



Community

Roberta Thomas Heimann

Roberta Thomas Heimann, age 86, died Saturday, June 15, 2019 in Dalhart, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Amistad United Methodist Church in Amistad, New Mexico with Lynn Clay officiating. Burial will follow in the Clayton Memorial Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton. Please visit [www.hassfuneralhome.com](http://www.hassfuneralhome.com) to view the online obituary and sign the guestbook.



Roberta Thomas Heimann was born on May 28, 1933 in Amistad, New Mexico to Warren R. Thomas and Hilda (Nagel) Thomas. She attended school in Amistad and Dalhart and enjoyed square dancing as a young girl. Roberta lived most of her life in the Amistad area and she lived in Dalhart for a few years also. Roberta was an accomplished seamstress and did seamstress work for many people and she also taught numerous 4H students over the years. Roberta married J Heimann and together they had four sons. Roberta later worked as a seamstress in Dalhart until she moved back to the ranch to care for her mother. After returning to the ranch, Roberta operated a contracting business and enjoyed caring for her very large lawn. Roberta was preceded in death by her father, Warren R. Thomas on July 4, 1968; her mother, Hilda Thomas Roberts on October 12, 1999 and by a son, Randy Heimann on August 3, 1983. She is survived by

3 SONS: Jay Dee Heimann and his wife Kim of Clayton, New Mexico and Gene Heimann and his wife Deborah and Russell Heimann and Terre Girard all of Bueyeros, New Mexico.

4 GRANDCHILDREN: Cody J. Heimann and his wife Hesper of Bueyeros, New Mexico, Myah Crisp and her husband Billy of Sedan, New Mexico, Morgan Mangelsdorf and her husband Dee of Hayden, New Mexico and Chance Heimann and his wife Casey of Amistad, New Mexico.

11 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: Wyatt Heimann, Rhett Heimann, Mason Crisp, McKinlee Crisp, Mandy Crisp, Adrian Heimann, Walter Mangelsdorf, Randal Mangelsdorf, Trent Heimann, Newt Heimann and Emmalynn Heimann.

And an honorary Son, Jimmy Clay and a very special niece, Deana Shugart.

The family asks that memorials be made in Roberta’s memory to the Amistad Association, PO Box 200, Amistad, New Mexico 88410.



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Dalhart Rotary scholarship recipients Dalton Conner (standing), Rally Stull and Hanna Wilkerson were present for the Rotary luncheon Thursday to talk about their plans for the future.

Community Calendar

**FBC VBS:** First Baptist Church of Dalhart will hold Vacation Bible School June 17 through 21 from 9 a.m. until noon. This year’s theme is Into the Wild and is open to children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. Transportation will be available. However, parents must register for transportation in advance.

**CUMC VBS:** Central United Methodist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 24 through 27 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. for children four years old up to students entering fifth grade. All are invited to come and learn what it means to “Power Up” in Christ.

**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 pm.

**Church of the Nazarene Youth Group:** The Church of the Nazarene youth group meets Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm 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.

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.

**Retirement Reception:** Dalhart ISD invites everyone to attend the retirement reception for Elgin Sledge. Elgin is retiring after over 30 years of working for Dalhart ISD. The reception is on Wednesday June 19 at the Central Office Meeting Room at 701 E. 10th, from 2-4 pm.

**Brisket Supper:** The Texline Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a brisket supper Saturday, June 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Texline Fire Station. Tickets available at the door only, \$9 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. Meal includes: smoked brisket, cowboy beans, potato salad, applesauce, homemade bread, lemonade and tea.

**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 pm 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



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**11935 FM 998**  
This property is close to town and has much to offer. The house is spacious and well maintained. It has 3 bedrooms, nice kitchen with space for a dining table. There are several barns on this 5 acre tract of land. The large heated shop has a large 2 room office that has central heat and air conditioning. There is also a large barn with covered equipment parking. This large barn has a bunkhouse with 4 bedrooms, 1 bath and a great room with living space and a kitchen.

**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.

**1013 Elm Ave.**  
Cute home! Spacious kitchen, dining room, living room, 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. This home has a nice sized yard and is fenced. Take a look today!

