on the roadside.

Texas traffic laws require drivers to leave the lane closest to the vehicles stopped on the road (if the road has more than one lane traveling in the same direction) OR slow down at least 20 miles per hour below the speed limit.

“First responders, including tow truck operators, are vulnerable when they’re stopped on the side of the road helping someone. Tow truck operators are often the first people on the scene of a wreck, and they work hard to get traffic cleared up quickly. Please help make sure that all of us get to our destinations and back home again safely,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director.

Driver safety is important to TDLR because we regulate the Driver Education and Safety program, which oversees Texas driver education, parent-

taught driver education and the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program. We also license tow truck companies and drivers, who you may need to call on if you experience trouble on the road.

Several Texas tow truck operators and emergency workers have been either injured or killed this year while stopped to help motorists who have broken down on the side of the road.

Other safety tips for driving include:
-- Slow down and pay attention to what you’re doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.

-- Designate a (sober) driver. Don’t drink and drive, even a little bit.

-- Stay off the mobile phone – this includes texting. Designate a “co-pilot” to be in charge of the phone while you’re driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

-- Stay weather-aware. We’re not expecting bad weather, but this is Texas and you never know. If it’s rainy, slow down!

-- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly – the Texas way!

Texas Education Agency launches “HB3 In 30” web video series

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today announced the launch of a new web video series, “HB3 in 30,” to help inform school districts and the public about how to implement the transformative measures in House Bill 3, passed during the 86th legislative session.

Each video will feature, in roughly 30 minutes, an overview and detailed explanation of a specific provision in House Bill 3, as well as information on how TEA is working to implement applicable changes to public education required by this new legislation.

“House Bill 3 is a groundbreaking and innovative piece of

legislation,” said Education Commissioner Mike Morath. “This new law has been designed to support our teachers, focus on learning and student outcomes, increase funding and equity, and reduce property taxes. TEA is committed to ensuring educators and school district officials know both what changes to expect as a result of HB3 and that TEA is working hard to provide them the resources and information necessary to prepare them for the next school year.”

Videos will be released every Thursday and will be accompanied by supporting documents available for download. A full schedule of weekly release dates, a

summary of HB3, frequently asked questions, and implementation guidance for school districts can be found on the TEA House Bill 3 information site.

The first video in the series, an overview of Budget Planning for Teacher Compensation, was released on Thursday, June 26.

“HB3 In 30” was kicked off with an introductory video (tea.texas.gov/HB3/) by Commissioner Morath, expressing his gratitude for the attention given by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the legislature to public education and a summary of the successes in House Bill 3.



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TRACTOR CATCHES FIRE NEAR TEXLINE



Kelly Nash-Jones/The Dalhart Texan

Two units of the Texline Volunteer Fire Department headed out to a tractor fire Monday morning east of town on Draper Road. The blaze was contained to the immediate area surrounding the tractor.

Panhandle Community Services to host 'Conversation on Poverty'

Panhandle Community Services (PCS) will host an inspiring event titled "Conversation on Poverty" on July 11, 2019 that seeks to engage all twenty-six counties of the Texas Panhandle on a conversation about the issues of poverty in our communities.

Poverty estimates show that 14.88% of the total population or 62,691 persons of the Texas Panhandle are living below the poverty level, which is higher than US averages.

The purpose of this event is to gather feedback from various groups of individuals engaging in discussion on the contributing factors of poverty in each community, and develop solutions to reduce poverty in each area.

PCS hopes to engage 1,000 people or more to create the largest conversation in the Texas Panhandle and encourages community members to participate.

"This event is important to the Panhandle of Texas because it will help bring light to a true issue within all of our communities as well join together a cross-section of people including those who are experiencing poverty with community leaders," said Magi York, Executive Director.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dalhart will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 for proposed lighting at McLeod Softball Field, two miles on Highway 54 West.

Bid specifications are available at the office of the City Manager, PO Box 2005, Dalhart, TX 79022 or 205 Rock Island Street.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City.

FOR THE CITY OF DALHART, TEXAS
James Stroud, City Manager

The annual return of the Roco Agape Charitable Foundation is available for inspection at its principle office during regular business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days after the date this notice is published. Principle Manager Dyke Rogers. Principle location: 323 Denver Ave., Dalhart, TX 79022. (806)-244-6431

The annual return of the Gene and Louise Rahll Foundation, Inc. is available for inspection at its principal office during regular business hours by any citizen who request inspection within 180 days after the date of this notice is published. Principal Manager: Gene Rahll, Principal location: 1917 Arroya Rd., Dalhart, TX 79022, (806) 249-6605

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Some Things That Do Not Save

Most people have misconceptions as to what saves a person. This writing points out some things that do not save.

