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News Briefs

Welcome to Muleshoe

Rafael Quezada is the new pastor of Roca de Salvacion Iglesia del Nazareno, 221 W. 9th Street behind United Supermarket.



QUEZADA

The church, formerly Church of the Nazarene, is his first charge as pastor. Quezada came to Muleshoe indirectly from San Jose, Calif. He most recently spent time preparing for this pastorate in Amarillo. Overall, he has spent five years preparing to pastor. He has been in Muleshoe five months.

His wife, Kathy, daughter, Erica, and a grandson, Micah moved to the community with him.

Quezada said, "God has sent me to Muleshoe. I've seen the town and talked to its citizens and I know God sent me here. There is a purpose for this church and I believe that purpose is to confirm souls and members to the church."

Services at Roca de Salvacion are Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to noon; Sunday evening 6-7 p.m.; and Wednesday 7-8 p.m.

SWCD water quality winner

Dieter Issacson, a Parmer County farmer, won first place for Region 1 in the Water Quality division a few weeks ago at the annual regional banquet for SWCD.

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Give It A Thought

Tomorrow, will I be able to say, "Yesterday was well spent?"

Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

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Osterkamp Dairy finds home in area

By Leslie Radford
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Muleshoe has sprouted its seventh dairy. Osterkamp Dairy has recently moved to the west side of town off Highway 70.

Joe Osterkamp along with his parents, Jerry and Beth, have recently moved from Barstow, Calif. Joe said the family sold their farm in the Golden State to move to West Texas. So far, Joe said he's encountered nothing but friendliness.

His family has been in the dairy business for years, starting with his great-grandfather. Osterkamp said in this business "you spend a lot of time with the family."

"It's something a lot of people don't get to experience these days," said Osterkamp who enjoys Muleshoe for its family atmosphere.

Joe has a younger brother and sister away at college. As the oldest does in most families, he will take on the family business. His parents will be joining him in Muleshoe soon.

Aside from the family-oriented community, Osterkamp is impressed with how "everyone is willing to help you."

Last week, the dairy was putting the final touches on the operation. Don Pool Construction from Clovis did the contracting. This week, Osterkamp Dairy started milking on Tuesday. They will milk approximately 3,000 head.

Osterkamp said their first priority is to take care of their animals, also at the top of their list: "We plan to offer high quality milk." Their product will be sold to Se-

lect Milk, a high-grade milk plant in Roswell.

Janet Claborn, Director of Economic Development, has been working with the dairy. She said "the economic impact from this dairy alone will benefit Bailey County tremendously."

One of those benefits is through employment. Osterkamp plans to employ 30-35 people with a projected annual payroll of \$350,000. They project 55 million pounds of milk to be produced annually. Claborn said their projected increase in tax base valuation will probably exceed \$1,000,000.

"From the first meeting with the Osterkamps, we knew they would be a great asset to our community and we hoped they would choose Muleshoe," she said. "They are wonderful people and we are so glad they are here."

She said the dairy industry "has most definitely contributed to our growth while some of the communities are struggling to survive."

Dairies have an effect on the school census and "local merchants and restaurants stated their sales have increased, thus an increase in sales tax" due to the industry boom in Muleshoe, according to Claborn.

"The board members of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation have been very good stewards in providing cash incentives to four dairies in our area based on the number of new jobs they have provided, the payroll they put back into our community, and the services and suppliers they bring into our

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Leslie Radford

Dirt work— This employee at the Osterkamp Dairy levels the land preparing a pen for more dairy cattle. Osterkamp began milking several hundred head on Tuesday.

Head Start program: best of both worlds?

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Approximately 30 concerned parents, teachers and school administration officials gathered at the Catholic church in Muleshoe for a public meeting concerning the SHAPES Head Start program moving into the Muleshoe I.S.D.

Recently, the Head Start program approached Muleshoe I.S.D to take on the program. In a school board meeting last month, trustees voted to take on that project with the understanding there are requirements by Head Start that need to be fulfilled by M.I.S.D. should they take on the program as well as requirements mandated by the state for education in public schools. There have only been preliminary discussions on this change.

Parents were concerned

that they wouldn't have as much involvement in their child's early education if they were in the I.S.D.

Gene Sheets, M.I.S.D. superintendent responded by saying the school district will do what's required by both the Head Start program and that of public schools while still allowing the parents to be included in their child's education.

Dillman Principal Todd Newberry said that parent involvement was encouraged in Muleshoe schools and that parents would not be excluded from doing volunteer work and participating in the education of their child.

Other concerns addressed what happens to the current Head Start teachers. The State of Texas requires all teachers be certified to teach in public schools. Sheets said they would hire the necessary



Discussions— Dani Heathington, a teacher at Dillman, addresses a concern at last Thursday's meeting.

amount of teachers to procure the program.

Several Head Start advocates directed the meeting. They said the program was presented to Muleshoe I.S.D. mainly because of financial reasons. Funds are being cut to run the Head Start program

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WJHS class learns lesson in life

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Eighth graders at Watson Junior High are busy growing up. Recently, they were on a mission to find out what it would cost for them to live on their own.

Math teachers Shelli Stegall and Robin Welch pulled a math project off the Internet called "Living on Your Own— Let's Calculate the Cost!" The project not only teaches students how to implement basic math skills but to apply them to a real-life situation.

Stegall and Welch hear the age-old question of "When are we ever going to use this?" quite a bit in their classes. Both teachers said "Projects like this create true learning experiences in which the students answer that question on their own. We had a great time watching them realize that their eyes were bigger than their pocket books."

Welch and Stegall explained that in junior high, students are learning to apply the basic skills and concepts they have developed in earlier grades. They begin to see how they are going to use these concepts in everyday life. Both teachers agree that projects such as this "open students' eyes to the reality of the cost of living on their own."

Stegall said "many of the students started out buying Hummers and sports cars with price tags of \$250,000 or more. When they begin to calculate the interest on these vehicles and realized that their monthly payments on a five year loan could be more than \$4,000, they asked us to take them back to the computer lab to shop for some that were less expensive."

The class worked on the project for one week. Students received a packet called "Living on Your Own— Let's Calculate the Cost!" It gave them four tasks to complete: 1. Compare the costs of apartments. 2. Analyze the

costs of getting auto loans. 3. Calculate the cost of food and entertainment. 4. Calculate how much money you would need in order to pay for an apartment, car, food, and entertainment.

The teacher's lesson plan included how to apply basic math skills to real-life situations and survival skills so that the students received a well-rounded education.

At first, the students were asked to write down how much they think it would cost for them to live in an apartment on their own for one month and any costs that might include.

Secondly, they were given informational packets. Included in the packet were worksheets for each task. Students had to compare costs, answer tough questions and make a mature decision. In the end, they had to prepare a budget for weekly, monthly and yearly costs.

Then came the research.

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Leslie Radford

Shopping for the cost of living— Eighth graders from Shelli Stegall and Robin Welch's math classes at Watson Junior High are finding out what it would cost them to live on their own. Individual classes took trips to Lowe's grocery store last Thursday to price food, such as hamburger meat, bread, milk and other items they would need from month to month. Marina Trevino is comparing meat prices as part of the project.



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Dillman Elementary extends enrollment

Dillman Elementary will continue to register children for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year today 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.

Band concert and banquet scheduled

There will be a band concert Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the H.S. auditorium. Beginning bands and the J.H. Varsity Band will be featured as well as the High School Band. The public is invited and the admission is free.

The Band Banquet is May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship hall. There will be a catered meal for \$5. Muleshoe High School band students and their parents are invited. The theme is Mardi Gras. Awards will be given at this time.

Summer school opportunity

Dillman Elementary would like to inform all parents of children turning four or five years old on or before September 1, whose dominant language is Spanish, of an opportunity available for your child to attend summer school. To qualify for this opportunity you must bring your child to Dillman on June 3 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. to be tested with an oral language assessment (Woodcock- Munoz). If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Todd Newberry at 272-7382 or Lenda Trussell at 272-7385.

South Plains job fair

WorkSource hosts the South Plains Job Fair at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth St., on Thursday, May 13 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Over 70 South Plains Employers are registered to visit with and interview more than 1,200 job-seekers during this one-day event.

The event is sponsored by WorkSource of the South Plains, Texas Tech University, South Plains College and Covenant Health Systems. Other agencies partnering to host the event are the Community Workforce Partnership, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Dept. of Health, Lubbock State School and the Texas Workforce Commission of Austin.

Band concert and banquet scheduled

The Sudan Senior Citizens are holding a blood drive in conjunction with United Blood Services on May 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Meeting Room in Sudan. All do-

nors must have a picture i.d. and a list of medications they are taking. For an appointment, call Wanda Swartz at (806) 933-4427.

Sudan Memorial service

Sudan presents its 14th Annual Memorial Service at the Sudan Cemetery on May 24 at 11 a.m. The service will be held in the Sudan High School auditorium if there is bad weather.

Team roping/ barrel racing fundraiser

Hospice of Lubbock's "Hospice Classic" team roping and barrel racing benefit will take place Friday, June 4-6 at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center of Lubbock. For more information, call Jody Lewis or Stacey Dusek at Hospice of Lubbock at (806) 795-2751.

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.

Scholarships available for grant writing workshop in Texas

Corpus Christi, Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4, at Holiday Inn - Padre Island, 5549 Leopard St.; San Antonio, Wednesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 17, at Holiday Inn Market Square, 318 W. Durango Blvd.; Dallas, Monday, August 30, and Tuesday, August 31, at Holiday Inn Love Field, 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, 75235; Houston, Thursday, September 23, and Friday, September 24, at St. Dominic Village, 2401 E. Holcomb Blvd, Houston, 77021; Partial scholarships are available for nonprofit and faith based organizations and students to attend a two day grant writing workshop presented by Zocklein and Associates.

All classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. To register: call Zocklein and Associates at (800) 371-5703 or visit web site: www.zockgrant.com.

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 R.S.V.P. to Mary Gage Hanna at (806) 385-7407.

Muleshoe vet holds rabies clinics

Lazbuddie - Ag Building, Tuesday, May 20, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Olton - Fire Station, Thursday, June 10, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Muleshoe - Fire Station, Thursday, June 17, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Sudan - Fire Station, Saturday, June 19, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Second Annual Bike Race June 5-6 in Lubbock

Entry deadline has been extended until Friday, May 21, for the second annual CAC 600 Bike Race, slated June 5-6, at Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock. Benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains, this year's event will feature road races of varying lengths on Saturday, and a 10-hour mountain bike race on Sunday.

The CAC 600 is open to bike riders of all ages. The Saturday road tour begins at 8 a.m. and includes races of 4.5, 21.5 and 50 miles. The Sunday mountain bike event will begin at 7 a.m. and features both an individual and two-person team competition. In addition to the races, this year's event also will include a "velo swap meet" Saturday afternoon, catered spaghetti dinner Saturday evening, group camp-out and two mountain bike raffles.

Entry fee for the Saturday road races is a \$25 donation, and a \$50 donation for the Sunday mountain bike event. All entrants will receive a shirt, raffle ticket and dinner Saturday evening. Entries must be postmarked by midnight. Entry forms and additional information are available on the official race Website, www.cacrace.com, or by calling the Children's Advocacy Center at 806-740-0251.

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Democratic fun day event— Jeff Benson (left), Charlie Stenholm's campaign representative, made a speech at the Democratic fun day last weekend. Rodney Baker (center), candidate for commissioner precinct 1, also spoke at the all-day event. Juan Chavez (right), candidate for precinct 4, helped with the event. Winners of the three-legged race (not pictured) were first place: Josue Chonce and Edgar Soto, both of Muleshoe; second place: Adriana Loya and Leticia Loya, both of Muleshoe; and third place: Astrid Nunez of Muleshoe, and District Judge Gordon Green's grandson from Dallas, Canon Towers.



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SWCD regional winners— Several employees attended the annual Soil and Water Conservation District's Regional banquet May 6 in Plainview. This is a picture of the Soil and Water Conservation District regional winners from Parmer County for 2004. From l-r is Scott Buckles, Assoc. of Texas SWCD; Aubrey Russell, Vice Chairman, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Mike Beauchamp, Vice-Chairman, Parmer County SWCD; Tracy Wawrzyniak, Parmer County SWCD secretary; Kevin Welch, Secretary, Parmer County SWCD; Todd Christian, director, Parmer County SWCD; Mike Miller, Chairman, Parmer County SWCD.



SWCD poster contest winner— Todd Nichols is the second place winner of the Soil and Water Conservation poster contest for Region 1. He was awarded this honor at the annual Regional banquet in Plainview on May 6. Nichols attends school in Lazbuddie and is the son of Mike and Sherrie Nichols of Lazbuddie. His poster was entered under the title, "The Living Soil."

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M.I.S.D. gets grant to target loss prevention and safety

Muleshoe I.S.D. has been awarded a loss prevention grant of \$3,000 from the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund. Grant monies will help implement loss prevention and safety initiatives to reduce the potential for property losses and on-the-job injuries and to raise loss prevention public school districts and education entities received \$1.4 million dollars since the program began, "he said.

