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News Briefs

Texas cares launches new web site for seniors

The confusion over the new Medicare discount prescription drug cards just got a little bit clearer, thanks to a new Web site. Texas Cares, <http://www.txcares.org>, was designed to help older Texans get information that may help them obtain their prescription drugs. Texas Cares helps people aged 60 and older connect to existing prescription assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. For more information on Texas Cares or the Texas Department on Aging, go to the Web at <http://www.tdoa.state.tx.us/>. To learn about local computer training classes for older adults, contact a county Extension agent or call AARP at (888) 687-2277.

Reagan's final farewell Friday

The 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, was buried Friday in California after a memorial service and a 21-gun salute at the stroke of noon at U.S. military bases, according to the Associated Press (AP).

Reagan, 93, died June 5 from pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer's disease.

REMINDER:

Run off elections are June 19 for City Councilman

Give It A Thought

Any man can be a "Father," but it takes a "Special" kind of man to be a "Daddy."

Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

Local Weather

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Missed your paper?

Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536 during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

City Council discusses funds for July Fourth events

By Leslie Radford
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The City Council met Monday evening to discuss requests for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds to be used for events over the upcoming July Fourth weekend and other events during the summer.

Requests were made by the Muleshoe Roping Club who sponsors the Memorial Day Roping event held annually at the Dusty Rhodes

Arena. They were approved for \$3,400 as they generally put approximately 20 people in hotels in Muleshoe during the event.

Edward and Richard Orozco requested \$1,800 from this fund to help with expenses for the July Fourth Softball Tournament and were approved by the Council.

One thousand dollars was requested by the Muleshoe Babe Ruth Baseball group for use of these funds.

This tournament rotates from city to city every year and this year it will be held in Muleshoe and will put approximately 10-20 people in local motels.

Receipts were reviewed from the Cinco de Mayo event. Comite Patritico spent \$1,583, but was previously approved for \$1,500 and was compensated for only that amount.

The Muleshoe Heritage Center was also approved for \$15,000 from these funds to do more renovation on the Figure 4 Ranch House that will soon become the county's historical museum. This money was also allotted to move and make repairs on the Virginia City Hotel which will be part of the Heritage's collection of historical buildings. Rep-

resentatives from the Heritage Center said they would require about twice that amount to make all necessary renovations, but they really needed to get the hotel moved and a roof on it to prevent further damages.

The Council previously budgeted approximately \$30,000 for this year and is

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Muleshoe Journal hires energetic sales person

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Debbie Shurbet has just joined the *Muleshoe Journal* staff as a regional representative for advertising.

She will be helping Leah Bell, general manager, in the sales department, handling accounts in Muleshoe as well as Clovis, Lazbuddie and surrounding communities. Bell said Shurbet is doing well. "She has accepted every challenge I have put in front of her."

Publisher Chris Bradford said "Debbie is the kind of self-starter we were looking for that would allow us to better serve our readers and advertisers. We look for great things from her and know that all will agree when they meet her."

Shurbet is originally from Muleshoe. Before she started at the *Journal* she was cleaning houses and taking care of her children, Dustin Green who lives in Norman, Okla., Ashley McLauren who lives in Petersburg, and Hillary who still lives at home with her mother. Ashley is married to Patrick and they have two children, Melody and James.

Shurbet's mother, Ann Moore, lives in Plainview where Shurbet spent 19 years; she has been back in Muleshoe for the last 18 months. Her sister and



SHURBET

brother-in-law are Carren and Cliff Black of Muleshoe.

Shurbet applied for the sales position wanting to have something to do when her daughter begins high school. "Hillary is going to be a freshman in the fall and I was getting empty nest syndrome early. I was worried about what I was going to do when she graduates," said Shurbet who has definitely found her place at the *Journal*.

"I never thought of doing advertising," said Shurbet who has plenty of sales experience and, so far, finds her new job "fun and a challenge."

"I look at this as a career opportunity," she said. In balancing a family and career she finds "it isn't that hard; I'm a mom first, always."

She has been hard at work for over a week now and enjoys all the new friendships she is making with her advertising clients. "They are great," she said.

New veterinarian under wings of local animal clinic

By Leslie Radford
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Muleshoe reminds him a bit of his hometown. He likes the friendly community and chose the area because of the opportunity he would have to work with large animals.

Josh Lackey, D.V.M., of Midlothian just signed on with the Muleshoe Ani-

mal Clinic June 1. He works closely with Dr. Barry Cowart who said Lackey is "an excellent addition to the clinic staff. We are looking forward to working with him for years to come."

He's happy to be working at the Muleshoe Animal Clinic. "I work with 95 percent dairy cattle with Dr. Cowart. That's what I want to do."

Lackey attended Texas A&M University for both his undergraduate work and veterinarian school. "I've always wanted to be a vet," he said. "I grew up around show cattle, in 4-H and FFA."

He will spend approximately four months under the supervision of Cowart before he gets to work on his own.



In full bloom—This is one of the many blooms on the century plant in front of the residence at 1822 W. Ave B. The stalk stands approximately 15 ft. and towers over the home. Century plants are of the agave species and are said to bloom only once every 100 years (hence its name). They can survive in full sun to partial shade exposure and are drought tolerant. This plant has spines or sharp edges whose blooms are bright yellow in color, blooming in late spring to early summer. The actual cactus can grow up to five feet in height while the stalks can grow 2-3 times that height.

Commissioners Court holds public hearing on Texas Capital Fund Program

The Bailey County Commissioners Court met Monday, June 14 in regular session at the Courthouse.

After the minutes were approved and the bills were paid, Commissioner Joey Kindel made the motion to authorize the EMS director to apply for a 100 percent grant from Meadows Foundation and the Texas Department of Health.

The request and certi-

fication of funds from the Comptroller under the Texas Property Code

was approved.

The Court then ap

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Leslie Radford

New D.V.M.— Josh Lackey stands in front of his new work place, the Muleshoe Animal Clinic. His name has just been added to the outdoor sign with other veterinarians at the Clinic. Lackey recently graduated vet school from Texas A&M and is working with large animals in the Muleshoe area.



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Regional Round-up

July 4 celebration in Muleshoe

This year's July 4 celebration will take place on Saturday, July 3. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Main Street. This year's theme is "America's Future." Entertainment, arts and crafts, and fun will be at the Coliseum starting at 11 a.m. At 6 p.m., more entertainment, food and fun will be at the City Park. Bands this year include Double D Phantom Band and Choda. There will also be a softball tournament going on in the City Park, for more information contact Richard Orozco at 272-3576. There will also be businesses having special events, sales and cookouts all day long. The Class of 1954 will have their 50th class reunion at the Senior Center. The Pioneer Reunion will take place at the Coliseum in the afternoon. Fireworks start around 10 p.m. at the City Park. Registration forms for the parade, booths or arts and crafts show are available at the Chamber office from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Rabies clinics in surrounding areas

Muleshoe Rabies Clinic - Old Fire Station, today, June 17, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sudan Rabies Clinic - Fire Station, Saturday, June 19, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Muleshoe softball camp

Coach Dunn will host a summer softball camp for girls between the ages of 11-15. Any girls entering the sixth grade through the ninth grade are encouraged to come to the camp to get advanced instructions in fielding, hitting and base running. The camp is June 21-26 from 4-8 p.m. at the ball field on Main St. There is a fee for the camp. For more information, call Coach Dunn at 272-7702 or 946-8085

Multi-booth garage sale planned

Spaces are available for a multi-booth garage sale scheduled for July 31 at the Assembly of God Activity Center, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. For information about this event (including booth rental cost and sponsorship), contact David Pollard at 965-2912. Please, leave a message.

Tour de Muleshoe on a roll this year

The annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride is scheduled for this Saturday at the Bailey County Coliseum at 9 a.m. Late registration is accepted as late as that Saturday morning between 7 and 8:30 a.m. at the Coliseum. Registration forms may be picked up at Adrian Photography, 218 W. 2nd St., or the Heritage Depot, from any Heritage member, or call the Depot at 272-5873 in the afternoons after 1 p.m.

Texas Legacies on stage

The "Adventure of a Lifetime," the first chapter in Texas Legacies, will take the stage in Palo Duro Canyon this summer. Introduced in 2003, the 10-year legend showcases stories of Texas and the Panhandle. Told in chapters, this season will be the conclusion of Chapter One. There will be a nightly performance (except Sundays) followed by a display of fireworks. The play began June

3 and continues through August 21 with a special July 4 performance. For tickets or to book a vacation package, call (877) 58TEXAS or visit www.epictexas.com.

John Deere tractor raffle for charity

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc. (WPS) and Hurst Farm Supply will host the fifth annual John Deere Tractor Raffle on August 21 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. A 150 - HP 2004 7820 - John Deere tractor will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased prior to August 21. Proceeds will benefit WPS. Ticket price includes admission for two, one raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by Blue Neon.

For more information on where to purchase tickets, call (806) 748-5292 or (800) 736-6491 for sales outlets in your area.

Last Frontier Heritage Celebration in Morton

The weekend of June 25-27, the town of Morton will celebrate its western frontier heritage with the Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration, a Texas Buffalo Soldier Encampment, and a variety of other events.

The Texas Buffalo Soldier Living History Program, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will set up at Cochran County Park. Several activities are planned for the day, including a parade, horse-drawn buggy rides, Indian storytelling and dances, Mexican folk dances, a bluegrass and early American music concert, a chuckwagon supper and campfire sing-along, Sunday morning community worship service, and plenty of food and fun.

For more information, contact Pattie Clayton, President of the Texas' Last Frontier Museum Board, (806) 266-5038, patjet17@door.net or cochranmuseum@door.net (See detailed schedule on pg. 8)

Great Plains CASA for Kids

CASA serves children who are in foster care in the following counties Deaf Smith, Oldham, Parmer and Bailey. A local CASA program was established one year ago and are already serving children in Muleshoe. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, or has any questions, please call Liz Tipps at 272-5898.

Dustin Garrett and Texas Cruisers to perform

The Roxy Theater in Olton will present Dustin Garrett and the Texas Cruisers on Saturday, June 19 at 7 p.m. Garrett is a 16-year-old and plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals in the band. He is a senior at Spade High School. The Texas Cruisers have been playing in the region for four years and play country and rock tunes of the 50s - today. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will also be an autograph and meet the band session at the merchandise table after the show. Contact the Olton City Hall for ticket information.

Class of 1954 to reunite

Members and spouses of the MHS class of 1954 are reminded that this year is the 50th year reunion. The event will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 2-4. Everyone attending is asked to meet at Kenneth Henry's home, 1901 W. Ave. G, Friday night at 6 p.m. for registration, a meal and plenty of visiting. Saturday, July 3, everyone is asked to meet at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Main Street before the parade. Class members will

be riding on a float in the parade scheduled to begin a 10 a.m. After the parade, everyone is invited back to the Center for hamburgers. Attendees are encouraged to shop Muleshoe businesses, tour the school and visit throughout the day on Saturday. A banquet will be held at 7 p.m. that night at Muleshoe Country Club. A continental breakfast will be served at the Senior Center Sunday morning beginning at 8 a.m.

About 60 persons are expected to attend. For more information, contact Kenneth Henry at 272-5651.

How Will History Evaluate Ronald Reagan?

Never one to leave anything to chance, one of my heroes, Winston Churchill, once remarked, "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it." And he did. I'm presently in the fourth volume of Churchill's *The Second World War*, and getting inside Churchill's head has been fascinating. As I watched some of the television coverage recently regarding Ronald Reagan's death, I found myself wishing that Reagan had

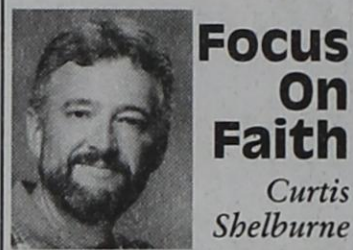
Evaluating Reagan. Well, we still probably need some years to get perspective, but I think he very easily makes it into the Top 10 List and maybe into the upper half of that list.

