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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

## Dead birds cover yard

in a scene remimiscent of an Alfred Hitchcock movie, Charles Getsinger walked outside to get his newspaper in Anderson, S.C., and found dozens of dead blackbirds in his yard.

"I said to myself, 'Lord have mercy. What's going on?' " the 66 -year-old Getsinger said after discovering the grisly sight when a bird dropped out of a tree and landed next to him.
Clemson University researchers took the carcasses from Getsinger's lawn and are testing them to find a cause of death. Theories range from poisoning to a bird virus that caused deaths in New York last summer.

## Nebraska bone case solved

There is no murder behind the mystery of the bones discovered in the ele vator shaft of the elegant Blackstone Hotel in Omaha.
What was first considered possible evi-
dence of a long-ago murder is probably the dence of a long-ago murder is probably the remains of someone's lunch.
"It's all butchered cattle and pigs and turkey and chicken," said Rob Bozell of the Nebraska State Historical Society, who was asked by the State Patrol to examine the bones.
The bones may be leftovers from a con-
struction worker's lunch, or maybe somestruction worker's lunch, or maybe something an animal dragged in, he said.
Dry county gets DWI'plates
Hundreds of Arkansas license plates with the letters "DWI" have been issued to motorists in a dry county, of all places.
The Department of Niotor Vehicles said it was coincidence that Craighead County received that combination of letters, wellknown as an abbreviation for "driving while intoxicated."
The department screens out license plates it deems inappropriate, but none of the agency screeners were bothered by DWI. Among the banned three-letter combinations are SEX, FAT and PIG.


Drawing date: Wednesday, Jan. 5
Winning numbers:
$3-4-22-23-31$ Winning numbers: 3-4-22-23-31-43 Estimated jackpot: $\$ 4$ million Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, Jan. 8
Estimated jackpot: $\$ 7$ million
On this date in history
Jan. 10- The Lucas gusher comes in at
Spindletop, setting off the Texas oil boom (1 Spindletop, setting off the Texas oil boom (1901). Jan. 11/12 - On Jan. 11, legislation is passed
to create the State Military Board (1862) and the to create the State Military Board (1862) and the
Confederate ship Alabama sinks the U.S. ship Confederate ship Alabama sinks the U.S. ship
Hatteras off the coast of Galveston (1863).

## Local weather

The area should be mostly sunny, but then turn partly cloudy through midweek. Temperatures should be moderate, with morning lows in the upper 20s through Tuesday and about 35 Wednesday. Highs should reach the upper 50s Sunday and Monday, mic60s Tuesday and about 67 Wednesday.

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[^0]South Plains cotton farmers can update their production knowledge and learn more about marketing and alternative crops at several January regional agriculture conferences - including one at Muleshoe on Jan. 27 - hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.
Bailey County Extension Agent Curtis Preston said Friday that

## Stock show

## coming up

 intwo weeks SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 21-22 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.The sheep and goat show about 35 entries each - will begin at 8 a.m. Jan. 21. At 1 p.m. the same day will be the gilt show, with the barrow show immediately after that. About 20 to 25 gilts and 170 barrows are expected.
The steer and heifer show will begin at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 22. Judges will include Cody King of Boerne for sheep and goats, Mark Standlee of Floydada for swine, Dennis Poole of Gail, Texas, for steers and heifers, and Bill Morrison of Texico for showmanship.
The junior livestock shows are for FFA and 4-H members. After the county show, many of the exhibitors will travel to statewide shows to compete during the season.
All the young exhibitors at the county show will be considered for the Jimmy Dale Black Showmanship Award, which has been given for a number of years to the best showman. The judge will be making his choice throughout the various shows, with the award to be presented after the steer show.
After the awards presentation on Jan. 22, a prem
egin at 2:30 p.m.
The sale will be conducted by members of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Board, and proceeds from the "sale" of animals and products will be placed in the general fund and see SHOW on page 2

