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News Briefs

Preliminary voting results are released

There were only two contested races in the Democratic primary Tuesday, and only one of those was local.

It what some may see as an upset, Juan Chavez defeated incumbent Ginger Damron by an almost two-to-one margin. The final numbers, according to the County Clerk's office, were 150 votes for Chavez and 82 for Damron.

In Presidential voting there were no surprises with front runner John Kerry getting 163 votes and John Edwards, who has already dropped out of the race and endorsed Kerry, coming in second with 51 votes.

In the Republican primary there was some confusion over a couple of the boxes but early numbers indicate that Sheriff Richard Wills has retained his office over the challenge of Muleshoe Police Officer Charles "Otis" Carpenter. Wills' unofficial count had him with 506 votes to Carpenter's 242.

Early numbers also seem to indicate that Butch Vandiver has regained his seat over incumbent Jack Dunham.

Final numbers were not available on any of the Republican races at press time.

Two seek school board positions

Two candidates have filed to run in the May 15 Muleshoe Independent School Board Trustee election May 15.

Mike Riley and incumbent David Tipps have both filed to try and take the two at-large seats up for election.

The other incumbent, Bruce Barrett, has chosen to retire from the Board.

Local Weather

Thu .. Showers ... 48/30

Fri Cloudy 57/33

Sat Showers ... 61/29

Sun .. P/C 52/29

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Wed . Sunny 72/32

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Guzman wins runoff, others file for council

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

One Muleshoe city council seat was decided over the weekend and candidates have now announced for all three seats up for election in May.

Only 51 people voted in the runoff election between Daniel Guzman and Richard Orozco to represent District 1 on the council. Guzman won the race with 26 votes while Orozco finished with 23. There are also two provisional votes which have yet to be counted. Provi-



Guzman

sional votes are a new idea passed by the last state legislature. If a voter doesn't have their voter registration or picture ID or those whose name is not on the list of voters, they can still vote. The votes are kept separate and if the voter is verified as being able to vote in the election the votes are then open and counted. The two votes will not change the winner and therefore will not have any effect on the election.

"I've been watching the council for some time and when this opening came I thought it was time for me to donate my time to give something back, not only to District 1, but to the town as a whole," Guzman said.

He has lived in Muleshoe most of his life and has owned his own trucking company here for the last 11 years.

Guzman will be sworn into office Tuesday morning. Before then he will have had to already filed to run for the seat again in the general election in May, to retain the seat for its full term. Guzman told the *Journal* that he intends to file before the March 15 deadline.

Kristy Price was the first to file the paperwork and is a candidate for the District 2 place on the city council.

"This town has been good to us and I want to give something back," she said.

She and her husband Arnold have lived in Mule-

shoe for 25 years.

While Price has never held public office she said she has run businesses in Muleshoe for several years. First it was Kristy's Plants and now she runs Flower Haven from her home.

Monday morning Cyndi Parker also filed for the District 2 seat.

She has lived in Muleshoe a little over a year this time but said she lived here from 1990-95 with her husband Gary who is a Muleshoe native.

"It was a work transfer

that got us to leave but we felt this is home and decided to move back," Parker said.

She works at the office business manager at Park View.

"I wanted the city to be represented by a working class person, who hopefully shares the average citizen's opinion.

The two candidates will be vying for the seat being vacated by Clifford Black who has filed to run in the mayor's race. Black as served on the council since 1995 and currently serves as mayor pro tem.



Price



Parker



Journal photo: Leah Bell

End of the rainbow

Apparently Muleshoe is the pot of gold, at least the view was priceless, as was the rain.

More bad checks hit Muleshoe; Chief suggests security measures

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

Muleshoe Police are warning businesses that using security measures and being wary about taking checks is becoming more and more important.

The reason is several new counterfeit checks were recently passed in Muleshoe.

The checks were presented as payroll checks by two separate men at the United Supermarket in town.

"These guys knew what they were doing," according to Muleshoe Police Chief Don Carter.

He said the checks were shown as being from dif-

ferent companies although examination showed the same routing and account numbers. But most disturbing is the fact that the checks used magnetic ink so that when they were scanned the system showed them to be authentic checks.

Carter believes a gang is involved and some of the suspects may be in custody in South Texas.

"A man and a woman have been arrested with checks similar to the ones here. The woman has confessed to other crimes but said she wasn't in Muleshoe. The male suspect isn't talking," Carter said.

He said investigators believe the gang purchase the checks and fake IDs from someone else and they are trying to find the source.