Ronald Reagan was a true leader because, like Churchill, he saw what was good in the heart of his nation, and he called his countrymen to embrace that vision and move on to greater good. I'm sure some would say he was naively idealistic about America, but it seems to me that we need more leaders who truly love this land and lead by focusing on what is best and most noble about its heritage and its history so that what is already good can become much better.

Churchill was right. England never had a finer hour than when she stood, for far too long, alone against Hitler. Churchill knew that freedom was good and tyranny was evil, and he never hesitated to say so. Reagan also believed in freedom, and he was absolutely right when he called the Soviet Union an "evil empire." Only an evil system rotten to the core builds walls to keep its own citizens enslaved inside its borders. We needed someone to use the right word for Communism: evil.

I don't know much about Reagan's faith in God, but I know that he was absolutely on target in this belief: Human rights are not rights which are granted to human beings by any State. Human rights are rights that come directly from the hand of God to every human being because all are created in His image. And any system of government which says otherwise is wrong and is evil. I'm glad God blessed us with a great president who knew that and didn't hesitate to say it.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

been the kind of prolific writer Churchill was. Reagan, too, had some fascinating stories to tell.

It's been interesting to me, and a tad nauseating, to see that the same media moguls who gave Reagan nothing but trouble while he was in office are now falling all over themselves to do him honor. How historians will subsequently evaluate his life and presidency, I don't know.

I'm not qualified to do much real evaluating of historical figures myself, but here's what I think I think. Reagan was a "great communicator." He really was, even though he wasn't in the class of a Churchill in that regard. But who could be?

I think our greatest president was Abraham Lincoln who was tried by fire, stood the test, and came out as pure gold. Reagan faced some severe tests, too, but I personally think Lincoln's pre-eminence is obvious. Yet there is this similarity (along with many more): both spared no effort to tear down walls that never should have been built.

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Corrections

In last week's edition of the paper, we had a few pictures that wound up printing negatives. We apologize for our unruly computer gremlin—he has been punished and acknowledges his unacceptable behavior and promises it won't happen again (we'll see about that...). The *Muleshoe Journal* would like to re-recognize those three students who received scholarships from Five-Area. They are Sterling Via, Christy Morgan and Joshua Piercy.



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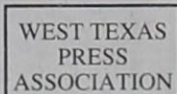
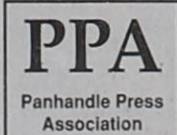
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Senior Center gets incentive to receive grant

The Bailey County Senior Citizens have received a \$40,000 challenge grant. A challenge grant is awarded contingent upon the recipient achieving a specific goal. In this case, the Bailey County seniors are required to raise all of the money needed to complete the renovation and furnishing of the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. Under the terms of the challenge, the seniors must raise \$124,750 by December 31, 2005.

Volunteer Ann McElroy said the seniors that take advantage of the Center are excited. "It's going to be hard to earn the funds, but we believe in Muleshoe," she said. "I know we can do it if we all work together."

She explained that the grant works like an incentive for the group to raise the

\$124,750 for the renovations. But, once they do that, they get the \$40,000 grant to reimburse themselves for their hard work and can put that "extra" money to other uses for the Center.

The Bailey County seniors received a building which has become the Senior Center from Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pummill in Spring 2002. Soon after, the seniors received a \$31,000 grant from the Muleshoe Industrial Foundation. Most of this money was used to get the building in adequate condition so that it could be used for daily activities. Because the building had been vacant for several years, it needed significant repair. In addition, some funds were used for architectural and design services, building insurance and signage.

Since 2002, the seniors have made significant progress in converting the building from a retail facility to a functioning senior center. With the help of local donations and several grants from outside our community, the seniors have been able to replace the roof, build a commercial kitchen and install commercial-grade appliances, make the two restrooms handicapped accessible, build a library, organize an administrative area; create a dining area and create a big-screen television viewing area complete with comfortable seating.

The remaining \$124,750 which must be raised to earn the challenge grant would be used for the following projects, among others: building new handicapped-

accessible restrooms with adequate capacity to support future activities; replacing the HVAC system; installing an exercise/dance floor; replacing the card tables and folding chairs with sturdy tables and padded chairs; building handicapped-accessible exterior entry doors; building several activity rooms and offices; painting the interior and exterior; upgrading the office equipment and purchasing pots, pans, dishes and related equipment and supplies for the kitchen.

The seniors plan to launch a community-wide fundraising effort this summer. One event will feature a pancake breakfast and will include a detailed presentation of the seniors' accomplishments and needs.

— courtesy Ann McElroy, Center volunteer

High fuel prices not only items making hard hit on state farmers

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

West Texas cotton farmers such as Don Langston are feeling the pain at the gas pump just like everyone else, but for them it doesn't end there. In addition to higher prices for diesel to run tractors and machinery, farmers are hit with increased costs for fertilizer and utilities to irrigate fields.

"I wouldn't say that we were critically scared right now," said Langston, one of hundreds of cotton farmers in Texas, the nation's leading producer of the crop. "But that pushes our costs up considerably."

Nationwide, the increased energy costs means it will take \$800 million more to bring in this year's crop than it did in 2003, according to projections from the American Farm Bureau. The 2003 tally was \$2.6 billion higher than the cost to harvest the 2002 crop, again because of higher energy prices, said Troy Bredenkamp, who monitors fuel and energy for the Washington,

D.C.-based organization. "And it shows no sign of letting up," Bredenkamp said. "It's not good."

A gallon of diesel for farm use costs about \$1.39 - up from about 90 cents a year ago. Farmers don't pay road tax for their diesel so prices are still below those at commercial pumps, where they are close to \$1.80 in West Texas. Though diesel and regular gas prices have dipped in recent days, both are way above last summer's.

The price of fertilizer and the energy for irrigation are up and by as much as 40 percent, said Jay Yates, an economist with the Texas Cooperative Extension in Lubbock. Ninety percent of the cost of nitrogen fertilizer is based on the price of natural gas.

Cotton farmers in drought-stricken West Texas thought they were ahead of the game because spring rains saved them money on pre-irrigation costs. But the recent rains have not been widespread, so some farmers haven't saved at all.

Langston, who farms mostly irrigated cotton on his 1,500 acres, said his annual utility bill for one pivot irrigator could go up about \$10,000. Langston said he and other cotton farmers are even altering how they eliminate weeds. "Everybody's waiting a week or so, letting the weeds get bigger and trying to get more of them in one sweep than doing two," he said.

The effect of the energy increases isn't confined to farmers' pocketbooks. It makes it way to their banks too, said Mike Hughes, who farms dryland and irrigated cotton on about 1,600 acres in Lamesa.

Typically about 60 percent of the state's cotton crop comes from the South Plains region of West Texas. But last year, with its production hampered by weather, the region only produced about 50 percent of the 4.33 million bales in Texas. Most of the state's cotton crop is exported.

Still, Yates said he holds out hope for West Texas farmers.

City Council, from front page

getting to the bottom of the funds to be used for events for the rest of the year.

The Muleshoe Boy Scouts are being considered for a lease of land at the Old Airport off of Hwy. 70. They are looking to build new facilities as their old building is deteriorating and it would not be feasible for them to build a new facility on their site due to it being in a flood zone. The City is considering the lease and legalities of such a contract and will be in touch with the local troop later this week to discuss options.

Councilman James Roy Jones, brought to the table a city ordinance for consideration concerning adopting an ad valorem tax freeze for

residence homesteads of persons who are disabled or at least 65 years of age. After much discussion, the Board decided to wait until they have budget workshops to make a decision on whether it would be beneficial to the city as well as those who would benefit from this tax break.

Administrative reports informed the Council that the upgrade to Invision for Utility Systems is completed. There is a runoff election June 19. The Council will canvass this election on June 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The Texas Municipal League Councilmember Training is Aug. 6-7 to be held at the South Plains Association of Governments.

J.O. Parker was elected first vice president for the Panhandle Firemen and Fire Marshal Association and Tony Scolley was elected secretary for the Association. Fire Chief Ronek applied for and received a \$3,500 grant to help with rural fire control.

Le Ann Gallman also recognized City Manager David Brunson at this meeting to inform the Council he has completed a public service management program. She said he had studied long and hard in subjects such as public personnel and management skills. Brunson was not required to take these classes but felt he could better serve the Muleshoe community in doing so.

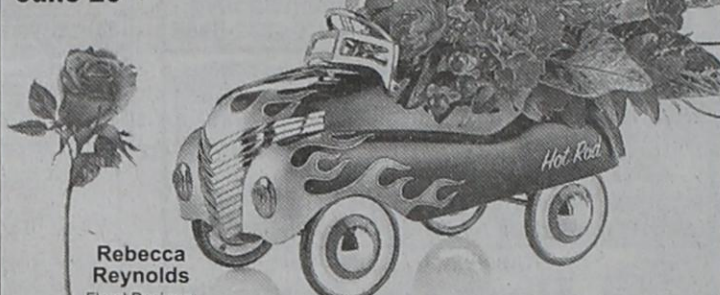
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JUNE 19

9:00 A.M. EASTERN NEW MEXICO ANTIQUE CLUB CAR SHOW
9:30 A.M. MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN
10:00 A.M. PARADE
FOOD & CRAFT BOOTHS
1:00 P.M. ANTIQUE TRACTOR GAMES
1:30 P.M. "VITAL FORCE" - A GOSPEL GROUP
MOTORCYCLE COMPETITIONS
2:00 P.M. ROUGH RIDER RELAY CHALLENGE
6:30 P.M. CHRISTIAN COUNTRY JAMBOREE



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SAMUEL, FOLLOWING GOD'S ORDER, WAS TOLD SAUL HE WILL BE KING OF ISRAEL... THEN HE SENDS SAUL HOME AND ISSUES A COMMAND FOR ALL THE TRIBES TO MEET TOGETHER AT MIZPEH, NOW....

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Education

School Notes

SPC spring honor lists includes Muleshoe area

Students from the Muleshoe area are among those named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the spring 2004 semester at South Plains College. "These students have maintained excellent grades during their studies at SPC, and we congratulate them for their perseverance and hard work," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs. "It is always a pleasure to recognize our honor students."

To qualify for the President's Honor List, students must maintain a straight A 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 hours of college-level work. To qualify for the Dean's Honor List, students must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

John Cowart of Muleshoe was named to the President's Honor List. Muleshoe residents named to the Dean's Honor List were Jessica Carpenter, Denisse Lopez, Toby Martinez and Leigh Thomason. Tim Arington from Maple was also named to the Dean's Honor List.

Houston Livestock Show awards scholarships



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HARTZOG

Ashley Hartzog and Keith Hunt of the Parmer County 4-H Club recently received scholarships from the 2004 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The

HLSR awarded 70 Texas 4-H'ers with four-year, \$10,000 scholarships during the Texas 4-H Roundup in College station on June 8.

CCC graduates locals

The following students from the Muleshoe area applied for graduation for the spring 2004 semester at Clovis Community College and participated in commencement exercises on Friday, May 7: Beatriz Olivas, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts; Charles Eaves, Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology; Lisaann Puckett, Associate of Science in Business Administration; and Certificates of Completion go to Lucy Anguiano for Practical Nursing, Charles Eaves for Welding, and Michael Smith for Practical Nursing.