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT Two-term Bailey County Commissioner Floyd "Butch" Vandiver is seeking the endorsement of voters in the March Democratic primary for a third term.
He says his priority is eco nomic development.
"What I really want to push is this prison deal," he said "We (commissioners) are all in favor of it, and we're about to have a public hearing on it the last of the month or first of February.
"We've got to get some industry in this county - that is

## Cotton conference being planned for Muleshoe <br> JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

some details of the Muleshoe con-
ference are still being worked
ference are still being worked out, but it will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum, probably starting at 8:30 a.m.
Further details will be released well before the conference.
Known as the Llano Estacado West Cotton Conference, the event will allow area farmers to learn directly from expert speakers that are being lined up.
speakers are definite:

- Terry Futch, Northwest High Plains zone manager for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, presenting an overview of the 1999 efforts against the weevils plus a preview of 2000;
- Jim Leser, a Lubbock entomologist, speaking on boll weevil management;
- Calvin Trostle on alternative
crops;
- James Esty of the Texas Department of Agriculture on pesticide laws;
- Randy Bowman, a cotton agronomist, with an overview of 1999 on the South Plains and information on new genetics for cotton; matio
and see CONFERENCE on page 2
 Jerry Sherbon (left) helps 2-year-old Jasmyne Guerra try to find her "trampoline legs" during a recent



## Vandiver seeks re-election to commission



Vandiver
general fund, and we can't do that but once," he said.

He pointed out that the new detention facility at Post is projected to generate $\$ 350,000$ a year for the Garza County general fund - enough to solve Bailey County's revenue prob-
lem and possibly allow for a sizable tax cut.
Vandiver has been a Bailey County resident for 41 years; he and his wife, Doris, have two sons who are farmers Monti in Bailey County and Tyrri in Parmer County - and a daughter, Staci Marchand, who is a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital.
Vandiver himself farmed in the YL area for 39 years. He also has managed Leo's Machine Shop and now works for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.
He is being opposed by Donald Harrison in the primary and by Republican Jack Dunham in the November general election.

## Election confusion

 settles down quickly JOURNAL STAFF REPORTConfusion last week about whether several Bailey County candidates' names would be allowed on the March primary ballot sorted itself out quickly - in most cases to the candidates' satisfaction.
The lone exception may be incumbent Precinct 3 constable Gerry Pierce, who filed the required notice with the county clerk's office but apparently did not file with the county Democratic Party chairman by the Monday afternoon deadline.
However, he will still be able to run for constable as a write-in candidate in the general election.
The situation for five other Democratic candidates was considerably difsee CONFUSION on page 2

## Around Muleshoe

City to test sirens Wednesday
Muleshoe City Manager Rick Hanna announced Friday that is not threatening
He said the plan is to conduct weekly tests at about that time whenever the weather is calm. In the event of a severe weather alert, he added, the test would not be conducted in order to avoid

Mammograms to be available
Plains 1 Cor Corch 208 W. Secod San. 18 at Sout Participants will receive cost screening mammogram, breast risk appraisal and individual breast self-examination i
Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health or residents who qualify
All exams will be by appointment only. More information is
Public Calendar
Jan. 10 - 10 a.m. Bailey County Commissioners' Court, in
7 pm . MuleshoeSchool Board, in the meeting room at the istrict administrative offic

Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday

## Horse competition to repeat at Portales'Ag Expo

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNA

Ag Expo, set for Feb. 22-23 Working Ranch Horse Com petition on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m ial Events Arena at th grounds.
This is the Ag Expo's sec by the Ranch Horse Asso ciation of America. The 1999 competition had 29 entrie Wendy Toombs, chairman of the Working Ranch Hors Committee, expects at leas as many this time.

