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County Jail open-house

Over 50 Bailey County employees were treated to lunch and a tour of the new jail site Thursday afternoon.

Judge Marilyn Cox was pleased with the turnout of the open-house. "It's better than I expected."

She spent a small portion of the afternoon showing off the facility to those invited to the lunch and tour. "This makes me even more excited about the grand opening."

James Parkey, contractor, provided lunch for the county commissioners, judges, sheriff's dept. employees, jailers and other county employees from Subway. He guided tours of the jail and answered questions that county officials had about jail security, progress and usage.

Sheriff Richard Wills said this was an opportunity for the county employees to see what the new facility had to offer.

He, along with some of the jailers that spoke with the *Journal*, are excited to get moved into the new County Jail.

"I'm going to need a map," said Holly Millsap who was hired in January to work at the new facility.

"We were getting cramped over there (at what is now being referred to as the 'old' jail)," said Wills.

The new facilities, he explained during lunch, will allow the county to house outside prisoners and bring in outside money to help pay for the facilities. Prisoners from such places as Lubbock and Curry counties.

The grand-opening of the new jail is expected mid-June.

Give It A Thought

A smile and a gentle pat on the back can help make someone's unbearable day bearable.

Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

Local Weather

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MHS Prom: "You can only imagine"

By Leslie Radford
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Once upon a time, there was a prom at Muleshoe High. And you can only imagine the work that went

into decorating the cafeteria, the catering, and getting the entertainment; getting all-dressed-up, all the sweat that went into the dancing and what fun the juniors and seniors had that night.

Oh! What a night it was!

Rapunzel let her hair down only to get it wet with rain that poured down outside during the banquet. Snow White, a few fairies and other fairy tale characters served a delicious dinner catered by Dani Heathington of chicken and steak Kabobs, mashed potatoes and red velvet cake for dessert.

After tummies were fed,

the entertainment began. And, oh! What entertainment it was, thanks to the Music Master, D.J., and Karaoke Professionals! The Spice girls were there and the Dixie Chicks! Kenny Chesney and a few rednecks! Aretha Franklin and the guys that sang the thong song all night long!

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Leslie Radford

Get your groove on— MHS student, Sammy Regalado, dances at Saturday night's prom in the cafeteria. The theme this year was "You Can Only Imagine."

School board approves code

By Leah Bell
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The Muleshoe I.S.D. Board met in regular session Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

The first order of business was special recognition of Bruce Barrett, who is leaving the Board after five

years of service. Barrett said, "It's been a real pleasure serving. I have mixed emotions about going off the board, but it's one of those things I feel I need to do."

Barrett is being replaced by Mike Riley who attended his first meeting this night.

Others in attendance were President Nick Bamert, Curtis Shelburne, Thurman Myers, David

Tipps, Rene Torres, Barrett, Superintendent Gene Sheets, David Wood, Muleshoe High School Principal Dave Jenkins and David Dominguez, Watson Junior High principal. Board member Cindy Purdy was absent due to a friend's illness.

Sheets informed board members of upcoming

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Budget for jail discussed at Commissioners' Court

By Leslie Radford
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The Bailey County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday

morning. The County Treasurer's report was approved for the month of March. April Schedule of In-County Travel forms were completed, submitted and approved. The bills were

paid.

County Judge Marilyn Cox expressed concern for the collections made for the B.C. EMS department as they were down considerably compared to a few months ago but up several thousand dollars compared to last month. A few months ago, the EMS was collecting over \$20,000 per month.

In March, they only collected \$2,266; for April, \$11,924.89. "It needs to be higher than this," said Cox.

Sixty-nine calls were made to the EMS. They transported 55 residents and billed over \$30,000 for the month of April.

Other tax collections were on target.

There was more discus-

sion on the employees' insurance benefits. A five percent increase was approved for the budgeting of these expenses.

Mandi Seaton was hired as the County Extension Agent— Family and Consumer Sciences. She is the

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Touring the jail— Project Super, Charles Cody gives a tour of the new county jail facilities last week during the open-house for county employees.

City Council discusses fire hydrants, restrooms, voting

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The City Council met Monday night in regular session to discuss events that concern the hotel/motel tax. One of those events was the recent dog trials held last month. Their expenses were approved along with the approval of funds to go toward this year's Father's Day events requested by

Chicanos Unidos. Terral King with the Chamber also made a request for use of the hotel/motel tax funds to help pay for a regional tourism brochure with the Llano Estacado Tourism Society that will bring tourists to the Muleshoe area and advertise what our city has to offer.

The \$750 being asked for will cover year-round advertising on the Llano Society's

web-page and brochures put in hotel/motels and airports in the region.

Matthew Richards had an important subject to share with city concerning his Eagle Scout project. He proposed to put reflectors on fire hydrants to make them more visible for the volunteer fire department. Reflective tape along with

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Eight Red Hat Societies participate in Spring Fling

By Leslie Radford
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"Starkle, starkle, little twink. Who the heck you are I think. I'm not under the alchofluence of inkohol. Although some think peep I am."

This was a toast given by Sue Jester of Levelland at the first annual Carolyn's Spring Red Hat Fling at the Muleshoe Country Club on Saturday.

Approximately eight Red Hat Societies gathered to enjoy a Sangria social followed by lunch and a style show.

Muleshoe has just recently formed a Red Hat

Society. The group consists of women over 50 that dress in bright red hats and purple dresses with flamboyant accessories.

Yolanda Rose, a member of the Olton and Lubbock Societies said, "When I put

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Seeing red— Cheryl Carson of Olton chats with another Red Hatter at last weekend's Spring Red Hat Fling sponsored by Carolyn's Christmas Creations at the Country Club. Several Societies from the area participated in an afternoon of fun.

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Regional Round-up

Dillman Elementary extends enrollment

Dillman Elementary will continue to register children for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year on May 20 from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pre-k children must be four years of age before Sept. 1 and must be eligible for the bilingual program or free/reduced lunches. Parents of Pre-K students are reminded that the Pre-K program will be full day this coming school year. Kindergartners must be five years of age before Sept. 1. Parents are required to bring an updated shot record for their child, their birth certificate and the child's Social Security card in order to register. For more information, call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at 272-7382.

New mental health support group formed

Persons suffering with any type of mental illness are invited to join other diagnosed individuals in a support group designed to lend support and a better understanding of mental illness. The group, called A New Understanding, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at 1407 W. Ave. B in Muleshoe. For more information, call Bobby or Cory at 272-8948.

Blood Drive

The Calvary Baptist Church in conjunction with United Blood Services will hold a community blood drive today from 12:30 - 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall in the Church. They request that all donors provide a list of medications they are taking and a picture I.D. For an appointment, call Angela Morris at 272-4056.

Democrats to have Fun Day

The local Democratic party will hold a "Fun Day" at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at the old city park. The event will help raise funds for delegates to attend the upcoming State Convention. The public is invited. There will be a domino and basketball tournament along with other games, an auction, lots of food and an "open mic" event. According to organizers, this will be a great opportunity for "budding performers" to get exposure.

Circle Back reunion

Circle Back is holding their second annual community reunion on Saturday, June 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sudan High School Cafeteria. There will be a catered meal and those attending are encouraged to bring pictures. Interested persons must RSVP to Mary Gage Hanna at (806) 385-7407.

Pioneer Round-up in Plainview

The 76th Pioneer Round-up is Saturday, May 15, in Plainview. The theme is "Celebrating 76 Years of Memories." Guest caller for the square dance event is Dennis Horn of Lubbock and begins at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday night at the Ollie Liner Center.

Tickets are \$6 and covers all activities beginning with the supper at 6 p.m., the program at 7:30 p.m., or \$2 after 7:30 without meal. Tickets may be secured from any member of the BPW Club or at the door. Other activities include a reception at 10 a.m. featuring the Millennium Singers the Ollie Liner Center, as well as the Kountry Kitchen for baked products at 10 a.m.

Arts and Crafts festival booths available/ classes offered

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Ave. in Lubbock, is accepting booth rentals for the 34th Annual Fall arts and Crafts Festival, a one day arts and crafts fair to be held Saturday Sept. 11. The festival is on the front lawn of the Garden and Arts Center from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call (806) 767-3724 or visit www.lubbockgardenandartscenter.org.

The Arts Center also holds workshops for adults and children, such as Cartooning for Kids, Beginning Photography, Beginning Rozome and Stained Glass Landscapes. Contact the Center or see the website for details.

Homebuyer's workshop

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Community Services Division, will hold a Homebuyer's Workshop today from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Community Center in Laguna Park, Littlefield. The workshop is made possible by a grant from Xcel Energy Foundation. Homebuyer assistance is made possible by a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and through their partner, American State Bank of Leveland. The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$5,000 per household. Assistance is available for residents of Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties who meet income guidelines. Residents of these counties who are interested in purchasing a home, may contact Janie Posadas or Leonor Arrieta at (806) 272-7537 at South Plains Community Action for more information, qualification guidelines and requirements prior to attending the workshop.

TX Family Business of Year nominations

The Institute for Family Business at Baylor University hosts an awards ceremony to recognize and honor outstanding family firms from across the state. Nominations are being accepted for the 15th annual awards through July 2, which will be presented Oct. 21 at Baylor's Waco Campus. For more information, visit <http://business.baylor.edu/entrepreneur>, and click the "Texas Family Business of the Year" link, or contact May Abrahams at (254) 710-4159, Mary_Abrahams@baylor.edu.

