



STUDENTS FROM FAIRFIELD Elementary visited the Pearce Museum in January. The museum is located on Navarro College's campus.

To area students . . . Museum offers tours

In January, third grade Fairfield elementary students visited the Pearce Museum on the campus of Navarro College to view the "Art Tales and Western Ways" program.

them experience the old west through tall tales and western art. In addition, they were able to explore their artistic expression by making crafts reflecting the art in the museum - Native American bead necklaces and ceremonial masks.

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Signups open for FJHS golf

Signups opened this week for Fairfield junior high school students, boys and girls, to join the golf program.

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Junior high golf is open to students in grades 5-8 and runs to the end of April. Practices at Big Cedar Country Club start Monday, April 6.

The program teaches young golfers, and beginners, the fundamentals of the game with a goal of preparing them for competition at the high school level.

—"Major Engagements" is an in-depth look at the Civil War, its causes, the aftermath, major battles, generals, and the role Texas played in the war.

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—"Art Tales & Western Ways" is where students learn to "read" and understand a work of art, as would a story. With each piece, students explore another chapter in western history.

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Debut at Westwood . . . FJHS girls win meet

The Fairfield junior high school Lady Eagles seventh grade track team claimed first place and the eighth grade team was third in its division in their season debut meet at Palestine Westwood.

Eagles tallied 95 points to finish third behind Mount Pleasant, 174, and Lufkin, 127.75. Other team totals were: T.K. Gorman, 90.75; Westwood, 57; Athens, 24.75; Crockett, 21; and Brownsboro, 18.75.

Haylee Worley, Taylor Gray and Chelsea McQueen, 2:15.1. 400 dash—3, Tiara Tatum, 71.6; and 4, Karonesha Lowery, 73.3.

Results from the meet, run Feb. 27, were not released to coaches until last Thursday.

Picking up the only gold medal for the eighth grade team was Natalie Neill, running the 1,600-meter race in 6:36.7.

1,600 run—1, Megan Hodges, 6:22.5; 2, Peyton Pierce, 6:33.4; and 3, Jesse DeVries, 6:40.5.

Lady Eagles seventh grade thinclads scored 158 points to speed past second place Westwood, 138 points. Other team totals were; Mount Pleasant, 124; Athens, 97; T.K. Gorman, 48; and Brownsboro, 31.

FJHS seventh grade meet results are: High jump—3 (tie), Bree Bossier and Karonesha Lowery, 4-0.

High jump—Megan Hogan, 4-4. Pole vault—2, Katie Berger, 8-0. Discus—2, Kati Gardner, 73-4-5.

The FJHS team won three events in the meet.

Long jump—1, Tiara Tatum, 13-6.

400 relay—5, Mikeshia Hudson, Ashley Kethley, Kati Gardner and Katie Berger, 57-5.

Claiming the gold medal in long jump, with an effort of 13 feet, six inches, was Tiara Tatum.

Triple jump—1, Bree Bossier, 26-5.25.

800 run—2, Katie Berger, 2:45.4; and 6, Kassi Floyd, 3:01.8.

The triple jump went to Bree Bossier who covered 26-5.25.

Discus—2, Samantha Walls, 57-11.

100 hurdles—2, Sadie Schaefer, 19.2; and 6, Kassi Floyd, 20.4.

Distance runner Megan Hodges ran the 1,600-meter race in 6:22.5 minutes to take first place.

Shot put—4, Samantha Walls, 23-11.5.

800 relay—5, Kristin Shaw, Jazmine Griffin, Amanda Drake and Haley Barlow, 2:11.6.

The eighth grade Lady

800 relay—2, Karonesha Lowery, Kaylee Banks, Amber Williams and Tiara Tatum.

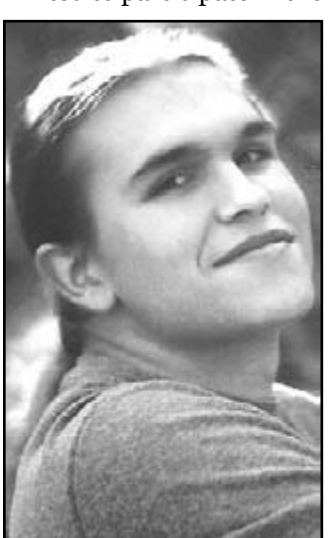
300 hurdles—2, Natalie Neill, 56.2; and 3, Sadie Schaefer, 57.3.

In Florida this summer . . . Student to audition

Fairfield high school senior Nathan Rikard was invited to participate in the

Actors, Models and Talent Competition Convention this summer after auditioning for the group in Arlington.

logue, scene reading, photography, swimsuit and spokesperson.



NATHAN RIKARD

Rikard learned about the opportunity from his theater production teacher Jeff Wright and prepared a 60-second monologue for the agency's auditions which were held Feb. 2 at the Hilton in Arlington.

He has been a member of the FHS Drama Club for four years and has participated in the high school's annual fall production.

Following the auditions, Rikard was invited to attend the group's convention in Orlando, Florida which will be held this summer.

Rikard is active in the youth group at the First Baptist Church of Fairfield and has been taking guitar lessons for almost a year.

The 18-year old student intends to compete in several categories at the convention including: television commercial, mono-

He is the son of Bob and Cynthia Rikard of Fairfield and the grandson of Don and Maxine Rikard of Lampasas and Harold and Gynne Massey of Fairfield.

Expenses for the convention are substantial and several fund-raisers are being planned to cover costs.

Medical study shows . . . Vision helps hearing

Understanding what a friend is saying in the hub-bub of a noisy party can present a challenge - unless you can see the friend's face.

ing to understand is very faint, lip-reading is difficult. "We find that a minimum sound level is needed for lip-reading to be most effective," says Ma.

not as believable. You take information from both and weigh the believability of each in your determination of what happened."

New research from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and the City College of New York shows that the visual information you absorb when you see can improve your understanding of the spoken words by as much as sixfold.

This research is the first to study word recognition in a natural setting, where people report freely what they believe is being said.

In a way, lip-reading involves the same kind of integration of information in the brain, he says.

Your brain uses the visual information derived from the person's face and lip movements to help you interpret what you hear, and this benefit increases when the sound quality rises to moderately noisy, says Dr. Wei Ji Ma, assistant professor of neuroscience at BCM and the report's lead author. "Most people with normal hearing lip-read very well, even though they don't think so," said Ma.

Previous experiments only used limited lists of words for people to choose from. The lip-reading data help scientists understand how the brain integrates two different kinds of stimuli to come to a conclusion.

In experiments, videos of individuals were shown in which a person said a word.

"At certain noise levels, lip-reading can increase word recognition performance from 10 to 60 percent correct."

Ma and his colleagues constructed a mathematical model that allowed them to predict how successful a person will be at integrating the visual and auditory information. People actually combine the two stimuli close to optimally, Ma says. What they perceive depends on the reliability of the stimuli.

If the person is presented normally, the visual information provides a great benefit when it is integrated with the auditory information, especially when there is moderate background noise.

However, when the environment is very noisy or when the voice you are try-

"Suppose you are a detective," he says. "You have two witnesses to a crime. One is very precise and believable. The other one is

In another study, the person mouths one word but the audio projects another, and often the brain integrates the two stimuli into a totally different perceived word.

"The mathematical model can predict how often the person will understand the word correctly in all these contexts," Ma says.

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