RHAA sanctionin means that people qualify in finals held in May in Abilene, Texas," Toombs There will be two classe by class According to Toombs, the cowboy class is for competi not members of ociation and have no have earned more than $\$ 500$ in competition. The ope class is for association mem bers only. rules apply to both classes Two buckles will b awarded in the open cl the entrants with the highes number of points, one for senior champion horse and one for junior champion open class.
"A horse that is 5 years old
or less, as of Jan. 1, 2000, is

## sHow

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awarded to the exhibitors in accordance with their placement in the show and the rules governing funds distribution. It is important for sale participants to know that this is a premium sale and the animals are not actually purchased by the buyer. The general public is encouraged to attend and par ticipate in the sale. Many donated products will be auctioned off along with the animals, and the proceeds all

Toombs said. "Senior divi-
sion horses are 6 years old
and older. Both winners will and older. Both winners will added purse," she said. third and fourth place and RHAA payback schedule." awards in the cowboy class, but payback and added purse will be there, Toombs said The riders may be male or female, and it is recom-
mended that they be at least 18 years old. The entry fee is enter more than one horse Horses must meet certain qualifications to enter the either gelding, mare or stallion. The owner must have
owned the horse a year prior to the competition and have a negative coggins conducted within the 12 months prior to the competition, along with current health papers. The
horse may be any breed registered or non-registered.
Each horse will have five minutes to perform. Time will start when the contestant enters the arena. The announcer will let the exhibitor know when two minutes remain and Specific performance quirements are given for the three categories of work:

Reining/horsemanship

## CONFERENCE

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- Craig Fincham on riskman-
"Every year these conferences provide farmers a wealth of information on ways to improve their crop and livestock enterprises," said Jett Major, Extension district director for agriculture in Lubbock
"The information provided at each conference is specifically designed to help producers in that region or county," he added.
The conferences also offer producers a chance to earn continuing education units for their private applicator licenses. The conferences also feature

Home buyer should check all warranties

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Murphy'sLaw applies more than evertoowning a home. As much as and everything in it to last forever, something is always breaking down or wearing out.

Home buyers need to be aware of the quality of their new home and the products that go into it.
"Be suretolook carefully at builders and the warranties they offer
before choosing one that really stands behind the home," said Richard Roll, president of American
Homeowners Association "By keeping an eye on the con-
struction warranty and the lifecycle of various parts of your home, yo be protected and better prepared to deal with a problem." More information is available at the web Homebuilders vary widely in the quality of building materials or products they use. Quality lumber, for areas of the country. When a warped or green timber starts to dry, nail or green timber starts to dry, nails
can pop out or a door can stick to the
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Christmas Is Over, But We Still Need the Angels' Message


CONFUSION
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fer
solved more easily
This situation arose when
County Democratic Chairman tinda McGonagill believed filings was sufficient, but she hen discovered that the pape work had to be signed by
notary public.
This could potentially hav affectedincumbent Sheriff Coy Plott, his challenger Ronnie Kemp, incumbent Precinct Commissioner Butch Vandiver, his Democratic cha enger Donald Harrison and Gary Don Gartin.
But state officials apparently
agribusiness exhibits A Jan. 18 Olton conference known as the Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, is sched uled from 7:30 a.m. to 3:4 p.m. at the Olton Ag Center. Speakers will address co on production and marketing alternative crops, risk manage ment and crop insurance Similar conferences in the area include the Southern Mes Ag Conference at Lamesa on Jan. 17, The Caprock Cotton Conference at Floydada on Jan 18 (same day as the Olton event) and the West Plains Cotton Conference at White face on Jan. 19


I want to be your Precinct 1 Commissioner. I will strive to give you the service you deserve.'

Donald Harrison
Announces His Candidacy for Bailey County Commissioner Precinct 1

the former Bobbie Collins. We have two chilseried to grandchildren employed at Bailey County Farm Bureau.

