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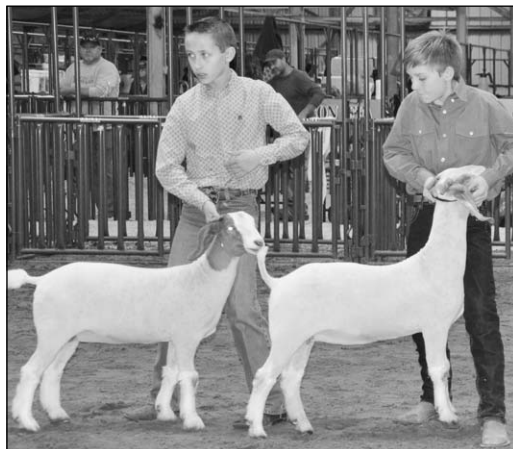
JANUARY

Southern Mesa Agriculture Conference

Crop management practices and regulations affecting agriculture are the focus of this conference held at the Forrest Park Community Center. The program includes speakers from various agriculture agencies. It is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Dawson County Junior Livestock Show

Held at the Dawson County Fair Barn about the third week in January, the livestock show features lambs, goats, pigs and steers shown by 4-H members throughout the county as well as FFA students in the Lamesa, Dawson, Klondike and O'Donnell school districts. The show, which includes a premium auction to help reward top exhibitors, also funds scholarships for selected graduating seniors from the participating schools.



Aim HIGH

An event for Lamesa High School students, Aim HIGH includes a top motivational speaker for a high school assembly and various other LHS alumni and others meeting with student groups throughout the day.



Kiwanis Pancake Supper

Over its 66-year history, the Lamesa Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper has become a much-anticipated social event. Between 800 and 1,000 people normally show up during a four-hour span for all the pancakes, bacon and sausage they can eat. Scheduled the last Saturday in January, the event is held in the Lamesa High School Cafeteria. Proceeds are used by the club to support various community projects.

FEBRUARY - MARCH

Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet introduces new officers and directors of the organization while also recognizing those who have finished their terms of service. The event includes a catered meal, entertainment, and presentation of awards such as the Business of the Year, Man of the Year and Woman of the Year.



Rotary Scholarship Banquet

The Lamesa Rotary Club holds a dinner with live musical entertainment to raise funds for the organization's various scholarship funds.

Movieland Dinner & Theater

For the past 16 years the Friends of Movieland organization has held a dinner and special movie showing as part of its annual membership drive to raise funds for the non-profit Movieland Theater.

April

Easter Egg Hunts

Several local organizations and churches normally host Easter egg hunts for children during the Easter weekend.

Forrest Fest

This two-day poetry festival features poetry readings, workshops, contests, and other activities. The event has drawn participants not only regionally but from the national and international levels as well.

Chicken Fried Steak Festival

Celebrating Lamesa as the legendary home of the chicken fried steak, this event is held on the last weekend in April at Forrest Park. In just a few years it has grown to become Lamesa's largest annual event. Promoting the overall theme is a chicken fried steak cookoff and a chicken fried steak dinner. Hosted by the City of Lamesa with support from the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, the celebration includes a hot-air balloon rally, musical entertainment, numerous booths with food and other items, a team roping competition, wine tasting, classic car show, tumbling demonstrations, community church service and various other activities.



May

LaCopa Awards

The Lamesa Community Players theater organization recognizes the best actors and performances from the previous year and honors volunteers and supporters of the organization. New officers and directors also are introduced at the event. Although in recent years it has been held in conjunction with the first production of the year, the LaCopa event is scheduled on its own this year for May 2, with a theme of "A Night to Remember."

Relay for Life

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Relay for Life raises funds to help in the fight against cancer. Activities at the Lamesa High School football field include music, fun and games, food, and recognition of cancer survivors and those who have lost battles with cancer. In 2016 the event included a Survivors Supper and a Miss Relay Pageant.

June

Williams Walk

Hosted by the family of a local child with Williams Syndrome, this event raises funds to assist individuals and families affected by the cardiovascular disease. Held at the Lamesa High School football field, the event includes a meal and various activities.

July

Independence Day Celebration

Sponsored by the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, the local Independence Day celebration is held under the shade of the large trees at Forrest Park. The all-day event normally includes a parade, booths offering food and merchandise, live music, a team roping competition across the street at the rodeo arena, and a wide variety of other events. Putting the finishing touches on the day's events is a giant fireworks display.



activities throughout year

MS Bike: Cactus and Crude Ride

Lamesa hosts an overnight stopover on a two-day, 150-mile bicycle ride from Midland to Lubbock to raise money for research to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The 2016 event included 260 riders, with another 250 or more people providing support or helping with the event.



August

Lamesa Rodeo

The first weekend in August is rodeo time. For three straight nights the Lamesa Rodeo Association hosts roping and riding events at the rodeo arena on S. Houston Ave. In addition to the traditional rodeo events, activities include a parade, calf scramble and nickel scramble

for youngsters, crowning of a rodeo queen, the finals of the association's team roping and calf roping competition, and nightly dances.

Livestock Show Reverse Drawing

The Dawson County Junior Livestock Show sells tickets to a reverse drawing for an opportunity to win a new pickup. The drawing is held during a dinner at the Forrest Park Community Center. Funds assist with the annual Dawson County Junior Livestock Show and Scholarship Fund.

Back-to-School Giveaway

A number of Lamesa churches join together to provide Dawson County students with needed supplies and clothes for the approaching school year. This past year a total of 470 children benefitted from the event.

September

Dawson County Farm Tour

This event features a tour of local farms or the Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems (AG-CARES). Concluding with a luncheon, it is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, which provides various agricultural specialists to speak at the event.

United Fund Drive

Starting in September and normally running until November, the drive raises money for the Dawson County United Fund. That fund provides significant financial assistance to various community organizations, including the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club, Dawson County Senior Citizens Center and Dawson County Teen Court.

Fiestas Patrias

For more than 50 years Lamesa has held a traditional celebration of Mexico's independence from Spain, achieved at a time when Texas was part of Mexico. Sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus, the event usually is held the weekend closest to Sept. 16 and often spans two or three days. The celebration in Forrest Park usually includes a parade, food and game booths, music, dancing and the crowning of queens in several age categories.



Great HOGG Race

Renewed in 2016 after a break of several years, the Great HOGG Race (HOGG stands for Healing Only God Gives) raises fund to assist individuals or families facing serious medical crises. With various other activities, the race includes a one-mile fun run, 5K, 10K and half-marathon.

October

Health Fair

Each fall Medical Arts Hospital hosts a Health Fair featuring services by various health and wellness vendors, activities and information, and free screenings for such things as blood sugar and cholesterol.

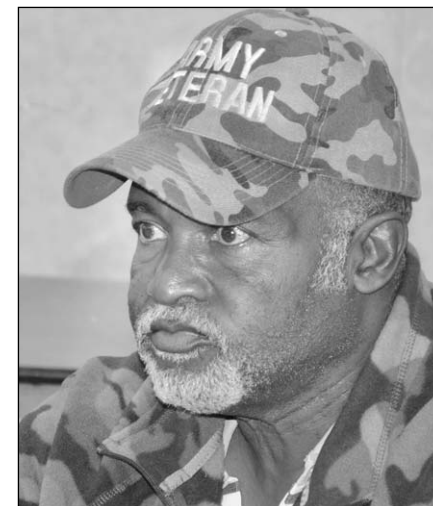
Halloween events

A variety of Halloween activities are held each year, including costume contests organized by the Chamber of Commerce. A trunk-or-treat event on the downtown square attracts hundreds of costumed children who visit dozens of booths set up by various individuals and organizations giving away candy and other items.

November

Veterans Day

Lamesa recognizes its military veterans with a variety of activities on Veterans Day. All veterans are invited to a free breakfast and program hosted by Lamesa High School student organizations. Later in the morning, the Lamesa Middle School Student Council hosts a special program, with music and a guest speaker, in honor of all veterans. North Elementary also normally has a program to honor veterans.



Denim and Dust Expo

The Expo features a variety of vendors with booths offering arts, crafts, retail products and food. With the Chamber of Commerce assisting this past year, the event was held downtown, with booths both inside and outside.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Various churches in Lamesa unite to hold a joint worship service on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving. The site for the service is rotated among churches with facilities large enough to host the event.

December

Boys and Girls Club Gala

The Lamesa Boys and Girls Club hosts a semi-formal dinner with live music to raise money for the local organization.

Junior High Girls Basketball Tournament

The Lamesa school system and the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce host a two-day junior high girls basketball tournament. Separate divisions are held for eighth grade and seventh grade teams.

Follis Boys Basketball Tournament

Named for the legendary Lamesa basketball coach who passed away a few years ago, the O.W. Follis Boys Basketball Tournament is sponsored by the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce.



Christmas on the Square

The Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce hosts an evening of activities which include an appearance by Santa Claus, open house at various businesses, activities at the Dawson County Library, musical entertainment and more.

Lights of Love

Lights of Love is an annual effort, sponsored by the Dawson County Child Welfare Board, to collect toys and clothing to give to the children of needy families at Christmas time.

Live theater takes center stage

Producing 3-4 live productions every year, the Lamesa Community Players is one of the longest-running amateur theater organizations in West Texas.

Ranging from musicals to comedies and drama, productions feature an amazing array of local talent from on-stage actors to directors and support personnel.

Productions on the slate for 2017 are the thriller "Wait Until Dark" in the spring; the musical "Annie" during the summer, and a dramatic comedy titled "The Oldest Living Graduate" during the fall.

A skit camp for children also is scheduled during the summer and a Christmas extravaganza is planned during the winter.

Theatrical performances are normally scheduled for 2-3 evenings, concluding with a Sunday afternoon matinee.

The organization, with assistance from local businesses, has begun serving free appetizers and hors d'oeuvres before the opening performance of each show. Snacks and drinks are always available at intermission.

Funding from the local Weaver Foundation has allowed the organization to extensively renovate and improve its playhouse located at 214 N. Austin Ave.

A recent \$80,000 renovation has included installation of movie-theater style seating, new windows, a new awning and signage outside, renovation of the lobby, and other improvements.

Lamesa Community Players

214 N. Austin Ave.
806-872-2705

New stage and audience lighting, complete with modern control panels, are making their debut this spring.

Organized in 1981, The Lamesa Community Players staged several productions in community buildings and the high school auditorium before purchasing a vacant building in 1982 and remodeling it into their own playhouse.

Regular theater operations are funded by an annual membership drive, financial underwriting of productions by various businesses, and individual ticket sales.



LIVE THEATER

Local amateur actors and actresses of all ages perform regularly as the Lamesa Community Players produces at least three live shows each year.

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The theater has its own costume shop just around the corner where clothing and other items donated over the years are stored for use as needed in productions.

Each spring the group honors the best actors, actresses, directors

and performers from the previous year with their own La-Copa honors. Awards also are presented to behind-the-scenes volunteers and businesses who are vital to the success of the organization.

Library offers more than just books

The first thing most people think of when they think about libraries is books.

The Dawson County Library has plenty of books but it also offers local residents much more.

Activities regularly are available for children of all ages. During the school year the library holds both pre-school story time

on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. They also have a baby-garden on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

The library has a Summer Reading Club for children from 3 years old to fifth grade on Tuesdays. On Wednesday the library has an outreach to the Boys and Girls Club. On Thursdays, a young adult program is offered for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

One of its newest programs is Textshare Databasing.

"A lot of our kids have found that this is good for help with their homework but it can also provide a lot of other help for people as far as medical or legal needs," said Debbie Garza the county librarian since 2004.

A new program at the library is called D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything

And Read) which was started this current school year.

"We bus a group of first and second graders to the library every Wednesday afternoon. We help show them around the library and we also take turns reading to these kids for about 30 minutes," Garza said.

"We're hoping that programs like these helps with our kids' reading scores."

Another relatively new program has the library's Tabrina Tijerina going to four of the local public schools and reading to children.

In the Story time program, Tijerina reads to Head Start students on the third Tuesday of each month.

"It's really been going well. Our kids really seem to enjoy it. In fact, those days that we don't make it because of things like school holidays these kids wonder where we were."

The library also offers a virtual branch called Overdrive where readers can download books onto Kindles, Nooks, mp3 players and other e-reader devices. The li-



READING TIME

The Dawson County Library has a number of programs which encourage children to start reading at an early age.

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brary offers a program by appointment which teaches people how to download to those devices.

Among the other functions the library provides is laminating, making copies and faxing.

One of its employees, Melanie Staudt, is a Notary Public.

The library has a public meeting room where various local groups hold meetings.

The library has about 38,500 different materials, including books,

DVDs and audio books.

For local history researchers, the Lamesa Press-Reporter is available in microfilm form and Lamesa High School yearbooks are in DVD form.

An organization called Friends of the Library assist the library by raising money to assist with various projects.

Library cards are available at no charge for any legal Texas residents.



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NEW SOFTBALL FIELD

With landscaping, lighting and everything else in place, a new softball field in Forrest Park is awaiting only the installation of a scoreboard before it is completed. The field is expected to make its debut with a tournament in late April in conjunction with Lamesa's annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival.

Field of Dreams

New softball field about ready for debut

For the past 10 years, Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck has been playing in an adult men's softball league at Lubbock where two of his fellow firefighters, Alvin Jarrett and Cary White are also on his team.

