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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Sandhills siftings

By ANDREA KEMP
February 1995

Muleshoe resident Jerd Vinson was embarking on the adventure of trying to race his way to the top in a modified midget car.

The Three Way Eagles engaged in a playoff game against Whitharral on Feb. 20 in Muleshoe's Watson Junior High School gym.
February 1990

In a familiar scenario, 6 million acres of winter wheat was thrown two curves by the weatherman.

Lack of rainfall kept much of the dryland crop from making a stand and hard freezes at the end of 1989 left the irrigated wheat damaged.

Lazbuddie FFA officers were Casey Russel, reporter; Kirk Jesko, treasurer; Justin Morris, secretary; Monty Foster, sentinel; Casey Bradshaw, president; Stacie Hodges, plowgirl; Holley Morris, sweetheart; and Jason Morris, vice president. The vocational agriculture instructor was Rick Copp.
February 1985

In TOPS news, Jewel Peeler was named the week's best loser, while the month's best was Clara Lou Jones. Ruth Clements was first runner-up, Evelene Harris second runner-up and Nan Gatlin KOPS queen for the month.

Two students from Muleshoe — Jimmy Gleason and Gregory Harrison — earned distinguished student status at Texas A&M University.

Mary Wauson was presented a plaque by Jim Lutz for her "outstanding contributions to Scouting in Muleshoe."
February 1980

Three inches of blowing snow and ice glazed area highways and snarled traffic for a brief time.

Muleshoe School Superintendent Neal Dillmon retired.

Beth Watson of Baileyboro was named artist of the month.

Muleshoe FFA officers were Todd Ellis, treasurer; Curby Brantley, vice president; Thurman Myers, president; Bryce Holmes, chaplain; Curtis Wheeler, parliamentarian; Greg Harrison, sentinel; Benton Glaze, secretary; and Starla Black, sweetheart.
February 1975

February honor students at Muleshoe were Lavern Carpenter, Sherrell Rasco, Sherry Stovall and Edwin Watson.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Feb. 23
Winning numbers: 6-13-24-27-30-37
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: 1
Next drawing: Saturday, Feb. 26
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

On this date in history

Feb. 27 — Texas troops under the command of Frank W. Johnson are captured by the Mexicans at San Patricio (1836) and John W. Connally, who will serve as governor from 1963 to 1969, is born in Wilson County (1917). After his death on June 14, 1993, he is buried in the state cemetery.

Feb. 28 — The Texas Legislature follows the lead of other states and enacts Prohibition (1918).

LOCAL WEATHER

Partly cloudy skies and mild temperatures are expected through Wednesday. Daytime highs should be about 70 or, on some days, slightly above. Low temperatures in the mornings should range from about 35 to 40.

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Seminole ends Mule playoff drive, 59-55

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

Eric Sheets scored 11 of his game-high 26 (including Seminole's last nine) in the fourth quarter Friday night to propel the Indians to a 59-55 victory over the Muleshoe Mules for the area championship.

"We went to him and Eric went to himself a few times," Indians coach Greg Clark said. "He's a clutch performer."

Sheets' performance put an end

to a furious Mule comeback. Seminole led by as many as 11 in the third quarter.

However, an 8-0 run keyed by a James Barrett three and a coast-to-coast layup by Mitch Mason helped the Mules end the third down by only three, 42-39.

Muleshoe captured the lead in the fourth quarter on a three-point play from Mason. But on the next possession for Seminole, Chris Espinoza hit a jumper to return the Indians to a 46-45 lead.

Muleshoe answered right back, as Jeff Bruns found an open Bret Clements to give the Mules their fifth lead of the game.

Unfortunately, the basket would be the last points from Clements, who fouled out with 3:12 left. On the ensuing free throws, Sheets hit one to put the lead at 52-49.

Mason hit one of two free throws with 1:50 left to cut the lead to two. On the next Mule possession, Bruns hit a three to give the Mules a lead with 1:03 remaining.

Again, Sheets answered the call. Sheets scored on a three-point play for points 20-22 and a 54-53 lead.

Down by two again, the Mules found Bruns open in the same spot. This time, his three rimmed out and the Mules were forced to foul Sheets.

Sheets hit two free throws with eight seconds left. Mason connected on a long two with 2 seconds left.

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Cotton farmers expected to face continuing woes

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

CHICAGO — Cotton farms will face financial difficulties in the next several years because of rising production costs and falling prices, according to a study done by a Texas economist and presented Friday to attendees at the USDA's Agricultural Outlook Forum.

"These commercial farms will likely need additional government assistance to financially survive through 2004 without serious equity erosion unless prices increase significantly above current expectations," said Edward G. Smith, economist with Texas A&M University, in his report.

The study, which created nine farm profiles in the key cotton-producing states of California, Texas and Tennessee, showed that all the farms saw cash-flow problems because of low crop prices. With cotton projected at from 47 cents per pound in 2000 to 54 cents by 2004, the probability that most farms would see cash-flow problems ranged from 65 percent to 99 percent.

Most farms also will have difficulties refinancing from their current assets.

Unable to maintain farm wealth and survive financially, farms will have to seek outside assistance.

The study noted that cash receipts in 2000-04 need to be increased by 7 percent to 27 percent annually to "move farms in a marginal or bad position to a better financial position."

