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News Briefs

Courteous conduct becomes enforceable law

What used to be considered courtesy is now the law and it's costing some local drivers, some who don't even know about the law.

Justice of the Peace Herman Morrison said some drivers have complained they weren't aware of the new law.

The drivers have been ticketed for failing to change lanes or slow down for emergency vehicles who are stopped on the side of the road with lights activated.

The state law was passed by the last legislature and went into effect Sept. 1, 2003. It states that a driver nearing emergency vehicles with their lights flashing must vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle, if possible, or slow down 20 miles below the speed limit. If the posted speed limit is 25 m.p.h. or below drivers should slow to five miles per hour.

Violators can be fined up to \$200, but that fine can increase to \$500 if there is property damage. If there are any bodily injuries resulting from the violation, the offense is upgraded to a Class B misdemeanor.

Cars being towed from nursing home

While visiting residents at the nursing home is good, parking in the circular drive is not.

In fact several visitors have found their cars towed away after having parked there.

The reason is the circular drive is to be used for patient loading and unloading and EMS ambulances have been having trouble getting in when a resident has needed to be transported to the hospital.



Journal photos: Jeff West

Oh say, can you see?

Flags flying in the breeze might be a glorious sight if drivers could see them through all the dust. Some drivers turned on headlights in mid-day to try to see and be seen, but buildings on the other side of the street weren't visible in Muleshoe. It was apparently worse in Lubbock.

Muleshoe City Council approves dogs, houses, cars

By JEFF WEST
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council approved helping bring dog shows, improved houses and new police cars to town at their last meeting.

The West Texas Stockdog Association asked for funds from the hotel/motel funds to bring two sheep dog trials to Muleshoe. The first will be April 2-4 and the second a month later on May 1-2.

The group estimates that the first show will bring in

enough people from out of town to fill up 40 motel rooms for three nights and the second show to take up about 20 rooms for two nights.

The hotel/motel tax funds can only be used to promote tourism and the council agreed that the shows, which have been an annual event for several years, were deserving and agreed to a \$1,200 grant for the April show and \$1,000 grant for the May trials.

Representatives A.J. Howco spoke about the HOME program, which re-

builds houses for qualifying low income families asked the council to once again approve them applying for a grant for this year. The program requires partial matching grant from the city.

Dave Miller said the matching grant can be in the form of labor by having city workers tear down the old, dilapidated homes to make room for the new structures.

He said residents were required to be current on property taxes, remove any debris on the property and have

somewhere they can stay for several months, while the house is being built.

The houses are about 960 sq. ft., handicap accessible as well and cost about \$65,000 each.

The council approved applying for the grants but made no commitments for funds.

The council also approved the purchase of two police cars from Muleshoe Motors. Gene Messer Ford in Lubbock also made a bid which actually ran about \$450 a year less, but city officials said the

time and cost of taking the cars in for maintenance made the local bid a better value.

The council was also informed of a letter from Ce-bridge Connections, the local cable company, of an intent to increase cable rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Clifford Black said he wanted the public to know the council had no control over the company's rate and unhappy customers should call the cable company either locally or at the Tyler headquarters number of 972-248-3943.

Sales tax up for Christmas

Sales tax revenues for Muleshoe continue to increase as it did across most of the area, with a few exceptions.

Muleshoe's sales tax climbed 8.13 percent over February 2003. The February figures are for December sales and therefore reflect Christmas buying.

The state sent city officials \$50,509 for their portion of the sales tax. Last year the figure was \$46,711.

For the year so far, Muleshoe sales taxes are up 6.56 percent.

Two towns named after cows had very different results. Tiny Whiteface grew

50.24 percent for month. Sales tax revenue for that city has climbed almost 55 percent for the year-to-date.

Bovina, on the other hand, dropped 18.68 percent in February 2003, leaving that city down just over 11 percent for the year.

Earth was the only other city in the immediate area to lose ground with a 3.16 percent drop over the same period last year. The city now stands just over two percent down for the year.

Farwell stayed even, losing just 26 cents over their total for last year. Because of their January gains however, the city is 15.71 percent

above its 2003 totals at this point.

Morton also stayed close to last year's February sales tax, gaining just under one percent over the year before.

Castro County cities did well with Hart rising nearly 10 percent, Dimmitt up 11 percent, and Nazareth jumping 22 percent for the month. But Amherst, in Lamb County, really climbed, rising over 32 percent for the month.

Sales tax revenues to cities rose eight percent statewide, according to the Texas Comptroller's office, with the state redistributing \$326.4 million.



Journal photos: Jeff West

Senator Seliger, for now

Kel Seliger (left) shakes hands with Eddie Smith as Don Wood, Bruce Barrett and Gene Sheets observe. Seliger won the special election for Texas Senate, District 31. Seliger beat Kirk Edwards 185 votes to 60 in Bailey County and took 56 percent of the vote districtwide. Now the two will face each other again in the primaries for a chance to serve a full term. Early voting has already begun.

Stenholm visits redrawn district

By DAVIE BROWDER
For the Journal

Congressman Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, spent most of last week touring the newly-drawn district in which he'll be running.

The last legislature remade the state's congressional districts, throwing a number of incumbent congressmen into head-to-head races come the general election in November.

Stenholm will have 13 new counties, including Bailey, in his 27-county congressional district. And his district has moved a lot further into the Panhandle.

Friday he discussed some of the top issues he thinks the country is facing.

"If we're going to get anything done for rural America, you don't have the luxury of partisanship battles," Stenholm said. "The reason I first ran in

1978 is the reason I'm running today - to work for the agriculture interests of this state and country.

"It's annoying that the leadership of the state thought it more important to spend your tax dollars on legal fees for redistricting fights than on dealing with school funding.

"Tom DeLay has torn up the Congress of the United States; now he's torn up the

see Stenholm page 6



Journal photos: Jeff West

A gaggle of Democrats?

U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm came to town recently to meet with constituents including County Commissioner Joey Kindel and Judge Marilyn Cox.

Local Weather

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The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, in Muleshoe on March 1 & 16, 2004.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Business tax incentive training

The Texas Workforce Commission and Worksource Business Services will provide free tax incentive training aimed at informing businesses about available tax incentive opportunities. The training will be conducted March 23, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Lubbock Business Center 1301 Broadway. To register call Jonita Oliver at 806-687-5627.

Flags at the courthouse

The Muleshoe Rotary is still offering residents a chance to sponsor an American flag on the grounds of the court-

house for \$25 a year. Contact any Rotarian for more information.

Election workers school

Since many of the election rules have been changed by the Texas Legislature, there will be an election school for those judges and election workers who will work in the March 9, 2004 primary. The school will be held at the Bailey County Civic Center meeting room on March 8, 2004, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Those who attend the school are eligible to earn up to \$7.00 per hour, rather than the minimum of \$5.15 per hour, and all judges and workers are encouraged to attend.