Now Duyck is excited about the prospects of playing here in town as a new softball field he helped build is about ready for play this spring at Forrest Park.

"It's just about ready to go. All we really need yet is the scoreboard and that's supposed to be coming in," Duyck said.

Donated to the city by the Darren Epley and Spike Dykes Ford, the scoreboard is set to be installed the end of the month.

Duyck is certainly proud of the new field, which is located on the eastern site of where the city formerly had two softball fields.

The field includes landscaped seating areas for softball fans, with handicapped access available.

"It's just great, especially the way that it blends in so well down there with the park. Like anything else, it's taken a lot of work – it's basically taken us right at two

years to complete it."

The field was built almost entirely with volunteer labor, with a number of firefighters involved in the effort.

"I guarantee we couldn't have gotten it to where we are without the way everybody's been pitching in," Dyck said. "We can't thank people enough for all of the businesses and different people's time and effort in this project."

An exhibition tournament for the new field is scheduled for the final weekend of April in conjunction with the Chicken Fried Steak Festival.

"We're hoping to get eight teams in that tournament. That weekend we're also hoping to have something set up to where we'll start putting a league together here, either church or independent," Duyck said.

Perhaps the biggest winner in this whole project could be Lamesa in general.

"Hopefully this ends up being something else which helps put Lamesa on the map," Duyck said. "We've already had a lot of people from out of town come see it."

Numerous public parks scattered across Lamesa

Lamesa is blessed with a number of beautiful parks, which encompass a total of some 170-180 acres in various parts of the city.

■ **Forrest Park**, on the south side of the city, between Bryan and Houston avenues, is the largest park. Known for its abundance of trees, the park includes a playground, restrooms, RV hook-ups, a covered pavilion and a disk golf course.

■ **Webelo Park**, located west of the Girl Scout Hut off Bryan Ave., has two softball practice fields.

■ **Pioneer Park**, located on South 2nd St., includes an old rock community building.

■ **Triangle Park**, along the Seminole Highway, includes playground equipment.

■ **Skate Park**, at South 1st St. and Akron Ave., is for local skateboard enthusiasts and includes playground equipment.

■ **Charles Varner Park**, on North 23rd St., includes playground equipment.

■ **Hollis Carver Park**, at S.E. 15th St. and Elgin Ave., features playground equipment.

■ **South Eighth Street Park** is

near South Elementary School.

■ **North 9th Street Park**, behind the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club, includes playground equipment and a small lake which is stocked each winter with trout.

■ **North 22nd Street Park** includes playground and picnic facilities in addition to a walking track.

■ **W. M. "Bill" Weaver Youth Sports Complex**, featuring baseball and softball fields with playground and concession/restroom building, is off of South Elgin Ave. about a block south of South 8th St.

■ **The Courtyard**, at the corner of North 1st St. and Austin Ave., is a gathering place for outdoor events in the downtown area.

Public Swimming Pool

The city has one public swimming pool, with a small wading pool for children, in the North 22nd Street Park.

The pool opens each year around the first of June and closes about the end of July. It is open Monday-Saturday and closed on Sundays except when reserved for private parties.

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Organizations

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American Cancer Society

Elisa Benitez - 759-9523
Mari Ybarra - 200-3171

Meets monthly at the Women's Study Club building, 101 Juniper Drive

Beta Sigma Phi Chapter of Lambda Phi

Leslie Hawkins, treasurer
497-6735

Meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Women's Study Club building, 101 Juniper Drive

Boy Scout Troop 708

Amy Ramos - 201-6001
Dee Dee Welborn - 759-0882

Meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut, 226 North 24th St.

Centennial Lions Club

Alllean Jasmin-Maloy 872-3164

Meet twice each month on the second and fourth Thursdays at 12 noon at the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club, 400 N. 7th St.

Christian Women's Job Corp

Karen Presley, director
806-556-5800 or 872-5627

Board meets every other month at 1013 N. 2nd St.

Cub Scout Pack 722

Kerry Bybee, Cubmaster
872-9190

Meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church, 1002 North 11th St.

Dawson County Farm Bureau

Jeremy Brown, president
872-8333

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. in the Farm Bureau building, 1602 Lubbock Hwy

Dawson County Historical Society

Wayne Smith
872-3909

Meets twice a year, January and July, at the Dal Paso Museum, 300 block S. 1st Street

Dawson County Library Board

Letha Leonard, president

Meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Dawson County Public Library meeting room, 511 N. 3rd St.

Dal Paso Museum Board

Judy Beam
201-1184

Meets at 5 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce Presidents Room, 123 Main Ave.

Dawson County Teen Court

Shelley Barron, director
806-787-2699

Meets at 5:45 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Dawson County Courthouse

Dawson County United Fund

Sharon Culp
872-5426

Board meets mainly during late summer and fall to organize annual fund drive

Dawson County 4-H

872-3444
Contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Lamesa for information

Friends of Movieland

Mike Roy
872-2750

Board meets the last Monday of each month at Movieland, 604 N. Austin Avenue

Girl Scouts

Joy Vera
806-441-8370

Two local troops meet at least every other week, depending on their age group, at the Girl Scout Hut, 705 S. Bryan Ave.

Golden Tornado Booster Club

Shelley Angeley, president
806-201-1431

Meets three to four times during the school year

Green Thumb Garden Club

Virginia Leonard
872-8153

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at The Feed Lot, 104 N.E. 14th St., except during January, June, July and August.

Kiwanis Club

Scott Miers, president
872-5457

Meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at the Forrest Park Community Center, South 9th St. and Houston Ave.

Knights of Columbus

Juan Ramirez, Grand Knight
806-332-6096

Meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

Lamesa Bar Association

Roxanne Cox
200-2629

Meets the last Friday of each month at K-Bob's, 2200 Lubbock Hwy.

Lamesa Boys and Girls Club

Alllean Jasmin-Maloy
executive director
872-3164

Board meets at 12 noon on the second Friday of each month at the Boys and Girls Club, 400 N. 7th St.

Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce

Sandra Adams, president
872-2181

Board meets at 12 noon on the second Monday of each month in the Presidents Room at the Chamber office, 123 Main Avenue.

Lamesa Cal Ripken Baseball League

Rick Wallace, president
806-773-3539

Lamesa Community Players

Mariellen Menix - 759-2623
Playhouse phone - 872-2705

Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Playhouse, 214 N. Austin Ave.

Lamesa Cotton Growers

Johnny Todd, president
759-9138

Board meets as needed and the annual membership meeting is normally in March or April.

Lamesa Gideons

Tommy Sanders
806-548-0435

Meets at 7 a.m. each Friday at the Lamesa Seniors Community, 122 N.E. 27th Street

Lamesa Rodeo Association

Cody King
806-781-1818

Meets annually in January, then meets as needed before the annual rodeo

Milam Lodge #11

Mc McIlwain
201-0599

Meets the second Monday of each month at the lodge hall, North 2rd St. and Main Ave.

Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary

Betty Leonard
201-2263

Meets at 9:30 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at Medical Arts Hospital Community Room, 2200 N. Bryan Avenue

Optimist Club

Billy Ray Smith
872-3353

Meets at 7 a.m. each Tuesday at the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center, 609 N. Austin Ave.

Rotary Club

Dale Hansard
872-5151 Ext. 1356

Meets at 12 noon each Wednesday at the Forrest Park Community Center, South 8th and Houston Ave.

Sunshine Garden Club

Letha Brown
872-7230

Meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Northridge Retirement Center activity center, 100 N.E. 27th Street

Texas Tornadoes Lamesa Disc Golf Club

Joey Barron, president
201-5235.

Boys, Girls Club has 3,200 members

The Lamesa Boys and Girls Club continues to offer a variety of programs to serve the community's youth..

Its current membership stands at 3,200 which is up nearly 300 from two years ago. The club is open to all those between the ages of five and 18 years old.

"It's great knowing that we reach out to so many of our children here in Lamesa. Like in anything else, it always helps getting the kind of support that we do for our kids from this community," said Allean Jasmin-Maloy now in her 14th year as executive director.

On a daily average the club serves 130 youngsters between the ages of five and 15 years old.

The club's normal operating hours are 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the summer. The Lamesa Boys and Girls Club normally has the same holidays as the Lamesa ISD.

Among the programs offered by this club are sports, art classes, health and lifestyle instruction, and Power Hour, which provides

children assistance with their homework

"Our kids really are our future," Jasmin-Maloy said.

"We're hoping through our different programs we're able to provide tools for our kids to where they can be more productive."

Lamesa Boys and Girls Club

400 N. 7th Street
872-3164

Two of the Lamesa Boys and Girls Clubs' current programs are Smart Moves and Girls Strong for the girls as well as Passport to Manhood for the boys. These life skill programs are for children nine years old and over.

"We've used the Smart Moves program all 14 years that we've been here," Jasmin-Maloy said.

"We can see a big difference in our kids just because of these programs," Jasmin-Maloy said.

"There's just so much more about becoming an adult than just turning 21. A lot of it's about making the right decisions and right choices. We're hoping that these programs help them do that."

The Lamesa Boys and Girls Club employs two full-time employees and four part-time."



COOLING OFF AND HAVING FUN

Lamesa Boys and Girls Club members are treated to some cool fun each year at the end of the summer program.

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"It's these children which keep us going, especially all of those smiles which we see on their faces

every day when they walk into our building," Jasmin-Maloy said.

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Municipal Golf Course continues to improve

Lamesa's Municipal Golf Course continues to grow in popularity among local golfers, especially after becoming the only course currently available after the Lamesa Country Club golf course closed in 2016.

Victor Dimas continues to oversee many changes and improvements as superintendent of the nine-hole course, which now includes a driving range on the south side of South 1st Street.

"One of the biggest things going for us is the way the city continues to provide us with good equipment to keep our course one which everybody will be proud of," Dimas said.

"Plus, when I first started out here we had only one employee. Now, we're up to two full time employees and one part-time on weekends which has kept me from being out here six or seven days a week."

Formerly called Plains Fairways the Lamesa Municipal Golf Course is owned and operated by the city of Lamesa.

It currently has about 146 members.

"We couldn't make it without the kind of help that we get from our members," Dimas said. "One of the things which impressed me the most is how they got together to help purchase a new roller for the greens which cost us right at \$9,500."

"We've just got a lot of good people out here who take a lot of pride in our golf course."

Beginning April 5, the course will start its weekly scrambles every Wednesday evening. Those scrambles draw as many as 100 golfers.

Nine tournaments are on this year's schedule, beginning April 15 with the Lamesa Golden Tornado Booster Club's Four-Person Scramble.

One of the biggest tournaments each summer is the Wayne Hogg Memorial scheduled for Aug. 12 and 13.

Green fees are \$20 for up to 18 holes per day on weekdays and \$25 per day on weekends. Carts are available for \$15 each for 18 holes.

Lamesa Municipal Golf Course
201 N. Ave. S
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LETTING IT FLY

A contestant sends a disk flying as he tees off on the course in Forrest Park during a tournament as part of Lamesa's Chicken Fried Steak Supper last year.

LPR photo

Disk golf gaining popularity

For people who would rather golf with a disk rather than a ball, disc golf is now in its sixth year being played on a course which winds its way through Forrest Park on the south side of Lamesa.

"It seems like more and more people are coming out to play all of the time," said Joey Barron, President of the local Texas Tornado Disc Club.

The club currently has about 10 members who play at the local course on a regular basis.

The course also draws a number of others who are not members of any club but just like to go out and play for fun when they have time.

"We've got a pretty good course here. It's pretty tough. It's not real long but with the trees and everything in the park it keeps it challenging," Barron said.

"One of the things which helps our course is how it's usually kept pretty clean. Our city does a great job helping us out there."

From spring through fall, the course is the location of a singles tournament at 1 p.m. every Sunday and a mini (doubles) tournament at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

"We keep seeing different people out there playing all of the time including some pretty good ones," Barron said.

Barron said the Texas Tornado Disc Club plans on hosting a big doubles tournament the weekend of the Chicken Fried Steak Festival at the end of April.

"We're looking forward to having a pretty good tournament

here that weekend. We've already gotten responses from people in Hobbs, Littlefield, San Angelo, Lubbock and Midland about playing here that weekend," Barron

said. One of the club's biggest tournaments each year is the Tornado Open held either in late August or September.

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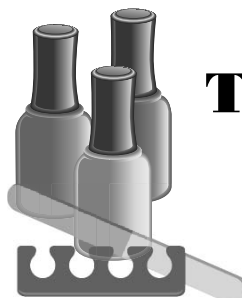
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SCHOOL ROOM
A display of an old school room is one of the many permanent exhibits housed in individual rooms at the Dal Paso Museum. *LPR photo*

Dal Paso museum offers glimpse of local history

Dal Paso Museum Board President Judith Beam and her fellow board members do their best to encourage local citizens to come relive the history of the community by touring the city's museum.

"We tell people all of the time how they really are missing the history of Lamesa if they don't come see us," Beam said.

With the museum open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Katy Brandon is usually there to greet guests.

During weekdays, visitors may ask for entry into the museum by going next door to the Chamber of Commerce office in that same building.

The ground floor of the museum features a large, open lobby which resembles the lobby of the hotel originally housed in the building. There are two party rooms on that bottom floor available for rent.

Former guest rooms upstairs house various permanent exhibits providing a look back at the history of Lamesa and Dawson County.