LBBK Lake Landmark summer hours

Lubbock Lake Landmark, part of the Museum of Texas Tech University, is extending its summer operating hours to accommodate persons who would like to use the trails during off-peak hours. Through August 31, the preserve is open Tuesday through Sat

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daughter of an ag teacher, a 4-H mom, and has taught kindergarten for the past few years. Seaton is from Lazbuddie and hopes to put her knowledge of home economics to further use.

A special budget for jail project funds was approved, along with agreement to purchase new software for the county jail requested by Sheriff Richard Wills. The software will cost approximately \$38,490 and will benefit in keeping records at the new jail.

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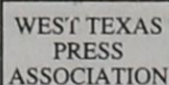
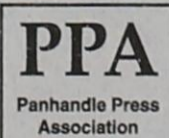
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urday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m. and will be closed on Mondays.

The Landmark has four miles of hiking trails that snake through over 300 acres of the archaeological and natural history preserve along Yellowhouse Draw. Pets are not allowed on the trails. Admission to the Lubbock Lake Landmark is free of charge. Please call (806) 742-1116 or e-mail lubbock.lake@ttu.edu for additional information.

Local needy children need community's help

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board is hosting a Spring Shower for the Rainbow Room at the Hubert Kidd Room, East Building of Five-Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 302 Uvalde, in Mulshoe 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on May 16.

They plan to fill the facility with supplies necessary for providing comfort and support for our children in need. Items needed are: underwear, socks, white tees, coats, sweaters, caps, gloves for boys and girls, sizes 1-6, dis-

posable diapers - crib quilts and Afghans, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, baby lotion, baby power, etc. household cleaning supplies and cash.

If you wish to make a gift and are unable to attend, you may leave it at the Mulshoe Public Library no later than noon, Friday, May 14.

AARP Safety Driving Program

There will be an AARP Safety Driving program offered on May 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Five-Area Telephone Training Room.

This is an eight-hour driving course divided into two four-hour sessions for motorist 50 years of age and older. Texas law requires auto insurance companies to give discounts to drivers who have completed the program. The program must be renewed every three years.

The cost is \$10 paid to AARP. For more information and to preregister call Charlene Treider at 272-5738. Class size is limited to 30.



Leslie Radford

Dillman registration—Many parents registered their children for the 2004-2005 school year on Friday for pre-k and kindergarten classes at Dillman Elementary School. Principal Todd Newberry (left) registers Evelyn Orozco's (center) two boys for both grades. Julius (right) will be starting pre-k next year and his brother, Marcus, will be going to kindergarten.

Heritage Foundation News

The Mulshoe Foundation Heritage Board met Monday, May 3.

Sammie Simpson had a report about the Texas Plains Trail board meeting which was held in the Santa Fe Depot at the Heritage Center.

Members present at the meeting: President Dustin Wilhite, Vice President Dan Throckmorton, Secretary Jenne McVicker, Publicity Chairperson Jean Allison. All other board members present were Joe Bollinger, Dianne Brown, Lonnie

Adrian, Peggy Bates, Simpson, LaVonne McKillip, Vivian White and Gene Rogers and Dolores Havey as center hostess.

Minutes were read by the McVicker and were approved. The Heritage Thrift Shop report was given by new treasurer of the Thrift Shop, Peggy Bates. The Center hostess reported that 112 first and second graders from Dillman Elementary came last Friday for a tour of the Center. She thanked Simpson and McVicker for helping with this tour and ex-

plained how excited all of the students were as they explored the interesting historic buildings there.

Brown gave a short report about the anticipated work which will soon be started at the new structure at the Center, the Figure Four Ranch House. Throckmorton said that the Virginia City Hotel will move to the Center soon.

Simpson reported on the Texas Plains Trail Board meeting which was held at the Center on April 15, with board members coming

from the Panhandle Plains Region which make up the Plains Trail Members. She thanked Bollinger for the beautiful food trays sent from United Supermarket on that day. An evaluation team from the Texas Plains Trail will soon decide the two tourist sites which will be included in the pamphlet for advertising on Bailey County. Simpson, who is a member of the Texas Plains Trail Board, thanked the Heritage Center Board members for their assistance in making this meeting day a very successful event. The Mulshoe Heritage Center will be an asset when tours begin to come to our area.

Adrian gave an update on plans for the June 19 Tour de Mulshoe Bike Ride. He said he had mailed 512 pamphlets that included registration forms. Early registration will continue through June 13. Registration continues on the day of the race beginning at 7 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m.

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Bridal Shower



Tara Sheets, Kara Brown, Bernita Sheets, Gini Sheets, Shelli Sheets

BROWN

A bridal shower was given in honor of Kara Brown of Abilene, daughter of Gary and Kathy Brown, bride-elect of Zachary Sheets of Abilene, son of

Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Mulshoe, in the home of Cris Cleavinger on May 2, 2004.

Special guests were Terah, Gini, Shelley and Cori Layne Sheets, sisters

of the groom-to-be; Bernita Sheets, mother of the groom-to-be; Melody Sheets, aunt of the groom-to-be, all from Mulshoe; out of town guests were Mina Sheets, Gayle Fristoe and Pat Owen.

The hostesses were Juana Shelburne, Cris Cleavinger, Cindy Harrison, Laura Precure, Ruth Locker, Donna Locker, Rhonda Myers, Deena Hamilton, Robin Friskup, Kaci Miller, Deborah Ketner, Linda Latham, Peggy Dent, Nelda Wilhite, Kay Leopard, Dani Heathington and Jody Wood.

The hostesses gift was Farberware cookware and utensils.

The wedding will be June 5, 2004 at St. Paul's United Methodist in Abilene.

Engagement

SOUTHERLAND-HOUSTON

Bill and Pat Southerland of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Southerland, to Brian Houston, son of Eugene and Frances Houston of Mulshoe.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Noah A. Kennedy and the late Eula Durham Kennedy of Waurika, Okla. Nancy graduated from Texas Tech with a master's degree in education. She is employed by Lubbock Independent School District.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor of science in Agricultural Business. He is employed by An-Fo Dairy Chemicals.

The wedding is scheduled for July 31, 2004 at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock.



SOUTHERLAND-HOUSTON

ENMU Announcements

ENMU's Office of Extended Learning in Portales will offer a ballet class this summer taught by Summer Lasiter. Grouped classes by age will be offered beginning June 7. Appropriate clothing is required. For more information, contact the Office of Extended Learning at (505) 562-2165.

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Education

School Notes

Dillman Elementary extends enrollment

Dillman Elementary will continue to register children for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year on May 20 from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (See Regional Round-up on page 2 for details.)

Summer school

Muleshoe I.S.D. will offer a Bilingual education summer program at Dillman Elementary June 3 - July 1, 7:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for children eligible for 2004-2005 admission to Kindergarten or Grade 1. If your child is in Pre-K or Kindergarten this year and she identifies as Limited English Proficient, he or she qualifies to take advantage of this program. The program will be taught by a Bilingual teacher. Your child qualifies to attend summer school at Dillman Elementary.

Orozco to play with Blue Devils

J.C. Orozco of Muleshoe was notified this weekend that he was selected to be a member of the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corp., a nationally ranked organization that competes all summer in the Drum Corp International (DCI) competitions all over America. The finals will be in August in Denver, Colorado. J.C. will attend the finals as an apprentice and will spend



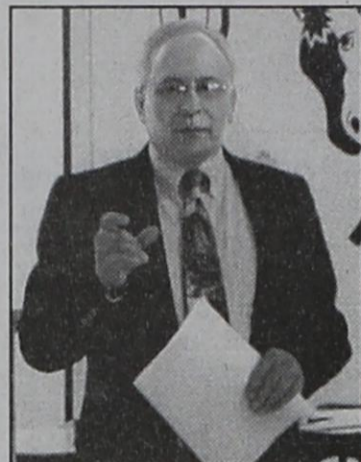
Orozco

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PAC meeting focuses on education

Salvador Martinez spoke at the 31st Annual Title I and Migrant Annual Spring Meeting for Muleshoe I.S.D. The bilingual presentation was held April 13 at MHS.

Martinez, a retired principal from Amarillo, spoke on the importance of "Home and School... Together We Can." This speech focused on how parents and the school can work together



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to provide a better education for children in the Muleshoe community.

Following the main presentation, Vince Salina spoke on the High School Equivalency Program and Ernesto Esparza gave a presentation on "Immigration Issues and Answers."

The Parents Advisory Council (PAC) was presented that represents parents and children in federal programs like Title I and migrant programs for the school system. Current members are: Beatrice Morin, Noemi Gonzales, Silva Salamanca, Alma Franco, Juanita Regaldo and Dora Toscano. Outgoing members were: Antonia Andrade, Juanito Castillo, Consuelo Facundo, Irma Perez, Maria Sanchez and Maria Vargas. New members of PAC are: Frances Recio,

Hilda Martinez, Irma Perez, Esmeralda Hanaway, Consuelo Facundo and Reyna Zubia.

Childcare literacy activities were conducted during this meeting and refreshments were served to parents and their children.

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Muleshoe FFA hosts District banquet

Muleshoe FFA hosted the Littlefield District FFA Banquet last Tuesday. The Littlefield District is composed of 15 schools and FFA Chapters. The Muleshoe FFA Booster Club prepared the meal and fed approximately 140 FFA members and guests.

The following awards were given at the district

level that the Muleshoe FFA chapter received for the 2003-2004 year at the banquet: First, Jr. Chapter Conducting; First, Jr. Creed Speaking; Third, Jr. Quiz Team; First, Sr. Creed Speaking; Fourth, Sr. Chapter Conducting; Sixth, Livestock Judging; First, Horse Judging; Second Land Judging; Second Dairy Cattle Judging.

