

Dillman holds Western Day



They're off

Alex Camacho bolts out of the gate at the start of a stick horse race during Western Days at Dillman Elementary.

One tough hombre

Justin Kube was determined to be as tough as the cowboys he learned about.

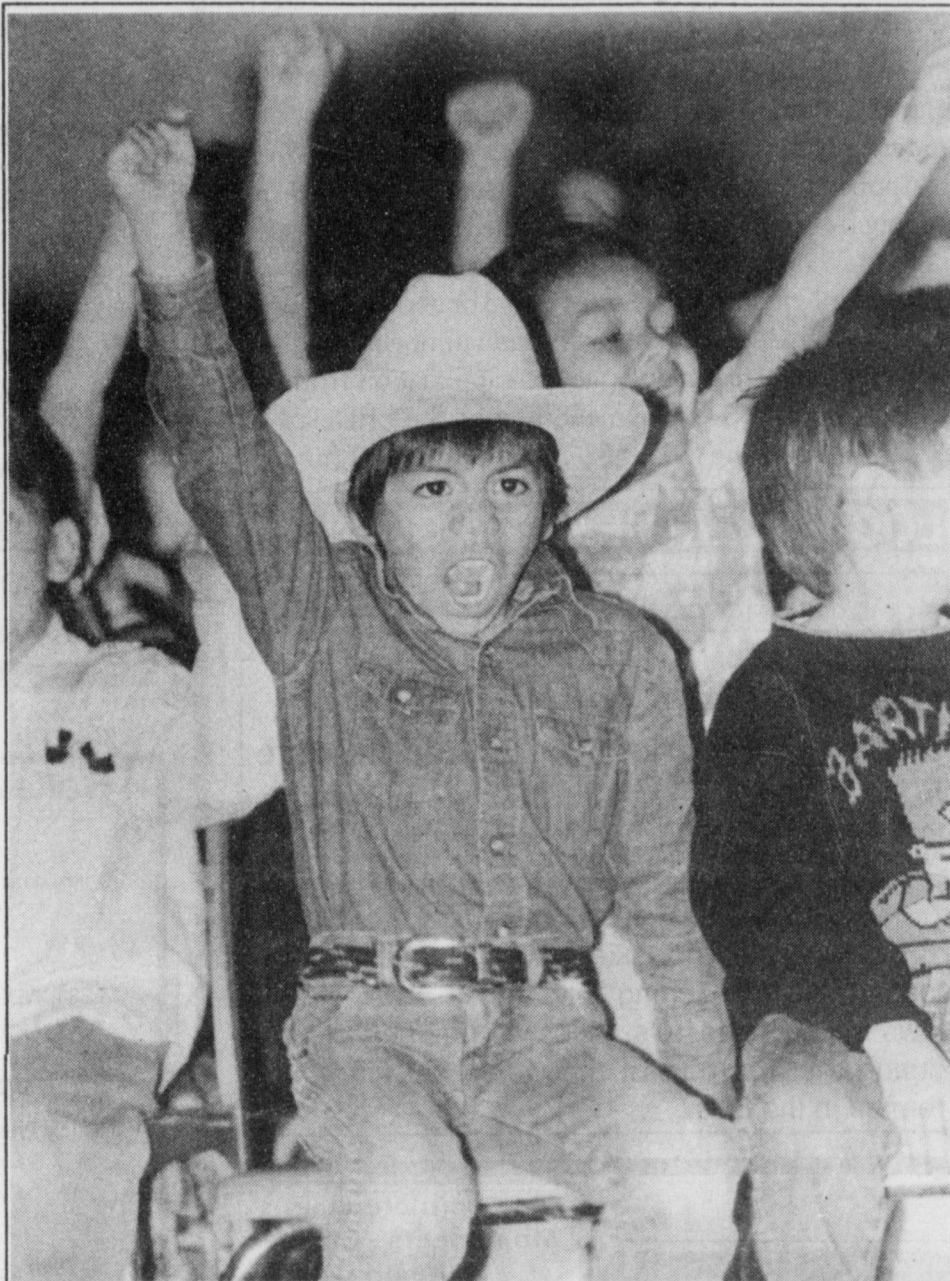
The pint-sized first-grader claimed he wasn't nervous when he was plucked from the crowd to help out trick roper Wild Bill Cathey.

Justin said he wasn't scared to hold a lit candle at arms length while Cathey stood 15 feet away and used a bull whip to blow out the flame.

On the first try, the whip cracked like a thunder and the candle was blown out.

"I wasn't scared," Kube said. "I'm a tough boy."

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Yee-hah

Miquel Vargas lets out a big yee-hah during a sing-a-long Thursday. The sing-a-long was part of Western Days celebration at Dillman Elementary. Vargas is in Vicki Surret's kindergarten class.

High court ruling leaves boll weevil program in mess

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

While boll weevil eradication supporters race the clock to salvage their program, the long-snouted plague of the cotton industry will munch on.

The Texas Supreme Court Wednesday ruled that the current program is unconstitutional, which leaves little hope for its supporters to get another in place in time to treat weevils this fall.

The long-awaited court ruling in effect said too much authority was given to the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation when the Legislature created the program in 1993.

"Unfortunately, the boll weevil doesn't read Supreme Court rulings," said Roger Haldenby, the boll weevil program coordinator for the South Plains. "They are only interested in eating cotton and reproducing. Believe you me, we are going to see the boll weevil become a considerable problem."

A Hale County judge last summer ruled the program was

unconstitutional because the spray assessments had no refund provisions. That prompted an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The ruling raises the legal issue of what happens to assessments that were already collected and spent.

In 1996, about half of the Plains Cotton Growers members paid their assessments. The other half waiting on the ruling.

The foundation has debts totaling \$37 million, according to Osama El-Lissy, program director. All the money that was collected in 1996 was spent, he said, explaining that no assessments have been made this year.

Haldenby said the ruling against the foundation couldn't have come at a worst time.

Jim Leser, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock, said earlier this month that boll weevils are expected to emerge across the South Plains in record numbers.

"We could be facing an ab-

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Volunteers raise \$ for Cancer Society

■ Estimated \$1500 raised by local chapter

By LESLI RADFORD
Journal Staff Writer

The local chapter of American Cancer Society took to the streets Thursday to raise awareness for America's leading killer of women.

More than 50 volunteers passed out cancer awareness information and collected donations from passing vehicles at the intersection of Highway 84 and 214.

An estimated \$1,500 was raised according to Carelean Hamilton of Muleshoe, one of the directors of the program. A percentage of the money will go to fund local services, the