"To us, one of the things which helps make our museum so wonderful is all of the different rooms," Beam said, "from our veterans room, commerce room, church room to our sports room to our western room where we've got our cowboys and their equip-

ment like their different ropes and barbed wires."

Beam said they are always trying to create something new.

"We've been working on a city room where we've got everything from pictures of all of our different mayors to even the old parking meters."

The Dal Paso Museum opened in 1987 in the former Dal Paso Hotel building which was established in 1925. The hotel closed in 1971 and quickly fell into disrepair. In 1984, a task force was put together to discuss what to do with the building. The decision to convert it into a museum was an easy one to make.

Those wishing to rent the museum for weddings, parties, reunions or other events may contact the Chamber of Commerce office for more information.

The board hosts a membership drive with a Christmas Open House each December, as well as programs and events throughout the year.

Efforts continue to make the museum a window into life in Dawson County over the years.

"During Spring break, Bob Henderson took his granddaughter through the museum. They just had a ball. You could see a smile on her face in every one of their pictures," Chamber of Commerce President Sandra Adams said.

Dal Paso Museum

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Movieland Theater runs on volunteers

With the closing of the SkyVue Drive-In Theater after a fire destroyed the kitchen and dining building, Lamesa's Movieland Theater is now the only movie theater in this immediate area.

A non-profit community effort which operates mainly with volunteers, Movieland opened in 2001 and now has two screens providing local residents with a choice of first-run movies, including those in 3D.

The theater was established two years after local resident Skeet Noret closed the original walk-in movie theater at that location.

Lamesa Girl Scout Troop #43 adopted reopening the movie theater as a project and quickly gained widespread community support to help make their dream become a reality.

The first letters sent out seeking memberships to help fund the theater received more than 300 responses.

Opening initially with only one screen, the theater has received a number of grants from the local Weaver Foundation which has allowed it to continually upgrade its facility.

The theater features modern digital projection and sound equipment. News-eating and a digital outdoor marquee were installed last year.

Key to the operation is the continued support from the members of Friends of Movieland and a broad base of volunteers.

"We really couldn't do this without the support of our Friends of Movieland memberships and the continued attendance of our patrons, the school field trips and the many volunteers who all make this a success," said Director of Operations Mike Roy.

The theater hosts a membership drive each February, with membership packages available from \$25 up through \$500.

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Tall tale leads to big festival

Based on a tall tale, Lamesa's Chicken Fried Steak Festival has itself become the stuff of legends in just a few short years.

Drawing visitors and participants from across the nation – and even a few from overseas – the festival is Lamesa's largest annual event.

Scheduled each year on the last weekend of April, this year's festival is set for April 28-30 in Forrest Park.

The event includes a wide variety of activities ranging from a cookoff and classic car show to a wine tasting and team roping competition.

Other usual activities include a 5K run, disc golf tournament, pet costume contest, community-wide church service, Bingo and a chicken-fried steak supper.

A softball tournament has been added to the schedule this year to christen a new softball field located in the park.

With a similar number expected this year, some 130 booths in 2016 offered up everything from food and fun to crafts and clothing.

A petting zoo and inflatable



FESTIVAL FUN Hot air balloons and a classic car show are just a couple of the attractions at Lamesa's annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival the last weekend in April *LPR photos*

jump houses are normally among the various attractions designed for children.

Although always at the whim of the West Texas winds, one of the annual highlights of the event is the Crossroads Balloon Rally.

Twenty hot-air balloons participated in 2016, not only floating into the skies over Lamesa but also putting on a nighttime fire fest in which burners atop the baskets are ignited with a roar in

tune with music.

Music is always in abundance at the festival, with bands and groups of various types entertaining for nightly dances and at other times throughout the festival.

Chicken-fried steaks take center stage at a Friday evening dinner hosted by the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce and in a cookoff offering hundreds of dollars in prize money.

First held in 2011, the festival is

based on the legend that the popular chicken-fried steak originated in Lamesa.

As the story goes, the dish was first created here in 1911 when a short-order cook at a local restaurant received separate orders for chicken and fried steak.

Believing it was a single order for chicken-fried steak, the cook battered and fried a steak as he would have a piece of chicken – creating a dish that is now a staple of Texas and the southwest.

The story, however, actually was a piece of fiction created in haste in 1976 to fill a page in the Austin American-Statesman.

But the story quickly took on legendary status and has since been repeated again and again in various news outlets across the country and now around the world via the internet.

Deciding to embrace the tale and make the most of the fame it has brought to Lamesa, local leaders created the Chicken Fried Steak Festival in 2011 and even convinced the Texas legislature that same year to officially designate Lamesa as the "Legendary Home of the Chicken Fried Steak."

New date set for Blackshear reunion

Every other year, students who attended the Blackshear School on the East side of town gather for a reunion.

The Blackshear School was open from 1925-1965 for the African-American students in Lamesa and the surrounding area.

While the reunion is normally held on the weekend closest to the July 4th holiday, Blackshear Reunion President Aaron Manuel has announced a change in the event for 2017.

"We're gonna try to have it during Juneteenth weekend this year," Manuel recently said.

Passing down history through the generations sometimes is left to the elders presenting "the good ole days" to the younger generations through reminiscing in the oral tradition.

And that's the situation that most of the Lamesa Blackshear students face.

With the Blackshear school starting in 1925 and ending with desegregation of the Lamesa Independent School District in 1963, the youngest of those students now are in their mid to late 50s.

Photographs of the school and students are few and far between



REMEMBERING OLD TIMES

Getting together in the park to visit is one of the favorite activities at the Blackshear school reunion. *LPR photo*

and treasured at the reunion held in the Dawson County Community Building.

The event includes a special church service held in the Saint John Baptist Church, a scholarship banquet, a fashion show, Bingo tournaments, picnics and a parade.

"Next to churches, schools were the most important institutions

in the Black community," states a booklet prepared by the Blackshear Reunion Committee. "The segregated schools cultivated strong ties within the community and people sacrificed time and money to sustain their schools, staffed by teachers who had a firm sense of mission to instill an incentive to learn and to teach their pupils to stand on their own two

feet."

The Blackshear Yellow Jackets attended the segregated school, which was located along South Lynn Avenue where the Lamesa ISD bus barn now is situated from 1925-1966.

The school was named in honor of E.L. Blackshear, principal of Prairie View A&M College.

The first Blackshear teacher was Florence Emma Bradford Woods.

Restored mural back on display

An oil-on-canvas mural entitled *The Horse Breakers*, which was painted by Fletcher Martin in 1939, now is on public display in Lamesa.

The mural actually had been in place on the wall of a public building in Lamesa since 1939, but most current residents of Lamesa were not even aware of the mural before it was removed for restoration.

Since the former federal office building where the mural previously was located had been vacant since 1987, the mural basically had been hidden away from public view for almost 30 years.

But thanks to the efforts of local resident Randy Leonard and others, along with financial grants awarded by the Weaver Foundation, that mural was restored and is now mounted on the north wall inside the Forrest Park Community Center.

Richard Leonard built a frame for placement around the edges of the mural, which is mounted directly to the wall.

Scott M. Haskins, Conservator of Fine Art and owner of Fine



HISTORIC MURAL

The band Pearl and the Polka Dots performed in front of *The Horse Breakers* mural last year inside the Forrest Park Community Center. After being on a wall in the former federal building here for decades, the mural was restored and placed in the community building in May 2016.

LPR photo

Art Conservation Laboratories in Santa Barbara, Calif., and his son, Ryan Bishop, a conservation technician, in September 2015 removed the mural from the former federal building located in the 100 block of Houston Avenue in Lamesa.

Over a six-month period, Haskins said, *The Horse Breakers*

mural underwent an estimated 250 hours of cleaning, restoration and chemical preservation work at his laboratory in California.

It was returned to Lamesa in March of 2016.

Haskins painted the mural as part of a New Deal work program operated during the Great Depres-

sion to provide work for qualified artists and decoration for new federal buildings all over the nation.

About 1,000 murals – all painted by various artists selected as the result of anonymous competitions – were installed in Post Offices and federal courthouses throughout the United States. Sixty-one were placed in Texas.

“This was painted during the prime of the artist’s career,” Haskins said. “Fletcher Martin was really well known and did some iconic stuff.”

Several different names – WPA (Works Progress Administration) art, regionalism and modernism – are used to describe the style of the painting, Haskins said. It is a look that artwork had at that time on an international level, he said, and

is a very common style found in many different countries.

“If a person is not used to this style of art, they might not like it,” Haskins said about the mural, “but artwork is not a perfect reflection of life and this particular mural painting actually is very well done.”



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Limited hunting, fishing available

With miles and miles of open fields, Dawson County is often mistaken to be virtually void of wildlife.

That is not the case, however, as opportunities for hunting and limited fishing are available here.

Dawson County has hunting seasons for both white-tailed deer, located mainly in the eastern part of the county along the caprock, and mule deer, found mainly in range and grassland in the western part of the county.



MULE DEER LPR
Found mainly in the western part of the county, mule deer often hide amid the foliage around playa lakes.

White-tail deer season normally runs from early November to about the first of January. Mule deer season, however, is usually limited to about nine days in late November.

Dove hunting is a popular fall pastime, with open season normally running from Sept. 1 to mid-November, with another opportunity in late December.

Although scarce for a number of years, quail appear to be making a comeback, with hunting season this past year running from late October to late February.

Sandhill cranes can regularly be seen flying across the county in ever-changing V formations during the early-morning and late-evening hours during the winter months. Hunting cranes is relatively limited, however, as a federal permit and migratory game bird endorsement are required in addition to the normal state hunting license.

A Texas hunting license, normally available for purchase at one or more locations in Lamesa, is required in order to legally harvest any of the previously-men-

tioned birds and game animals.

Many people here also enjoy hunting coyotes and feral hogs here on a regular basis throughout the year. In certain situations, a hunting license is not required for those animals.

A variety of other wildlife, ranging from bobcats and foxes to javelina and racoons, may be spotted occasionally.

Fishing in Dawson County is generally limited to the a small pond in Lamesa's North 9th Street Park behind the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club.

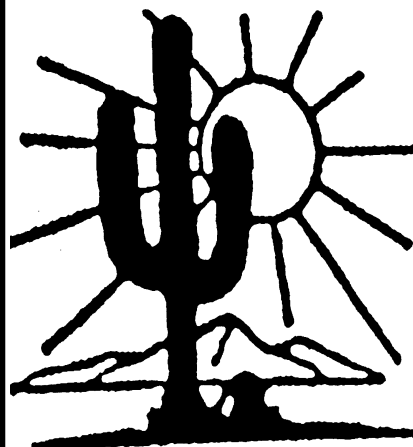
While a few small catfish and other fish are caught year-round, each winter the pond is stocked with several thousand rainbow trout for the enjoyment of local anglers of all ages. Stocking of the lake is a joint project of the local Wilton Foundation, City of Lamesa and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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Cotton covers the county

Local economy depends greatly on agriculture

With Lamesa surrounded by miles and miles of farmland and a number of livestock operations, agriculture has long been the backbone of the local economy.

Agriculture in operation is clearly visible across the very terrain of the county, from tractors and long rows of crops in the fields to barns, livestock fences and irrigation systems that dot the horizon.

Agriculture's direct impact also is seen in numerous tractor and implement dealerships, manufacturing firms, cotton gins, chemical supply companies, aerial spray operations, irrigation companies and various other agriculture businesses located here.

It carries over into many other operations as well, from fuel suppliers and tire dealers to financial institutions and governmental offices.

And when it comes to agriculture in Dawson County, cotton is definitely king.

More than 327,000 acres of cotton were planted in Dawson County in 2016.

Although final production figures are not available for 2016, Dawson County produced 328,800 bales of cotton in 2015, according to the USDA's Agricultural Statistics Service.

That's roughly 158 million pounds of cotton which, at a average nationwide price of just 61.3 cents per pound in the 2015-2016 marketing year, translates into almost \$97 million in fiber sales alone.

Among the other crops produced in Dawson County – although on a much smaller volume than cotton – are wheat, peanuts, grain sorghum, alfalfa, sunflowers, sesame, millet, grapes and pecans.

Cattle, grazing on rangeland scattered across the county or in fields where forage is produced, also are a significant part of the local agriculture picture.

Federal agriculture programs,



COTTON HARVEST

With the volume of the crop largely dependent on rainfall and other weather conditions throughout the year, the cotton harvest each fall has a major impact each year on the economy of Dawson County.

LPR photo

including the Conservation Reserve Program which pays landowners to keep fragile cropland out of production, also pump millions of dollars each year into the local agriculture economy.

The Lamesa Cotton Growers and the Dawson County Farm Bureau are two of the leading agriculture organizations in Dawson County.

Local producers have a long history of serving in key agricultural leadership roles at the regional, state and even national levels.

The Lamesa Cotton Growers organization works in cooperation with Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas Tech University and other agencies in the operation of a large agricultural research farm here called the Agricultural Complex for Advanced

Research and Extension System.

Lamesa is home to a USDA cotton classing office which underwent a \$5.5 million renovation a few years ago which put it on the leading edge of classing technology.