1 am retiring this year and will be a
full time to being your commissioner.
After eighteen years, I am departing from Wheelabrator Coal Services of Muleshoe. I have been a
heavy equipment operator, motor maintenance person for five years, and shift foreman. I am experienced with the repairs and upkeep of Caterpillar equipment.
Prior to my employment with Wheelabrator Coa
ervices, I had my own custom harvesting busin lhes, had my own custom harvesting business. dive years and am presently serving my tenth year as five years
Fire Chief.
I served twenty-six years on the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show board and continue to help the $4-\mathrm{H}$ and


## Lazbuddie battle

Lazbuddie's Jake Loudder (No. 55) battles M. Eisenwine of Amherst for a rebound during Thursday's early action in the Lazbuddie junior varsity and junior high basketball tournament, which was scheduled to last through Saturday. Watching for his own chance at the ball is the Longhorns' Shannon Redwine (No. 12). A spokesman for the Lazbuddie Athletic Department said 60 games were scheduled during the tournament. The Lazbuddie JV came up short against Amherst, 80-29.

Help session for small meat processors planned

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COLLEGE STATION - A one-day help session to assist small-scale meat processors in
finalizing their Hazard Analysis finalizing their Hazard Analysis held Jan 14 at Texas A\&MUni versity.
The session is designed for companies that have initiated or even completed the process of writing their HACCP plans. According to Dr. Jeff Savell, professor in the animal science department, "We realize that many small and very small food processors are still struggling with issues associated with writing, validating and implemen ing their HACCP plans."
The program includes a program update, followed by a seg
ment during which the proces ment during which the proces sors can discuss their
on-one with experts.
The program stems from fed eral food safety programs and eral food safety programs and
requires the food industry to identify the sources of potential contamination in food production and transportation and then pu

## Around The area

Conservation district cancels election The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has elected and the election will not be held.

That means Dale Gober of Bovina will serve his second four-ye portion of Castro County

The new Bailey County Committee consists of Gerald Shanks, Lavon Hunt, Rodger Buhrman, Jerry Nichols and Joe King, all of Muleshoe.
The Castro County Committee consists of Ronnie Hoelting azareth and Kevin Riley and Vic Nelson, both of Dimmitt. The Parmer County Committee is made up of Mitchell Wiseman of Christian and Pat Ware
Clovis college sets registration
spring registration at Clovis Community College is scheduled for
Students who have not applied for admission should report to the
ollege's admissions office, Room 126
Those who have already applied for admission may register in Room Schedule.
Senior citizens who wish to receive a reduced tuition rate may register Jan. 14. Late registration will continue through Jan. 21. More information about registration is available by calling (505) 769-4025. Students enrolling at the college for the first time should plan on ttending one of two Jan. 10 orientation sessions, either 9 a.m. (Mountain time) to 10:30 a.m. or 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. These students may SPC sets alternative TASP tests
South Plains College in Levelland has scheduled an alternative exam
for Jan. 13 for students whohave not yet taken an official TASP test and did not sign up for the Jan. 10 test.
Monday's test is to begin at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on the third floor of the library building; the fee is a $\$ 29$ money order, payable to the college. Students also need to bring a driver's license and one other form of identifica-

The additional test will be given Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. during open enrollment.
Orientation for new full-time students is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4
p.m. Jan. 11 and will include advisement and pre-registration for spring

TASP is now required of nearly all students before they can enrollment in college-level classes at a Texas public college or university.

