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## News Brief

### Neugebauer to hold town hall meeting today

Congressman Randy Neugebauer is holding a town hall meeting this morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Bailey County Meeting room at 2206 W. American Blvd.

He will take questions and update residents on agricultural issues, energy policy and other legislative matters.

"There's no better example of where agriculture and energy go hand-in-hand than in West Texas," Neugebauer said. "I'm working hard to keep the promises of the Farm Bill and to give West Texas more domestic energy incentives so that we can use more of the vast energy resources that are right here at home. I encourage all Bailey County residents to come give me their views on these and other important issues."

Neugebauer also encourages senior citizens to attend the meeting to learn how they can save money on their prescription drugs under the new Medicare reform law.

Residents of the 19th Congressional district should feel free to contact Neugebauer's district offices toll free at 888-763-1611 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or at his Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-4005.

### Give It A Thought

Let's keep our Stars & Stripes Forever! Let Freedom Ring Loudly, Clearly & Proudly!

Words to ponder from Beverly

## Local Weather

Thu .. MS .... 92/58

Fri .... MS .... 93/59

Sat ... MS .... 92/60

Sun .. MS .... 94/61

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Tue... MS .... 95/60

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The Muleshoe area has received approximately 6-7 inches of rain since Saturday.

### Missed your paper?

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

## Fourth of July to explode with fun in Muleshoe

By Leslie Radford  
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Lots of things are happening around town for the Fourth of July being celebrated on Saturday, July 3.

Jan Thompson at the Chamber said this year's events should be bigger than ever.

"There are a lot of merchants that will have activities and sales," she said.

### Morning Activities

It all starts on Main Street with an inside "sidewalk sale" at Higginbotham Bartlett at 8 a.m. The Boy Scouts will have a brown bag special cookout at lunch there.

At 9 a.m., test your strength at Carolyn's Christmas Creations where there will be a Strong Arm Wrestling competition. There will also be an outside tent sale, special artisans will be set up around the store with furniture from Mexico, gourd art and much more.

Activities will be available for all ages during the day at Carolyn's. Dimples The Clown will also be on hand making balloon animals for the children. Carolyn's very own Lisa and Cassie will have a face painting booth. The Watson Junior High Cheerleaders will be grilling hamburgers for a fundraiser.

### The Parade

Check out the parade at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "America's Future." Diane Nieman was in charge of organizing this year's event. Carolyn Johnson was also involved in this year's parade activity. Both encourage everyone to show their patriotism by lining Main Street to watch the event.

The Honorable Cliff Black, Mayor of Muleshoe, is this year's Grand Marshall. Congressman Randy Neugebauer will also

be on one of the floats. The Marine Reserve Color Guard of Lubbock will head the parade. Curtis Shelburne will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Several floats have been entered along with antique cars, tractors and The Rockin' S Pony Express out of Lubbock. The Muleshoe Class of '54 will ride on a float for their 50th class reunion. Dimples The Clown will also be in the lineup. All children are encouraged to

decorate their bikes and participate.

Lineup is between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. at the Muleshoe Boy Scout Hut. Nieman has said the lineup will be on the grass, not on the street as before. A booth will be available on-site for those participants to report and get lineup information.

Those still interested in joining the parade may contact the Chamber at 272-

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## Brunson graduates CPM program to better Muleshoe

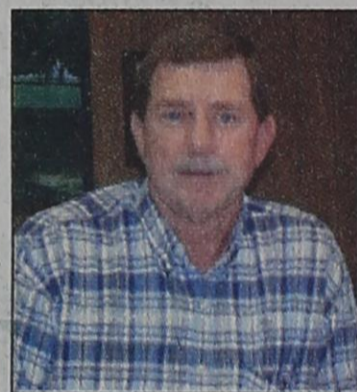
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City Manager David Brunson recently graduated from a Certified Public Management program.

"It was tough," said Brunson, who was one of 19 graduates in the program. He said they started with 30 others from the area.

He started the program in February 2003 and finished on June 8. While not required to take the course, Brunson did so to improve his own management skills and better his self.

The Certified Public Manager (CPM) program is a nationally accredited, comprehensive management development program specifically designed for public-sector



Brunson

managers. The program addresses challenges of the public management profession and develops each participant's professional achievement goals.

Brunson said the program was based on theory and practical. "I had a lot of homework and reading," he said.

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## Park View Nursing Home gets new Director of Nursing

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Francess Hopper-Pool, RN, is the new Director of Nursing (DON) at Park View Nursing Home.

She started at Park View in September 2003 as a nurse. Jan Stelzer retired at the beginning of July and Hopper-Pool took her place.

Hopper-Pool said her new position, so far, is good. She said she enjoys her staff and the residents. "It takes a special kind of person to be a nurse," said Hopper-Pool, who believes her staff is a great one.

Her job as a DON is to cater to the needs of the residents, such as their personal care and medications. "I see to it that they are maintained while they



HOPPER-POOL

are here."

Hopper-Pool comes to Muleshoe from Morton where she served as a DON at the Morton Nursing Home before it closed. She worked as a nurse at the Morton hospital before moving to Muleshoe to be a nurse at Park View.

She is married to Sid Pool and has two grown children.

Administrator Deeva Johnson said she is excited to have Hopper-Pool as not only a part of her staff, but as the Director of Nursing.



Leslie Radford

**Accident**— A three-vehicle crash occurred Friday afternoon on American Blvd. in front of Leal's. Supposedly, the driver of the pick-up truck, Gumercindo Aguirre, drove out of the United Supermarket parking lot headed west pulling out in front of this truck. Attempting to stop the tractor-trailer, Santos Liscano hit the pick-up, spinning it around to hit a mini-van stopped at the intersection. The driver of the mini-van, Cynthia Villarreal, and the truck driver were not hurt, but Aguirre went to the hospital with some injuries.

## M.I.S.D. moves spring break

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The Muleshoe I.S.D. Board of Trustees met on Wednesday morning at the 16th and D Church of Christ to discuss proposed changes to the 2004-2005 school calendar and conduct a Board/Administrative team goal-setting session.

Their first order of busi-

ness concerned Spring Break and the Houston Livestock Show. Superintendent Gene Sheets noted that the Livestock Show in Houston, a two week event, switched weeks in which most students show cattle with the week in which students show lambs. Sheets said this meant that several students that show cattle, around 50 of them, would be missing school as op-

posed to the few that are showing lambs.

Originally, the Livestock Show was scheduled for the week of March 14 and Spring Break was scheduled around that event to prevent so many absences. So, Spring Break has been moved to the week of March 7.

After the Board made that decision, they proceeded to conduct their district-wide panning session.

## Inmate phone system revised

The Bailey County Commissioners Court met in special session on Monday morning to consider adopting the local citizen complaint procedure in regards to the Texas Capital Funds Program. This Program will help build up existing county roads leading to and from dairies on County Roads 1223 and 103.

A public meeting was held a few weeks ago to make the public aware of these events. The complaint procedure adopted by the Court mostly stated who would be in charge of handling complaints, which would be County

Judge Marilyn Cox.

They also adopted a resolution to submit this 2004 Texas Capital Fund Grant application available throughout the Texas Department of Agriculture. This application, being submitted by grant writer Kay Howard, includes costs of materials only, such as engineering plans, surveys, cost of caliche, etc. The grant amount asked for is \$449,850.

Next, the Court approved the bond (\$1,000) for Deborah Stone appointed as Justice of the Peace for Bailey County.

The County has also

been researching prices for a phone system to be implemented in the new jail. The Sheriff has decided to stick with their current carrier, mostly because their contract is not up, but has negotiated rates where the county will receive 33 percent of the cost it takes for an inmate to make a collect call, a certain percentage for a local calls and calls made by phone cards.