Among all the simulated farms, the best performer
see **COTTON** on page 2



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

On hand from local nonprofits to accept computers from the National Resources Conservation Service on Wednesday were (from left) Billie Downing (Girl Scouts), Allen Mount, Sheila Joyner and Mike Precure (all from the Lions Club), Jeff Coffman (Calvary Baptist Church), Johnny Howard, Carla Ambriz (Girl Scouts), and Peggi Bruton and Nelda Merriott (both from the Jennyslippers).

Computers donated to local groups

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Six Muleshoe nonprofit groups stepped further into the computer age Wednesday courtesy of the federal government.

Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Muleshoe Boy Scouts, Muleshoe Girl Scouts, Calvary Baptist Church, Jennyslippers and the Muleshoe Lions Club received used computers donated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, an

agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The donation came as part of Vice President Al Gore's National Partnership for Re-inventing Government's Hassle-Free Community Initiative.

Government agencies will be donating the computers in 100 Texas communities.

Representatives of the groups receiving the computers met

with local Resource Conservation and Development officials and USDA officials at Muleshoe's USDA Service Center for the presentation of the equipment.

More computers as well as other items are expected to be made available under the program.

Interested organizations should contact the local office at 272-5124.

School boards, hospital set elections

Candidates have until March 22 to register to run for positions on local school boards or the Muleshoe Area Hospital Board.

The voting is scheduled for May 6.

On the Muleshoe School Board, seats up for re-election include District 1, now held by Arnold Price, and District 4, held by Curtis Shelburne.

At Lazbuddie, the at-large seats up for re-election include those held by Gail Morris, Donnie Coker and Tommy Martin.

At Three Way, the terms of James Kindle, Craig Kirby and Terry Pollard expire.

The hospital board also has three positions to be filled.

Chamber embraces new building and upcoming banquet

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce is going where the tourists are — and beyond.

The finishing touches are going on the chamber's new 800-square-foot office building, right next to the Mule Memorial. That puts the office without talking distance of the area's most photographed landmark.

While moving into the new quarters, chamber manager Pam McCaul and her board of directors are planning the organization's annual banquet, scheduled this year for 6:30 p.m. April 8 in the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

McCaul said Thursday that the banquet menu will be all-you-can-eat steak and shrimp with baked potato, salad, roll and cheesecake.

Entertainment will be a production of the stage show "Greater Tuna."

The exterior of the new chamber headquarters is modeled after a ranch bunkhouse. Inside, the appearance is light and airy, with pine paneling and a great deal of sunlight streaming in through dormer windows.

There is a reception counter, an office for McCaul, a refreshment center, a conference room and a soon-to-be souvenir shop.

Fire claims Florence Engelking

Florence Engelking, a resident of Lazbuddie for more than 65 years, died early Thursday, reportedly from smoke inhalation related to a fire that destroyed her home eight miles north of Muleshoe.

She was 92 years old.

Firefighters from several area departments battled the blaze.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials to Lazbuddie EMS.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Pam McCaul welcomes a visitor to her office in the new chamber building.

Determining the right income tax filing status can be tricky

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Most people assume that the amount of income tax they pay is determined primarily by how much money they earn.

But, according to the Texas Society of CPAs, people with exactly the same income can end up with dramatically different tax bills, depending on the number of deductions and tax credits they claim and the filing status they select.

Yet most people overlook the importance of choosing the right filing status and the options that are available to them. Here are some of the questions CPAs are frequently asked about selecting the right filing status.

Q. My divorce was finalized early last year. Now I'm a divorced mother with three

children. What filing status is right for me?

A. Single taxpayers with dependents to support may be able to use the head-of-household filing status. Generally, you qualify as a head of household if you're unmarried at the end of the year and pay more than half the cost of keeping a home for a dependent child, a relative who lives with you, or a parent whether or not that parent lives with you.

Your status as head of household allows you to use more favorable tax rates than those allowed for single taxpayers.

Q. My spouse died in 1998. I knew that I could file a joint return for the year in which he died, but can I file jointly for two years after his death?

A. Possibly. Congress pro-

vides a two-year grace period for qualifying widows or widowers with dependent children. If your spouse died in either 1997 or 1998, you can file as a qualifying widow(er) on your 1999 return, if:

- You were eligible to file a joint return in the year your spouse died even if you did not do so;

- You did not remarry prior to Dec. 31, 1999; and

- You paid more than half the cost of maintaining a home for your child, stepchild, adopted or foster child who lived with you in 1999.

As a qualifying widow or widower, you may use the joint return tax rates when you file your 1999 return.

If you do not have dependent children, you must begin to file

as a single taxpayer in the year after your spouse's death.

Q. Last year, my spouse and I filed a joint return. Now we realize that we would have paid less tax had we filed separately. Can we amend our return?

A. Sorry, there is nothing you can do about it now. If you and your spouse filed a joint return, you cannot change to separate returns once the due date has passed. Had you and your spouse filed separate returns, you would generally have three years from the due date in which to file a joint return.

Q. I have reason to believe that my spouse is not reporting all eligible income. Is there any way I can protect myself?

A. If you suspect that your spouse may be evading taxes, you may want to file a separate

return. When you file a joint return, you and your spouse can be held individually liable for the tax due, plus interest

and penalties. If you file separately, you are liable only for the tax due on your own return.