1) MORALITY ALONE. Cornelius was a good moral man as he was devout, feared God, gave much alms and prayed to God always (Acts 10:2). Yet, he was not saved for he had to hear words whereby he could be saved (Acts 11:14).

2) PRAYER. Many are told to be saved they just need to pray a prayer of some kind. Where in the Bible was a person every told to pray for salvation? Saul was a praying man, but he was not saved (Acts 9:11).

3) FAITH ONLY. Faith does save (Rom. 5:1), but nowhere does the Bible say we are saved by faith alone. In fact, the Bible says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (Jas 2:24).

4) CALLING THE LORD'S NAME. Just saying "Lord, Lord" does not save. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith to me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 7:21).

Next, we will point out some things that do save.

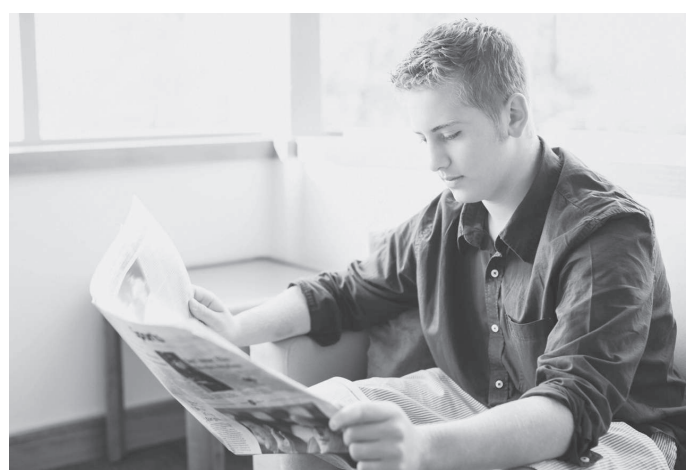
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Local News

GARDEN

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The garden serves many purposes. The first is providing fresh fruit and vegetables free to members of the community. The garden also serves as its own classroom for a variety of DHS classes.

Students in various classes taught by David Hutchison or Ritchey learn a variety of things. Ritchey's dual credit agronomy class, taught every other year, uses it as a hands-on project. Her biology classes in the fall collect insects and look at a variety of weeds. They also set up traps to get a better look at moths. The environmental science class learns composting from the project. This past school year, students studying ecology tossed out squares in random places to get a better look at flora and fauna.

"It's kind of an outdoor classroom," Ritchey said. They also learn about practical aspects of agriculture, such as irrigation.

Sociology classes taught by Hutchison do things like distribute the food.

"This fall, I hope we do enough so we can do some distribution," he said.

The two teachers said the community garden allows students to learn a lot of things about agriculture.

"I feel like kids, even in Dalhart, are getting disconnected from agriculture," Hutchison said.

Ritchey said she's surprised how many students have never eaten food straight from a garden.

"A lot of the kids don't know how stuff grows," she said. "I lot of them have never eaten vegetables that are fresh. We'll come out here in the fall and the kids are like, 'You can eat this

raw?' They'll be astounded that you can actually eat it right off the bush."

The land the garden sits on wasn't being used for anything when Ritchey approached the school about using it as a community garden. Her background was in plant pathology and agronomy before she became a teacher. Hutchison has been helping with the project for half a decade.

"I wanted the kids to get some real life experience and I knew we had all this land that wasn't being used," Ritchey said.

The two teachers hope to keep expanding the garden. They'd like to add things like peach and cherry trees in the future, and would also like to see outdoor classrooms there.

Those who volunteer to help with the garden meet each Tuesday night. Anyone is welcome to volunteer. They have a Facebook page to post announcements of when they'll start with the work. Lately, that has been 7 p.m. since it's been warmer.

Both Hutchison and Ritchey said they appreciate the vast support they receive from the community. Local companies and individuals have donated things such as seed and irrigation equipment, and also help with various specific projects.

Once the produce is ready, they'll start taking it to senior citizens and shut-ins and to local charities such as Good Samaritan. They also give some to teachers.