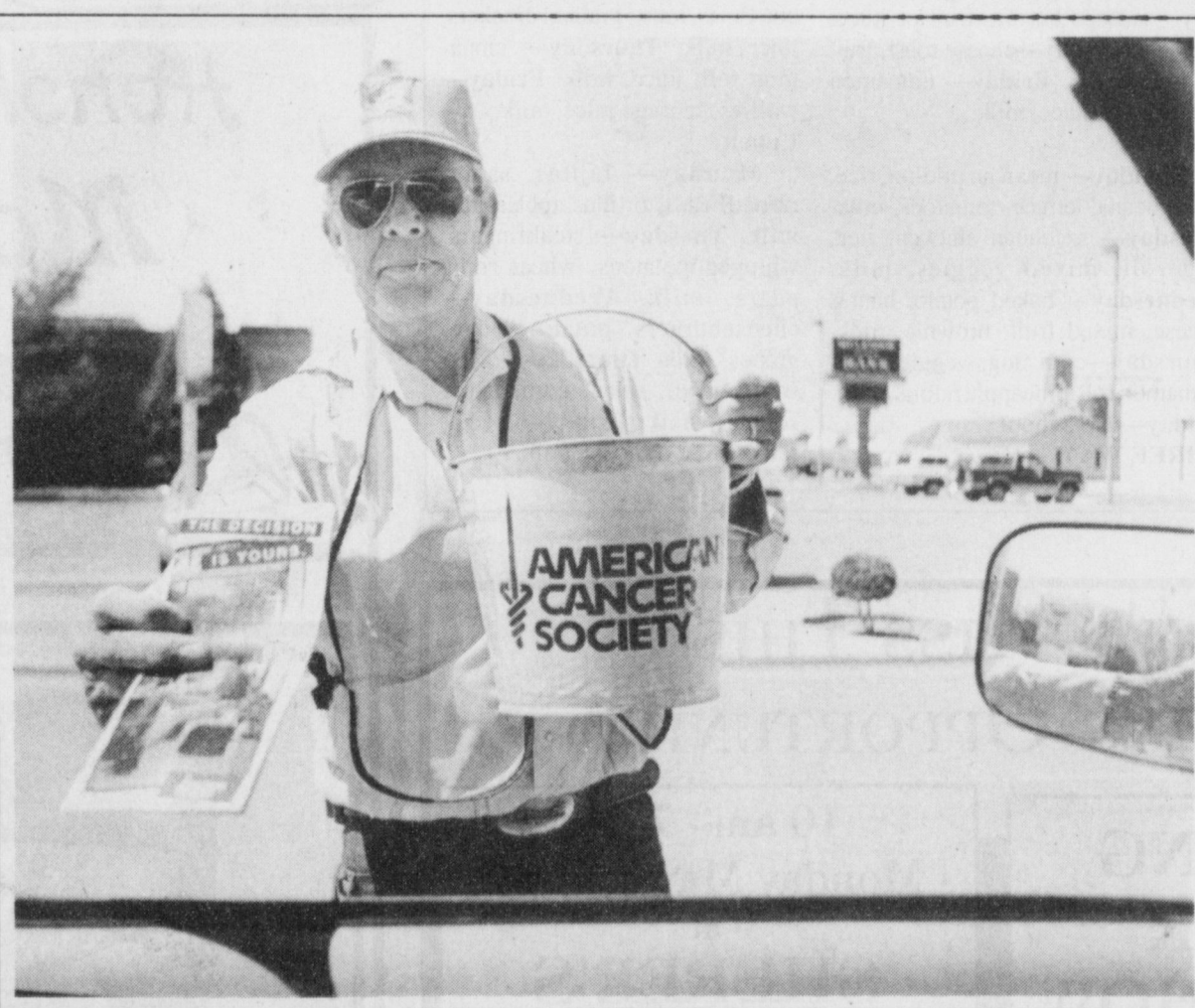
remainder will be donated toward cancer research.

"This is one of our biggest fundraisers," Hamilton said. "I think it is very worth while. Most of the people out here have either fought cancer or have family members or friends battling this disease."

Volunteers fought the wind, battled the sun and dodged the traffic, but still had fun.

At one point, volunteer Sue Holt scaled the side of an 18-wheeler to collect a donation.

Willie Green of Olton was so touched by the fundraising activity that he went to a local store to buy drinks for the volunteers. Green, whose son is currently undergoing cancer treatment in a Lubbock hospital, said it is nice to know people care.



Cancer Society volunteer

Coy Plott takes donations Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Highway 214 & 84. More than 50 volunteers spent most of the day collecting money for the American Cancer Society.

It's only TV

I don't understand this cable thing.

It seems local cable provider Classic Cable has had a string of bad luck, making them very unpopular with cable-viewing folks.

Samuel Villarreal

I've spent the last few days listening to people question me about whether they'll have cable when they get home from work.

I find it hard to relate to. After a short childhood of Nickelodeon, Transformers and G.I. Joe, my life was shattered when mom made a family announcement.

"Cable TV is nothing but a bunch of trash," my mom told me and my three siblings. "We don't need that in my house."

Oh yeah, this was right after Fox decided to become a prime-time network.

"We should use our time together as a family instead of watching television," she told us.

So, after a lengthy family discussion, (children: Can we

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Muleshoe TAAS scores on rise

By SAMUEL VILLARREAL
Journal Staff Writer

Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students at Muleshoe High School are beginning to close the gap in test scores for the state's exit level test.

Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) scores received by the Muleshoe Independent School District show Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students scoring up to 13 percent closer to Anglo students compared to last year.

The results are based on scores from the exit level TAAS test, which students must pass the test in order to graduate.

This year's figures show that 84% of Anglo students at MHS passed all portions of the exit level TAAS, followed by 60% of economically disadvantaged students and 54% of Hispanic students.

Students are given the exit-level TAAS test their sophomore year. Those who do not pass are re-tested several times during their junior and senior years.

"I'm really pleased," said MISD Assistant Superintendent Adrian Meador. "The kids are really closing the gap."

The percentage of Hispanic and economi-

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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

TAAS tests results

The following are the percentage of Muleshoe High School sophomores who passed the exit level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test for several demographic groups:

	Reading	Math	Writing	All three
95-96				
Hispanic	73	64	69	58
Anglo	100	93	100	93
Econ. dis.	76	64	69	56
96-97				
Hispanic	84	56	90	54
Anglo	97	86	97	84
Econ. Dis.	86	64	91	60

SOURCE: MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AROUND MULESHOE

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon May 8

The May Soup and Sandwich Luncheon meeting will be held from 12-1 p.m. May 8 at the fellowship hall of the 16th and D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

This month's feature program is a video entitled, "Living Water," from the "Focus on the Family's: *That the World May Know* series.

The meal, as always, is offered on a free-will donation basis. A flyer listing programs for the 1997 Soup and Sandwich series, held on the second Thursday of each month, will be available at the luncheon and is available to anyone upon request by calling 272-4619.

Johnson named to national honor roll



Johnson

Mendy Ch'ree Johnson, a senior at Muleshoe High School, has been named to the United States Achievement Academy National Honor Roll.

Johnson will appear in the Academy's official yearbook, which is published annually.

Mendy Johnson is the daughter of Kelvin and Janice Johnson of Muleshoe. Grandparents are Glen Schattschneider of Clovis, N.M., Blanch Schattschneider of Portales, N.M., and Elizabeth Johnson of Heuvelton of New York.

No classes May 9 for MISD students

There will be no school for Muleshoe Independent School District students or teachers May 9, a regularly scheduled bad-weather makeup day.

Classes will resume on their regular schedule May 12.

Breast cancer screening clinic May 20

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic May 20 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street. The total cost is \$75.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Soil conservation board election May 6

State District One of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) will be held May 6 at the Plainview Country Club Formal Dining Room.

The TSSWCB's chief responsibility is to coordinate the programs of Texas' soil and water conservation district and assist them to develop and carry out local conservation programs. The TSSWCB is also the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

State District One consist of 51 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains region of the state.

EMNU to award Wal-Mart scholarship

Eastern New Mexico University has been selected by Wal-Mart stores to award a four year, \$20,000 scholarship to assist academically talented students in technology-related majors. These include engineering, computer studies, mathematics and science.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be an incoming freshman at ENMU. They must also have an ACT score of 27 or above or an SAT score of 1100 or above; a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above; and must be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Those interested may request an application from the ENMU Office of Development, Station 8, Portales, NM 88103, or by calling (505) 562-2412. Deadline is June 13.

LOCAL WEATHER AT A GLANCE

	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
4/29	82	39	Since 5/1
4/30	84	43	—
5/1	74	46	Year to date
5/2	87	47	5.69 in.

Source: R.G. Bennett, Observer - National Weather Service
All temperatures and precipitation are for the previous 24 hours.

Extended Forecast

Sunny weekend skies, with Sunday's high temperatures reaching into the 80's. Weekend lows will be in the 40's. Skies will be partly cloudy during the first part of the week, but highs will remain in the 80's.

Weevil

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solute infestation without the boll weevil program," Haldenby said. "It's going to end up being a lot more expensive to eradicate them than it would have been to continue the enhanced diapause program."

The object of the diapause program was to control the number of overwintering weevils by spraying in the fall, then

launch an all-out effort to eradicate the pest from the South Plains.

"We can't have a viable cotton industry if we don't fight the weevil," Haldenby said.

Haldenby estimated it could cost producers \$50-70 per acre to treat weevils if they get established.

Boll weevil foundation officials met Friday morning to discuss possible options.

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Lunch

Monday— nachos rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, ice cream cup, milk. **Tuesday**— cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, apple slices, milk. **Wednesday**— baked potato, ham & cheese, mixed fruit, brownie, milk. **Thursday**— corn dog, veggie soup, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits, milk. **Friday**— No School.