Authorities are going over a video tape made at the local United but the quality of the pictures is presenting a challenge.

"The video is poor quality and there is no date or time stamp, so we have to go through the entire thing," he said.

Carter suggested that retail stores invest in digital surveillance equipment for security and always get a thumbprint when cashing checks to aid in identification.

Blood drive seeks type-O donors

Out of every 100 people needing blood, more than 50 percent will use type O. "That's the reason we are trying to sign up more O-positive and O-negative donors for our upcoming blood drive," said Angela Morris of the Muleshoe Community Blood Drive, coordinator for the event. The Muleshoe Community Blood drive is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11th at Calvary Baptist Church, 1733 W. Ave. C, in the Fellowship Hall.

Thirty seven percent of the population has O-positive blood, making it the most common type. So, many people

with O-positive blood assume there are plenty of O-positive donors who will meet the demand. However, because it's the most common type, it's the type most commonly used by patients needing transfusions and more O-positive donors are constantly needed. What's more, O-positive blood can be given to patients who have A, B or AB-positive blood, but O-positive patients must have type-O blood.

O-negative blood is essential for several reasons. Only six percent of the population has O-negative blood, yet nine out of 100 patients receive O-negative transfusions. That's because O-negative blood

is the universal blood type, even more so than O-positive. It can be given to anyone in an extreme emergency situation when there is no time to cross match the donor's blood with the patient's.

"If you have never donated blood but know that you have O-positive or O-negative blood, remember that you're 'O, so special' to area patients," Morris said. Donors must be 17 years of age, 110 pounds, and in good health. All donors will receive a T-shirt. Start 2004 off right by calling Angela Morris at 272-4056 for an appointment.



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Where there's smoke

Smoke could be seen for miles from a grass fire that was called in at 10:32 Tuesday morning. Muleshoe fire fighters battled the fast moving flames until just before 3 that afternoon



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Breast cancer clinic in Muleshoe

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

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

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

Business tax incentive training

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

Flags at the courthouse

The Muleshoe Rotary is still offering residents a chance to sponsor an American flag on the grounds of the Courthouse on holidays for only \$25 a year. Contact any Rotarian for more information.

Energy payment funds available

South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) has received funds to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program through December.

The primary intent of the program is to make funds available to respond to energy needs affecting low income families. Priority will be given to households where at least one resident is over 60 years old, handicapped or a child

Go For It helps older folks get to college

Go For It, which provides step-by-step planning for college, is scheduled March 30 at the Dorothy Lomax Center, 1602 24th St. in Lubbock.

The seminar, sponsored by the Special Services Program at the South Plains College Reese Center in Lubbock, is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m.

The seminar targets single parents, displaced homemakers and others with barriers to attending college, said Denise Murph, special services counselor. "The agenda includes presentations by local agencies, information on financial aid and childcare funding, and a chance to learn what it takes to be a successful college student. All participants will have an opportunity to visit one-on-one with representatives."

Learn Inc., Catholic Family Service, Texas Workforce Center, Texas Rehabilitation Commission and the Adult Education Center will be on hand, along with representatives from the SPC Special Services Program,

Counseling Center and Non-Traditional Student As-

sociation.

"We had a really good turnout last year, and we are hoping that anyone in the Lubbock area who is dreaming about a college education will

be at the seminar to get the motivation and help they need," said Murph.

The seminar will answer such questions as why should I attend college, how do I know I am ready, how will I pay for it, where do I go for help, will I be older than other students and what about my children?

A panel of students will share their own college experiences and how they accomplished their educational goals.

After the formal presentations are completed, each person attending the workshop will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with agency representatives regarding his or her specific concerns.

Participants can arrive by 8 p.m. and still have time to receive information.

Persons needing special accommodations or more information should contact the SPC Special Services Program at 885-3048, ext. 4615.

under six years old. Contact Janie Posadas or Leonor Arrieta at 272-7537 or 272-7538.

Ebony Fashion Fair

The 46th annual Ebony Fashion Fair will be March 23 at 8 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The event is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Lubbock alumni for the benefit of the Luella Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund. Fashions from Bill Blass, Bob Mackie, Dior and others will be shown. Call 806-7941256 for ticket information.

Motorcycle rally planned

The 22nd annual motorcycle rally is scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 26-27 at the Bailey County Colliseum in Muleshoe. Registration through March 17 will be \$10 for singles and \$20 per couple. Registration will be \$12 and \$24 the day of the event. There are \$1 discounts for TMRA and AMA members. For information call 272-4465, 2724841 or 272-5741.