Each cell will have one phone and inmates are able to use it at any time. Judge Cox said this was a better deal than what they were getting with the current plan.



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# Regional Round-up

## Annual brisket dinner planned

Everyone is invited to eat lunch Saturday, July 3 at the First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, 521 S. 1st St. Brisket, potato salad, beans, dessert and a drink will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carry-out orders (without a drink) are available by calling 272-3017.

## Jody Miller in concert at Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church

Grammy award-winning recording star, Jody Miller, will be in concert at Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, July 4, at 9 a.m. She will present a patriotic celebration that morning. Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church is located in Oklahoma Lane, just north of the intersection of Farm Roads 145 and 1731. If you have questions please call (806) 965-2121.

## Senior Center to hold kitchen dedication

The senior citizens at the Bailey County Senior Center are gearing up for a kitchen dedication on Thursday, July 8 at noon. A potluck lunch will be served, bring a dish to share (before noon). Representatives from the James and Eva Mayer Foundation of Plainview will be attending the dedication as well as the Lubbock Area Foundation and the South Plains Association of Governments. The seniors will present a certificate to the City of Muleshoe for their support of the Center. Everyone is invited.

## Tribute to the music of the Eagles

On Fridays and Saturdays, July 9 and 10, 23 and 24, and 30 and 31 at 8 p.m. everyone is invited to enjoy a tribute of the music of the legendary Eagles in Lubbock. The event is produced by Don Caldwell will feature Donnie Allison, Jason Fellers, Marcellus Roberts, Brian McRae, Mark Paden, Lesley Sawyer, Billie McClaran, Abbi Hutcherson, Kurt Kiser, and the instrumental and backing vocals of the Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine. Call (806)762-3233 for reservations and information.

## Landmark hosts archaeology family day

Lubbock Lake Landmark will host Archaeology Family Day on Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event includes behind-the-scenes guided tours of the archaeological excavations and research facilities at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Hands-on family activities include spear throwing, pottery puzzles, and a simulated excavation. Admission to the Lubbock Lake Landmark is free of charge. Please call (806) 742-1116 or email lubbock.lake@ttu.edu for additional information.

## Lamb County holds festivities

The Lamb County Cruzers Classic Car Club of Littlefield will host their Second Car Show, Saturday, July 3, in front of the Ag and Community Center, on Hwy. 385 and 17th Street. Register from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The show is from 12 - 4 p.m. Awards are at 4 p.m. There will be goodie bags, dash plaques, door prizes, trophies and sponsor awards. Vendors will be available along with entertainment and arts and crafts. For information and entry forms, contact Tag Price at Price Home and Auto (806) 385-4214 or Kenneth Johnson (806) 385-5991.

The day begins with a parade at 10 a.m. downtown. Ronnie's Tabacco and Coffee Shop will sponsor a "Burn-out Contest" at 5 p.m. with cash prizes. For information, call (806) 385-9004. The Texas Cruisers will open for The Drifters around 6:30 p.m. The original Drifters will perform on the outdoor stage at 7 p.m. at the Ag Center followed by the fire works display at the Wildcat Stadium at dark. Also, on Friday, July 2, the Car Club will sponsor a cruise.

## Springlake Independence Day celebration

Springlake will hold their Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 3. A parade lines up at 5:30 p.m. at the old Community building on S. Hwy. 385 and begins at 6 p.m. The Pioneer Award and the Parade awards will be given out at the park following the parade. Activities in the park include a cake auction and hamburger/hotdog supper to benefit the Springlake Volunteer Fire Department. A patriotic stamp cancellation will be available. A "42" tournament will also be held and to enter, interested persons need to call Lisa at City Bank at 986-4300. Music is provided by the Guyle Toverson Band. Fireworks are at dark.

## Dolaca Motorplex to hold Freedom Fest

The Dolaca Motorplex Freedom Fest is scheduled for Sunday, July 4. The facility is located between Levelland and Brownfield, just west of U.S. 385 on County Road 200. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by a day of activities for the entire family, like a fireworks show, jet car runs, live music, bike and lawn mower races. Drag race fans will be treated to the "Quick 8" that evening.

For more information, call Ross Day, (806) 585-6642 at the track or 585-6479 at home.



## Top 10 Reasons To Come To Carolyn's July 3rd....

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6. The grilled hamburgers the cheerleaders will be serving will put Mom's Christmas turkey to shame!
5. Dimples The Clown with all her animal balloons makes for a holly-jolly July 4th!
4. Her outside tent sale prices will be so ho-ho-ho low!
3. She's the single largest employer of elves in Muleshoe.
2. You'll find presents for everyone's stockings from the unique artisans she will be hosting.
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## Texas fire official's tips for firework safety

- Adhere to all county and city fireworks law
- Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass, trees and buildings
- Follow directions carefully, with close adult supervision
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose handy
- Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water before putting them in a trashcan
- Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks

Other fireworks safety tips can be found at the following Web site: [www.texasfireworksafety.com](http://www.texasfireworksafety.com). For more information, log onto [www.tamu.edu/ticc](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc) or <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>.

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*Hats off to Neva Gray & the Watson JH Art students for the creative gift bags!*

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# Mustafa fights in Operation Iraqi Freedom as machine gunner

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Ethiopia isn't the kindest environment to raise a child. The birth mother of Yacob Mustafa knew this when she sent her young son to live with his uncle in America.

But, living with an alcoholic uncle isn't the best environment either. So, Texas state officials did what they thought was best for Yacob - they sent him to live at the Presbyterian Children's Home in Waxahachie.

That's where Sheryll Sullivan took special interest in the boy who would, in essence, adopt her.

Sullivan is the daughter of Raleigh and Laurantette Mason of Muleshoe.

Under the watchful eye of his "adopted" family, Mustafa stayed in the system until his enlistment in the U.S. Army three years ago.

According to Laurantette Mason, he has always claimed Sheryll as his mother and she considered him another son from day

one. "Raleigh is his 'Piedad' and I'm 'Grandmother,' and Sheryll's son, Jason, is his age and the two grew up like brothers," Mason said.

"He's a wonderful boy," she said. "He has always been kind and is so intelligent. We all love him very much."

According to a military press release, Mustafa has returned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, after completing a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

with additional participation in Operation Northern Delay.

During Operation Northern Delay at Bashir Airfield, the brigade paratroopers established the northernmost coalition offensive boundary and created a stable logistical intersecting point to allow the introduction of equipment and troops into the theater.

The operation was the largest airborne assault since World War II and forced the Iraqi army to maintain approximately six

divisions in the area to protect their northern flank, providing strategic relief for the Coalition Forces advancing on Baghdad.

The multiple operations missions of the brigade paratroopers included seizing the city of Kirkuk, the northern oil fields and several military airfields, thousands of enemy weapons and explosives, millions of dinars worth of terrorist funds and defeated organized military resistance and arrested hundreds of terrorists and former regime loyalists.

Mustafa is a machine gunner.



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## MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TO BE HELD SAT., JULY 3RD!)