**811 W. 7th - Dalhart Bowl**  
This property offers 1.3 acres of land with a metal building with 1,760 sq ft. This property is a great opportunity for an investor.

**Lovely Patio Home - 1613 Denver Ave.**  
Fresh paint and new carpet make this home move in ready! This home offers 2 nice living areas, one has a fireplace and the other has built in bookshelves. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. A nice block fence encloses both the front and back patios. The kitchen has a nice eat-in area and a spacious pantry.

**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.

Current Listings

Signup begins for new DMC program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced last week that signup begins June 17 for the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, the cornerstone program of the dairy safety net that helps dairy producers manage the volatility of milk and feed prices, operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The 2018 Farm Bill allowed USDA to construct the new DMC, which replaces the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). This new program offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

The program provides coverage retroactive to January 1, 2019, with applicable payments following soon after enrollment. At the time of signup, dairy producers can choose between the \$4.00 to \$9.50 coverage levels.

The Farm Bill also allows producers who participated in MPP-Dairy from 2014-2017 to receive a repayment or credit for part of the premiums paid into the program. FSA has been providing premium reimbursements to producers since last month and those that elect the 75 percent credit option will now have that credit applied toward 2019 DMC premiums.

The Department has built in a 50 percent blend of premium and supreme alfalfa hay prices with the alfalfa hay price used under the prior dairy program to provide a total feed cost that more closely aligns with hay rations used by many producers.

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## Local News

# Flag Day celebrated around Dalhart Friday



Kelly Nash-Jones/The Dalhart Texan

Businesses and residents both got into the swing of Flag Day Friday as the Dalhart Rotary Club went around town early Friday morning placing flags around town for those who requested them. Pictured above is Scott Power & Equipment, Inc. showing off its patriotism. Right: Several residents also show their patriotism.



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More scenes from Saturday's Purpose Market in downtown Dalhart. Top photo: Whitney Crabtree with Crabtree Family Farms shows off an assortment of fresh vegetables. Upper Right: Jackie Reeves with Rustic Enigma offers a variety of items including candles, scented jellies and various types of scented sprays and air fresheners. Above: Ali Brunmeier with VonLeikam Cake & Thread shows off an assortment of goodies including pupcakes and puptarts for dogs and several baby bibs.

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## TAX

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from 2016, but 2018 was 3.71 percent better than 2017, and this year is already up 4.65 percent.

Stroud said he hoped by the end of the year that the sales tax revenue for 2019 would close at around a 6 percent or better margin.

Stroud said he thinks those numbers are obtainable because of the many new businesses either already opened in town, or scheduled to open over the next few months.

He noted that Dalhart is witnessing steady growth at the moment. Stroud said the only drawback to the growth is the city needs more affordable housing for the increase in population anticipated

over the next several years.

“We are going through the typical growing pains that any city experiences,” Stroud said. “We need more reasonably priced housing and of course we need to continue to improve our infrastructure.”

Stroud said the city is even looking at possibly turning some city owned property off of Highway 281 into residential housing, that Stroud said the city hopes to be able to eventually turn over to private ownership.

He noted that even with these growing pains the outlook for the city is a positive one and that the increase in sales tax revenue is just one of the signs that the city is continuing to thrive.

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**Right: Projects like this one on Highway 87, the future location of Golden Chick, are one of the reasons Dalhart continues to see increased tax revenues.**



## CRASH

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Surgeons from Dallas were rushed to Dalhart AAF shortly after the crash to perform emergency surgery on the two glider pilots who survived January 26 crash; however, their injuries were so severe that the physicians could not save them.

The two men who survived the January 26 glider crash with injuries were Staff Sgt. Bernando Fernandez and Staff Sgt. Harold Kolom, said the Texan.

The day before the glider crash of Young and Wilt on February 9, Fernandez, 23, died of his injuries at the Dalhart AAF base hospital at 8:00 a.m.

Therefore, the surgeons from Dallas were still at Dalhart AAF monitoring the two surviving glider pilots, Fernandez and Kolom, when the second glider accident occurred on February 9.

Cyndee Wilt Gayle remembered something very interesting about her father’s glider crash on February 9 and the life-saving circumstances involving the presence of the Dallas surgeons still in Dalhart.