Dimmitt man gets light sentence

## minimum sentence for his role in a vehicle scam.

Raul Tijerina, 35, was sentenced to eight ordered to report to prison by Jan. 24 . He has been free on a $\$ 25,000$ bond in the case.
Tijerina pleaded guilty in October to possessing and intending to sell a Jeep with the knowledge that it was stolen and had an altered vehicle identification number
Officers discovered vehicles with altered VIN numbers, along with tools for making the plates that display the numbers, when they raided Tijerina's after receiving a narcotics tip.
He still faces a charge of possessing more than 460 grams of methamphetamine with a street value estimated at about $\$ 500,000$. He posted a bond of $\$ 200,000$ in that case.
Ground broken for prison
The city of Littlefield was scheduled to
proposed Bill Clayton Detention Center.
The project had been planned as a juvenile still expected to house young offenders when it opens, but the word "juvenile" was left out of the name so the facility will be able to house older inmates should the occasion arise.
The 112-bed facility will be located half a mile south of U.S. 84 . Power wheelchairs available
Miracle on Wheels makes available electric wheelchairs to nonambulatory senior citizens (age 68 and up) in the area, usually at no cost if the people qualify. No deposit is required.
The wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent-living
uarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This ser
any age.
More information is available by calling (800) $749-8778$ or visiting w.durablemedical.com

Nurse aide class is postponed
The starting date for South Plains College's course in nurse aide raining has been postponed from Jan. 10 to Jan. 19.
raining has been postponed from Jan. 10 to Jan. 19 .
Students in the course will complete 56 hours of classroom instruc ion and 24 hours of clinical instruction and then take the State of Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination. ertified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.
Registration is still being accepted. More information is available by
Depth-to-water survey under way
The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is in the mine the effect of pumpage on groundwater levels in the 15-county district area. privately owned wells, spaced at about nine square miles per well privately owned wells,
throughout the district.

District personnel make the measurements by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The lower several feet of the tape are coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker blue when it comes in contact with water.
The same wells are used in the survey every year so the latest measurements can be accurately compared to those of the previous
More information is available by calling the district office at (806)
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in place preventive measures.
"We are rapidly drawing closer to the nextHACCPimplementation deadline for very
small-scale processors." Savell small-scale processors," Savell
said.
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Deadline near for seeking courthouse aid SPECIAL TOTHE JOURNAL AUSTIN - The Texas Historical Commission's Texas tion Program has several upcoming deadlines for counties interested in applying for grant money to restore historic court ouses.
Bailey County is among those in the process of refurbishing

The deadline to submit a mas ter plan for Historical Commis sion approval is Feb.
The master plan is a compre hensive planning document that includes historical background on the courthouse as well as a detailed analysis of its architectural integrity, current condition and future preservation needs. The master plan is a prerequi site to applying for a grant and must be submitted to and approved by the commission prior to the county sending a grant application.
The commission will accept completed master plans right up until the Feb. 1 deadline. Then, the counties face a deadline for grant applications of March 7. Additional information about master plan requirements and the application process is on the commission's web site, www.the.state.tx. us.
More information is available by contacting Dan Utley at (512) 463-6218.

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## BITUARIES

VERNON O. BROWN
the Second Baptist Church in Amarillo for Vernon O. Brown, 66, of Dumas. The Rev. Charles Jones officiated.
Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas handled arrangements. Mr. Brown was born April 22
1933, in Melrose, N.M. He died Tuesday in Dumas.
He had lived in Dumas for 14 months and was a longtime months and was a
Guymon, Okla., and Muleshoe Guymon, Okla., and Muleshoe
resident. He was a farmer and welder.
He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.
He is survived by two sons, Dan R. Brown of Lubbock and Robert V. Brown of Post; a daughter, Frances R. Zion of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Robin Alexander of Dumas; his special friend, Mickey Alexander of friend, Mickey Alexander of
two sons and daughters-in-law Justin and Sandra Dewbre o Mesquite and Randy and Linda Dewbre of Abilene; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathie and Jim Curfew of Midland and Lynnie Rosebery of Austin; two sisters, Lucille Freeman of Eden, Texas, and Mary Schultz of Levelland; a brother, Percy Dewbre of Morton; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchilchildren; and 12 great-grandchil-
dren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Virgil, Bill and 'R.Z. Dewbre, and three sisters, Cora Langdon, Goldie Singleton and Mattie Billington
FILEMON ANTILLON Services were held Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina for Filemón Beltrán Antillón, 78, of Bovina. The Rev. Fern Couture and Deacon John Nino were the celebrants. Burial Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home Eriona handled arrangle

Brown of Amarillo and Joe Ed
Mabel Howard of Muleshoe and Ethal Mae Widner of Jacksboro and eight grandchildren.
Is to Memorial Hospice, 224 E Second, Dumas 79029.