*America's Future: The Children of Today Will Be Our Future*

### Main Street Events

- Inside "Sidewalk Sale" at Higginbotham-Bartlett .... 8 AM
- 1st Annual Strong Arm Wrestling Contest at Carolyn's (Main St. & Hwy. 84) ..... 9 AM
- All day at Carolyn's, activities for all ages ..... 9 AM
- Parade "America's Future" ..... 10 AM

### Civic Center Events - 2206 W. American Blvd.

- Arts & crafts booths ..... 11 AM - 4 PM
- Kid's booths and games ..... 11 AM - 4 PM
- Double D and the Phantom Band ..... 11 AM - 2 PM
- Mulepuit miniature golf ..... 11 AM - 4 PM
- Food vendors outside ..... 11 AM - 4 PM
- Annual Pioneer Reunion ..... All Day

### American Blvd. Events

- Breakfast at Williams General Store ..... 7 AM - 9 AM
- Williams General Store Tent Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday ..... Beginning at 9 AM
- M-Pyre Auto Mini-Indy RC Races ..... 10 AM
- United Supermarket Muleshoe Pitching signup ... 11 AM (109 W. 9th Street, Muleshoe)
- Muleshoe Pitching - United parking lot ..... 11:30 AM

### City Park Events

- Softball tournament ..... Friday and Saturday
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# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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Manager Bruce Bruns  
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# Education

## Local educators attend convention

Two Delta Kappa Gamma members joined over 1,200 key women educators from throughout the state for the 75th Annual Convention of the Texas State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Austin June 17-19.

Representing over 15,000 Texas Delta Kappa Gamma members, Virginia Bowers and Jane Rudd of Muleshoe attended special interest sessions and society workshops at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Celebration of the Society's Diamond Jubilee featured numerous special events and sparkling touches during the convention.

The honor society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of

women educators, leading in the field of graduate scholarships given to members and emphasizing leadership development for its more than 130,000 members in 14 countries.

The Honorable Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, welcomed the educators Thursday, June 17. Dr. Jo Murphy of Oak Point, scholarship chairman, announced approximately 80 scholarship winners who received nearly \$90,000 from the Texas Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International this year. Communication Chairman Virginia Bowers of Muleshoe announced that more than 230 of the state's 307 chapters earned Five Star Recognition for quality newsletters.

The highlight of the evening for Muleshoe members was the presentation of the Key Award for Newspapers to Chris and Joye Bradford of the *Mule-*

*shoe Journal*. The award was given to the owners/publishers of the newspaper for their consistent coverage of overall education news. Alpha State Organization honors newspapers that keep the community informed about local school activity, education news and legislation that affects education. The Bradfords were in Austin to accept the award for the *Muleshoe Journal*.

Bowers also announced the awards given to Alpha State members who have their work published during the past year. There were twenty-eight members recognized for their thirty-four publications.

Also attending the convention in Austin was Elizabeth Bizzell of Olton. She will lead Epsilon Delta Chapter with members in Lamb and Bailey Counties. The local chapter received the Annie Award given for an outstanding

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### School Notes

#### Parker College of Chiropractic graduate

Seth Shannon Black was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Parker College of Chiropractic, for the Spring 2004. Only full-time students who have earned as 3.5 grade point average or higher during the past trimester are eligible to earn the distinction of the Dean's Honor Roll.

#### ACU Dean's List announced

Heather Sheets of Muleshoe was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2004 semester. Sheets is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Composite Interdisciplinary.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

#### Texas Tech spring commencement

Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw proximately 2,330 students awarded degrees. Degrees awarded included approximately 1,830 undergraduate degrees, 435 master's degrees and 54 doctoral degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 15 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Graduates from the Muleshoe area include: Matthew Joseph Conklin, Bachelor of Science/Architecture; he is the son of Garland and Susan Conklin of Muleshoe.

Holly Michelle Engelking, Bachelor of Science/Human Development and Family Studies; she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Engelking of Muleshoe.

Rhett Kane Kerby of Muleshoe, Bachelor of Science/Cum Laude/Agronomy.

Ronnie Ray Orozco, Bachelor of Science/Zoology; he is the son of Dolores Orozco and the late Robert Orozco of Muleshoe.

Christopher Lee Vaughn of Muleshoe, Bachelor of Science/Restaurant, Hotel, Inst. Management.

#### Texas Tech announces honor's lists

For the spring 2004 semester, Texas Tech University had 2,126 students qualify for the Honor's Lists, which are comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Those on the Dean's List from the Muleshoe area include: Matthew Joseph Conklin, senior; Keesha Tawn Erdmann, junior; Suzanne Nicole Messenger, junior; Ronnie Ray Orozco, senior; Larkin April Price, sophomore; Lincoln Michael Riley, junior; and Samuel Amos Villarreal, junior.

Those on the President's List from the Muleshoe area include: Kori Elizabeth Welch, freshman.

#### Nieto receives Jennyslipper scholarship

Felicia Nieto recently received a scholarship from the Muleshoe Jennyslippers for \$500. She is the pictured with Patsy Chance (below) a member of the scholarship committee.

Nieto plans to attend Clovis Community College in January to major in social work.



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A special thank you is extended to a group of Muleshoe citizens who literally developed this program from the ground up. The Scholarship Steering Committee was comprised of school board members, community members and school employees. The committee came up with the ideas that were used to promote the concept. Members of that Steering Committee were: Kay Graves, Nick Bamert, Max King, Lyndon Huckaby, Bob Finney, Victor Leal, Gordon Wilson, Curtis Smith, Pat Young, Chuck Smith, Thurman Myers, Stacy Conner, Dick Pylant, Mike Holt, Sandy Vandevender, Duane Lloyd, Robert Montgomery, Gayla Gear and Gene Sheets.

We want to thank the community of Muleshoe and friends of the school that gave so generously to support this worthy cause. We appreciate the Muleshoe School Board for its leadership in allowing us to pursue this goal. We want to say thank you to the volunteers and students that made posters and donated services and did hundreds of other details that were necessary to complete this project. This truly is an investment in the future of our children and the future of our community. We can all be proud to live in a community that gives so generously to support its youth. Scholarship funds are accepted year-round and can be given by contacting the school at 272-7404.

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# Senior Citizen News

The First Annual Great Garden Tour sponsored by the Bailey County Senior Citizens was a success according to reports from various participants. Approximately 65 people enjoyed coffee and doughnuts at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center before beginning their tour Saturday morning.

United Supermarket provided doughnuts and Lowe's Marketplace provided bottled water. It was estimated that up to 200 people were out viewing the handiwork (or perhaps the hard work) of the owners and vowed that the gardens were spectacular. Eleven yards were on the list to be visited and all reported a full morning of visitors.

The Senior Citizens sincerely appreciate the corporate sponsors of the Tour who were BB&L Construction (Chad Beall), Dale Oil Company, First Bank, Thompson Insurance, Irrigation Pumps and Power, Inc. and Muleshoe State Bank.

The Center would like to acknowledge the people who generously shared their gardens. They were: 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 Charlena Lindt, Darrell and Linda Nowell, and Ronnie and Peggy Dent.

The consultants are also appreciated: Marshall Cook, Alice Liles, and Sheila Stevenson.

Those furnishing gifts were: The Greenhouse, Flower Haven, Shafer Nursery, Decorators, Lasting Impressions, Lowe's, United, Carolyn's Christmas Creations, Fry and Cox, Higginbotham's, Ruby Green, Art Loft and Ann McElroy. Winners of those door prizes were: Tessa Stevenson, Juana Shelburne, Carla Kelly, Pam Helton, Joe Bob Stevenson, Evelyn Ellington, Curtis Shelburne, Riley Sharp, Delton Wilhite, Doris Scott, Sheila Stevenson, Sue Johnson, Rhonda Smith, and Helen Cook.

The South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring the third Annual AAA Golf Classic in Lubbock at the Meadowbrook Golf Course on August 13 with all net proceeds for services and programs to benefit seniors 60 years of age or older. Those interested must register before July 17 by calling (806) 762-8721 or (800) 858-1809. Additional information is available at the Senior Center 272-4969.