Addresses for charitable giving

- Oneita Wagon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 - Hope Chest, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 - Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Gift Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or call 965-2619 or drop by Muleshoe State Bank and see Janice.
 - Bailey County Food Pantry, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 - Meals On Wheels, 300 S. 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 - Rainbow Room, 903 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
 - Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053.
- Or call the Muleshoe Community Foundation — Gary Sirkel at 272-4710 or Kay Mardis at 272-3349.

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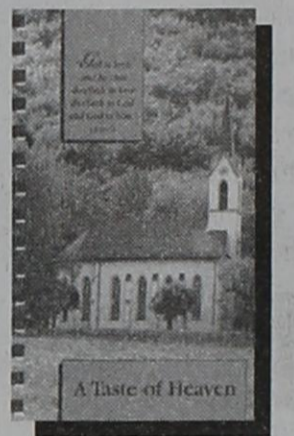
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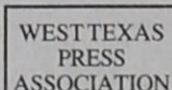
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Sanchez wins trip to Hawaii

Lazbuddie High School senior Bethenie Sanchez flew to Kahului, Maui, Hawaii, on Jan. 11 to participate in the half-time performance of the All-Star Hula Bowl, held at War Memorial Stadium.

She was accompanied by her grandparents, Jerry and Louise Engelking. She is the daughter of Junior and Chandra Sanchez of Lazbuddie and the granddaughter of Evaristo and Janie Sanchez.

She is the great-granddaughter of LouElla Isham of Dimmitt.

Bethenie earned the privilege of performing by being named an All-American by the NCA at summer camp at Wayland Baptist College. The staff named Bethenie the "Top Cheerleader" of the camp and presented her with a certificate recommending she be an NCA summer camp instructor.

While in Hawaii, the travelers got to be typical tourists their first day.

They went sight-seeing and shopping, drove to a volcano, which they said resembled pictures of the moon.

They even spotted whales while driving along the coastal highway. They pulled off the road to watch their antics and saw one of the whales jump completely out of the ocean.

On the second day, practices for Bethenie started early and lasted late.

She won the honor of being one of 16 girls to be featured tumbling and also won a position on the front line.

The cheerleaders also attended a luau with the All-Star football players.

The highlight of the trip, according to Bethenie, was meeting Wes Welker, a wide receiver for the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The week was over too quickly, with none of the three ready to come home.

They all agreed it was a trip filled with memories they will always treasure.



Sanchez

Lazbuddie Honor Roll

Lazbuddie Elementary "A" Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Second Grade: Haley Beasley, Katlyn Hicks, Madison Jesko, Ashton Mason and Austin Mason.

Third Grade: Chandler Barnes, Karina Galaviz, Kolten Morris and Shea Scott.

Fourth Grade: Emily Agee, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher and Luis Tafoya.

Fifth Grade: Jordan Hernandez and Colton Weaver.

Elementary "A/B" Honor Roll

Second Grade: Cutter Glover, Luis Godinez, George Harder, John Ryan Isaacson and Allison Weaver.

Third Grade: Alfredo Chavira, Jessica Estrada, Victor Godinez, Anna Harder, Colten Ingram, Alex Lopez, Seth Russell, Denise Sanchez, Ross Steinbock, Jacob Suderman and Jared Timms.

Fourth Grade: Veronica Mireles, Kenton Randolph and Tony Suderman.

Fifth Grade: Tasha Barnes, Joseline Garcia, Lacy Russell and Tina Suderman.

Lazbuddie Jr. High "A" Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Sixth Grade: Kayle

Jesko. **Eighth Grade:** Chelsea Nichols and Brittney Schacher.

Jr. High "A/B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Katie Chavez, Geovanni Garcia, Dylan Haney, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Riley Smith and Kyler Steinbock.

Seventh Grade: Richie Aguilar, Brenda Garcia, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Brittany Sexton, Cassie Steinbock, Helena Suderman, RaJon Thorn and Chase Timms.

Eighth Grade: Regina Mata, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith and Dakota Williams.

Lazbuddie High School "A" Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Ninth Grade: Addie Treider.

Tenth Grade: David Campos and Dakota Pitcock.

Eleventh Grade: Adam Pierce.

Twelfth Grade: Suzanne Aragon, Shonnah Black, Kelli Harris, Katy Louder, Robby Martin, Raul Mata, Shawndee Nichols, Bethenie Sanchez, Michelle Scott and Stephen Thomas.

High School "A/B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Erica Derma.