New Democratic voting locations

The Secretary of State has requested that due to budget concerns, county officials consolidate as much as possible. Democratic Primary voters (Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6) who live in town will vote at one place this year, at the First United Methodist Church Muleshoe, 507 W. 2nd.

Box 5 will vote at the Enochs Baptist Church and Box 3, Three Way will vote at the Three Way school.

Babe Ruth signup Thursday

Youth ages 13-15 can sign-up for the Babe Ruth baseball league by going to the Junior High gym Thursday from 6-7 p.m. There is a \$40 sign-up fee and those wishing to participate need to bring a birth certificate. For more information call 272-4844 or 272-5073 after 5.

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Honors

Savannah Black Seth Black

Mays Business School/Texas A & M University has recognized Savannah C. Black for outstanding academic achievement of a 3.25 or higher grade point average for the 2003 fall semester.

Parker College of Chiropractic has recognized Seth Shannon Black for his outstanding academic success during the 2003 fall trimester. He was named to the Dean's List, achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher for the period.

They are the children of Ricky and Sarah Black of Lazbuddie.

Ed Watson

Ed Watson, former Muleshoe resident, was named vice president of production of Acme Brick Co., headquartered in Ft. Worth.



Watson

Watson began his twenty-year career as plant engineer at Featherlite Building Products' Lightweight Aggregate plant in Ranger.

In 1988 he transferred to Featherlite's Texas Quarries Division, based in Austin, where he became plant engineer for Texas Quarries. He later served as regional manager and corporate safety/engineering manager of the same company.

After Featherlite-Texas Quarries and Acme Brick were combined in 1999, Watson became general production manager of Featherlite and Texas Quarries. He became assistant vice president-production of Acme Brick in March 2003, a position he held until his recent promotion.

Watson, a 1978 graduate of Muleshoe High School, received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology from Texas Tech University in December 1982. He his wife, Kim, and their three daughters reside in the Ft. Worth area. His parents, W.T. and Pat Watson, live west of Muleshoe.

WT students

West Texas A&M University in Canyon has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2003 semester. Of that total, 305 were named to the President's List and 949 students to the Dean's List.

Fall President's List honorees from Muleshoe along with their classification and major were: Gary B. Gartin, junior, finance; and Jo D. Terry, junior, nursing. Honored from Lazbuddie was Elisabeth A. Thomas, junior, social sciences. Junior EC-4 generalist/EDE major Jill R. Winders from Earth also made the list.

Fall 2003 Dean's List honoree from Earth was Kimberly K. Anderson, a junior social work major. Muleshoe citizens making the grade were: Buck C. Angeley, junior, mathematics; Amber L. Elliott, senior, chemistry; Carmen Flores, sophomore, EC-4 Generalist; Lilia Flores, freshman, undeclared/no major; Tommie Hernandez, sophomore, sports/exercise sciences; Stephanie M. Kirk, junior, biology; and Westin A. Price, junior, speech communication.

Also making the fall Dean's List at WTAMP was Kristen M. Conkin, a senior

nursing student.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Bethany Sanchez

Bethany Sanchez of Lazbuddie High School was named an All-American Cheerleader by the NCA at summer camp at Wayland Baptist College, where she was also named top cheerleader at the camp.

By winning the honor, Sanchez got to go to Hawaii Jan. 11 to participate in the half-time performance of the All-Star Hula Bowl at War Memorial Stadium in Kahului, on the island of Maui.



Sanchez

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The Muleshoe Journal has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office:

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Commentary

By Jon Spears
Guest Columnist

I hate Chinese food. I'll spare you the details but let's just say I once had some Kung-Pow Chicken that lived up to its name. Sometimes first impressions are hard to get over.

Speaking of first impressions, I really hope all those going to Mel Gibson's new movie come away with a good "taste." And I'm hoping Gibson lives up to his other films because, for many, this movie might be the only time they will hear the story of Jesus.

Just think of all the unbelievers, atheists and Al Queda who might have their lives changed though this film.

I've heard most of the film follows the final hours of Jesus' life. Have you ever wondered why they killed Jesus in the first place? What did he do to make so many mad?

First of all, the people who killed him were not people like you and I. The people who hated him were the church leaders of his time. Isn't that ironic? The very people who were supposed to be doing his work actually hated him and had him killed.

They liked ruling over the people and enjoyed their taxes so when Jesus threatened their empire, they killed him.

And to top it off, He told his followers they could call

Man recovers stolen trailer

Friday afternoon, Bill Benham was driving around Bailey County and noticed a trailer that looked like one stolen about three weeks ago. He looked again and it was his trailer.

He started giving chase to the trailer and the '77 Chevy pickup that was hauling it.

After some time, he called 911 to get some help from

God "Father" and relate to God like a son relates to a loving dad. Jesus went so far as to use the word "Abba," which literally means "Daddy."

Allow me to ask you this: Who's your daddy?

You see, how we view God is directly linked to how we relate to Him. It's the foundation on which our faith is built.

Are you the type that thinks God is mad at you all the time? Do you think God is ready to zap you if you eat too many nachos at Leal's?

Or maybe you think God has abandoned you altogether? Chances are you came to view God this way because your earthly dad did these things too. Our view of God is usually just an extension of our view of our earthly dads — whether good or bad.

I see this all the time in real life, I personally know a man who has no problem with the notion of "God — ruler of the world" but has a hard time understanding the God of Psalms 23 who is a loving Father who leads and tenderly cares for his children. I know this man personally because this man is me.

All this came to a head when December 5, 2003 rolled around. That's when my son, Jordan Matthew, was born.

Now that I am in the position of "father" I can understand the passionate love of God toward me much bet-

ter. My love for Jordan is not based on him "doing right." In fact, last week he threw my cell phone in the toilet, but that didn't change my love for him. While I wasn't pleased about the phone, that "mistake" didn't make me want to adopt him out of the family. His actions don't change my foundational, true love for him. God used that event to whisper to me, "My love for you is unconditional just like your love for Jordan is," a strong reminder to live my life knowing that His love is unconditional.

What would you think of me as a father if you found out I only loved Jordan when he washed my truck and mowed the yard? You'd probably think I was abusive. You might even call the authorities.

Remember, you and I were made in the image of God. So if we are patient, kind and giving toward our own kids, isn't it safe to say God is the same way?

P.S. If anyone knows how to fix my cell phone just let me know.

Editor's note: Jon Spears can be reached by e-mail at jonspears2000@yahoo.com

Hospital News

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

February 12 — Frances Bland, Jose L Garcia, Carroll Hunton, Al Jennings, Barbara Lewis and Jasper Woodson.