"These are additional funds that we will be able to apply to some security issues," said M.I.S.D. Superintendent Gene Sheets. "We will put in some additional lighting at the High School and place some additional hidden security cameras at various locations in the district."

The 2004 grants were awarded to 146 school districts, one education service center, and one county appraisal district. Workers' compensation grants focused on personal protective equipment, mechanical lifting devices, and fall prevention equipment.

Facilities security initiatives, driver improvement, and vehicle safety were the primary areas receiving grants under the property/casualty program area.

Sheets said Assistant

Superintendent David Wood was the person responsible for the application and awarding of this grant for Muleshoe I.S.D.

"In a climate where schools are having to pinch every penny, this grant will help us a great deal with our loss prevention program," said Sheets.

"Member response to the grant program has increased significantly over the years and applicants did an exceptional job of analyzing their hazardous exposures, loss prevention needs, and developing loss prevention initiatives to mitigate their impact on district resources," Thompson said.

"Due to the incredible response, the better part of March and April were spent evaluating, reviewing and selecting grant recipients. The process was extremely challenging given the high number of well-justified applications submitted," he said.

"Raising awareness and reducing injuries and losses

is a win-win situation and this highly successful program will continue to be an integral part of the Fund's overall focus," said Thompson.

"We applaud participating districts and education organizations for their commitment to creating a safer work environment and increasing productivity. The Fund remains steadfast in its dedication to provide continued support of our members' efforts to achieve their loss prevention and safety goal," he said.

The TASB Risk Management Fund, created in partnership with Texas school districts in 1974, provides comprehensive risk management coverage, as well as a wide range of services in the areas of workers' compensation, property/casualty, unemployment compensation, and employee benefits. The Fund's financial strength and stability combine with members' commitment to create one of the strongest governmen-

tal risk-sharing pools in the nation. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund's program.

TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association estab-

lished in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$28 billion, employ approximately 560,000 people, and serve more than four million students.

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SCAC welcomes new officers

The Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) met May 10 in the home of Charissa Conner.

The president, Elida Diaz, called the meeting to order. She then welcomed all the new members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Then SCAC took nominations and elected the new officers for next year. They are: President—Niclas Green, Vice President—Anna Symm, Secretary—Kory Atwood, Treasurer—Jordan Bonds, Reporter—Monica Posadas, Chaplain—Barry Morris, Historian—

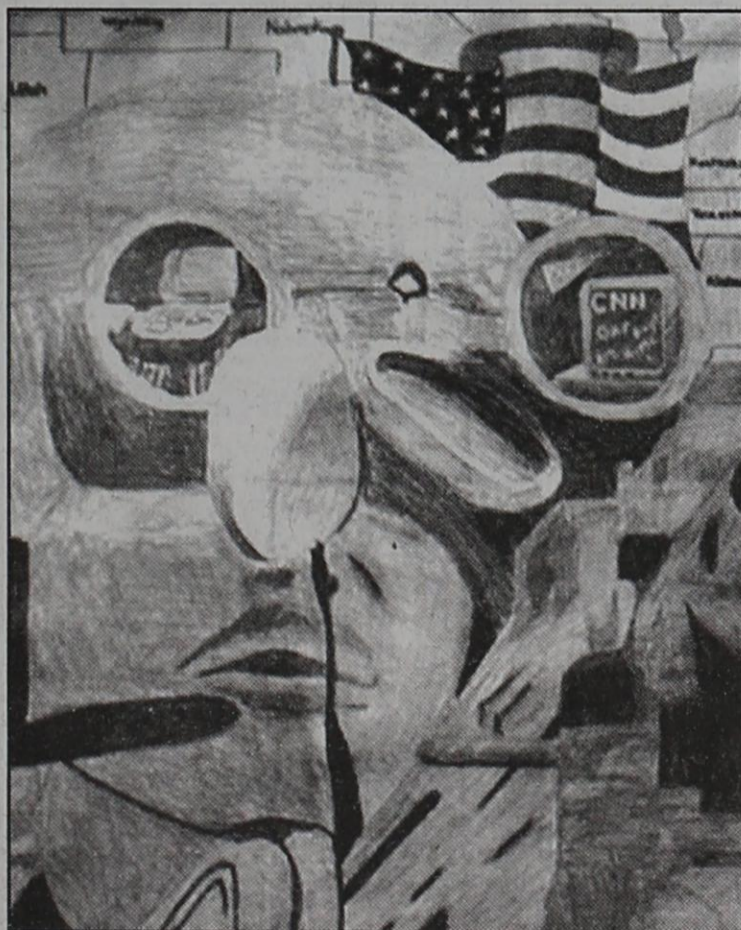
Tyler Wood, and Parliamentarian—Brady Black.

SCAC will have an officer luncheon and conduct the annual Passing of Duties Ceremony. SCAC will also be participating in the upcoming Tour de Muleshoe on June 19. SCAC's next meeting will be held next fall.



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Best ground water system—On May 4, during the 36th Annual Regional School in Abilene, the City of Muleshoe's water department was recognized as the "Best Ground Water System Under 10,000 Population" by the Central West Texas Regional Water Utility Association. Pictured here are some of the water department employees who accepted the award: (l-r) Sylvester Torres, Jesse Carrion, John Paul Garza, Santiago Arreola and Ramon Sanchez. The Central West Texas Regional Water Utility Association covers an area from Abilene to Muleshoe to Midland.



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The next Dali—Andy Dale, a junior at Muleshoe High School, has been chosen to represent Congressional District 19 in the Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." The ribbon cutting for the exhibit will be July 13 at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. There is only one high school student from each district chosen to participate in the competition. Dale's work was chosen by Randy Neugebauer, representative from the 19th District. This is the first time Muleshoe has been represented in this manner. The exhibit will remain at the Capital building for one year.

Head Start, from front page

and there would be academic advantages to the program if it were a part of the Muleshoe school system.

If the M.I.S.D. were to take on the program, those children enrolled in the Head Start program already, will automatically be registered to attend school within the I.S.D. Parents would not have to re-register their children.

In order to make room for the expansion, Dillman's second grade would be moved to DeShazo. Sheets expressed concern that the school needs to know as soon as possible if the I.S.D. will take on the program so the schools can accommodate the extra students and make other necessary changes. "I don't want to rush this thing, but we need to know as soon as possible," said Sheets.

The Journal will inform the public as soon the Muleshoe school district finds out if they are taking on the project or not and how it will affect the school system. As for right now, this is just a project in consideration. The Head Start program has to follow a system to get the move approved before any decision becomes final.

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of 1 Samuel intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times

SAMUEL AND SAUL

SAMUEL HAS HONORED SAUL AT A FEAST, MUCH TO SAUL'S SURPRISE FOR HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS PICKED HIM TO RULE ISRAEL, NOW

...SAMUEL COMMUNES WITH SAUL ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE...

UP, THAT I MAY SEND THEE AWAY!

...AS THEY APPROACH THE GATES AT THE END OF THE CITY...

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Education

School Notes

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars inducts local

Kori Elizabeth Welch of Earth accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. Welch is also a member of Gamma Beta Phi and will be a sophomore next year at Tech majoring in civil engineering. She is the daughter of Greg and Sheryl Welch of Earth.



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Symm takes second at UIL

MHS junior Anna Symm received second place at the State UIL Meet in Ready Writing. She is the daughter of David and Tina Symm.

MISD reminders

The annual end-of-year faculty meeting will begin in the high school auditorium at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 28. All MISD staff members and food service dept. are invited to attend. Presentations will be given for years of service and retirement recognitions will be made as well as the "Teachers of the Year" announced. Mulebucks need to be redeemed by the end of May.

Lopez receives award at SPC

Denisse Lopez from Muleshoe received the award for Academic Achievement in Child Development Thursday (May 6) at South Plains College's annual Student Awards Assembly. She is the daughter of Alberto and Guadalupe Lopez.

The assembly honors students for outstanding achievement in college departments and for involvement in campus and community life, according to David Conner, dean of students.

Area students graduate from SPC

Muleshoe area students were among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises Friday, May 14 at the Texan Dome.

Muleshoe recipients of the associate of applied science degree are Denisse Lopez, child development; Vincent Thomason, electronics service technology, and Sherri Kennedy, respiratory care. Muleshoe recipients of the certificate of proficiency are Denisse Lopez, child development early childhood; Jessica Carpenter, Marisa Lara and Toby Martinez, vocational nursing.

A Maple recipient of the associate of arts degree is John Furgeson. Maple recipients of the associate of applied science degree are Kasey Davis, electronics service technology, and Michael Soliz, law enforcement Technology. Maple recipient of the associate of science degree is Ernesto Navarro. Maple recipient of the certificate of proficiency, surgical technology, is Lisa Salamanca.

Locals to graduate from AC

Amarillo College awarded degrees and certificates to more than 1,000 students at commencement ceremonies on May 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Joshua Mason Sinclair graduated from AC with an associate in applied science. Gary L. Merriott and Mickey Wayne Merriott graduated with a 2004 certificate of completion.

Williams, Mason win Medals at LCU

Joshua Daniel Williams, a junior business administration major from Muleshoe, and Mitch Mason, a senior mathematics major from Muleshoe, were selected by the faculty of Lubbock Christian University as winners of the Bronze Medals.

The Bronze Medals awards are presented to students who excel academically in each department. Williams was honored for receiving the Business Department's General Business awards and Mason was honored for receiving the Outstanding Upper Division Math award at the Student Appreciation Banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Mason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mason. Williams is the son of Roger and Dawn Williams, all of Muleshoe.

Mason, Armstrong named to LCU Dean's List

Mitch Mason and Stacy Armstrong have been named to the dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2004.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

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Sheets responds to House debate on school finance reform

The Texas House is expected to take up consideration and debate on CSHB 1, the School Finance Reform Bill on Tuesday, May 4. The Bill was reported from the School Finance Committee to the Calendars Committee this morning. Numerous floor amendments are expected to be offered.

The Senate has thus far not openly discussed the issue of School Finance Reform, opting instead to quietly wait for House action.

M.I.S.D Superintendent Gene Sheets responds:

"The Senate will begin work Monday on the stripped-down version of HB1 that was passed this past week in the House. The House bill no longer has revenue from video slot machines or increases in pay-

roll taxes. That's the good news."

Sheets said the bad news is "there is now not enough funding to pay for schools at the present level of spending, much less any increase in funding from present levels, except for a few wealthy school districts." That includes Muleshoe.

"The possibility of finding a solution during this Special Session is very small," he said. "The Governor has said he will continue to call the legislators back into session until a solution is found." Sheets thinks it may take several sessions to come up with a solution.

There are some things that Sheets thinks the legislature should do. One of those things is leave the Bill like it is until the legislature

figures it out. "There is a consensus among property rich districts and property poor districts to keep the current system in place while asking the State of Texas to meet its obligation to provide more funding to increase the capacity of the system."

"The current definition of funding 'adequacy' that the bill is using to determine school funding is based on a passage rate of 55 percent

of all students on reading and mathematics." Sheets said this sets our students up for failure.

"Property appraisal caps are set too low in the bill. Low appraisal caps may sound attractive to those of us whose appraisals keep going up each year. But, appraisal caps in other states (California) have devastated public education

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Lesson, from front page

Students spent time in the computer lab looking up car prices and for apartments. The spent a day at the local grocery store devising a grocery list and pricing items.

Finally, they completed their worksheets and came up with a budget and then students had to write an essay on what they learned and how they actually applied math to everyday life.

"They realized that in order to afford the lifestyle they think they want they will have to have a high paying job, which will more than likely require a higher education. It was also a wonderful way to introduce students to real life and why they may not always have 'everything they want'," said the math teachers.

Corie Ann Black's paper was submitted to the *Journal* as a sample. She started off her essay with "Is that a want or a need? That is what every kid has heard more than once in our life. I didn't really understand why we couldn't buy all the stuff I wanted till we did this project."

"I liked this project because it made us see what our parents are going through when they say 'we can't buy that.' Now I appreciate what I have now that I know how much they spend on me," said Black.

Sunny Snider, another student in one of the math classes, said the project "makes us see how much our parents have to work."

Parents had some interesting comments about the project as well:

Anna Andrade's mother, Romona, said the project was "good for (them) to know what it is going to be like later on.

Sally Bustillos said to her son, Julio, about what he

was learning from the project, "Now you know why I get mad when I have to give you a dollar or two!"

Stegall and Welch said the greatest benefit of math "is that it teaches us how to be better problem solvers." Stegall has a quote in her classroom that says: "Not all the problems of the world are mathematical. However, they still need to be solved."

She said math teaches the problem-solving skills necessary to solve those "non-mathematical" problems. "Students must learn to think logically and find solutions and strategies for solving problems in order to be successful citizens."

Corrections

In the May 6 addition of the *Muleshoe Journal*, there were students from MHS that were inducted into the Muleshoe High School chapter of the National Honor Society on Thursday, Feb. 26 in a ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe that were left off the list. Those students were Ashley Beggs, Kelsey Beggs, Trent Black and Robby Bomer.

Thank You!