The senior citizens are gearing up for the big kitchen dedication set for noon on Thursday, July 8. A potluck meal will be served. Representatives from the

James and Eva Mayer Foundation of Plainview, the Lubbock Area Foundation and the South Plains Association of Governments will be present. All of these organizations made substantial cash donations to help make the kitchen a reality. The seniors will also present a certificate to the City of Muleshoe for their continuing support. The citizens of Muleshoe are also appreciated for their continuing support.

We encourage everyone in Muleshoe to attend this event so we can show these donors how much we appreciate their contributions. Just bring a dish to share and come a little before noon.

Tuesday mornings are a special time for game-players. Walkers can come early to walk or at any other time during the day. The Center is open until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A NordicTrac has been donated to our "gym" by Curtis and Carrie Preston.

Interest has been shown in having a painting class at the Senior Center. Other classes have been mentioned such as a quilting group, a computer class and crafts.

The Center has become a favorite place for many to visit over a cup of coffee or iced tea in the afternoon.

A class reunion has been booked at the center as well

as a family reunion, and also an anniversary celebration.

Schedule yours today. —courtesy Nelda Merriott

## Births

JoAnn Linares of Muleshoe announces the birth of her son, Christopher Isaih Martinez, born at Muleshoe Area Medical Center June 17, 2004 at 8:50 a.m.

He weighed six pounds and 12 ounces and was 19

inches long.

Christopher Martinez has a brother, Michael Rey Linares, of the home.

His grandparents are Anita and Rene Rodriguez of Muleshoe and his great-grandfather is Melecio Toscano of Mathis.

## Weddings

### LEMONS-ANGELEY

Cortni Nicole Lemons and Buck Angeley were married June 19 in an outdoor ceremony at the Cottonwood Springs Ranch north of Pampa. Thacker Haynes officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Al and Peggy Lemons of White Deer and a 2002 graduate of White Deer High School.

The groom is the son of Tracy and Patricia Angeley of Muleshoe-Earth and the grandson of Dora Belle Angeley and the late Jarvis Angeley of Earth. He is a 2000 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and is currently employed at Joe's Boot Shop in Clovis. He is also a student at WTA&M working on a teaching and coaching degree.

Serving as bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Kari Hayes, Traci Abbe and Leslie Trumble.

The best man was Ben Angeley, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Luke Templeton, friend of the groom, and John Kelley, brother-in-law of the groom.

The ushers were Joe Trumble and Truit Hayes, brother-in-laws of the bride, along with nephews Joey and Daniel Trumble.

Special music was played as Kiley Goldston and Evin Abbe, niece and nephew of the bride, lit the candles. The ring bearers were Eric Abbe and Logan Hayes, nephews of the bride.

The flower girls, Jaidan Brown, friend of the family, and Katelyn Kelley, niece of the groom, were escorted in by Chandler Hayes, nephew of the bride.

Brendan Hudspeth and Aron Abbe, nephews of the bride, carried in the train of the bride's dress. The guests were greeted at the gate of the Ranch by Whitney Goldston, niece of the bride.

After the ceremony under a cottonwood tree, the guests were escorted to the ranch for a reception in a grove of trees where a buffet was served. The couple cut into a western decorated wedding cake. The groom's cake was decorated with boots and saddles. The guests then enjoyed an evening of dancing.



ANGELEY

## Library News

The Muleshoe Public Library has been having around 45 kids each storytime (each Tuesday). There are 88 kids signed up for the summer reading program and 29 children have gotten their t-shirts for reading ten books in the month of June. Some of them have read 20 books and got t-shirts for one of their parents, too.

Next month's storytime schedule: July 6 - Red, White and Blue; July 13 -

Colorful Notes (Librarian Dyan Dunagan will need some mothers to help with the craft project); July 20 - Natural Colors; July 27 - Food, Colorful Food.

The librarian has just finished reading *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. "I highly recommend it," Dunagan said.

Contact the Library for more information on storytime, the summer reading program and other events going on at the library.

## Bridal Shower

### RADER-BUHRMAN

Amy Rader and A.J. Buhrman were honored with a bridal shower Saturday, June 26, 2004 in the home of Linda Wood of Muleshoe.

Rader is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Rader of Muleshoe. Buhrman is the son of Rodger and Peggy Buhrman of Muleshoe.

Special guests attending were: Nancy Rader, mother of the bride-to-be; Kayla Rader, sister of the bride-to-be; Gerry Kroening, grandmother of the bride-to-be; Karissa Waddle, friend of the bride-to-be; Peggy Buhrman, mother of the prospective groom; Margaret Buhrman, grandmother of the prospective groom; and Teresa Slayden, cousin of the prospective groom.

The hostesses were: Hellen Adrian, Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Julie Cage, Janet Claborn, Sandi Chitwood, Leslie Dale, Judy Davenport, Myrt Feagley, Joy Glover, Karen Harris, Melba King, Linda Latham, Donna Locker, Johnette Marlow,



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The hostesses gift was a vacuum cleaner and a digital camera.

## Corrections

In last week's edition of the *Muleshoe Journal*, the Leavell story mentioned Monty Leavell and his family all moved to Muleshoe, when in fact, just he and his wife, Mary Lou, moved here. Their son and grandson live in Aurora, Colo.

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# Obituaries

**DERWOOD McCLINTOCK**  
Chapel services for Derwood McClintock, 78, of Tulsa, Okla. and formerly of Morton were held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Wednesday, June 23, 2004 with Rev. Paul Lively, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. McClintock died Sunday, June 20, 2004 at the V.A. Care Center in Claremore, Okla. He was born October 10, 1925 in Tahoka. He married Iva Jeanne Cochran in Morton November 29, 1947. She preceded him in death October 1, 1993. Three sisters and two brothers also preceded him in death.

Mr. McClintock lived in Cochran County for 49 years. He moved from Morton to Tulsa in 1999. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Philippines and Japan during World War II as Staff Sergeant. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Morton.

He is survived by a son, Tommy McClintock of Tulsa; and three grandchildren, Patrick, Jacob and Seth.

**ELOY CARDENAS**  
Church services for Eloy

Cardenas, 89, of Muleshoe were Thursday, June 24, 2004 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe with Father Joe Augustine of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Cardenas died June 21, 2004 in Muleshoe. He was born February 4, 1915 in Maxwell, N.M. He married Celia Romero in Muleshoe in 1964. Mr. Cardenas was a WWII veteran of the Army spending three and a half years as a P.O.W. in a Japanese concentration camp. He worked for the Muleshoe School District as a custodian.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; a son, Samuel Cardenas of Stafford, Va.; two step-daughters, Andraita Salas of Amarillo, and Gasparita Martinez of Lyons, Kan.; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 3403 73rd St., Suite #1, Lubbock, TX 79423.

**VIRGINA PENA NINO**

Graveside services for Virginia Pena Nino, 95, of Levelland were Saturday,

June 26, 2004 at Smyer Cemetery with Father Martin Pina officiating.

Mrs. Nino died on June 25, 2004 in Lubbock. She was born October 23, 1908 in Cotulla, Mexico to Katarina Hernandez and Vincente Pena. She married Rafeuel Monsibaiz Nino, Sr. in 1924 in Brownfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two daughters.

Mrs. Nino was a life-long resident of Levelland. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by three sons, Rafeuel Nino, Jr., of Muleshoe, Jose Nino of Prineville, Ore., and Andres Nino of Lorenzo; three daughters, Dominga Parras of Prineville, Ore., Susana Diaz and Sophia Garza, both of Levelland; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Adam Nino, Ray Nino, Randy Garza and Esidro Diaz, Jr.