OBITUARIES

AURELIA ALVAREZ

Services were held Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morton for Aurelia Alvarez, 68, of Morton. The Rev. Ricardo Salditos was the celebrant. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Alvarez was born Oct. 8, 1931, in Mexico. She died Thursday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married Antonio Alvarez in Porvenir, Mexico, in 1947 and they moved to Muleshoe in 1961 from Porvenir.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Ismael Alvarez and Frank Alvarez, both of Morton, and Raymond Alvarez of Fresno, Calif.; three daughters, Manuela Bautista of Levelland, Juana Soliz of Maple and Elida Alvarez of Morton; a sister, Maria Montez of Morton; four brothers, Fidel Mendoza, Domingo Mendoza and Angel Mendoz, all of Fresno, and Manuel Mendoza of Hereford; 27 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jessie M. Alvarez, and a daughter, Hermelinda Guajardo.

FLORENCE ENGELKING

Services for Florence Engelking, 92, of Lazbuddie

will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Lazbuddie Methodist Church. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Engelking was born June 13, 1907, in Capron, Okla. She died Thursday at home.

She married E.E. "Ike" Engelking on April 16, 1932, in Newkirk, Okla. They moved to the Lazbuddie area from Newkirk that same year. He died Aug. 4, 1985.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Richard E. Engelking and Jerry Engelking, both of Lazbuddie; a daughter, Betty Embry of Farwell; seven grandchildren;

and 14 great-grandchildren.

JOYCE TERRILL

Graveside services were held Friday at Muleshoe Memorial Park for Joyce Terrill, 63, of Artesia, N.M. The Rev. Rick Sullivan officiated.

Mrs. Terrill was born Jan. 1, 1937. She died Wednesday at Artesia Good Samaritan Center.

She married Ray Terrill in 1955 in Muleshoe. He died Jan. 31, 1995, and she moved to Artesia from Progress that same year. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty Jean Terrill of Levelland; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Alma Landcaster of Artesia; a nephew, Carl Landcaster of Farmington; and three great-nephews.

SCHOOL MENUS

MULESHOE JR./SR. HIGH

Feb. 28

Breakfast — Cheese toast, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Szechuan chicken, white rice, mixed vegetables, egg roll and milk.

Feb. 29

Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Nachos, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, apple slices and milk.

March 1

Breakfast — Cinnamon

toast, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Footlong chili dog, french fries, pinto beans, apple slices and milk.

March 2-3

No school.

MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES

Feb. 28

Breakfast — Cheese toast, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Pizza, lettuce and tomatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches and milk.

Feb. 29

Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Nachos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, apple slices and milk.

March 1

Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, fruit or juice and milk.

Lunch — Barbecue sandwich, Tater Tots, pork and beans, pear halves and milk.

March 2

Bad weather day.

March 3

Teacher comp day.

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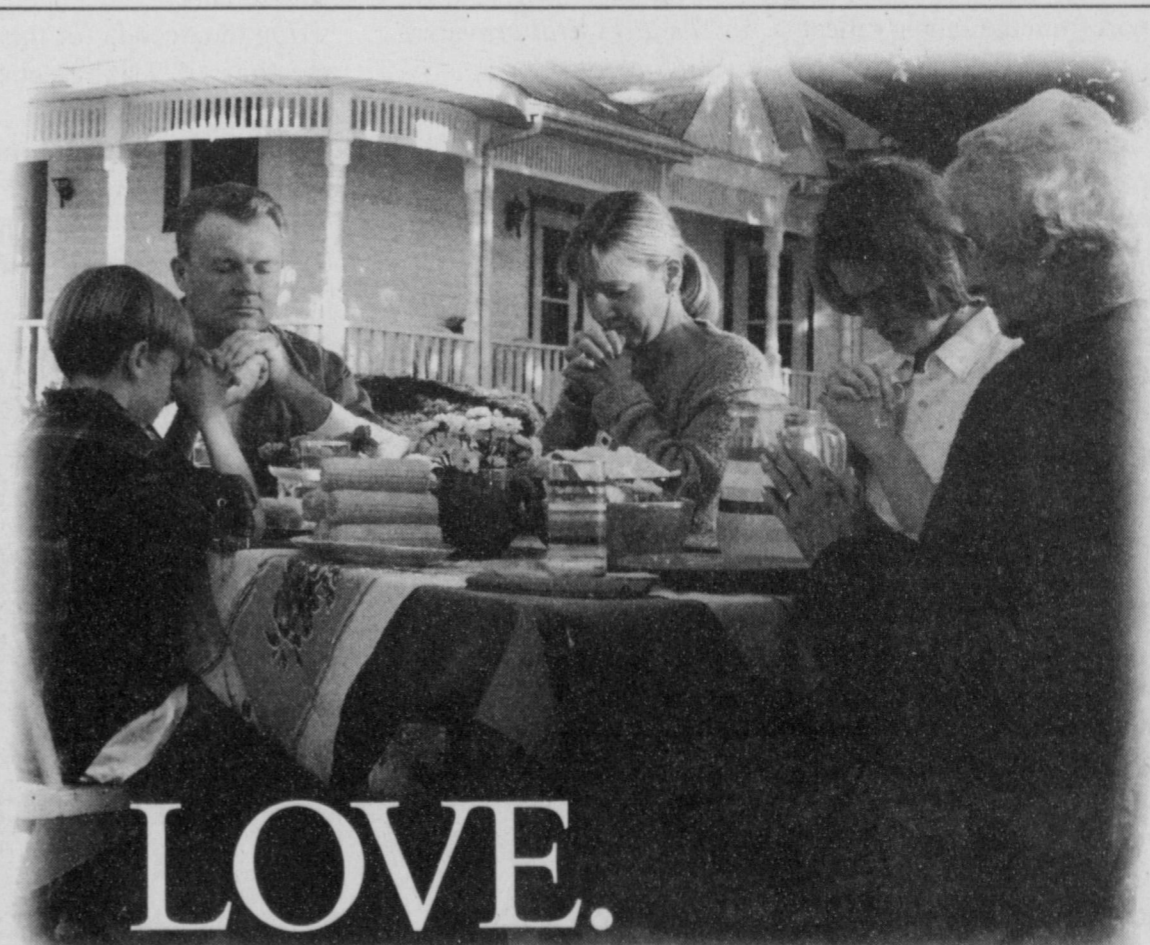
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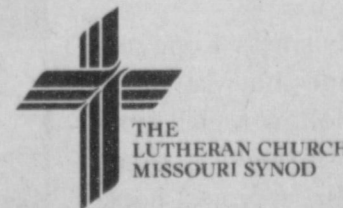
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Dillman honors eight