A big "thanks" to all who stopped by during our "Sell-A-Bration" event honoring Robert Hooten and Dan Brannon May 14.

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Nursing Home News

Volunteers Lanell Stancell, Dolores Garrett, Beckye Conklin, Pat Clark, Mary Jo Burge, and Pat Watson came Tuesday afternoon to set and comb-out the ladies hair. Pat Clark gave several haircuts.

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, the employees planned a Mexican pile-on meal Friday afternoon.

We are so thankful and appreciative of all our wonderful and faithful volunteers. You make a difference.

Wednesday morning James Wedel came to run errands and go shopping for Park View.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and sweet rolls to the residents at coffee time. Harold directed the "Words of Wisdom and Thoughts to Pon-

der" session.

Sunday afternoon, Trinity Baptist Church came for a special Mother's Day church service.

Friday morning, Muleshoe TMC #4 Pre-school, escorted by Laura Moseley, Raquel Soto and CDA Estolia Anguiano sang for the residents and passed out gifts they had made for the residents, along with Shirley Aguirre, Belinda Garcia, toddler class #5 with Jamie Call and Denise Lopez. The children and their teachers sang in the day room as well as the Special Care Unit.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mabel Reigal.

Saturday afternoon, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo bash. The Burges served refreshments following the games.

Tuesday morning, Pastor

and Mrs. Gary Hubbard directed a memorial service for Bootie Tiller. The residents and Donald and Jean Gilreath attended the service.

Thursday morning, Anita Johnson assisted the craft class in making corsages for Mother's Day. Residents participating were Ruby Riley, Aline Locke, Delphine Gruda, Clydetta Mitchell, Diane Copley and Letha Patterson.

Thursday afternoon, Diane Copley was recognized as being the youngest mother,

Vivian Morris the "Sr." Mother (99 years young) and Ardith Long was voted by residents, staff and visitors as "Mother of the Year" at our Mother's Day celebration.

Pat Watson entertained and did a great job. The theme for the event was "When I get old, I shall wear purple."

Each of the ladies wore a red hat with a purple rose to the celebration. Volunteers Plus sponsored the event.

June Conway prepared the strawberry delight served for

refreshments.

Most of our mother's were escorted by a son, daughter, sister-in-law or daughter-in-law to the party. Dimples came to be with Hattie Heathington, (also Aubrey).

Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning.

For the most part, our lady residents received flowers, gifts, visits and cards for Mother's Day.

Bro. Bennie Wright, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingworth directed our devotional/ "singsperation" time Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin lead the sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon in the day room as well as the Special Care Unit.

Morris and Robbie Nowlin are frequent visitors of Park View.

— courtesy Joy Stancell, Park View activities director

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

May 6 – Vanessa Barraz, Virginia Barrett, Jose Garza, James Greenwood, Nadine Hawkins, Lindsey Lopez, Baby Martinez, Sergio Montejano, Jr., Darrell Mutschler, William Parker, Andrea Regalado, Ladene Spears, and Camelia Valdez.

May 7 – Virginia Barrett, James Greenwood, Nadine Hawkins, Lindsey Lopez, Baby Martinez, Connie Nigh, Morris Nowlin, Robbie Nowlin, and Camelia Valdez.

May 8 – Virginia Barrett, Margaret Epting, James Greenwood, Ivonne Handen, Charles Howard, Connie Nigh, Gerardo Reyes, and

Nancy Wall.

May 9 – Virginia Barrett, Margaret Epting, James Greenwood, Ivonne Handen, Charles Howard, Connie Nigh, Gerardo Reyes, and Nancy Wall.

May 10 – Virginia Barrett, Margaret Epting, James Greenwood, Ivonne Handen, Charles Howard, Connie Nigh, Gerardo Reyes, and Nancy Wall.

May 11 – Ivonne Handen,

Charles Howard, Connie Nigh, and Virgie Perry.

May 12 – Margaret Durben, Donna Glover, Charles Howard, Connie Nigh, Virgie Perry, and Audrey Smyer.

Senior Citizen News

On Thursday, May 13, the senior citizens observed Armed Forces Day by inviting all veterans to join with them for their monthly potluck lunch and program honoring our veterans. Approximately 100 people were present.

Buster Kittrell, president of the Senior Center, welcomed everyone and offered prayer. After the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the American flag, everyone enjoyed the bounty of good food.

Rita Morris, Veterans Service Officer, who offices at the Courthouse, explained the services offered to veterans by her office.

Rev. Curtis Shelburne spoke of our veteran's sacrifices and our many freedoms which they protect. He then led the group in singing "America the Beautiful."

Jose S. Ambriz, who is a Vietnam veteran and commander of V.F.W. Post

of applause and appreciation.



MASON

Galindo commended the Senior Citizens for observing Armed Forces Day and providing a great lunch for the veterans. The Center looked very patriotic in red,



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white and blue.

Thanks to our local Home Health group who came to offer blood pressure checks, etc.

May 24, Monday, at 6 p.m. will be our dinner theatre. We'll have potluck and tentatively plan to view a video, D-Day Program in Loop, in keeping with honoring our veterans. If it is short, perhaps we'll see another good movie, also.

Our 8 a.m. walkers continue to walk each day. Our Tuesday game players come eager for the games to begin, and the kitchen is beginning to look like a kitchen.

Our computers are friendly and offer an array of games.

We have scrapbooking supplies for seniors who wish to bring their scrapbooks and work on them. Ask a friend to bring her scrapbook or picture album and spend some time at the Center with you.

Or we can pop in a movie to watch on the big screen T.V.

The coffee pot is on and it's about time for iced tea.

—courtesy Nelda Merriot, Center Director



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8570, introduced Joe Galindo, Jr., a Vietnam veteran and double amputee, who lives in Littlefield.

Galindo is the VFW state surgeon and visits veterans in hospitals around Texas. He made an inspiring speech. Galindo asked the veterans to introduce themselves and give their branch of service.

We were pleased to have thirteen World War II veterans. They were Bob Phillips, Doug Bales, Jerrell Otwell, Loyd Williams, Raleigh Mason, Horace W. Ring, Joe Harbin, Jimmy Crawford, Joe Costen, Marshall Cook, James Wedel, Buster Kittrell and Olan Clements.

It was noted that Raleigh Mason was a prisoner of war in Germany. The group gave a tremendous round



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Sports

WJHS track teams fare well at district

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Eighth graders

The eighth grade Mules ran second behind the Brownfield Cubs in the district 2-3A track meet on the Mules home track. Brownfield won the meet with 144 points, the Mules had 135 and Lubbock Cooper finished third with 111.

Littlefield was fourth with 90.5 points, Dimmitt had 72 and Slaton rounded out the field with 67.5. Patrick Precure cleared eight feet even to take second in the pole vault. Garrett Riley and Adam Zamora took gold and silver in the high jump by clearing 5'10" and 5'8" respectively. The leap was Zamora's personal best.

Amado Flores placed third in the long jump with a leap of 16' 7.5" and Jorge Rodriguez won the gold in the shot put with a throw of 42' 6". Julio Bustillos and Diego Del Toro placed fourth and fifth in the 2400-meter run with times of nine minutes 34.57 seconds and 9:46.31.

Riley and Flores placed second and fourth in the triple jump with distances of 35' 10.25" and 34' 5.75". The 4x100-meter relay team of Michael Jaramillo, Dusty Clayton, Flores and Riley finished fourth with a time of 48.94.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Jaramillo, Colton Heinrich, David Careveo and Zamora placed third with a time of 1:46.04. Riley placed second in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.47 and Richard Rojas placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a 12.59.

Juaquin Ruvucalba won the 800-meter run with a personal best time of 2:19.49 and Zamora finished fifth with a 2:25.93. Caraveo placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 61.28. Ruvalcaba took third in the 300-meter hurdles with a 47.43.

Flores took the gold in the 200-meter dash with a

time of 25.18 and Colby Carpenter finished sixth in the 1600-meter run with a personal best time of 5:55.02. In the final event of the day the 4x400-meter relay team of Zamora, Ruvalcaba, Riley, and Flores ran third with a time of 4:00.39.

The eighth grade Lady Mules placed fourth in the district 2-3A track meet on their home track. Slaton won the meet with 154 points, Lubbock Cooper was second with 137 and Littlefield finished third with 116.

Brownfield followed the Lady Mules with 59 points and Dimmitt finished with 33. Kelsey Tipps took two individual gold medals, ran the first leg of the gold medal Lady Mule 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams as well as the anchor leg of the second place 4x200-meter relay team.

Tipps second gold medal came in the triple jump with a distance of 31' 1" and Sheets was sixth with jumps of 27' 10.75". Ashley Grumbles and Ashley Scolley each cleared 4' 6" to take fourth and sixth in the

high jump.

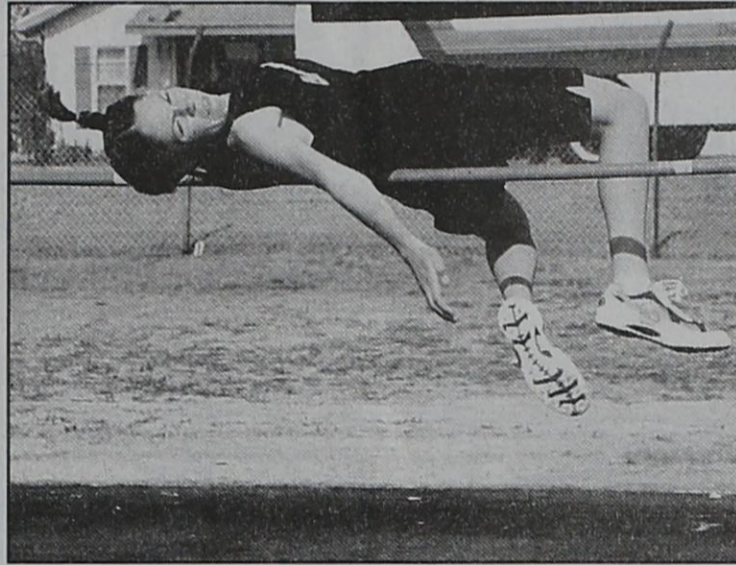
Seventh graders

The seventh grade Mules won the district 2-3A track championship by a mere half a point. The Mules scored 131.5 points to get past second place Lubbock

Cooper's 131 points. Slaton with 64 points and Dimmitt finished third with 122 rounded out the field with points, Brownfield was 53.5. John Michael Salinas fourth with 116.

Littlefield finished in fifth

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Delton Wilhite

Gold medalist— Amy Withrow won her first of three gold medals in the high jump with a leap of 4' 10" at the junior high track meet April 24.



Delton Wilhite

Bomb's away— Victor Vasquez, seventh grader, placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 15' 5" at the junior high district track meet Saturday, April 24 at home.

Withrow brings home silver medal from State track meet

AUSTIN— Muleshoe junior Jessica Withrow was able to pick up a pair of second-place finishes for the Lady Mules at the state track meet at the University of Texas.

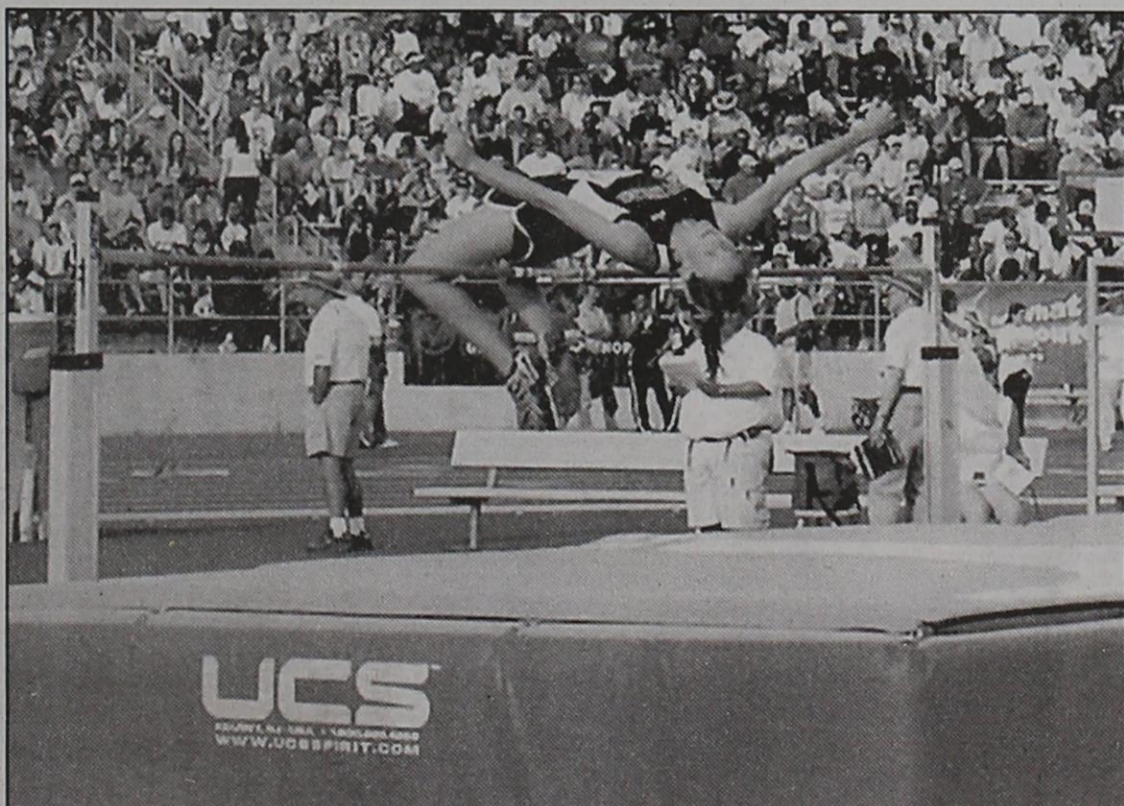
Withrow went 5-8 in high jump on Friday; last year Withrow won the event at 5-

7. On Saturday, Withrow earned a second runnerup finish in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.47. Withrow improved on her second-place state time from a year ago, when she ran 45.05.