Eleventh Grade: Mandy Haney, Ana Hernandez, Brett Mimms, Kayla Parham, Cory Puckett and Amanda Schaeffer.

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Tops Club News

Top Club #34 met Thursday afternoon, March 4, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 2201 West American Blvd.

Laverne James opened the meeting. The Tops pledge and song was performed by the members.

Roll call was taken by Alene Bryant with members answering with weight they had lost or gained the past week.

Elaine Coburn read the

minutes of the previous meeting.

Members elected officers for the next year during the business meeting.

Best loser for the week was Elaine Coburn. Alene Bryant was first runner up and Retha Knowles was second runner up.

Laverne James was best loser for the month of February.

The meeting was closed with everyone singing the "Goodnight" song.

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Weather shortens Lubbock Cooper track meet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal Sportswriter

The Mules finished fifth in the weather shortened Lubbock Cooper Pirate Relays. The shot put, discus and pole vault events could not be completed because

of inclement weather.

The Mules scored 60 points to finish ahead of New Deal and Brownfield. Idalou finished in first place with 138 points and were followed by Cooper, Littlefield and Abernathy.

Robby Bomer took the

gold in the high jump by clearing six feet two inches.

Landon Wilson and Rudy Gonzales placed fourth and fifth in the triple jump with leaps of 39'6 1/4 and 38'7 1/4 respectively.

The Mule 4X 100-relay

team placed fourth with a time of 46.22 seconds. Joel Salcido ran fifth in the 400-meter dash with a 55.73. Brady Black grabbed the gold in the 300-meter hurdles with a 43.27.

The Mule 4X 100-relay team finished third in a

time of 1:36.84. The Mules finished third in the 4X400 relay with a time of 3:39.50. Team members were unavailable at press time.

The Mules travel to Odessa to compete in the West Texas Relays March 12 and 13 and go to Littlefield March 26 for the Wildcat Relays.

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Senior Center News

The Bailey County Senior Citizens are looking forward to a large crowd this Thursday, March 11, for our St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck lunch. It's time for the 'wearing of the green' and the Center is all decked out! All seniors, sixty plus, are invited to bring your favorite dish and come. Snow prevented Grady and Dorothy Sorley from being our entertainment last month, but they are making plans to be with us this Thursday. Muleshoe Home Health will also

be there for screenings.

The Music Makers will not meet for their monthly jam session this month.

Our scrapbooking session has been rescheduled for March 23, Tuesday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m. Julie Cage and Marilyn Riley promise a fun afternoon at this "free to seniors" scrapbooking session. Supplies will be furnished. Just bring your scrapbook and pictures. Come and enjoy watching and learning fresh new ideas - you don't even

have to participate. Julie and Marilyn are responsible for bringing this program to our seniors.

The Shanghai players have begun meeting at the Center each Thursday at 1:30 p.m. We are happy to have this new group enjoying the Center. Come learn this fun game!

The Center is open each morning at 8 a.m. for walkers. Come get your exercise, walking or using the exercise equipment. The "Ready for a Game" crowd contin-

ues to increase on Tuesday morning game morning, beginning at 9 a.m.

Two names of donors of prizes for the tournament were inadvertently left off our list - we're sorry. They were Sherri's Attic and Sharon Agee at Art Loft. We do appreciate all who helped to make it a great success.

Look at the Senior Center website. Go to muleshooseniors.org to see all about our Center and also much information about Muleshoe.

Chamber awards business, employee of the month

Chamber President Terral King (below) and Chamber Manager Jan Thompson (below, right) present the employee of the month award to DeShazo cafeteria worker Beth Webb. See this week's newspaper for both an employee/business nomination form and annual Chamber banquet nomination form for Man, Woman and Farm Family of the Year.



Journal photos: Jeff West



The votes are in....

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce has awarded KMUL Radio as its business of the month for March. Pictured (above) are General Manager Noe Anzaldua, Administrator Viola Anzaldua, DJs Amelia Reza and Roy Anzaldua and Program Director Martha Anzaldua, Chamber Board Member Heather Foley, Chamber President Terral King and Chamber Director Jan Thompson.

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DeShazo Elementary Honor Rolls

DeShazo Elementary has released its honor roll students for the fourth six week period. They are:

"A" Honor roll 3rd Grade

Alexia Acosta, Leandra Briseno, B'Anca DeLeon, Osmar Diaz, Adrian Estrada, David Flores, Marissa Hernandez, Ryan Johnson, Jessica Kube, Daniela Mendoza, Aaron Reyes, Cas Stevens, Sheridan White, and Sarah Whitworth.