ENMU offers extended learning classes

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales offers the following classes over the summer:

a.m. - 4:30 p.m., FCS - 100. Please call Janice at 478-2303 two weeks prior should you need to order brushes and be sure to register by July 7.

Using Windows 2000— The class will be taught by Denise Hobbs and offers an introductory overview of the Windows 2000 operating system. Discover how to use your desktop, how to activate screen savers as well as working with files, folders and directories to copy, rename, move and delete. No previous computer experience and is computer friendly. Lab time and course handouts are included in the fee. Class is Monday, July 12, 6 - 8 p.m., UCC - 107. Please register by July 7.

For more information on any of these classes, please contact the Office of Extended Learning at Eastern New Mexico University at (505) 562-2165 or (800) 367-3668 (NM only). Extended Learning is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m., Quay Hall Room 106, Hwy. 70 and S. Ave. K, Portales, NM 88130.

The Mexican Kitchen — More Traditional Favorites— Join Carmen Matthews, Independent Kitchen Consultant with The Pampered Chef, for this class on Saturday, June 26, 9 - 11:30 a.m., FCS - 98. Participants will learn how to make traditional Mexican dishes. Due to food purchases and preparation for specific numbers, this class must be prepaid with no refunds to non-attendees. Please register by June 23.

Partners in Tole Painting— Each student will learn the basic tole brush strokes and walk away with their own wooden project. The only materials needed are a water bowl, paper towels and brushes, all other supplies are provided (there is a kit fee). Saturday, July 10, 9:30

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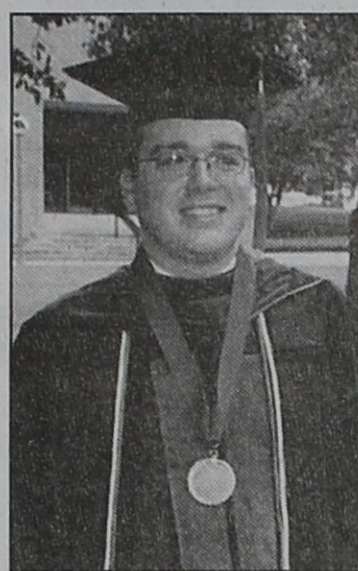
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Cox graduates with several achievements

James Eldin Cox, son of Ed and Carol Cox of Muleshoe, received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas-Austin (UT-Austin) on May 21 in Bass Concert Hall.



Cox

He is also the brother of Jeanne Cox of New York, the grandson of Ruby Cox and the late Jim Cox of Muleshoe and Garnet Longwell and the late Eldin Longwell of McAllen.

Cox, chosen to give the ceremony invocation by the dean of the College of Pharmacy, at the ceremony received the Pharmacotherapy Outstanding Student Award, the Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Provision of Drug Information Award and graduated with highest honors in the top four percent of his class. He was also elected permanent class secretary during the event.

While attending Baylor University in Waco three years and then UT-Austin, Cox garnered a long list of awards. In addition to those he received at graduation, he also received the TSHP R&E Foundation Gene Lake Scholarship, Kloesel Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Pharmacy, Lonnie and Nancy Hollingsworth Scholarship (two semesters), UT Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship (two semesters), and was a ASHP National Clinical Skills Competition top ten finalist. Also, he received the West Texas Pharmaceutical Assn. Scholarship, Rho Chi National Honor Society membership (six semesters), Lena B. Malacoff Scholarship (two semesters), Marlin B. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society membership, and various university hon-

ors, including grade point average (GPA) above 3.5 (eight semesters) and Golden Key National Honor Society.

Also, he received Baylor's Dean's List (GPA above 3.7 - three semesters), Alpha Phi Omega Bronze Member Award, Alpha Phi Omega Hall of Fame Service Award (more than 65 hours of service per semester-three semesters), and the Alpha Phi Omega Service Merit Award (more than 45 hours of service per semester-two semesters). Cox also attained Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts) status in Aug. 1994.

While attending college, Cox was a member of Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society (two semesters), UT Student Senate (Student Bill of Rights Committee, Mortar Board (two semesters), Rho Chi National Honor Society (six semesters) - president/president-elect, Pharmacy Council (three semesters) - Student Senate Rep./

vice-president/Student Issues Committee/TETA Selection Comm. chair/Pharmacy Week Comm. chair, Pharmaceutical Assn. of Compounding (two semesters) - secretary, UT Academy of Students of Pharmacy (six semesters) - Community Service Comm./Capitol Area Pharmacist's Assn. Comm./Pharmacy Week Comm., UT Student Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (six semesters), Christian Pharmacists Fellowship Internatl. (five semesters) - Hill Country Medical Ministries, Alpha Epsilon Delta (two semesters), Alpha Phi Omega (five semesters) - pledge trainer asst./Sergeant-at-Arms/ Keeper of the Sponsors, and Baylor University Golden Wave Band (three semesters).

Cox has also received specialized training and/or certification from various institutions, including Texas

Pharmacy Assn. Certified Immunizer, American Heart Assn. - Basic Life Support, ASHP Sterile Products Preparation, Professional Compounding Centers of America Compounding Certification, and a Texas State Board of Pharmacy Intern Certification, lic. #012856.

He was born and raised

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M.I.S.D. School Board hires new personnel

The Trustees of the Muleshoe Independent School District met in regular session on Monday evening. Informational reports were given. Superintendent Gene Sheets

gave the Trustees a brief report on upcoming Board Training activities.

A motion was made by Cindy Purdy to adopt a budget of \$9,022 for the summer food service program.

The resignations of Kimberly Beard and Melanie Hill were accepted.

Curtis Shelburne was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bruce Barrett on the Bailey County Appraisal District Board.

Alice Liles was hired as a part-time professional employee and Annette Escoban, Debbie Magby, Julie Gruben, Sandra Santellano and Tanya Steinbock were hired on to the M.I.S.D. staff as full-time professional employees subject to assignment.

Business Manager Trae McNeill led the Trustees in a budget workshop. A proposed tax rate of \$1.43 for the 2004-2005 school year

was declared. The resignations of Kimberly Beard and Melanie Hill were accepted.

Police Report

Muleshoe Police Department reports these incidents:

June 13— An officer responded to a call in reference to Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle at 1805 W. Birch St.

June 12— MPD was notified of a minor collision without injuries. An officer responded to the accident at 800 American

Blvd. **June 10**— A citizen reported the theft of a piece of furniture from his place of business at 414 W. American Blvd.

June 9— A complainant reported to the Muleshoe Police a sexual assault had occurred at 312 W. Ave. C.

An officer met with a woman and took a report

of telephone harassment at 506 E. American Blvd.

An officer spoke with a woman who reported a theft of a telephone at 300 E. 5th St.

June 7— A complainant reported that she had lost her cellular phone at 312 W. Ave. C.

An officer responded to a report of Criminal Mischief, \$500-1,500 on Reno St.

June 6— An officer arrested a man for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated along E. American Blvd.

An officer responded to a complaint of Criminal Mischief, \$50-500 at 100 N. 1st St.

The police department was notified of a minor collision without injuries. An officer responded to 1101 W. American Blvd.

Officers responded to the farm labor complex in reference to a domestic dispute where both parties were assaulted at 301 E. Sixth St.

June 5— There was a 9-1-1 call to 309 4th Street in reference to domestic violence.

An officer received a report of an Aggravated Assault with A Motor Vehicle along American Blvd.

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

June 3 — Jacob Barron, Cicilia Cumpian, Margaret Durben, Charles Eaves, Bryan Garcia, JoAnna Garcia, Doris Hanna, Helen Rennells, Erma Templar, Christopher Thompson and Kathy Vandevender.

June 4 — Cicilia Cumpian, Charles Eaves, Marc Anthony Garcia, Margarita Garcia, Doris Hanna, Sonia Olivas, Helen Rennells, Erma Templar and Kathy Vandevender.

June 5 — Not Available

June 6 — Margarite Bustamante, Chase Chisman, Pearlie Chisom, Cicilia Cumpian, Arianna Gonzalez, Sonia Olivas,

Gloria Olveda, Blanca Salas, Ladene Spears, Kaden Thomas, Tommy Wolfe and Maddison Zapata.

June 7 — Not Available.

June 8 — Margarite Bustamante, Patsy Chance, Cicilia Cumpian, Ariana Gonzalez, Mary London, Elsie Messenger, Sonia Olivas, Jovita Romero, Richard Rowton, Blanca Salas, Ladene Spears, Kaden Thomas, Tommy Wolfe and Maddison Zapata.

June 9 — Patsy Chance, Mary London, Edward Luebken, Eric McClain,

Elsie Messenger, Jovita Romero, Richard Rowton, Blanca Salas, Ladene Spears and Gladys Wilson.

Commissioners' Court, from front page

proved the County Judge to advertise bids for the county fuel purchase.

Ruby Henderson and Linda Nowell were appointed to the Bailey County Child Welfare Board.

The motion made to approve the Easement to Minsa Corporation for a six-foot waterline to go under the Southwest Quarter of Section 59 crossing County Road 1068 was accepted.

Dianne Brunson was appointed to represent Bailey County on the Board of Trustees of the Central Plains Center.

The Court reviewed and approved Budget Amendment No. Ten to the FY 2004 Budget.

A budget workshop was conducted and the

Commissioners Court reconvened at City Hall later that evening to conduct a public hearing concerning the Texas Capital Fund Program.

During this hearing, interested parties discussed current plans to file an application for grant funds. These funds, as discussed in the meeting would help to reconstruct county roads for access to dairies in the area. These roads require heavy duty caliche to sustain heavy equipment traveling these unpaved roads.

It was noted that the dairies have to match the dollar amount the county puts up to build the roads.

Early Season Warm Control In Corn Can Impact Other Crops

Favorable market conditions, an early season, new varieties and new technologies are all contributing to corn's return to prominence as a key Southern crop.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Muleshoe Independent School District will meet

**Monday
June 28, 2004**

for the purpose of adopting a budget for the 2004-2005 school year.

The meeting will begin at

7:00 p.m.

in the

School Administration

Building

514 W. Ave. G

Any taxpayer of the district may be present and participate in the hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Muleshoe Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., June 28, 2004 in the School Administration Building, 514 W. Ave G, Muleshoe, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rate with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4000	\$0.000 *	\$1.4000	\$1,932	\$4,934
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5927	\$0.000 *	\$1.5927	\$2,044	\$4,821
Proposed Rate	\$1.4300	\$0.000 *	\$1.4300	\$1,899	\$4,821

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$38,418	\$39,343
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$23,418	\$24,343
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.4000	\$1.4300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$327.86	\$348.11
Increase in Taxes		\$20.25

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6527. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6527.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$0.000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.000

Nursing Home News

H. Awbrey was visited Friday by his sister and brother-in-law Easter Sue and Wayland Barnett of Littlefield.

The Followers Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church made a donation to Park View.

Joyline Costen visited Park View Monday.

Wilma Hughes went out to visit her brother and other family members Tuesday.

Mildred Ferral was vis-

ited by her daughter Elinor Yerby Monday.

Peggy Dent visited the residents and employees at Park View Tuesday afternoon.

The T.O.P.S Club met in the day room on Hall #1 on Thursday evening.

Vada Alexander is visited by her daughter Sharon Dale every day.

Donna and Ed Nickels stopped by to see Johnnie Kimbrough all through the

week.

Park View halls (and the hearts of many) were filled with music as Harold Carpenter "tickled the Ivory." Avis Carpenter lead the residents in a sing-a-long.

Saturday morning, Buster Kittrell came to give the men haircuts.

Iris Clements directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon. Iris baked cookies to be served to the residents after bingo.

The United Methodist Church directed a Communion and singing service Sunday afternoon.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

Each Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directs a Communion service.