Dawson County Cotton Production (past 10 years)

Year	Bales	Harvested Acres
2007	393,000	271,300
2008	144,500	114,000
2009	271,000	258,000
2010	381,900	313,500
2011	68,000	64,800
2012	160,300	160,300
2013	86,100	47,000
2014	228,700	229,800
2015	328,800	294,900
2016	*260,000	

Source: USDA Agricultural Statistics Service
*Estimated from Lamesa Press-Reporter survey



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Oil pumps money into economy

Although continuing to suffer from the downturn which hit the industry a few years ago when world oil prices plummeted, oil exploration and production continue to play a significant role in the economic vitality of Lamesa and Dawson County.

Oil pumps revenue not only into the pockets of royalty owners but schools, county and hospital

Dawson County Oil, Gas Production (Past 10 years)

Year	Producing Wells	Oil (barrels)	Casinghead Gas (million cubic feet)
2016	1,421	3,459,916	1,779,621
2015	1,432	3,758,687	1,988,030
2014	1,379	4,139,367	2,269,299
2013	1,320	4,174,390	2,210,789
2012	1,292	3,855,435	2,067,441
2011	2,291	3,706,056	2,080,178
2010	1,282	3,752,519	2,217,234
2009	1,155	3,923,610	2,333,132
2008	1,153	4,218,149	2,456,769
2007	1,118	4,439,336	2,474,969

Source: Texas Railroad Commission

coffers, oilfield service companies and others.

A number of oilfield service companies are located in Dawson County, ranging from branch operations of international firms to privately owned and operated companies.

Hundreds of local residents work in the oilfield industry in jobs ranging from roustabouts and rig hands to pumpers and truck drivers.

Numerous farmers and landowners also have found a welcome alternative revenue source by selling groundwater needed for oilfield drilling and recovery operations.

Oil-related companies generally dominate the list of top taxpayers not only for Dawson County but the hospital district, Mesa Underground Water Conservation District, and local school districts.

Although some improvement was being seen in early 2017, the downturn in the industry as a result of low oil prices the past few years has definitely been experienced here.

Data from the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas, show both oil exploration activity

and production here has dropped sharply the past few years.

The Railroad Commission issued only 18 new permits for oil drilling ventures in Dawson County during 2016, compared to 115 in 2011 when the most recent oil boom was at its peak.

Two of those permits issued in 2016 were for horizontal drilling operations.

While the number of producing oil wells has remained fairly steady, with 1,369 in the latest count, oil production has dropped from 4,139,367 barrels in 2014 to 3,459,916 barrels in 2016.

That production came from more than 100 different firms operating in Dawson County.

Oxy USA WTP, with extensive holdings and operations in the Welch area in the northwest part of the county, is, by far, the largest oil producer here.

Railroad Commission data shows Oxy produced just over 687,500 barrels of oil last year from 426 producing wells in Dawson County.

The second-largest producer here, Legacy Reserves Operating, pumped 285,807 barrels of oil from 131 producing wells in 2016.



April 2017

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April 25th**

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Chamber helps boost Lamesa

Promoting “the economic, civic and social welfare” of Lamesa, Dawson County and vicinity is the stated purpose of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce.

That organization, which is led by a volunteer board and has a staff of two employees, continually works toward that purpose by sponsoring or helping with various community events throughout the year, according to Chamber President Sandra Adams.

In addition, the Chamber also helps out new businesses and continually promotes the community.

Among the annual events sponsored by the Chamber are an Independence Day celebration, Trunk-or-Treat and costume contests at Halloween, as well as high school and junior high basketball tournaments.

Assisting the City of Lamesa with the annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival the last weekend of April, the Chamber traditionally hosts a chicken fried steak dinner to help get the festival activities underway, coordinates live entertainment and the outdoor stage area, and hosts the community-wide church service on Sunday morning.

The organization hosts an annual open house and other Christmas activities in addition to decorating the downtown area with Christmas lights and other decorations.

Seasonal banners placed on the street light poles in the downtown area are provided by the Chamber.

With items donated by local businesses, Chamber members prepare and distribute appreciation packets



ANNUAL BANQUET

Larry Walker serves as emcee for the 2016 edition of the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. New Chamber leaders are introduced, former leaders are recognized,

and awards are presented to a Business of the Year, Man of the Year and Woman of the Year.

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each fall to teachers in Lamesa and several surrounding school districts.

Members of the Chamber’s Round Up club not only represent the organization at various open house and ribbon-cutting events at new businesses but also reach out to established businesses as well.

The local Chamber has about 250 members, Adams said.

The Chamber works closely with officials of the Lamesa Economic Development Corporation and Lamesa Economic Alliance Project, both of which are housed within the Chamber building located at the northeast corner of South 1st Street and Main Avenue on the downtown Lamesa square.

One of the ways the Chamber promotes the community to the surrounding area is through advertisements in Travel Host magazine.

Adams said that magazine focuses on activities in, and is distrib-

uted throughout, an area that stretches from the Panhandle to Abilene, San Angelo and the Midland-Odessa area.

The Chamber staff regularly sends out informational packets

to people inquiring about the community or looking to relocate here.

Helping newcomers find housing is another of the organization’s efforts.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE Each May the Preston E. Smith State Prison Unit conducts a memorial service for fallen correctional officers in Texas and the nation. *TDCJ photo*

State prison unit is major employer

With a total of just over 400 employees when fully staffed, the Preston E. Smith State Prison Unit is the largest single employer in Dawson County.

Out of the Smith Unit's 400-plus employees, almost 300 are part of the security staff and the remainder are non-security employees such as clerical staff, Windham Education employees or contract medical and mental health employees.

Operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the Smith Unit generates an annual payroll of about \$16 million.

Although the Smith Unit has been having some difficulty in maintaining a full correctional officer staff, the unit scored 100 percent on mandatory standards and 98.8 percent on non-mandatory standards at its most recent re-accreditation audit in May of 2014.

Re-accreditation audits are conducted every three years. To help make up for the staffing shortage, prison employees work overtime and the state prison system sends correctional officers here from other units around the region.

The Smith Unit is not alone in its staffing difficulties, since several other prison units across the state are experiencing similar staffing problems.

Although no housing is provided by the TDCJ for staff, the Smith Unit has 40 RV spaces where correctional officers and other staff members are able to park their personal or rented RVs.

Consisting of separate mini-

mum/medium security and high security facilities, the unit can house a maximum of 2,234 inmates but, under current state guidelines, is at no more than 95-percent capacity.

The Smith Unit is located on about 563 acres just south of F.M. Highway 827 about two miles east of Lamesa.

Preston E. Smith State Prison Unit
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Senior Warden
Norvel Arnold

Assistant Wardens
Jennifer Cozby
Robert Lopez

When staffing allows, prison officials attempt to aid local government entities by providing inmate work squads to assist with various projects.

Within the unit is a mattress factory, staffed by inmates, which produces mattresses and similar items for other prison units and state agencies.

Educational opportunities available to inmates here include adult basic education, GED training, special education, English as a Second Language, cognitive intervention, and pre-release counseling.

The unit offers career and technology training in electrical trades, mill and cabinetmaking, piping trades and plumbing.

The initial 1,000-bed minimum/medium security unit opened in 1992, following an intensive lobbying effort by local leaders who saw such a facility as an economic boost for the community. An additional 300-bed housing unit was added a few years later.

Construction of a high-security unit, adjacent to the initial facility, was completed in 1999 with space for up to 1,320 inmates.

The unit is named for the late Preston E. Smith, a 1930 graduate of Lamesa High School who went on to serve as governor of Texas.

Veterinary clinic has nationwide reputation

At any given time a half-dozen or more horse trailers are likely to be seen parked outside Brock Veterinary Clinic in Lamesa.

Aware of the clinic's nationwide reputation, horse owners drive hundreds of miles to bring their horses – whether working ranch animals or top race horses – to the local clinic. Thousands of horses, from Texas and various other states, are treated here every year.

A surgical center in the clinic's horse barn includes pre-op, surgery and post-op facilities and is equipped with a small magnetic resonance imaging machine (MRI) designed specially for horses.

But while the clinic specializes in horses, they also routinely care for dogs, cats and almost all other animals with the exception of exotics like snakes and birds.

Established by Dr. Bo Brock as a one-veterinarian practice in 1992, the clinic now has four veterinarians, two full-time interns who actually live on site, and a number of support personnel.

Dr. Brock is one of only about 90 active veterinarians worldwide

with an equine certification from the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

Fellow veterinarian Dr. Michelle Bessire is currently going through the multi-year process to get her equine certification.

In addition to their regular veterinary work, Dr. Dustin McElwee is a specialist in equine reproduction and Dr. Kasey Tweeten-King is certified to do chiropractic work on horses, dogs, cats and other animals.

Brock Veterinary Clinic hosts dozens of veterinary students a year – from veterinary schools across the entire nation – performing externships for 2-3 weeks each.

In addition to his reputation as a top horse veterinarian, Dr. Brock has gained widespread acclaim as the author of "Crowded in the Middle of Nowhere," a book in which he shares numerous short and often hilarious experiences he has encountered as a veterinarian.

Located at 1204 S. Dallas Ave., the clinic is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.



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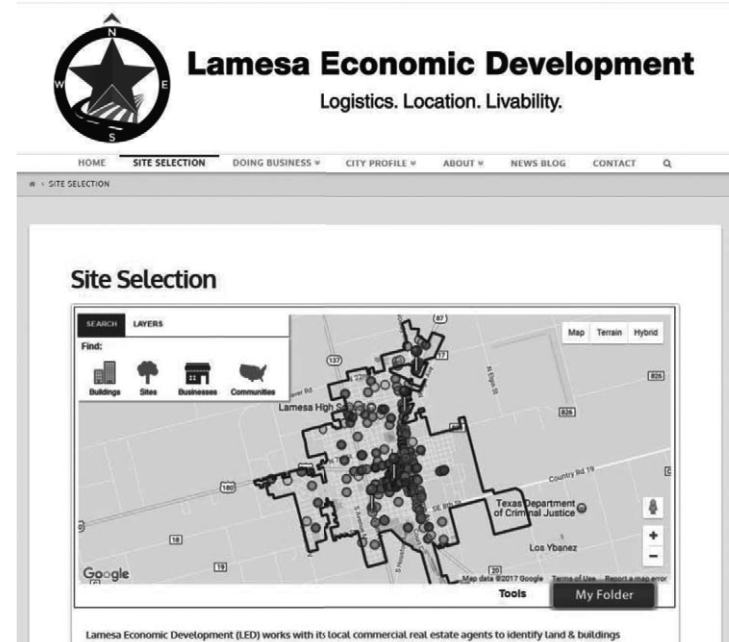
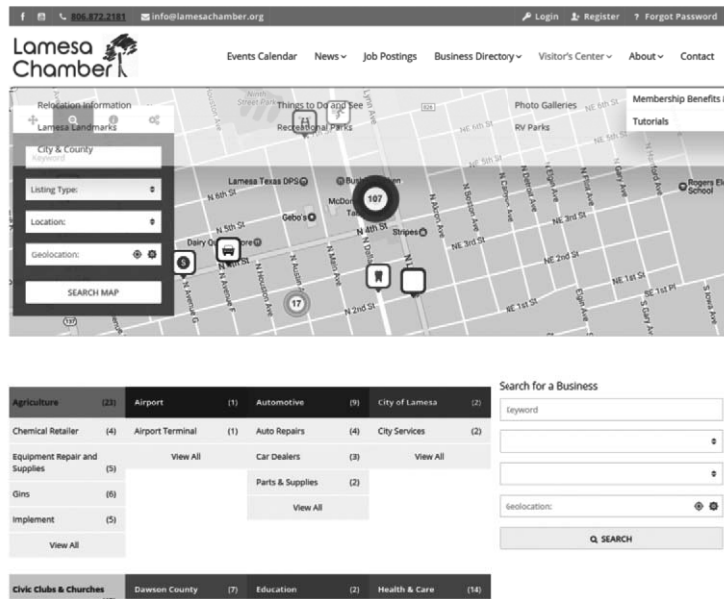
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Wind, sun generating energy

Dawson County is home to a 200-megawatt wind energy facility completed in 2015, and soon will see the second phase of construction get underway on a 200-megawatt solar energy farm.

Wind energy farm

The Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC, project is located across a 25,000-acre site about eight miles from Lamesa in eastern Dawson County and western Borden County.

The wind farm consists of 118 GE 1.79-megawatt turbines standing 287 feet tall with 140-foot long blades.

Although BNB Renewable Energy Holdings was the original developer of the project, that group sold the wind farm to Sumitomo Corporation of Americas in 2014.

The wind farm was built for Sumitomo Corporations of Americas, which partnered with Duke Energy Corporation.

Sumitomo entered into an agreement with General Electric to operate the wind farm and with Mars, Incorporated to acquire all of the renewable energy certificates generated from the farm.

With an annual output of over 800,000 megawatt-hours, the Mesquite Creek Wind generates enough electricity to power all 70 of Mars' U.S. sites.

The electricity generated also is enough to power 61,000 U.S. households for one year – or make 13 billion Snickers candy bars, according to the Mars website.



SOLAR COLLECTORS

Long rows of solar panels such as these will generate electricity at the Lamesa Solar Facility.

Photo courtesy of Southern Power

Solar energy farm

Even before construction of the wind energy project began, the original developers announced they were in the initial stages of working on a possible solar energy facility just southeast of Lamesa.

The Lamesa Phase I Solar Project was completed about the end of last month by Renewable Energy Systems (RES), a global energy firm based in the United Kingdom with offices in Colorado.