Services were held Friday a the First Assembly of God in 71, of Clyde Texas. The Revs. Forest Srader and Jimmy Ray Bennett officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Homes handled
Mr. Dewbre was born April 7, 1928, in Crosbyton. He died Tuesday in Midland.
He married Edith Estelle Bennett in Lubbock on June 22 1945. He was a lay minister and member of the First Assembly He is survived by his wife

Mr. Antillón was born Aug. 1, 1921, at Nacore, Sonora. He died Monday at home. from Chilued to Bovina in 1974 from Chihuahua and had been a farmhand in the Bovina area for 25 years. He was a member of St . Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.
He is survived by his wife
Olga; three sons, Filemón Antillón Jr. of El Paso and Ricardo Antillón and Sergio Antillón,both of Bovina; seven daughters, Lorena Antillón Rosalva Antillón and Mirna Jiménez, all of El Paso, Olga Gómez of Guymon, Okla.,
Yesenia Guillén of Eunice, N.M., Guadalupe Robles of Bovina and Maria F. Vega of Friona; two sisters, Hortencia Antillón of Chihuahua and Carolina De La Vega of La Junta, Mexico; 30 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by

The family of Karta Stroud Corner expresses heartfelt thanks to each person for your gifts of love through her recent ilfness and passing. We are grateful for your prayers 2. and your many acts of kindress and support. (3) D wayne Conner therra Truman e Martha Stroud The Brandon Hall family
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salad or Bacon swiss burger with french fries Wednesday - Hot steak sandwich, gravy salad trench fries and toast or Chili cheeseburger with french fries Thursday - Ribeye steak, baked potato and salad or Cheeseburger with french fries
Friday - Fish platter, hush puppies, french fries, toast
and salad or Chicken fried steak, french fries, gravy, and sala
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## Grocery bonanza

sMuleshoe storemanager BIIGIndert presents Evaly Brewster with her certincate as the winner of the store $\$ 2,000$ grceery giveaway. Brewster said that since she and her husband are on Social Security, the win was especially

## Dry weather still worrying cattle producers in Texas



ew year hoping for rain to
plenish dry tanks across the
tate, the Texas Agricultural
Extension Service reports. Dr. Stephen Hammack of he severity of the problem var
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$\qquad$ producers have had ry areas," he said. "Others are till holding out with just adHammack said tanks that ar ow but not completely dry present a dangerous situation

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|  |  | gumbo, fruit, salad, Jell-O and milk.

Jan. 11
Lunch - Chicken, barbe cue franks (PK-1), tuna
mashed potatoes, corn, spinach, fruit, salad, Jell-O and moisture," he said. "This be afe for cattle trying to get io he water and, in some cases attle have been lost that way," Hammacksaids noff water in 1999. "Th ime, but it is not being replen ished," he said. "Major relief is needed this spring, not only fo
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Hammack said there are no ducers. He said they can eithe haul in water, or they can move he cattle to water
When producers encounter water availability problems, water typically try to provide
sists, selling the cattle
Jeffrey Osbourn, Extension agent in Coleman County, said about half the producers in his county chose to sell their cattle and the other half are hauling "Many
Many producers had
cause of the lack of forage,"
said. "But with 70 percent
the tanks (in Coleman County)
to get to them, the lack of water
is a major factor in the decision