Monday morning Sandy Vandevender, general manager of Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc., made a presentation of the history and the future of the telephone and telecommunications in general.

Gary Hubbard and Lanell Skaggs directed a music and praise devotional Tuesday morning in the Park View day room.

Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Beverly Wagnon, Mary Jo Burge and Beckye Conklin came Tuesday afternoon to set and comb-out the ladies hair. Pat Clark and Beverly Wagnon gave haircuts.

Morris and Robbie Nowlin visited Elzie Darland and other residents and staff this week.


At this writing, Gladys Wilson was hospitalized in the local hospital.

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Senior Citizen News

What a day it was at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizen Center on Thursday. Over 100 people were counted at the lunch and health fair. The fair, sponsored by the South Plains Association of Governments, was a huge success.

Lines formed and kept the nurses and workers busy as they administered various screenings which included bone density, cholesterol, blood sugar, hearing and others. All of which were free to senior citizens. Some requested that another health fair be available in the fall.

The potluck feast required six tables to accommodate the food, drinks and desserts. All pronounced it delicious, including the health workers.

A presentation of a beautiful plaque was made by President Buster Kittrell to Marshall Cook, Joe Sowder and Fred Clements for their excellent carpentry skills and many long hours of labor in making the beautiful kitchen island.

A festive air prevailed as people visited and inspected the progress being made at the Center. All were pleased that two van loads of senior citizens came from Park View to visit with old friends and enjoy the lunch and facilities. Cem and Deeva Johnson and son, Taylor, also visited Thursday. Mrs. Johnson is the new administrator of the nursing home.

The Garden Tour which is set for Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon promises to be an enjoyable event. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Center this week and also on Saturday morning before the tour. Come at 8:30 a.m. and enjoy coffee and doughnuts at the Center before beginning the tour. Lowe's Marketplace has furnished bottled water for the participants.

We hope to see a large turnout for this fund-raiser. We also appreciate these folks who have prepared for visitors.

A drawing for prizes will be held at noon at the Center. Among those furnishing prizes are "The Greenhouse" located beside Muleshoe Feed Barn, Flower Haven, Cousin's Nursery, Decorator's, Lasting Impressions, Lowe's, United, Antiques and Fine Things, Carolyn's Christmas Creations, Fry and Cox and Higginbotham-Bartlett. If your ticket is drawn, you will go to that place of business to get your prize.

Gardening consultants, Marshall Cook, Alice Liles or Sheila Stevenson will come to your home to discuss your garden and make suggestions as to how, when, what, and where if you choose to take advantage of their services.

This service is \$15 with checks made payable to Bailey County Senior Citizens.

Gardens listed for viewing are Joe Bob and Sheila Stevenson, Marshall and Helen Cook, Bill and Alice Liles, Kevin and Rhonda Smith, Kenneth and Toni King, Tim and Lynn Campbell, Carl and Jenny Bamert, Chester and Elinor Yerby, Fred and Charlene Lindt, Darrell and Linda Nowell and Ronnie and Peggy Dent.

Further details are available at the Center or by calling 272-4969.

The treadmills are now operative at the Center. They are another feature of the Senior Citizen exercise "gym" along with several kinds of stationary bikes. Walking at 8 a.m. still remains a favorite exercise.

Tuesday morning games attendance continues to increase now that the beautiful spring weather is here. It's always cool and nice in the Center. The ice maker and refrigerator are now located in the 'snack bar' section as well as the coffee pot and supplies.

The Senior Center is available to be rented for reunions, anniversaries and various types of parties. Call 272-4969 for more details. No smoking or drinking is allowed on the premises.

Call some friends and meet at the Center for walking and games. Come use the scrapbooking supplies or do your handiwork while visiting or you can watch a movie. Computer games are also a favorite.

June 26, Monday evening at 6 p.m. will be our monthly potluck. It is also designated as game night. So come for the fun.

Our Thursday, July 8 noon potluck is being designated for the dedication of the new kitchen. This will be a big day for the Senior Center. Mark your calendar.

—courtesy Nelda Merriott, Center director

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BUYING AT A TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Purchasers at tax foreclosure sales in Bailey County must now have a written statement of no delinquent taxes from the Bailey Central Appraisal District. This new law applies to the public sale of real property conducted in or after October 1, 2003.

Effective September 1, 2003, House Bill 335 added Tax Code Section 34.015 to require a person purchasing property at a tax foreclosure sale to show the officer conducting the sale a written statement from the appraisal district that the person owes no delinquent property taxes to that county or the school districts, cities or special districts in that county. The officer may not execute or deliver a deed to the purchaser until the person shows such statement.

If you are interested in purchasing property at a tax foreclosure sale in Bailey County, contact the Appraisal District at 302 Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347, 806-272-5501, for an application for certification of no taxes due.



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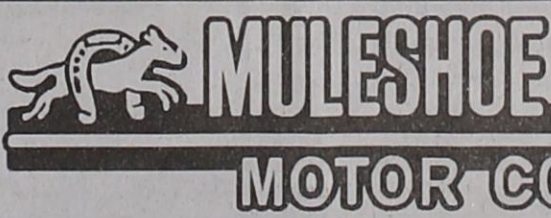
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Pump it up— Lucy Mardis (right) gets her blood pressure checked by Interim Healthcare Nurse Jane Ebeling of Lubbock at last Thursday's Senior Citizen's Health Fair at the Senior Center on Main Street. There were also booths to assist seniors with hearing, blood sugar checks and information on health.



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Letters to the Editor

For Father's Day

Dear Editor,

I have a story to tell about my father on this Father's Day. First of all, "Happy Father's Day" to all the dads out there this June 20, 2004. This story is about what I believe is the best dad anyone could possibly have, Ronald Howard Lewis.

Born in Oklahoma, he



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grew up and graduated from Muleshoe. He gave me the opportunity to be raised on a ranch in House, N.M. My dad taught me so many

things living on that ranch — horse riding, moving cattle, growing a garden, making sure mom taught me to do the cooking, cleaning and sewing chores, too. He always had his family in church.

He taught us responsibility and made sure we were involved in events like 4-H, all school activities and sports, along with church activities that would help teach us to be better people. He was always there to support us. Even though he led a very busy cowboy life, he always seemed to find time for us. We weren't rich but to the best of my recollection, I never went without.

We moved to a new ranch job on the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie, Texas when I was a junior. A year-and-a-half later, his wife, Mona Rea Lewis, died. She, too, was the very best. Her death left him to take care of three kids — one in college, myself and my brother, a sixth grader at the time. He took over the role of being a cow-

boy, dad and mother, too. He did the cooking, cleaning, washing and was there in general for all of us.

Then he met a wonderful lady who played piano at church. They wed and he took on the role of father to her two children who were eight and nine. They were blessed by the Lord with a child of their own. So, he ended up being the father of six children. He had kids in school for over 42 years and not once did he ever stop supporting us. He was always there for us, encouraging us, and helping us to be strong.

The reason he is such a great father to start with is because he had a great father who was a man of God and put the Lord first in his life to guide and raise his family, Leon Lewis of Muleshoe. My dad just followed in his footsteps.

The Lord is in charge of his life first and foremost and that's where it all starts. My dad was the head of the household as God intended

for man to be. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for giving me the blessed father He did. This is God's plan for men to be the head of their homes. So, fathers, if there is disruption in your home, turn to the Lord and let Him be Lord of your life.

My father has worked hard all his life to make life easier for his children and help us put the Lord first in our lives. I am so thankful for your continued guidance dad.

Linda Bomer
Muleshoe

Mule Putt Golf

Dear Editor,

We would like to acknowledge the Jennyslippers for the wonderful job they are doing and have done with the Mule Putt

Golf Course. Everything looks neat and clean. Our church recently rented the course for a Saturday afternoon of fun. The new tables and

barbecue grills were a pleasant surprise and a joy to use. The ladies have always given us a warm welcome and never seemed "put out" to give up a few hours of their day. Our community may be small, but we can certainly do

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Judy Coffman
Calvary Baptist Church
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Urban legends: Don't believe everything you read in e-mail

What do shampoo, bottled water, plastic water bottles, artificial sweetener and sun screen have in common?

All are the subjects of urban legends.

"Urban legends are scary stories circulating through the Internet by e-mail," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist.

Many of these stories are false, but they keep making the rounds over and over.

"The shampoo one hit e-mails in 1998, and it's still circulating," she said. This urban legend claims that some shampoos and toothpastes contain sodium lauryl sulfate, which is reported to cause cancer in alarming numbers.

"It's totally and completely false," Rice said.

Yes, these products do contain this substance, and no, it doesn't cause cancer.

What it does cause is diarrhea if too much is swallowed. Because of that fact, as of April 1998, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that fluoride toothpaste packaging carry warning labels about swallowing too much toothpaste that contains sodium lauryl sulfate, as well as sorbitol and fluoride.

"What's interesting to me is this (myth) has been circulating relatively unchanged for years," Rice said. "It wastes a phenomenal amount of time for people to look these things up. It wouldn't keep coming up if it

wasn't continually forwarded."

Another urban legend that can cause health concerns claims 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated because they fail to drink eight to 10 glasses of water each day.

Not true, Rice said. "While it's not a hazard to your health to drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day, it's not true that 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated. How much water needs to be taken in depends on how much you lose."

And it doesn't have to be water. Other liquids and food can replenish fluid that is lost from daily activities.

"The body works to replenish what we lose, and most of us have a pretty good system that lets us know when we need to replenish liquid," she said.

What about those plastic water bottles? Reusing them causes them to break down into cancer-causing chemicals, right?

Wrong, Rice said. Refilling plastic water bottles with more water won't release any cancer-causing ingredients into the water.

However, she warned, "We don't recommend reusing them because if you don't wash them and keep them clean, you could have things growing in there you don't want," such as bacteria and other impurities.

Some urban legends are guaranteed to terrify parents,

including the one that claims waterproof sun screen can blind a child if it gets into his or her eyes.

This is another falsehood, Rice said. If waterproof sun screen gets into a child's eyes, rinse it out with water.

"All these things have some little bit of underlying veracity, something to make people want to latch onto them and believe," she said. "If you get sun screen in your eye it will burn, but you will not go blind."

Prevent Blindness America's Web site addresses this issue at: http://www.preventblindness.org/news/releases/UV_598.html.

What about artificial sweeteners? Because watching calories and carbs has become a national pastime, soft drinks and other foods and drinks sweetened artificially are big sellers. Is consumption of the artificial sweetener aspartame (often marketed as NutraSweet) causing an epidemic of multiple sclerosis and lupus like a persistent urban legend reports?

No, it's not, Rice said. Nor is it causing increases in brain tumors or cancer or other serious illnesses.

"This legend has never been verified, it's been refuted by a number of different sources, including the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation," she said. "The only

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in Muleshoe and graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1997. Cox has worked for Damron Drug, United Pharmacy and St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock, Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock, HEB Pharmacy in Waco, Scott and White Health Plan Pharmacy in Waco and Federal Medium Security Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wis.

Cox has accepted a one-year position as a pharmacy resident in general pharmacy at University Hospital in San Antonio starting July 1.

people who really have to avoid aspartame have a condition they are born with, called phenylketonuria, or PKU, and all babies are tested for it. They know who they are."

Don't be taken by these or other urban legends, Rice advised. If one shows up in e-mail, "ask yourself, if it's this

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Nursing home news, from pg. 7

Dianna and Luli Ramirez came Tuesday afternoon to volunteer their time and talents to make the lives better for the residents.

Ruby Riley was visited by her granddaughter Laren Percell, her great-grandchildren Spencer, Mattie and twin great-granddaughters Ragan and Rhiley, along with her daughter Char Rector and granddaughter Elise.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee, juice and doughnuts at coffee time on Wednesday

morning. Harold read "words of wisdom."