High School and Jr. High

Breakfast

Monday— French toast, fruit or juice, milk. **Tuesday**— breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice, milk. **Wednesday**— sausage biscuit, fruit or juice, milk. **Thursday**— cheese toast, fruit or juice, milk. **Friday**— cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday— mexican pile-on, rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, milk. **Tuesday**— szechuan chicken, rice, egg roll, mixed veggies, milk. **Wednesday**— baked potato, ham & cheese, mixed fruit, brownie, milk. **Thursday**— corn dog, veggie soup, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits, milk. **Friday**— No School.

THREE WAY

Breakfast

Monday— pancake, sausage on a stick, juice, milk. **Tuesday**— biscuit, gravy, juice, milk. **Wednesday**— Malt-O-Meal, Cocoa Puffs, toast, graham crackers, juice, milk. **Thursday**— cinnamon roll, juice, milk. **Friday**— waffles, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday— fajitas, salad, refried beans, tortillas, applesauce, milk. **Tuesday**— steak fingers, whipped potatoes, wheat rolls, pears, milk. **Wednesday**— cheeseburgers, potato wedge, grapes, milk. **Thursday**— Taco Bell burrito, salad, corn, apple cobbler, milk. **Friday**— pizza, salad, peas, apricots, milk.

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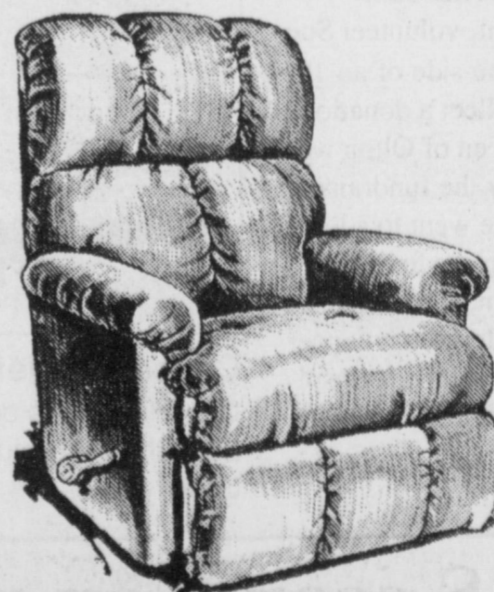
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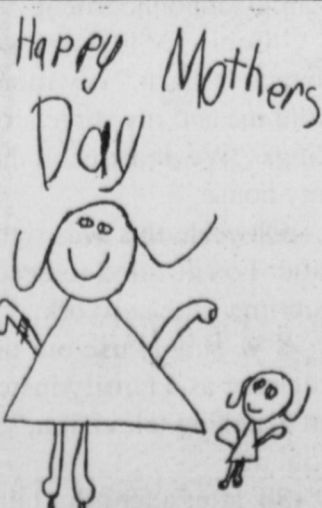
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Problems continue for Classic

SAMUEL VILLARREAL
Journal Staff Writer

Circumstances seem to be running out of control for Classic Cable.

Many cable viewers were without cable for several hours Thursday morning after crossed lines caused a short-circuit.

Classic Cable was forced to shut down service west of First Street while the problem was being fixed.

According to Classic Cable technician Brad Helton, the break in service was caused by a phone wire which came into contact with a cable line.

Helton said both lines had a positive charge, causing a short circuit and tripping fuses in the cable system.

Helton said high winds constantly moved the two wires together and apart, increasing the difficulty of finding the problem.

Classic Cable has experienced several major technical difficulties within the past weeks, causing frequent shutdowns in the cable system.

Lightning struck one of Classic Cable's receiving antennas, damaging several pre-amplifiers. The next morning, a fire at Valley Motel destroyed a major trunk cable.



Heritage host

Muleshoe Heritage Center volunteer Jean Allison talks to a group from the Lubbock Women's Club who toured the Center and shopped at two local stores Wednesday as part of the club's annual spring outing.

Lubbock club tours Muleshoe sites

Ann Koch had no idea what to expect when she included the Muleshoe Heritage Center as part of her club's spring outing Wednesday.

"(The Heritage Center) was great," said Koch, project chairperson for the Lubbock's Women's Club. "We had more comments about it than any other part of the trip. People were just amazed at how lovely it was and how much work the volunteers had done."

A half dozen Heritage Center volunteers conducted tours, which included about 60 members of the women's club.

"For so many years people thought we were too small a town to have something like this,"

Maureen Hooten said. "They were really impressed."

The Hub City women, who started their day with lunch in Olton, later browsed and shopped at the Treasures of the Heart and The Art Loft.

"I wish they had a chance to stay longer," said Sheila Hunt, owner of Treasures of the Heart. "A lot of them said they'd be back."

"They had a fun and busy day," said Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture director Patty Hartline, who helped coordinate the trip. "We're hoping to get more people from out of town to come visit us."

Western

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"He's pretty good," was Kube's assessment of Cathey, a Dora, NM native.

Cathey helped kickoff Dillman Elementary's annual Western Day event Thursday with a trick roping exhibition in the school gymnasium.

"You hope you do or say something that will stick with them," said folk singer Larry Buchanan of Floyd, NM, who led the students in a couple of

sing-a-longs of Western classics in between roping tricks.

Some of the other events day-long celebration included livestock exhibits, roping demonstrations, a chuckwagon lunch and stick horse races.

"We think it's important to preserve our heritage," said Dillman Principal Helen Grigsby, who tried her hand at trick roping. "We're want them to know what the West was like and how it's changing."

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TV

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keep it? — Mom: NO!) the cable was disconnected.

The initial shock was tough, but they always say quitting cold turkey is hardest. Eventually, life settled back to normal, without the cable, of course.

For years we got by without the latest sitcoms or the biting drama of prime-time TV.

I took up other activities to use the innumerable free hours. For a while I was a biking enthusiast.

I rode my bike to Grandma's and watched TV there.

My father eventually got fed up with not being able to relax in front of "the tube" after a long day of work. My mother also tired of sneaking off to Grandma's to watch Star Trek on Fox.

So, for Christmas, Dad bought the Ultra-Tron Super Series 2000 hi-fi, chrome-plated, long-distance, free swivel antenna capable of picking up VHF, UHF, Am, FM, and even AC/DC during lightning storms. The antenna cost him a whopping \$100.

It picked up one channel.

But one channel of prime-time entertainment was a lot compared to the blank screen

we had before.

Eventually we bought a signal amplifier, and soon we had the four major broadcast networks.

I think the antenna picks up PBS, but there's no time for educational family viewing when you have Fox.

I was at home during a recent rainstorm when my sister, her husband, their son and his toys showed up.

Not only does my sister have cable, but her house has three televisions.

I wondered for a moment why they would be out in the pouring rain, but I let the thought go.

We watched some TV, but most of the time was spent talking about how each

other's day had been. When Dad got home from work, we ordered a pizza and talked some more.

When I got to work the next day, my editor told me to call Classic Cable. It seemed that the previous night's weather had caused the cable to go out.

So in a way, my mother was right. Getting rid of the cable, intentionally or not, did bring the family together.

At the risk of cliché, maybe local residents can take their lemons and make lemonade.

Instead of spending the evening griping about the cable, families can find out how each others' day went.

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channels can't provide.

(Samuel Villarreal is a staff writer for the Bailey County Journal.)



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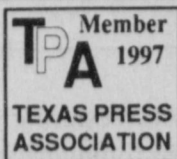
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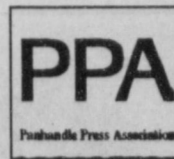
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Mules pound out 17-4 win

Muleshoe was eliminated from District 1-3A playoff contention Tuesday despite posting season-high totals for runs and hits in a 17-4 win over Dimmitt at the city baseball field.

The game was ended by the 10-run rule after Dimmitt batted in the fifth.

Perryton's 30-4 win over Sanford-Fritch Tuesday eliminated Mules. With two games left, the second-place Rangers (15-7 overall, 9-3 in district) are three games ahead of fifth-place Muleshoe (9-10, 5-6) in the loss column.

District leader Tulia (11-4, 10-2) clinched a playoff berth with a 13-2 win against Friona.

"If we could have won a few of those close games, we would have been in good shape," Muleshoe coach Brad Hill said.

Aaron Purdy, Matt Mason and Larry Pineda had three hits each against Dimmitt.