**RAYMOND ESPINOZA**

Church services for Raymond Espinoza, 61, of Levelland and formerly of Sudan, are scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, July 3, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe with Father Leonardo Pahamtange officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Espinoza died Sunday

## Chamber News

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce would like for everyone to join them in the July 4 celebration on July 3. Activities will be throughout the day all over town.

The Chamber also welcomes aboard their latest member, Economy Inn Motel, located at 2701 W. American Blvd.

Business of the Month for June goes to Blackwater Agri. and Jesse Reyes of Muleshoe Motor Co. was selected Employee of the Month.

afternoon after an automobile accident close to Levelland. He was born February 19, 1943 in Sheridan, Wyo. He married Dora Ramirez in Hardin, Mont. on April 16, 1964.

He was farming for White-face Farms, Inc. at Pettit. He had farmed in the Sudan Community for a number of years. He was Catholic and a musician, playing the fiddle and the guitar. He was also a vocalist, known to his friends as "Chubby Ray."

He was preceded in death by four brothers.

Mr. Espinoza is survived by his wife, Dora; four sons, Raymond Espinoza, Jr., of Levelland, Trino Espinoza of Anchorage, Alaska, Frank Espinoza of Muleshoe and Billy Espinoza of Lubbock; three daughters, Gracie Kessler, Samantha and

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
The Joe and Susie Vela family have contributed to the nation's defense since the Vietnam conflict.

Their children have been sent to remote parts of the world for the past four decades. The present conflict in the Middle East is no exception. Army Majors Ernie and Christine from the family are in Iraq and Afghanistan respectively.

The family is waiting patiently as the present engagement in both countries continues. Our prayers and respect are with the family as they weather through this crisis.

Joe Vela  
Muleshoe

Amanda Espinoza, all of Levelland; two sisters, Ruth Faulkner and Teresa Wentz, both of Muleshoe; four brothers, Camilo Espinoza of Muleshoe, and Jessy, Jimmy and Mike Espinoza of Hardin, Mont.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

From the families of Cedar Snow...  
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## Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

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**June 18** - Valentina Banegas, Margaret Durben, Mildred Ferrell, Julie Hawkins, Joann Linares, Baby Martinez, Ladene Spears, Darwin Sprouls, Daryl Tovar, Calvin

Wiersema and Gladys Wilson.

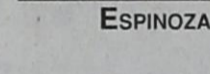
**June 19** - Not Available

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**June 21** - Margaret Durben, Maria Jasso, Mary Johnson and Darwin Sprouls.

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## Edu. Convention, from pg. 5

program. Epsilon Delta's program, "Libraries are for People," emphasized the importance of reading throughout life.

The project that came out of the program was funded by the Education Foundation of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and provided funds to purchase books to be given to all pre-k students in the Amherst, Olton, Muleshoe, Springlake-Earth and Sudan schools. Members took books to the schools, read a story to children and gave students the opportunity to choose a book to take home.

This was the second year for the chapter to receive the grant and the project will continue in the 2004-2005 school year with funds awarded again this coming year by the Foundation.

More than 2,000 members are expected to attend the International Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., July 27-31. Bowers will represent the local chapter and has been selected to present a workshop during the convention. She will conduct a session presenting a cross-curricular unit for primary grades using the theme of "Apples."

The Family of **Agnes Wolf**  
would like to thank all the wonderful friends who graciously gave of their time, kind words, food, flowers, cards or held us up in prayer. It all helps to make a sad time bearable.  
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## Life Is an Adventure Filled with Surprises

Years ago now I read an excellent book by a man of deep faith, Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Paul Tournier. He entitled his book *The Adventure of Living*. Life is an adventure, he wrote, precisely because you never really know what is going to happen next. But for Christians, it is an adventure which draws its color from a faith which holds that, though we certainly don't know what may happen on the next page or in the next paragraph, we do know the end of the story, and our trust is not in events but in the Author.

easy hasn't lived very long or walked very far.

Thank God that not all of the surprises that come to us in this "adventure of living" are difficult. Some surprises, large or small, are just truly surprising!

Think about your own past couple of weeks and the surprises those few days might have held for you, and I'll tell you a bit about mine.

Here's a small one. Two weeks ago, I didn't know that I'd be limping around a bit and writing this column with my swollen foot propped up by the computer monitor because I'd rolled my ankle while dog-sitting, and consequently chasing, my future daughter-in-law's pound puppy. But while lying on the ground in pain and dreaming dreams and seeing visions and pronouncing biblical curses on that canine, I didn't know the mutt and I would later form a pretty warm relationship and I'd have a lot of fun watching the little idiot picking playful fights with the Great Dane whose yard she is presently sharing.



Focus On Faith  
Curtis Shelburne

Life is indeed an adventure, and adventures are full of surprises.

I'm thinking right now of several people I love who are dealing with some surprises of a very bitter and tragic sort. Just a few days ago, they were walking through life reasonably comfortably and probably a bit complacently, much as I suspect that I am right now. And then came the phone call or diagnosis that has rocked their world and very much colored this chapter in their story. Trusting the Author has suddenly become for them as deeply difficult as it is deeply and now obviously important. I know them and I know the quality of their faith, and I know they'll pass the test and walk through this valley, but anyone who thinks it will be

Three days ago, I didn't know that #1 son would be very seriously considering going to Uganda for the coming school year to teach missionary kids and that #3 son would be talking about going with him to help build the kinds of things missions need help building. (I'd wondered about how to save money on car insurance for boys under 25 and now I know. Send them to Africa and park their wheels!)

Every life's story is the story of an adventure filled with surprises of all sorts and all colors. Our job is to trust the Author, and that, my friends, is a full-time job.

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



Commentary

# Attention Men: Here's what a girl wants

The following are commentaries from the staff at the Muleshoe Journal. Being a women-only office (excluding our publisher), while working, we often talk about men— how they've treated us, what we've been through, how we want them to be, our journey for the perfect man (who may or may not exist), etc. We decided, in all our griping and reminiscing, to tell the general male public what we think of them. It is in no way meant to be derogatory toward the male species, but to enlighten them. No more mind reading fellas— here's what a girl wants:

## Batman and the Buddha



By Leslie Radford  
Managing Editor  
editor@muleshoejournal.com

I can't keep it a secret anymore. I love Batman. I have the entire movie collection. I remember watching reruns of the T.V. series with my dad— "POW!" "BOOM!" Unfortunately, my love life has been filled with a bunch of those action words, too, followed by a "POOF!"

In thinking of how I wanted to go about writing this commentary, I wanted to make people aware of the song by LeeAnn Womack called "You've Got the Wrong Girl." I completely identify with her on that. I don't mind getting greasy under the hood. I drive a pick-up truck and love four-wheeling. I enjoy shooting guns and having spitting contests with my brothers. I'm a Merle fan (but like Waylon better) — I admit it, I'm a redneck, and there's nothing anyone can do to change that and I wouldn't expect anyone to change for me.

What you see is what you get. But men *don't* get it. So, that's why I got the staff at the *Journal* to help all the lost and confused men out there (you're in denial if you think you don't need help! Or maybe you're just perfect.)

Women are complicated— but, if you had listened the first time, you would have gotten it. (This refers to something I think you men call "nagging"— not so— just turn yer ears on, darlin'.)

So, then I got to thinking about all the qualities lacking in the men I have dated over the past decade. And I got to thinking about the qualities Batman possesses. And in my lack of religious affiliation, researched the Buddha for comparison. Between the two, maybe it will peak some mature, hard-working man's interest and he will realize something about how men should treat women.