Selected as superkids for February at Dillman Elementary School are (back row, from left) first-grader Israel Cortez, second-grader Adrian Chacón, second-grader Lizette Rivera and first-grader Cassie Stegall; (front row, from left) pre-kindergartner Stephanie Martínez, pre-kindergartner Zachary Mumau, kindergartner Norma Ronquillo and kindergartner Gilbert Simental.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 met for its regular monthly meeting Feb. 14 at 203 E. Ash.

Senior Vice President Mariann Anzaldúa presided over the meeting, with members Carol Buhrman and Thelma Long and officers Joy Nicholson, June Green, Linda Stracener and Leah Bell present.

Long is a transfer member from the dissolved auxiliary in Olton, which will be sending more women to the local organization according to President Janie Rodríguez.

Club rituals, including the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer, were offered by club members.

Minutes and the treasurer's report from the January meeting were read and approved by those present.

In old business, three bills were presented for payment: flowers purchased at Decorator's Floral and Gifts (sent to fellow member Flora Orozco by Rodríguez), a new flag purchased at The Flagg Store for the VFW parking lot and presented to the post by the auxiliary, and an advertising bill to be paid to the Muleshoe Journal for the poster contest ad presented by Bell. A motion to pay all bills was made and seconded by club members.

Nicholson told members she had presented Wanda Hooten of Muleshoe Motor Co. a check for \$100 in support of the Bailey County unit at Women's Protective Services of Lubbock. Members had previously approved this donation.

Funds for the project are still being accepted by Hooten. Each dollar donated will help furnish the center. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Hooten at 272-4251.

In new business, Long suggested that the Muleshoe members follow a plan similar to that of Olton in regard to the auxiliary project book. The Olton women made an effort to decide which projects they would support financially at the first of the year and then wrote one check for them all, saving the confusion of several checks and receipts. Upon discussion by club members, a motion was made and carried

to try this new approach.

In further business, the new buddy-poppy committee will be chaired by Bell. Responsibilities of this post include public awareness of the "story" of the buddy-poppy to the VFW organization, sales and projects.

It is said that after a particularly bloody battle, servicemen were buried on a hill in Flanders Field. Without prompting, blood-red poppies soon filled the hillside, nature's way of recognizing the effort and loss of the unnamed, heroic soldiers.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*
—A poem by John McCrae

The first dance at which the auxiliary will take over con-

cession duties at the old "V" was scheduled for Feb. 26. Cleaning crews were to work at the former location Feb. 23. A tentative menu was selected and each member has been asked to donate a specific item.

Nicholson informed the ladies that VFW members have approached her and requested that the auxiliary purchase the post's old cash register to be used at the former VFW location for special events. Members endorsed this transaction.

The next and last meeting of District 7 will be May 7 in Dimmitt. The Muleshoe auxiliary will be joining a new, diversified District 7, which is a larger district centered on Lubbock and its surrounding communities rather than the Amarillo area.

On the agenda for this last meeting will be the election of new district officers.

The birthday items brought by Anzaldúa were raffled and both won by Bell — who is batting a thousand in these drawings.

Several projects were discussed, approved and will be supported by local members. Those projects include Hospi-

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Ethnic recipes, Thai recipes and window treatments will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" on Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. and March 4 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Barbara de Marco of Houston will demonstrate some flavorful and exciting recipes that cross the border.

Ron Spies of Bloomfield, Colo., will discuss and show some new specialized window treatments being marketed by Hunter Douglas Window Fashions.

Chef and cookbook author Lina Fat of Sacramento, Calif., will demonstrate recipes with a Thai influence that feature infusion cooking.

Furniture refinishing and wine selection will be featured Feb. 29 at 10:30 p.m. and March 3 at 1 p.m.

Bruce Johnson, a furniture refinishing expert from Asheville, N.C., will show how to make a bulletin board using Minwax products.

Sunny Cristadoro of Rutherford, Calif., a chef with St. Supery Vineyards and Winery, will talk about wine, tips for serving, recipes for pairing wine and food and many other culinary tips.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by West Link of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested.