4th Grade

Matthew Ambriz, Baylee Bessire, Jodee Hall, Madeline Precure, Marissa Roman, Caitlin Sowder, and Ashley Thomas.

5th Grade

Shayla Carpenter,

Britney Crandell, Brooke Hall, Natalie Head, Cassidy Lowe, Sandy Mojica, Erika Rodriguez, Vivian Ronquillo-Salazar, Alvaro Sanchez, Rosa Soto, Cooper Washington, and Jenna Whitworth.

"A-B" Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Priscilla Arzola, Danny Avila, Morgan Burris, Christopher Cage, J.R. Castillo, Brenda Ceballos, Sage Cole, Nancy Delgado, Jessica Elizarraraz, Felipe Espinoza, Alexa Fuentes, Pablo Garces, Christina Garza, Davon Gonzales, Simone Gonzales, Shelbi Harrison, Zedrek Herrera, Stephanie Infante, Michelle Lira, Jaxiel Lopez, Stefani Lopez,

Chris Lozano, Zack Martinez, Ramon Mendoza, Franci Montes, Veronica Morales, Garrison Myers, Matt Olivarez, Claudia Orozco, Perla Pina, Mari Quintana, Brenna Quiroz, Samantha Ramirez, Jose Rascon, Frank Recio, Yanira Regalado, Joshua Schwope, Sam Sirkel, Colton Stegall, Alondra Villarreal, Elisa Wiseman, Caleb Wood, and Erika Zaragoza.

4th Grade

Douglas Bartholf, Robert Brewster, Tyler Cain, Merced Campos-DelRio, Devon Cantrell, Betsy Careaga, Ashley Carlisle, Mateo Castillo, Roman Chavez, Hector Flores, Michael Freeman, Adrienne Fulton, Damian

Gardea, Robbie Gregory, Louisa Guzman, Roper Kerby, Alyssa Leal, Summer Lowe, Leslie Macias, Jose Marrufo, Dominique Mata, Lourdes Martinez, Michael Martinez, Patrick Mendoza, Ricky Morin, Manuel Muniz, Keiry Nava, Belinda Pacheco, Marissa Ramirez, Samantha Reyna, Norma Ronquillo-Salazar, Katie Scott, Gilberto Simental, Casandra Torres, Jennifer Vasquez, Stephanie

Vasquez-Posada

5th Grade

Lorena Armijo, Erick Avila, Ariel Castorena, Court Crawford, Leonard Franco, Alejandra Gomez, Tyler Gregory, Mindy Hamilton, Bretney Hanks, Taylor Hardt, Amy Howard, Ever Juarez, Kelsie King, Bradley Lennon, Brooke Lennon, Sterling Lepard, Yesenia Magallanes, Matthew Martinez,

Lindsay Meeves, Ivone Mendoza, Alejandra Montejano, Sergio Montejano, Jonathan Perez, Joshua Quiroz, Amanda Rainey, Joey Ramirez, Anabel Regalado, Alexis Reid, Jessica Reyes, Keifer Ruthardt, Skyler Shiplett-Smith, Joshua Stanford, Cassi Stegall, Justin Strawn, Zachary Toscano, Tyson Turnbow, Esteban Vidaña, Matthew Wiseman, and Maria Zaragoza.

Freshman class having annual cookie dough and pie fund-raisers

The Muleshoe High School freshman class is having their annual Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Pie fund-raiser.

The cookie dough comes in nine flavors: chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, white chocolate macadamia, sugar, brownie peanut butter chip, coconut macaroon, M&M and a new flavor, apple berry.

The cookie dough is packaged in 3 pound tubs. Each tub sells for \$10.

The pie is 10 inches in diameter and comes in a number of flavors such as pumpkin, country apple, strawberry rhubarb, peach, cherry, lemon meringue, pecan and French silk flavors.

Each pie ranges in price from \$10 - \$13.

To order cookie dough

and pies, contact any freshman class member or sponsor by calling 272-7303.

The sale will end March 22.

Cookie dough and pies will be delivered approximately two weeks after the end of the sale.

Class sponsors are Debbie Conner, Linda Cogliandro, Sid Morris and April Smith.

Girl Scouts invites "special" males to weekend outing in June

Grandfathers, uncles or special males are invited to attend a weekend with your favorite Girl Scout at Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton June 3-5.

The event is an opportunity to share new heights and adventures with your

special girl. Making a kite, team games, outdoor cooking and swimming will be a part of the fun.