"There was one summer where we had so much squash that if you left your door unlocked, we'd put it in your car. That happens sometimes," Ritchey said.

The produce is available for anyone to come to the community garden and pick what they need.

"We want to let the whole community know that it's



John Verser/The Dalhart Texan

Callie, left, and Molly Ritchey plant black-eyed peas Tuesday night at the community garden.

open for everybody, so everybody can have fresh food," Ritchey said.

She added that anyone is welcome to pick fruits or vegetables there at any time, not just when someone from the community garden is present.

"We don't want people to think if there's nobody out there, they shouldn't go. That's not the case. I'm not out here all the time, but anybody's welcome, any time," Ritchey said.

If someone isn't physically able to pick their own, Ritchey said to contact her and she'd pick it for them.

Both Ritchey and Hutchison said the garden is a lot of work, but it's something they enjoy doing. And more than that, it's beneficial to the community.

"Our reward is it being a blessing to the community," Ritchey said. "I love walking into a place and giving them fresh vegetables."



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Hubert Brown III helps clean up in a row of grapes Tuesday night at the community garden.

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE I Guess You Forgot

BY Baxter Black, DVM
COLUMNIST

This year we recognized the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the beginning of the end of the 2nd World War. Europe had been completely conquered except for England, an island about the size of Wyoming. President Roosevelt made the decision to "go all in".

The United States of America attacked Normandy Beach with full force of more than 156,000 troops, 50% American plus British and Canadian troops. Casualties of Allied Forces numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Truly a world war. From D-Day June 6, 1944 to V-E day May 8, 1945 (Victory in Europe), Eleven months.

Can you imagine the depth of their gratitude and height of profound welcome from the freed Europeans to The Allied Forces who came across the sea and crushed the Nazis.

JUMP FORWARD

At the 75th Celebration in Normandy France, the President of the United States reminded of the uncountable, unimaginable heart-breaking sacrifice. The President of France said, "We know what we owe America."

The significance of his compliment speaks volumes. So why did people in London protest our president on this 75th

anniversary? Why do some British dislike America?

The "Encyclopedia of Google" tries to explain: The best I can degalvanize is 'resentful'. "Hubris, arrogance". Commercialism, consuming, America's media influence we rub it in, just because we saved them from being Nazi slaves.

Another possible reason is lack of education. Only one American in three can pass the U.S. Citizen exam. British citizens might do a little better, but not much. We have no one to blame for the lack of knowledge. Time passes, history is being rewritten, ignored. And to them, forgotten. We have freedom of speech, but England does not. They are under the scrutiny of the "professionally offended." Basically, the "politically correctness" criteria. There are also laws against 'hate speech' but it does not include hating the United States.

On the 75th celebration of D-Day, it was a weekend with respect for something that all Americans, Canadians and English treasure, and it gave the politicians and media stars a chance to regain, momentarily, some dignity and humility.

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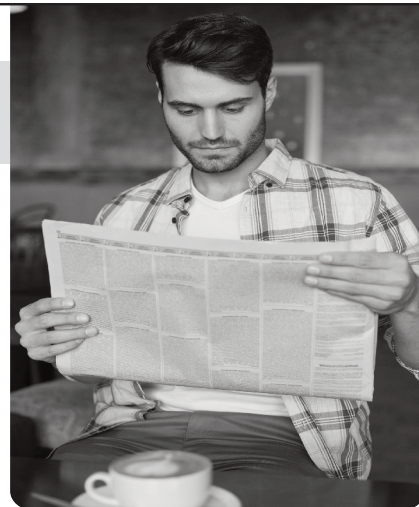
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Members of the Dalhart basketball team pose with Coach Chris Beard and Texas Tech players after winning the Gold Bracket of the Texas Tech team camp. (Courtesy photo)

Dalhart basketball players win Texas Tech, OSU team camps

BY Bill Kelly
SPORTS EDITOR

Official high school sports may take a break during the summer, but that doesn't mean that players are taking time off. In nearly every sport, athletes are either taking part in unofficial practices, working out on their own, or traveling with teammates to various tournaments and team camps.

In particular, almost the entire Dalhart Golden Wolves' basketball team competed in tournaments that were part of team camps at both Oklahoma State University (OSU) and at Texas Tech University. Not only did they compete at

these camps, but they made their presence known by winning first place at both camps.