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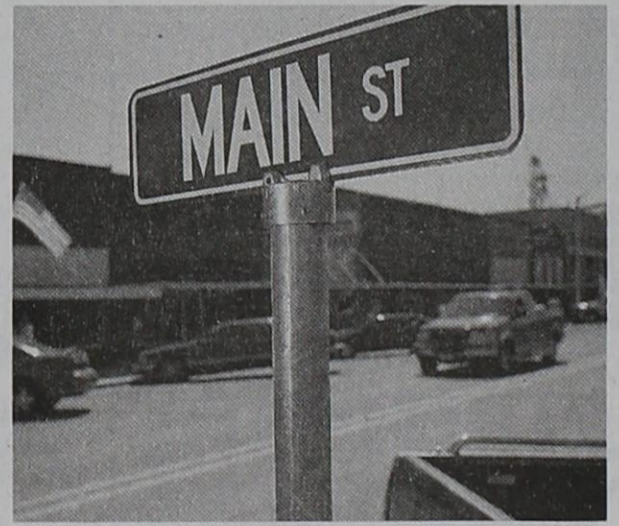
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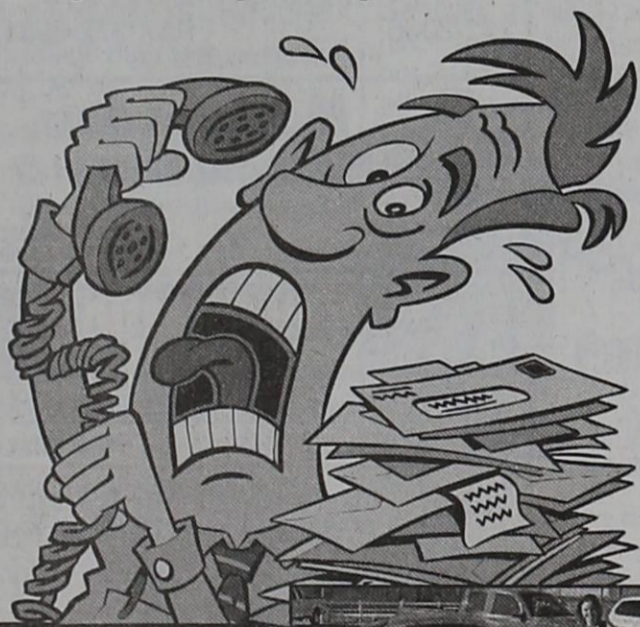
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Lady Mules win first round of playoffs

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The Lady Mules kicked the 25-7 Lady Mustangs of Sweetwater out of the state playoffs with a 51-34 thumping Friday night in Post.

Both teams had large crowds of fans on hand to witness the match between the district 2-3A champions and the runner up of district 3-3A.

Only five times this season have teams been able to withstand the baseline-to-baseline defensive pressure the Lady Mules exert. Sweetwater was no different and began to crack under the pressure early in the second period.

The Lady Mustangs had shown little interest in shooting from the outside in the two games the Lady Mules had scouted. But Dacy Ivy and Kelly Rainbolt each drained a 3-pointer in the first two minutes of the game to give the Lady Mustangs a 6-3 lead.

Sara Benham chased down a long offensive rebound and found Kelsy Friskup open under the bucket to chip away at the Sweetwater lead. The Lady Mustangs faltered under the defensive pressure and chunked the ball out of bounds.

Benham elevated over the defense and scored in the lane to give Muleshoe a brief lead. The Lady Mustangs answered with back-to-back buckets and owned a 12-11 advantage at the end of the first period.

The Lady Mules collected the first eight points of the second frame with Benham making a pair of free throws and a bucket with an assist from Friskup. Lindsey Wood pilfered a pass and added a layup to keep the scoring rally alive.

Amber Cowart found a crack in the defense and drove for an easy bucket to give the Lady Mules a 19-12 advantage. Sweetwater trimmed the lead to three points on back to back buckets with just under two minutes left in the first half.

That was as close as the Lady Mustangs would get as the Lady Mule pressure intensified. Jamie Carpenter picked off a pass and was shoved in the back. Carpenter dropped in both charity tosses to give the Lady Mules a ten-point lead as the first half drew to a close.

Rainbolt made two-of-three free throws after being fouled on a desperation shot as the half ended.

Benham led all scorers with 14 points at the intermission and Rainbolt had 11 for Sweetwater.

Brandi Wood came storming back in the second half and collected a pair of put backs. Tori Barton drove a stake through the Lady Mustangs heart with a 3-pointer from the corner with three minutes gone in third period.

The Lady Mules owned a 37-26 advantage to start the final period. Benham fought through a hack and

put up a one-handed floater in the lane. She added the charity toss to give the Lady Mules their largest lead of the night, 16 points.

"Our game plan was to deny their inside players the ball and try to run their guards out of gas," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Brandi (Wood), Kelsy (Friskup) and Sara (Benham) did a great job defending inside."

"Sweetwater is a great ball club and really gave us a game tonight."

"We rotated our guards often to keep the pressure high out front. Defense wins championships and I think we proved that tonight," concluded Simms.

Sweetwater turned the ball over 20 times during the game and the Lady Mules converted those turnovers to points.

"We started a little slow tonight," said Amber Cowart. "But we attacked them on defense and put a lot of pressure on them all the way down the court. Coach Simms rotated us in so we could run their ball handlers out of gas."