Bro. Bennie Wright, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed our devotional "singsperation" time Wednesday morning. Jackie Scoggin and Anna B. Lane directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Doris (Underdown) and her sister from Florida visited Park View Friday.

Bro. Jack and Debbie Stone visited Bill Lambert and others Wednesday afternoon.

—courtesy Joy Stancell, activities director

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Obituaries

RUBY GARNER

Church services for Ruby Garner, 92, of Muleshoe were Monday, June 14, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery in Sudan, with a graveside service by the Rebeckah Lodge.

Mrs. Garner died on June 11 in Midlothian. She was born Aug. 26, 1911 in Childress.

Mrs. Garner had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1947 moving from Gainesville. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe and Rebeckah Lodge #114 in Muleshoe. She worked as a nurse aide in past years. She used to drive a school bus for the kids and also baby-sat for several children in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Garner is survived by her two sons and their wives, Dwayne and Arlena Garner of Little Elm, and Billy and Gerry Garner of Midlothian; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

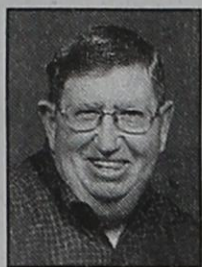
The family suggests memorials be made to the Muleshoe Public Library or one's favorite charity.

HERMAN MORRISON

Church services for Herman Morrison, 65, of Muleshoe were Monday, June 14, 2004 at First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Jack Stone, Rev. Kurtis Ivey and Rev. Charlie Bazan officiating. Burial

was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Morrison died Friday, June 11 in the Lamb Health Care Center Emergency Room. He was born March 1, 1939 in Lockney. He married Joyce



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Dillard in Plainview November 14, 1958. She preceded him in death April 17, 2003. On Sept. 13, 2003 he married Janis Cowley in Earth.

Mr. Morrison moved to Muleshoe in 1975 from Plainview. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church and served as secretary/treasurer for eighteen years. He was treasurer for the Africa Tent Evangelism. He served on the Bailey County Jr. Livestock Show Board. He owned and operated Morrison Oil Company in Muleshoe from 1975-2000. He had been serving as the Justice of Peace for Precinct #1 in Bailey County since 2000.

Mr. Morrison is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; a son, Brad Morrison of Graham; a daughter, Sharla Saylor of Muleshoe; his mother, Vada Morrison of Clarendon; a stepson, Matt Cowley of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Casey Marquez of Borger; a sister, Carolyn Clark of Amarillo; two brothers, Jackie Morrison of Cripple Creek, Colorado and Larry Morrison of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to First Assembly of God Church, P.O. Box 707, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

EDITH BARLOW WHITELEY

Church services for Edith "Toots" Barlow Whiteley, 80, of Earth were Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Jeff Hucceby officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Whiteley died Sunday in Runningwater Draw Care Center in Olton. She was born June 3, 1924 in Tampico. She married Lewis Elvin Barlow in Clovis on Nov. 23, 1940. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1967. She later married William Foy Whiteley in Weatherford on Oct. 27, 1973. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2002. She was preceded in death by a number of brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Whiteley moved to Earth in 1940 from Ballinger. She had lived in Grandbury from 1974 until 2002. She moved to Olton in January of this year. In Grandbury she was a dedicated volunteer for People Helping People. When she lived in Earth she was employed by Earth Cleaners for a number of years.

Mrs. Whiteley is survived by two sons, Darrell Barlow and his wife Joyce of Friona and Tommy Barlow and his wife Ruby of Lubbock; a daughter, Barbara Nance of Sherman; a stepson, Jerry Whiteley of Ft. Worth; a stepdaughter, Glenda Kay Westbrook of Granbury;

eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to Runningwater Draw Care Center, 800 W. 13th Street, Olton, Texas 79064.

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The event is being hosted by Bonnie and Nelda's children, Gary and Celia Merriott and Mickey and Dawn Merriott, all of Amarillo, and their three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. No gifts, please.



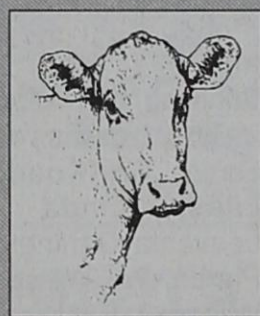
Lonnie Merriott and Nelda LeBleu were married on June 24, 1954 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe. Lonnie served as manager of the local Texas Employment Commission Office for twenty-five years and Nelda served as the Bailey County District Clerk for thirty years. She is now the director of the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1153 head of cattle, 188 hogs and 496 sheep and goats for a total of 1,848 animals were sold at the June 12th sale. Market steady on almost all classes of stocker and feeder cattle with good demand. Pairs and bred cows active. Packer cows 2-4 higher. Remember, we will not have a sale on July 3rd.

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

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Muleshoe Cattle Market

SAT., JUNE 12, 2004

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Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	2	Char. bulls	173 lbs.	at \$167.50
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. bulls	303 lbs.	at \$141.00
Paula Nix, Springlake	3	Mxd. bulls	297 lbs.	at \$135.00
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	10	Mxd. str	401 lbs.	at \$124.00
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	17	Mxd. str	527 lbs.	at \$110.00
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	4	Red str	616 lbs.	at \$103.00
ACU, Morton	13	Mxd. str	428 lbs.	at \$129.00
ACU, Morton	20	Mxd. str	494 lbs.	at \$121.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	1	Blk. str	600 lbs.	at \$110.00
Dickerson Farms, Plains	4	Mxd. str	673 lbs.	at \$102.50
Neima Avitia, Levelland	2	Char. str	795 lbs.	at \$101.00
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	7	Mxd. hfrs	278 lbs.	at \$138.00
ACU, Morton	3	Mxd. hfrs	342 lbs.	at \$131.00
ACU, Morton	11	Mxd. hfrs	467 lbs.	at \$114.00
Paula Nix, Springlake	9	Mxd. hfrs	360 lbs.	at \$141.00
M&C Farms, Muleshoe	1	Red hfr	400 lbs.	at \$122.50
Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Blk. hfrs	480 lbs.	at \$112.00
W.B. Ethridge, Morton	17	Mxd. hfrs	494 lbs.	at \$115.00
Peter Reimer, Seminole	4	Mxd. hfrs	500 lbs.	at \$117.50
TTW Cattle, Littlefield	7	Blk. hfrs	511 lbs.	at \$111.00
Benji Benavides, Albuquerque	3	Mxd. hfrs	600 lbs.	at \$100.00
Dickerson Farms, Plains	4	Mxd. hfrs	605 lbs.	at \$101.00
Neima Avitia, Levelland	2	Char. hfrs	735 lbs.	at \$94.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst	1	Blk. hfr	830 lbs.	at \$94.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst	1	BMF cow P7		\$850.00
Wayne Pierson, Muleshoe	1	Char. cow P7		\$900.00
Joe B. Conaway, Hobbs, NM	1	Jersey cow P8		\$850.00
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. pairs		\$790.00
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	2	BMF cows	1250 lbs.	at \$59.50
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. cows	1130 lbs.	at \$58.00
Briana Azua, Sudan	1	Char. cow	1465 lbs.	at \$62.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	1	Blk. cow	1020 lbs.	at \$56.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst	1	Blk. cow	1210 lbs.	at \$55.50
ACU, Morton	1	Brin. bull	1455 lbs.	at \$69.00

"Take Your Dog To Work Day"

On Friday, June 25, companies everywhere will be participating in Pet Sitters International's (PSI) 6th Annual Take Your Dog To Work Day®, sponsored by Iams Dog Foods. Pet Sitters International created this doggie day to celebrate the great companions dogs make and to encourage adoptions from local shelters, humane societies and rescue groups.

In addition, this year's event will help raise funds for the efforts of the Turken Foundation (www.turkenfoundation.org),

with a portion of the proceeds from all TYDTWDay products being donated to the cause. The Turken Training for Adoption Program recruits volunteers nationwide to teach basic obedience and socialization skills to shelter animals to make them more adoptable.

More than 64 million U.S. households report owning a pet, a total of 65 million dogs nationwide. In the average workplace, that translates to 62 percent of employees who own dogs. Each year, more and more of them are bring-

ing their canine co-workers along for a day on the job.

Studies show that having a dog at work can create a more relaxed and productive work environment. Introduce some tail-wagging wage earners to your workforce and you will likely find that creativity, interpersonal skills and positive work relationships will increase while stress levels and absenteeism decrease.

"What a difference a day makes," states Patti Moran, president of Pet Sitters International. "People bringing their dogs to work for one day to celebrate Take Your Dog To Work Day can make a huge difference in the adoption

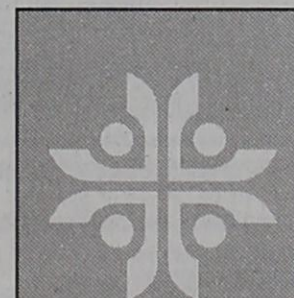
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- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe, TX 79347; or call 965-2619; or drop by the Muleshoe State Bank to talk with Janice
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411
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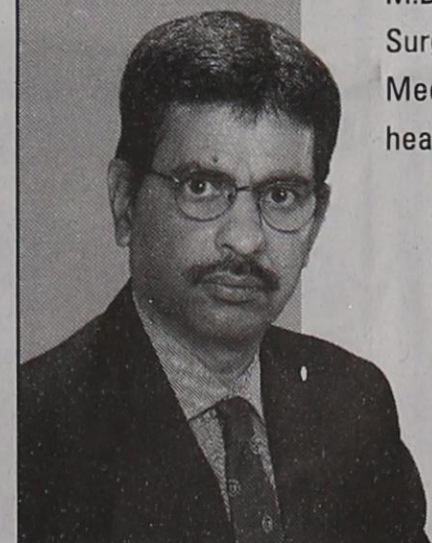


Atul Joshi, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery

Covenant Medical Group is pleased to welcome orthopedic surgeon Atul B. Joshi, M.D. to our practice, effective June 1. He was trained in Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Charnley Hip Center, Wrightington Hospital, UK and at Baylor School of Medicine, Houston. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Joshi to our group of healthcare professionals.

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Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration and Buffalo Soldier Encampment in Morton

Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Celebration and Buffalo Soldier Encampment is June 25-27 in Morton. The following is a daily schedule of events:

Friday, June 25: Starts at noon - Texas Buffalo Soldier Encampment—Cochran County Park (drive north of Cochran County courthouse on Hwy. 214 to FM 1780 South; turn right onto FM 1780; county park is 1.2 miles east on FM 1780); 6 p.m. Texas' Last Frontier Heritage Parade in downtown Morton with special guests Texas Buffalo Soldier Regiment; 6:30-8 p.m. - Cochran County Historical Committee and Texas' Last Frontier Museum, Hamburger supper at the Cochran County Park with a special performance by Alibates

Creek Native American Indian dance troupe of Boy and Girl Scouts from Borger.

Saturday, June 26: All day - Texas Buffalo Soldier Encampment—Cochran County Park; 10 a.m. - noon - Historical Tour and Presentation: Buffalo Soldier Hill (meet at Texas' Last Frontier Museum table in Cochran County Park for bus and car caravan to historical site 18 miles west of Morton on Highway 114); At noon - Morton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Brisket Dinner at the Cochran County Park; 3 p.m. - Native American Indian Burial Dedication at the Morton Memorial Cemetery (drive one mile north of Cochran County courthouse on Highway 214; cemetery is on west

side of highway; site is on far west side of cemetery); 4 p.m. - Horse-drawn buggy rides in and around Cochran County Park; 5 p.m. - Special performance by Ballet Folklorico Guadalupano dance troupe from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe at the slab in center of the Park; 5:30 p.m. Chuckwagon Stew and Cornbread Supper to benefit Whiteface Museum and Campfire Sing-along (bring your favorite instruments) at the park grounds.