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ONE OF THE MEANINGS OF THE NAME DAVID IS "BELOVED." THE SON OF JESSE WAS THE SECOND KING OF ISRAEL. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF EIGHT BROTHERS (1 SAMUEL 16:40-11; 17:12-14) MANY OF THE GOOD TRAITS IN DAVID'S CHARACTER WERE, NO DOUBT, INFLUENCED BY HIS MOTHER, WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HER GODLINESS. SOME OF THE PSALMS THAT DAVID WROTE WERE IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS MOTHER'S DEVOUTNESS. (PSALMS 86:16; 116:16) DAVID'S ANCESTRAL HISTORY WAS PICTURESQUE AND INSPIRING ALTHOUGH, AT TIMES TAINTED BY SINFUL ACTS. (GEN. 37:26-27,38) IN PERSON, DAVID WAS RUDDY AND BEAUTIFUL TO LOOK UPON AND AS THE YOUNGEST SON, HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE DUTY AND CARE OF HIS FATHER'S SHEEP. HIS DISPLAY OF COURAGE IN THIS OCCUPATION, BY SLAYING BOTH A LION AND A BEAR WHICH ATTACKED THE FLOCKS, POINTED UP HIS GREAT BRAVERY. HE WAS ALSO POSSESSED OF MUSICAL GIFTS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER AND HE PLAYED SKILLFULLY ON THE LYRE AND WAS VERY ADEPT AT COMPOSING PSALMS. THESE NATURAL GIFTS WOULD CERTAINLY STAND HIM IN GOOD STEAD WHEN DESTINY BROUGHT HIM TO THE THRONE OF ISRAEL!



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Students of the month for February at Lazbuddie Elementary School are (back row, from left) fourth-grader Robert Marrufo, second-grader James Kolezer and fifth-grader Addie Treider; (front row, from left) third-grader Cassie Steinbock, pre-kindergartner Shea Scott, kindergartner Dallas Cox and first-grader Lacey Russell. Addie is the daughter of Brad and Debbie Treider; Robert is the son of Roberto and Maria Marrufo; Cassie is the daughter of Terry and Judy Steinbock; and Lacey is the daughter of Clint and Holly Russell. James' parents are Kevin and Tonya Koelzer, Dallas' parents are Brandon and Valerie Cox and Shea's parents are Lee and Carolyn Scott. The students were recognized based on character, leadership and citizenship. Each one received a ribbon and congratulations on their efforts.

JENNYSLIPPER NEWS

The Jennyslippers met at noon Feb. 21 at the Girl Scout Hut. The meeting was called to order by President Peggi Bruton and the opening prayer was given by Billie Downing, co-chaplain.

Pam McCaul, manager of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. She explained plans for the chamber's upcoming banquet, the new "Mule Lot," assisting the Jennyslippers with the cost of decorating Pete the Mule's holiday hats, and the need for volunteers to greet visitors at the chamber's new visitor center.

The Jennyslippers would like to thank the chamber of Commerce for contributing T-shirts to the Jennyslippers.

A motion was made by Doris Wedel to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Thursie Reid and approved.

Members thanked Downing and Gale Hargrove for their work on the Financial Aid Seminar a success. They in turn thanked those who helped them.

The "traveling bake sale" was set for Feb. 25, with members asked to call Ruby Green for more information.

The Jennyslippers now have

Good habits, not fads, will keep the weight off

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — What do hula hoops, bell-bottom pants and pet rocks have in common? They are fads — short-lived customs, styles, objects or activities with no staying power.

Diets also can fall in and out of favor. They initially look appealing and might promise rapid results, but most are difficult to maintain because they are so restrictive.

"As with any fad, these diets are only short-term solutions to the problems of weight control and obesity," said Dr. Mark A. Gilger, a gastroenterologist and nutrition specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Most fad diets, such as the cabbage soup diet, overemphasize a particular food or food group," he said. "This violates one of the tenets of good nutrition — eating a balanced diet."

Gilger said the concept that some type of superfood exists is yet another myth.

"Misleading claims have been further perpetuated on the Internet where anyone, regardless of nutrition or medical credentials, can make unproven health claims," he said.

Fad diets are typically monotonous and restrictive, which violates a second principle of good nutrition — eating should be enjoyable.

"By taking the fun out of eating, the diet becomes boring and is usually impossible to stay on for any length of time," Gilger said.

Another problem with fad diets is that they typically claim dramatic and rapid weight loss. Most are based on a principle of low carbohydrates, high protein and low to normal fat.

According to Gilger, who is also an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, such diets have the potential for dire consequences and are best performed under the careful guidance of an experienced dietician-and-physician team.

Perhaps the greatest shortcoming of fad diets is the lack of any behavioral modification, exercise or lifestyle changes.

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TOPS NEWS

Four new members have joined TOPS No. 34 in the past two weeks.

Tommie Fulcher, the newest member, was welcomed into TOPS on Feb. 24 in a meeting held at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

The three who joined last week are Marion Wilson, Paula Cantrell and Missy Royal.

Leader Laverne James opened the meeting and announced that election of officers will be March 2.

Molly Davis was the best loser, followed by Cantrell as first runner-up and Rose Sain was second.

Weight recorders were Alene Bryant and Polly Otwell, who was filling in for Betty Jo Davis.

James discussed walking. She said beginners should not be in a hurry to reach their goal

in a new walking program.

The first phase should start with a stroll or an easy walk, to be gradually increased in speed and endurance time.

One goal many people set is walking a mile. It is often walked in 15 to 20 minutes, but each should set their own speed and time.

Aurora Mata, Evelene Harris, Betty Jo Davis and Ozell Cherry were sent get-well cards.

In the Happy Hearts contest, Bryant, James, Ruth Clements, Joline Franklin, Molly Davis, Janie Hughes, Jewel Peeler, Alma Robertson and Noemí Sánchez are tied for first place. Tying for second place are Betty Jo Davis, Lucille Harp, Sain and Polly Otwell.