Senior Sara Benham placed eighth in the triple

jump (34-9) and junior Ashley Gutierrez placed eighth as well in the 800 (2:23.22).

Withrow's 16 points placed the Lady Mules in a three-way tie for eleventh place in team standings. Kennedale won the championship by a comfortable margin with 48 points.



Courtesy photo

Doing flips— Jessica Withrow took second in the high jump event with a 5'8" seen here at last week's state track meet in Austin.



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Muleshoe Cattle Market
SAT., MAY 15, 2004

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Elfego Sanchez, Hereford	Hol. str	275 lbs.	at \$122.00
Carl Steiner, Plainview	7 Hol. bulls	361 lbs.	at \$109.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	Blk. bull OF per hd.	130 lbs.	at \$265.00
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Phillips Farms, Inc., Portales	2 Mxd. bulls	215 lbs.	at \$155.00
D&C Cattle, Brownfield	Yell. bull	255 lbs.	at \$151.00
Karl Cox, Jr., Rogers, NM	.....	5 Mxd. bulls	306 lbs.	at \$142.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	.....	13 Char. bulls	412 lbs.	at \$132.00
Bilberry & Paiz, Portales	.....	2 Mxd. str.	470 lbs.	at \$117.00
Ivan Muennik, Seminole	.....	4 Mxd. str.	566 lbs.	at \$110.00
J.C. Pearson, Muleshoe	.....	Char. bull	580 lbs.	at \$108.00
Jacen Claunch, Enochs	.....	2 Blk. str.	595 lbs.	at \$106.00
L.W. Shafer, Sudan	.....	3 Red bulls	642 lbs.	at \$100.00
E.L. Smith, Friona	.....	6 Mxd. str.	658 lbs.	at \$107.00
E.L. Smith, Friona	.....	9 Mxd. str.	726 lbs.	at \$105.00
E.L. Smith, Friona	.....	22 Mxd. str.	765 lbs.	at \$101.75
Phillips Farms, Portales	.....	3 Char. hfrs	355 lbs.	at \$136.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	.....	Char. hfr	350 lbs.	at \$134.00
Karl Cox, Jr., Rogers, NM	.....	11 Blk. hfrs	360 lbs.	at \$140.00
Ed Moore, Muleshoe	.....	3 Red hfrs	463 lbs.	at \$113.00
Ivan Muennik, Seminole	.....	5 Brang. hfrs	488 lbs.	at \$114.00
Ivan Muennik, Seminole	.....	13 Blk. hfrs	547 lbs.	at \$107.00
Ivan Muennik, Seminole	.....	29 Red hfrs	921 lbs.	at \$85.50
Jacen Claunch, Enochs	.....	4 Char. hfrs	514 lbs.	at \$109.00
L.W. Shafer, Sudan	.....	4 Red hfrs	589 lbs.	at \$101.00
B.T. Livestock, Morton	.....	Blk. hfr	630 lbs.	at \$105.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	.....	19 Blk./Char. hfrs	644 lbs.	at \$95.00
E.L. Smith, Friona	.....	15 Char. hfrs	686 lbs.	at \$97.50
E.L. Smith, Friona	.....	101 Mxd. hfrs	716 lbs.	at \$95.25
Donna Weems, Portales	.....	8 Char. hfrs	656 lbs.	at \$96.75
Tim Addison, Plains	.....	4 Blk. pair	.....	\$1085.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	Blk. cow P8	.....	\$785.00
Peter Wall, Muleshoe	.....	Red cow P7	.....	\$630.00
Bilberry & Paiz, Portales	.....	Red cow	1275 lbs.	at \$60.00
Broken Arrow Inc., Muleshoe	.....	Red cow	975 lbs.	at \$58.00
Lewis F&R Store, Morton	.....	Char. cow	1500 lbs.	at \$57.00
TR Roping, Plains	.....	Loho cow	940 lbs.	at \$57.00
TR Roping, Plains	2 Loho cows	1023 lbs.	at \$56.00
D&C Cattle, Brownfield	Red cow	1425 lbs.	at \$56.00

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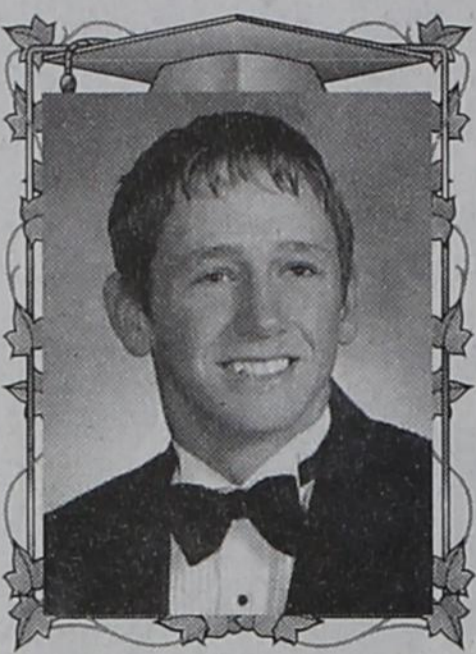
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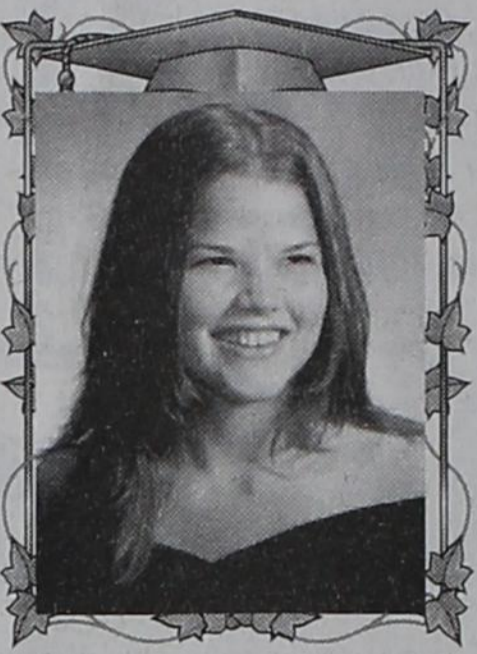
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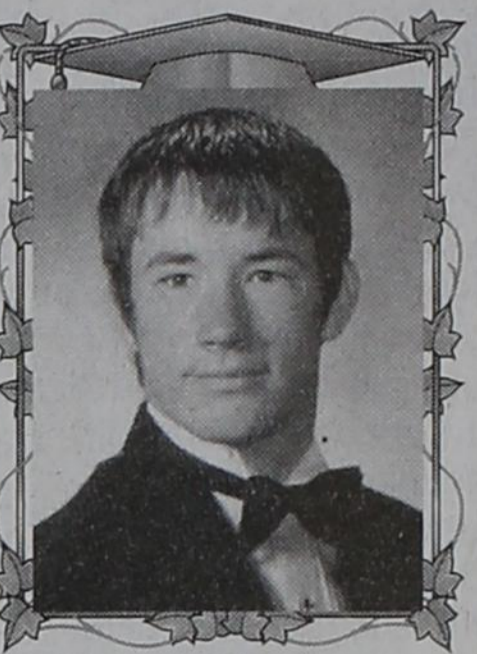
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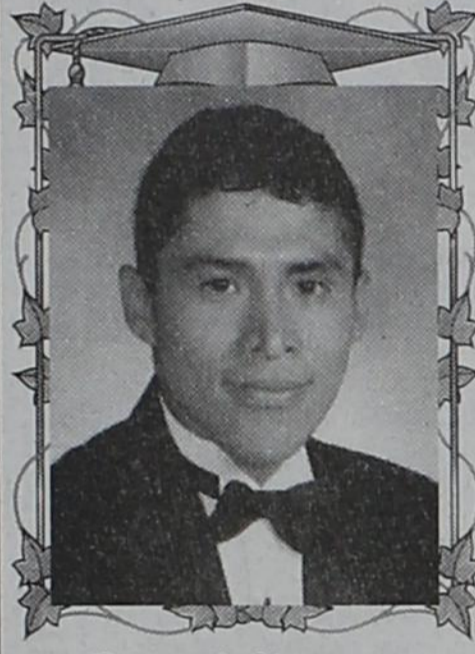
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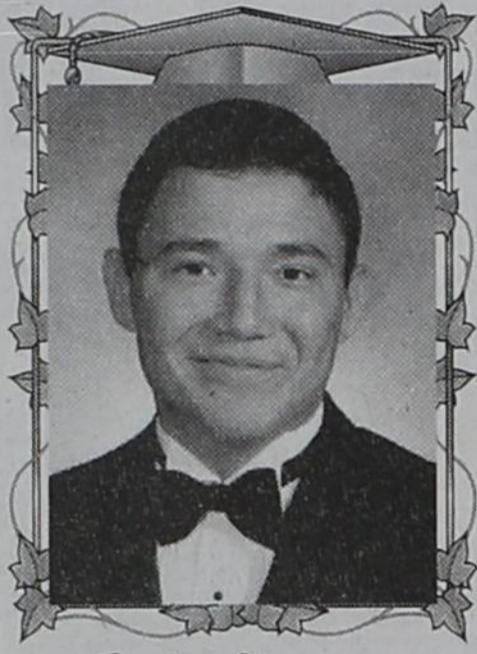
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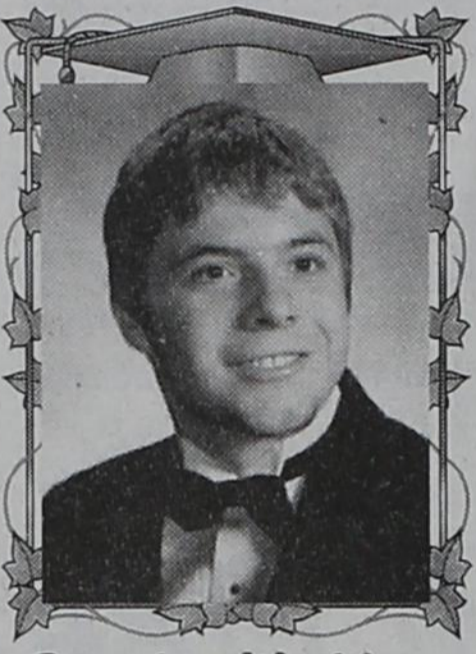
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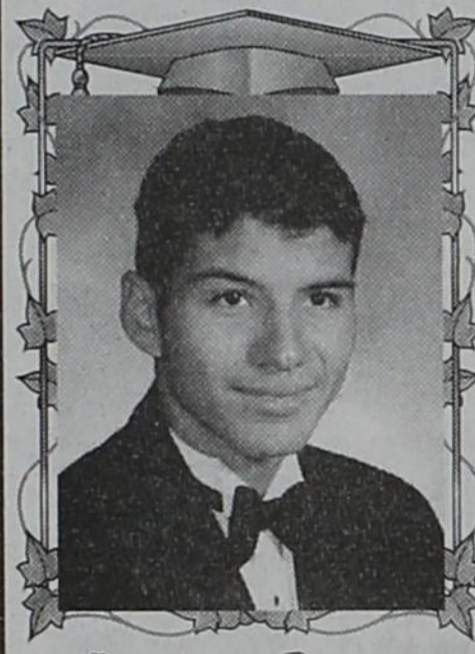
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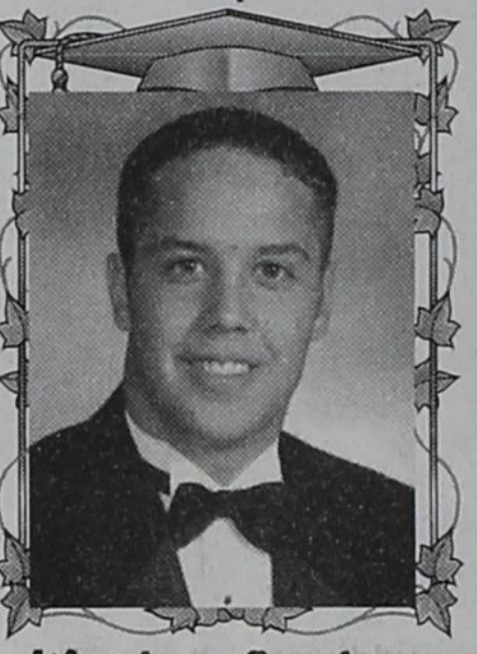
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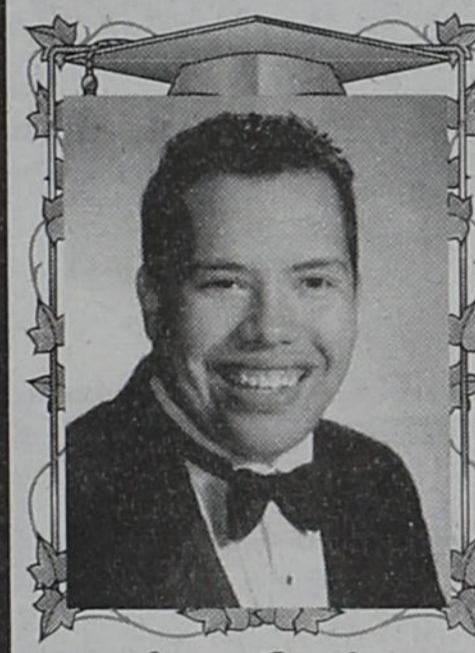
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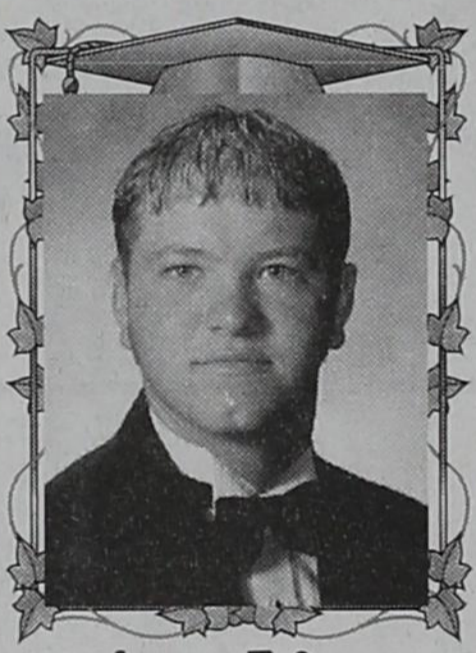
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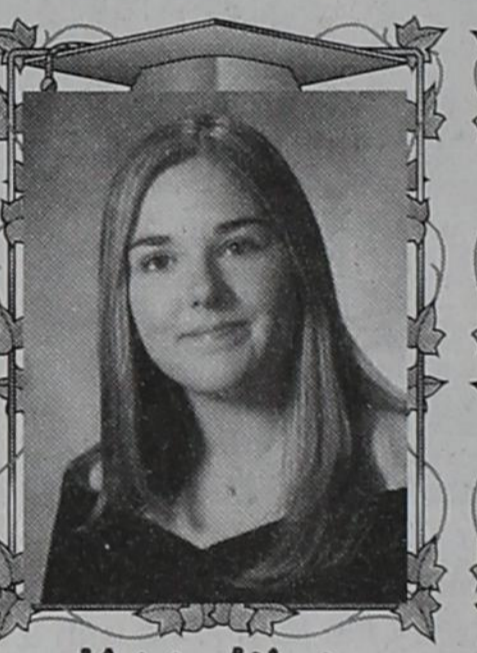
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Elizabeth Zaragosa