Sunday, June 27: All day - Texas Buffalo Soldier Encampment at the Cochran County Park; 11 a.m. - noon - Community Worship Service at the Cochran County Park (bring folding chairs); noon - 12:20 p.m. - Fea-

tured gospel music appearance—Buddy and Tina Wright; 12:30-2 p.m. - Soul Food Dinner catered by Katherine Joyce and JJ's Barbecue of Morton at the Morton School Cafeteria; 2-5 p.m. - Special performance by Bluegrass and Early American music programs, and Buddy and Tina Wright at the Cochran County Park Pavilion.

Everyone is invited to visit Texas' Last Frontier Museum, 108 S.W. First St., Morton. For more information call (806) 266-0638 or e-mail cochranmuseum@door.net. See interesting exhibits on the history of Cochran County and the surrounding area. Books on the history of Texas' Last Frontier and the Buffalo Soldiers, signed prints by

artist Paul Wylie, and postcards will be on sale. The Museum hours are: Friday, June 25: 3-6 p.m.; Saturday, June 26: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, June 27: 2-6 p.m. There is no admission fee but donations welcomed. For more information, contact Pattie Clayton, President of the Texas' Last Frontier Museum Board, (806) 266-5038, patjet17@door.net.



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Bridal Shower

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Mandy Shipman was honored with a bridal shower on June 13 in the home of Judy Wilbanks. Shipman is the bride-elect of Lance Coers, son of Linda Coers of Lubbock and Bob Coers of Post. She is the daughter of Gerry and Sherri Shipman of Muleshoe. Shipman is a 1993 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She is currently employed as a counselor

at the Richard Milburn Academy. Lance Coers is a 1994 graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School. He is currently employed as an assistant sales manager with Great Plains Distributors. Special guests attending the shower were Sherri Shipman, mother of the bride-elect; Bettie Fitzgerald of Clovis, grandmother of the bride-elect; and Linda Coers, the prospective groom's mother,

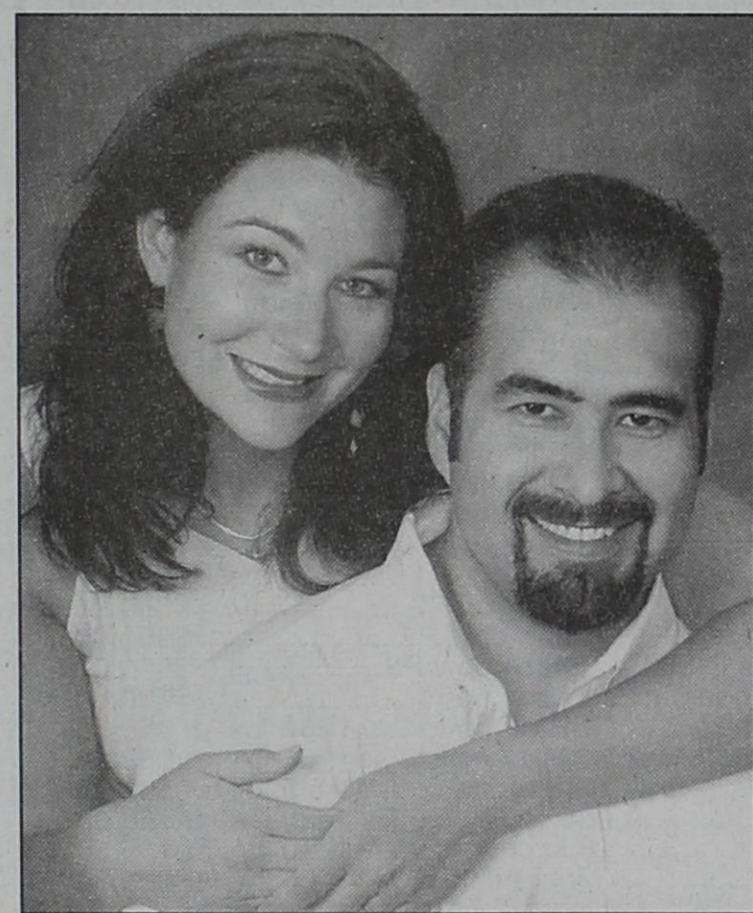
and his sister Laura Schilling, both of Lubbock. The hostesses were Sandi Chitwood, Alice Liles, Linda Elder, Louvenia Garlington, Jan Pierce, Pat Watson, Judy Wilbanks, Pat King, Lynne Box, Magann Rennels, Diana Harrison, Polly Vann, Sharon Grant and Glenna Yell. The hostesses gift was a comforter set, matching sheets and cash. The wedding will be July 24, 2004 at the Los

Abrigatos Resort in Sedona, Ariz. The couple will reside in Lubbock.



SHIPMAN

Engagement



CLEAVINGER—HELTON

CLEAVINGER—HELTON
Mike and Criss Cleavinger of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandy Cleavinger, to Dr. Jason Helton of Lubbock. Helton is the son of Ronnie and Deanna Helton of Seminole. Cleavinger is the granddaughter of Neleen Dent of Muleshoe and Orville Cleavinger of Springlake. The bride-elect is employed by the Law Office of Deborah Penner. The prospective groom is in practice in Lubbock at Southwest Chiropractic Center and in Seminole at J-Sun Chiropractic Clinic. The couple plans to wed on Aug. 1 at the Baker Building in Lubbock.

Urban legends, from page 8

serious, why is it not also in the newspapers? Why is it not more generally known? "These legends have been circulating since the late 1990s and they keep coming back almost in the same form," she said. "The time spent checking them out could be spent in a more productive way, like getting out and taking a walk." When these urban legends arrive—and they are difficult to avoid—visit a reputable Web site such as Snopes.com at <http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp> to find out if they are true or false. "This is not a scientific source, but they do take time to check things out," Rice said. And please, she added: Please don't forward anything. For more information on health issues, visit

Extension's Family and Consumer Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to health and safety.

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Local Extension office releases summer garden checklist

By Curtis Preston
Bailey County Extension Agent for Agriculture

• Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

• Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites and thrip can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.

• Supplemental irrigation is essential for many of namental plants such as coleus, caladium, geranium, dahlia, azalea, and camellia during the hot dry summer days ahead. Water

lawn and garden thoroughly, but not too frequently. As a general rule, soak to a depth of eight inches. Finish watering by early afternoon, to lessen the chance of disease.

• During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is often times costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success.

Mulches are usually applied two to six inch deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a two inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching

effect as six inches of oat straw;

• There is still time to plant some of the colorful, heat-tolerant summer annuals. Direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold, and purslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

• Removing faded flowers from plants before they set seed will keep them growing and producing flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.

• House plants can be moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly; water pots, container plants, and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with house plant fertilizer will encourage continued growth.

• Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once the bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every three to four years.

• June is the time to select daylily varieties as they

reach their peak of bloom. Fertilize roses every four to six weeks. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately after a flush of bloom.

• Re-blooming salvias, such as *Salvia Greggii* and *S. Farinacea*, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier, use hedging shears, and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below.

Fall-blooming perennials,

such as Mexican marigold (*Tagetes lucida*), *Chrysanthemums*, *Physostegia*, and *Salvia leucantha*, should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to September 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

Ag Briefs

SBA Disaster Loans available to surrounding counties

Businesses in some Texas counties have until July 6 to file applications for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to excessive rain, hail, high winds, sand, and static electricity that occurred on June 5, 2003; and excessive rain, hail, high winds, and a tornado that occurred June 19-20, 2003. Business in the following counties are eligible: Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock and Parmer. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SVA toll-free at (800) 366-6303 or TDD (817) 267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Texas watersheds are now eligible for 2004 CSP signup

Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) strongly encourages producers to take notice of USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service recent announcement concerning the fiscal year 2004 Conservation Security Program (CSP) summer signups because of the conservation potential it holds for corn growers. Selected as two of the nation's 18 priority watersheds were; The Hondo Watershed, which includes Bandera, Frio, Medina and Uvalde counties, and the Punta De Agua Watershed that encompasses parts of New Mexico and Texas including Dallam, Hartley and Oldham counties.

CSP applications available for eligible producers

The Conservation Security Program is a new program authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill that provides incentive payments to producers who employ various conservation practices on working lands. Nationally, the fiscal year 2004 CSP budget of \$41.4 million will allow NRCS to write 3,000 to 5,000 contracts.

The contracts will be determined in a national selection process that will be described in the signup notice. All CSP applications that meet the sign-up criteria will be placed in an enrollment category regardless of available funding. In addition to legal contract requirements, the categories will consider the applicants' current stewardship (soil condition, tillage intensity, existing practices and activities) and will sort producers based on these factors. Categories also will examine producers' willingness to perform additional conservation activities during their CSP contract.

NRCS will begin to train employees within the priority watersheds immediately on the basics of the program and detailed training will start once an interim final rule is published in early summer. A sign-up announcement will be published along with the interim final rule that will detail the specific program requirements within the priority watersheds.

TCPB is encouraged that the first allocations have been made to fund the CSP, and even though funding for the program is currently limited we are looking forward to a time where all producers can participate.

The CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources. Additional information on the CSP, including a list of the priority watersheds, is available on the NRCS website at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

American Museum of Agriculture in Amarillo has new hours

The American Museum of Agriculture is now open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday. The number of visitors viewing the museum and the interesting collection is up significantly from last year.

Informational brochures are available at the museum which is located on Lubbock's East Broadway between Avenue A and Martin Luther King Boulevard. For more information top by the museum or contact the Museum Director, Angela Beesley at 806.775.1347 - office; 806.775.1357 - fax; amadirector@door.net - e-mail.



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WTAMU awards diplomas to locals

Degrees were officially conferred on 544 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement exercises May 8 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 429 baccalaureate and 115 master's degrees.

Students that graduated from this area include: Jason R. Thomas of Lazbuddie, Bachelor of General Studies in General Studies; Antonio Diaz of Friona, Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems; Juan C. Rodriguez of Friona, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design; and Jose C. Vega, Bachelor of Arts in History.

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Sleep deprivation for legions of women

By Jennifer Wider, M.D.
Society for Women's Health Research

"Good night, sleep tight." Not so for millions of Americans who have trouble getting a good night's sleep each night. Roughly 40 million people suffer from some sort of sleep disorder in the United States, according to the National Sleep Foundation. And sleep problems affect women more often than men.

"Women are more likely to suffer from chronic insomnia," Annie Vallieres, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist at Laval University in Quebec, Canada, said. "The ratio is actually about two women to one man." Insomnia includes the inability to fall asleep, frequent awakenings during the night, or waking up too early and not being able to go back to

sleep.

Experts contribute this gender difference to a variety of factors including hormonal differences, biological events like pregnancy, and social roles.

"One of the major contributors is the fact that women have much more depression than men do," Meir Kryger, M.D., professor of medicine at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, said. "One of the key symptoms of depression is insomnia or sleep disturbances."

The role of female hormones cannot be ignored. "Whenever there are big changes in the hormonal status of a woman's body, there are big changes in sleep," Kryger said. Women often suffer from sleep problems during pregnancy. In a National Sleep Foundation

poll, 78 percent of women reported more sleep disturbances during pregnancy than at other times.

Menopause is another common time when women report sleep problems. "The changing levels of estrogen can cause hot flashes which are often accompanied by night sweats," Kryger said. Hot flashes frequently wake women up from a night's slumber and can lead to poorer quality of sleep and sleep-deprivation. In addition, women who have their ovaries surgically removed or who take medication to suppress estrogen often suffer from sleep disturbances.