Registration deadline for the event is April 28. The fee is \$25 per person. Full payment is due at time of registration. All adult and girl

participants must be registered Girl Scout members. For those not registered, there will be an additional \$10 membership fee.

For more information, contact Summer Littlejohn at (806)745-2855, (800) 530-4957.

Two named to sports Who's Who

Bethenie Sanchez, Lazbuddie and Jami Wedel, Muleshoe have been selected to appear in the 2002-2003 edition of *Who's Who Among Ameri-*

can High School Students - Sports Edition.

Who's Who - Sports Edition is part of the largest recognition program in the nation honoring high

school students.

Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports teams based on athletic achievement and extra curricular activities.

Bland wins Miss Magnolia 2004

Christin Bland, 17, was crowned Miss Magnolia for 2004. It was only the

second pageant for the Tomball High School senior. She was also second

runner up and named Miss Congeniality in the Miss Tomball Pageant.

The contestants participated in sportswear and evening competitions before the field was narrowed to the top 10. The finalists had to present a one-minute speech about themselves before a panel of five judges.

Christin took home a \$1,500 scholarship. She has been accepted to the art Institute of Houston, where she plans to major in interior design.

Christin is the daughter of Mike Bland and Denise Rager, formally of Muleshoe. Her grandmother, Frances Bland and aunt Rhonda Eagle, attended the pageant. Other local grandparents are H.D. and Helen Hunter.



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Muleshoe Cattle Market
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REPRESENTATIVE SALES

652 head of cattle, 150 hogs and 316 sheep and goats for a total of 1,118 animals were sold at the March 6th sale. Fewer receipts due to the wet weather and muddy roads. Demand for all classes of cattle was good, and market held steady from a week ago.

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.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Rudy Chavez, Amherst	2	Blk. strs	210 lbs.	at \$131.00
Jordan Busby, Springlake	1	Char. bull	375 lbs.	at \$126.00
Jim West, Hereford	1	Blk. str	330 lbs.	at \$126.00
Adam Mungia, Hereford	4	Mxd. strs	451 lbs.	at \$115.00
Douglas Walden, Littlefield	2	Red bulls	560 lbs.	at \$105.00
David Lamb, Morton	3	Blk. bulls	588 lbs.	at \$100.00
Abraham Castanon, Friona	4	Blk. strs	634 lbs.	at \$97.50
FM Farms, Brownfield	20	Blk. strs	780 lbs.	at \$88.75
FM Farms, Brownfield	4	Blk. strs	811 lbs.	at \$88.50
Myra Skinner, Portales, NM	1	Char. hfr	315 lbs.	at \$116.00
Bobby Vinson, Levelland	2	Blk. hfrs	328 lbs.	at \$119.00
David Lamb, Morton	2	Blk. hfrs	335 lbs.	at \$116.00
David Lamb, Morton	4	Mxd. hfrs	538 lbs.	at \$95.00
Adam Mungia, Hereford	1	Char. hfr	490 lbs.	at \$102.00
NM Ranch, NM	10	Char. hfrs	500 lbs.	at \$104.50
NM Ranch, NM	59	Mxd. hfrs	571 lbs.	at \$98.00
NM Ranch, NM	11	Mxd. hfrs	624 lbs.	at \$90.25
Douglas Walden, Littlefield	5	Red hfrs	521 lbs.	at \$100.00
KP Farms, Idalou	11	Mxd. hfrs	660 lbs.	at \$92.00
Jose Saenz, Whiteface	2	Char. hfrs	695 lbs.	at \$88.50
Leon Musick, Portales, NM	1	Blk. cow P6		\$785.00
Rocking B Cattle, Sudan	1	Red cow	1035 lbs.	at \$54.75
Pat Moberly, Littlefield	1	Blk. cow	970 lbs.	at \$53.25
Dan Day, Jr., Meadow	2	Gray cows	1173 lbs.	at \$51.50
Bobby Vinson, Levelland	2	Blk. cows	1378 lbs.	at \$49.00
Alkali Cattle, Muleshoe	1	BWF cow	1055 lbs.	at \$49.00



Journal photo: Jeff West

...but I know what I like

Nelda Merriott shows some of her art displayed in the Muleshoe Public Library as part of an exhibit of the Muleshoe Art Association.

One game, one win

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal Sportswriter

The Mule baseball team could get in only one game of the weather shortened Lockney Tournament but made the most out of that game. The tournament was moved to Littlefield because of a rain soaked field in Lockney.

