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Operation Kick-It To Be Held At Ropes High April 26

Winners Named In UIL Literary Events In Ropes

Voting Opens April 12

And the sand doth blow—it fills the air, the eyes, the nose and mouth. It creeps in and covers homes like a fine blanket and plays no favorites as it fills up the vehicles also.

March is supposedly the sandy month, but residents enjoyed an unusually pretty month for a change. Now we are catching up. Women's hair looks like it has been caught in the winds of a helicopter blade and lots of the male section appears to have been trying out the mixer on their long strands. If you breathe too deeply, you are liable to choke on the dust. This time of year the lungs need no extra exercise—a minimum amount is plenty.

The blowing wind and sand makes the town appear desolate and ghostly.

A few weeks ago an article was turned in by B. M. Taliaferro. It was taken from a paper in San Antonio known as the Action-Express, and concerned the big town of Ropesville. It reads:

In a recent story in your newspaper, you reported some people hurt in a car wreck as being from Ropesville. I have checked two state maps and can't find a town called Ropesville. Are you sure it is in Texas? (S) Donald N.

Yep, Ropesville is in Texas, up in the Panhandle. It is located in the southeast corner of Hockley County where such towns as Sundown, Clauene, Whitharral and Opdyke are located. Ropesville has 25 rated businesses, has an elevation of 3,363 and a population of about 500. It is located in the grain-growing area. In fact, Hockley County produces more than 7 million bushels of grain annually.

Now we wonder who was hurt in the car wreck, and we wonder why cotton wasn't mentioned as our main agricultural product, our lush irrigation and that our county was one of the biggest in oil producing. They also failed to say we are in West Texas—not the Panhandle. But then we guess we should be happy someone that far away even knows we exist. Sure need a chamber of commerce to work on these few little items.

Sez one neighbor to another, "How are you this morning?" "All right," was the reply. "Well, you ought to notify your face."

Then there was the man who said he never had a clash

The College Trustee run-off election has been set for Saturday, April 29th. If you are a resident of the South Plains Junior College, and Plains Junior College District, and expect to be absent from the District on April 29, you may vote absentee by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office, Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, starting Wednesday, April 19, and ending Tuesday, April 25, at 5:00 P.M.

To be qualified to vote absentee, you must have been registered with your respective Tax Assessor-Collector's office of Hockley and Cochran County for at least 30 days prior to election day.

Also those persons who are confined to their homes or hospital, due to illness or physical disability, may vote absentee by mail, provided they make formal request by mail either by personal letter or official application, requesting the County Clerk to mail them a ballot for absentee voting purposes. The applicant by mail, must sign their request in the same signature that appears on their voter registration certificate. Also the applicant by mail, must list their voting

box number, certificate number, and return address, either permanent or temporary, to which Clerk is to mail ballot. An affidavit from the applicants Doctor must accompany the request for ballot, stating that the applicant is unable to come to the polls on election day and vote in person, due to their illness or physical disability. When the application is received by the County Clerk, with the proper information given, and with Doctor's certificate, (or affidavit), then the Clerk will mail the applicant the requested material for voting absentee. The ballots will be mailed out starting on the first day of absentee voting, (same being, April 19.) Deadline for receiving the ballot back by mail from the voter will be 5:00 P.M., April 27. All persons 18 years of age or older, having qualified by thirty days or more residence in the District, having registered 30 days or more prior to April 29th, may vote in this election either by absentee or at the polls on election day. Persons residing in Hockley County or that portion of Cochran County that is located in the Whiteface Independent School District may vote in this election.

Absentee Voting To Be Held For College Trustee, Run-Off

Absentee voting in the County Clerk's office will start Monday, April 17th, and continue through Tuesday, May 2nd, for the First Primary Election, which is to be held May 6, 1972. Those persons who expect to be absent from the County on Election day, may vote absentee by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Monday through Friday, during the absentee voting period. Also, those persons who are sick at home, or in the hospital, may vote

with his wife, and when asked about it replied, "Never do we have a clash. She goes her way and I go hers."

So, we roll off the page for another week.

Winners in the UIL literary events held in Ropes April 15 included:

JUNIOR HIGH—

1. Spelling and Plain Writing, grades 5-6: Angela Glenn, 2nd; Nancy Schenf, 3rd.
2. Spelling and Plain Writing, grades 7-8: La Wana Smith, 4th.
3. Number Sense: Ricky Streety, 2nd.
4. Story Telling: Darrell Thrash, 1st place.
5. Picture Memory: Brad Whitley, Jan Turner, Mary Jane Cruz, Elizabeth Merkle and Dale Kahlich, 3rd place.