Insomnia is not the only sleep problem women face. Sleep apnea affects millions of Americans each year. While it is seen more frequently in men, the numbers

rise sharply for women over the age of 50. It is a serious disorder, distinguished by loud snoring, interrupted breathing patterns during sleep and daytime exhaustion.

"Women with sleep apnea may have different symptoms than men," according to Kryger. "Women are much more likely to be misdiagnosed and treated for depression because there is a stereotype that sleep apnea is a man's disease." Kryger also said most men with sleep apnea have female bed partners that are also affected by the condition: "Women can become easily sleep-deprived and it's caused by their spouse."

When sleep problems get in the way of everyday life, it's time to seek medical help. Medication and psychological therapy can help.

"Cognitive-behavioral therapy seems to be effective," Vallieres said. "Therapists can restructure thinking and recommend behavioral techniques including going to bed only when sleepy, getting out of bed if awake for more than twenty minutes, reserving the bed for sleep and sex only, and relaxing before retiring for the evening."

Reasons for sleep disturbances vary from person to person.

"It is important to treat the problem," Kryger cautioned. "You wouldn't want to give a sleeping pill to a woman because her husband is snoring. That's not the best solution, separate bedrooms might be. And if a person is depressed, antidepressants might be more appropriate than sleeping pills."

Kid's diets need zinc

By Sandy Miller Hays
Agricultural Research Service

We've all read a lot lately about the problems caused by poor childhood nutrition and the epidemic of childhood obesity in this country. If you're a parent who wants to make sure your child is getting the best in nutrition, here's another step you can take to help your child: think zinc.

According to studies by scientists with the Agricultural Research Service, adequate levels of zinc can help your child learn and reason better. And zinc isn't that hard to come by in the diet; you can get it from eating nuts, popcorn, beans, whole-wheat products (such as crackers and bread), cheddar cheese, poultry, lamb, pork, oysters and liver. Probably the most common source of zinc in the American diet is red meat.

The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of zinc for grade-school-age children is 10 milligrams daily. But about 10 percent of American girls in this age group don't hit that mark, and about 6 percent of boys; in fact, they typically get less than half of the RDA.

Zinc probably affects every general function in our bodies. For one thing, it's a critical part of the mechanism that turns on and off our genes! We're talking about genes that tell our bodies to make proteins, enzymes and hormones—in other words, the substances that make our bodies "work." Also, zinc has an

important role in many of the enzymes that we need in order to have healthy skin and proper functioning of our immune, nervous and digestive systems; it helps our bodies guard against infections and repair wounds.

Studies indicate that zinc may help protect your red blood cell membranes against oxidative effects of other minerals such as copper and iron.

If you're an adult female, you may be taking extra calcium, either through supplements or dairy consumption, to help fend off osteoporosis. If so, you need to be aware that some studies indicate that extra calcium can block zinc absorption. (If you were surprised to find out that as much as 10 percent of grade-school-age girls don't get enough zinc, hold onto your hat for this one: Survey data indicate that about 50 percent of U.S. women get less than two-thirds of their RDA for zinc, which is 12 milligrams.) And to make matters worse, the amount of zinc you can absorb from your diet decreases as you age!

In a ARS-funded study at the USDA Jean Mayer Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, at Boston, Mass., 18 relatively healthy women past menopause boosted their calcium intake to 1,356 milligrams daily, which is a little higher than the 1,200 mg now recommended for people over age 50. When they did that, their zinc absorption dropped by about 2 milligrams—and that was regardless of

whether they got the extra calcium from milk or from a supplement.

Finally, there's one other group that needs to keep a close eye on zinc intake: vegetarians. You may have noticed that many of the good sources of zinc listed above are meats. In fact, vegetarian diets in the U.S. typically contain anywhere from 10 to 30 percent less zinc than non-vegetarian diets. They also contain a lot of fiber and phytic acid, which tend to tie up minerals and make them less available for absorption. Still, the scientists say if you're a vegetarian who at least includes milk and eggs in your diet, you can probably meet your zinc needs by eating plenty of whole grains and legumes.

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Dog to work, from page 9

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How to save money on groceries

Saving money at the grocery store is important, but saving on the grocery bill won't do much good if the food isn't eaten.

"An estimated 25 percent of edible food goes to waste," said Dr. Jenna Anding, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist. "Food that goes to waste is really money that is thrown away."

"Think about it," she said. "If you could save \$20 a week on grocery store expenditures, that would add up to more than \$1,000 over the course of a year."

According to figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, consumers and the food service industry tossed out about 91 billion pounds of food in 1995 (most recent figures available), with fresh produce counting for nearly 20 percent of that amount.

It doesn't have to be that way, said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Extension nutrition specialist. To get the most from money spent on produce, she said, begin by letting your senses be your guide.

"When buying fresh fruits and vegetables, choose those that have a good shape, texture and color, and a fresh smell," she said.

Only buy the amount of fresh produce you will use within a few days, she advised. "This will cut down on the amount wasted because of spoilage."

Avoid buying fresh fruits and vegetables that are bruised, moldy or show signs of injury or insect damage.

"Bruises and cuts may allow pathogens to enter a fruit or vegetable and can cause it to spoil quickly," Van Laanen said. To prevent bruising or damaging fresh produce after you get it home, handle it gently, she added.

When buying prepackaged fruits and vegetables, make sure they are refrigerated in the store. Don't buy items that have been damaged or opened. Check the use-buy dates on the packages and buy only the freshest items, she said.

To cut down on waste of both food and money, Anding recommended these steps:

- Every few months, inventory the food you already have, and use that inventory as a starting point for meal plans. Meals planned in advance can cut down on the expense of meals eaten out.

- Study grocery ads before going shopping, and use the ads to make a shopping list.

- Buy store brands rather than more expensive national brands. Look for these less-expensive items at the tops and bottoms of grocery shelves.

- Be open-minded when it comes to items that have been reduced in price for quick sale. Some real bar-

gains can be found in these bins. If purchasing meat that is close to its "sell-by" date, freeze it immediately when you get it home to insure its quality.

- Buy fresh produce in season. If it's pre-bagged, weigh the bag before you take it to the checkout counter to make sure it's the right weight.

- Stock up on sale items, but only if you'll use them. Just because something is on sale doesn't mean it's the right item for your family. A sale is no bargain if the food goes to waste.

- Use coupons, but use them wisely. If the coupons are for items you normally buy, go ahead and use them. But remember: Even with coupons, national brands are often more expensive than store brands.

- Watch when your items are being rung up at the checkout counter. If items are rung up incorrectly, point that out to the cashier.

- Don't buy more perishable food than your family will use in a reasonable amount of time. Proper storage of food and use of leftovers can go a long way toward preventing food waste.

However, Anding said, throwing away food sometimes can't be helped.

"We should never put thriftiness before food safety. If you think that a particular food is spoiled or not safe to eat, then the rule 'when it doubt, throw it out'

should be followed."

The USDA recommends consumer education to reduce the amount of food wasted at home. Suggested educational programs would teach how to plan meals and provide appropriate serving sizes, how to determine if food is safe or spoiled, and how to get the most out of leftovers.

Manufacturers date food items to help in evaluating their usability, Van Laanen said. The four different types of dating are:

- "Best if used by" date: Shows when the food will be at its best quality. Foods can safely be eaten after this date if they haven't been stored longer than recommended, have been properly handled and don't show signs of spoiling.

- "Sell by" or "pull date": Shows how long the food can be displayed for sale. After this date, the food is usually safe to eat as long as it hasn't been stored longer than recommended and is handled and prepared safely.

- "Pack date": Shows when the food was packaged or processed.

- "Expiration date": Shows the last date the food should be consumed. Food past its expiration date should be discarded. Eggs are the exception. They have an expiration date that

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Political Universe Announces Launch of PoliticalDoNotCall.com

Political Universe, L.L.P., a San Antonio, Texas-based information technology company, announced the launch of a new Internet-based service, PoliticalDoNotCall.com. This service is designed to help reduce or eliminate unsolicited telephone calls from political candidates, parties, and organizations.

"The National Do Not Call Registry has done a good job in reducing or eliminating unsolicited sales calls, but there is a gaping hole in the Registry when it comes to political telephone calls," said Hal W. Hensley, a principal with the company. "While we encourage citizens to participate in the political process and political campaigns to clearly communicate their beliefs and ideas to voters, we believe a citizen has the right to privacy with respect to telephone calls placed to their home. We actually believe this may help improve political communications with the voter."

There has been an enormous increase in the number of telephone calls placed by political organizations to residences in recent elections. "Robo-calls" — calls placed automatically that play a prerecorded

message when the receiving telephone is answered — have become particularly popular among politicians even though "they seem to be the most annoying to call recipients," Hensley said. "While this process is cheaper than others, I'm at a loss as to why campaigns continue using a process that may do them more harm than good. We believe we are providing a service to the political campaigns by informing them of the telephone numbers of individuals who don't wish to be called. This way they can save time and money by eliminating those numbers from their list and possibly avoid losing votes by not aggravating someone who might otherwise support their candidacy."

PoliticalDoNotCall.com will collect telephone numbers and do not call preferences from its participants. It will then distribute the numbers and preference information to political campaigns and organizations in the participants' voting area. No names or other personal information will be distributed. Program participants are then provided a simple complaint process to report any violation of their expressed wish to privacy.

These complaints will be posted on the Web site and passed on to the political campaign violator for response. They also will be sent to appropriate news media outlets. A small fee of \$2.50 for a two year subscription will be charged for maintenance and continued enhancements to the service.

"We believe this service can significantly reduce or eliminate unsolicited political calls," Hensley said. "While there is no legal recourse, as there is with the Registry, politics is all about public opinion, so we believe these privacy requests will be respected by politicians who want a person's vote. After all, how can candidates expect to convince their constituencies that

they respect their beliefs or positions on issues if they won't even respect a voter's direct request for privacy?"

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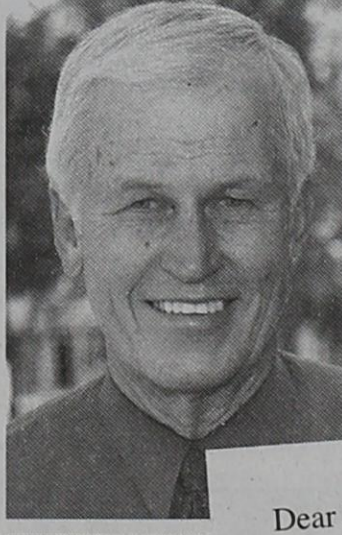

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Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's Capitol Comments



Honoring "The Gipper"

This week Americans said their good-byes to an American legend, President Ronald Reagan. Like all Americans, I was saddened to learn of his passing, but even in a moment of great loss, the memories of his good humor, contagious optimism and historic accomplishment comforted me.

At a time of great despair in our nation, Ronald Reagan came into office and restored hope. He was an unequalled champion of freedom, smaller government and market-

oriented principles. His philosophies guided our nation to become the economic and military superpower it is today.

But beyond his optimism, his confidence and his graceful charm, was a man of action who implemented great change in the United States of America. Under his leadership, our nation sowed seeds of prosperity and reduced regulatory burdens on business. He lowered taxes for all Americans, including reducing the top marginal rate from an oppressive 70 percent to a low of 28 percent, offering new incentives to create wealth and jobs,

and to rebuild America.

He encouraged Americans to embrace their own destiny and realize that government was not the answer to social ills — people were. Good people working in concert to better their communities and their fellow man could accomplish far more than bureaucracy.