Brandi Whalin received a \$1,000 scholarship from the National FFA; Layne Sheets, Landon Gray, Corey Sexton are applying to the FFA Lonestar Degree; Brandi Whalin retired her position as being a 2003-2004 Officer for the Littlefield District; Coli Hunt was honored to be Secretary for the 2004-2005 Littlefield District

Officer Team; Layne Sheets will represent the District at the Area FFA Convention as the applicant for the Ryan Mott Memorial Scholarship and the John Justin "Standard of the West" award.

Ag teacher Sid Morris said "We had a great year from leadership contest to stock shows to judging contests. I am extremely proud of our kids. There is no way we could host a district event like our district banquet without the awesome booster support that we have."



Courtesy photo

FFA award recipients and participants— Muleshoe FFA members in attendance at last Tuesday's banquet were: front row (l-r) - Kaitlynn Geissler, Autumn Rainey, Madison Myers, Lynn Mcbane and Abby Lawrence. Back row (l-r) - Amy Burris, Randall Radford, Coli Hunt, Myles James, Caleb Heinrich, Kaleb Baker, Jeremy Johnson, Layne Sheets, Cody Black, Tyler Sheets, Brandi Whalin, Landon Sheets, Justin Sanders, Chance Daniel, Corey Sexton and Dillon Meeves.



Foreign Language Competitors— Thirty three out of 45 Muleshoe High School students competed in the Foreign Language Festival in Levelland April 2. Students from all over Texas and New Mexico participated. There are different categories for students in first-, second- and third-year in Spanish. They competed in poetry, prose, sight reading, or a written test about Hispanic history in general, arts and crafts and puppet shows. Each student has participate in at least two events to attend. Twelve students competed in poetry reading, 12 in prose, 12 in sight reading, 13 took the written test, and ten students entered the arts and crafts competition. Twenty-five of these students placed first, 13 placed second and the remaining students placed third. Front row (l-r): Claudia Morales, Claudia Chavez, Dominique Herrera, and Ivette Regalado. Back row (l-r): Paul Campos, Amanda Toscano, Imelda Marquez, Elida Diaz, Nicole Clark, Megan Baca, Mary Lopez, Travis Thompson, Morgan Burton, Kolby Lanham, teacher- Santi Gaytan. (Some participants are not pictured.)

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Nursing Home News

A group of local ladies with the Red Hat Society visited Park View Saturday. The ladies donated some nice lotion.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the United Methodist Church in Earth directed a music and praise devotional Tuesday morning. Judy's mother, Donna Wilson, who is visiting the Hubbards, was our special guest.

Jessie Gray visited Ken Angeley Tuesday. Jessie baked Ken a coconut pie.

Pat Clark, Dolores Garrett, Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale and Beckye Conklin came Wednesday afternoon to give our ladies fresh hair-dos. Pat Clark gave a few hair cuts.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge served "Cinco De Mayo" donuts and coffee to the residents Wednesday. Big sombrero hats that were worn by the "servers" were a special touch—a south of the border touch. Eva Nell

Dale, Cody Favor and James Morrison directed our "singspiration"/devotional time.

Dolores Harvey visited Jewel Peeler and Juanita Buhrman Tuesday.

Sunday, Matilde Gomez was visited by Fernando and Yolanda Aranda of Santantu, Kan.

The First United Methodist Church came Sunday afternoon for church services.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning and the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the communion service.

Buster Kittrell was our volunteer barber on Saturday. Buster cut the men's hair and gave shaves.

Bernita Sheets brought a large cluster of balloons to the residents Friday. Deeva Johnson and the residents had a balloon festival Saturday and cast the balloons in the sky over the park.

Iris Clements directed the bingo games Saturday afternoon.

Herb and Betty Ramage visited Park View this week. The Ramages filled the vending machines and left quarters for bingo.

Dianne Brown donated a cake for the residents to have for refreshments Monday morning.

Brenda Guzman's F.C.S. class directed bingo Monday and brought a basket full of prizes for the "bingoers".

Juan Chavez visited Park View Monday.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks visited J.C. Shanks all through the week.

Joy Stancell attended an activity conference in Corpus Christi last Wednesday through Friday.

The Secret Prayer Sisters from the Muleshoe Church of Christ donated a large amount of beauty shop supplies to our Volunteer Beauty Shop.

Trae McNeill donated a fall wall hanging to Park View recently.

Ricky Hunter went out to lunch with his mother Joyce Hunter, Tuesday, and for a drive and to see Rick's grandmother Ruth Hunt.

Vada Alexander's daughter, Sharon Dale, visited her almost every afternoon last week.

April Smith's computer lab class from M.H.S. makes the activity calendar for each month for the residents.

The Ballet Folklorico dancers performed for the residents in the dining room Wednesday May 5.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin directed the sing-a-long in the day room and special care unit Wednesday afternoon.

Clinton and Maxine Rogers visited Jewel Perry Wednesday afternoon.

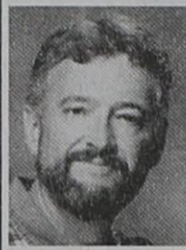
The May birthday party is scheduled for Friday, May 28 at 3 p.m.

Who You Are Is Not the Same as What You Can Do

What I am about to say is not particularly profound, but it is as true as the Law of Gravity, which I suppose is simple enough in its own way, too. But if you forget about the Law of Gravity—and if you forget the truth of this simple fact—you're likely to end up with some bruises.

Are you ready? Here it is! **Who you are** is not the same as **what you can do**.

Swish that thought around in your head for a minute.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Taste it for a second or two. Then tell me what you think.

Though many societies have tripped over this fact from time to time, I suspect that our society has bumped into it harder than most. Because we so easily forget it is true, we end up skinning our noses and bumping our toes on its reality.

Who you are is really NOT the same as what you can do.

What you can do, what you have done, and what you are doing may certainly affect who you become but they still are NOT who you are.

You see, our society says that who you are is completely dependent upon what you can do. Because what you can do is so important to our society, you'll make a larger salary if what you can do is what society likes or needs to have done. You'll usually make a *much* larger salary if what you can do is what society likes or needs to have done *right now*.

For example, we very badly need what doctors can do, and we usually need it pretty quickly; consequently, we pay them very well. (I think the "quick" part is what hurts teachers; we need what they do and need it badly, but we don't realize how very badly until . . . Maybe the same thing is true with law enforcement officers and some others who, even though we really need what they provide, we pay them very poorly?)

It would be hard to argue that we really need very badly what a guy like Alex Rodriguez can do really well—play with a little baseball—but our society very much likes what he can do and so we pay him very—even obscenely—well.

One of the reasons we need so badly what Jesus Christ came teaching is that we need a reminder that the most important members of his Kingdom are, as one man has written, "the little, the last, the least, and the lost," those who can't do much of anything really, but who are still of immense value in God's sight.

A friend named Bill Love died last week. For most of his life, Bill was a very successful minister. He was articulate in the pulpit and on paper. He wrote profound books on the meaning of the cross. But for the last several years of his life, a stroke left him almost completely incapacitated.

When he was writing *profoundly*, Bill Love was profoundly loved by God. He was God's child. When he was *unable to write or speak*, Bill Love was loved *profoundly* by God. He was God's child.

Who you are is not at all the same as **what you can do**.

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

Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center was the scene of the annual Girl Scout Awards Banquet and Bridging on Saturday evening, May 8. A large crowd of Scouts, families and guests enjoyed the meal, seeing the Scouts receive their awards and also the bridging ceremony in which Scouts moved up to Brownies from Daisies and to Juniors from the Brownie troop.

Thursday, May 13, at noon we will have a monthly potluck lunch. Just bring your favorite dish. Veterans are invited to join the Senior Citizens for lunch. Rev. Curtis Shelburne will be a part of the program honoring our veterans. Special music is planned as well. Mark your calendar and call a veteran to come. Our local Home Health Care will be on hand for screenings.

Peep into the kitchen and see the beautiful island, which has been completed by our hard working volunteers, Marshall, Joe and Fred.

Our Senior Center is blessed to have so many friends who call to say they have something that the Center can use. These gifts make it warm and inviting. Carl and Jenny Bamert donated two nice armchairs with matching mirror and Royce and Jeanelle Turner donated a lovely game table with chairs.

Our 8 a.m. walkers are here each morning and many use the exercise equipment. Game players arrive each Tuesday at 9 a.m. ready for a challenge. Of course all are welcome to play games anytime. The computers are at-

tracting seniors who wish to learn games and general computer usage knowledge.

May 24 at 6 p.m. will be our next potluck dinner theater. We have many great movies to choose from. It's seniors night out, so come and enjoy.

Our monthly report showed 662 signatures for April. Our budget is prepared and we are lined up for five meals each week beginning October first.

Call a friend to join you for coffee at the Center and don't forget to sign the register.



Courtesy photo

Snack time—Senior Center President Buster Kittrell and Vice President Solomon Madrid build a new snack bar at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center on Main St. in Muleshoe.

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

April 29—Virginia Barrett, J. Bass, Margarite Bustamante, Martha Cano, Thelma Chambers, Guadalupe Dominguez, Tina Dorwald, Virginia Drager, Joanna Garcia, Odie Gregory, Charlotte Holt and Joycelyn Stephenson.

April 30—Virginia Barrett, J. Bass, Thelma Chambers, Tina Dorwald, Virginia Drager, Joanna Garcia, Odie Gregory, Xzavier Moreno, Chasity Quezada, Jesus Quezada, Jr. and Joycelyn Stephenson.