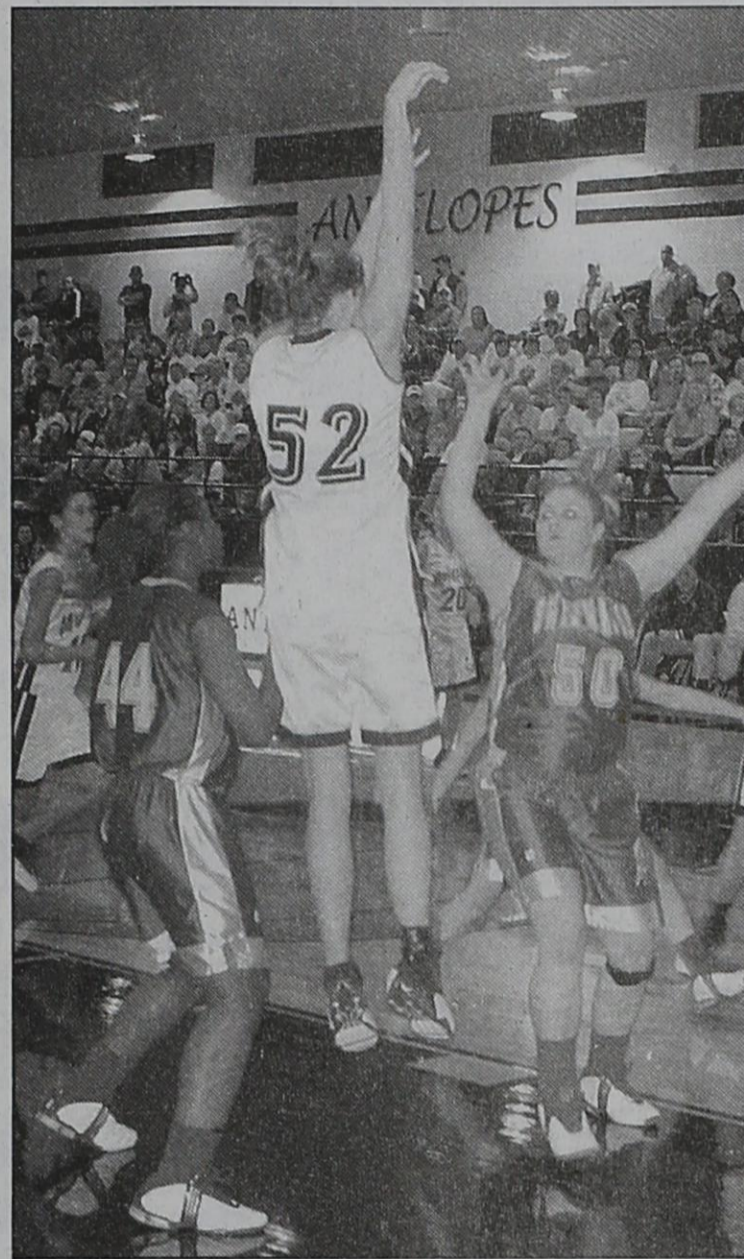
"Our speed was just too much for them tonight," said Sara Benham. "Our guards really put pressure on them out side. They are big and like to use their post players to score."

"Brandi did a very good job on Rainbolt and Kelsi shut Owens down. After the first quarter our guards really made it easier for us inside," Benham said.

Benham led all scorers with 23 points and B. Wood added eight. Barton and

Friskup each dropped in five points, L. Wood and Carpenter made four apiece and Cowart chipped in two.

The Lady Mules continued their playoff run in the Rip Griffin Center against the Tulia Lady Hornets on Tuesday night.



Journal photo: Norman Brantley

Floating on air

Sara Benham (52) seems to be floating on air as she takes a shot during a playoff game with Sweetwater. After the win, all the Lady Mules probably were. Next come the Tulia Lady Hornets on the road to a possible state championship.

Go Lady Mules!

60 Minutes and Evangelical Christian Theology

It has been a good while now since our church's program of teaching included a Sunday evening service. In fact, we try pretty hard NOT to program much on Sunday evenings at all, so that this little section of the week actually becomes for our folks, if not a "day of rest," at least an "evening of rest." One thing this means in practicality is that, if I want to, I get to watch CBS News' 60 Minutes program.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

I often wonder why I want to. I prefer not having anything approximating a serious thought on Sunday evenings, and the 60 Minutes media stars frustrate and anger me at least half of the time. But still I kinda like the format, and I enjoy listening to Andy Rooney even when I disagree with him because I'm often as surly and opinionated as he is. So I was watching that program one Sunday or a few ago when the lead story was entitled, "Rise of the Righteous Army." CBS Correspondent Morley Safer was focusing on "evangelical Christians" who, he says, "form one of the most potent forces in American politics and society," people who "place their faith, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, above everything else in their lives and hope to spread that Gospel to the world."

According to Safer, 40 percent of the votes for George

W. Bush in the last election came from evangelical Christians. And, according to Safer, the beliefs of these folks are "beginning to reshape the culture as well—thanks to a group of best-selling novels known as the 'Left Behind' series."

Hmm. My ears perked up when I heard this introduction. You see, if I was to try to locate myself in the larger map of Christendom, larger than my little mud puddle, I'd probably opt for "evangelical Christian" as a pretty accurate description of me and where I fit. And I'd certainly like to think that "evangelical Christians" make a difference in our society and culture.

But, wait a minute! The difference we make is "thanks to" the "Left Behind" series?

I think Morley Safer is confused. Or maybe I am. Do all "evangelical Christians" believe in the theological premise of the "Left Behind" series? A firm belief of Christianity in general has always been that Christ is indeed coming back. I believe that with all of my heart. But I think I'll leave how and when up to Him. Personally, I don't at all buy the specific and, to me, strange end-time opinions of the "Left Behind" authors (though I'm very jealous indeed of their sales). I think they've misinterpreted parts of Matthew 24 and lots of Revelation. I'm not very surprised that a guy like Morley Safer thinks they're weird.

But it also really bugs him that they look only to one God and one Savior. Color me weird that way, too.

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

ENMU plans choral concert

Eastern New Mexico University will present a Spring Choral Concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, in Buchanan Hall of the Music Building on the Portales campus. Admission is free. The concert will have a variety of pieces from the 16th through 21st centuries. For more information, call 505-562-2373.

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This year's contestant will appear in the April 8 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2003 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 12, 2004. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

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Nursing Home News

Anita Johnson directed the craft class Thursday morning. The residents made a snowflake block quilt that is on display in the dining room.

Bro. Randy Thomas, pastor of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, came Thursday morning and directed a devotional and music service.

Herman Morrison and Don Copley played dominoes with the residents Thursday afternoon.

Pat Watson directed a music therapy and sing-along for the residents Friday morning.

The First Assembly of God hosted a Valentine party for the residents Friday afternoon. The members that came to help and to serve refreshments were: Yaunda Martin, Nancy Kidd and Jack and Debbie Stone. Joan Lewis also sang with the group. Volunteers Plus gave each resident a Valentine sack of favors. George and Clydetta Mitchell were chosen "Mr. and Mrs. Valentine" and in hall #4, John Hadley was chosen "Mr. Valentine," and Vera Neer was chosen "Ms. Valentine."

Friday evening, the Farwell Church of God in Christ (Mennonites) youth group came to sing hymns

to the residents. Tuesday morning Bro. Jack and Debbie Stone directed a music, song and praise service for the residents in the day room.

Monday, the M.H.S. choir in groups of three or four became "singing Valentines" and performed for the residents, all during the day.

Tuesday afternoon Pat Clark, Beckye Conklin, Dianne Brown, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale and Pat Watson came to shampoo, set and comb-out the ladies hair and to give a lot of T.L.C.

Frieda Locker celebrated her birthday Monday, February 16.

Dot Parker's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, visit her daily.

Erma Templer was visited by her son, Jerry, and his family from Rudiso over the weekend.

Stanley Wilson gave his mom, Gladys Wilson, a red rose on Valentine's Day.