Here's my comparison chart:

**Batman**

- Knows when there's trouble and deals with it
- Is not God
- (As Bruce Wayne) can handle finances
- Heroic
- Couldn't be stumped by The Riddler
- Always there when you need him
- Mysterious

**Buddha**

- Acknowledges there will always be trouble and strife and just lives with it
- Doesn't claim to be God
- (As a human being) can handle *reality*
- Noble
- Figured out the riddle of life can be resolved down the path of Enlightenment
- Sincere
- Intriguing

And both of these men have these things in common: fairness, honesty, both are passionate in what they do, are admirable, acquire aspiration, are mindful, compassionate and helpful.

Now, I could go on and on about the good, the bad, and the ugly between these two, but then it might be considered nagging... right? Or, maybe, putting you down, which is not what I intended. So, there I stop.

Just remember Womack's song says something about being blinded by diamonds and mistaking the pearls. Pearls may not sparkle like diamonds, but can make you just as happy.

Now, take this wisdom you have encountered and do something right for once (with a smile and flowers or jewelry or...something nice.) We know you have the potential, don't fool yourselves or us. It's not worth the heart-ache any more.

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## Playing the game



By Leah Bell  
General Manager  
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Women giggle, gossip, share and dream. It's what we do. It isn't a big revelation or earth shattering news. But it's the truth and it's a great opener for my column about men.

Three happily unmarried women used work at the *Journal*. Now, three unmarried girls and one new employee, Debbie, who is in a fairly serious, monogamous relationship, work here.

I say happily unmarried about the three of us because Yolanda, Leslie and I are generally happy people and all three of us are unmarried. And for now, Debbie seems to be happily unmarried, but committed.

But that doesn't mean we don't dream of that day, our day, our wedding day. Yolanda and Debbie have traveled the road before, but Leslie and I haven't.

So, one day while giggling, gossiping, sharing and dreaming about the opposite sex, collectively we decided to write a commen-

tary on what kind of man we believe to be ideal marriage/dating material. Though similar in a lot of life's aspects, all of us have very different notions of "the perfect man." Here's mine.

I should start off by clarifying one thing: I've had plenty of men in my life, but most weren't interested in commitment and most were met in honky-tonks or at parties (places and circumstances that age has taught me won't help in the husband hunt. You can't change them and you can't sober them up usually!)

My real problem is that I never learned the lesson Kenny Rogers was trying to teach us all as he sang "The Gambler" - "You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run."

Cards. Men. It's all the same. I've kept a lot of deuces and let go a lot of face cards.

Anyway, back to what I believe to be "the perfect man."

I lost my dad, Billy Dan Bell, when I was ten years old. My mother and I visited his grave to say "hello" on the 25th anniversary of his death three weeks ago. He was only 51 when he died. I thought he was old. As I live my thirty-fifth year, I know he wasn't.

I regret that I didn't get to know him as a man. He was my "daddy," and forever will be— no matter how old I get. His boyish face remains in my memories. My siblings have their own memories of him. I mostly remember setting irrigation pipes with him and watching him take naps. That's about it. My other memories of him come from stories told by others.

He must have been the perfect man. Because the perfect man makes a difference in the lives of others. And my dad did. Even now, when people find out I'm Bill's daughter, they say, "He was a good man" or "I remember when Bill..." My mom hasn't dated or remarried since his death in 1979. She's still devoted to the memory of a good marriage and a good man.

Sometimes I awake in the night and sleepishly look to the corner of my room (in the home he worked hard to pay for) and I see him sitting in a chair balanced on two legs, just grinning at me. I've had this vision a few times. I believe it's him watching over me from heaven.

And by believing this, I get a sense of relief knowing that I will someday get to know him again, if I play my cards right! I consider his

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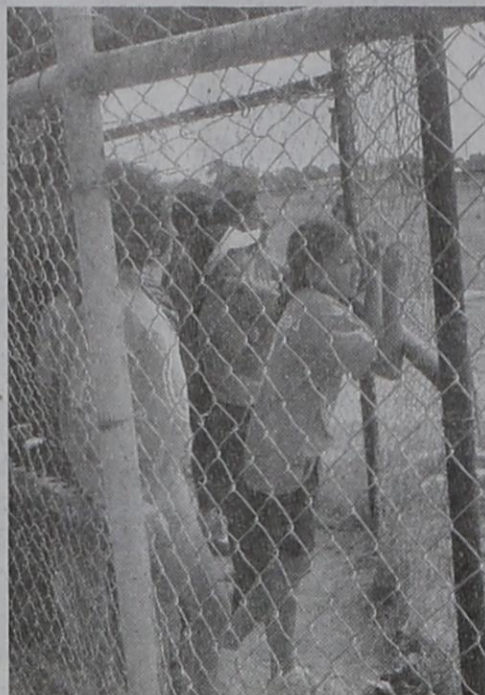
# It's a wrap! Girls softball closes season



**A coach's watchful eye** — Coaches Minerva Martinez and Mandy Brantley watch the batter closely.



**A job well done** — Brooke Hall scampers to get her medal at closing ceremonies Saturday.



**Anxiously awaiting** — Jasmine Anderson awaits her turn at bat.



**Most Valuable Player 11-14 (Black)** — Girls Softball League President Rachel Mata presents Ruby Facundo an MVP award at Saturday's closing ceremony.



**What an arm!** — Crescent Crawford fast pitches with the best of 'em!



**Most Valuable Player 11-14 (Red)** — Valerie Olivas accepts her award for MVP of the Red 11-14 year old team.



**Game face** — Samantha Reyna is all business as she awaits her turn at bat.



**First base hustle** — Adriana Guerra hustles for the ball.



**Most Valuable Player 8-10 (Black)** — President Rachel Mata along with her son Joshua present Dominique Mata the MVP award for the 8-10 year old black team.



**Coach of the Year** — The league announced Minerva Martinez as this year's Coach of the Year.



**Most Valuable Player 11-14 (Green)** — Mindi Hamilton was the top dog of the Green 11-14 team.



**Cheese!** — Briana Anguiano and Skylar Smith take a look at their team pictures.



**Swing!** — Cori Sheets takes a solid swing at bat.



**I dare you** — Mandy Scolley holds Tessa Anderson on first base.



**Most Valuable Player 8-10 (Green)** — Crystal Reyes garnered the top award for the 8-10 Green team.



**Most Valuable Player 8-10 (Red)** — Devnie Orozco was named the MVP of the Red 8-10 year old team at Saturday's closing ceremony.

Journal Photos by Leah Bell

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers, food, visits, memorials and cards in remembrance of our beloved mother, Mildred Ferrell. A special thanks to Dr. Bruce Purdy for his wonderful care and concern for her and also to Muleshoe Area Medical Center employees and staff and to Park View for their loving care throughout her last days. Love and prayers to each of you.

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**In a pickle** — Alisa Wiseman and Morgan Burris discuss game strategy over a pickle.