The Mules were down 2-0 after two innings on Saturday afternoon, but come charging back to tie the game at 2-2 in fourth. The Mules put Idalou away in the fifth by scoring their final three runs ending up with the win at 5-2.

The Mules scattered six hits to score their five runs and only committed one error. Idalou only managed four hits and recorded two errors. Landon Wilson got the start and struck out three

in his two innings of work. Brian King got the win and struck out six batters in three innings. Ryan Marricle went two for three at the plate, scored two runs, picked up one RBI and stole a base.

King was two for three at the plate, collected two RBIs and scored two runs. Both of King's hits were doubles. Jarad Flores and Juan Nunez each collected a hit and picked up a RBI apiece. The Mules again met Idalou on Tuesday afternoon and host Plains on Monday March 15 at 2 PM.

The Mules host a seven-team baseball tourney March 18-20.

Abernathy and Dimmitt will open the tournament at 9 AM on the 18th and the Mules meet Olton at five and Friona at seven.

Golf team does well

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal Sportswriter

The varsity Mule golf team won their opening tournament of the season in Friona last Thursday with a total of 311. The top four Mule players placed second, tied for third and fourth individually in the tournament.

Kory Atwood led the Mules with a 73, Trent Black and Myles James tied with 79s and Trevor Turnbow shot an 80. Cade Smith rounded out the team with an 88.

The JV Mules placed

third with a team total of 355. Chris Kindle and Tatom Heathington each finished with 88s. D.J. Robertson shot an 89, Tyler Sheets 90, and Landon Sheets finished with a 94.

The Farwell team was sandwiched between the two Mule teams with a 331 and Tulia took fourth with a team total 370.

The Varsity Mules travel to Seminole March 10 and both Varsity and JV Mules compete March 23 on the Shadow Hills course in Lubbock.

EQIP funds available in Bailey County through USDA program

Farmers and ranchers in Bailey County have until April 16, 2004 to make application for participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funded through the USDA natural Resources conservation Service (NRCS). Sign-ups begins Monday, March 1. These funds are part of the conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Eligible program participants may apply for cost-share assistance for eligible conservation practices that address the natural resource concerns identified by the

Local Work Group. In Bailey County, the resource concerns include Water Quantity, Soil Erosion, and Invasive Species.

Some conservation practices applicable for cost share to address these resource concerns include center pivot nozzle conversions, pipeline replacements, converting row water and sideroll to drip or pivot, pasture/range planting, conservation tillage, livestock water (pipeline, wells, troughs), fences, terraces, windbreaks, buffers and brush management. Cost-share rates for finan-

JV Mules wrap up

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal Sportswriter

The JV Mules basketball team completed their season with an 18-8 record over all and went 6-4 in district. The Mules sandwiched a win over the Lubbock Cooper Pirates between losses to Brownfield and Littlefield.

The Mules fell to the Cubs of Brownfield 48-40 despite Cory Wallace's six treys in the contest. The Mules shipped the Pirates out of the gym with a 64-37 win. Wallace repeated his six-trey performance. The Mules ran out of time in Littlefield and fell to the Wildcats 40-33.

Trent Black nailed a 3-pointer in the opening minute of play with Brownfield. Barry Morris followed Black's lead with a pair of treys from the corner as the Mules raced out to a 9-4 advantage.

Wallace hit back-to-back treys as the period ended with the Mules up 18-13. Wallace added two threes in the second period as the Cubs tied the game at 24-24 by the intermission.

Morris and Wallace each added threes in the third period as the Mules eased in front 35-30.

The Cubs stormed back in the final frame to out score the Mules 18-5 to take the game.

Wallace paced the Mules with 18 points and Morris added nine. Brad Henry dropped in four points; Black three and Myles James, Arsenio Geter and Eddie Alvarado each chipped in two for the Mules.

Morris cranked the Mules offense with a 3-pointer against the Pirates. James turned in the lane for a bucket and Geter scored from the blocks as the Mules opened an 8-2 margin.

Zane Johnson added two buckets on the inside as the period wound down with the Mules in front 12-8.

Geter scored from the elbow as the second period began. Cooper put in nine unanswered points before Henry broke the run with a baseline drive.

Wallace hit twice from behind the arc and Black added a third as the Mules

reclaimed the lead.

The Mules owned a 26-19 advantage as the third frame began. Johnson and Wallace turned up the heat on the Pirates in the final two periods with 10 and 12 points respectively.