Clifton Finley received a rose bud vase from his daughter, Nelda, on Valentine's Day.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks came to see J.C. Shanks on Saturday and Sunday. At this writing, Mr. Shanks is hospitalized in the

local hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Donna Locker brought her mother, Aline Locke, a bouquet of flowers along with a little stuffed "Pepi" the skunk.

Many of the residents received flowers, gifts, cards and candy for Valentine's Day.

Rose Sain visited Jewel Peeler Friday. Walt and Rose Sain visited Nan Gatlin on Sunday. Nan is visited daily by her sister, Velma Jones.

Skyler Smith, and Summer and Cassidy Lowe visited the residents at Park View Sunday.

Bro. Jack and Debbie Stone directed a music and song service for the residents Tuesday morning. Herman Morrison and Lillian Street attended as well as the residents.

Gerald Shanks, Jack Henderson and Terry Kemp plan to play, sing and entertain at Park View Monday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Fred Long visited Ardith Long Monday.

Marquita Adamson presented a "cherry jubilee" in lieu of President's Day Monday. She had an array of cherry food items that she had baked and later served at the closing of the pro-

gram. A history of the cherry was presented as well as the nutritional values and varieties of cherries. Among the cherry food items she brought to serve were - cherry cobbler, black forest cake, cherry cheesecake, cherry nut bars, cherry sours, and chocolate covered cherries - just to name a few. Cherry juice with a cherry in the glass was served to drink.

Brady Mason, Loyce Killingsworth and Janis Morrison directed the music devotional Wednesday morning.

Mary Jo and Harold Burge and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning. Harold read words of wisdom to the group.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the

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Stenholm

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Texas Legislature." He is co-author of a Social Security reform bill that he said will ensure that those not yet in the work force will have something at their retirement.

When Social Security started, there were about eight workers for every person on Social Security. Soon that will be 2-to-1 and then 1-to-1.

Stenholm is the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee.

"I'm an ex-officio member of every sub-committee and have a staff member on each one," he said. "I've established credibility on the committee and members have come to look to our office for leadership. When an agriculture bills comes on the floor, people come to my office and I help them understand it."

Stenholm said he'll be

stumping throughout his new district during the eight months leading up to the November general election. And he said he wanted to dispel one rumor.

"I'm not planning on retiring if I win this election," he said. "There's no way I'd be in this race if that was in

my mind." Stenholm represented the 17th District of the state until redistricting threw him and one-term Congressman Randy Neugebauer, a Republican of Lubbock, into the new 19th district. Neither have opponents in the upcoming primaries.

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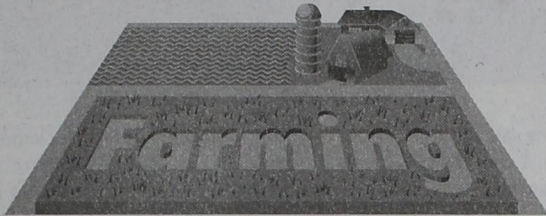
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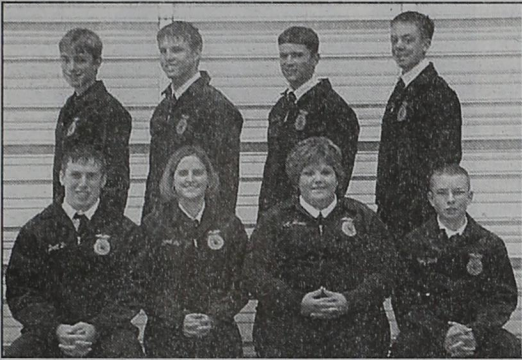
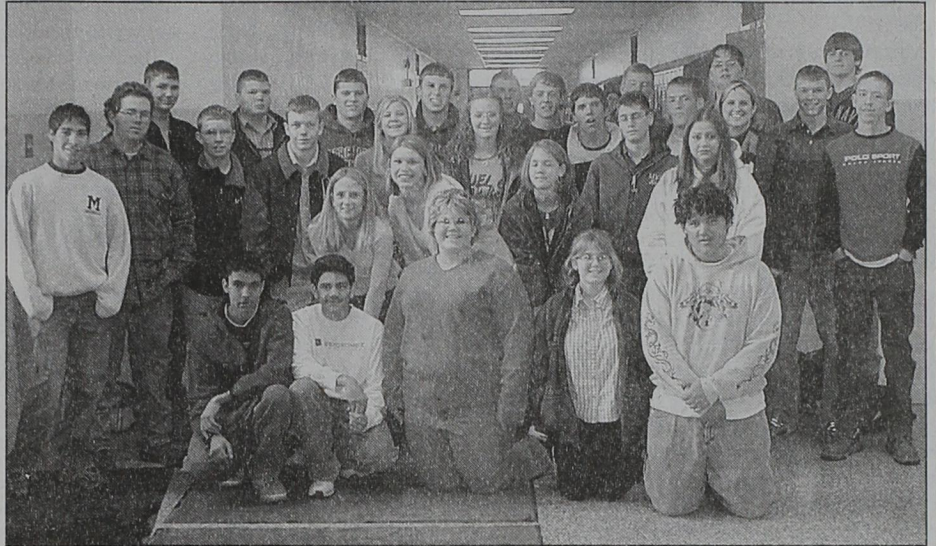
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Obituaries

ALDA ODOM

Services for Alda Vada Odom, 90, of Muleshoe was held Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. Dr. Stacy Conner officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mrs. Odom was born September 6, 1913 in Red River County. She died February 20, 2004 in Park View Nursing Home of Muleshoe.

She married Cliff Odom in Clovis, NM on August 29, 1931.

Mrs. Odom moved to Muleshoe from Red River County in 1928 and was a member of First Baptist Church where she sang in the church choir for 35 years. She taught the nine-year-old girls' Sunday school class. She had worked as a clerk at St. Clair's Department Store for 30 years.

She is survived by one sister, Mary Johnson of Muleshoe; numerous nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or to Meals On Wheels, 300 S. 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

LOUIS AND TOMASA GUZMAN

A funeral service for Louis, 55, and Tomasa Guzman, 55, both longtime residents of Muleshoe, was held Monday, February 23, 2004 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Javier Carriaga officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

The Guzmans died as a result of an 18-wheeler accident on U.S. Highway 84 between Southland and Post. He was born November 3, 1948 in Snyder, and she was born September 13, 1948 in La Cruz, Chihuahua, Mexico. They married January 12, 1969 in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Guzman moved to Muleshoe in 1965 from Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico. The Guzmans belonged to the Spanish Methodist Church. He was a truck driver and she was a homemaker. He was employed by Reynolds Trucking of Clovis, NM, and was a member of the Muleshoe VFW. He had served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

The couple was preceded in death by a son, Louis Guzman, Jr. on November 2, 1990. Mr. Guzman was also preceded in death by two brothers, Portirio Felix Guzman, Jr. and Tony Guzman; and his parents, Porfirio Felix and Lux Guzman.