HIGH SCHOOL—

1. Typing: Debbie Cox, 3rd.
 2. Prose Reading: Kathy Lemon, 1st.
 3. Persuasive Speaking: Danny Curry, 3rd.
 4. Poetry Interpretation: Kathy Abston, 1st.
- Ropes also won second in the one-act play.

Visits Ropes

Sheriff Weir Clem has been taking a little time off from the busy duties of his office and visiting the people and telling them he would like to serve them another term as sheriff. Court has been set for two weeks of the campaign, and makes it extremely difficult for him to let the voters know he is running for re-election.

or disabled and request a ballot by mail must have their Doctor sign an affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant is unable to appear in person at the County Clerk's office, due to sickness or physical disability.

Again, the absentee voting period for the First Primary Election, (County and State Officials), will start April 17th, and end at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 2nd.

In order to vote in this first primary, a person 18 years old or older and a County resident for thirty days or more, must have registered in the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector by 5:00 P. M., April 5th.

James Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Meadows of Seminole enjoyed the weekend fishing at White River.

The Texas Department of Corrections, in an effort to actively combat the growing drug abuse problem, has initiated a program which attempts to strike at the heart of the drug problem by demonstrating what can happen to the drug abuser. "Operation Kick-It," a panel of four inmates, has been touring the state since June, telling the story of drug misuse before Junior and Senior High School Assemblies.

Through this program, the inmates are enabled to speak directly to the public and present their simple message—"Illegal drugs are dangerous. Drug abuse is against the law and you can go to prison for it. We did."

The four volunteer panelists are young, first offenders, age 17-21. Each was convicted for possession of marijuana, one for the sale of drugs.

Each inmate tells briefly about his home life, how he began using drugs and the events leading to his arrest.

"Operation Kick-It," which is funded by a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Council, is similar in format to the highly successful "Operation: Teenager," which was established by TDC in 1962. The purpose of this program is to combat crime among youth by presenting an inmate's story of his own road to crime.

The appeal of "Operation Kick-It" is straightforward and sincere. As one inmate panelist summarizes it, "Down at the pen, it's the simple things that count. Don't ignore the simple life, because that's where it's at."

This has been recommended for 7-12 grades and this program will be presented at 10:45 April 26. Parents are invited, according to Fred Satterwhite.

The program is free of charge and lasts approximately 35 minutes.

Immunization Clinic April 26

The monthly Immunization Clinic will be held in the Health Unit Office, Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, April 26 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The immunizations offered will be polio, measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

Records are not available on clinic day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock were called to Norman, Okla., last week due to the illness of his half-brother, Ben Hunter. When they departed, Hunter was still in critical condition.

Pre-School Day To Be Held April 28

Friday, April 28 will be "pre-school" day at Ropes Elementary School. All children in the school district who will be entering the first grade for the first time next school year should be present to register. This will include children who are presently enrolled in kindergarten, according to Terry Redford, principal.

The children should be in the school cafeteria, with a parent if possible, by 8:30 a.m. Any child who does not have a copy of his birth

certificate on file at the school should have his certificate with him. The certificate will be returned to the owner as soon as a copy is obtained for school records.

The children will be assigned to their teacher and their room after which the parent should leave the child with the teacher until 2:30 at which time the child may be called for.

It is important that all eligible children be present in order that plans can be made to accommodate first grade children next year.



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(Pol. Adv. Pd. By - Committee to Re-elect Preston Smith, Mickey Smith, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Condra visited recently in San Antonio with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield were in Amarillo recently visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Boles, who underwent surgery. She is at home now and reported doing fine. Her address is 211 W. Cherry Avenue, Space 23, Amarillo, Tex. 79108.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitlock returned recently from Lake Falcon where they spent the past three months fishing and enjoying the sunshine and beautiful weather during the winter.

A fish fry was enjoyed by the family Friday night of last week. Those present were Mrs. John Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lamb and daughter, Susan and friend Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Whitlock, David, Wendell and Ann and friend, Carla, Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitlock, Mrs. Jackie Nell Goad, Mike, Tammy and Janell, Mrs. Lester Goad, Mr. and Mrs. Rees Popejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Popejoy, Glenna, Tina and Samantha, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Strauss, Bryan and Scottie, all of Lubbock and Mrs. Willie Mae Newsom and Mrs. Mabel Gosden of Brownfield.

Emra Walling was in Lubbock last week for a medical checkup.