A total of nine Wolves competed in the camps. They were seniors Eli Alarid, Zach Barsalou, Trey Campbell, Brandon Samaniego, LaDaryl Smith and Bass Wieck; juniors Will Moore and Xaviar Hammett and sophomore Jaeden Fangman. Junior Brennan Lloyd also went to the camps with the others, but was unable to play due to an injury.

The boys were coached by Kenny Welch. A fundraiser was held prior to the camps to help with the costs, since the entry fee is very expensive, and Tami Moore, Will Moore's mother,

mentioned that a lot of people in Dalhart donated money to make it possible to attend the camps. The boys and their parents were very grateful for the support.

The OSU camp was held the weekend of June 14-16. The boys played seven games during the camp, winning all seven to take first place. The exact scores of the games were unavailable.

The Texas Tech camp was this past weekend, June 28-30. The team played eight games during that camp. They started out by beating GOAT Elite by a final of 56-43, and then won against the Lubbock Titans 68-57.

Next was a game against Peak to Peak Charter School, which is

located in Colorado. The Wolves beat that team easily, more than doubling their opponent's score by a final of 54-26. The next game was an even bigger blowout. The Dalhart boys played a private school from Plano, Coram Deo Academy, and won that matchup by a score of 63-27. They then beat the MCA Knights 80-36.

All those early wins put the Wolves into the Gold Bracket on the final day of the camp. They took on Glen Rose and achieved a measure of revenge against those players, whose football team knocked Dalhart out of the playoffs last season. Dalhart nearly doubled Glen Rose for a 76-40 victory. Ironically enough,

they then played Vega, which meant that they had traveled over 200 miles to play a team that is only 65 miles from Dalhart. The Wolves won that game as well, 52-44, winning the Gold Bracket title.

The nine players that played in these tournaments, along with Lloyd once he recovers, will more than likely constitute the majority of the Dalhart varsity team during the coming school year. Dalhart has been to the playoffs two straight years after missing several years, and will be looking to use senior leadership and talent, along with an infusion of younger players, to make a deep run in the playoffs in 2020.

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Sports News

DHS releases fall sports schedules

BY Bill Kelly
SPORTS EDITOR

As hard as this is to believe, summer is already half over and school is just a little over one month away. High school sports are even closer, as football, volleyball, and cross country practices will start the first few days of August. Dalhart High recently released the schedules for those three fall sports.

Cross country is the first sport to begin official practices. They will have a midnight practice on July 29. Volleyball two-a-day practices will start on August 1, and a midnight madness practice is being planned for that team as well. Football has to wait until Monday August 5.

The Lady Wolves will hold their first scrimmage on the same day that the football team begins practice, August 5, as they travel to Amarillo to scrimmage Caprock and Amarillo High. Their first official game will be the next day. They will play Highland Park at home on August 6, over a week before school starts. The Lady Wolves will travel to Monahans for a tournament that weekend, August 9 and 10 before another home game on Tuesday August 13 against Caprock. They will then compete at the River Road tournament on August 16 and 17 and the Frenship tournament on August 23 and 24, before closing out the month with games at West Texas High in Stinnett on August 27 and at Hereford on August 31.

The Wolves' football team

will start things off with a scrimmage at home against Stratford on Saturday August 17, and will then travel to Canyon to scrimmage against the Eagles on Thursday August 22.

The rest of Dalhart's schedule is basically a copy of last year's schedule, with the locations being reversed. They will open the season at home against Muleshoe on August 30, followed by away games at Bushland and at River Road on September 6 and 13 respectively. September 20 will be the homecoming game, which will be against Shallowater this time around. They will finish up in September by hitting the road to play Friona on September 27.

The cross country teams will once again start their season at the Canyon 6-Mile Relay, which is August 24 this year. It is different from a normal cross country meet. Instead of having the girls run two miles each and the boys run three miles each, teams of four run a six-mile relay, with each individual running a mile and a half.

The cross country teams will run at the Borger meet on August 31, and will then return to Perryton on September 7. They have skipped that meet in recent years, but are returning so that they can get a feel for the course since that is also where the district meet will be held. The Wolves and Lady Wolves will compete at the Tascosa Rebel Run in Amarillo on September 14 and then will run in Plainview on September 21. Their final

two regular season meets will be at Lubbock on September 28 and in Canyon on October 5. The district meet will be at Perryton on Thursday October 17.

The volleyball team will have three more matches in September before district begins. They will play River Road at home on September 7, travel to Bushland on September 10, and take on Canyon at home on September 14.