The couple is survived by two sons, Alfredo Guzman and Sergio Guzman, both of Muleshoe; two daughters, Socorro Guzman of Muleshoe, and Erica Guzman of Lovington, NM; and 13 grandchildren.

Tomasa is survived by her parents, Aurelio and Socorro Gallegos of Muleshoe; two sisters, Martha Chapa and Rebecca Lozano, both of Muleshoe; and a brother, Leonardo Gallegos, Sr. of Muleshoe.

Louis is survived by two sisters, Mary Hodges of Muleshoe, and Elizabeth Guzman of Albuquerque, NM; and three brothers, Daniel of South Texas, Frank of Muleshoe, and David of Snyder.

MATTIE AXTELL

A church service for Mattie Axtell, 103, of Earth was held Monday, February 23, 2004 at Earth United Methodist Church. Burial was in Springlake Cemetery.

Mrs. Axtell was born October 5, 1900 in Rockwell. She died February 21, 2004 in her residence. She married Ray Allen Axtell in Tullia on October 18, 1939. He preceded her in death July 28, 1978.

Mrs. Axtell moved to Sunnyside in 1939 from Tullia. She had been a resident of Earth since 1974. Mrs. Axtell had obtained her master's degree in library science from Peabody College. She was a member of the Sunnyside Demonstration Club, the Dimmitt Book Club, the Earth United Methodist Church and was a founding member of the United Methodist Women. She was the church librarian for 35-40 years and taught school for 21 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her

parents and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a son, Charles Axtell, and his wife, Diane, of Dimmitt; two grandchildren, Paul and Holly Axtell; and one great-grandson, Nathan Paul Axtell.

The family suggests memorials to Earth United Methodist Church, 303 E. 1st Street, Earth, Texas 79031, or to Castro County Healthcare, 213 W. Etter, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

RUTH FURR

A church service for Ruth Anne Furr, 68, of Earth was held Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Earth. Rev. Jeff Hucyby officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mrs. Furr was born July 4, 1935 in Hartshorne, Okla. She died February 16, 2004 in Dimmitt Nursing Home and Rehab in Dimmitt. She married John Gene Furr in Reno, Nev. in October 1952. He preceded her in death in February 1984.

Mrs. Furr moved in 1981 to Earth from Carruthers, Calif. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Earth and was a Tribal Member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma at Durant. She worked as a nurse aide at Muleshoe Medical Center and Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Mitchel Ray and Billy, and one brother, Jimmy Don Willis.

She is survived by four sons, John Furr and his wife, Nacola, of Dimmitt, Jim Furr and his wife, Jeanne, of Earth, Randy

Furr and his wife, Cindy, of Earth, and Robert Furr and his wife, LaQuita, of Lubbock; a daughter, Cammy Smith of Mayes, Ind.; a sister, Betty Locastro of Carruthers, Calif.; three brothers, Robert Willis of Bishop, Calif., and Tommy Willis of Coalinga, Calif.; thirteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Music Fund at First Baptist Church of Earth, Castro County Hospice or Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab Resident Fund.

JUNE JONES

June Jones, 63, died February 18, 2004 at her home in Webster. She was born January 19, 1941 in Athens and graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1958.

She married Jack Jones May 19, 1959 in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Jones continued her education earning a degree in social work from West Texas State University-Canyon in 1974. She earned her masters degree from the University of Texas in 1989.

After living in Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved to Canyon where they raised their family. In 1980 they moved to Austin. She was employed by the Department of Human Services and was voted "Social Worker of the Year" by the

Foster Parents Association of Amarillo in 1975. The following year she began working with the Amarillo Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) where she remained until 1979 when she began working for the Department of Health in Canyon.

She moved to Austin and continued working for the Department of Health until 1987 when she began her own consulting business, "Social Work Services". She worked in Friendswood at Friendship Haven Nursing Home from 1995 until retiring in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Tiffani Anne Jones in 1972; and her father, A. D. Ward in 2002.

Her survivors include one son, Mike Jones of Plainview; a daughter, Nikki Jones and her husband, Brad Thompson of Friendswood; and six grandchildren, Josh, Jake, Zach and Jack Edward Thompson, all of Friendswood, and Ben and Mandi Jones of Plainview.

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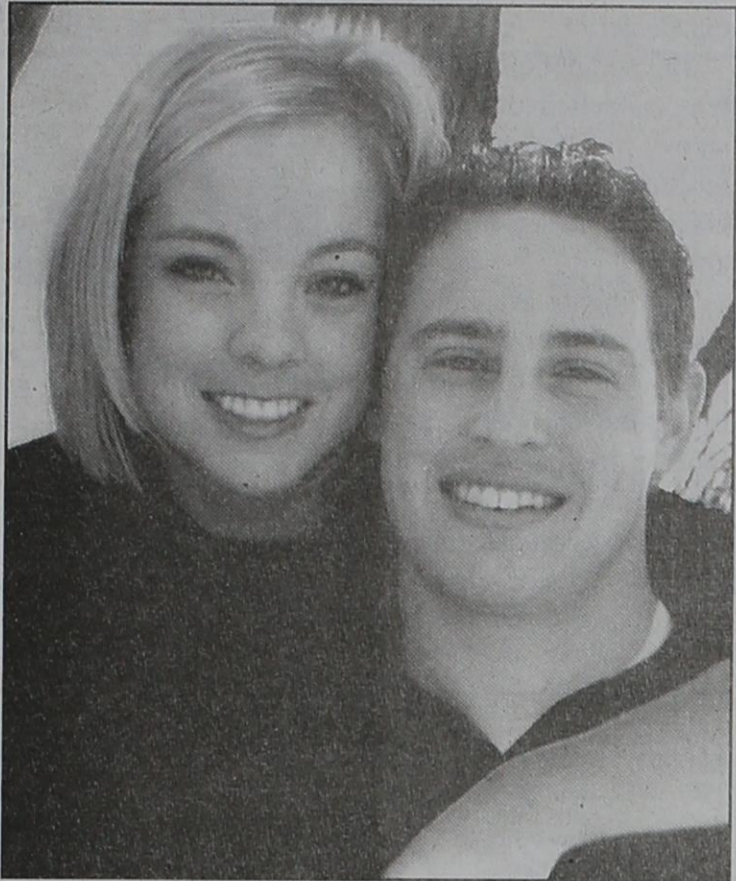
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Engagements



Lyndsi Caddell and Randall White

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Caddell of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsi Samantha Caddell, to Randall Corey White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles White of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Caddell, all of Como, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baxter of Sulphur Springs. Lyndsi is a graduate of Winnsboro High School and is a member of Tri-Delta Sorority at Texas Tech University. She is currently pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy at Texas Tech Health and Science Center

in Amarillo where she will graduate in May 2006.