**Sweet swing** — (left) Don't let the sweet smile of Alexis Cortez fool you - she's a fierce competitor!

**High five** — (left) Samantha Toscano and Marisela Casanova give each other "some skin" in preparation for their game.



**Girl power** — The Black Panthers strike a pose at Saturday's ceremony.



**Safe!** — Valerie Olivas beats the throw to home plate to score.



**Taking a moment** — The Red 8-10 year old team takes a moment for an impromptu prayer before the ceremony.



**Put me in coach, I'm ready to play** — Delilah Arzola, Priscilla Arzola and Samantha Reyna wait to take the field.

## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

736 head of cattle, 125 hogs and 300 sheep and goats for a total of 1,161 livestock sold at the June 26th sale. Market fully steady on all stocker calves. Not enough feeder cattle to truly test the market but very good demand on all classes of cattle. All pairs, bred cows, packer cows and bulls sold steady compared to a week ago. **REMEMBER, NO SALE JULY 3RD.**

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NM Ranch, NM	29	Mxd. str	546 lbs.	at \$121.50
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Dean Aduddell, Plains	2	Blk. hfrs	583 lbs.	at \$106.00
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Jim Pat Claunch, Enochs		Char. bull	1680 lbs.	at \$75.00

July 4 celebration, from front page

4248. Civic Center Staff After the parade, the Civic Center will have these activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Arts and crafts booths, kids booths and games, Muleputt Miniature Golf, food vendors and the annual Pioneer Reunion. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Double D and the Phantom Band will perform. On the Boulevard There are also events along American Boulevard. From 7 to 9 a.m., Williams General Store will serve breakfast. They will also hold their seventh annual tent sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Check out their annual July 4 tee-shirts, 'Makin' the Mule Cool Since 1996.' Michael Dunham will have his Honey-Do BBQ. Dawn Williams, one of the owners, enjoys the comradery she sees at her store on the Fourth of July. 'It's a special time,' she said. 'You see old friends you haven't seen in a while. It's almost like a reunion around the Fourth.'

They will have extra staff on hand to help out like many of the stores are doing, preparing for a big weekend. At 10 a.m. on Saturday,

M-Pyre Auto will host a Mini-Indy Radio Control Car race. Lavon Hunt of M-Pyre said this first annual event takes the place of previous years' go-cart races. Each participant will use their own car and everyone is encouraged to practice Friday evening at M-Pyre from 4 to 7 p.m. She said there is only one division and includes children and adults. There will be grand prizes for all winners. Sign-up at United for the mule-shoe pitching contest at 11 a.m. The contest begins at 11:30 a.m.

At The Park Friday, beginning at 7 p.m., through Sunday, there are softball tournaments going on at the City Park. One of the organizers, Richard Orozco said, as of Friday, they had 23 teams registered. He and his cohort, Edward Orozco, have organized the softball tournaments for the Fourth of July for the past three years. His team consists of a few girls from the MHS Softball team. 'We won first place last year,' he said, 'but we have a lot of good competition this year.'

'The Fourth of July Softball Tournament has always

been a big thing in Muleshoe,' he said. Orozco encourages everyone to come out and watch some 'good softball-playing.' He noted that teams from Clovis and Lubbock will also be participating. He said the money raised this year bought the teams' pullovers purchased at Williams General Store and are now on display. T-shirts were done locally by Lonnie Adrian. 'We try to keep our money here,' said Orozco, 'so that the money stays in the community.'

Leftover money will be donated to the Eliorado Orozco family to help with funeral and medical expenses. Eliorado died recently from complications of West Nile disease. 'We try to do something different every year,' Orozco said. 'Whoever needs help, we try to help them.' Saturday evening from 6 to 10 p.m., there is a concert in the Park featuring Choda and Double D and the Phantom Band. Fireworks start around 10 p.m.

Remotes Throughout the day, KMUL will be doing remotes at businesses around town. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,

they will be at the parade in front of Higginbotham's, 11 a.m. to noon at Carolyn's, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at M-Pyre Auto, 2-3 p.m. at the Civic Center, and from 3:30 to 4:30 at William's General Store.

Boy Scout Activities Not only will the Boy Scouts be selling hamburgers in the afternoon, they will be raising the flag at Park View that morning at 9:30 according to Scout Master Mike Richards. Later in the evening at the park, the Scouts will be selling home-made ice cream.

The Medical District Speaking of Park View, they have activities going on for the residents. They will be releasing red, white and blue balloons after the Boy Scouts raise the flag in the morning. Administrator Deeva Johnson said the Boy Scouts are a nice touch to this kind of celebration. 'It teaches another generation how important these things are.' The residents will also enjoy a hot dog lunch that afternoon.

The hospital district has already done some celebrating for Independence Day. They had a hot dog picnic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Nurses, doctors, staff from the nursing home and friends brought food to share at the event. They also had a district-wide door decorating contest. Johnson was moved by an essay written by Kent Bradley displayed on his door. 'It's just extremely nice,' she said. 'He displays his patriotism and what it means to him to be an American.'

Brunson, from front page

The program is administered by the Center for Public Service (CPS) at Texas Tech University and operates under the auspices of the CPM Program for Texas, which received full accreditation from the National Certified Public Manager Consortium in 1996. Those that participated in the program, according to Brunson were other city managers, agency and departmental directors, law enforcement personnel and library managers.

Brunson said there were seven tracks. The entire program consists of 25 total training days spread over a two-year period.

Track One involved 'Personnel Administration,' which touched on personnel law, recruitment, compensation and training improvement and development. Track Two was on 'Public Sector Leadership.' This track covered topics such as how to assess organizational quality and leadership traits and skills.

Track Three was over 'Organizational Communication,' which involved communication principles, enhancement techniques and public speaking. 'Public Finance' was Track Four and touched on subjects ranging from fund accounting to understanding revenues and expenditures, audits to bonds.

Track Five was 'Applied Research and Productivity.' Topics included applied research, how to conduct and read surveys and questionnaires. Track Six, 'Information Systems for Managers' taught the students how to use the Internet for research and data analysis including maintaining a website. The last track, 'Applied Projects Practicum,' analyzed uses of the CPM Program and discussed organizational innovation.

Brunson and his council have already considered using things he brought back from the classes. They have evaluated salaries according to the financial management track. He has also looked into better serving his employees. 'Everyone works differently,' he said. 'How I get one employee to be efficient may not work for another employee. One size does not fit all.'

He also said that because of the workshop, he was able to fine-tune the city's budget and make better decisions in helping Muleshoe grow.

Brunson said he learned quite a bit taking these classes. He said that organization is 'critical in what we do.' He said he learned techniques to improve organizational skills, how to manage personnel better and was able to network in the process. 'My network is very

important to me.' Brunson said this was because everyone helps out each other in positions like his.

He has worked as a public official for about 18 years now. The last two-and-a-half years have been spent in Muleshoe. He came to Muleshoe from Plains.

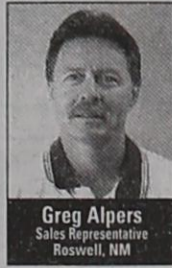
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Commentaries, from page 9

# An equal partnership

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**Debbie Shurbet**  
Regional Sales

I'm not a "bra-burner" or a "women-liber," but I do think a man should treat a woman with all the respect and dignity he expects from her.

Most women work and help support the family financially—just like the traditional role of a man. The women that do not work outside the home are no different from the

women that work 8-5 at an office.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, I think all women, including myself, want respect, to be treated as an equal partner, faithfulness, to be important in our partner's life, and not to be taken advantage.

When a woman works eight hours a day, she has that many more hours to put in when she gets home—cooking supper, taking care of kids, laun-

dry and much more.

I have tried to raise my children to treat their spouse's the way they would want to be treated—with equal liberty and respect. And that's all I ask.

**Leah com., from pg. 9**

visitations just another reason to be a good person, someone who makes a difference in the lives of others. Just like dear old dad would have expected.



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**Hi-Ho, Matador!**— At NCA Cheerleading camp at Texas Tech University recently, Muleshoe Jr. High Cheerleaders met the Masked Rider and her horse Midnight Matador. Pictured (l-r) are Texas Tech Masked Rider, Tiffany Standard, Brandi Hamilton, Chelsea Moore, Amber Fuentes, Alyssa Martinez, Caitlyn Durben, Jessica Behrends, Kenzie Beard, Stephanie Garcia, Morgan Smith, Janae Pyle, Ameila Clemmons and Midnight Matador.