“I just know, [my mom] said it was just a miracle he survived. I think he was unconscious for two weeks...and [my mom] said that he probably wouldn’t have survived unless those surgeons had

been there.”

An official at Dalhart AAF, most likely a physician, sent a Western Union telegram to Wilt’s fiancé, Mary Ruth Berry, in Lubbock following the February 9 crash.

The telegram was sent on February 11, 1943 from Dalhart at 7:38 p.m. and was stamped “1943 11 FEB PM 7 48”.

Her name was misspelled as “MARY RUGH BERY”; but, no doubt, the telegram found its way to her address in Lubbock.

It cost 55 cents to send the telegram from Dalhart to Berry’s address in Lubbock, 1807 – 15th Street, which is in the South Overton neighborhood about two blocks west of Ave Q and just a few blocks from Lubbock High School.

The telegram read, “CRUSHED CHEST TWO TRANSFUSIONS HAS GOOD CHANCE THOUGH= L S THOMPSON.”

The person who signed the telegram, L. S. Thompson, was most likely the surgeon at Dalhart AAF who operated on Wilt or possibly a public relations officer at the base.

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Submitted photo

### Ruth Berry and Mason Wilt

Cyndee Wilt Gayle provided a copy of her mom’s manuscript, which reveals her mom’s reaction to the glider crash in which her fiancé, Mason Wilt, was involved. Rex Berry was Ruth’s older brother.

Rex Berry brought his two younger sisters, Ruth and Ora, to Lubbock, Texas from Marked Tree, Arkansas before the United States went to war in 1941.

“Ora was living with a family and going to business college. I stayed with Mrs. Garrison on Main St. She had a rooming

walk and to get a Coke.”

“We liked each other from the start and started dating. He was transferred to Dalhart, TX, was in a glider crash, and was in the hospital. I went to see him and he was in critical condition. He was there several weeks.

“He came back to Lubbock and was sent to San Antonio where they told him he could not fly anymore. He stayed in Lubbock for several weeks and was sent to Wichita Falls, TX, where we had talked about marriage and before he left he gave me my engagement ring.”

“I was staying at Mrs. Johnson’s on 15th St. [in Lubbock] and doing housework for Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Denemon.”

“My parents still lived in Arkansas. My mother and sister, Hallie Fay, were coming out to Lubbock in May so I rented an apartment on 8th St. They were planning on staying the summer.”

“I enrolled at Tech for the summer semester. They were there about 3 weeks when we received a telegram that my brother [Rex] was killed on June 13th, 1943 in North Africa.”

“My mother and Ora left for Marked Tree and Hollie Fay went to stay with Olga and Bob at Littlefield, TX.”

“I cleaned up the apartment and moved in with a pal, Prater, a good friend. I finished the semester, but it was very hard. I went to see Mason twice at Wichita Falls.”

“My parents moved to Lubbock in the fall and bought a house at 2217 7th St. Ora and I moved there. I had started the fall semester at Tech. Mason and I had set our wedding date December 8, 1943. He was stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah.”

Mason S. Wilt and his wife, Mary Ruth, are buried at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock.

More about the history of Dalhart AAF in WWII will be discussed in the next article.

Readers are encouraged to visit Silent Wings Museum on I-27 at Exit 9 just north of Lubbock to learn more about the glider program of WWII (www.silentwingsmuseum.com). Contact John McCullough at (806)793-4448 or john.w.mccullough@live.com if you can help with his research.

### Notice of Open House

U.S. Highway (US) 54 Dalhart Roadway Rehabilitation Project  
The City of Dalhart, Hartley, and Dallam Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with City of Dalhart and Hartley and Dallam counties will conduct an open house regarding the rehabilitation of US 54 through the City of Dalhart in Hartley and Dallam counties.

The open house is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9, 2019**, from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Rita Blanca Coliseum located at 2222 West Farm-to-Market Road 281, Dalhart, Texas, 79022. The open house will convene with a short presentation from TxDOT at 6 p.m. The remainder of the open house meeting time 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.