Plans are in place to begin construction of the Lamesa Phase II Solar Project as soon as possible.

Initial development of the solar project was handled by BNB Renewable Energy Holdings. The facility now owned by Atlanta-based Southern Power.

RES is building the 887-acre solar facility and will be responsible for its operation and maintenance. Once completed, the solar en-

ergy farm will have 411,000 electricity-generating solar panels in place and is expected to generate enough electricity to power about 26,000 homes.

The first phase of the solar project was constructed on the land between Lamesa and Los Ybanez. The second phase will be constructed east of that area.

Electricity generated at the site will be put into the transmission system at Oncor's Lamesa Switching Station located on the east side of Elgin Avenue.

A different developer also an-

nounced plans in 2015 for a proposed 150-megawatt solar farm about five miles west of Friendship Baptist Church in southwest Dawson County.

But the developers of that proposed project announced early in 2016 that construction of the Core Solar SPV IX wind farm would be delayed for at least one year.

In March of this year, County Judge Foy O'Brien said the project developer advised that the wind farm still was planned for development but no timeline for construction was provided.



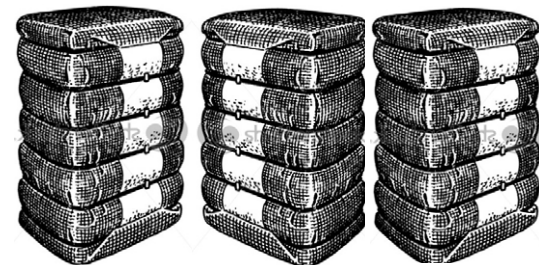
PRODUCING ENERGY

Producing different types of energy, tall wind turbines loom over an oil-field pumpjack in eastern Dawson County.

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Local airport getting major improvements

Lamesa Municipal Airport is located about two miles northeast of Lamesa.

Jointly owned by the City of Lamesa and Dawson County, operation of the airport is overseen by a board appointed by the city council and commissioners court.

Two asphalt runways are available.

Runway 16/34, oriented generally north and south, is 5002 feet long and 75 feet wide. Runway 7/25, running west and east, is 4006 feet long and 60 feet wide.

Self-serve aviation fuel is available at the airport.

A new terminal building was built in 2015 with funding provided by a grant from the local William M. Weaver Foundation.

That 1,920-square-foot building has office spaces, a pilot's lounge, restrooms and two garage areas. One of the garages houses a courtesy car for use by out-of-town pilots who visit here.

About 67 percent of the aircraft using the airport are local, while 33 percent are transient, according to the AirNav website.

That website also shows a total of 34 aircraft based at the airport, including 30 single-engine airplanes, two multi-engine airplanes and two helicopters.

Major improvements completed at the airport in the past few years include:

- Installation of an Automated Weather Observation System which provides information about weather conditions at the local airport. That weather information can be accessed by pilots via radio, cell phone, Internet or satellite link.

- Installation of a Precision Approach Path Indicators lighting system that provides visual assistance to let pilots know their level of approach for landing.

Plans are being made for rehabilitation of the runways, ramps and aprons. The majority of that \$1.87 million project will be funded by state grant, while the city and county will split the 10 percent matching portion totaling \$187,000.

Engineering and design work is planned for this summer, with rehabilitation expected to begin either late this year or next year.

Newspaper, radio station provide local information

Helping keep the people of Lamesa and the surrounding area informed of local news and activities are both a local newspaper and radio station.

The *Lamesa Press-Reporter*, published each Wednesday and Saturday, has served the community since 1968 but traces its local roots all the way back to 1905.

Focusing its attention on people and events right here in Dawson County, the award-winning publication features local news, photos, sports, advertising and opinion pieces.

The newspaper is available in both traditional print and modern digital format. Information also is posted regularly on the newspaper's website, www.pressreporter.com.

The newspaper building also houses a sister company, South Plains Printing, which prints not only the local newspaper but also those serving six neighboring

communities and several schools across the area.

KPET radio station, located just south of Lamesa, has been on the air since 1947 and now serves the area with broadcasts both on 690 AM and 105.1 FM.

Operated by Don Sitton, the station offers up Classic Country programming along with local, state and national news.

It also provides live play-by-play broadcasts of all Lamesa High School football games and a number of Golden Tornado basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball

contests.

One of the station's most popular local programs is the twice-daily Tell-and-Sell, which allows local residents to call in with personal items they are wanting to sell or give away.

The radio station also serves as the official weather recording station for Lamesa and Dawson County.

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Hospital offers array of services

Providing Dawson County residents with as many quality healthcare services as possible right here in Lamesa is one of the main goals of the Dawson County Hospital District.

Both the number and quality of healthcare services has continued to expand since the current hospital opened in 2010.

Introduced just over a year ago, digital mammography is one of the latest such services to be offered here.

That service, which includes the capability of performing breast biopsies, is located in the Medical Arts Specialty Annex located at 1016 N. 17th Street.

The annex building, which previously housed the medical practice of Dr. G. Chow, also offers a location where local residents can get care from a number of medical specialists who come to Lamesa on a regular basis.

Offering their services at the annex on a regular basis are specialists in cardiology, nephrology, orthopedics, podiatry, urology and mental health.

In an effort to improve the level of care offered in the hospital's emergency room (ER), two full-time local doctors now staff the ER Monday through Friday. Contract physicians continue to provide ER care on weekends and at other times.

With better knowledge of local patients and the healthcare services available here, those local ER doctors have resulted in a greater percentage of patients getting in-patient hospital care here rather than being transferred to Lubbock or other out-of-town locations.

Continuing to provide care beyond the ER, the full-time ER doctors also make rounds caring for patients in the hospital seven days a week.

Hospital officials are regularly working to upgrade emergency medical services since taking over that operation in 2014.

Medical Arts EMS operates four ambulances with a staff of 12 full-time personnel and nine part-time employees.



HOSPITAL CAMPUS

New signs erected adjacent to Medical Arts Hospital not only point out the various agencies healthcare under the Dawson County Hospital District umbrella but also designate the ambulance and emergency/outpatient entrances to the hospital.

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A LUCAS chest compression system was recently made available for local EMS and already has been credited with helping save the life of a patient in full cardiac arrest.

That system automatically provides chest compressions needed for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), freeing ambulance personnel to initiate other life-saving procedures at the same time.

As part of a pilot project with University Medical Center in Lubbock, one of the ambulances is being equipped with telemedicine availability, providing a direct link between the ambulance and emergency physicians in Lubbock.

The hospital district currently is raising funds to build a new EMS headquarters building near the emergency entrance to the hospital.

Two large grants already have been obtained for that project but additional funding is still needed.

Those latest advancements in medical care here add to previous measures which have included installation of modern CT scanning and magnetic resonance imaging technology.

Six family-practice physicians – with specialties including allergy, obstetrics and general surgery – see patients in Medical Arts Clinic adjacent to the hospital. The medical staff there also includes a physician assistant and a nurse practitioner.

Hospice and home health care are among the many other services

offered by the hospital district, which also operates a medical facility inside the Preston E. Smith State Prison Unit just east of Lamesa.

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West Texas Centers
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Kacey Tweeten-King, DVM
Michelle Bessire, DVM

West Texas Opportunities offers various assistance

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. was created to administer the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and its subsequent amendments.

Headquartered in Lamesa, West Texas Opportunities provides many services not only in Lamesa but throughout the Permian Basin.

Lamesa's Neighborhood Center provides emergency assistance such as food, gas vouchers, rent, testing fees,

- utility assistance
- repair or replace heating and cooling appliances, water heaters, propane/ gas lines,
- budget counseling,
- job counseling and job referrals,

- information and referral,
- case management and
- weatherization.

Centers serve local residents with counseling, information, education and referrals.

Child care, home economics and health care are often the subject of counsel and referral.

Local caseworkers are trained to focus on the goal of enabling

disadvantaged citizens to attain the skill, knowledge and motivation to help them become fully self-sufficient.

The Public Transportation program, commonly known as TRAX, provides passenger transportation services to the general public in the non-urbanized areas of Texas.

Those needing transportation may pay \$1 per person or 50 cents for the disabled and elderly, for rides inside

the city limits. The price for out-of-town trips depends on the zone or the mileage.

West Texas Opportunities is the administrating body over Early Head Start and Head Start.

Early Head Start begins helping pregnant mothers with various issues, including nutrition, prenatal care and preparation for a new baby.

Early Head Start teachers and teaching aides keep busy with infants through children two years of age. All children are given dental and health checks.

The Head Start program prepares three-year-olds for public school.

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A wide array of emergency services, including city, county and state agencies, are available in Lamesa and Dawson County. All of those organizations work together with a central 911 dispatch to provide whatever is needed during an emergency.

The City of Lamesa oversees the Lamesa Police Department and Lamesa Fire Rescue, while Dawson County oversees the Dawson County Sheriff Office and contracts with the city for Lamesa Fire Rescue to also provide services for rural areas of the county.

Texas Department of Public Safety has an office in Lamesa, houses local law enforcement troopers with the State Highway Patrol.

The Preston E. Smith State Prison Unit just east of Lamesa also has available officers, horses and tracking dogs that can be used in emergency situations throughout the county.

Ambulance services are provided locally by Medical Arts Hospital EMS.

Lamesa Police Department

Offices of the Lamesa Police Department are located in the below-ground level of City Hall.

The primary responsibility of the Lamesa Police Department is to address all law enforcement issues inside the city limits.

The department, headed up by Chief of Police Dale E. Alwan Sr., is authorized to employ a total of 16 sworn officers. The department also employs an animal control officer, a records clerk, and four full-time and two part-time communication (911) operators.

Two school resource officers are employed by the Lamesa ISD but are licensed under the Lamesa PD and are subject to Lamesa PD policies.

Lamesa Fire Rescue

Lamesa Fire Rescue is responsible for providing fire suppression, rescue and investigation services throughout Dawson County.

Fire Chief Larry Duyck heads up the department, which currently is a combination of seven full-time and four part-time paid firefighters – who are employees of the City of Lamesa – and 27 volunteer firefighters. Steven Archer is the volunteer fire chief.

The fire department has two fire stations. Equipment includes a 78-foot ladder truck, a 3,000-gallon tanker, a 1,500-gallon brush truck,



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Firefighters, EMS personnel and law enforcement officers often work together in emergency situations such as serious auto accidents.

LPR photo

two 1,000-gallon brush trucks, a Class A pumper, two reserve Class A pumpers and a mobile command post/equipment trailer.

Dawson County Sheriff Office

The Dawson County Sheriff Office is located in the Dawson County Law Enforcement Center, which also houses the county jail.

Primary responsibilities of the Sheriff Office are to address all law enforcement issues in the unincorporated parts of Dawson County.

Sheriff Matt Hogg heads up that office with six full-time deputies, including a chief deputy and a captain. The sheriff office also has an administrative assistant and four reserve deputies.

A total of 11 full-time and one part-time jailers staff the county jail.

Department of Public Safety

The Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol office in Lamesa is located at 608 North Main Avenue in Lamesa.

Highway Patrol troopers enforce traffic laws on Texas highways and perform a variety of other duties, including the investigation of most rural traffic accidents.

Sergeant Jason Anzaldua is supervisor of the Highway Patrol duty stations in Lamesa, Andrews and Seminole. When fully staffed, Anzaldua oversees 11 troopers: four in Lamesa; three in Seminole; and, four in Andrews.

The Lamesa office also has a License and Weight trooper, a secretary and a customer service representative for the driver license office.

Medical Arts Hospital EMS

The Medical Arts Hospital EMS service operates four ambulances with a staff of 12 full-time employ-

ees and a roster of nine part-time and on-call personnel.

Joey Parks, EMT-P, is director of the EMS service, which is housed in an office and garage facility owned by Dawson County at 501 South Main Avenue in Lamesa.

The EMS service responds to emergency calls within the city and county, as well as provides transfer services for patients.

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Services available for senior citizens

Dawson County and Lamesa senior citizens have access to a number of activities and housing choices.

Senior Citizens Center

The Dawson County Senior Citizens Center opens at 7 a.m. each weekday, and anyone over the age of 60 can eat a hot continental breakfast and catch up on the local and national news programs on the big-screen TV.

At lunch time, Executive Director Tammy Vidal and her staff serve about 80 seniors in the building and deliver another 150 Meals on Wheels lunches to the homebound.

The center has its own exercise room filled with equipment donated by Medical Arts Hospital.

A foot doctor visits the center at least two times a month. And free blood pressure checks are available every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Puzzles, games, books and domino tournaments are available every day.

Northridge Retirement Center

Northridge Retirement Center is located at 100 NE 27th. It is a multi-story apartment building operated by a local non-profit organization.

The apartments provide a safe, secure and affordable living environment for older adults and persons with disabilities on an limited income.

Northridge residents can meet for Bible studies, exercise time, health screenings and parties in the spacious community dining room.

An activity building connected to the building is used for walking exercise and meetings.

Lamesa Seniors Community

The Lamesa Seniors Community is a multi-building complex located at 122 NE 27th and offers one-bedroom apartments for those 62 years or older, handicapped or disabled regardless of age.

A community center is located in the center of the complex. The center's residents also gather once a month for a pot-luck meal.

Danny Beck is the executive director.

Sage Healthcare Center

Sage Healthcare Center, at 1201 North 15th Street

The nursing home assists family members unable to care for themselves in a safe, comfortable environment.