Aguiar, Dinora
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Barton, Hannah
Daughter of Tony and Lisa Barton; future plans — attend Texas Tech University and major in visual arts; favorite high school subjects — web mastering; honors — U.S. History award, Food Science/Nutrition award, AP English III award, Most Likely To Succeed, no tardies or absences, Academic All-District Basketball, regional golf qualifier; organizations — Lions Club Queen, National Honor Society.

Bills, Curt
Son of Randy and Joyce Bills; future plans — going to Texas A&M University to major in agribusiness; favorite high school subjects — physics; honors — pre AP English I award, Spanish I & II award, Intro Ag Science award, 1st team All-District quarterback, defensive back and punter, 1st team All-District basketball, 2nd team All-District defense back, quarterback, punter and wide receiver, Lone Star FFA Degree, Marine Corps Academic Excellence award; organizations — FFA, Student Council, football, basketball, track, golf, FCCLA.

Davis, Alyssa Kim
Daughter of Del and Rosie Davis; future plans — go to Texas Tech University; favorite high school subjects — web mastering, English; honors — UIL Computer Applications regional qualifier; organizations — On-line newspaper, One-Act Play (sound and lights), computer applications.

Gomez, Erika
Daughter of Moises and Mirtha Gomez; future plans — attend SPC, graduate, become a registered nurse; favorite high school subjects — government; organizations — cheerleading, FFA.

Graham, Dustin
Son of Gaylon and Rhonda Conner; future plans — attend Texas Tech in the fall to become an electrical engineer; favorite high school subjects — Cisco networking, algebra, calculus, chemistry; honors — A+ Certified Technician award, Multi-Media award, Chemistry award, Integrated Physics and Chemistry award, Biology award, football All-District center - 2 yrs., All-District linebacker - 1 year, honorable mention - 1 year; organizations — National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, varsity football, basketball, golf, track, UIL teams - mathematics, number sense, science, computer science, calculator, One-Act Play 2003-2004, state qualifier - number sense, 2004 state qualifier mathematics, computer science.

Ibarra, Daniel
Son of Mary Ibarra; future plans — attend South Plains College, undecided on degree plan; favorite high school subjects — sports; honors — FFA Green Hand award, English II award, Individual and Family Living award, cross country MVP award; organizations — FCCLA, FFA.

Ibarra, Ricky
Son of Mary M. Ibarra; future plans — attend South Plains College for law enforcement; favorite high school subjects — WPA, sports; honors — cross country award, Green Hand award; organizations — FFA, Student Council.

Maddox, Brandon
Son of Gary and Cherie Maddox; future plans — go to college or start working; favorite high school subjects — English III and IV, government, Multi-Media; honors — first string linebacker, jr. year, first string guard, sr. year; organizations — proud crowd, FFA, FCCLA, sports.

Marquez, Tisha DiAnn
Great-granddaughter of Juanita Ortiz; future plans — attend Rice University and major in mathematical economic analysis to become an actuary; favorite high school subjects — math; honors — National Hispanic Scholar, state qualifier in UIL track and academics, regional golf, state qualifier in number sense and mathematics; organizations — National Honor Society, math team, science team, number sense team, basketball, track, cross country, golf.

Miller, Russell
Son of Jerry and Arlene Miller; future plans — attend Texas Tech, major in electrical engineering then get a job with Lockheed Martin; favorite high school subjects — physics, calculus, computer science; honors — Algebra I award, Algebra II award, Chemistry award, Physics award, perfect attendance, 6th place science '02 UIL state meet, 3rd place number sense '03 UIL state meet, 3rd place number sense team '03 UIL state meet, 2nd place science '03 UIL state meet, 2nd place physics '03 UIL state meet; organizations — FFA, band, senior class president, NHS secretary and treasurer.

Moore, Heather
Daughter of Todd and Carla Moore; future plans — obtain a degree in hippotherapy; favorite high school subjects — ag, speech; honors — U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence award, FFA Lonestar Degree, Ag Science II award, Home Interior Design award, state horse judging, Top Lamb Feeder award, Wolverine Pride, Aggie of the year award, WT Horse Judging - 2nd high individual, Best Personality

award, Most Friendly award, Lamb Showmanship award, Most Beautiful award, Homecoming Queen candidate, Prom Queen; organizations — National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, FCCLA, UIL, Junior Class President, JV basketball, JV track.

Reyes, Lambert
Son of Francisco and Guadalupe Reyes; future plans — go to college; honors — Greenhand '00-'01, honorable mention in basketball '03-'04; organizations — FFA, FCCLA.

Reyes, Yesenia
Daughter of Onesimo and Teresa Reyes; future plans — attend college and get a degree in child development; favorite high school subjects — math, child development; honors — Child Development award, English III award; organizations — FCCLA, Student Council, FFA.

Rosalez, Lorenzo
Son of Maria Elva Rosalez; future plans — enter the Armed Service; favorite high school subjects — math, sports; honors — FFA Greenhand award 2001, 2003 2nd team offensive lineman, 2004 honorable mention offense and defense; organizations — FFA, FCCLA, Student Council 2001.

Sadler, Matthew Landon
Son of Jimmy and Laura Steele; future plans — attend college at SPC for basics and transfer to Texas Tech; favorite high school subjects — literature, math; honors — '00-'01 District Champions, '00-'01 Bi-District Champions, '00-'01 Area Champions, '01 Regional qualifier, '03 honorable mention linebacker, '03-'04 honorable mention basketball, '00-'01 FFA Greenhand award; organizations — football 1,2,3,4, basketball 1,2,3,4, track 1,2,3, One-Act Play, debate.

Salazar, Rosemary
Daughter of Rey and Debra Longoria; future plans — work; favorite high school subjects — art, FCS classes; honors — perfect attendance, Wolverine Pride; organizations — FCCLA, band.

Samaniego, Amanda LeeAnn
Daughter of Israel Samaniego and Luisa Garcia; future plans — attend Vernon College of SPC and become a cosmetologist and one day a radiologist; favorite high school subjects — Multi-Media, English, sometimes art; honors — Best All-Around Mascot (WBU cheer captain), Green Hand pin (FFA), UIL poetry; organizations — cheerleading squad, FFA, FCCLA.

Samaniego, Jesse Paul
Son of Belinda Samaniego and the late Jesse Samaniego; future plans — go to South Plains College to learn to become a firefighter;

favorite high school subjects — math, English and Pre-K aide; organizations — band 9th and 10th.

Spencer, Chasity
Daughter of Sandra Bricker; future plans — college at West Texas A&M to major in marketing; favorite high school subjects — English, web mastering, office; honors — Wolverine Pride, A/B honor roll, UIL state qualifier, class awards for health and U.S. History; organizations — cheerleading, On-line newspaper, UIL, One-Act Play.

Templeton, James Tyler
Son of Darell and Susan Templeton; future plans — join the work force; go to college; favorite high school subjects — English, math; organizations — FFA, sports.

Vaughan, Jessica K'Lyn
Daughter of Mario and Paula Vaughan; future plans — I am going to Abilene Christian University to study nursing; favorite high school subjects — calculus, accounting, English; honors — Academic All-District basketball, Accounting award, Pre-AP English II award, Geometry award, Most Athletic, '03 Area Champion in the triple jump, Regional qualifier '04 800 meter relay, mile relay and triple jump; organizations — Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society, Student Council, varsity basketball, cross country, track, yearbook staff.

West, Krista
Daughter of Mike and Kathy West; future plans — attend Texas Tech University and major in pharmacy; favorite high school subjects — BCIS II, physics and all math subjects; honors — Keyboarding award, BCIS I award, BCIS II award, Class Favorite, Wittless Homecoming Queen candidate (2 yrs.), Wolverine Pride (4 yrs.), A/B Honor Roll (4 yrs.), Regional qualifier computer applications (1st place district), Regional qualifier computer science team, District champion in golf (2 yrs.), state qualifier in golf (2 yrs.), golf award (2 yrs.), Who's Who Among High School Students (3 yrs.), organizations — UIL, computer applications (4 yrs.), number sense (2 yrs.), calculator applications (3 yrs.), computer science (1 yr.), accounting (1 yr.), track (2 yrs.), golf (4 yrs.), cross country (2 yrs.), basketball (2 yrs.), yearbook staff (2 yrs.) class officer - secretary/treasurer (4 yrs.), Student Council representative (2 yrs.), FCCLA (1 yr.), National Honor Society member and president.

Zaragosa, Elizabeth
Daughter of Mario and Maria Zaragosa; future plans — attend CCC and go into cosmetology; favorite high school subjects — English, Spanish III; organizations — band, FCCLA.