A week after that the Lady Wolves will begin the double round robin of district action at home against Borger. They will then play at Dumas on September 28 and against Pampa at home on October 1, followed by a trip to Perryton on October 5 and to Borger on October 8. After an open date, they will finish up the regular season at home against Dumas on October 15, a trip to Pampa on October 19, and a final home game against Perryton on October 22. That last game will also be Senior Night for the Lady Wolves.

The football team will play its final non-district game at home against Pampa on October 4. That will also be the Pink-Out game for the Wolves. District will start on the road at Perryton on October 11, followed by a home game against Lubbock Estacado on October 18, a trip to Levelland on October 25, and finally at home against Borger on November 1. The Borger game will also be Senior Night. Like last year, the open date for the Wolves will actually be the final Friday of the regular season, November 8.

HEADING UP



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This pole vaulter practices basics during the Dalhart Pole Vault camp. There will be more about the camp in the July 9 edition of the Dalhart Texan.

YOUTH SOCCER TIME IN DALHART



Bill Kelly/The Dalhart Texan

Hart Chevy (black) played against CSS Potato (green) in the 3rd grade/4th grade division on July 2.



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Deer Creek Feeding (blue) took on G & G Farms (purple) in the Pre-K/Kindergarten division of the Dalhart Youth Soccer League on Tuesday July 2.



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The CSS Potato goalie kicks the ball back into play after making a save against Hart Chevy on Tuesday, July 2.

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Weekly Recipe

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While grilling is often the method of choice when hosting warm weather gatherings, following up with tasty grilled fare with an equally pleasing homemade dessert can set any soiree apart. "Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp" from "Crock-Pot: 365 Year-Round Recipes" (Publications International, Ltd.) from Crock-Pot test kitchens creates a cobbler-esque dessert chock-full of comforting flavors. It can be enjoyed on its own, or topped with a dollop of cream or ice cream.

Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

Serves 8

- 4 cups sliced hulled strawberries
- 4 cups diced rhubarb (about 5 stalks), cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch, plus water (optional)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Coat a Crock-Pot® slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Place strawberries, rhubarb, 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar and lemon juice in the crock and mix well. Cook on high 1 1/2 hours, or until fruit is tender.

If fruit is dry after cooking, add a little water. If fruit has too much liquid, mix cornstarch with 2 tablespoons water and stir into liquid. Cook on high an additional 15 minutes, or until cooking liquid is thickened.

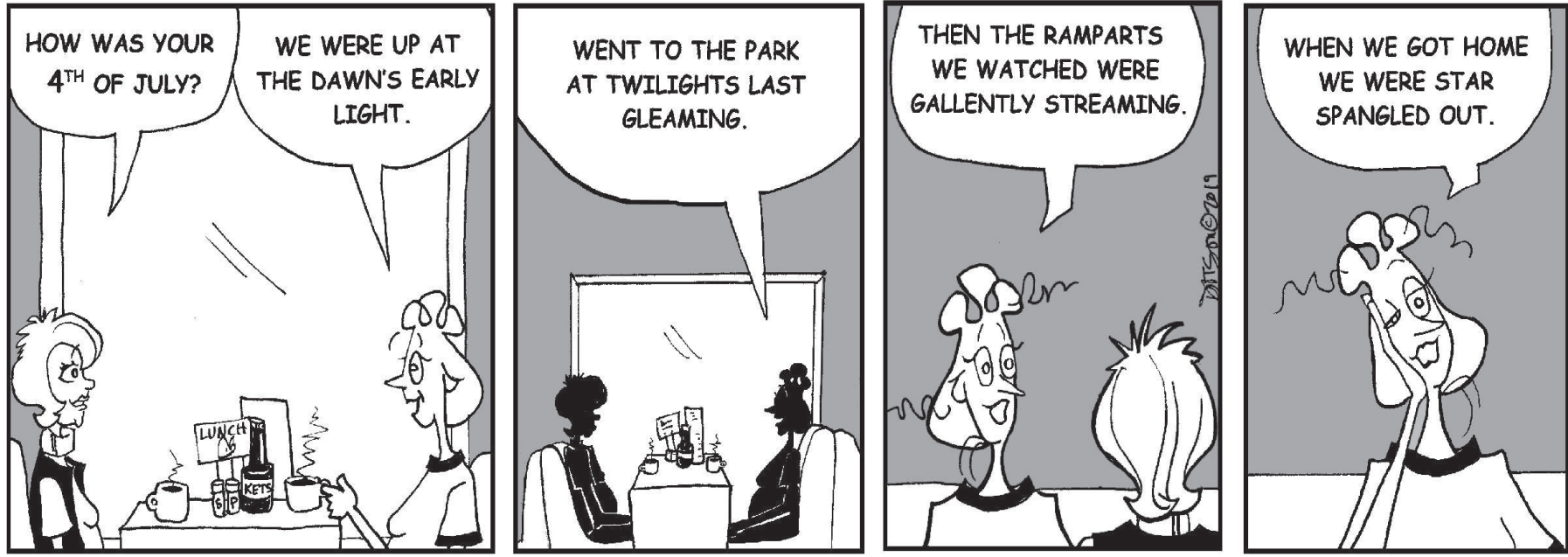
Preheat the oven to 375 F. For the topping, combine flour, oats, sugars, ginger, and nutmeg in medium bowl. Cut in butter using a pastry cutter or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in almonds.