Full-time, around-the clock nursing care is available for long-



DOMINO TIME!

Playing dominoes is one of the popular activities at the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center.

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or short-term stays.

The center offers a wide variety of activities including a Wii game system donated by Lamesa Independent School District students.

Residents can watch their favorite old television series and movies in the main room.

BeeHive Homes

BeeHive Homes of Lamesa offers two multi-person residences for the elderly who need some assistance.

The modern amenities and fashionable decorations and color schemes at both BeeHive Homes lend an air of elegance found in the chain of assisted living and adult foster care homes.

Youngblood Elder Care

Youngblood Elder Care is a home-based, state-licensed, assisted-living facility for the elderly, which is located at 308 North 20th Street in Lamesa.

Having first opened its doors to care for the elderly 22 years ago, Youngblood Elder Care can house up to nine residents who require – or desire – assisted living services.

Located in a residential neighborhood, it offers those residents who live there a small family atmosphere with home-cooked meals.

Medical Arts Home Care

The home healthcare program offered by the Dawson County Hospital District helps the elderly and homebound with specialized nursing care.

The hospital-based home health department was implemented in 1988 and has provided services to patients in Lamesa, Lubbock, O'Donnell, Tahoka, Big Spring,

Seminole and Gail.

The agency cares for nearly 400 patients in a 13-county vicinity. There are 35 full-time employees and another 35 available as needed.

Services include wound care, bathing and dressing assistance, taking samples for lab work and many other therapeutic services.

Senior Services

Dawson County Senior Citizens Center

611 N. Austin Ave.
872-3324

Northridge Retirement Center

100 N.E. 27th St.
872-9255

Lamesa Seniors Community

122 N.E. 27th St.
872-3087

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County uses unified road system

Dawson County made a major change from a precinct-based road maintenance system to a unified system for the entire county in October of 2011.

That switch took rural road maintenance responsibility out of the direct supervision of the elected county commissioner in each of the four county precincts and consolidated it under the direction of one road supervisor – hired by the Commissioners Court – for the entire county.

Doug Isaacs initially was appointed to serve a two-year term as the county's first-ever county road supervisor. Isaacs continues to serve in that position with his appointment being considered for renewal every two years.

The office of the county road supervisor is in the Precinct 2 building located along the Lubbock Highway. All of the county's employees, machinery, equipment and supplies for road maintenance has been consolidated at that one location, as well.

County Judge Foy O'Brien and the county commissioners all have said they believe the unified system is now saving the county money, after some initial expenses involved with

the purchase of new equipment, etc. "We've got better equipment now and we're getting more use out of the machines we have," O'Brien said.

In the last few years the county has taken advantage of nearly \$1 million in state and federal funds to repair unpaved county roads damaged by torrential rainfall and flooding conditions in July, 2010, as a result of storms spawned by Hurricane Alex.

That money came largely through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

County road crews, utilizing a lot of the new equipment that had been purchased by the county, did the repair work.

"There would have been absolutely no way we could have done these FEMA projects if we didn't have the unified road system," Judge O'Brien said at the time.

In the last few years the county also has set aside money annually for hiring contractor to repair and resurface the county-maintained paved roads, which was divided into a four-year program.

While most of the county offices are located at the courthouse in downtown Lamesa, the county also

has various other facilities here.

The county tax assessor/collector's office is located in the John Saleh Courthouse Annex across the street from the courthouse at the northwest corner of North 1st Street and Austin Avenue, and the district attorney and probation offices are in the Courthouse Annex a couple of blocks west of the courthouse at 609 North 1st Street.

Other facilities owned by the county include the Dawson County Sheriff Office and Jail, Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation office, the LeeRoy Colgan Building (county fair barn), Texas AgriLife Extension Service office building, Dawson County Community Building (more widely known as the Women's Building), the Dawson County Library, the Howard College and Central Appraisal District building, the building currently being used as headquarters for the Medical Arts Hospital EMS, and several former maintenance barns.

Dawson County and the City of Lamesa have joint supervision over Lamesa Municipal Airport and have cooperative agreements on firefighting and some law enforcement operations.

Dawson County

Population	13,111
Square Miles	900.31
Race	
Hispanic - 55.9%	
White - 36.4%	
Black - 6.5%	
Gender	
Female - 43.5%	
Male - 56.5%	
Education	
High school grads - 72.5%	
Bachelors or higher - 11.0%	
Households	4,232
Median Household Income	\$41,095
Per Capita Income	\$19,889
Persons Living in Poverty	21.9%
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$62,100

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Dawson County

Website: www.co.dawson.tx.us

Dawson County Courthouse
400 block South 1st Street
Lamesa, Texas

Elected/Appointed County Officials

County Judge
Foy O'Brien
Courthouse
872-7544

County Commissioners
Precinct 1 - Rick Minjarez
Precinct 2 - Nicky Goode
Precinct 3 - Joe Raines
Precinct 4 - Russell Cox

County Attorney
Steven B. Payson
Courthouse
872-3310

County Clerk
Gloria Vera
Courthouse
872-3778

County Treasurer
Julie Frizzell
Courthouse
872-7474

Justice of the Peace
Denise P. Dyess
Courthouse
872-3744

County Auditor
Rick Dollahan
Courthouse
872-5631

Constable
Kent Parchman

County Tax Assessor-Collector
Sylvia Ortiz
John Saleh Courthouse Annex
502 North 1st Street
872-7181

Sheriff
Matt Hogg
Law Enforcement Center
401 S. 2nd St.
872-7560

District Judge
Carter Tinsley Schildknecht
Courthouse
872-3740

District Attorney
Philip Mack Furlow
Courthouse Annex
609 North 1st Street
872-2259

District Clerk
Pam Huse
Courthouse
872-7373

County created in 1905

While Dawson County recently surpassed its 112th year in existence, the actual beginnings of the county can be traced back more than 140 years.

Present-day Dawson County officially was established on March 20, 1905 when local residents voted to create their own county government. They then chose Lamesa as the county seat over the neighboring community of Chicago.

But, what might be considered the settlement of Dawson County began in 1876 when Michigan lumberman George N. Fletcher began buying land in what is now the central part of the county.

A year later Fletcher partnered with W.C. Bishop, a resident of Chicago, Ill., in the Liberty Cattle Company that established headquarters north of present-day Lamesa.

By 1893, a post office was established in the ranch house and given the name Chicago.

The county became the center of a booming ranching industry, with four large ranches covering most of the county and surrounding areas.

In 1901 the state legislature began allowing individuals to file a claim on four sections of land, effectively opening the area for settlement and breaking up many of the large ranches.

Frank Conner, a cowboy, acquired land in almost the exact center of the county and helped plat a townsite that eventu-

ally would become Lamesa.

With settlement came the need for local government.

The original Dawson County – named in honor of Captain Nicholas Mosby Dawson, a hero of the Texas revolution – was created by the state legislature in 1858 in southwest Texas. The legislature in 1876 relocated the county to its present location but all legal matters were handled elsewhere.

In 1905, 150 residents of the area petitioned to create a county government with the election of officials and the selection of a county seat.

When the election was held in March of that year, Lamesa edged out Chicago by five votes to become the county seat.

Residents of both communities joined forces and moved many of the buildings from Chicago to Lamesa almost overnight. Chicago essentially ceased to exist and now is noted only by an historical marker along N. 22nd Street in Lamesa.

The first courthouse, a two-story wood frame building, was built in 1906 at a cost of \$2,849. It served as a multi-purpose facility, with meetings, church services and other activities held on the second floor.

In 1915 the county approved construction of a new courthouse of brick and stone. Completed in 1917, the courthouse served the county in its original configuration until a four-story annex was added to the south side in 1952 to house a jail and additional office space.



DAWSON COUNTY CEMETERY

Following court action earlier this year, the Dawson County Cemetery now encompasses the former Lamesa Memorial Park.

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Ruling expands county cemetery

Cemetery now includes former Memorial Park

Following a court order this past January, the former Lamesa Memorial Park is now part of the Dawson County Cemetery under the ownership and direction of the county.

Almost doubling in size, the cemetery now has two adjoining sections.

The old section – the westernmost portion – is the original county-owned cemetery. The new section is the former Lamesa Memorial Park, which previously was a privately owned, for-profit cemetery.

The owners' state charter to operate Lamesa Memorial Park was terminated in January and all assets of that facility were turned over to Dawson County.

Those actions came after the Texas Department of Banking, which licenses and oversees all perpetual care cemeteries in the state, alleged the previous operators had committed "egregious" violation of various rules and laws governing perpetual care cemeteries.

The change in ownership has quickly brought a number of improvements to the cemetery.

Terri Stahl was hired as a full-time administrator with an office at the cemetery. Stahl also serves as chairman of the Dawson County Cemetery Committee.

The county has hired several additional employees to help with the upkeep of the cemetery, and

additional maintenance equipment has been purchased.

The new section of the cemetery includes a total of 60 acres of property, but only about 15 acres actually are in use as a cemetery.

The remainder had been leased out to a nearby farmer but now is being maintained by the county with a cover crop to help keep sand and dust from blowing.

The existing cemetery office building in the new section has been repaired and renovated.

A room in the west end of the office building has been designated as a "comfort room" for grieving

Dawson County Cemetery
1010 County Road 20
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Administrator
Terri Stahl

families who want a quiet place to sit and remember their loved ones. That room has a window that looks out over the cemetery, as well as a TV that continuously displays

colorful nature scenes.

The entire cemetery is being surveyed, so new burial plots can be designated in both sections.

In February the Commissioners Court set the price for burial plots at \$300 in the old section and \$500 in the old section.

Anyone who purchases a burial plot in the new section is required to have a permanent type container, such as a concrete liner or burial vault, installed at an additional estimated cost of around \$1,000. No liner or vault is required for the old section of the cemetery.

The Commissioners Court also established a price of \$2,500 for available spaces in two existing mausoleums in the new portion of the cemetery. Of the 30 total spaces in the larger mausoleum, 22 remain available. A smaller mausoleum has two spaces.

Under the cemetery's new rules and regulations, fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves throughout the year but all floral items, fresh and artificial, will be removed when they become faded and unsightly.

Those rules and regulations also say that "all decorations, religious

items and addition to any graves must be approved by the administrator" and "no trees, shrubs or plants of any kind will be planted in the cemetery except by the caretaker in areas designated by the Commissioners Court."

Visiting hours at the cemetery are 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily.

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Lamesa established in 1903

2017 marks 100 years since city's incorporation

The City of Lamesa has been operating under a council-city manager form of government for 72 years.

City Manager Shawna D. Burkhart, who was hired in 2015, is only the eighth person to ever serve in that capacity since the local governing board was established.

Burkhart also has the distinction of being Lamesa's first female city manager.

Following adoption of the city's home-rule charter in 1945, Gordon T. Hill was appointed as the first city manager but he only served one year

from 1945 to 1946. Hill was followed by G.M. Roberts, who served two years from 1946 to 1948, and J.D. Willison, who also served only one year from 1948 to 1949.

Beginning in 1949 with the appointment of Carroll Tyler as the city's fourth city manager, Lamesa only has had five city managers in the last 68 years.

Taylor served almost 33 years from 1949 to 1983 and his successor, Paul Feazelle, was city manager for just over 20 years from 1982 to 2003. Fred Vera was appointed as city manager in June of 2003 and served as city manager for right at 10 years, retiring at the end of May in 2013.

Wayne Chapman, who had served as the assistant city manager/finance director for almost four years, was appointed city manager in June of 2013. After serving almost 18 months in the position, Chapman submitted his resignation in November of 2014 as city manager and requested to be

reassigned as director of finance for the city.

Burkhart was hired in April of 2015.

With a governing body that consists of a mayor and six council members, the Lamesa City Council is responsible for establishing policy, setting service fees and tax rates, passing local ordinances, and developing an overall vision for the community.

The mayor and council members all are elected officials. The mayor is elected at-large by all registered voters in the city limits, while each of the council members is

elected only by the voters who live within a designated single-member district.

All of the elected officials – mayor and council members – must be residents of the city, but the council members are not required to

actually live in the district they are elected to represent.

The city manager, who is hired by the city council, is responsible for implementing the policies and ordinances approved by the city council, as well as overseeing the day-to-day operations of the city. The city manager is accountable to the council as a whole and not to any one person.

Organized in 1903, the City of Lamesa actually was not incorporated until almost 15 years later in 1917.

In 1925, a City Hall building and water and sewer system all were built just east of the current Dal Paso Museum in the 300 block of South 1st Street. The brick streets, which still are in place today, were laid around the downtown square that same year.

A new City Hall was dedicated in 1963 at 310 South Main Avenue and the old city hall building was remodeled to house both the police and fire departments.



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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Lamesa Mayor Josh Stevens (second from right) and members of the City Council participate in a budget work session this

past fall. The mayor and council set policies for the city, with a city manager responsible for day-to-day operations.

City of Lamesa

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Josh Stevens

City Council

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District 2 - Marie A. Briseno

Mayor Pro-tem

District 3 - Fabian Rubio

District 4 - Bobby G. Gonzales

District 5 - Fred Vera

District 6 - Chance Britt

Administrative Offices

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872-2124

Administration

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872-2121

Fire Services Manager

Larry Duyck

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City of Ackerly established in 1924

The beginnings of the City of Ackerly can be traced back to 1923 when the Slaughter family signed over a warranty deed to Raymond F. Lyons for 12 city blocks.