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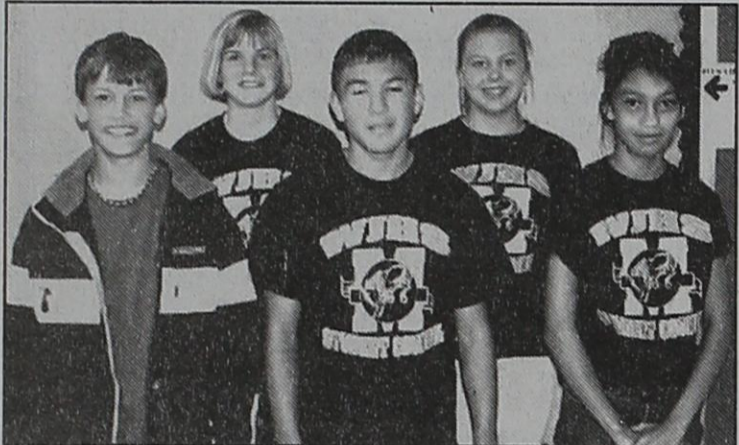
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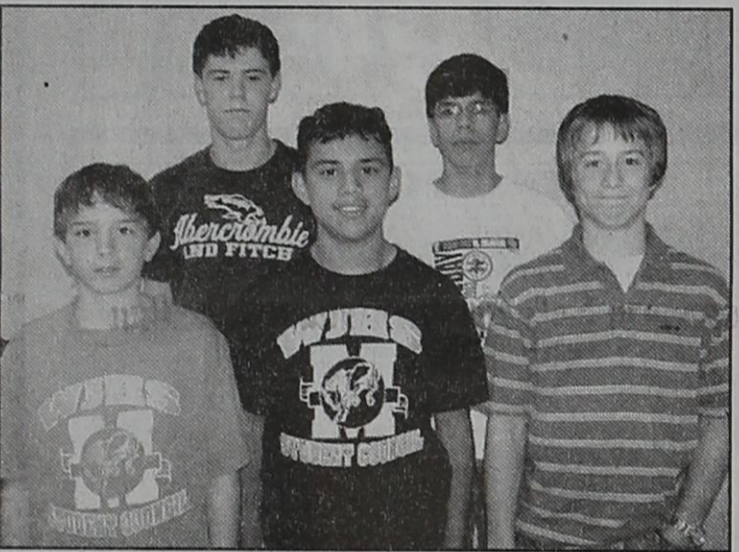
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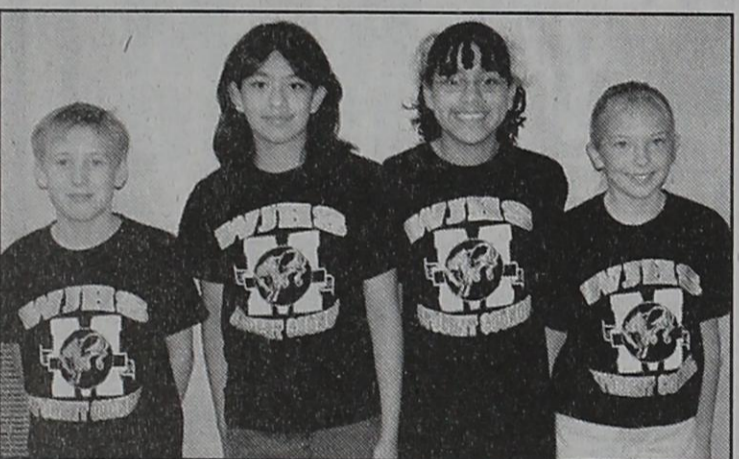
WJHS Student Council officers— Watson Junior High Student Council has had a busy year of holding canned food drives, being secret Santas, procuring the junior high honor rolls, and they also host the awards assembly at the end of the year. The Council's advisor, Dianna Harrison, commends her students on a job well done through the 2003-2004 year. Officers are front (l-r): Secretary Gabby Agundis, President Jacy Lawrence, Parliamentarian Brandi Hamilton, Reporter Timothy Mendoza, Vice President Janae Pyle and Chaplin Ginni Sheets. Not pictured are Treasurer Lane Wood and Historian Daniel Mendoza.



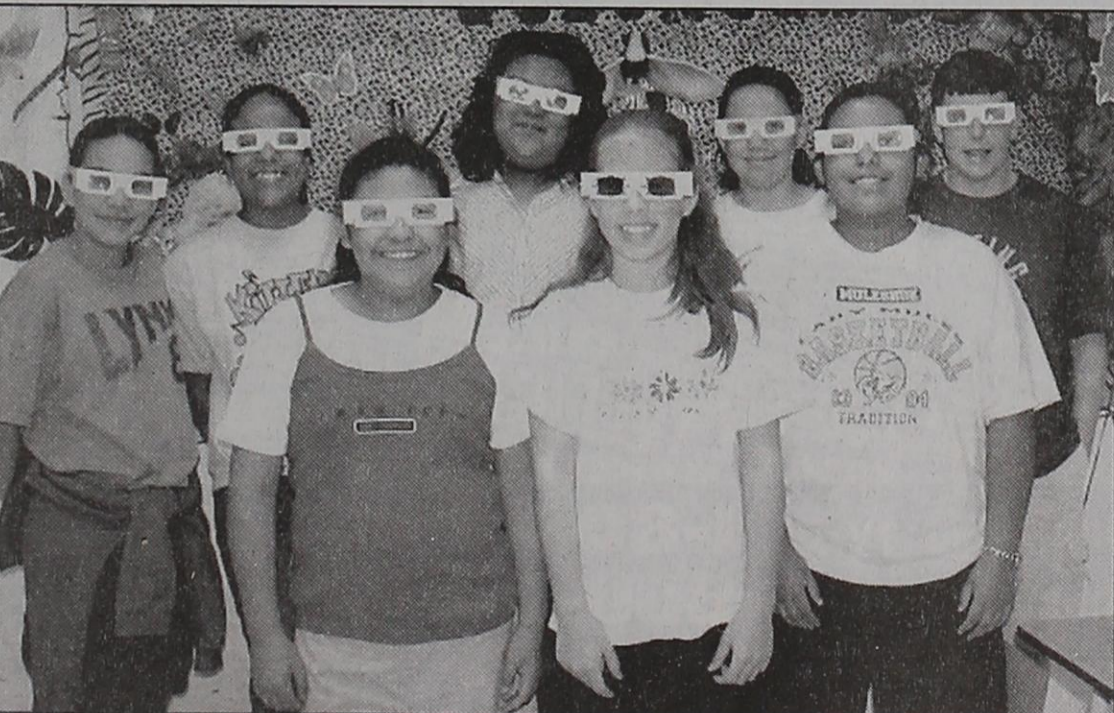
WJHS Student Council seventh grade representatives— Front (l-r): Wes Wood, John Michael Salinas, Lupita Andrade; back (l-r): Morgan Smith, Tabatha Orr. These seventh grade reps serve the seventh grade class and participate in activities that Student Council hosts.



WJHS Student Council eighth grade representatives— Representatives act as delegates for the eighth grade class and participate in activities that Student Council hosts. Eighth grade Council reps are front (l-r): Colt Ellis, Diego Del Toro, Dusty Clayton; back row includes Garrett Riley and Julio Bustillos.



WJHS Student Council sixth grade representatives— These sixth grade reps act as delegates for the sixth grade class and participate in activities that Student Council hosts. Pictured are Stewart Precure, Marisela Casanova, Alyssa Martinez, Tessa Burris and Tony Mendoza (not pictured.)



Light savers— Mrs. Tracy Pyle's science class recently studied about the three types of light: Ultra Violet, infrared and visible. The glasses they are wearing in this picture break down the color spectrum of visible light. Pyle's classes studied light for three weeks. The students pictured here are: (front, l-r) Alyssa Lozano, Jessica Behrends and Brenda Rodriguez; (back) Julia Silva, Juanita Recio, Patricia Vargas, Amber Fuentes and Austin Bamert.

Finance reform, from page 5

funding and hamstringing cities and counties," he said.

The Bill proposes \$300 per student for funding for special education. Sheets said this is "approximately \$190,000 less per year than we are currently receiving for our special education program. Other allocations for other special programs may have the same negative impact for Muleshoe ISD."

"The bill does give property owners \$3 Billion of property tax relief by reducing the school property tax rate down 30 cents from \$1.50 to \$1.20. We all hope the state finds a way to reduce property taxes, but the bill doesn't replace the lost revenue to schools. There is a "hold harmless" clause in the bill that guarantees every school district at least as much funding as it would receive under current law. However, the revenue to fund the "hold harmless" is not in the bill."

"Over 2/3 of the schools would receive "hold harmless" money. This means that if it weren't for the "hold harmless" money, the formula in the bill would not provide enough money for these schools to even stay

at the same level of funding they are at now. It is interesting that there are some wealthy school districts that would receive a windfall from this proposal." Sheets said Muleshoe is not one of those schools.

He explained the bill establishes an incentive program for teachers and students and all schools will be aiming for these incentives. "However, some wealthy districts will be receiving more revenue and resources than other districts, so they may be better prepared to compete for these incentives than districts with fewer resources. If the legislature is going to offer the same incentives for all school districts, they must provide the same resources for the schools so they all have the same opportunities to earn these incentives. We all just want to have a level playing field."

"On a positive note, there is a provision (for the first time ever) to index school funding for inflation. Local districts might not have to keep raising taxes if the state would step up to the plate and pay their fair share. Again, the money to fund this

index for inflation is not in the bill."

Sheets said even though the bill restores the \$1,000 teacher health-care pass-through from the state, which was reduced in the last regular session, this will now only apply to teachers, librarians, nurses, and counselors. "The revenue to fund this is not in the bill. This is just two years after the state practically forced all school employees to take the state health insurance and gave them \$1,000 per year to help pay for the premiums."

"Representative Warren Chisum is one of the few Republicans to stand up for schools in this area and vote against this bill," said Sheets. "He made the statement that his vote represented the wishes of the schools in his district."

"The House has essentially sent a stripped-down bill with reduced funding to the Senate in hopes that they would come up with a solution."

The Senate began work on this bill on Monday, May 10. They will work as a "committee of the whole" in order to speed up the legislative process. The Special Session ends today.

"If the priority is property

tax reduction, this is a great start," said Sheets. "If the priority is funding public schools and reducing property taxes, this is a terrible solution. More time was spent on property tax and gambling than school finance."

He doesn't expect a solution from the Senate by today.

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Lazbuddie choir trio— Three members of the Lazbuddie High School Choir performed at the Pastorale State Music Festival on the TCU campus in Fort Worth Saturday, May 15. The Trio, comprised of (pictured l-r) Michelle Scott, Katy Louder and Shonnah Black, received an "Outstanding" rating for their performance of "The Boat Madrigal." Katy Louder received and "Outstanding" rating for her performance of "Wade in the Water." She was also named an All-State winner and received a \$100 scholarship for her performance on stage.

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and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Local teacher to attend writing project

Vickie Burch of Bovina ISD School has been chosen to attend the prestigious 2004 Summer Institute of the High Plains Writing Project. She is one of 20 people selected each year to participate in this institute which is held at ENMU-Portales, June 8 - July 2. The High Plains Writing Project, founded in 1992, is a site of and affiliated with the National Writing Project.

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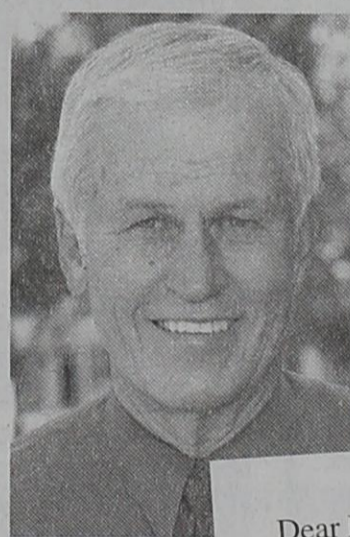
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Tops News

Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) met Thursday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. in their new meeting place, Muleshoe Park View Nursing Home in the east wing room.

Tops members want to acknowledge the members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ for allowing them to meet in the Church Fellowship Hall over the past 12 years.

Laverne James, leader, was in charge of the meeting. Elaine Coburn, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Alene Bryant, weight recorder, called the roll.

It was reported that Polly Otwell was improving after her knee surgery.

Alene Bryant celebrated her birthday last week and members sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Alene also told about the style show she at-

tended recently at Covenant Hospital at Lubbock.

Best loser for the week was Lucille Harp. First runner-up was Elaine Coburn; second runner-up was Molly Davis.

Tops Club met again Thursday afternoon, April 29.

Laverne James, leader, was in charge of the meeting. Members welcomed Retha Knowles back as she had been gone to California for several weeks. She also had a birthday this day, and members sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Elaine Coburn read the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call was by Alene Bryant as eight members answered with weight they had lost or gained. A get-well card was signed by members for Polly Otwell who is recuperating from knee surgery.

Laverne gave a speech about food exchanges from

the Tops book, *It's Your Choice*.

Best loser for the week was Alene Bryant, first runner-up was Laverne James and second runner-up was Jewel Peeler.

Tops Club also met May 6 at 4:30 p.m., with eight members present.

Laverne James gave an interesting presentation "Eating Light and Healthy."

Some points were to have good eating habits like always eating breakfast, eat slowly, drink water before meals to curb appetite and exercise. Members discussed the best ways they can lose weight. The decision to lose weight is up to us: "Be good to yourself".

Before the meeting, some of the members attended the

"Mother's Day" program put on by Pat Watson.

Best loser for the week was Laverne James. The best loser of the month was

a tie between Lucille Harp and Alene Bryant. First runner-up was Laverne James, second runner-up was Elaine Coburn.

Library News

Dyan Shipley would like to invite everyone to visit the Muleshoe Area Public Library. "We have many things to offer our community," she said.