**Cheer camp**— Muleshoe Jr. High Cheerleaders recently attended NCA Cheerleading camp at Texas Tech University. Pictured are (l-r) Kenzie Beard, Janae Pyle and Tiffany Standard who were selected to try-out for All-American Cheerleader.

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# Learning to love

**Yolanda Martinez**  
Office Assistant

My name is Yolanda and I'm one of four co-workers at the *Muleshoe Journal*. I'm also the one who's been there and done that married-bit—years ago. I can't blame Leah or Leslie for not jumping in with both eyes shut. (You go, girls!) Nothing to lose or gain by wishing upon a spare tire.

I raised a son, but with the help of my family—mom, dad, brother and several sisters. I do *not* regret, for one single moment, the help I got in raising my son—although everyone had a say in what was right and wrong in his upbringing—I know he has grown up to be a good man.

I was a single, divorced mom—then met someone and lived with him for about a year. By personal experience, I will never

again repeat that same mistake. (You know what they say, "never say never again," but, so far, I'm doing O.K. by myself.)

Remember, I did say I had a brother and several sisters. Well, they all got married and have their own children. My brother Joe and wife Gena have a daughter Sydnei, 3; Jessica and husband Fred have Adrian (Blue), 5, Gabriel, 3, and Clara, who's 1; Mary Helen and husband Cesar have Nique, 5, and Jacen, 3; Mary Alice has two daughters, Mandie, 20 and DiAnna, 18, and a granddaughter, Annie, 7 months old; and Pat, who's no longer with us, had two sons, Albert, 24 and Abraham, 23, and grandsons, Tyler, 4 and Hayden, 7 months old.

I have all these little men in my life, so I don't have time to sit and think about "what if" I had re-

married again. No time to feel lonely, only to go with what our family was blessed to receive.

I hope that when our little ones grow up they listen and watch their parents, and listen and respect each other as individuals. I see my brother and sisters and their spouses as each other's friends, companions and the loves of their lives. I have seen their relationships grow and two come together.

I pray that my brother and sisters instill this knowledge of love, respect, understanding and ability to listen to one another in each of their children.

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# Fourth of July grilling tips

**By Mandi Seaton  
Bailey County Extension  
Agent for Family and  
Consumer Sciences**

are not followed. The following are suggestions for keeping grillout foods safe.

**Shopping for foods.** When shopping for meat, poultry, and seafood for cookouts, put them in the shopping cart last. When available, use the plastic bags usually available in these departments to corral these products so juices from raw products won't drip on other foods.

Juices from these raw products may contaminate other products. For storage until cooking, store these products on the lowest shelf of the refrigerator so raw juices won't drip on other foods.

**Marinating.** Some recipes recommend marinating foods to be grilled, either to tender-

ize or to flavor. Always marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the kitchen counter. It's best not to reuse marinade that has been used for raw meat, poultry, or fish.

**Thawing and Precooking.** Thawing in the refrigerator is the safest way. Food may be thawed and then partially cooked in the microwave prior to the grilling. Food safety precautions recommend that these products be immediately and thoroughly cooked after thawing or precooking, with no interruption between defrosting and cooking.

To learn more about safe food handling, call the Bailey County Extension Office at 272-4583 or stop by the Extension Office at 306 West Second Street, Muleshoe.



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**Recital**—A spring piano recital on May 23 was held at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe and displayed talent from several young girls. Pictured here are: front row (l-r) Brooke Hall, Shelbi Harrison, Sarah Whitworth, Emily Flores and Cori Sheets; back row includes Shelli Sheets, Jena Whitworth, Skylar Smith, Alyssa Leal and their teacher, Jo Jinks. S. Whitworth played three pieces by Bastien; Harrison, three pieces by Faber; C. Sheets, three pieces by Bastien; S. Sheets, three pieces by Alfred; Flores, three pieces by Alfred; Smith did one song by Rodgers and Hart and one by Faber; Leal, one by Robert Sherman and a song from *The Lion King* by Elton John; Hall, one by David Karp and one by Beethoven; J. Whitworth had one song by Faber and a song from *Pocahontas* by A. Menken.

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# Muleshoe Hospital District celebrates July Fourth early

Friday afternoon, the Muleshoe hospital district celebrated the Fourth of July a little early. Staff members of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Home brought food and drinks and enjoyed a lunch outside the hospital.

The district provided hot dogs which were cooked by Kent Bradley of Central Supply. Employees brought

an arrangement of fruit, cookies and cake.

Helping with outside decorations were Surgical Technician Sharon Villa and nurse Robert Orozco. They put red, white and blue ribbons around the trees in the picnic area and placed centerpieces on all the picnic tables.

Administrator Deeva Johnson said this is one way to "keep our employees

happy." She said happy employees give better patient care and are happy to be at work.

Winners of the door decorating contest were announced. (See pictures below.) First place went to the Medical Records department for their patriotic theme. Central Supply received second place. Their door was decorated with red, white and blue ribbons,

stars and an essay on what it means to be an American, written by Kent Bradley. Nursing received third place with their foil decor.

Judges this year were Board member Ronnie Dent and his wife Peggy, volunteer Kerry Moore, and Decorators' Rebecca Reynolds.

Employees of the Month were awarded plaques at the picnic. Gloria Mendoza was Employee of the Month for January; Elina Hernandez, February; Judy Koelzer, March; Josue Barron, April; Barbara Johnson, May; and Yolanda Luna, June.



Hot dog— Muleshoe Area Medical Center's Kent Bradley, central supply, cooks hot dogs at Friday's hot dog picnic celebrating the Fourth of July. Staff from the hospital and nursing home brought food and enjoyed an afternoon of picnicking on the north side of the hospital.



Door #1



Door #2



Door #3

## Chitwood selected for LiftOff Summer Institute at NASA

Sandi Chitwood, a teacher at Watson Junior High, is one of thirty teachers selected from across the nation for the prestigious LiftOff Summer Institute to be held at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, this summer. The year 2004 marks the fifteenth consecutive year that teachers from around the country increase their knowledge of space education through the LiftOff Summer Institute.

Chitwood said she was excited to have the opportunity to go to NASA. "I've never been there before," she said.

The LiftOff Summer Institute is a collaborative effort of Texas Space Grant Consortium members and affiliates, NASA, and industry. Middle and high school teachers apply for LiftOff and are selected competitively. The workshops are organized around an aerospace or space science theme drawn from NASA's diverse engineering and scientific research programs. The

theme for LiftOff 2004 is "Journey to the Red Planet." The program combines the strengths of collaborators to enrich teaching and learning of science, mathematics, technology and engineering.

The competitive week-long institute features a series of workshops, hands-on activities, field trips, and featured presentations by NASA scientists working on various missions. Not only will the teachers learn about the planet Mars but they will focus on whether life may have existed on the red planet, the geology of Mars, present robotic missions and possible human exploration of the planet in the future.

Thirty teachers from seven states will come together July 12 - 16 in Houston to conduct experiments, tour facilities, and network with other teachers while sharing innovative lesson plans and ideas. The LiftOff workshops prove that the excitement that teachers and students feel about space science and exploration can

be tapped to enrich math, science, and technology classes. The workshops also provide teachers the rare — and for some, unique — opportunity to spend a week working with professional scientists and engineers.

This nationally competitive, educational training for teachers is sponsored by the Texas Space Grant Consortium. Teachers interested in applying for LiftOff 2005 may obtain information from the Internet at <http://www.tsgc.utexas.edu/>.

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