The project proposes upgrading the existing US 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 US 87. Improvements to existing driveways would also occur as part of the proposed project. Additional right of way will be required from one parcel on one property. There are no anticipated relocations of existing businesses or residences.

Maps and other exhibits will be displayed for public viewing.

All interested residents are invited to attend this open house and opportunity for public involvement. The open house will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the open house who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact CC Sysombath at (806) 356-3200, or email: cc.sysombath@txdot.gov. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the open house. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written comments will be accepted at the open house or may be mailed to: the Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Brian Crawford, P.E., District Engineer – TxDOT Amarillo District, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110. Comments need to be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, July 24, 2019**, 15 calendar days following the open house date.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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| Docket No. 1407P        |                       |
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| The Estate Of           | Of                    |
| James H. Tate, Deceased | Hartley County, Texas |

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES H. TATE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James H. Tate, Deceased, were issued on June 10, 2019, under Docket Number 1407P pending in the County Court of Hartley, Texas, to Andrea J. Tate, Personal Representative.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED June 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
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*Mark R. Ensign*

# Local News

## COOKING

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to be her own boss and have a restaurant of her own.

She said the opportunity to own her own restaurant had always been there.

“This location has been a restaurant in Hartley that has changed ownership a few times,” she said. “The last time it was open was back in August and the current owners offered me the opportunity to rent the building.”

Skalsky said that since the location had previously been a restaurant, all the necessary equipment was already in place. All she had to do was some painting and decorating and purchase supplies to get

the operation up and running.

The decor is country farmer style and the restaurant serves classic American fare such as wraps, burgers, sandwiches and salads.

Skalsky said that she will offer a daily special that will be different every day and will predominantly be a traditional home-cooked meal.

Since Skalsky is a baker, the restaurant will also offer a number of sweet treats including ice cream, milkshakes and a variety of baked goods.

She said that currently the restaurant will be open Monday through Friday for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but will remain open until 4 p.m. for customers to be able to get some of Skalsky’s special

sweets.

“I want this restaurant to be as good as it can be,” Skalsky said. “I am looking at adding breakfast at the moment. It will be more of a to-go type breakfast. The reason for that is most of the people we serve are farmers or people associated with agriculture and we know they don’t have time in the morning to sit down for breakfast.”

Skalsky said the decision to open a restaurant in her home town just made sense.

“I grew up here,” she said. “I know what it means to live here. This place has a special place in my heart. I really wanted something that is a lot more personal.”

If the restaurant does well Skalsky

said the sky is the limit.

“I would like to open up more restaurants along a similar theme,” she said. “Maybe eventually one in Dumas, even Amarillo.”

For now though her focus is simply on serving her neighbors in Hartley and the surrounding area.

The Farmer’s Kitchen is located at 1003 4th Street in Hartley. Skalsky said she also has a Facebook page for the restaurant where she will regularly post each day’s specials. She said the restaurant will also take to-go orders. The Farmer’s Kitchen can be reached by calling 806-268-2515.

# Research shows good alternative crops to failed cotton

BY Kay Ledbetter  
**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE COMMUNICATIONS**

AMARILLO – The window for planting cotton may have been closed by too much rain, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist said past trials show producers could still benefit from all the moisture with dryland grain sorghum or corn or other alternative crops.

“With all this moisture in the ground, producers still have an opportunity to get a crop in the ground and see good yields,” said Dr. Qingwu Xue, AgriLife Research crop physiologist, Amarillo. “Which crop will depend on their particular circumstances in their field.”

Xue said most sorghum is already being managed on limited irrigation or dryland because it is a more drought-tolerant crop. Even when it stopped raining completely in July in 2017 and 2018, dryland sorghum made 50-90 bushels per acre on average when planted in late June, with the help of rains in August and September.

“This area’s optimal planting date is June for sorghum anyway, because that’s when the chances of rain are the best in most years,” he said.

Sugarcane aphids, however, could be an issue on late-planted sorghum, whether it is for grain or silage, Xue said. Producers need to make sure they select varieties with some resistance and then scout their fields and be prepared to spray.

“The last two years, the sugarcane aphids have arrived in late July and August and that is when the sorghum will be in the bloom stage,” he said. “This is one of the most vulnerable times.”