May 1—Virginia Barrett, Virginia Drager, Jennifer Garcia, James Greenwood, William Parker and Maria D. Toscano.

May 2—Not available.

May 3—Virginia Barrett, Erika Bryan, Virginia Drager, Jennifer Garcia, James Greenwood, William Parker and Maria D. Toscano.

May 4—Virginia Barrett, Baby Bryan, Erica Bryan, Margarite Bustamante, Jennifer Garcia, James Greenwood, Abraham Mendoza, Sergio Montejano, Jr., Will-

iam Parker, Helen Rennells, Ladene Spears, Maria D. Toscano and Camelia Valdez.

May 5—Vanessa Barraz, Virginia Barrett, Baby Bryan, Erica Bryan, Jennifer Garcia, James Greenwood, Alliene Lasiter, Lindsey Lopez, Baby Martinez, Abraham Mendoza, Sergio Montejano, Jr., William Parker, Helen Rennells, Ladene Spears and Camelia Valdez.

Heritage, from pg. 3

All who register and pay the entry fee will have a chance to win one of the many door prizes donated by local businesses.

Early registrants will also have a chance to win the \$500 cash prize to be drawn for after the race. All who register will be given a free collector T-shirt, a water bottle, a free spaghetti meal and a sack containing merchant gifts such as a rain gauge, key chain, pencils etc.

There will also be special entertainment to be enjoyed by all at the Civic Center during the noon hours.

It was noted that the Gary

Skaggs will do the spaghetti dinner this year. Business sponsors are: United Supermarket, Leal's Restaurant, Muleshoe State Bank, Minsa Corp., Carolyn's Christmas Creations, First Bank of Muleshoe, and Five-Area Telephone Coop.

Jean and Jenne are collecting door prizes to be drawn for on this day and noted how cooperative the businesses of Muleshoe are.

Rest stops will be manned by the Student Community Action Club (SCAC), Mary Kay Cosmetics, Muleshoe State Bank.

Muleshoe Art Assn. News

The Muleshoe Art Association met Tuesday, May 4 at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

We watched a video on *Solving the Mystery of Watercolor* by David Taylor.

Ginnie Deifert was hostess for the program and also served cake for refreshments.

The next meeting will be Sept. 7. Each artist will be responsible for a program each month.

Members present at the meeting were: Jackie Hinderliter, Frances Stegall, Marie Tidwell, Ginnie Seifert, Nelda Merriott, Sandra Chancey, Mildred Williams and special guest Ann Sowder.

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Tanner Winkler slow dancing with Kelly Dale



Cedric Casterna entertaining during Karaoke competition

You Can Only Imagine



Brady Black and Megan Mason bust a move



Brandi Wood as Snow White

Prom, from front page

What a dream come true to sing on stage! Three blind mice took home \$100 between them after winning the Karaoke prize.

All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't have put together a better dance party that began around 9:30 p.m. In rolled a fog from the forest to go with the thunder and lightening carrying on outside, but nobody could hear it for the roar of the crowd dancing to the Cotton Eyed Joe!

No evil queen was going to ruin this night in this land of enchantment.

Prom pictures were taken over a bridge with running water, in front of the horse-drawn carriage and the cow jumping over the moon.

They danced and the laughed and then... as every fairy tale must come to an end, Prince Charming's took their Cinderellas home before they turned into pumpkins and all had a safe senior prom night.



Cobey Branscum and date two-steppin'

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Lindsey Wood, Marlie Black and Megan Mason as the Dixie Chicks



Samuel Regalado and date break it down

Sports

Sports Shorts

State track meet to be broadcast

Catch the state track meet on KFLP Radio 900 AM. They will broadcast the entire event on Friday and Saturday.

Red Raider Open

Golfers in this year's Red Raider Open will have to be ready for extra barbs on the course again this year. Spike Dykes has committed to join current Red Raider coaches for the May 15 event at the Meadowbrook Golf Complex.

Dykes, who founded the two-man scramble tournament in 1997, will join head football coach Mike Leach and other Raider coaches in what has become the largest single-day, one-location golf tournament in the state of Texas. Shotgun starts will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Canyon and Creek courses.

Included in the entry fee of \$65 is cart, range balls, lunch, two tickets to the Texas Tech-TCU football game, and a gift bag. Hole sponsors receive the same amenities along with two tournament entries, a customized sponsorship sign, and an exclusive hole sponsor dinner at the Jones SBC Stadium Club Friday night.

Hole sponsorships are \$300. To enter, contact Meadowbrook or call the Red Raider Club at (806) 742-1196 or toll free at (877)-554-3850.

Three MHS girls headed to state meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Three Lady Mule tracksters have spent the last two weeks getting ready to compete in the Texas State Track Meet in Austin May 14 and 15. This is the second trip to Austin for Jessica Withrow and Sara Benham and the first time for Ashley Gutierrez.

"The girls are really excited about getting to go to Austin," said Lady Mule Coach Benji Jay. "I believe these girls have a legitimate shot at doing well or picking up a medal in each of the events they compete."

Jay also said the "weather has been hot and humid and that has to help us get ready for Austin. I have told the girls to relax, enjoy themselves and get ready to compete. You have already proved you are one of the top eight in your event in class 3-A in Texas."

Benham is returning to the state meet after running a leg of last year's 1600-meter relay team. She qualified in the triple jump on her final attempt in Odessa. Benham has never recorded a jump of 36 feet in competition. She went from

Softball team loses to Pecos

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team lost their bi-district game to the Pecos Lady Eagles 13-0 in Andrews May 6. Pecos utilized their playoff experience to jump in front of the Lady Mules 6-0 in the first inning.

The Lady Mules struggled at the plate all night and Ashley Dickson collected the only hit of the night for Muleshoe. Dickson singled into right field in the second inning and stole second and third bases but did not score.

Pecos added a run in the second before Dickson and Sara Sexton caught consecutive fly balls to end the inning. The Lady Eagles tacked on three more in the third to lead 10-0.

In the fourth inning Pecos went in order with Jamie Carpenter fielding a ground ball and stepped on the bag for the first out. The second batter flied out to Cecelia Reyna in center.

Wildcats knockout Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The River Road Wildcats put the Mules out of the post-season tournament. The Wildcats came back from two runs down May 7 in Lockney to stop the Mules 8-5. River Road repeated the feat by coming back after spotting the Mules five runs to defeat the Mules 11-5.

The Mules brought their bats to both games but the error bug must have bitten them on the bus to Lockney on Saturday morning. The Mules scattered 11 hits on Saturday morning but only could get five runs across.

The Wildcats scored 11 runs on just nine hits and seven errors by the Mules.

Ryan King put the Mules up 2-0 in the top of the first inning on Friday with a two-run homer that scored Geoff Sirkel. The Mules bats fell silent until the fourth inning.

Juan Nunez led off with a single and moved to second with a sacrifice bunt by Eddie Alvarado. Nunez scored on a sac fly by Tyrel Gear.

Bryan King started on the mound on Friday but a high ankle sprain effected his control and he had to come out of the game after walking home a run and leaving the bases loaded for Landon Wilson.

The Wildcats led 5-2 at the end of the first inning. River Road added three more runs in the second inning to go up 8-2.

The Mules rallied in the seventh with Garrett Behrends single to right field and Jarad Flores, Nunez and Arum Perez all drew walks to force Behrends home. Flores stole home on a passed ball before the Mule rally bogged down.

Flores pitched all seven innings on Saturday and set the first three batters down

Madison Smith scooped up a grounder and fired to Carpenter for the final out of the inning.

Pecos picked up three runs in the fifth inning to end the game after five innings.

"We were pretty nervous in the playoff game," said Lady Mule Coach Steve Dunn. "It was a combination of lack of experience and we were in awe of their pitcher. She threw about 60 mph and it is tougher to hit off a live arm than it is off a pitching machine. She really nailed Jamie (Carpenter) with the first pitch of the game."

The night of May 10 the Lady Mules met for their post season awards at Leal's Restaurant. Coach Dunn presented the team awards and announced the names of the players chosen to the All-District 2-3 A team.

The Fighting Heart Award went to Sara Sexton. Madison Smith was named as the Defensive

Player of the Year and Ashley Dickson was chosen as Offensive Player of the Year. Jamie Carpenter received the Most Improved Award.

Deanna Cody was named as the MVP of District 2-3A. Joining her on the first team were Ashley Dickson at third base, Madison Smith at shortstop, Mandy Brantley in left

field, Cecilia Reyna in center field and Minerva Martinez as designated hitter.