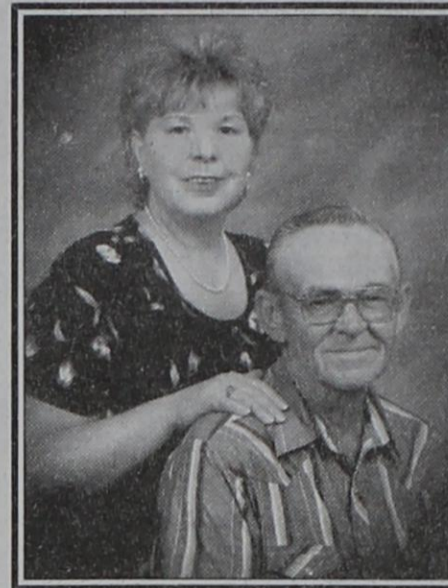
Storytime for children ages two to 11 is every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. Some of the programs coming up in May are: 1) "Moo!" We will be reading stories about cows. One of my favorite books about cows is "Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin. 2) Read to Me is a program that I really like. We will be reading books that most children have heard their families sing to them.

The library has purchased, *Glorious Appearing*, the last book in the *Left Behind* series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. We also

have the next book in the *Miss Julia* series, *Miss Julia Meets Her Match*. *Wild at Heart* is another popular book that I enjoyed reading. Come in and get you name on the waiting list for these popular books.

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1 and last through June 31. Sign up your children ages two through 11. Each child that reads ten books from the library in the month of June will win a Muleshoe Area Public Library t-shirt.

The library does provide six computers for public use. These computers have Microsoft Office software on them and they also have the Internet. There is not a fee to use the computers.



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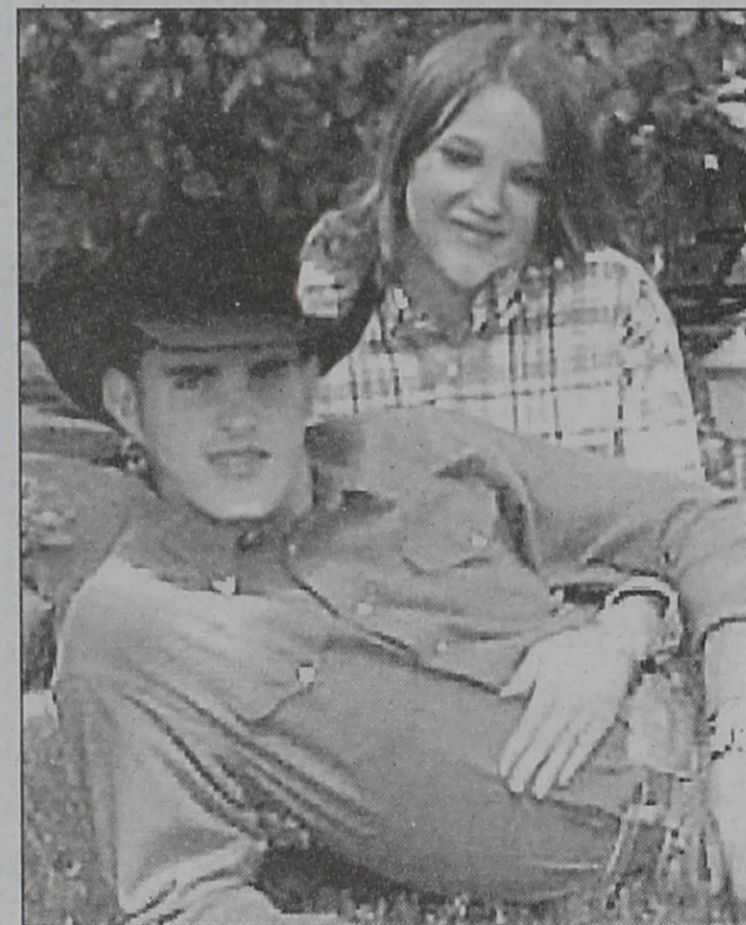
ANGELEY—LEMONS

Al and Peggy Lemons of White Deer announce the engagement of their daughter, Cortni Nicole Lemons, to Buck Angeley, son of Tracy and Patricia Angeley of Muleshoe.

The bride-elect is a graduate of White Deer High School.

The groom is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and is attending WTAMU. He is employed with Sylvan Learning Center in Amarillo and Joe's Boot Shop in Clovis.

The wedding will be June 19 at the Cottonwood Springs Ranch in Pampa. They will reside in Amarillo.



ANGELEY—LEMONS

McDONALD—CONKIN

Bob and Janet Conkin of Springlake announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristen Conkin, to Joshua McDonald, son of Donnie and Joann McDonald of Lazbuddie.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Springlake High School and is attending Wayland Baptist University majoring in education.

The groom-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. He is a 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's in business administration and a master's degree in professional accounting. He is employed by Excel Corporation as an accountant and he is also a self-employed farmer.

The wedding is scheduled for June 12 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with a reception following at the Holiday Inn in Clovis.



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Beef demand climbs five percent in 2003

Consumer demand for beef continued an upward climb in 2003 with a five percent increase compared to 2002. Consumer demand since 1998 has risen 15.4 percent following 20 years of decline. Experts attribute the increase to the popularity of low carbohydrate diets as well as more complete consumer understanding of beef's nutrition and introduction of innovative new products. The beef checkoff program has disseminated beef nutrition information and has funded development of new beef products through its R&D Ranch initiative.

Muleshoe NWR limited grazing program

The Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge plans to resume a limited grazing program this summer for cow-calf operations. Current livestock owners with livestock operations located within a 30-mile radius of the refuge are eligible. The grazing season is planned for July 1-Oct. 31. Permittees will be selected June 10. Other requirements and regulations apply. For a complete listing, call the Refuge Headquarters at 946-3341.

Panhandle district crop report

Temperatures were 10 to 15 degrees above average much of the week. Late week thunderstorms brought some rain to the southwest Texas Panhandle area. Rain amounts were generally less than an inch. Soil moisture is rated very short to adequate with most areas reporting short.

With open weather, corn planting made rapid progress. Stands are rated mostly good. Wheat is mostly headed and rated fair to good; however, a good rain is needed throughout much of the Panhandle to finish the crop. Preparations for planting peanuts, soybeans, sorghum, sunflower and cotton continues. Rangeland greenup is progressing but a good rain is needed for the process to continue.

Cattle are rated in fair to good condition.

Farm Bill payments decreasing

Two years after President Bush signed a farm bill that was criticized around the world for doubling U.S. farm payments, federal farm and conservation program outlays are running well below the Congressional Budget Office's original projections and are now expected to follow those projections over the next decade. NEW CBO figures released Wednesday by Senate Budget Committee ranking member Kent Conrad, D-N.D., one of the chief negotiators of the 2002 farm bill, show payments estimated at \$13.9 billion this year and \$13.8 billion in 2005 - both at least \$5 billion below what CBO estimated the costs would be.

Payments in 2002, the bill's first year, were \$15.7 billion. That figure rose to \$17.4 billion in 2003. CBO estimates spending will rise to \$16 billion in 2006, but a Conrad aide said most of the increase would go for conservation.

But those numbers are substantially below spending recorded under the preceding 1996 Freedom to Farm bill, which reached \$32.3 billion in 2000 and \$22.1 billion in 2001.

The reason federal outlays have gone down, Conrad said, is that farm prices are up and the 2002 farm bill, which Bush signed May 13, 2002, is a "countercyclical bill" that pays farmers less when prices are higher.

Cotton related extracts

The first U.S. projections for 2004/05 include lower production, domestic mill use, and exports, and a modest increase in ending stocks. Production is projected at 17.6 million bales, nearly four percent below the 2003/04 season, based on the area indicated by the Prospective Plantings report combined with historical average abandonment and yields. Domestic mill use is projected at 5.8 million bales, eight percent below 2003/04, as rising apparel imports associated with trade liberalization continue to displace consumption at U.S. mills. Exports are projected at 11.5 million bales, a reduction of 17 percent from this season's record, as much higher foreign production limits world import demand. Ending stocks are forecast at 3.9 million bales.

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Dairy, from front page

area," said Claborn. "Bailey County has done an outstanding job of providing good roads for the dairies and this is one of the best incentives we have to offer. Judge (Marilyn) Cox and the commissioners have proven to be great assets for economic development."

Osterkamp said Texas, on top of its friendliness, is also more laid back than California, on EPA laws as well as life in general.

"Things are just go-go-go in California." He said he's glad he can step back and take a breath of fresh air. He said the EPA had a very small part to do with their move to Texas.

With the Environmental Protection Agency cracking down on dairies in California and parts of Texas, many dairies are being forced to close their doors. West Texas opens those doors to such dairymen allowing more jobs to be available in our area without harsh EPA restrictions.

Claborn said California is known for their environmental restrictions, "but Texas has set the standard for dairy permits while some states are beginning to suffer because of their environmental decisions." She said another reason for the dairy industry leaving California is that "in some areas, urban

sprawl has them surrounded, they can't expand, and developers are offering them substantial amounts for their land."

Expansion is something the Osterkamps look forward to doing once this dairy starts doing well.

What makes West Texas so special to the dairy industry? Claborn said it's because there is no surface water to contaminate, the low humidity (this makes for better animal health and results in a lower incidence of mastitis), the moderate temperatures (cool nights promote higher milk production), there is an abundant feed supply, available land, neighboring milk processing plants and a dairy friendly community.

"We have an agriculture based economy, dairies are a good fit for Bailey County," said Claborn. "Two of our drawing factors deemed especially important by the dairy families are our

churches and our school system. These two items rank high on the priority list of the dairymen and we have the best to offer."

"This area shows a lot of promise," said Osterkamp. "We're pretty excited to be here."

Bailey County FSA

May 17 was the deadline to certify fall seeded small grains. All cropland on the farm must be reported before final DCP payments can be processed. Late filed reports will be accepted but evidence of existence and disposition of the crop for the acreage report must be provided. July 15 is the final date to verify spring-seeded crops including corn, sorghum, cotton, sunflowers CRP acreage, etc. Call the Bailey County Office to schedule an appointment for sign-up at 272-4538.

DCP program sign-up will continue through June 1.

Failure to control weed on CRP/DCP acreage could result in reduction of benefits.

Changes in farm operation need to be reported to the Bailey County office in a timely manner.

The U.S. Dept. 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. There are eligibility requirements. As of May 3 through May 28 producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from County FSA Offices or from the web <http://www.ams.usda.gov/sg/mpb/rpsoy.htm>.

The Bailey County FSA Office will be closed Monday, May 31 to observe Memorial Day.

Ranch Estate Planning seminar set for August 4-5

A seminar discussing these complicated tax topics will be held at College Station on August 4 and 5, at the College Station Conference Center, Texas A&M University, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course.

There is a registration fee which includes seminar materials, lunches and refreshments. Registration information is available by contacting Sharon Wehring at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail at swehring@tamu.edu.



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Obituaries

DAVID F. ESPINOSA

Graveside services for David F. Espinosa, 50, of Garden City Kan., and a former resident of Muleshoe, were at the Bailey County Cemetery on May 22, 2004.

Mr. Espinosa died Saturday, April 3 at his home. He was born June 17, 1953 to Alfred A. and Mary O. (Gallego) Espinosa in Clovis.

He was a Garden City resident since 1982, having moved from Dodge City. He was a computer scale technician for Tyson Meats, formerly I.B.P.

Mr. Espinosa is survived by one brother, Pete Espinosa of Albuquerque; four sisters, Gloria Espinosa Andrade of Dodge City,

Ramona Handy of Portales, Christine Gonzales of Muleshoe and Janie Rodriguez of Lubbock.

STEVEN HARVEY

Funeral services for Steven Harvey, 20, of Olney were Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the Olney High School Auditorium with Scott Clark, minister of the Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment followed in Restland Cemetery, under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Mr. Harvey died Friday, May 7 in an automobile accident near Muleshoe. He was born March 27, 1984 in Olney.

Pallbearers were Dusty

McElroy, Brett Philipp, Jeff Snyder, Scooter Philipp, Tnyler Whitsitt, Jeff Philipp, Raul Barrientes, Mike Roberts and Kim Black. Honorary pallbearers were members of the OHS class of 2002, the Olney Fire Dept., linemen from Fort Belknap Electric Co-op., Bailey County Electric Co-op. and the Lyntegar Electric Co-op in Tahoka.

He graduated from Olney High School in 2002. While in high school, he played football, basketball and baseball. He was attending South Plains College in Levelland. He was lineman for the Bailey County Electric Cooperative in Muleshoe. He was a member of the Hamilton Street Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, W.T. "Dub" Elvington on November 12, 2002, Gwen Harvey on August 14, 2002 and his grandfather, M.C. Harvey Jr., on July 11, 2001.

Mr. Harvey is survived by his father and stepmother, Jeff and Tami Harvey; and his mother and stepfather, Ava and Dwayne Harris, all of Olney; two brothers, Justin Harvey and fiancée Angela Trevino of Tahoka, and Cody Harvey of Olney; a stepsister, Shalena Henderson of Wichita Falls; grandparents Helen Elvington of Pilot Pointe, LaRue Herebia of Denton, and Bill and Donna Roberts of Lewisville; great-grandparents Dorothy Minor of Abilene and Alice Elvington of Pilot Pointe.

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 form 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 Odmet of Carthage; five brothers, Hershel Parker of Graham, Willard 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.