The next TOPS meeting will be at 5 p.m. March 2 at 5 p.m. at the same site.

a computer courtesy of Earl Behrends of the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Toast of Texas will be held March 6 at 2 p.m. at the new chamber of commerce office. The fourth-graders from DeShazo Elementary School will be special guests.

Patsy Chance made a motion to pay \$5 for lunches to be served at the Girl Scout Hut.

Joyline Costen seconded the motion and it carried.

Attending were members Bruton, Chance, Costen, Downing, Green, Hargrove, Alene Bryant, Bobbie Harrison, Andrea Kemp, Donna Kirk, Nelda Merriott, Thursie Reid and Doris Wedel and guests McCaul and Betty Montley, Kirk's mother-in-law.

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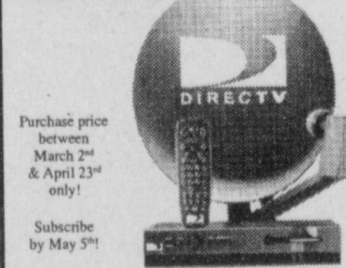
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B&B Agritech (Doug & Kem Bales)
Black, Brenda
Black, Rex
Black, Tim
Black, Trent
Brantley, Curby Jr.
Burriss, Stacy
Claunch, Jacen
Dunham, Jack
Ellis, Starla
Ellis, Todd
Embry, Derrel
Ferguson, Johnny
Green, Felicia
Green, Mrs. Ruby
Harrison & Harrison
Harrison, Alan
Harrison, Diana
Harrison, Kelly
Hartline, Patty
Heathington, Krystal
Heinrich, Clif, Maple
Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
Hooten, Cade
Kerby, Susan
Kindle, Joey
King Ag Aviation, Sudan
Kirby, Reuel
Layton Farms

Leal's Mexican Restaurant (Victor Leal)
Locke, Chris
Mardis, Gina
Morrison, Herman and Joyce
Mount, Allen
Muleshoe Journal
Muleshoe Feed Barn
Mutschler, Barbara
Myers, Jackson
Myers, Thurman
Pearson, Angel
Pearson, Norene
Pollard, Terry
Redwine, Dr. Jerry, OD
Saylor, Jordan
Saylor, John
Schuster, Alec
Scoggins, Dan
T&T Farms (Travis & Todd Bessire)
Tino's Mexican Restaurant
(Tino and Linda Campoya)
Tooley, Howard
Vandiver, Monty Family
Wes-Tex Feed Yards
Wes-Tex Show Feeds (Kelly Harrison)
Wheeler, Jackie
Young, Greg

PURCHASED ANIMALS — 2000 SHOW

A&B Cattle (Harrison)
Altman Group Insurance
Altman, Ronnie
Arnn's Farms (J.G. Arnn)
Bailey Gin Company
Baker, Rodney Farms
Bamert Seed Co.
Beltwide Industries, Lubbock
Bessire, Travis
Black, Dean (Show pigs)
Black, Rex Livestock
Black, Tim
Brown, James
Brown, Mac
Buyer's Club
Citizen's Bank of Texico
Claunch, Jim Pat and Susie
Claunch, Jim Pat
Clay's Corner Gin
CLT Roping Productions (Thurman Myers)
Coyote Lake Feedyard, Inc.
D&S Cattle, Zolfo Springs, FL
Davis, Murray
Ellis, Todd
Enochs Coop. Gin
Farm Planning Services, Morton
Ferguson, Johnny
First National Bank of Sudan
First United Bank of Earth
Green, Niclas
Green, Trista
Harrison, Ted
Harrison & Harrison
Heathington, Aubrey
Henderson, Hadley
Henderson, Kylie
Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
Hurst Farm Supply, Crosbyton
James, Danny
JOB Farming
Johnson, Randy
Kennedy, Dr. Steve
Kennedy, Ky and Keila
Kindle Farms (Joey Kindel)
Kirby, Brian
Kirby, Craig
Kirby, Reuel
Lane, Jack
Layton, Ashley
Layton, Jarrol
Layton, Lauren
Leal's Mexican Restaurant (Victor Leal)
Locke, Chris
Lowe's Marketplace (Roger Lowe)
Maple Coop Gin
Maple Grass
Morrison, Bill, Texico, NM
Morton Insurance (W.C. Eubanks), Morton
Muleshoe Motor Co.
Muleshoe Vet Supply
Muleshoe Livestock Auction
Muleshoe Coop Gin
Muleshoe Feed Barn
Myers, Clayton and Gladys
Pollard, Terry
Prairie View Dairy
Redwine, Dr. Jerry, OD
Schuster, Alec
Simpson, Dan
Simpson Bookkeeping
T&T Farms (Travis and Todd Bessire)
Texas Sesame (ADM Specialties)
Thomason, Brandon
United Supermarkets
Wes-Tex Feed Yards
West Camp Gin
Western Drug (Paul Wilbanks)
Wilbur-Ellis, Littlefield

We sincerely appreciate all contributions which have been made to the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, whether monetary, by services, by donations, by purchases in the product and animal sale, or in whatever way of support you used. If we have inadvertently left anyone off of our "thank you" ad, we extend our apologies. It has not been our intention to overlook anyone who supported our 4-H and FFA youth in the 2000 show.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons instructed the ceramics class and furnished pieces for the residents to finish.

Also on Thursday morning, Glen Williams and Zona Gatewood directed the weekly devotional/reflection time.

Thursday afternoon, ladies from the 16th and D Church of Christ baked and served homemade pies.

Friday afternoon, the residents were treated to pizza compliments of Pizza Hut. Melvin and Wanda Griffin served at the party.