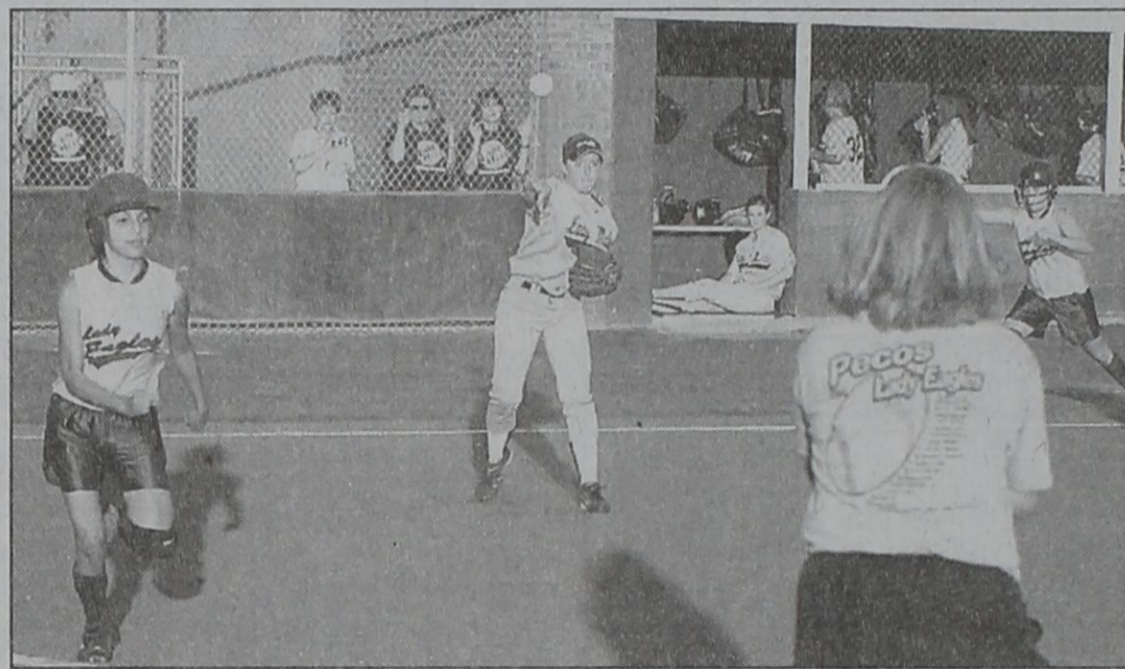
Those named to the second team were Brianna Gomez at catcher, Jamie Carpenter on first base and Sara Sexton in right field.

Honorable Mentions were Jenna Rasco at second base, Erica Sanchez at catcher, Sara Dominguez

in the outfield and Kyla Ellis as a utility player.

"I really felt like all of our girls should have made the first team," said Dunn. "Next season they will have more determination and have some experience on their side."

"The district will be a lot tougher next year and we will be better prepared for the playoffs," said Dunn.



Norman Brantley

Slow ball— Ashley Dickson throws the ball to put out a Lady Eagle at last week's game in Pecos. The Lady Mules lost 13-0.



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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of I Samuel, intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

SAMUEL AND SAUL

SEEKING AID TO FIND HIS LOST ANIMALS, SAUL, WITH HIS SERVANT, HAS REACHED SAMUEL THE PROPHET IN RAMAH....

...AND AS SAMUEL SEES SAUL, THE LORD SPEAKS IN HIS EAR.

TELL ME, I PRAY THEE, WHERE THE PROPHET'S HOUSE IS?

I AM THE PROPHET! DO NOT FEAR FOR THINE ANIMALS—THEY ARE ALREADY FOUND!

GO UP BEFORE ME INTO THE HIGH PLACE FOR YE SHALL EAT WITH ME TODAY, AND TOMORROW I SHALL TELL THEE ALL THAT IS IN THINE HEART!

BUT I AM ONLY A BENJAMITE! IN THE LEAST FAMILY OF THE SMALLEST TRIBE OF ISRAEL! WHY, THEREFORE, DO YOU HONOR ME IN SUCH MANNER?

AND MUCH TO THE ASTONISHMENT OF SAUL AND HIS SERVANT, SAMUEL PUTS THEM IN THE CHIEF PLACE OF HONOR AT THE HIGH FEAST...

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The Fling's The Thing!

Red Hat, from front page

on my red hat and gloves, I feel like a totally different person."

Rose participated in the style show that Carolyn's hosted showing off clothing items and accessories including unique red hats.

"This is just a group of friends out to have fun," said Rose who has been a member for three years now.

Even the Mayor Pro Tem got in on the action. Cliff Black signed a proclamation declaring May 8 Red Hat Society Day in Muleshoe.

Carolyn Johnson, owner of Carolyn's Christmas Creations, invited her sister Elaine Case as "Ima Rounder" to speak on "Old women and Aged Brandy." She gave tips on how to "catch a man," body and aging issues and feeling

beautiful over 50.

After her entertaining speech, the style show was held. Several girls from different Societies participated including Muleshoe's Queen Mother, Dianne Harrison, Kate Lepard, Pam Miller and many others. Different categories were Beach Babes who modeled bathing suits for this summer, Classy Chicks, Adorable Dames and the Fabulous Floozies.

Each group had other opportunities to show off their talents. The Lubbock group brought their unique "bra purses." Some ladies designed their own hats and others, their own dresses, shawls and shoes.

Carolyn's plans to have an even bigger event next year as more societies showed interest in participating in the Spring Fling.



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Obituaries

ANSELMO INFANTE GONZALEZ JR.

Church services for Anselmo Infante Gonzalez, Jr., 57, of Lovington, were Friday, May 7, 2004, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe, with Father Pat Mahar of Littlefield officiating. Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe.

A rosary was said on Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe.

Mr. Gonzalez died May 4, 2004 in Hobbs. He was born August 11, 1946 in CD, Madero Tlax, Mexico. He married Mariana Gutierrez in Muleshoe on October 31, 1967. He lived in Lovington for the past 31 years, moving from Muleshoe. He was a member of the Catholic Church and worked as a carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anselmo and Graciana Gonzalez, Sr.; and a brother, Jose Manuel Gonzalez on May 3, 1995.

Mr. Gonzalez is survived by his wife of Lovington; one son, Jessie Gonzalez of Lovington; four daughters, Mary Ann Daniel of Muleshoe, Julia Gonzalez, Leticia Carrasco and Elizabeth Moreno, all of Lovington; four sisters, Blanca Mora of Amarillo, Mary Barraz of Muleshoe, Hope Castillo of Texico and Irma Diaz of Edinburg; two brothers, Raul and Gonzalo Gonzalez, both of Amarillo; and nine grandchildren.

WILLIAM HERSTON PARKER

Chapel services for William Herston Parker, 74, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, May 10, 2004, at Ellis

Funeral Home with Chuck Smith and Donnie Richardson officiating. Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe.

Mr. Parker died May 7, 2004 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born February 21, 1930 in Maud. He married Doris Kemp in Clovis on January 28, 1956.

He moved to Muleshoe in 1951 from Cornett. He worked for Bailey County Electric as a line foreman for 40 years, retiring in 1994. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Parker is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons, Gary and Larry Parker, both of Muleshoe; three sisters, Maddie Tidwell of Avenger, Hope Odom of Lubbock, and Judy Metcalf of Carthage; five brothers, Hershel Parker of Graham, William Parker of Vega, Charles Parker of Terlingua, J.O. Parker and Alton Parker, both of Muleshoe; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to one's favorite charity.

CARROL SHELTON

Church services for Carrol Shelton, 75, of Lubbock and formerly of Morton were held May 8, 2004 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton, with Rev. Dale Dozier of Andrews officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Shelton died May 6, 2004 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born March 8, 1929 in Hubbard. He married Alice

Stracener in Morton on July 16, 1961.

He was a resident of Morton from 1962 until this year when he moved to Lubbock. He was veteran of the United States Army and was a graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in agriculture education. After his children were born, he returned to get his C.P.A. He worked for Western Oil Company, and owned and operated My-Store Grocery Store in Morton for a while.

He recently owned and operated N.C. Shelton's C.P.A. Firm in Morton. He was past Worship Master of the Mansonic Lodge and past Worthy Patron of the chapter of Order of Eastern Star in Morton. He was a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church where he was church treasurer, deacon and Sunday school teacher for the adult's men class.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Martha Kay.

Mr. Shelton is survived by his wife of Andrews; a son, Ivy and his wife Aimee of Andrews; a daughter, Anita Asmussen and her husband

Charles of Lubbock; a sister, Jo Ann Watts and her husband Kenneth of Morton; and three grandchildren, Nathan, Andrew, and Daniel Shelton.

The family suggest memorials to First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton, P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346.

MABLE RIEGEL

Graveside services for Mable Riegel, 90, of Portales were Monday, May 10, 2004 at the Sudan Cemetery with Rev. Winston Berry of Portales officiating. Burial was in the Sudan Cemetery.

Mrs. Riegel died Friday, May 7, 2004 at Park View Health Care Center in Muleshoe. She was born May 27, 1913 in Wilbarger County. She married Calvin Cobb in Circleback on December 31, 1931. She married Wayne Riegel in Dumas on January 31, 1978.

She was a Portales native, but she lived in Dumas from 1978 until 1993. Then she moved back to Portales and lived there until November 2002. Most recently she

was a resident of Park View Nursing Home in Muleshoe. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Portales and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1996 and her second in 1993.

Mrs. Riegel is survived

by a son, Rickey Cobb of Portales; three sisters, Elsie Damron of Muleshoe, Cherrie Willard of Oklahoma City, and Jesse Wiseman of Sudan; two grandsons, Craig Cobb of Clarendon, and Tyler Cobb of Ft. Smith, Va.; and two great-grandchildren.



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Police Report

May 8— An officer initiated a traffic stop and arrested a man for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He was arrested on a local warrant.

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MPD received a call in reference to a theft. Caller stated that a tool box was missing from the trunk of her car. Feels that it was taken sometime during the night from 725 E. Fir St.

An officer was called to investigate a possibly intoxicated man at a local grocery store where the man was arrested for possessing a controlled substance and unlawfully carrying a weapon. Subject was arrested on Bailey County Warrant

Subject called PD in reference to a saxophone missing from the band hall at the high school.

MPD called in reference to an assault which occurred at the old city park. Upon arrival the victim stated that she knew the person who assaulted her. Officers attempted to make contact with suspect but could not locate.

May 6— An officer arrested a man for a local warrant and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He was arrested on a local warrant.