Xue said in both 2017 and 2018,



Photo Submitted

**Dr. Qingwu Xue’s plant physiology team plants grain sorghum June 12 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research farm near Bushland. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)**

planting date and hybrid selection had significant effects on sugarcane aphid infestation, grain yield, water use and water-use efficiency. During those years, early May planted sorghum experienced more drought stress and yielded less than late June-planted sorghum.

More mid- to late-season rainfall resulted in higher yields in the later planted sorghum. In 2017, average yield was 25 bushels per acre in early May-planted sorghum and 70 bushels per acre in the late June-planted crop. In 2018, the average yield was 50 bushels per acre in early planted fields and 61 bushels per acre

in the late.

For the early planted sorghum, the sugarcane aphid infestation was minimal or none because the sorghum matured

# Texas A&M corn breeder looking to build a better bourbon

BY Kay Ledbetter  
**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE COMMUNICATIONS**

COLLEGE STATION – Dr. Seth Murray may have more than a casual interest in National Bourbon Day on June 14.

Murray, Texas A&M AgriLife Research corn breeder and Eugene Butler Endowed Chair in the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, has an ongoing research project aimed at producing better whiskey through science.

Whiskey is the generic name of distilled alcohol made with grain and aged in a wood barrel. Bourbon whiskey must by federal law be produced in the U.S. from at least 51% corn, distilled to less than 80% alcohol and barreled at less than 62.5% alcohol in new charred oak barrels. Most bourbon whiskey brands utilize 70-80% corn in their recipes.

Murray’s corn breeding program evaluates about 7,000 varieties per year for food and animal feed, but his novel corn-for-whiskey project is attempting to answer the question: Can different corns make whiskey taste different? Better?

He recently conducted a whiskey tasting on Capitol Hill to help educate U.S. legislators on the

importance of public agriculture research as a part of the Hill Lunch-N-Learn seminar series sponsored by the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research, or C-FAR.

More than 100 Congressional staff members taste-tested three Texas whiskeys as Murray discussed research he and his graduate student, Rob Arnold, are doing regarding the effect corn variety has on flavor.

Arnold is working toward his doctorate in plant breeding through Texas A&M’s distance program while working as the head distiller at Firestone &

Robertson Distillery in Fort Worth.

“Rob and I have had a great collaboration,” Murray said. “He was already an amazing distiller and among the world leaders in the science of whiskey, while I run one of a few remaining public corn breeding programs and was looking for more ways to get our improved varieties out and to help farmers and put Texas industries on the map.”

He said with fewer people involved in agriculture all the time, the importance of scientifically breeding new varieties is not well understood by the public.



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### June 18-21 Menu

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Head Coach Nicole Guidry held last year’s softball youth camp with this group of young softball players.

# Dalhart sports camps continuing this week

BY Bill Kelly  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dalhart High coaches are continuing their yearly practice of holding youth sports camps this week with both boys’ basketball and girls’ softball camps, while a girls’ basketball camp will be held next week.

Head boys’ coach Stratton Frye and staff began the boys’ basketball camp yesterday, and it will continue today and tomorrow. This camp is divided into age groups, with the older grades practicing for longer time periods than younger campers. Those who will be in first grade through third grade this fall have their camp from 8-10 am. Fourth grade through sixth grade are in their camp from 10:15 am-12:45 pm. Finally, the boys who are entering seventh

grade through ninth grade have a three-hour long camp, from 1:30-4:30 pm.

The boys’ basketball camps focuses on fundamentals. These include ball handling, passing, dribbling, rebounding, pivots, shooting and defense. Overall, the main goal is to continue building Dalhart’s basketball program from the ground up. As with other camps, several contests are held during the camp with the athletes receiving certificates. Those campers who signed up before the first day are guaranteed a camp shirt as part of their \$40 fee.

The softball camp, led by Head Coach Nicole Guidry, also began yesterday and continues through tomorrow, and is also divided into age groups. Those who just finished kindergarten through second grade are in camp from 9:30-11 am. Players who finished third grade through fifth grade are practicing from 11 am-12:30 pm. Athletes

who just finished sixth grade through eighth grade are in camp from 1-2:30 pm.