Three additional deeds were signed over in 1924 to actually form the town of Ackerly and the Ackerly post office was opened in 1924 with W.A. Wilson serving as the first postmaster.

Back in the early 1900's, C.C. Slaughter owned ranch land that extended 200 miles from the Ackerly area to the New Mexico border west of Lubbock. His Running Water and Long S ranches made him the largest individual taxpayer in Texas for several years.

Slaughter began to sell ranch land for colonization purposes in 1908-1909.

The town was named after businessman and inventor Paul Ackerly of Georgia who had developed a cotton net that would allow fine cigar to-

bacco to grow and yet protect the plants.

Ackerly was looking for new areas where many acres of cotton could be grown easily and inexpensively.

His business contacts led Ackerly to West Texas where he purchased plots of land and built a cotton gin to process his cotton for the netting.

Even though Ackerly never lived in Texas full-time, the town that grew up around his gin was named in his honor. He remained a cotton gin owner and businessman until his death in 1935.

Ackerly was incorporated into a township in 1959. A mayor, marshal and five aldermen served the township at that time.

The board filed an application with the Farmer's Home Administration for a loan to build a city water system.

Sands Consolidated ISD is located in Ackerly.

Ackerly is in the southeastern

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Water Supervisor
Jim Kays



MAIN DRAG IN ACKERLY

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A car rally and parade, featuring classic and collector vehicles, has been held in Ackerly the last four years, but last October was the first year that it was called the Jim Perry Ackerly Car Show. The main event is held near the former Sinclair gas station located along "the main drag" in Ackerly.

corner of Dawson County and the southern edge of the town actually is in Martin County.

Oil was discovered in 1961, producing a minor oil boom. In 1974,

Martin County produced over 11 million of barrels of oil.

With oil production up in West Texas, Ackerly hopes to benefit from the influx of drilling rigs

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Beginnings of O'Donnell date back to 1910

The townsite of O'Donnell was surveyed in early 1910 after the first train reached Tahoka in April of 1910.

When the train made its first stop in O'Donnell on July 10, 1910, a two-day celebration was held in the vacant lots that surrounded the train stop. Only one building had been erected to house the post office.

Mrs. C.H. Doak was the first postmaster of O'Donnell. Now, nearly 102 years later, O'Donnell continues the tradition of having a woman postmaster in Stella Arguello, an O'Donnell native.

By 1912, the town had a post office, a gin, a hotel, two lumber yards, a real-estate office, a laundry and three churches – Methodist, Church of Christ and Presbyterian.

The town was formally incorporated on May 5, 1923 with a population of about 300.

The current O'Donnell Museum features rooms dedicated to many of the former businesses from the glory days of



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BLOCKER BUST

A bronze bust of O'Donnell favorite son Dan Blocker, who played Hoss Cartwright on the popular Bonanza TV series, is on display in a park in O'Donnell.

O'Donnell.

Naymon Everett's barbershop chair and many shaving items

are on loan from the Everett heirs. O.G. Smith's printing press, typewriters and a multitude of old O'Donnell Index-Press newspapers are also on display in the museum.

The town's first telephone switchboard is located on the first floor at the museum. There is also a doctor's office and a church sanctuary for viewing filled with donated antiques.

The O'Donnell Museum also features memorabilia from Dan Blocker's television and movie career, including numerous "Bonanza" items.

Blocker portrayed "Hoss Cartwright" on the popular western TV series for 14 years before his untimely death in 1972 due to complications after gall bladder surgery. He was buried in the family plot in DeKalb.

The Blocker family opened Blocker's Grocery Store in

O'Donnell in 1934 and the youngster attended elementary and junior high school in O'Donnell before transferring to a military school for his high school years.

Blocker was immortalized with a Glenna Goodacre bronze bust that is a main attraction across the street from the museum. The bust and stand are the same height as Blocker.

Blocker has been honored by O'Donnell with five different stamp cancellations by the United States Postal Service.

The town elected their first Hispanic Mayor, Scotty Martinez, in 2010.

Martinez has helped establish Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrations in O'Donnell.

O'Donnell is home of the Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday following July 4th, cowboys and cowgirls compete for top prizes at the rowdy event.

O'Donnell

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City Council
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Water system work planned for Welch

Community to benefit from \$350,000 grant

For Welch residents, it is all about the water. The town soon will benefit from the installation of new fire hydrants within the town borders, as well as a second water well that soon will be dug.

Those improvements are included in the Welch Water System Project being overseen by the Dawson County Commissioners Court. The county is not funding any of the project, but the governing entity is the sponsor of the \$350,000 grant awarded to Welch by the Texas Community Development Block Grant.

At one time, Welch was known as Shacktown.

That little town originally received its name due to the abundance of cheap housing built to house migrant workers coming to hoe and pick the cotton crops.

But Shacktown grew into a proper township with churches, a school and businesses.

The simple act of naming a

post office established the name of a small community 18 miles northwest of Lamesa at the junction of State Highways 137 and 83 and Farm to Market Roads 829 and 2053.

In 1934, both the nearby post offices of Lou and Pride were closed and absorbed by a new post office at Shacktown.

Many citizens pushed for the new post office and the town to be named "Britt" after a founding family. But postal officials advised the citizens that "Britt" was already in use.

The town folks then settled on Welch, but that, too, had been spoken for already. Postal officials stepped in and suggested the town be called Welch. That seemed agreeable to the citizens.

Welch phone numbers are found under the Punkin Center extension in local phone books. There are four cotton gins in the vicinity of Welch and Dawson ISD is located in Welch.



OIL TOWN Surrounded by oilfield pumpjacks and cotton fields, the community of Welch and the Dawson school system benefit from both oil and agriculture.

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District focuses on groundwater issues

The Mesa Underground Water Conservation seeks to protect and preserve local groundwater and the private property rights that landowners have in that groundwater.

The district, which encompasses all of Dawson County, was established in 1990 and is governed by a five-member board of directors.

The district's rules set spacing requirements for new water wells, pumping limits, guidelines for exporting water from the district, and other procedures.

Permits are required for any new water wells in the county, but certain wells for domestic use, livestock watering and oil/gas exploration are exempt from some district's regulations.

During 2016 the district issued permits for about 96 new water wells. Having previously issued only one export/operating permit in the previous 26 years, in late 2016 the district issued two such permits for water being piped out of the district for oilfield use.

The district annually monitors

changes in the groundwater level in more than 200 non-operating wells around the county.

An annual report by the district showed groundwater levels in those monitoring wells rose by an average of 1.29 feet during 2016.

Working with farmers who voluntarily agree to have meters placed on their irrigation systems, the district also measures the amount of water being pumped to irrigate various crops grown in Dawson County.

The district has a small laboratory at its office to perform a variety of water quality tests for residents.

The Mesa UWCD cooperates with other groundwater districts in the region to create goals for maintaining set amounts of water in the underground aquifers over a 50-year period.

The Mesa UWCD is a member of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and monitors any proposed legislative and regulatory activity that could impact groundwater districts and groundwater ownership rights.

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Record drought in 2011 impacts rainfall average

Lamesa historically gets about 18 inches of precipitation per year, but for the past 20 years that average has been 16.85 inches.

Three out of the 11 driest years on record being witnessed here during the past 20 years helped lower that average.

Information is based on rainfall records kept since 1932 by KPET Radio in Lamesa and more recently by the West Texas Mesonet recording station in Lamesa.

With only 3.48 inches of rainfall for the entire year, 2011 is the driest year on record for Lamesa.

Before 2011, the driest year was 1956 with 7.06 inches of rainfall – more than twice as much as 2011.

Based on local records since 1953, September is the wettest month of the year at 3.05 inches and May is next at 2.39 inches. Winter months are the driest, with .72 inches in December, .66 in January and .65 in February.

Rainfall Record

Annual precipitation amounts in Lamesa from wettest to driest for the past 20 years:

2004	28.53 inches
2007	28.20 inches
2015	25.43 inches
2010	22.68 inches
2016	21.60 inches
2008	19.50 inches
1997	18.54 inches
2002	18.09 inches
2013	16.73 inches
2006	16.54 inches
2014	15.97 inches
2009	15.65 inches
2000	15.54 inches
2005	14.41 inches
1999	14.30 inches
2012	12.15 inches
1998	10.12 inches
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2001	9.57 inches
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Making education of children a priority

Lamesa ISD putting together (family) team

For just over a year since his hiring, Lamesa ISD Superintendent Jim Knight has been putting a team – or family – together that will make the education of Lamesa’s children a priority.

“This district is blessed with tremendous people, staff and leadership. I look forward to working alongside such passionate educators who love kids and desire each student to succeed. It is essential we believe that every student can be successful given the right tools, instruction and leadership,” Knight said.

For the second year, Lamesa High School has sponsored a Senior College Signing Day. But that special day was not just for the school’s athletes, the college signing day included all seniors who plan to further their education at a technical or training school, a college or a university.

On February 1, 92 percent of the senior class signed a letter of intent.

For the 15th time in the school’s history, the LHS Community Problem Solving Team has qualified to compete in the Future Problem Solving International Event to be held in Wisconsin this summer.

The team’s project involves Alzheimer’s patients and their caregivers. The group of teenagers will compete against teams from around the world.

The Business Professionals of America (BPA) qualified 28 students to the state competition. LHS student Breeley Singleton was sworn in as the Regional President for Area 4 by outgoing President and LHS student Cameron Emfinger.

SkillsUSA, which involves construction and nursing aide students, qualified 31 students and

projects to the state contest this year.

The Success Academy, which gives students an alternative course of study to earn a high school diploma at an accelerated rate, graduated 11 students by December of 2016 with 12 more on the path to graduate in May of 2017.

Lamesa Middle School instituted a Homework Center for Monday through Wednesday. Lamesa ISD staff from all campuses became tutors, while assisted by LHS National Honor Society students.

Lamesa’s varsity boys basketball team made the playoffs for the fourth straight year before getting beat at the regional quarterfinal game.

As of presstime, nine LHS powerlifters qualified for regional competition.

Athletic opportunities at LHS include football, basketball, track, baseball, cross country, golf, powerlifting, softball and volleyball.

“Lamesa ISD believes that all students can learn, grow and succeed in school when instruction is delivered in an intentional, planned, systematic and deliberate manner. The overriding mission of our district will be to afford every student an opportunity for success in both academics, curricular and extra-curricular activities,” said Knight.

Juniors and seniors may take dual credit courses through Howard College that allow them to earn college credit while still in high school.

“Our primary goal is to enrich the lives of our students by producing lifelong learners who are responsible, compassionate and active citizens in our communities,” Knight said.



MAKING EDUCATION FUN For the younger students in the Lamesa ISD, events such as a recent masquerade at South Elementary School help to make education fun. *LPR Photo*

The Lamesa ISD serves over 2,100 students in and around Dawson County. The school district has four campuses: South Elementary School, North Elementary School, Lamesa Middle School and Lamesa High School.

Each of the campuses has a link to the World-Wide-Web and would love to share information about its school and community with parents, students, and others who are interested through the World-Wide-Web.



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CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION On Senior College Signing Day in February, 92 percent of Lamesa High School’s senior class signed a letter of intent to further their education at a technical or training school, a college or a university. *LPR Photo*

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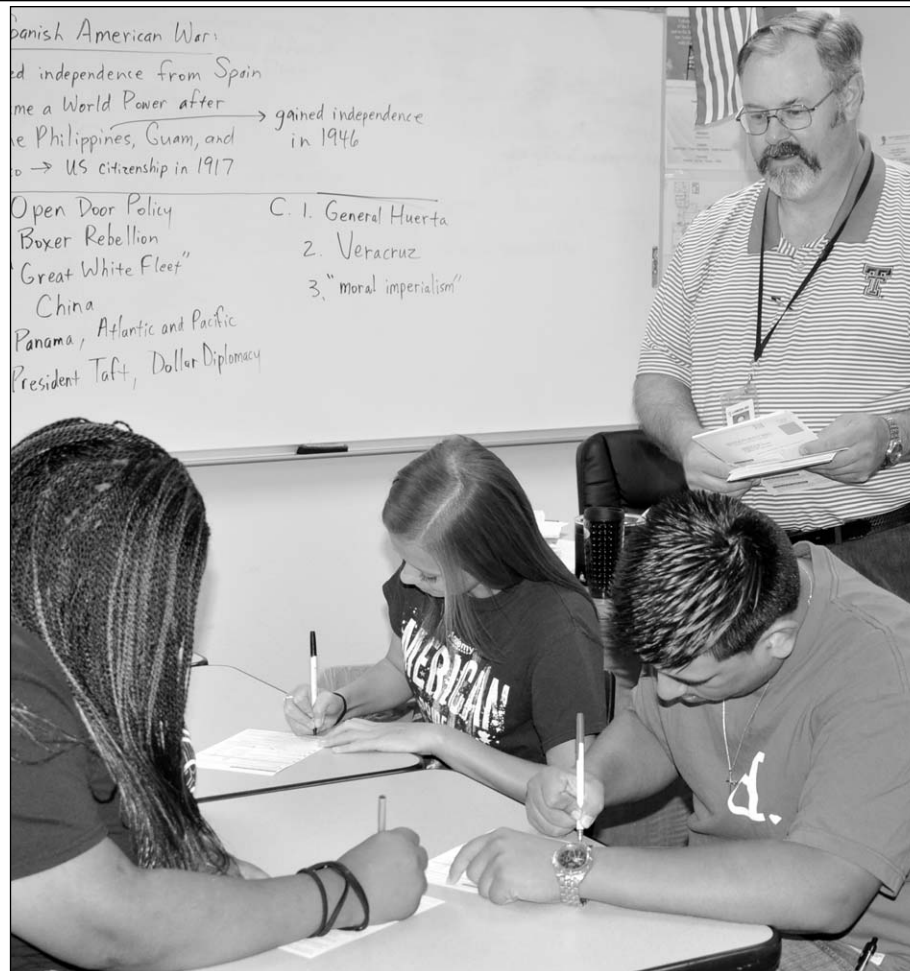
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EDUCATING STUDENTS

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Teamwork is key for Sands school system

From once coaching the Sands Mustangs to the state six-man football playoffs to now directing that whole school district at Ackerly as its superintendent, Wayne Henderson always has kept one thing in common.