## Hammack said there i

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"They're in great shape co
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are very sick," he said.
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Fraser, who serves as chief Children's Hospital, leads a spe cialized team that performed about
were often delayed grew larger; however, Fraser noted "The technology has improved understanding of the physiology of our confidence in taking care of little babies has improved," he said
plex congenital heart defects can develop secondary major organ suffermajordifficulties because uncorrected lesions sive in correcting more aggres lier and earlier, with the idea of lems. A lot of our patients have prenatal diagnoses so we often have within a few days of birth For some problems, that's ideal," he said.
The field of congenital heart su gery has evolved over the past dthat it is a small and very special ized area of practice. Fraser said "The best results are on ters with a lot of focused people. believe the real improvements

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Hodges, a 1996 gradu
ate of Lazbuddie High School was among the Dec. 18 graduates of the University of North Texas at Denton.
She earned
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Hodges is
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of Mack and Rhonda Hodges and the granddaughter of Joe and Claudine Embry, all of Muleshoe.
She is employed at Kids Are Kids in Plano, Texas. ALTMAN
Lindsey Altman of Muleshoe is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph

Junior members are able to register cattle in the associa-
tion and take part in

## and other events.

PIERCE
Susie Pierce, former administrative assistant to Muleshoe City Manager Rick Hanna, recently completed Session II of the of the Economic Development Institute conducted in San Diego, Calif., by the University of Oklahoma.
The institute is a three-session program of advanced education for economic development professionals.
The Session II theme, "Influencing Investor Decisions," includes courses in such subjects as "Marketing Plan Development," "Targeting Techniques," "Advertising and Public Relations," "Entrepreneurial Development" and "Existing Business Development." Also required for graduation is the completion of a project; Pierce's subject was "Strategic Planning As a Community Education Process." Pierce received a scholarship during the session, and the city will be reimbursed for her tu-
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being the most important 10 1" being the least region:EUROPE - Our 50 year involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization



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nal. LATIN AMERICA Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Colombia and ensuring the security of the Panama Canal. MIDDLEEAST - Our longtime commitment to ArabIsraeli peace and our protection of Persian Gulf oil supplies. - The U.S. has deployed troops to humanitarian crises in countries like Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo and Bosnia which do not directly threaten our national security interests.
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mishing our military readiness. Recently, forexample, two Army divisions were declared unfit for combat partly because of their peacekeeping duties. Which is most important (you may choose more than one) ___-Participate in mor peacekeeping missions __Guard our troops' com bat edge
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Young voice of democracy
Jill Gladden accepts her $\$ 100$ prize as the local winner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy scholarship contest held in December. Making the presentation are Joe Ambriz (left), commander of Muleshoe's Post 8570, and Douglas Tennell, chairman The theme for this year's competition was "America's Role in the Next Century." Gladden earned the right to compete at the state level and could possibly go on to win a $\$ 20,000$ scholarship.

## Claim withdrawn on tobacco funds


versity of Texas law professor neys, told the Austin American Statesman his clients chose be ween accepting the 25 -year paylegal fees from the state.

Improvements touted
Almost 11 months into he four-year term as Texas comp Keeton Rylander cave arole Keetort on hlander gave a status report on her pledge to improve
"Whervice to
fice, I said that innovation would be our daily companion and that treating Texas taxpaymust come to a screeching halt," she said back on Nov. 18 .
Her four-point program, the Taxpayer Fairness and Access bility Plan, reshapes the relationship between taxpayers and state government, she said.
Point 1: Interest must be paid. Effective Jan. 1, a new law re