The perspective groom is the grandson of Alice White and the late Richard White, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adkins, all of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Randy graduated from Carlsbad High School and received a B.S. in biology from Lubbock Christian University. He is also pursuing his doctorate of pharmacy at Texas Tech Health and Science Center in Amarillo with an anticipated graduation date of May 2006.

The wedding is planned for August 7 at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

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at the scene. None of the other victim's injuries appeared to be life threatening, Gonzalez said.

The massive nature of the pileup, and the problems with visibility caused law enforcement officers to come from Slaton, Canyon, Lubbock, Scurry and Terry counties along with DPS troopers. EMS units from a number of area cities also responded to treat and transport the injured.

"Without all the help from area law enforcement agencies this could have been a lot worse," Gonzalez said. "Farmers in the area turning their fields to soften the dirt and reduce the dust also helped tremendously."

Funeral services for the Guzmans were Monday.

Little League Sign-up scheduled March 1 and 8

Little Leaguers will sign-up on Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 8 from 5:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at the Jr. High Gym during the Little Dribblers basketball games.

Children must be age 6 thru 12 years of age as of July 31, 2004. Parents, please bring birth certificates and the \$25 sign-up fee.

For more information call Danna Perez at 806-272-5650 or Mark Washington at 806-272-3581.



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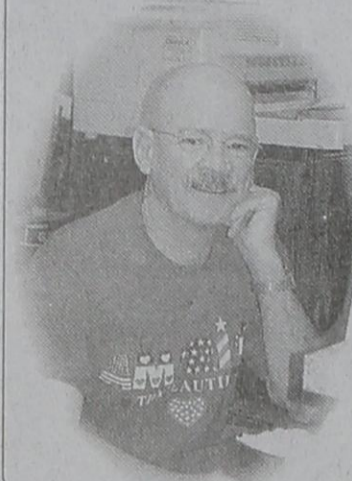
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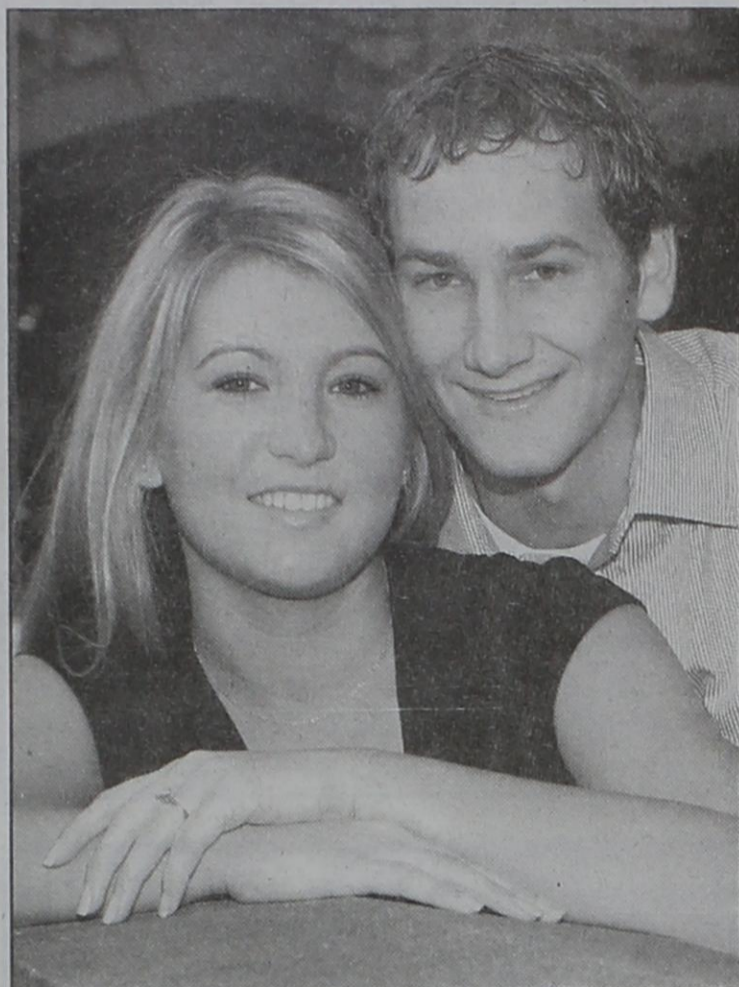
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Engagements



Jamie Beth Prather and Noah Andrew Williams

Joe Don and Pam Prather of Amarillo, formerly of Muleshoe, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Beth Prather, to Noah Andrew Williams, son of Lori Stowers and Perry Williams of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Donald and Norma Prather of Muleshoe, and Raybern and Glenda Ott of Earth.

Jamie is a 2001 graduate of Amarillo High School. She attended the University of North Texas in Denton and is currently attending West Texas A&M as an education major. She is anticipating a 2005 graduation.

Noah is a 2001 graduate of Tascosa High School. He is also attending the University of North Texas in Denton.

The wedding is planned at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2004 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Amarillo Country Club.

sity of North Texas in Denton and is currently employed at W. Real Estate Corporation-C.E.O.

The wedding is planned at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2004 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Amarillo Country Club.

Senior News

The game tournament at the senior center drew an enthusiastic crowd of over sixty people on Saturday, February 21. All enjoyed the games and a great lunch prepared by the seniors of the Center.

Prizes were donated by Muleshoe merchants and sincerely appreciated by all.

Donating were Carolyn's Christmas Creations, Western Drug, Family Hair Salon, Leal's, Viola's, Pizza Hut, Williams General Store, Western Drug, Jan's Nails, Scott's Car Wash, Honey Comb Beauty Shop, Lowe's Marketplace, Jana St.Clair, Linda Flores, Anna Gonzales, Ana's Beauty Shop, Antiques & Fine Things, Dale Oil, Connection Warehouse, Dinner Bell, Muleshoe Tire, Fry and Cox, Higginbotham-Bartlett and The Fair Store.

Winning in the various games were:

- Bridge, 1st place, Lavonne Henderson;
- Bridge, 2nd place, Pat Kirk;
- Bridge, 3rd place, Janet Wagon;
- "42," 1st place, Barbara Marlow and Mary Nell

Bleeker; "42," 2nd place, Retha Knowles and Lee Magby;

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Shanghai, 1st place and 2nd place, Jo Rempe;

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Other prizes were awarded by drawings and winners were Hershel Wilson, Fred Clements, Butch Vandiver, Jack Henderson, Bernard Phelps, Helen Cook, Joyce Clements, Jo Rempe, Alice Liles, Jimmy Crawford, Betty Cowan, Retha Knowles, J.R. Carter, Frances Purdy, Crystal Walton and Ruby Green.