Jeffrey Wheeler added a three-run home run as the Mules pounded out 17 hits.

BASEBALL

District 1-3A standings

	Dist.	Overall
x-Tulia	10-2	11-4
Perryton	9-3	15-7
Sanford-Fritch	7-5	9-12
River Road	6-6	11-12
Muleshoe	5-6	9-10
Dalhart	4-7	6-14
Dimmitt	3-9	10-14
Friona	3-9	8-14

Tuesday's games

Muleshoe 17, Dimmitt 4 (5)
Tulia 13, Friona 2

Perryton 30, Sanford-Fritch 4 (5)
River Road 13, Dalhart 3

Friday

Muleshoe at Dalhart

Saturday

Muleshoe at Sanford-Fritch

x—clinched district title

this season, allowing two hits while striking out four and walking three. The junior right-hander tossed a five-inning no-hitter against the Bobcats (3-9, 10-14) earlier this season.

Zack Matthews had both hits for Dimmitt, including a two-run home run in the first when the Bobcats jumped out to a 3-0 lead. Matthews tripled and scored in the fourth.

Muleshoe jumped on Dimmitt starter Michael Pedroza for eight runs in the first.

Mason had a two-run single in the inning. Purdy and Pineda added run-scoring hits.

Wheeler, batting for the second time in the inning, capped the rally with his second home run of the year.

The Mules tacked on three more runs in the second to make it 11-3. Mason and Pineda had run-scoring singles.

Jarrod Redwine had a two-run double in the Mules' six-run third inning.

Muleshoe was scheduled to play at Dalhart in a makeup game Friday and at Sanford-Fritch Saturday.

MHS finishes its season Tuesday at home versus Friona.

Muleshoe (9-10, 5-6)

	ab	r	h	bi
Wheeler, ss	3	1	1	4
Kemp, p	3	1	1	0
Alanis, 3b	3	2	2	0
Purdy, c	3	3	3	1
McClanahan, cf	3	3	1	0
Redwine, lf	4	1	1	2
Mason, 1b	4	2	3	2
Pineda, 2b	3	2	3	3
Sinclair, 2b	0	0	0	0
Flores, rf	2	1	2	1
Gonzales, rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	17	17	13

Dimmitt (3-9, 10-14)

	ab	r	h	bi
Maxwell, 1b, rf	3	1	0	0
Pedroza, p, 3b	3	0	0	0
Nino, 1b, p	2	1	0	1
Matthews, cf	2	2	2	2
Saucedo, 2b	1	0	0	0
Cavazos, lf	1	0	0	0
Buckley, p	1	0	0	1
Martinez, c	2	0	0	0
Furr, rf, lf	2	0	0	0
Nino, ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	19	4	2	4
Dimmitt	300	10	4	23
Muleshoe	836	0x	17	17

Pedroza, Buckley (2), Nino (4) and Martinez; Kemp and Purdy. WP — Kemp (4-5). LP — Pedroza. 2B — Purdy (M), Redwine (M), Matthews (D). HR — Wheeler (M), Matthews (D).

Pitching summary

	ip	h	rer	sobb
Dimmitt	1	7	11	8
Pedroza, L	1	7	11	8
Buckley	2	9	6	6
Nino	1	1	0	0
Muleshoe				
Kemp, W	5	2	4	4

"Hitting is one of those contagious things," Hill said. "Once one starts hitting, it gives everybody the confidence that they are going to go up there and get a hit."

All nine Muleshoe starters had at least one hit.

Layne Kemp (4-5) beat Dimmitt for the second time

SPORTS BRIEFS

Muleshoe lift-a-thon May 5-6

The Muleshoe athletic program is holding its second annual lift-a-thon May 5-6 at the high school gym.

The high school lift-a-thon, which includes all male and female athletes in the athletic program, is Monday, May 5.

The male-only junior high lift is Tuesday, May 6. Both events start at 7 p.m.

Money raised will go to the athletic program.

Muleshoe athletic banquet May 13

The annual Muleshoe High School athletic banquet is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

The picnic-style banquet featuring fried chicken and barbecue will be held outside weather permitting.

Following the awards presentation and senior spotlight will be a variety of casual games like volleyball, kickball, horseshoes for all those attending.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at Morton Insurance, Williams Bros. Athletics or the Muleshoe Animal Clinic.

Muleshoe offering June sports camps

The Muleshoe High School coaching staff is holding two sessions of a multi-sport summer camp in June.

Both sessions feature football, basketball and baseball and will be instructed by the Muleshoe High School coaching staff.

The day-long camp has separate sessions each day for all three sports. Participants can also enroll in individual sports.

The June 9-12 session is for grades 2-6. The June 16-19 session is for grades 7-9.

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All in the family

Dr. Bruce Purdy of Muleshoe, pictured with his sons (from left) Aaron, Derek and Tyson, was awarded the Silver Beaver award last weekend in Lubbock.

Dr. Purdy receives top scout honor

Dr. Bruce Purdy of Muleshoe was awarded the Silver Beaver award last Saturday evening in Lubbock during the South Plains Council meeting of the Boy Scouts of America.

The honor is the highest award bestowed upon a Boy Scout volunteer for "Distinguished Service to Boyhood."

Dr. Purdy has served as a Cub Scout leader, assistant scout master and scout master in the for

the past 11 years and also has assisted in forming an Explorer Unit of older scouts.

He has received the District award of Merit in Scouts in 1996 and the Silver Spade Award for District service. His sons are active scouts. Aaron, 17, is an Eagle scout and also an Explorer scout, Tyson, 15, is a Life Scout and is working on his Eagle project, and Derek, 10, is a Webelo Scout.

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(left) Katlin Luscombe, 5, rides her bike Thursday during the Kinder Korner's annual trike-a-thon at the new city park. The trike-a-thon served as a fundraiser for the Muleshoe High School Teen Leadership class. Students also learn bike safety rules. Katlin is the daughter of Richard and JoAnn Luscombe of Texico

Ride em' cowboy

Austin Bembert, 5, listens to the ground rules before the start of the trike-a-thon. Austin is the son of Nick and Ryneil Bamert.

Have A Nice Day!!!

Medicare program not very healthy

Offering a Medicare plan that offers choice in health care and coverage when it is needed remains the best way to strengthen and protect the financially-troubled Medicare system.

In the year since the president's veto of that plan, agreement between the president and Congress is even more critical.

Medicare will be bankrupt by 2001, beginning with noticeable problems from payment delays to doctors on behalf of Medicare patients. Many of you may recall that I held a number of town hall meetings to first highlight Medicare problems two years ago. The proposal to preserve Medicare mirrored President Clinton's own position on slowing Medicare budget increases, making it hard to understand his opposition to the Medicare plan passed by Congress.

The Medicare fund is losing \$40 million a day — roughly more than one dollar for every person receiving Medicare.

Seniors have paid with deductions from their paychecks before retirement, and continue to pay monthly premiums and the costs not covered by Medicare. Businesses and everyone earning a paycheck also contribute to Medicare through pay-

LARRY COMBEST Guest column

roll deductions.

That shared interest and shared funding for Medicare makes it reasonable that we all will share in the solution to preserve and strengthen Medicare.

"The Medicare Preservation Act" would have slowed Medicare's eight percent rate of increase to an average of seven percent. Allowing seniors their choice of Medicare coverage and attacking the bureaucratic waste, the outright fraud and the abuse of the system would focus more dollars on quality health care for seniors.

Our parents and grandparents need Medicare. They depend on it.

The solution will not be honest unless we are all willing to share in keeping Medicare strong and available for us when we all need it.

TAAS

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cally disadvantaged students who met minimum requirements on the test was 24% behind Anglo students, compared with 37% last year.

Meador attributes the success to enthusiasm from students, who realize the importance of passing the test.

Teachers have begun emphasizing TAAS in their classes, Meador said although classes are not focused solely on the test itself.

"I'd hate to see schools get to the point that all they do is teach TAAS," Meador said. "All you have to do is teach good learning. Teach the students how to reason and teach them good logic. Then they will know how to take any test."

In the writing portion of the TAAS, 90% of Hispanic, 91% of economically disadvantaged and 97% of Anglo students received passing scores.