May 5— The Muleshoe Police Department investi-

gated a two motor vehicle accident in the 1100 Block West American Blvd. with no injuries.

May 3— MPD notified of a suspicious person on a bicycle behind Estrada's Video. I responded and arrested subject for public intoxication. He has had three prior convictions.

May 2— An officer arrested a man for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and another man for public intoxication.

A juvenile was reported as a runaway. The juvenile was located in Clovis, New Mexico and detained by Clovis police until being picked up by a parent.

The Muleshoe Police Department received a call from a local store in reference to a male passing a counterfeit money.

MPD notified of two vehicles racing in the area of the old city park. An officer responded and located one of the vehicle. One driver was arrested for DWI.

An adult male was arrested in the 100 block of East Cedar Street on May 2, 2004 and charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

May 1— An adult female went to the Bailey County Jail to deliver items to a family member and was found to have municipal warrants.

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Beef producers workshop

Texas beef producers will have four more opportunities to participate in Texas Cooperative Extension's Got Risk education program. Four conferences are slated this month: May 11 in Sulphur Springs, May 18 in Waco, May 19 in Palestine, and the final session on May 26 in Alpine. Each event will start at 8 a.m. and end by 5 p.m.

"Got Risk" programs were developed through an Extension partnership with the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. At the upcoming conferences, Texas producers will hear unbiased evaluations of the tools, products and strategies currently available. Risk management professionals with Extension, TDA and the beef industry will give the presentations.

The \$20 registration fee, payable at the door, will help defray costs of a proceedings publication. For more information, contact an Extension office in any county or visit <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu/tbrm>.

Milk Production

Texas milk production totaled 550 million pounds during March, up seven percent from last year's production of 515 million pounds. February 2004 production totaled 500 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and unchanged from February 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,735 pounds during March, up eight percent from last year and up nine percent from February 2004. Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totals 12.8 billion pounds, down from last years totals for March. February revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,656 pounds, ten pounds below a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.71 million head, 96,000 head less than last year and 2,000 head less than February 2004.

Slaughter market

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.64 million head on April 1, down one percent from a year ago. Producers placed 490,000 head in commercial feedlots during March, down 18 percent from a year ago, but up 40 percent from the February 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 530,000 head during March, up 10 percent from last year and up 26 percent from the February 2004 total. On April 1, there were 2.17 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down four percent from last year.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 431,000 head, up 49 percent from the February total. Marketing was up 24 percent from last month to 451,000 head. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.75 million head on April 1. This inventory was slightly above April 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million head, 11 percent below March 2003. March placements of cattle and calves weighting less than 600 pounds totals 347,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 346,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 641,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 470,000 head. Marketing of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million head, 9 percent above 2003.

Plant population calculator

If you need to work out how many plants or seeds you have per acre, go to <http://www.plainscotton.org/php/index.php> or just click on the "Plant Population Calculator" link on our home page: <http://www.plainscotton.org>. Simply enter your row width in inches and either the inches between plants or seeds, or the number of plants/seeds per foot of row. Click on the "calculate" button.

EPA announces new ozone standards

No area of the state reached 'serious' or 'severe' designation levels, but the EPA on Thursday announced regions in the country that do not meet the new, more stringent ozone air quality standard under the Clean Air Act. The announcement also classified areas by the severity of their ozone conditions. No area in Texas was classified under the most severe levels. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, made the following statement Thursday regarding the announcement and its impact on Texas:

"Although we still have much to do before every area of our state meets important attainment levels, I was encouraged to see that none of the non-attainment areas reached any of the most critical status levels. Though air quality is improving, meeting these new standards will allow the state to make further gains toward the important goals of cleaner air and better health. I will continue working with Sen. Hutchison, Chairman Barton, Gov. Perry and local and federal officials to speed the day when every area of the state attains these high air quality standards."

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee.

USDA sets date for soybean request for referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act.

The request for referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency offices. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that show that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on the soybeans during the period of January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2003. Only those producers who desire a referendum on the order will participate.

Beginning May 3, 2004 and continuing through

May 28, 2004, producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from County FSA offices either in person or by sending a request by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained from: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-soy.htm>.

Individuals producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the producer not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to request a referendum will be provided at the county FSA Office where the producer owns or rents land. Main in requests must be postmarked by May 28, 2004, and received in the County FSA Office by May 28, 2004.

USDA will conduct a referendum on the order if a least 10% of the 663,880 soybean producers request a referendum, provided that no more than one-fifth be producers from one State.

The request for referendum is mandated by the act. The act required that the Secretary of Agriculture conduct a request for referendum every five years after the initial referendum, which was conducted in 1994.

Notice of the soybean request for referendum will be published in the March 25, 2004, Federal Register.

A electronic version of this news release can be obtained through the World Wide Web at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/news/newsrel.htm>.

SBA disaster loans available

Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Drought that occurred June 20, 2003, and continuing, caused many farmers and rancher to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and rancher are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies.

However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is November 22,

2004.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

The loans can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that at would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt however, is not eligible

under this program. The loans is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other resources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 2.953 percent and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial need through other sources are not eligible.

Cotton News

The Texas House of Representatives approved its version of school finance reform legislation earlier in the week and placed the bonus squarely on the shoulders of the Texas Senate to put together its vision for reform.

Once the Senate's version is completed, the two bodies can begin what may be an even bigger challenge, combining the two bills into a single piece of acceptable legislation.

Several views have been put forth regarding the action taken by the House this week. Some say the stripped down bill is nothing but a "punt" by the House leadership designed to put the determination of success or failure squarely on the Senate.

Others view the legislation as just a place

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The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Bill Verden, Springlake	2	Char. str	465 lbs.	at \$121.00
Eugene Mote, Tulia	3	Blk. str	465 lbs.	at \$125.00
Bullseye Cattle, Sudan		Blk. str	565 lbs.	at \$110.00
Janie Carrillo, Anton	5	Char. bulls	615 lbs.	at \$93.00
Rocky Bartlett, Hobbs, NM	3	Blk. str	617 lbs.	at \$101.00
Rocking J Ranch, Whiteface	3	Char. X str	630 lbs.	at \$108.00
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	5	Red str	668 lbs.	at \$104.00
Diamond C Cattle, Olton		BWF bull	670 lbs.	at \$96.00
Cheryl Foster, Friona		Char. hfr	per hd.	215 lbs. at \$290.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	3	Blk. hfr	343 lbs.	at \$130.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	2	Blk. hfr	485 lbs.	at \$114.00
Pat Newsome, Sudan		Yell. hfr	410 lbs.	at \$120.00
Arturo Marquez, Hereford		Yell. hfr	430 lbs.	at \$114.00
Bill Verden, Springlake	3	Char. hfr	482 lbs.	at \$106.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	5	Char. hfr	561 lbs.	at \$104.00
Dusty Braddock, Dimmitt		Red hfr	570 lbs.	at \$100.00
Daniel Bevers, Sudan	7	WF hfr	630 lbs.	at \$94.50
Duane White, Farwell	2	Blk. hfr	658 lbs.	at \$96.50
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	5	Char. X hfr	701 lbs.	at \$93.00
John Hall, Seminole	2	Mxd. hfr	720 lbs.	at \$94.00
John Perrin, Hereford		Blk. cow P6		\$810.00
Roy Hartzog, Bovina	2	Blk. cows P8		\$785.00
Kelly Cure, Olton		Char. cow P8		\$785.00
LLoyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	4	Blk. cows P		\$710.00
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe		Brang. cow	1210 lbs.	at \$59.75
Collins Cattle, Olton		Red cow	1285 lbs.	at \$59.50
Wade Hawkins, Hereford	2	Mxd. cows	1108 lbs.	at \$59.00
Hip O Cattle, Muleshoe		Blk. cow	1340 lbs.	at \$57.75
Joe Haseloff, Farwell		Spot cow	1660 lbs.	at \$56.50
Duane White, Farwell		Gray cow	1615 lbs.	at \$56.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe		WF bull	1805 lbs.	at \$70.25

School briefs cont.

the entire summer of 2005 marching and performing with the Blue Devil band. He was a top finalist out of 20 students from around the nation who had made the final cut to be in the Blue Devils. J.C. is the son of Richard and Alma Orozco of Muleshoe and a member of the Mighty "M" Band.

Locals to graduate from ENMU

Three students from the Muleshoe area among the graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring. The candidates and their degrees are Lizeth Ivone Mendoza, bachelor of art in education in elementary education; Sandra Veronica Mendoza, bachelor of art in education in elementary education; and Stefan P. Sutton, bachelor of business administration in computer information systems and business ad-

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holder that will allow House and Senate conference committee members to come together and develop a "real" school finance reform bill outside the environment of an open and contentious floor debate.

Agriculture has been a proactive participant in the debate to date and the industry continues to work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers to make sure an unfair share of the burden does not get pushed on rural Texas.

Plains Cotton Growers has been a visible part of the coalition through Executive Vice President Steve Verett. Earlier in the week Verett and current PCG Secretary-Treasurer Barry Evans made the rounds at the State Capital in Austin to reiterate the

views of the agricultural industry on school finance reform and how the proposals being debated would affect the industry.

While in Austin, Verett and Evans participated in a meeting of the Texas Agricultural Council. They also visited with a number of legislators including Representatives Carl Isett (R-Lubbock) who is a member of the House Public School Finance Select Committee, Pete Laney (D-Hale Center), Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon) Chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), David Swinford (R-Amarillo), Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), and Senator Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).