Ropes Housewives Bowling Standings

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Bowlers of the Week:
Glenda Sparks and Midge Rowland.

Jess Gregg is reported to be in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Those enjoying a fishing trip to Lake Stamford recently were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Jones.

Lomas Hobbs is reported resting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs and recovering nicely. Visitors at the Hobbs home the latter part of the week were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Freeman of Denver City, Ollie Grace of Denver City, J. C. Hobbs and Mike of Tucson, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Hobbs and Alpha McCarty and son of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dorsett and family and Lillian Gryder of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hobbs and family of Seagraves and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs and family of Ropes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Raspberry were at White River last weekend and their pickup caught on fire while they were going up a hill. The pickup, trailer and camper burned up. Every one got out safely except Dennis is reported to have burned his hand. Reason for the fire was unknown.

Mrs. Jim Martin was in Snyder recently visiting with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCormick. Mrs. McCormick, who has been ill, is reported to be doing pretty good.

Mrs. Martin then went to Anson and visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Dunn. Her other sisters, Alene and Larue Reeves also visited at the Duns.

Traveling on to Sweetwater, she visited her aunt, Lizzie McCormick, who is bedfast and 89 years old.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield and Mrs. Jim Martin were in Seagraves Sunday visiting their brother, Andrew Martin. Other visitors in the Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin of Seagraves.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to all the good people for every visit and card while I was in the hospital. Thanks again for everything.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin.

Mrs. Bill Moorehead of Amarillo visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayfield.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: CLARA GILES SMITH, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 121st District Court of Hockley County at the Court House thereof, in Levelland, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of May A. D. 1972, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of April A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 6650 on the docket of said court and styled O. M. MORRIS & WIFE ALMA MORRIS, In Re: Adoption, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Adoption
Children were placed in home of Plaintiffs two different times, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Levelland, Texas this the 5th day of April A. D. 1972.

Attest:
(Seal) Ruby Beebe Williams, Clerk,
121st Dist. Court,
Hockley County, Texas

By Johnnie Roberts, Deputy.

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Political Announcements

The following candidates announce for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries May 6, 1972.

- SHERIFF, Hockley County**
Weir Clem (Re-election)
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Qualify For Eagle Scouts

Danny Carpenter, David Carpenter and David Curry, Boy Scouts, appeared before the District Board Wednesday, April 12, and were approved to qualify for the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ray Martin, who recently underwent surgery in a Lubbock hospital, is now at home and reported doing fine.

Bob Whitlock's brother, Jim Whitlock, of Carrollton passed away Saturday, April 15. He was 92 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Lee Dalton and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ayers and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McNabb and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis were in Big Bend over the Easter holidays.

Mrs. P. L. Darby is reported to be in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

APRIL 24 - 28

MONDAY—
Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Buttered Spinach
Sliced Peaches
Peanut Butter on Crackers
Hot Rolls and Butter Milk

TUESDAY—
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Peas
Buttered Corn
Chocolate Pudding
Hot Rolls and Butter Milk

WEDNESDAY—
Chili Mac
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello
Cornbread
Milk

THURSDAY—

Ropes School Cafeteria Menu

Meat Loaf
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Peach-Rice Pudding
Hot Rolls and Butter Milk

FRIDAY—
Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Relish
Fruit Cup
Milk

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Nelson of Salt Flat visited over the week end in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Travis White and Jerry Lynn.

Mrs. Bill Berry suffered a heart attack Saturday morning and was taken to West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. Last reports state she is improving.

District FFA Meeting Conducted In Slaton

The District FFA meeting was held in Slaton at 4:30 p. m. Monday. Attending as voting dele-

gates from the Ropes Chapter were Clyde Parker and Ricky McDougle.

Archie Jordan was selected as District Lone Star Farmer. C. T. McCormick was selected to check the American Farmer applications this year.

The Area FFA meeting will be held May 13 in Lubbock. Archie Jordan will compete there for Area Lone Star Farmer and also in the talent show. The winners will then go to state.

The FFA banquet was held Friday night in the Ropes School Cafeteria. Bobby Reynolds, former resident of Ropes and minister of the Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland, gave a talk on the "Relationship of Adults to the Youth."

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To The Voters Of Hockley County

Due to the duties of my office and involvement in court, I will be unable to see each voter personally. However, I will see all I can. I would like for you, the voters of Hockley County, to take this as a personal contact to solicit your vote for me in re-election as Sheriff of Hockley County. I am running on the records of my office which are open to the public at all times.

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