Saturday afternoon, the Griffins and Harold and Mary Jo Burge called the bingo games and served refreshments. We had homemade cookies baked by Clark Price.

The Primitive Baptist Church members came by Sunday for a gospel singing service.

Monday morning, Joy Radford directed the exercise and balloon volleyball class.

Also on Monday, Billie Downing played the piano and led a devo-

tional time.

Tuesday morning, Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner, Lanell Stancell, Mary Jo Burge and Nancy Kidd shampooed and set the ladies' hair and gave manicures.

Joe Embry and Elsie Dameron were among the center's visitors Tuesday.

Cari Kidd, who had been out of town visiting, is doing her volunteer work again.

Visiting Nettie Quesberry on Monday were her daughter, Anna B. Lane; granddaughters Michelle Standard of Muleshoe and Danette Hatcher of Clovis; and great-granddaughters Lakin and Kalee Hatcher of Clovis.

Aline Locke was visited by her daughter, Mary Jo Walker, and great-granddaughter, Madeline Walker of Denton, over the weekend.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Harold Burge served coffee, juice and doughnuts Wednesday morning. Burge read to the residents and directed an

"around-the-table" discussion. Brother Steve Claybrook and Loyce and Buster Killingsworth directed our devotional/sinspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins entertained Wednesday afternoon. Jennings directed the sing-along and puppet show. Scoggins provided piano accompaniment for the singing.

Grace Scarbrough was recently visited by June Conway, Jauree Smallwood and Margaret Wilhite.

On Thursday afternoon, Dee Clements, Kathryn Hancock, Zaoda Gibbs and Gladys Pierce were honored with a February birthday party hosted by Gibbs' family.

Decorator's Floral donated corsages and a boutonniere for each birthday person. Lasting Impressions presented each resident with a T.Y. Beanie Baby, and J.C. Snitker and Curtis Snitker provided entertainment.

Pat Wilson attended the Wednesday afternoon sing-along with her mother, Muriel Lewis.

Shafer Nursery would like to thank the people of Muleshoe and the surrounding area for their belief in the economic growth of our community. If not for your support of the 1/2 cent sales tax for Economic Development, our new location and expansion would still be nothing more than a dream.



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Read It First In The Journal!

Gardener handbook for children grades 3-5

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — A child won't have to be a bookworm to get excited about growing plants with the new Junior Master Gardener Handbook.

The book and its accompanying teacher's guide is expected to sprout new gardening enthusiasts wherever it is used.

"Our hope is that the Junior Master Gardener program will use horticulture as a tool for cultivating children and communities nationwide," said Lisa Whittlesey, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and state JMG coordinator.

The first edition of the book and teacher's guide is now available through the Extension Service and being touted by teachers across much of the country.

A web site, <http://juniormastergardener.tamu.edu>, has the latest "dirt" on the increasingly popular program.

Snappy artwork adorns each page, each section is packed with information and activity suggestions that can be done either with a group or individually.

A separate teacher/leader guide elaborates on the information and activities instructions in a complementary format.

At the end of each of the eight chapters, a leadership/community service project is suggested so that the children can learn how to share their newfound knowledge.

The handbook has attractive spaces throughout the pages for children to record progress by writing, drawing or circling completed activities.

By doing just one group and one individual activity in each section of each of the eight chapters, plus completing eight community-service projects, a youngster can become a certified Junior Master Gardener.

"It's a great way to get kids involved in real-world learning where they can actually do hands-on things," said Gary Yancey, education specialist for the Texas Education Agency Region VI service center in Huntsville.

"The teachers say that the program gives you stuff that you can take straight back to the classroom and it works immediately," he added.

Yancey's service center did a workshop with Whittlesey and

Randy Seagraves, JMG curriculum coordinator, to show more than 60 teachers how to use the materials most effectively.

An example of "real world" situations, Whittlesey noted, could be the plant growth and development chapter that teaches how plants grow to make the world a better place, or the soils and water chapter that lets kids "get their hands dirty" to learn how these two elements are important to plants and all living things.

The chapter on ecology and environment shows the big picture of how people, plants and animals depend on each other and how kids can be involved in taking care of the environment.

Insects and diseases describes what "bugs" children and their plants.

Landscape horticulture teaches how to make beautiful gardens and how to attract birds, insects and other creatures to the backyard or neighborhood.

Learning about fruits and nuts leads to making fruit smoothies, raisins and even peanut butter.

Vegetables and herbs includes how to grow these plants and use them in dishes.

Students learn more about themselves, their friends and their school, and discover how to plan for the future in the final chapter, Life Skills and Career Exploration.

JMG (pronounced as "jammin'") in promotional Get Jammin' materials for the project) is modeled after the popular Master Gardener program for adults.

Its horticulture and environmental science education is offered through fun and creative activities and can be done in classrooms, JMG clubs, after-school programs, home school groups or any other group setting where youngsters want to learn more about plants.

County Extension agents or the web site contain more information about how to start a JMG effort.

Copies of the Junior Master Gardener student handbook and the teacher/leader guide may be ordered from Extension Distribution and Supply, P.O. Box 1209, Bryan, Texas 77806.

Up to five student copies are \$20 each; six to 19 copies are \$17 each, and 20 or more copies are \$14 each.

The level one teacher's guide is \$38.

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Thank you for all the kindnesses that were shown to our mother and family in the recent years. Your prayers, cards, food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated.