Approximately \$700 was raised which will be applied to further remodeling at the Center.

Construction of the new kitchen is under way and will become a reality in a few short weeks.

South Plains Association of Governments has offered four more computers and desks. We will be going after them very soon. This will be a great addition to

our Center.

The scrapbooking class was cancelled due to the snowy weather and will be rescheduled. The exercise class will be rescheduled also.

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TO LUIS MARTIN AVILA Defendant-GREETINGS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you." You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 day after the

date if issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Bailey County, at the Courthouse in said County in Muleshoe, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 2nd day of February 2004 in the above entitled cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **DIVORCE** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Muleshoe, Texas this 2nd day of February, 2004.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: Angela L. French 707 S College, Suite 106, Levelland, TX. 79336.

Clerk of the Court Elaine Parker 300 S. First, Suite 130, Muleshoe, TX. 79347, Bailey County, Texas. Published in the Muleshoe Journal February, 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF MULESHOE, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MULESHOE, CHAPTER 6, SETTING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE; REGULATING THE MANNER OF COLLECTION, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MULESHOE, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) Waste collection

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(2) Muleshoe residents disposing of locally generated household waste—No Charge.

(b) In an effort to encourage the eradication of dilapidated residential and commercial buildings as defined in the City of Muleshoe Standard Structural Code (1997 Edition), the above rates for waste generated from demolition of local standard residential and commercial building will be discounted 50 %.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of February, 2004. Published in the Muleshoe Journal on February 26, 2004.

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FSA MINIMUM BID IS \$35,726.00
DATE: MARCH 2, 2004
TIME: 10:00 A.M. (or within 3 hours thereafter)
PLACE: The main front door located on the lower level of the south side of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Parmer County, Texas. For specific information contact the Farm Loan Manager Thomas S. Taylor, 109 3rd St. Drawer H, Farwell, TX, 79325 or call 1-800-481-3349

USDA-FSA FARM SERVICE AGENCY FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE

2 SEPARATE SALES

1) **PROPERTY LOCATION:** Approximately 1 1/2 West of Muleshoe, TX, on Hwy 1760, South side of road.

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FSA MINIMUM BID IS \$252,585.00
SAME LOCATION:

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FSA MINIMUM BID IS \$11,976.00
DATE: MARCH 2, 2004
TIME: 10:00 A.M. (or within 3 hours thereafter)
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3-1 Home on .59 acre, edge of town, wall furn. heat!! \$35K!!

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Five Area Telephone conducts annual meeting

By Leah Bell
Journal writer

A semi-packed house of Five Area Telephone employees and members met Saturday, February 21 at the civic center for Five Area's 47th Annual Members Meeting.

Before being served lunch catered by River Smith's of Lubbock, those attending heard a short financial report, manager's comments, elected two directors and more than 50 lucky members won door prizes donated by Five Area.

Financially speaking, the Five Area is in good shape, according to the Co-Op's CPA. They received \$369,407 in local service revenue and over 2.5 million in toll/access service revenue in 2003. Operating expenses for the year were close to 1.8 million. Overall, the Co-Op saw a positive net margin of \$859,444 for 2003. They paid just over \$87,000 in property taxes in 2003 and showed assets and liabilities over \$15 million

in 2003.

According to their CPA, Five Area Telephone has 1,331 access lines. The organization paid \$207,162 on a principal loan from RUS (REA) and RTFC and still owes about 8.5 million on that loan.

After the financial formalities concluded, General Manager Sandy Vandevender presented his report praising the hard work and dedication of his 40 plus "co-workers." Vandevender also recognized Rod Springfield, who is retiring from the organization, and told some about Five Area's upgrades in 2003.

Among other projects tackled by the phone company was an unfunded mandate update from Muleshoe to Needmore which required Five Area, without reimbursement, to replace 13 miles of fiber optic lines due to the widening of Highway 214 south of Muleshoe. Fiber optic lines have also been laid from Olton to Fieldton and Lariat to Okla-

homa Lane, although the latter is not being used at this time.

Five Area has also upgraded Internet routers and servers in an effort to stifle "spam" mail and to help hold viruses at bay.

Vandevender also looked to the future of Five Area's broadband Internet, mentioning a satellite "Wild Blue" to be launched in November 2004 that will allow Five Area customers in even the most remote areas access to wireless broadband Internet.

"Your co-op is trying to keep our core business the best there is," said Vandevender. "I'll put my employees, this company up against anyone in the world."

Votes in the election to fill two Co-Op director's chairs were counted during Vandevender's rousing speech.

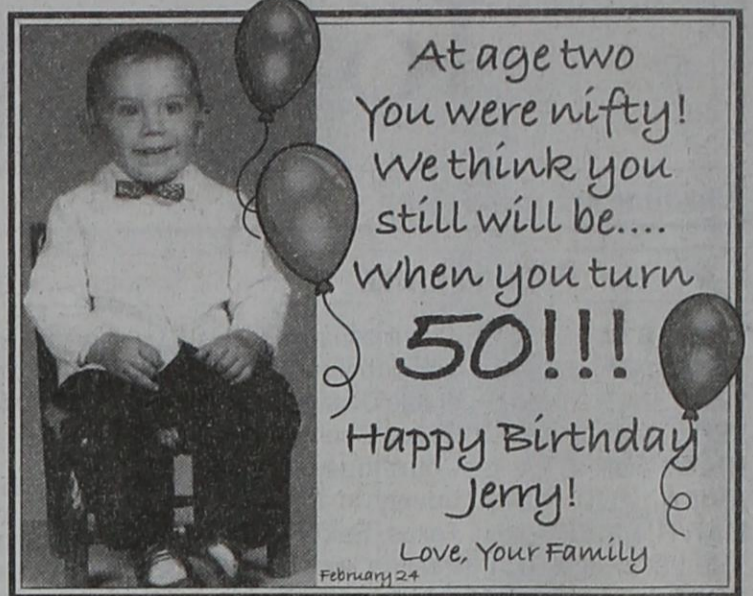
Reelected as District 1 - Lariat Director was Norris Conklin, who ran against Chris Bass. Also reelected was Ronnie Holt, who

serves as the District 3 - East Lazbuddie director. He beat opponent Pat Angeley.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned and more than 50 door prizes were handed out.

B.C. Davis was the winner of the "grand" prize, a Dell computer.

After all prizes were distributed and the crowd settled down, lunch was served and Vandevender invited everyone back to next year's meeting.



thanks for reading!




Journal photo: Jeff West

Lacy Russell chooses one of over 50 names drawn during the door prize giveaway at Five Area Telephone's 47th Annual Membership Meeting last Saturday.


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