Those attending the camp will receive instruction in all phases of the game. This will include fundamentals such as fielding, throwing, hitting and base running. They will also take part in some competitions during the camp, and the campers will receive a shirt at the end of the camp. The cost of the camp varied based on age group and on whether the campers signed up in advance or on the first day of camp.

Head Coach Anthony Catherall and assistant coach Lida Trusler will be holding the Lady Wolves’ basketball camp next week, from Monday June 24 through Wednesday June 26. As with the boys’ camp, this camp will focus on fundamentals, and will also include several competitions for the campers to participate in.

The girls’ basketball camp is divided

into the same age groups as the boys. Those campers who will be in first grade through first grade will practice from 8-10 am. Incoming fourth graders through sixth grades will be in camp from 10:15 am-12:30 pm, and those who will be in seventh grade through ninth grade will be at camp from 1:30-4:30 pm.

The cost of the girls’ camp is \$40 per camper. Those that registered by June 10 were guaranteed a camp shirt, while those who wait until the first day are not guaranteed a shirt. Forms are available at the Dalhart High School office for those parents who still want to register their children for this camp.

A volleyball and pole vault camp will be held later in the summer. The status of baseball camp depends on whether or not a new baseball coach is hired in time to conduct a youth camp.

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# Sports News

# Moore County Mafia wins showdown of unbeatens

BY Bill Kelly  
SPORTS EDITOR

Bad Boys and Moore County Mafia were tied at the top of the standings of the Dalhart Softball Association's men's league for the first couple of weeks before finally facing each other on Thursday June 13. The winner would take sole possession of the top spot, while Young Gunz also remained undefeated but is considered to be in second place because they have fewer wins.

In the first game on field one on Thursday, Newlife Red beat Balls Deep by a final of 10-4. At the same time, Bad Habit took on Newlife Blue and won that game 15-8. In the 8 pm game on field two, Outlaws shut out Ice Cold Pitchers by a score of 7-0.

The 8 pm game on field two was between the league leaders, Bad Boys and Moore County Mafia. The game was just as close as would have been expected, as both teams played well. Moore County Mafia was able to pull out a one-run win by a final score of 9-8 to remain undefeated and hand Bad Boys their first loss of the season. In the final game on Thursday, the other unbeaten team, Young Gunz, defeated Backdoor Sliders 15-0 to move to 4-0 on the season.

A slate of five games were also played on Friday June 14. In the 7 pm game on field one, Havok won its matchup against Newlife Red by a score of 22-4. At the same time on field two, Newlife Blue won its first game of the year, beating Crooked Dingers 5-0.

Moore County Mafia remained undefeated after winning the second game on field one. They doubled up Balls Deep, winning by a score of 10-5. The second game on field two was both higher scoring and much closer. Bad Boys managed to slip past Bad Habit by a single run, winning 16-15. In the final game of the night under the lights, Stilleto Wetto defeated Backdoor Sliders 19-12 in another high scoring matchup.

Five more games were scheduled for last night. Five more games are scheduled for tonight. Young Gunz will play twice tonight as they try to remain undefeated.

The current standings for the league are below. These standings are for the



games that had been played through Friday June 14.

Moore County Mafia: 8-0  
Young Gunz: 4-0  
Bad Boys: 7-1  
Havok: 5-1  
Outlaws: 5-3  
Newlife Red: 4-3  
Ice Cold Pitchers: 3-4

**Top photo: Moore County Mafia's second baseman catches the ball from a teammate for the force out against Balls Deep last Friday. This Moore County Mafia batter knocks the ball deep, with it landing just beyond the fence for a homer on June 14 against Balls Deep.**

Stilleto Wetto: 3-5  
Bad Habit: 3-6  
Crooked Dingers: 3-6  
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Newlife Blue: 1-6  
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Upper Left: Parents and kids enjoy the two bounce houses set up at The Purpose Market Saturday. Upper Right: A runner for Moore County Mafia crosses home plate for a run last Friday. Left: A player for Bad Habit settles under the ball. He caught the ball for an out against Bad Boys last Friday. Above: This Bad Habit runner scores after a bases loaded walk by the Bad Boys' pitcher.

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