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## OSPITAL NOTES



Compiled by Ed Sterling
percent over the prime rate) to Point 2: Settlement authority A new law gives the comptroller authority to close tax cases more quickly and avoid litigation, say ing a projected $\$ 44$ million saver ing a projec Point 3: Self-audits. A new law allows tax payers with a good track record to perform "managed self-audits" with state over sight, freeing up more time for the comptroller's office to do more audits.
Point 4: Before Rylander took office, taxpayers had to travel to Austin toresolve tax matters with the comptroller. Now, the audit and enforcement bureaus across Texas to conduct administrative hearings, making them more convenient for taxpayers. Top teachers singled out Forty outstanding teacher
by the Texas Education Agency
at the annual teacher of the year
awards luncheon in Austin. Garnering the highest honor were Mary Beth Castillo Tierce, teacher at Kostoryz Elemen ary School in Corpus Christi and Jack Cody, an English chool. eacher of the year and Cody is Cody will be Texas' representhe year program, in which a tional teacher of the year this TN NRCC cites Chevron The Texas Naral Resource mounced it will take actio nainst the Chil take actio gainst the Chevro
Enforcement action relates t unreported emissions on Oct. 7 hat may have contributed to the highest ozone reading in the Houston area in the past 10 year the agency reported
According to the TNRCC, the facility violated Texas law by releasing and failing to report and propylene, two types of vola tile organic compounds. The violations could be re solved through a fine and/or co rective action.

Muleshoe Area Medical
Center reported the following patient load:

Dec. 31 - Margarite $R$ Bustamante, Lydia A. Cavazos, Juanita Chisman, S. Clements, Maria Costilla,
Francisco Escalante, Mildred N. Ferrell and Francisca Martínez.

Jan. 1 - Margarite R. Bustamante Juanita Chisman,

## B

Preceptor chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority held its November meeting in the home of Pamela Miller. Vicki Black served as co-hostess
Kay Graves spoke about the first annual Cranefest held Nov. 6 in Muleshoe and of all the events heldduring the Cranefest. She also spoke of the plans for next fall's event.
The fall theme was carried out through the decorated table adorned with scarecrows and pumpkins as well as cornucopias spilling over with autumn fruits and foliage.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Rits and foliage. } & \text { Agency and the need for volun } \\ \text { Raspberry spritzers were } & \text { teers to serve as outreach coor }\end{array}$
served along an assortment of
Fruitalia teas. sandwiches, topped-twice baked potatoes, queso and chips were served on table appoint ments bearing the fall motif. Dessert was an artist's creation of a pumpkin roll topped with whipped cream red velvet cake.

Janelle Turner was the door prize winner. Service Committee chairwoman Jo Spinks spoke to the sorority about the Women's Protective Service

Jan. 5 - Joyce Coffman, Karen Cook, Sheryl Engelking, Ruby F. Everett, Mildred N Ferrell, Julia Hernández, Gladys M. McAlister, Wanda Muñoz and Dewitt Precure. Jan. 6 - Joyce Coffman Karen Cook,SherylEngelking Ruby F. Everett, Mildred N Ferrell, Julia Hernández, Iva I Locker, Gladys M. McAlister and Dewitt Precure.
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Jan. 4 - Mildred N. Ferrell and Wanda Muñoz
dinators. Social Committee chairwoman Sherri Shipman asked that the committee plan the December Christmas social Members were asked to bring canned goods for the Food Bank and coats for children. inks also suggested that the ree donated to the city park be placed close to the swing set that was donated by the chapter Members attending were Black, Miller, Jinks, Turner schuster Judy Wilh, Lindy Gear, La F Wibanks, Gayl Graves was a special guest.

T OPS NEWS
Thirteen members of TOPSNo. 34 met Jan. 6 for the weekly weigh-in and meeting at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.
Leader Laverne James, wel-
comed back after being absent for comed back after being absent for a week, called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge.
Secretary Janie Hughes, read the minutes from the previous meeting. The TOPS songs wero led by Noemí Sánchez
The weigh-in was conduc by Betty Jo Davis and
Bryant, weight recorders. Bryant, weight recorders.
Polly Otwell was the best loser, and the first runner-up was Cherryl de Graffenreid. Lucille In the monthly report Bry. was named the best loser, Rose Sain was firstrunner-upand Davis
was the best
For oursix-monthreport, Linda White was named the best loser,
Joline Franklin firstrunner-up and Bryant and Hughes tied for the
Jewel Peeler and Franklin
ceived perfect attendance awards

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