ELIODORO OROZCO

Church services for Eliodoro Orozco, 58, of

Muleshoe were Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Joe Augustine officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery in Muleshoe.

A rosary was said on Monday, May 17 and Tuesday, May 18 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Orozco died Monday, May 17 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born July 3, 1945 in Progreso. He married Flora Pacheco in Clovis on August 3, 1968.

He was a longtime resident of Bailey County. He was employed by the Texas

Department of Transportation for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Antonio, in 1969 and his father, Felipe, in 1984.

Mr. Orozco is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons, Antonio of Clovis and David of Clarksville, Tenn.; two daughters, Estella Gonzales of Muleshoe and Gloria Leonard of Round Rock; his mother, Evangelina Orozco of Littlefield; a brother, Rafael Orozco of Littlefield; two sisters, Guadalupe Espinoza of Muleshoe and Sally Ortega of San Angelo; and 11 grandchildren.

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an increase of 300,000 bales from 2003/04. The forecast stocks-to-use ratio is 22.5 percent.

The world projections for 2004/05 reflect record production and consumption, with sharply higher production boosting stocks. Production is forecast at 102.5 million bales, nearly 10 percent above 2003/04, due primarily to the effect of higher world prices on planted area. World consumption is projected to grow about 1 percent to 99.0 million bales; while economic conditions and trade liberalization are favorable to world textile consumption, cotton consumption will be constrained by the lagged effect of the current relatively high world prices. Projected world trade is reduced to a more normal share of world consumption, compared with record world trade in 2003/04, which was driven by a production shortfall in China. World stocks are raised nearly 12 percent from 2003/04 to 36.5 million bales.

Texas wheat production up 23 percent from lasts year

The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 118.8 million bushels, up 23 percent from 2003 and 52 percent higher than 2002. This forecast is up 19 percent from the Texas April forecast.

According to a May 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, up five bushels from last year, and up four bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.6 million acres, is up four percent from 2003.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, down four percent from last season.

Second weed management guide in "Crop Production Guides" series

The second in the series of "Crop Production Guides" on weed management brought to you by Peter Dotray, Todd Baughman, Paul Baumann and Wayne Keeling is available for download in PDF format on the Texas Cooperative Extension web site at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus>

While a discussion of Dinitroaniline herbicides at this time may be a little late to assist growers this year, this second weed guide is a logical progression from the first. By the time the fourth guide in this weed management series (post emergence herbicide use) is published, the information will be timely for your use on the 2004 crop.

Texas Cooperative Extension reminds you that this series of guides is not meant to substitute for the FOCUS newsletter but rather will form a permanent guide series suitable if taken as a whole to be a production guide for the High Plains.

It's Good To Be Under God's Blanket

Because I just had a new book come out (the first in a series entitled *Wing Whispers*), and because the powers that be at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, like my publisher, my wife and I got to go to the Pepperdine Bible Lectures a week or two ago where I had been invited to share some material from the book. It's the second time I've got to go out there, and I'm more than willing to go again

preaching a great deal. Billy shared lots of stories that helps preaching a great deal, too. And he told one that I want to share.

One of Billy's American friends (I'm assuming she's American because though the Scottish have a 4th of July on their calendar, it serves pretty much just to connect the 3rd of July with the 5th.) But this lady told him about her family's "4th of July" experiences.

She said it was just about the same every year. She and her family would go out on the family's boat to watch the fireworks near the harbor (Which led me to think they're probably from Muleshoe.) It was actually a pretty awful experience each year. Her sister would be throwing up over the side. Her mother would be fussing about the cold air and how it was affecting her hair. Her dad would be complaining that nobody was helping him with the grill and then, if they did, that they weren't doing it correctly. But when the fireworks started, they all shut up and gathered together under a blanket and just looked up in awe to watch the beautiful show. And then they realized, where would they really rather be than gathered as a family all under the blanket? Billy says, and he's so right, that when we really see what God has done for us on the cross and we see that wonderful, breathtaking display of God's love, we just shut up, lift our eyes to the heavens, and thank God for what he's done, and we're just thankful to be under the blanket with all of God's family.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Malibu is a great place to visit and I really feel at home there. I think that's because Muleshoe and Malibu have so much in common. Both start with an "M" and end with an "oh" and, aside from Muleshoe's almost complete lack of trees and absolutely complete lack of oceanside cliffs, beaches, and breezes, the terrain is very similar.

While I was at Pepperdine, I met a fellow named Billy Wilson and got to hear him preach. Billy and I share the same publisher, but I'd never heard of Billy Wilson before, much less met him or heard him preach. Wow! The man is absolutely unique, and he does very, very well.

Of course, I might have just been captivated by the accent. Billy hails from Scotland, and maybe it's just the old Presbyterian roots of my religious tradition, but I think that a Scottish accent always helps



Courtesy photo

Ribbon cutting—Bella Fiore celebrated their grand opening last week with members of the Chamber and the owners and their employees present. Pictured are (l-r): Diane Nieman, Terral King, Ruth Ann Kitchens, Kolter Kitchens, Stormy Kitchens and Jan Thompson.

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Dist./Div. Lubbock Contract 6112-55-001 for ROADSIDE MOVING IN BAILEY County, etc will be opened on June 17, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$161,844.94.

All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6112-55-001 to be held on June 3, 2004 at 10:00 am at the TxDOT MESQUITE ROOM 135 SLATON ROAD, LUBBOCK, TX 79404.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist./Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 13104

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 Austin, Texas 78704
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 135 Slaton
 Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WorkSource of the South Plains Board is seeking bids for lease space for Career Center Operations in Levelland, Littlefield, Muleshoe and Brownfield. The Board will consider a stand-alone location or co-location with another tenant in a "like industry" (post-secondary educational institutions, community-based organizations, business consulting, business development, economic and workforce development agencies etc.). Bidders may submit bids for one or all locations. The Board will handle technology connectivity at all locations and will consider trading access to such connectivity for donated or reduced space. Anticipated move-in date is July 1, 2004. Bid may be submitted to the Board at any time. The procurement is being left open until the Board selects appropriate lease space. Copies of the RFP are available by calling Christine Veazey at 806-744-1987, The South Plains Workforce reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals. The South Plains Workforce is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Published in the Muleshoe Journal May 20, 2004.

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GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale 1805 W Ave G, Saturday, May 22, 8 am - ???, Dining table & chairs, lawn furniture, kitchen items, misc items.

Garage Sale 1525 W Ave C Saturday, May 22, 8am - ???

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VEHICLES FOR SALE

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•3/2 carport, brick, 8A, 4 mi. E. of Morton, \$133,000
 •321 Tyler, Whiteface 3/2/1/ triple carport, corner, \$45,000
 •Irrigated farms, Plains, Earth, Brownfield, Levelland
 •40 A or 160 A, 2 1/2 mi. N. of city limits on HWY 214 & 1/2 mi. E. to SW corner, \$600/A or \$500/A
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Leslie Radford

Customer appreciation cookout— The Carquest guys from the Amarillo Carquest Warehouse were at Mohawk Auto in Muleshoe on Wednesday, May 12 to help Dewey Moore, owner, with a cookout for Mohawk's Customer Appreciation Day. Mark Little (left) prepares sausage for the grill cook Jeff Mead (right). Little said they expected to feed approximately 150 hungry customers. Fred Stewart (center), also from the Amarillo Carquest Warehouse, helped with the cookout.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Sales tax, vehicle registration and property taxes are high in Bailey County. We collect \$28 for each vehicle title that is processed in our office. Of this \$28, Bailey County gets \$5. The rest is submitted to the State of Texas.

Sales tax is charged at a rate of 6.25 percent, unless it's a heavy truck or on a diesel-fueled vehicle. In order to fund emissions in large Texas cities, State legislators voted a couple of years ago to increase sales tax and registration with sur-charges. In addition to heavy use taxes paid to the Federal Government, there are state fees that consist of a 10 percent registration fee on big trucks, a 15 percent diesel fee and an additional 2.50 percent sales tax for emissions.

During the first eight months of this fiscal year, we collected \$294,703 in sales tax. (That's an average of about \$42,000 a

month). Every dime of this, including interest earned, was submitted to the State of Texas.

Vehicle registration is a little different. We do get to keep almost all the money collected for registration, as we do for AdValorem, or property taxes. Unfortunately, until now that has been the only income for Bailey County. It makes taxes high.

This income for the County is turned around and spent on services to the citizens of our County. The Bailey County provides law enforcement services and protection, judicial courts, ambulance services and road maintenance. We also provide Indigent Defense, Indigent Health, a Veterans Service Officer and a Benefits Counselor for senior citizens.

Governor Rick Perry announced a plan earlier this year to restructure local government revenues. His plan would really hurt services to our citizens, not just temporarily, but permanently. He and some of the other State officials are trying to take control from local elected officials and move it to the State. The Texas Association of Counties has

roughly estimated that losses to Bailey County would be \$136,300 a year.

Again, this isn't a one time loss, but one that would occur annually. It is surprising that State officials don't trust our local government to make good decisions for own communities. Do you think that they will care in Austin whether we have two full-time deputies, one for night and one for day? Or whether we are able to provide Emergency Medical Services? Each of us should contact our State representative and our State senator to oppose the Governor's plan.

With the completion of the new jail, the Federal Government will be paying us to house federal prisoners, so that is good news indeed, an income for our County other than taxes. The new jail will also be generating new jobs. Several new businesses have opened in Muleshoe this year. We live in a great community with the world's best people. Let's work together to keep Muleshoe strong.

Berta Combs
Bailey County Tax Assessor-Collector

Track, from pg. 7

and Victor Vasquez got the Mules started by taking fifth and sixth places in the triple jump with distances of 31.25" respectively and 31' 11.25" respectively.

Rey Ramirez took the gold medal in the 2400-meter run with a time of eight minutes 41.59 seconds. Ramirez was just off his personal best pace of 8:33.56 that he ran at Friendship. Vasquez placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 15' 5". The 4x100-meter relay team of Gunner Kerby, Roman Martinez, Vasquez and W. Wood placed fourth with a time of 52.05.

Salinas took the gold in the 800-meter run and Nathaniel Chavez placed sixth with times of 2:17.52 and 2:38.89. Salinas set a new school record for a seventh grader in the 800. W. Wood ran a personal best time to win the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.98 and Wright and L. Wood came in fifth and sixth with times of 20.99 and 21.22.

Vasquez placed fourth and Jordan Faires took sixth in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.31 and 13.50. The 4x200-meter relay team of William Hanks, L. Wood, Joe Vargas and W. Wood took third with a time of 1:52.85.

Salinas placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.95. Vargas and Hanks finished fourth and sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 52.48 and 55.04. Martinez placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 27.95.

Ramirez took silver in the 1600-meter run with a 5:48.44. The gold-medal 4x400-meter relay team of

Martinez, Vargas, Vasquez and Salinas ran their best time of the year at district, 4:06.78.

The seventh grade Lady Mules started with the district 2-3A track championship by scoring 165 points on their home track. Slaton ran second with 138 points and Littlefield came in third with 109.

Lubbock Cooper was close behind with 107. Brownfield finished with 33 and Dimmitt put 31 on the tally sheet. Adriana Toscano got the Lady Mules started with a second place finish in the shot put with a throw of 25 feet 11.5 inches.

Toscano and Morgan Smith took the gold and silver medals in the discus with throws of 77' 2 3/4" and 73' 11 1/4" respectively. Amy Withrow won her first of three gold medals in the high jump with a leap of 4' 10".

Withrow took third in the long jump with a leap of 12' 11 1/2". The 4x100-meter relay team of Smith, Amelia Clemmons, Hearn and Janae Pyle placed second with a time of 56.23.

Gizell Vasquez took fourth in the 800-meter run with a 2:58.79. Withrow's second gold medal came in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.11 and Sunny Snider placed fifth with a 20.5.

Withrow's final gold medal came in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 51.72. Garcia took third in the 200-meter dash with a 31.21. In the final event of the day the 4x400-meter relay team of Hearn, Agundis, Smith and Withrow placed second with a time of 4:43.41.



Excellent!— Suzanne Nichols (left) was honored with a basket of goodies from Covenant Health Systems and Administrator Jim Bone (right) Tuesday morning for her regional nomination for Covenant Health Systems "Values and Actions" in the "Excellence" division. She was chosen from approximately 15 regional nominations to attend an awards banquet at Covenant's headquarters in California in late summer. May 25, Nichols will join other nominees from the region at a Lubbock recognition luncheon.

You're Invited to a Book Signing This Sunday!

May 23

Curtis Shelburne will be signing copies of his new book, *Wing Whispers of Love*, this Sunday afternoon, 2:00-4:00 at the 16th & D Church of Christ.

Books are also available at Williams General Store, Western Drug, and Carolyn's.

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MHS awards ceremony— The valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2004 school year were announced Monday night at the Muleshoe High School awards ceremony in the auditorium. Sara Benham (left) was selected as salutatorian and Elida Diaz garnered the honor of valedictorian. Results for other awards will be printed in next week's edition of the *Muleshoe Journal*.

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