In other news, anyone trying to keep track of the 2003 Counter-cyclical Program payment calculation

have probably developed lots of questions and gotten relatively few answers during the course of the 2003 marketing year. What most have discovered is that it is not nearly as easy a task as they first imagined.

In fact, trying to understand what the figures used to make the calculation really mean involves understanding the landscape in which the figures are sought and then learning more about how they are derived.

The first thing producers need to know is that the Weighted Average Price Received by farmers published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service is not a tally of every bale marketed. In fact, there are no laws or other mechanisms that require the reporting of actual cotton sales information to USDA.

In order to develop this important data the USDA National Agricultural Statis-

tics Service must solicit the voluntary cooperation of merchants and marketing associations to submit sales volume and price data as part of a monthly survey process.

It appears, however, that the 2003 crop is breaking the mold somewhat in that the estimated level of marketings developed through the survey process is lagging the volume of sales indicated by other components of the cotton program.

Of the 18 or so million bales estimated to be produced in 2003, some 14-15 million bales can now be counted as sold and shipped either to domestic end-users or to the export market since the start of the marketing year through the month of March. In contrast the bales estimated to have been marketed by NASS during that same period adds up to just under 10 million bales.

NASS can, and does, adjust the number of bales marketed and the prices received at the end of the marketing year before publishing the final estimate. It is this number that will be used to calculate the final CCP payment rate. Until that time there is really no way to determine what effect any potential adjustments may have.

The 2003 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect the estimated price and bales marketed during the 2003 marketing year. The 2003 cotton marketing year began in August 1, 2003 and ends July 31, 2004.

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Track, from pg. 7

jumping in the 35s to a 37' 2" qualifying distance.

"I am real excited about getting to go to state in an individual event," said Benham. "I believe that last year's trip is helping me to get ready this time. I know more about how the meet is run and the pressure you feel. It should help me to compete better."

Gutierrez qualified in the 800-meter run. She ran a very smart race in Odessa and forced the challengers to have to take the outside on the curve to try to pass her. She kept enough in reserve to out race them to the finish line.

"I have been looking forward to this since I was in junior high," said Gutierrez. "I am really excited about getting to go for the first time. I am fortunate to have two teammates that have already been there to help me get ready."

"I have to admit they make me a little nervous when they talk about how many people are there. I am looking forward to the competition and having a good time with my teammates and coaches."

Withdraw won the gold medal in the high jump last year and has qualified in both the high jump and 300-meter hurdles. She took medals in both events last year and should have the opportunity to repeat or better her performance.

"I feel more confidence in the high jump since I did win that event last year," said Withdraw. "I am more nervous about the 300-hurdles and have more competition in that event."

"We are leaving for Austin at noon on Thursday," said Coach Jay. "We hope to see a lot of friendly faces in the stands to cheer for the girls and hope to bring back some hardware."



Delton Wilhite

Austin or bust— Sara Benham, Jessica Withdraw and Ashley Gutierrez are on their way to the state track meet in Austin.

Baseball, from pg. 7

in order. Sirkel homered to put the Mules on the board first. Marricle singled and Flores homered to give the Mules a 3-0 lead.

The Mules added two more runs in the second inning when Gear doubled to right field, Robby Bomer singled and Flores picked up two RBIs with a single.

The Wildcats came alive in the third inning and trimmed four runs off the Mule lead. River Road batted around in the fourth to add three runs and take a 7-5 lead.

The Mules bats fell silent

and the Pirates grew their lead by one in the sixth inning and added three more in the seventh.

"We had a good year and this season and we will miss our seniors," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "We saw big improvements over last year and that improvement should continue into next year."

"We were a fairly young team this year. Finishing second in district and making the playoffs should give us some experience we can rely on next season," said Ramirez.

Elsie Pollard, formerly of Stegall, will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on Friday, May 14, 2004. Her family is asking that friends in the Muleshoe area honor her with a card shower for her birthday. Elsie is living at 7708-B Albany, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

dom, we have lost fewer than 800 soldiers, and we have taken out an evil man who has killed more than 450,000 innocent people. I appreciate President Bush for standing up to the bullies of this world.

This is not an easy war... no war is, however, Saddam Hussein was a very big threat, not only to America, but also to any other nation that loves and believes in freedom for all.

And we must remember that freedom is not free, but comes at a very high price. So we owe a debt of gratitude to all the men and women who made that sacrifice for freedom. I consider myself blessed to be an American.

In Jesus' name,
Jerry Hutton

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I want to write a letter of gratitude and appreciation to our policemen—from those who patrol our streets to those who died on September 11. Also for the sheriff's department, troopers, and military who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe from those who would want to do us harm. These people haven't been thanked enough for all they do.

In the Vietnam War, we lost more than 58,000 men and women and won nothing. For so long, Vietnam Veterans were treated terribly by people who were against the war, and they should have been honored as heroes. I would like to say "thank you" to them.

In Operation Iraqi Free-

City, from front page

reflective poles (for those hydrants not visible from main roads) would be a time-saver when it comes to crucial moments.

The fire chief said they would definitely come in handy at nighttime and is in full support of Richards' efforts. Richards is a member of the Boy Scout troop #620. With their help and that of the Volunteer Fire Dept., Richards said the project could be completed within one day.

The project will cost approximately \$800 in supplies to be paid by funds from the City. The Board approved the project and supports Richards' goal in making the fire hydrants more visible as part of his

final project in Eagle Scouts because it does have benefits to the community.

Another issue brought up was the restroom situations at the city parks. City Manager David Brunson said the parks would need new plumbing to sustain the usage they receive at heavy volume events. The Board discussed options as to maintaining those facilities and they will be addressed later in the summer.

Brunson wanted to remind the public about city elections this weekend, May 15. May 11 was the last day for early voting. He also said the City is receiving new software and will provide training in August to all City employees.



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Viola's Mexican Food

Due to other family and business interests, Alfredo and Mariann Anzaldúa regret to inform the world's best customers that we will be closing the doors at Viola's on Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. We want to thank each and every one of you for your patronage and may God bless you all.

SPCAA & SHAPES Head Start are inviting all interested individuals to a **PUBLIC MEETING** to be held at **Immaculate Conception Catholic Center** 805 E. Hickory, Muleshoe **MAY 13TH** 6-8 p.m. We would like to hear any issues, concerns or comments in reference to the possible move of Head Start slots known as Kinder Steps into the Muleshoe Independent School District.

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Health

Local Central Plains Center promotes Mental Health Month

In an effort to promote mental health awareness, the Central Plains Center has begun its Mental Health Month 2004 campaign. Every May, the nation observes May as Mental Health Month. Most of the activities are geared towards educating the community about mental illnesses.

Mental illnesses are health conditions characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or a combination of these conditions) associated with distress and/or impaired functioning.

Facts the community should be aware about mental illness:

- People who have major

depression and anxiety disorders are significantly less (60 percent) likely to relapse if they exercise regularly, and continue exercising over time, than if they take medication alone. (Preventive Medicine Journal, June 2003)

- Depression is a major public health problem that affects up to six million American men and 12 million American women annually. (National Institute of Mental Health, 2003)

- The treatment success rates for such disorders as depression (more than 80 percent), panic disorder (70-90 percent) and schizophrenia (60 percent), surpass those of other medical con-

ditions, such as heart disease (45-50 percent). (National Institute of Mental Health, 2002)

- As many as eight million Americans who have serious mental illnesses do not receive adequate treatment each year. (HU, 2002)

- Although about 16 percent of American adults will develop depression at some point, only one-fifth will receive the care they need to treat the condition. (JAMA, June 2003)

- An estimated two and half million Americans have bipolar disorder. As many as 80 percent of people with this illness go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. (National Mental Health Association,

2003)

- Nearly four percent of boys and more than six percent of girls have symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder caused by violence they have endured or witnessed. (JCCP, 2003)

- Five to nine percent of children in the United States have a serious emotional disturbance and About 13 percent of children between nine and 17 years old have an anxiety disorder. (USSG, 1999)

- Only about 21 percent of children in the United States who need mental health services actually receive them. (AJP, Sept. 2002)

- Three million teenagers have considered suicide or

attempted suicide in the past year. (SAMHSA, 2002) Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people under 24 years old after accidents and homicide. (CDC, 2002)

Medication and community mental health services have enabled many individuals to lead full and independent lives. Support from family, friends, and peers remains an essential element in the recovery process.

Central Plains Center is a nonprofit Community Mental Health Center with main office located in Plainview and serves Hale, Bailey, Parmer, Swisher, Castro, Briscoe, Motley, Floyd, and Lamb counties. It has been in operation for 30 years. There are 40 centers like this in

Texas. The Center provides rehabilitative therapies, diagnostic services, and pharmacological management services to people diagnosed with mental illness, mental retardation, or substance abuse.

They also provide programs for early childhood intervention and also for adolescents with addictions. The Center is currently working on a grant to expand adolescent addictions services.

For more diagnostic, treatment, educational, and referral information you may call Central Plains Center Admissions 1-866-896-2726. The hearing impaired can use Relay Texas to contact the Center.

Cancer Society observes Women's Health Week

In observance of National Women's Health Week, May 9-15, the American Cancer Society encourages women to take steps to reduce their risk for cancer through prevention and early detection practices.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death among women with lung

cancer being the top killer followed by breast and colon cancers. Approximately 60 percent of all cancers are linked nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity and other lifestyle factors including smoking.

By following some of simple measures below, women can reduce their risk for cancer and other

Medicare changes allow Texas seniors to compare drug prices

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is reminding senior Texans that improved federal Medicare benefits mean prescription drug discounts will be available in Texas.