In the reading section, 84% of Hispanic, 86% of economically disadvantaged, and 97% of Anglo students met minimum expectations.

BIRTHS

Mariah Ann Nicole Alfaro

Juan and Maria Alfaro announce the birth of their daughter Mariah Ann Nicole.

Mariah Ann Nicole was born April 30 at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She weighed 7 lb 7 oz. She has two brothers, Josh and Jeremy; and one sister, Andrea.

Grandparents are Pedro and Benigna Pacheco and Antonia Alfaro all of Muleshoe.



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NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

Well, as the old saying goes "April Showers bring May flowers" has proven to be true. Happy May Days.

Jackie Davenport celebrates her birthday May 6. She is our only birthday resident in May.

Grace Scarbrough had the Schwans man to deliver us our favorite delicacy ice cream cups and bars.

Ann Williams baked and delivered individual bunt fruit breads to the residents and staff Wednesday.

David McIntire, Glenda Jennings and Clara Lou Jones directed a memorial service for

T.R. White Thursday morning.

Sunday afternoon the Progress Baptist Church came for Church services and fellowship.

Tuesday afternoon Lanell Stancell, Claudine Embry, Beverly Wagnon, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Chickie, Jolene and Joy Shampooed, cut and set the ladies hair and gave manicures. Velta Fyie (our book lady) came to visit and brought us books and to brighten up our lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt celebrated their 40th wedding

anniversary Monday, May 26th. Congratulations to you.

Zaoda Gibbs brother and sister-in-law visited her Tuesday.

Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Jane Reeder hosted Coffee time. Also Harold and Mary Jo Burge. Following Coffee time. Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, J.C. Shanks, Jim Claunch led us in our sing-spiration/devotional time.

Carolyn Johnson's adopt a grandparent leadership students visited Wednesday bringing gifts they had made to their

grandparents. The residents that chose to play table games with their adopted grandchildren.

Glenda Jennings and Jonessa Brockman came Wednesday afternoon for a Sing-a-long and puppet show.

Lora Dale was visited Tuesday by her daughter Yaunda Martin of Farwell.

Kenneth Martin and Nettie Quesenberry attended the special singing and lunch at their home Church Saturday at the Primitive Baptist Church.

Naomi Black remains in the local hospital. Please keep her

and her family in your prayers.

Maxine Kimbrough has visited her mother, Vera Dowling several times this week.

Jeanetta Hukill was visited by Melvin and Wanda Griffin this Monday and Tuesday who just returned from a visit in Arkansas.

We wish to welcome our new resident, H.T. Toten who now resides in room 63.

Nettie Quesenberry was taken out to lunch Tuesday by her daughter, Anna B. Lane and her granddaughter, Michell and great-grandchildren.

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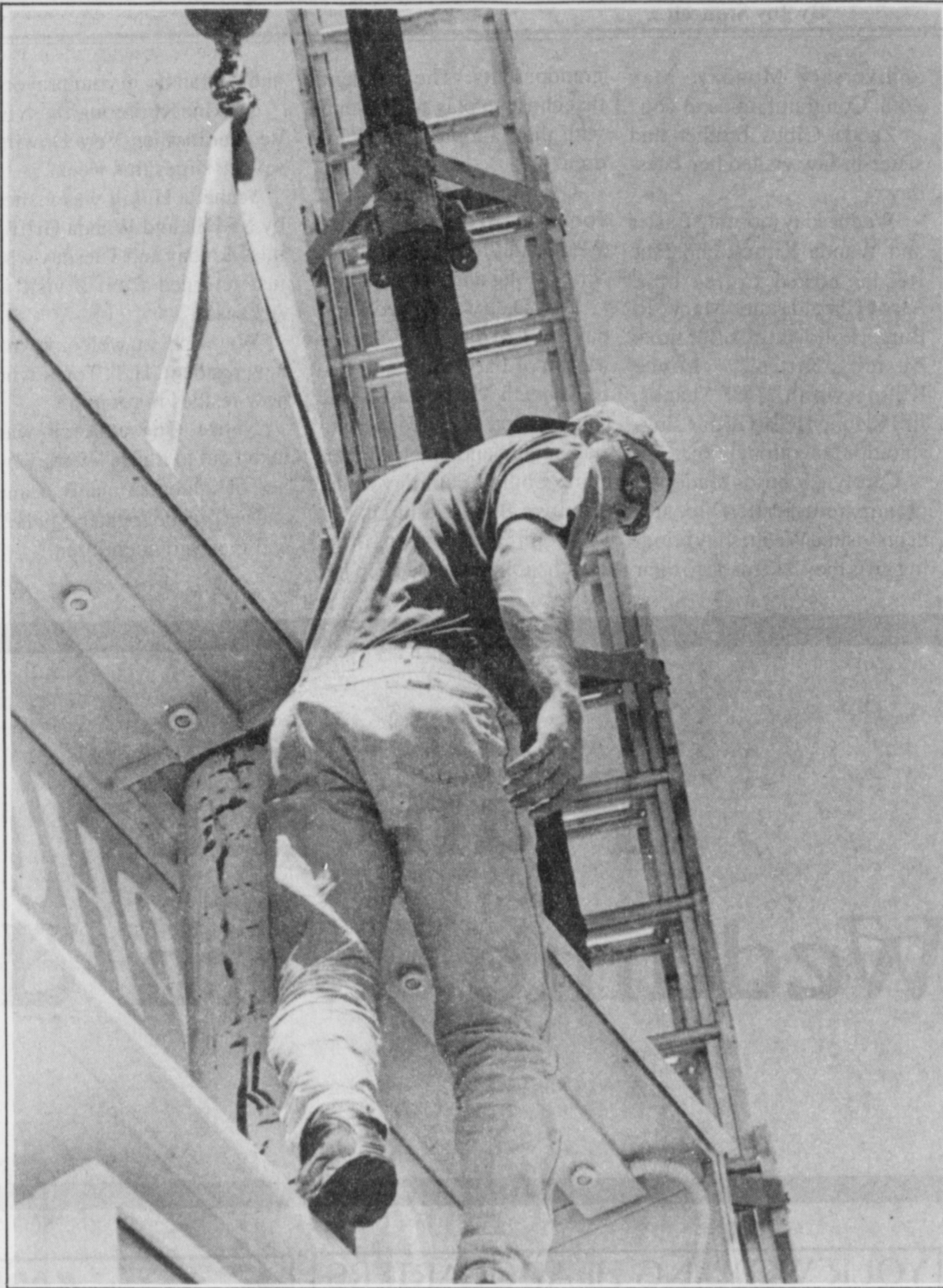
Heath Brown is the 18 year old son of Scott and Claire Brown. His date of birth is March 29. He enjoys Prime Rib with water. "One Headlight" represents his top tune. The Blue's brothers ranks as best picture. M*A*S*H typifies TV viewing. Economics expresses his area of academic expertise. Street hockey comprises his area of amusement. The color purple inspires him. Toadies croak his kind of music. Hunt for Red October is an example of literary selection. Becoming a Nuclear Engineer is his primary goal for the future.

Desirae Brakebill is the 15 year old daughter of David and Dayna Pitcock. She arrived September 26. "Wannabe" typifies her top tune. Dr. Pepper is the right choice for her. Romeo and Juliet reflects her movie choice. E.R. suggests TV entertainment. Algebra II answers her intellectual need. Reading, listening to music and jumping in the trampoline express he area of pastime pleasure. Redranks as special color. Spice Girls epitomize her band group. Jurassic Park evolves as best literary selection. Being a cheerleader in college and then, becoming an architect show her areas of future endeavor.