He is a big believer in team work, the results of which speak for themselves. During his first nine years as Sands' head football coach, Mustang faithful always had plenty to cheer about just like they do nowadays both on and off the playing field.

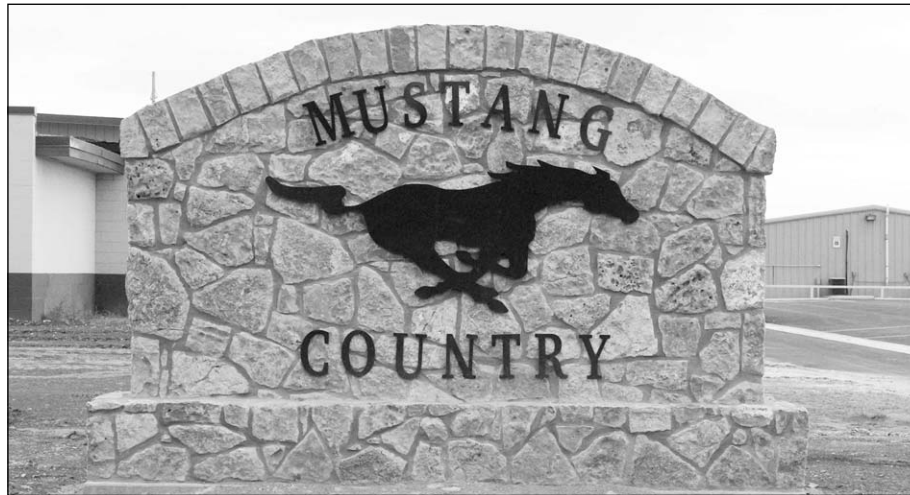
"We're very pleased with what we've going out here," said Henderson, who is in his fourth year as superintendent.

"We've got some great kids who've been working hard to take care of things inside our classrooms and our teachers have been doing just a phenomenal job of getting them there.

"Like in anything, you've got to have a plan. Our people have been doing a great job of following it."

Henderson believes continuity is another vital part to maintaining a good school.

"It seems like everybody's been out here at least five years, including some who've been out here for 25 years and some even 30. They're still



SANDS PRIDE

A monument was erected on the Sands Consolidated ISD campus in remembrance of the old school gymnasium.

Sands CISD Facebook photo

very good teachers," Henderson said.

"We're very excited about our future as a school. Everything is looking up out here. We can't help but believe that we're moving in a positive way."

In addition to a rigorous academic program, Sands schools offers numerous extracurricular activities in which students enjoy great success.

This school year the school was represented at the UIL State Cross Country Championships and was crowned district champions in football. The Mustang boys have been in the state basketball playoffs each of the past seven years.

Located in Ackerly just off of U.S. Highway 87 in southern Dawson County, Sands Consolidated ISD currently has 233 students in

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its system from kindergarten to 12th grade.

"As far as we're concerned, that's a perfect number," Henderson said of Sands' enrollment.

"One of the reasons we've been so successful out here is the luxury we've got inside our classrooms with so many one-on-one situations between our teachers and students."

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O'Donnell ISD has new gym, classrooms

O'Donnell ISD secondary students still are getting used to their new "digs."

Construction and renovation on the campus just ended this past October. Among the improvements was a new competition gym and concession stand, new classrooms that include a technical facility and a new kitchen and cafeteria for the entire school district.

Upperclassman may receive endorsements in culinary arts, floral design, ag mechanics and fashion upon graduation. They also may earn a welding certificate in ag classes.

"These classes really give our students a step forward as they leave our campus. It's hugely successful and useful," said Dr. Cathy Amonett, the school district's superintendent.

The school hopes to build on

career and technical education courses when it receives permission from the state to become a District of Innovation.

"O'Donnell has struggled to find certified teachers for CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses and faces continued difficulty in filling positions in this area," Dr. Amonett said. "Requiring teaching certifications for candidates in these areas is a financial barrier and hardship to many applicants who are likely taking a pay cut from the private sector to join the school district."

If the school district receives the designation, it could hire a licensed plumber or electrician or beautician to teach students those trades.

Juniors and seniors also may take college algebra in addition to government and English dual credit courses through South

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IN THE EAGLES NEST

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O'Donnell students and residents participated in an opening ceremony last October for the school district's new gym and other facilities.

Plains College in Levelland.

"Students can earn up to 21 credits toward their Bachelors or Associates degree upon graduation," said Dr. Amonett.

O'Donnell varsity girls basketball team earned a trip to the

regional basketball tournament this past basketball season for the second year in a row.

O'Donnell has a strong UIL presence in District 11-1A. FFA students travel far and wide for local and statewide livestock shows.

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WINNING TRADITION IN WELCH Dawson ISD Facebook photo

Both the boys and girls Dawson Dragons basketball teams (pictured) at Dawson ISD in Welch, as well as the football team, advanced into the state playoffs this school year. Cross country runner Logan Beltran also qualified for regional competition.

Dawson ISD looking toward technology for educational purposes

Dawson Superintendent Jeff Fleenor is very aware that technology continues to change and he and his staff are making every effort to improve those resources at Dawson ISD in Welch.

"Technology is here. We have to manage it as we can," said Fleenor.

Many apps (applications) are useful in a school setting for translating other languages into English and vice-versa, maps to locate far away destinations, math equations and hundreds of other educational tools.

"We just have to make sure we tread that fine line of using technology only to educate," Fleenor said.

The district believes that all students deserve not only the best education possible, but access to the most current learning technologies available.

Dawson's athletes have celebrated several successes this current school year.

The Dragons varsity football team and the boys and girls basketball teams made the playoffs. Cross country runner Logan Beltran qualified for regional.

The Dragons' colors are purple and white.

Dawson competes against Grady, Loop, Sands and Wellman-Union in football.

All other UIL events, including basketball and academics puts

Dawson against Klondike, Grady, Loop, O'Donnell and Sands.

Dawson students have seen success in many different activities, including FFA, Business Professionals of America (BPA), Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and UIL competition.

Upperclassmen may take dual credit courses through their partnership with South Plains College in Levelland. Spanish is taught through the Texas Virtual School Network.

The Dawson ISD was started in 1939 when the small local school districts located in Lou, Pride, Fairview and Midway were absorbed by Dawson.

The first permanent buildings were completed in 1940 when the high school and gym were opened in Welch. The elementary building was finished in 1951.

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Expectations high at Klondike

Located about 11 miles south of Lamesa, the Klondike school system continues to gain a reputation for academic excellence.

After receiving the prestigious “Blue Ribbon School” designation in 2015 from the U.S. Department of Education, the school has continued to reap a variety of educational honors.

This past November, Klondike was honored by the Texas Education Agency for academic success by a Title I school – defined as a campus with a student population that is at least 40 percent low income.

Klondike was one of 93 Title I schools in the state to receive a High Performance distinction based on reading and math performance. Klondike also was one of 80 schools in the state

to receive a High Progress designation for annual improvement or closing performance gaps.

The school regularly receives the highest accountability ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

Superintendent Steve McLaren credits that success to the school’s teachers and support staff.

“I honestly think we’ve got the best staff in the whole state,” he said. “They set their expectations high and they’re not going to come down from it. They also truly care about the kids.”

McLaren said the school benefits from its small size – with about 250 students – and the fact that some 55-60 percent of those students transfer into the district and understand they must meet high expectations.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The Klondike FFA Homesite Evaluation team captured a national championship last May, while two other Klondike FFA teams have placed among the top five in national competition during the past year.

LPR photo

“This is much like being in a private school,” he said.

The school also is widely recognized for its FFA program, winning one national title and placing among the top five nationally in two other career development events during the past year.

Located just off FM 828 a few miles east of Patricia, the school facility has undergone extensive

renovation and construction work in recent years to accommodate a growing student enrollment and additional programs and activities.

Sprawling over more than 500 square miles, the district encompasses most of the southwestern part of Dawson County and extends southward into Martin County as well.

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HEAD START PROGRAM

Youngsters in the Head Start program provided here by West Texas Opportunities regularly present programs to show parents and others what they have been learning.

Head Start program aids children, families

Lamesa's Head Start program includes expectant mothers, newborns and toddlers through the age of two in Early Head Start and the three-year-old pre-school program in Head Start.

Early Head Start opened in Lamesa in 2010 with a new large portable building added to the V.Z. Rogers campus where Head Start is located.

Currently, Early Head Start is at capacity with 40 children and eight home-based expectant mothers or babies under the age of six weeks.

Parents can be added to the waiting list at any time, since Early Head Start is a year-round program.

Brooke Adcock, the Early Head Start and Head Start Director for West Texas Opportunities, is impressed with the federally-funded programs.

"We are teaching parents to be parents," she said. "We also make sure our babies and pre-schoolers are healthy in every way. We coordinate medical, dental and vision checks and any follow-up visits needed. We help our parents realize the importance of nutritious meals, keeping shot records current and the importance of a good education."

Head Start's three-year-old classes are conducted from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Their fun curriculum concentrates on getting the pre-school age children ready to enter public schools.

"We have a great staff and lots of good equipment," Adcock said.

Parents play a huge roll at

both Early Head Start and Head Start. Parents are urged to attend monthly meetings where they hear professionals and specialists discuss a variety of subjects including first aid, spouse and child abuse, and health issues.

Parents also are asked to attend evening meetings called Ready,

Set, Go which are held about every other week. Parents re-learn a variety of hands-on projects including anything from craft making to setting goals for the future.

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children by providing educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Local Head Start Director Jimmie Pace and her staff provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and their families with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school.

"Head Start engages parents in their children's learning and helps them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals," Pace said. "Significant emphasis is placed on the involvement of parents in the administration of local Head Start Programs."

Meals and snacks are provided to Lamesa Head Start students through the Child Care Food Program administered by WTO.

Howard College campus offers classes in Lamesa

The Lamesa Campus of Howard College offers the opportunity to obtain an associate's degree or get a big start on a bachelor's degree while remaining right here in Lamesa.

A branch of Big Spring's Howard College, the Lamesa campus normally enrolls 110-120 students each semester, according to Monica Castro, campus director.

About half of those students attend either daytime or evening classes at the local college facility, which includes two regular classrooms and two distance-learning classrooms.

Another 50-60 students take dual-credit classes offered by the college at Lamesa and Klondike high schools. That program allows many of the students to obtain 20-30 hours of college credit by the time they graduate from high school.

This spring a Lamesa High School student will be obtaining his associate's degree from Howard College when he gets his high school diploma, having already

accumulated 60 college hours.

In addition to offering academic courses, the college works with Lamesa High School to offer Certified Nurse Aide, Emergency Medical Technician, and and Cosmetology training to high school students.

Castro said the campus is seeing more and more students who are

choosing to start their education here, where they can continue to live at home, rather than facing additional expenses and accumulating debt by going off to college elsewhere.

College officials offer guidance to ensure the courses which students take here will be beneficial when they continue their education elsewhere.

Howard College also is introducing a "Howard College Leads" program to help students get involved in their own career planning not just for school and education but for work, careers and life in general. It also aims to help keep students involved and enrolled.

"They're success is our success," Castro said.

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CWJC offers academic life skills aid for women

Women desiring instruction to not only widen their options when seeking employment but to improve in everyday life as well need only to

look as far as their local Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC).

CWJC of Lamesa has training programs aimed at equipping women for life and employment by offering them instruction in basic life skills.

Courses offered by CWJC, which are free of charge, are aimed at helping persons ages 18 years and older to obtain their GED and receive some instruction in basic study courses.

One of the newer courses offered is English as a Second Language.

Two training sessions – one in the fall and one in the spring – are conducted Monday through Thursday.

The purpose of the CWJC ministries is to provide a Christian context where women can get the educational help they might need in a safe environment.

Since the principles of CWJC are Christian- and Bible-based, women who receive assistance are required to attend a Bible study as part of the course offerings. How-

ever, they do not have to accept the Christian faith or beliefs in order to complete the program.

Each participant is matched with a trained Christian

woman who acts as a mentor to that student. The mentor, who is a volunteer from the community, is available to encourage the students, listen to them and pray with them and for them.

The CWJC program provides all students with school supplies, including pens and paper. On-site childcare for pre-school-age children is provided free of charge, if needed.

The local branch of CWJC was organized in 2004 and held its first training session in the fall of that year. It is housed in the former Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church building, which was donated to CWJC in 2007.

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