Marlin Stephens
The Darrell Stephens Family

The Jarrell Wright Family
The Keith Stephens Family



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Playoff veterans

The varsity Lady Mules, who reached the second round of the playoffs before falling to Seminole 50-48, include (back row, from left) coach Shana Simms, Gradee Adrian, Tommie Hernández, Megan Tipps, Shani Rasco, Mindy Locker, Myndi Heathington, Candace Hutto and coach Donnie Scott; (front row, from left) Jessica Carpenter, Chyla Torres, Britni Gartin, Rendi Hodge, Kayla Glover and Bobbie Benham. Not pictured is team member Lindsey Black.

Citizens help scientists as Texas Nature Trackers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
AUSTIN — Hundreds of Texans across the state are wading through river shallows, climbing rocky ledges, and peering among prairie grasses — all in the name of environmental science.

Through the Texas Nature Trackers program from Texas Parks and Wildlife, volunteers from high school students to retirees are helping track what's happening on the land and water, functioning as hundreds of additional eyes and ears to help monitor wildlife populations.

Some volunteers have posted valuable discoveries. A case in point is Roe Davenport, a San Antonio resident with a passion for shell collecting. His story also reveals that, while drought has withered fish and wildlife habitat across Texas in recent months, adverse conditions also can pose learning opportunities.

In November, Davenport found 36 rare mussels in the Brazos River northwest of Bryan, all left exposed when

drought dropped the river level, but with fresh tissue on the shells, indicating a living population nearby.

This turned out to be the largest recent report, and possibly the largest ever in Texas, of a native freshwater species known as the Texas fawnsfoot mussel, according to Parks and Wildlife mussel expert Bob Howells.

"Texas is a big state and I can't be everywhere," Howells said. "With volunteers scattered around the state, if there's a low water period or a reservoir draw-down, there's a better chance that somebody may be there to document what's happening."

Howells said native freshwater mussels are important because they are keystone indicators of water quality and quantity. As mussels go, so goes water for game fish and other wildlife, as well as for human drinking and crop irrigation.

He said freshwater mussels also support a multi-million dollar a year industry in Texas for making cultured pearls from mussel shells.

Texas Mussel Watch is one of eight special watch projects,

all of which train citizen volunteers to seek and identify wildlife species and report their findings to Parks and Wildlife.

The others are Texas Horned Lizard Watch, the Hummingbird Roundup, Texas Monarch Watch, Texas Amphibian Watch, the Swallow-Tailed Kite Monitoring Project, Project Prairie Birds and the Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey.

There are also Adopt-A-Species Projects where volunteers track rare Texas plants or animals on public park or preserve land, affording the opportunity for students or other volunteers to accompany biologists into the field.

The programs are increasingly popular among high school and college teachers, who often get their classes involved to do nature tracking.

"Hands-on experiences through Texas Nature Trackers bring textbook learning to life in ways you just can't duplicate in the classroom or schoolyard," said Ann Miller, an education coordinator in Parks and Wildlife's Wildlife Diversity group.

"We have volunteers who are helping document the presence

or absence of Texas horned lizards (horny toads), fire ants and the native red harvester ant.

"Other volunteers study the fascinating migration of monarch butterflies, or listen for the distinctive calls of various species of frogs and toads.

"These are things few people will ever get to do or see, but they're available at no cost if you're willing to get involved. And you don't have to be a scientist to help."

Parks and Wildlife is seeking volunteers in all parts of Texas. More information is available by visiting the web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/tracker or phoning (800) 792-1111, Ext. 7011.

Ricochet singer to aid SPC celebration

Heath Wright, lead singer of the country band Ricochet, is scheduled to return to South Plains College on March 3 to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of his alma mater's educational program in country music.

Several hundred students are expected to return to campus during the March 2-4 observance.

Wright will take part in a ceremony called "Tribute to a Music Pioneer" at 7:30 p.m. March 3 honoring Nathan Tubbs, who was instrumental in establishing the South Plains program.

Admission to the program is

free. Wright is a 1993 graduate of South Plains who launched his career soon after graduating.

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REBEKAH NEWS

Noble Grand Thursie Reid called the Feb. 22 meeting to order with 11 members present.

It was noted that Bernice Holdeman and Velma Howell are still ill; Imogene Cole and Linda McGonagill are feeling better and Joy Griffith died.

Thank-you letters were received from Doris Cherry and Jan Zolaski.

June Green gave a report on the pre-association meeting that was held Feb. 18.

The Muleshoe lodge will do the memorial service and draping and undraping the charter for the association meeting that will be held here in April, and challenges the other lodges to do the funeral service and a drill march.

Lubbock and Abernathy lodges will do the flag ceremony and the presentation of the Bible.

The initiation of a new members has been rescheduled for Feb. 29 because the candidate was out of town.

Joyline Costen will be the hostess for the D.A.R. luncheon on April 8. Members will help her serve the meal.

The meeting closed with the Rebekah Creed and two verses of "An Evening Prayer."

50th Anniversary Billy & June Gore

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gore of Circleback will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 5 from 2-5 P.M. in the Sudan Community Center



Billy Gore and June Patton were married March 9, 1950 at Melrose, NM. They have three sons and one daughter; Billy Wayne, Rusty and Randy Gore, all of Circleback; and Ginger Harper of Sudan. They also have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Gores have resided in Circleback for the past 50 years where their livelihood has been farming. They are members of the Circleback Baptist Church. Hosting the celebration are the couple's children and their families. All family and friends are invited.

No gifts, please. Cards are welcome.

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