Today, millions of older Texans can begin comparison shopping for more than 60,000 prescription drugs through the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services. On May 1, eligible low-income Texans can apply for up to \$600 in immediate prescription drug assistance and may pay as little as \$5 for brand-name medicines and even less for generics. Under the new Medicare reforms, a prescription drug discount card will be made available to all 2.4 million Medicare beneficiaries in Texas – offering saving of an estimated 10-25 percent off prescriptions, regardless of income. This program was included in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 to provide seniors with immediate assistance on prescription drug cost before the comprehensive Medicare benefits take effect in June 2006.

"Texas seniors should know Medicare drug benefits and the potential for significant savings are on the way," said Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins. "I encourage more seniors to learn

about these new benefits."

As part of the drug discount program, Medicare is publishing detailed pricing information for most medicines so seniors can compare potential savings on the drugs they need and use. The pricing comparisons will be posted on Medicare's website www.medicare.gov today and also will be available by calling Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Under the Medicare drug discount card, beneficiaries will be able to choose among several prescription discount cards based on the types of medicines they need and the participating pharmacies in their area. More than 75,000 pharmacies are participating in the program nationwide. Enrollment for the discount drug cards begins in May, and the cards will be effective June 1. The program is voluntary: meaning Medicare beneficiaries may continue to use their current drug plan if they wish.

Medicare is federally funded health benefit program for the aged and disabled. It is administered by the Centers of Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). Information for the press and public about Medicare or its drug benefits also may be found at www.cms.hhs.gov.

diseases:

- Follow the American Cancer Society screening guidelines available on-line at www.cancer.org or by calling 800-ACS-2345. Get regular health check ups. Visit with physicians about screening tests for breast, colon, cervical and skin cancer and based on their history determine how often they should be tested.

- Eat a variety of healthful foods, emphasizing plant sources such as vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, limit red meat, adopt a physically active lifestyle, maintain a healthful weight throughout life and limit alcohol consumption.

- Don't smoke. The American Cancer Society can help smokers quit through telephone counsel-

ing sessions by calling 800-ACS-2345.

- Avoid sun exposure. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, the most serious form, malignant melanoma will be diagnosed in about 55,100 people in 2004.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information on cancer prevention, early detection and services call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The Wilcox family would like to thank County Line Services for their generous donation to us. We would also like to thank Calvary Baptist and Trinity Baptist churches for their numerous donations of cloths and money. We are so appreciative of your love and support. Thank you again.
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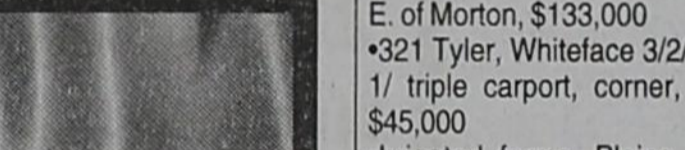
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Cinco de Mayo dancers— Ballet Folklorico performed at the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the city park on May 2. Over 300 people showed to take part in activities. Noe Anzaldúa said this was the biggest year yet for the celebration in Muleshoe.

School board, from front page

workshops for both first time and experienced members. The Board held off committing to attending a Spring TSAB workshop scheduled for May 24 until further discussion of individual schedules. This workshop will include legal and school finance workshops and will offer Continuing Education Credits. Sheets also mentioned another training session in San Antonio June 10-12. The Board then discussed MHS graduation scheduled for May 28 at 7 p.m. in the coliseum. Board members will take turns handing out 90 diplomas to MHS and Pep graduates from Muleshoe. Each Board member was assigned an alphabetical section of graduating students.

Sheets briefly discussed Legislative issues. He expressed doubt that current attempts to pass school legislation, including the weights incentive which allows for more funding for school handling more special needs students, will be passed this Legislative session or "even the next, in my opinion," said Sheets. Minutes were read and approved from the last meeting. Sheets then initiated a discussion about the Student Code of Conduct and changes made from the previous version discussed at the last meeting.

The Board discussed causes for student removal, suspension and expulsion, all covered by the State Education Code as well as by the school code of MHS.

Board members were informed that any knife with a blade over 5 1/2 inches constitutes expulsion, as does a weapon of any kind. Specifically, the Board passed a motion to allow school officials to take necessary action in regard to any knife (or other weapon) used in a "threatening" manner. The policy covers razors, box cutters and other potentially dangerous common household items. "All knives will be treated in the same manner. It all depends on 'threatening' behavior" said Sheets.

The Board voted on and passed a motion to deny use of cell phones during the school day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with use during extracurricular activities excluded. Use, according to Sheets, must be defined by school officials at the beginning of the school year. "I'm leaning toward use versus possession," said Sheets. "It's not that the kids have cell phones. It's that they use them inappropriately," he added.

Use even includes checking the time according to the Board because there are clocks in every room.

According to Jenkins, students are text messaging test answers to each other among other inappropriate actions, not to mention interrupting class when the phone rings.

There was some discussion of having the motion say cell phone use is restricted and subject to punishment during the "instructional school day," but members expressed concern about lunch and between class use.

According to Jenkins, the current policy is that no cell phones are allowed at school without prior permission from school officials. Those brought to school must be checked into the office. Jenkins said the policy is obsolete because he estimates that well over 50 percent of the students have phones now, and the policy was written when very few students had them.

Under the old policy, students who are caught with a cell phone the first time have the phone confiscated, their name put on a list and then are allowed to pick the phone up from the office after school the same day.

A second confiscation results in the same consequences with the parents being required to pick up the phone.

Sheets commented the cell phone policy must be consistent.

Dominguez commented that he doesn't have much of a problem at the junior high.

The policy passed by the Board this session includes all electronic devices, including pagers, games and laser pointers.

In other business, members voted on and passed the denial of a student's right to seek an appeal to the Commissioner of Education regarding Code of Conduct consequences.

According to the new policy, the decision of the Board and Superintendent is final.

The Board also discussed having an attorney on retainer. Sheets made a recommendation that the district forego retaining an attorney because he has rarely had cause to use an attorney since he has been in Muleshoe.

According to Sheets, most retainer's fees amount to about \$150 per hour for almost any attorney. He made the recommendation that the district utilize TASB attorneys who are readily available and willing to answer questions

Grant applications for taxpayer clinics

WASHINGTON -The National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina E. Olson, announced today that the 2005 Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grant application process is now open. Nonprofit organizations providing free or nominal fee representation to people involved in tax disputes can apply for grants worth up to \$100,000 for 2005 grant cycle. Grants are also available for programs that inform taxpayers for whom English is a second language of their tax rights and responsibilities.

on a free basis, although they are not equipped to write letters for the district. The Board passed a motion to allow Sheets to "contract the services of an attorney, including Underwood Law Firm as he has done in the past or any firm he deems appropriate" as needed by the district for situations TASB attorneys cannot help the district handle.

After closed session, the Board accepted the resignations of fourth grade teacher Patty O'Hare who will be teaching at Farwell, and third grade special education teacher Krystal Heathington-Favor who will be teaching at Abilene Wylie. According to Sheets, the district is still looking to replace these teachers.

The National Taxpayer Advocate sees funding of the low income taxpayer clinics and the provision of free or nominal fee tax representation as a significant step toward a more equitable tax system. The IRS is committed to achieving the maximum access to representation for low income taxpayers possible under the terms of this grant program. The IRS matching grant program encourages the establishment and operation of low income taxpayer clinics across the nation. These clinics provide an important resource to taxpayers who may not be able to afford a tax professional.

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic grant program is entering into its seventh year and continues to expand. Under the program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to \$100,000 a year to develop, expand or continue low income taxpayer clinics. In 2004, the IRS awarded \$7.5 million to 135 organizations representing 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The application period for the 2005 LITC grant program is from May 1, 2004 to July 1, 2004. Applications for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic grants must be received at Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Mail Stop 211-D,

LITC Program Office, 401 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA, 30308, no later than July 1, 2004. The application package (Publication 3319) is available at www.irs.gov/advocate or may be ordered from the IRS Forms Distribution Center by calling 1-800-829-3676. Applicants can also file electronically at www.grants.gov <<http://www.irs.gov/advocate/article/0,,id=108631,00.html>>

Each application will be given due consideration and the LITC Program Office will mail a notification letter to each applicant. Grant decisions will be made by November 15, 2004, for the grant period commencing in

January 2005. Qualifying tax clinics may be run by either law, business or accounting schools whose students represent taxpayers in tax disputes with the IRS or Tax Court and by tax-exempt organizations. These organizations can represent taxpayers in tax-related matters, refer taxpayers to pro-bono qualified representatives and provide non-English-speaking taxpayers information about their tax rights and responsibilities.

Questions about the LITC Program or grant application process should be addressed to the LITC Program Office at 404-338-7185 or by e-mail at LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov.

BBB warns of gypsy roofers

The gypsy roofers are back, according to Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains (BBB). These are some of the same travelers that we warn the South Plains about from time to time.

It has been reported to the local office within the last few days that itinerant roofers are going door to door, catching the homeowners off guard by telling them that their "roofs" need to be repaired. The roofers ask for payment, up front, to paint or seal the roofs. Part of the scam is to use a name of a local company making them look legitimate.

This is a typical scam of the gypsy itinerant roofers

who drive brand new, unmarked trucks, don't wear any uniform or carry any identification with them as would be typical of a local company. They also are able to catch senior citizens at home during the day and we especially want to warn our seniors to be on the lookout.

Do not pay up front; always pay after the work is completed and never pay with cash - make a check out to the company; ask for local references; verify the legitimacy of the company with the BBB; get at least three bids from local companies that do the same or similar work, and if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

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