Lazbuddie Jr. High April students of the month are:

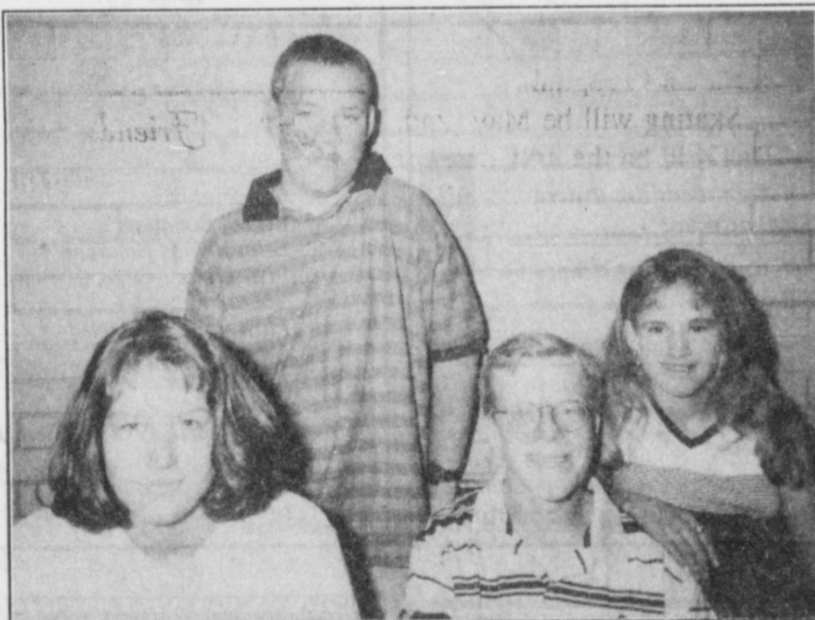
Clifton Harris is the son of Kenneth and Charlotte Harris. He is 14 and was born October 7. Steak, french fries, and coke comprise his favorite meal. "Little Bitty" by Alan Jackson typifies his top tune. Independence Day is his choice for blockbuster movie. Renegade represents his best TV show. Industrial Technology emerges as his choice in academic endeavor. Bicycle riding and swimming express pastime activity. Blue is his color preference. Little Texas exemplifies good music. White Fang is his choice of literary genre. Future goals include becoming a high school football coach.

Laura Via is the 13 year old daughter of Guy Walt and Jan Via. Her date of birth is July 27. Pizza and Dr. Pepper show



New sign

Aaron Towne of Clovis Sign Service installs a new Five Area Telephone business sign along U.S. Highway 84 Thursday.



Students of the Month

The Lazbuddie Jr. High and High School April Students of the month are pictured (left) Laura Via, Clifton Harris, Heath Brown, Desirae Brakebill.

her idea of a great meal. "Twisted" by Keith Sureat exemplifies her favorite song. The Nutty Professor expresses best reading, and riding horses typify her areas of amusement.

Blue depicts her. Mariah Carey is her favorite musical artist. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" suggest reading pleasure for her. She strives to be the best she can be.

WJHS students compete in academic meet

Watson Junior High School students Adrienne Ashford, Megan Tipps, Zach Barrett and Ricardo Aburto recently competed in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State Meet.

As a team, WJHS placed 10th in science, 11th in calculator, 19th in science and finished in a tie for 16th in math.

27 teams competed in each event.

Top individual placers for WJHS were Adrienne Ashford, who placed 12th out of 40 contestants in calculator. Megan Tipps finished 20th out of 40 in the science competition.

Individual results were as follows:

Adrienne Ashford — 12th

place calculator, 42nd place math, 24th place science; 39 place number sense;

Megan Tipps — 37th place calculator, 59th place math, 20th place science;

Zach Barrett — 36th place calculator, 37th place science;

Ricardo Aburto — 22nd place calculator, 33rd place math, 17th place science.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department responded to only five calls this last month, including one smoke report, two grass fires with a barn being burned, and a structure fire at a long time landmark of Muleshoe in the Valley Motel and a second call to the motel for a wash down for investigation reasons.

The department has responded to forty-nine so far

this year.

The department would like to remind everyone that the time for cooking out is upon us, and in order to keep these activities safe and fun for everyone there are some basic tips to follow as how and where to store fire starting fluids or what other fire starting device you may use. Always keep matches and lighter's in a safe place out of reach



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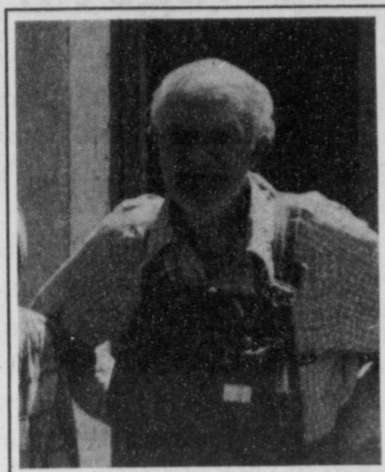
Funeral services for Jack Lee, 95, of Muleshoe were held May 1 at New Vision Church of the Nazarene with Rev. David McIntire, pastor and Rev. Jeff Coffman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Burial followed in the Muleshoe Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Lee died April 28 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was born Sept. 21, 1901 in Locksburg, Ark. He married Myrtle Maxwell Nov. 2, 1941 in Soper, Okla. She died Feb. 6, 1993.

Mr. Lee had lived in Gracemont, Okla. before moving to the Muleshoe area in 1951. He was a Baptist and he was a farmer. He was preceded in death by two sons.

Pallbearers include Jerrell



Jack Lee

C. Otwell, Josh Otwell, Jerrell Chris Otwell, Walt Sain, Bryan Sain, Johnny Williams and L.D. Lewis.

Survivors include two sons, Matt Lee and Jerrell R. Otwell both of Muleshoe; one daughter Ivy Walden of Rush Springs, Okla.; one brother, Roland Lee of Vernon; twelve grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

SCAC

The February SCAC (Student Community Action Club) meeting was Feb. 17 at the home of Cari Faver. Seventeen members attended.

Heather Hooten, president, led the meeting. Chris Shelburne gave the invocation, then Megan Harlan read the minutes. Thank-you notes from the Heritage Foundation and Mr. Mardis were read. Colby Latham gave the treasury report. Brandi Harrison introduced Gary and Hollye Hooten as Citizens of the month. They spoke about the pride they have in attending our youth competitions and the importance we will have as future citizens.

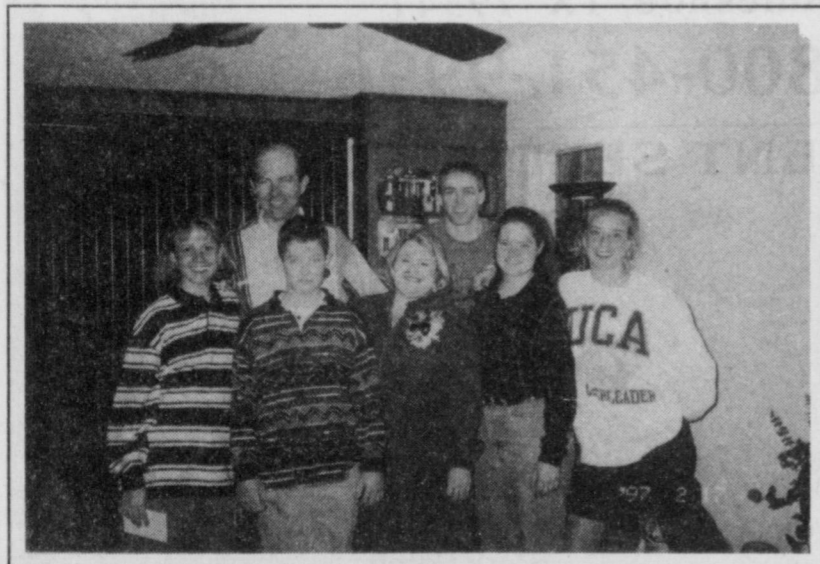
In old business, t-shirt orders were taken, and fund-raisers such as bake sales and computer classes were discussed.

In new business, it was de-

cidated that new member forms will now be available at the high school. A bake sale committee was formed, and the meeting was adjourned.

At the March meeting on the 17th, SCAC met at Brandi Harrison's house. Twenty-four members attended. Heather Hooten called the meeting to order, Chris Shelburne prayed, and Stacy Harlan read the minutes. Mrs. Allison read a card from Pat Nichols, and Colby Latham gave the treasury report.

Starla Ellis was introduced as the Citizen of the month. She works with EMS, helps cook for Rotary, advises Young Riders, and sponsors Leadership Muleshoe. She spoke about the importance of being a positive person throughout life.



SCAC Citizen of the Month

SCAC February meeting. Pictured (left) President Heather Hooten, Citizens of the Month, Gary Hooten, Cade Hooten, Hollye Hooten, treasurer, Colby Latham, members, Amy Hooten, Brandi Harrison.