Perhaps most importantly, President Reagan took the steps to ultimately win the Cold War. He pursued peace through strength and achieved an overwhelming victory that was inconceivable to a generation

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Growing cotton is a roller coaster ride for local farmers

By Roger Haldenby
Plains Cotton Growers

Cotton farmers in West Texas would tell you, "It's a roller coaster ride at the best of times; it's a House of Horrors at the worst."

The roller coaster ride was at a high point, along with producers' hopes for the season, a month or so ago when there was abundant preplant soil moisture and high, but still manageable, fuel and energy prices.

That roller coaster ride started a downward plunge as surface soil rapidly dried out while farmers waited for soil temperatures to rise as April turned to May.

Now the ride seems to be accelerating downward as May turns to June. With no sign of a much needed general rain and oil prices

topping \$42 a barrel—the outlook is tough for the 2004 crop.

At the same time, as a few irrigated producers race to finish planting their 2004 acreage, many dry-land growers in the southern part of PCG's 41-county area are "dusting in" or dry-planting cotton in hopes that a one- to two- inch rain will bail them out.

Based on National Ag Statistics Service reports and local observations, close to a million acres remain to be planted as of last weekend.

Another factor accelerating the roller coaster ride for some producers and carrying them on into the House of Horrors is debt carry-over from operations in prior years. Year to year debt carry-over has increased considerably for many with

no recent relief provided by crop disaster assistance.

Bankers have been dragged onto the roller coaster as they find it harder each year to cash flow their clients' operations.

What will it take to turn this ride around?

A lowering of oil prices and its associated effects on fuel and energy prices would help round out the down slope. Hope of a decent price to market cotton this fall along with some hope for a decent crop to sell would start some upward movement.

A gentle two-inch rain from Moore County to Midland would lift spirits and bring back the glint of optimism that was shining in the eyes of West Texas cotton farmers several weeks ago.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BAILEY. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 287th Judicial District Court of Bailey County, on the 1st day of June 2004, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows: **Cause No. 6376.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Daniel Garcia Jr., Lot 16, Block 18, Country Club Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 6707.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Richard C Orozco, South 7.5' of Lot 21, Bernardo Olivas, Lot 7, Block 1, Warren Addition No. 3 to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 6392.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Paul R. Cisneros, A Tract of land out of the Lot 10, South 15' of Lot 11, Block 6, Hillcrest No. 2 Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 7127.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Tommy W. Green and

dba Green Dirt & Paving, A 1 acre tract of land out of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Block Y, WD & FW Johnson Subdivision No. 2, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 6635.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Daniel Garcia Jr., Lot 16, Block 18, Country Club Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 6707.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Richard C Orozco, South 7.5' of Lot 21, Bernardo Olivas, Lot 7, Block 1, Warren Addition No. 3 to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 6392.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Paul R. Cisneros, A Tract of land out of the Lot 10, South 15' of Lot 11, Block 6, Hillcrest No. 2 Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 7127.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Fabian Toscano, Lots

7-9, Block 28, Country Club Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 7249.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Rogelio Anzaldua, Lot 17, Block 7, Lenau Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas, Lot 10, Block 6, Northside Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 7842.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Tony Harper, et al, A .05 acres out of Labor 18, League 201, Roberts County School Lands Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No. 7893.** Bailey County Appraisal District v. Jesse Garza Anzaldua, Northwest 25' of Lots 1-9 and Southeast 73' of Lots of 16-24, Block 40, Original Town of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. And to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of July, 2004, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 3rd day of June, 2004, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgement rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suits in favor of each jurisdiction. "ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE." GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2004. RICHARD WILLS, SHERIFF, BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS. Published in the *Muleshoe Journal* on June 10, and 17 2004.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 16,336 ROBERT B. BECK and SAM T. DONALDSON, Independent Co-Executors of ESTATE OF BLANCHE F. LENDERSON, Deceased v. JAMES D. WINGO; LINDAW. LANE; MARY W. ANDERSON; ESTATE OF GWEN M. MOORE; TOM F. WORKMAN; BILLY OTTO WORKMAN; SAM T. DONALDSON; MARY G. LANE; GLORIA G. McCAFFREY; CHARLES M. FOWLER; MARY JO FOWLER DELEVAN; ROBERT J. WINGO; REBECCA KIM BENEZUE; BILL FOWLER; EDWIN FOWLER, JR.; and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BLANCHE F. LENDERSON. THE STATE OF TEXAS IN THE 154TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR LAMB COUNTY, TEXAS. To: The unknown heirs of BLANCHE F. LENDERSON, Deceased. On the 24th day of March, 2004, SAM T. DONALDSON AND ROBERT B. BECK, as Independent Co-Executors of the ESTATE OF BLANCHE F. LENDERSON, filed Plaintiffs' Original Petition for Declaratory Judgement in a proceeding styled In the Matter of the Estate of Blanche F. LenderSON, Deceased, and bearing the cause no. 4851 in the County Court of Lamb County, Texas. The case was transferred to the 154th Judicial District Court as cause no. 16,336. The Court will hear the aforesaid Plaintiffs' Original Petition for Declaratory Judgement at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after

the expiration for forty-two (42) days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published, which will be Monday, the 19th day of July, 2004, in the 154th Judicial District Court at the Lamb County Courthouse, Littlefield, Texas. The Plaintiffs in such Petition are represented by Greak&Smith, P.C., 8008 Slide Road, Suite 33, Lubbock, Texas 79424. NOTICE: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file an answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days as set forth above, a default judgement may be taken against you. All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest to or answer to said Plaintiffs' Original Petition for Declaratory Judgement should they desire to oppose or contest it. The nature of the suit is as follows: Sam T. Donaldson and Robert B. Beck, as Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Blanche F. LenderSON, Deceased, have requested that the Court determine the unknown heirs of Blanche LenderSON, and that the Court declare the parties entitled to receive the residuary portion of the Estate and their respective portions of such Estate property. Such Estate also involves the ownership issue in and to the following-described real property located in Lamb County, Texas, to-wit: Labor 14,

League 226, Sterling County School Lands, Lamb County, Texas (50 acres). Labor 15, League 226, Sterling County School Lands, Lamb County, Texas (190 acres). Labor 4, League 227, Sterling County School Lands, Lamb County, Texas (176 acres). East60' Tract2, Block 1, Harvey Subdivision, Bailey County, Texas. .8589 acres out of Section 40, Block Y, WD&FW Johnson Subdivision, Bailey County, Texas. Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of Lamb County, Texas, 100 6th Street, Suite 212, Littlefield, Texas 79339. The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in this the County in which such proceeding is pending, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight (28) days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) day after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 19th day of May, 2004, in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas. C E L I A KUYKENDALL, District Clerk of Lamb County, Texas. Published in the Muleshoe Journal on May 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0004742000 APPLICATION, JIM YOUNG, 1801 West Avenue I, Muleshoe, Texas 79347-4335 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new TPDES Registration No. WQ0004742000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new dairy facility at a maximum of 4,000 head of which 3,000 are milking head in Bailey County, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on April 22, 2004. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. The facility is located one mile west of State Highway 214, approximately 5 miles north of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Muleshoe Public Library, 322 W. 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The Executive Director of the TCEQ

has prepared a; draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate. PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments. INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Published in the Muleshoe Journal on June 17, 2004.

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Hall, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate. PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments. INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public any contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Published in the Muleshoe Journal on June 17, 2004.

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- 3-1 Brick, cent. heat, corner lot, fenced yd., stor. bldg., MORE!!! \$35K!! HS-1
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- 3-2 Home, edge of town on FM 1760, stove, DW, refrig, FP, wall furn. heat, cent. evap. air, cov. patio, fenced yd., det. garage/shop, horse barn/ tack rm., .8 acre!! \$65K!!
- 3-1 Home on .59 acre, edge of town, wall furn. heat!! \$35K!!
- PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/ loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!!
- 4 Bdrm., 3 Bath, 4-car garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 4190' lv. area, many amenities, nice trees and shrubs, 2 acre tract on Hwy. 70!! \$195,000!! SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT!!



Leslie Radford

Rain, rain, come our way— Rain clouds south of Muleshoe brought very little precipitation Tuesday evening. The Muleshoe area had a 30 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms and reached a high in the 90s. Showers are expected later in the week.

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raised with fallout drills and backyard bunkers. Who can forget the famous challenge he laid down when he cried, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"? They were indeed dramatic! Words but more importantly, words of action. Two and a half years later, what once seemed a permanent divider through the heart of Berlin was torn down piece by piece, section by section until it was reduced to a pile of rubble.

Visitors to the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. can view a section of the wall, donated by the people of Berlin in honor of the president and in recognition of his leadership. It stands as a stark reminder of the great

shift in global politics that spread freedom in Europe, and encouraged new generations to pursue democracy.

Today, we again find ourselves in a fight for freedom. This generation, like their World War II grandparents and Cold War parents, has been called to stand and fight for freedom. Today we're grappling with a new threat: global terrorism. An enemy with no borders, no uniforms, no respect for the traditional rules of war, and more importantly, no respect for human life.

World War II took years of bitter fighting and sacrifice. The Cold War took decades of dedication and patience. This battle against terrorism

requires all that and more. The question is: Will our generation meet the test - will we have what it takes to win? I believe we do. And I believe the strength, perseverance and patriotism that President Reagan embodied will help us see this through. In 1987, he addressed a joint session of Congress saying, "Let it never be said of this generation of Americans that we became so obsessed with failure that we refused to take risks that could further the cause of peace and freedom in the world."

Ronald Reagan's lasting place in the hearts of all Americans has been evidenced by the outpouring of love and admiration we have seen across the nation and around the world. Ronald Reagan was a leader who touched people with his words, inspired them with his actions and led by his example.

Hot, windy conditions increase wildfire danger

SAN ANGELO—Hot, dry and windy weather in West Texas has turned the region into a tinderbox. Firefighters have battled several large range fires over the past few days, including a 600-acre wildfire in Mitchell County, a 135-acre fire in Coke County and a 250-acre in Ward County.

"Our fires in the Trans-Pecos Region have been wind-driven, which makes them extremely hard to stop," said Bill Davis, Texas Forest Service regional fire coordinator. "So far, rapid intervention from local and state firefighting resources have prevented these fires from becoming extremely large."

According to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service, conditions are not expected to improve in West Texas.

"Rains over the winter and spring have helped increase the abundance of grasses and other fine fuels," he said. "With the increase of hot, dry southwest winds and little moisture in the western region of Texas, conditions in the Trans-Pecos, Panhandle and Edwards Plateau areas of Texas are expected to worsen."

Residents are urged to keep the following tips in mind:

- Before burning trash or brush piles, check with local officials to make sure there is no burn ban in effect.
- Check the forecast before doing any outdoor burn-

ing, and postpone the burn if the forecast calls for gusty winds or low humidity.

- Have a spotter watch for errant sparks when welding, and keep water and a shovel handy to put out any accidental starts.
- Make sure your home has at least 30-feet of defensible space around it that

is free of highly flammable vegetation or tall, dry grass. For tips on making your home more resistant to wildfires, log on to www.Firewise.org.

For more information, log onto www.tamu.edu/ticc or www.texasforestservice.tamu.edu, or contact Ron Perry at 979-218-3034.

Save money, from page 13

shows the last day a store can sell them as "fresh." Eggs should be bought before this date and stored in the carton in the refrigerator. Use within a few weeks.

Saving money at the grocery store is possible, Anding said, even in light of recent well-publicized price hikes.

So to get the best use from your food dollars, learn to get the best use from your food.

"Remember," she said, "money tied up in food is money that cannot be used for other expenses."

For more information on this and other food and nutrition issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to food and nutrition. Or visit the Extension Bookstore at <http://tcebookstore.org/> and click on the link to food.

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