Remove the lid from the Crock-Pot slow cooker and gently sprinkle topping onto fruit. Transfer the stoneware to the oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until tipping begins to brown.

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By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Answer: Martina McBride

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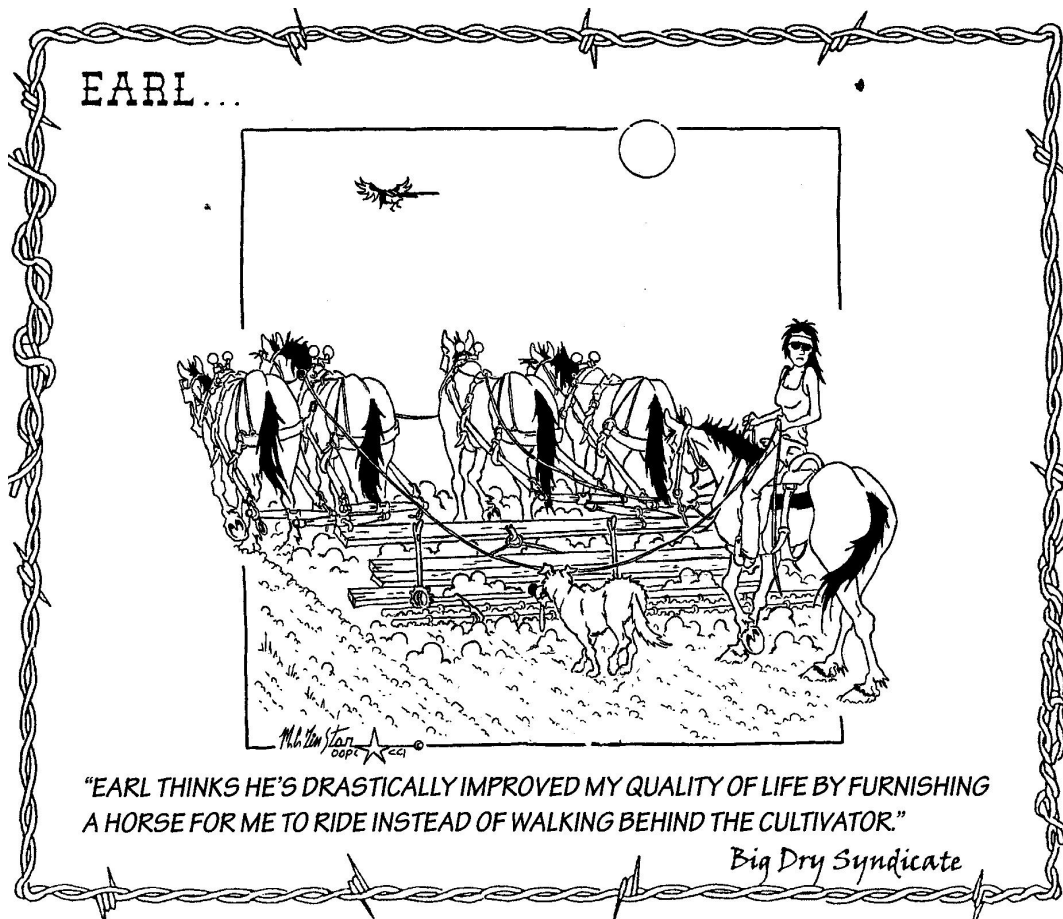
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