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ANNIVERSARY



50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Carter of Caldwell, Kan. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 10, at Caldwell. The event will be hosted by Mrs. Rodger Buhman of Muleshoe, David Carter of Amarillo, and Paula James, of Lubbock. Carter and the former Maxine Slayden were married May 17, 1947 in Portales, N.M. The children would like to request that the friends of this couple send a card to 1908 West Ave. D, Muleshoe, TX 79347 and include any pictures, memories or happy experiences that you have shared.

REBEKAH NEWS

Noble Grand Mary Ann Ramirez called the meeting to order with nine members present

It was reported that Ruby Garner is ill, we all miss her when she's not able to be at lodge. It was also reported that Les Lambert had to go back to Amarillo to have his back drained again. We miss him and Doris and hope they will be back with us soon.

Ruby Green reported that her Aunt passed away, she was 96 years old. She also said the her mother, Callie Smith, is not doing very well.

The Lodge received a card from Terie Kopf who is now living in Missouri while her husband Mark is in Korea.

We are all sorry to learn that

we are losing one of our new members, Florence Pinette is moving to Utah. We all wish her well in her move.

Alene Bryant received an Angle with her certificate of perfection. She also has been named as Lodge Deputy. Alene also gave the report on the president's Program.

Skating will be May 2nd. That will be the only date for May because of all the end of school activities that will be going on. Skating will resume in June. Remember, the cost is \$1.00 and snacks just 35¢.

Our hostesses for next week's meeting will be June Green and Becci Venzor.

There being no further business we closed with love to all.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

The following people were indicted by a Bailey County grand jury April 18:

■ Joseph Doyle Carpenter, 34, of Muleshoe for capital murder

■ Gaby Lopez Lucero, 19, of Portales, N.M. for possession of a controlled substance

■ Fernando Romero, 37, of Muleshoe for subsequent driving while intoxicated.

■ Alberto Mendoza, 35, of Muleshoe for subsequent driving while intoxicated

■ Robby Gauna, 23, of Muleshoe for sexual assault of a child

■ Jose Lauro Valenzuela, 30, of Muleshoe for subsequent driving while intoxicated

■ Frank Coronado Espinoza, 43, of Bula for possession of marijuana

■ Alberto Diaz, 28, of Muleshoe for possession of a controlled substance

■ Ernesto Barrera, 19, of Muleshoe for bribery

■ Joe Arredondo, 23, of Muleshoe for possession of a controlled substance

■ Marcos Reyes, 20, of Muleshoe for possession of a controlled substance

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following admissions:

April 25 — Naomi Black, Grace Prater, Frank Lee, Rosie Toscano

April 26 — Naomi Black, Maurice Royal, Grace Prater, Frank Lee, Rosie Toscano

April 27 — Naomi Black, Rosie Toscano, Harvey Toten, Grace Prater, Frank Lee

April 28 — Naomi Black, Seth Meeks, Rosie Toscano, Alexander Morris, Orris

Eshelman, Harvey Toten, Wesley Stewart, Lavonne Schuler

April 29 — Naomi Black, Rosie Toscano, Alexander Morris

April 30 — Naomi Black, Rosie Toscano, Roberto Marquez, Dee Clements, Emmitt Lewis, Maria Alfaro, Baby girl

May 1 — Naomi Black, Rosie Toscano, Maria Alfaro, Baby girl, Roberto Marquez, Dee Clements, Emmitt Lewis

A special thanks to one and all who took time to remember our Daddy and PaPa on his 80th birthday.
Gerald Shanks and family
Donald Shanks and family
Jeep Shanks and family

Friends, neighbors and relatives, the cards you sent and the calls you made to me made my 80th birthday a special occasion. Thank you and God bless each of you.
J.C. Shanks

Lots Depends Upon Our Perspective

Lots in life depends upon our perspective. Is the glass half empty or half full? It depends, I suppose, on whether you're the sort of person who sees donuts—or donut holes. You've probably long ago noticed this truth: What's more important than what happens to people in this life is their reaction to what happens. The attitudes they choose to

to say about that, you know. He also had some things to say about our perspective on life. We don't have to be half-blind! We don't have to be blindly, morosely pessimistic. Neither do we have to be giddily, and just about as blindly, optimistic. Christians can look reality in the face and adopt an attitude of hope because hope, through Christ, is reasonable. It makes sense. It is true to what is.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

adopt. Their perspective on the pain or the problem is at least as important as the problem itself.

Does that mean that all we need to do to be happy and productive in this life is to be optimistic? That a positive attitude will cure all ills?

No, though, I'd be hard-pressed to think of anything that negative, morose thinking helps much. Offhand, I can't think of too many negative, morose people who consistently accomplish much worth accomplishing. If they do, nobody much notices because nobody wants to be around them that long.

So just be positive and everything will work out? "Don't worry! Be happy!" Well, no doubt, we'd all have a better shot at happiness if we spent less time worrying. Jesus had some things

I told a friend the other day (on a not-so-great day) that sometimes I vacillate between "This is the day the Lord has made" and "If it can go wrong, it will." Then I realized that Jesus himself said something similar: "In this world you will have trouble." Lots will go wrong. That's reality. But in the next breath he said, "Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." Thank God, that is reality, too.

It is true to say that this is God's world. *That sounds optimistic.* It is also true to say that this is presently a fallen world. *That sounds pessimistic.* But God loves it, he loves us, too much to leave it that way. *That, I believe, is absolutely realistic.*

Perspective. Is my son's 1962 Pontiac just an old car, or is it a classic car? I could make a case either way, but a fellow is coming all the way from Omaha next week who knows it's old and imperfect but thinks it's worth restoring.

God came from heaven for the same reasons. His perspective counts.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

Kim Hanlin, Bailey County executive director

Small grain certification

May 15 is the final date to report small grains. The certification is voluntary for these crops, but the acreage should be reported in order to be eligible for price support programs, providing history for future use (CRP), HEL (conservation compliance) and for NAP (Non Insured Assistance Program if applicable. Please call this office for an appointment for certification at (806) 272-4538.

Wheat appraisals

Producers wanting to make use of wheat acreage, other than for grain, need to notify your insurance agent and request an appraisal. Failure to do this will result in a lower APH yield next year.

If you have insurance, and your wheat fails, be sure to file a failed acreage report and have the wheat appraised before you destroy the crop. Notification must be made to this office within 72 hours of your discovery of damage.

Written notification must be made within 15 days. Claims must be submitted for indemnity no later than 60 days after the end of the insurance for the crop. Producers are reminded that an FSA-570 (Waiver of Eligibility for Emergency Assistance) that has been previously filed, will remain in effect until the producer revokes it or insurance is purchased.

This waiver will cover all producer interest in all counties and all states. Please remember that in order to be eligible for program benefits and Ag Credit Loans, a producer is required to have at least catastrophic insurance or have an FSA-570 on file.

Ag credit training

Ag Credit borrowers, direct or guaranteed, who have been required to take training, are reminded that the two year time frame starts the date the agreement is signed. If you fail to complete this training, it could affect eligibility for future loan assistance. Please contact this office if you have questions on this training. Bailey County has been designated a natural disaster area due to losses caused by hail, rain and windstorms. FSA has been authorized to make emergency loans due to these losses. Farmers who have factors, are eligible for emergency loans. If you are interested in applying for this type of loan, please submit your application as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted through October 28, 1997.

Check CRP liability

Before the Bailey County Committee can approve any successor-in-interests to CRP-1 contracts, the committee shall insure that the successor understands that he or she takes over any outstanding adjustments because of violations by the previous participant.

CRP Grazing is prohibited beginning on

the later of the following: 10 calendar days after the County Committee approves the CRP-1 or October 1, of the first year of the CRP-1.

1997 payment limitations

PFC Payments are subject to the \$40,000 (SL) and \$50,000 (NL) per determined person, \$75,000 for marketing gains and \$50,000 for CRP. All persons must be determined actively engaged in farming and are subject to the 3 permitted entity rule.

Fruits and vegetable

Producers are reminded that by planting fruits and vegetables, program payments may be affected. Please contact this office before planting crops other than program crops. The final reporting date for fruits and vegetables is July 15, 1997. Producers are reminded that fruits and vegetables must be reported, and measuring service is available and is recommended.

1996 loan program deadline

May 31 is the final date for 1996 cotton, corn and grain sorghum to enroll in the loan program.

Report all farm changes

Any changes in your farming operation needs to be reported to this office in order for us to keep our records updated. This includes change of owner or operator, address changes, any purchase of new land or sale of land.

AMTA program

Effective for fiscal year 1998 and subsequent fiscal years, leases that provide for rental payments that are the greater of a guaranteed minimum or a percentage of the total crop proceeds may be considered a cash or share lease depending on whether the share provision is likely to be triggered in most years.

Direct deposit

Producers who become first eligible for payment after July 25, 1996, will have payments made by electronic transfer. All payments made after January 1, 1999, will be made by electronic transfer. Please come by the Bailey County FSA Office and pick up the form to complete.

Reporting foreign investors

Agricultural land that is purchased or sold by foreign investors must be reported to the local FSA office within 90 days of the transaction.

CROP DEADLINES

	Planting	Certification
Cotton	May 31	July 15
Corn	May 15	July 15
Sorghum	June 30	July 15
Peanuts	June 10	July 15
Soybeans	June 25	July 15

Texas Senator opposes CRP acreage reduction

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison earlier this week told the Senate Appropriations Committee it would be a mistake to curtail the Conservation Reserve Program.

"We urge you to oppose any language that would limit the number of acres eligible for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)," Hutchison said in a letter to Committee Chairman Ted Stevens as the committee prepared Tuesday to mark up its Fiscal 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill. Her letter was signed by 25 other senators representing both political parties.

The House Appropriations Committee last week placed a provision in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill that will limit the number of acres eligible for enrollment in the CRP.

"This cap on the amount of eligible land for CRP will hinder U.S. Department of Agriculture efforts to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat," the letter said. "The acreage

limitation will have a disproportionately negative impact on the quality of agriculture and environment in the States of Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Alaska,

Missouri, Washington, Wisconsin and many others." According to the USDA,

139 Texas counties, primarily in the Panhandle region, would lose significant acres if the program is curtailed.

Bailey County eligible emergency farm loans

Bailey County is one of the contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of weather-related losses.

Applications for the emergency farm loans are available from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located on 115. E. Ave. D in Muleshoe.

Loans are available for farmers who have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production due to drought, high winds, sand storms, excessive heat, hail or flash flooding.

Different application deadlines have been given for different disaster incidents, the earliest being May 26.

FSA Supervisor Joyce Thompson recommends farmers apply for loans as soon as possible to avoid possible delays.

According to Thompson, farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses, the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

For more information about FSA emergency disaster loans, contact the Muleshoe FSA office at 272-4538.

House approves bridge for wheat acreage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. House Tuesday gave overwhelming approval to efforts by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas) to bridge the gap between expiring CRP contracts and planting deadlines for wheat.

As Chairman of the House Agriculture subcommittee overseeing CRP, Combest has expressed concern that farmers are at a disadvantage if they are considering crops for fall planting.

Congressman Combest has pointed out that land owners in winter wheat areas would be hard-pressed to set financing plans, reserve needed seed, plow and prepare land while

waiting to hear whether USDA has decided to renew long-term CRP contracts. The measure passed the U.S. house, 325 to 92.

"This measure bridges the gap of uncertainty to take into account that the fall planting season does not wait for USDA decisions," said Combest. "Without a bridge between the end of CRP contracts and the beginning of the fall growing season, farmers in historic wheat-planting regions would be hard-pressed to put their faith in the possibility USDA would award them another long-term CRP contract. This one-year bridge is fair to farmers and prudent in keeping frag-

ile soils covered. I hope the overwhelming vote in the House will signal the Senate and the president of the strong support on behalf of farmers' efforts at land conservation."

The automatic one-year contract bridge covers only land which has an expiring CRP contract, has been bid for a new CRP contract, and also has a history of planting wheat, barley or oats in the fall.

If the landowner's bid is ultimately accepted into CRP, the contract would automatically convert to a standard ten-year contract, land rejected would come out of CRP after the end of the one-year contract bridge.

Chuck Wagon gathering May 16-18 in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The Ranching Heritage Association is hosting the third annual Chuck Wagon Gathering May 16-18 at the Ranching Heritage Center.

Visitors can sample authentic chuck wagon cooking and enjoy the sounds of ranch music and dancing during this family event.

The six wagons chosen to participate in this year's Gathering exhibit the best in authentic detail and historic preservation. The cooks prepare recipes using ingredients that were available in the late 1800s.

Trail food samples are available to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No reservations are required for the Samplers. Sampler plates are \$3 for children and \$5 for adults.

Throughout the day, Saturday and Sunday, other activities are also on tap. Historic fiddle tunes and ranch dance music will fill the air, and visitors are invited to learn traditional dance steps. Ranch Hosts are available to answer questions and share stories about the life on the range.

The Ranching Heritage Center is located on the Texas Tech University campus just east of 4th Street and Indiana Avenue. Admission to the Center is free.

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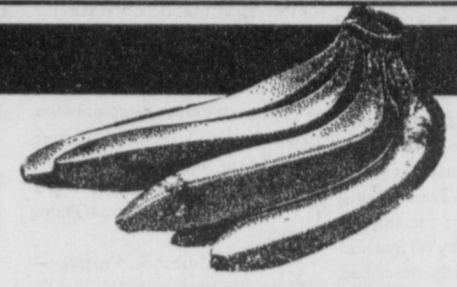
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Ice Cream
1/2 gal. sq. ctns.
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SHURFINE
Ice Cream
Sandwiches
6 ct. pack **2/\$3**

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Tomato Sauce
8 oz. cans **6/\$1**

Shurfine
Margarine Quarters
1 lb. boxes **3/\$1**

All Purpose
Shurfine Flour
25 lb. bag **\$3.69**

Shurfine
Charcoal
Briquets
20 lb. bags **2/\$5**

SHURFINE
Charcoal
Lighter
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Shurfine White or Assorted
Bath Tissue 4 roll pkg. **79¢**

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Shurfine Regular, Lemon or Fresh Scent
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Shurfine Sugar 4 lb. bag **\$1.29**

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Pink Lemonade 12 oz. cans **5/\$3**
- Shurfine, 16 oz. ctn.
Sliced Strawberries **\$1.29**
- Shurfine
Whipped Topping 12 oz. tub **\$1.19**
- Shurfine Tater Tots,
Reg. or Country
Hash Browns 24 oz. bag **\$1.39**
- Shurfine Mini, 8 ear pkgs.
Corn on the Cob **2/\$3**
- Peas & Carrots
• Reg. or W/Snaps Black Eye Peas
• Cut Green Beans • Whole Kernel Corn
• Green Peas • Mixed Vegetables
Shurfine
Vegetables 16 oz. pkg. **99¢**

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12 oz. can **79¢**

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Shurfine Chilled
Orange Juice
64 oz. ctn. **2/\$3**

- Shurfine IWS American
Singles 16 oz. pkg. **\$2.39**
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Citrus Punch 16 oz. btl. **3/89¢**
- 16 oz. tubs, Vegetable Oil
Shurfine Spread **2/\$1**
- Shurfine
English Muffins 12 oz. pkg. **59¢**
- Assorted Texas Style, Shurfine
Biscuits 12 oz. cans **3/\$2**
- Shurfine, 12.4 oz. can
Cinnamon Rolls 8 ct. **\$1.39**
- Shurfine, 8 oz. pkgs.
Cheddar/Cheddar Jack or Mozz.
Shredded Cheese **2/\$3**
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Cheddar/Colby/Colby Jack
Longhorn Cheese **\$1.69**



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50 ct. btl. **\$1.99**
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- Western Family, Asstd.
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Mouthwash 32-33.8 oz. btl. **\$1.49**
- Western Family Regular Strength
Sinus Tablets 24 ct. btl. **\$1.99**

- Western Family, Extra Strength
Non-Aspirin Caplets 50 ct. **\$1.69**
- Western Family, Extra Strength, 50 ct.
Non-Aspirin PM Caplets **\$1.99**
- Western Family, Big Kid or Active 30
Sun Block 4 oz. btl. **\$2.99**
- Western Family, Reg. or With Aloe
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