Wallace again paced the Mules with 18 points and Johnson dropped in 14. Black made nine points, Henry eight and Geter added four. James, Derek Purdy and Morris each made three points and Jarad Flores chipped in two.

The Mules struggle in the first half against the Wildcats of Littlefield and trailed 26-9 at the intermission.

The Mules stormed back in the third period to out score Littlefield 12-6. Rudy Gonzales and Wallace each hit from behind the arc in the period.

The Mules repeated their 12-point performance in the final period and held the Wildcats to eight.

Geter paced the Mules with 11 points; Black added seven and Henry dropped in five. Gonzales and Wallace each had three points; Morris and James chipped in two each.

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Obituaries

ANGELITA OROSCO LOPEZ

A funeral service for Angelita Orosco Lopez, 78, of Morton was held Monday, March 1 at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Morton. Father Jesse Cruz officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery and pallbearers were her six sons.

Head Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Lopez was born January 27, 1926 in Pecos to Isabell Cabezuela and Francisco Orosco. She died February 25, 2004 in Morton.

The former Ms. Orosco married Manuel Lopez, Sr. in Stanton on March 17, 1945. She was a lifelong Texan. In 1964, she moved to Morton with her family from Artesia, NM. She was homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Lopez was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a son, Pete Lopez.

She is survived by six sons, Joe Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Jr., Loren Lopez, Leo Lopez and Sam Lopez, all of Morton, and Frank Lopez of D'shanis; six daughters, Alice Herrera, Rosa Elva Hernandez and Hope Luz, all of Morton, Lydia Robles of Artesia, Mary Acosta of Kermit, and Lupe Lopez of San Antonio; a sister, Isabell Orona of Morton; and six brothers, Rafeal Orosco, Encarnacion Orosco, Trinidad Palma and Pedro Palma, all of Artesia, Perfecto Marquez of Morton, and Manuel Palma of Fort Sumner, NM.

PENNY MAXWELL

Services for Penny Maxwell, 55, of Crosbyton were held February 11, 2004 at the Crosbyton Church of Christ with Terry Ellison officiating. Burial was in Green Leaf Cemetery in Brownwood with David Harris officiating.

Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Maxwell was born February 4, 1949 in Lubbock to W.O. and Joyce Williams Stacy. She died February 8, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married Lynn Maxwell on August 3, 1968 in Crystal City. She was a member of Crosbyton church of Christ and the Association of Texas Professional Educators. Mrs. Maxwell moved to Crosbyton in 1997 from Welch and taught second grade. She retired after 26 years of teaching.

She was preceded in death by her father in 2003, and a brother, Bryan Stacy in 1999.

Mrs. Maxwell is survived by her husband; two sons, Michael Maxwell of Frisco, and Kurt Maxwell of Lub-

bock; a daughter, Kimberly McGlone of Woodrow; her mother of Brownwood; a sister, Kelly Barrera of Brownwood; her father- and mother-in-law, M.B. and Joyce Maxwell of Abilene; and two grandchildren, Kaitlyn of Woodrow and Molly of Frisco.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, 4101 22nd St., Lubbock, Texas 79410 or to one's favorite charity.

On-line condolences can be made at www.ladamsfuneral.com.

DONALD HARRISON

A church service for Donald Willis "Duck" Harrison, 69, of Muleshoe was held March 6, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner and Rev. Randy Miller of North Richland Hills officiating.



Harrison

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

He was born January 29, 1935 in Wellington. He died March 3, 2004 in Lubbock after a brief illness. He married Bobbie Frances Collins in Muleshoe on September 18, 1952.

Mr. Harrison lived in Muleshoe since 1942 moving from Highway, NM. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe and was a member of the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department since 1961 where he helped during Fire Prevention Week to educate children on safety and the dangers of fire.

He served as fire chief January 1990-2000. During his 43 years of service, he was also assistant fire chief and captain. To quote Harrison in an October 11, 1992 article appearing in the *Muleshoe Journal*, "It's hard at times fighting fires all night and going directly to work, but in the end it's all worth it."

He worked as a custom harvester, a partner in an auto repair shop, custom hay cuber and retired as a shift foreman from Wheelabrator Coal Services.

Mr. Harrison also served on the Bailey County Jr. Livestock Show Board from 1966-1992. He and his wife hosted numerous 4-Hers and their projects at their home barns since 1968. He served as a Progress 4-H adult leader and on the adult 4-H Council. The Harrisons were recognized for Meritorious service to Bailey County 4-H in November 1992 and won the Friend of 4-H Award in 2000. He received the Tactical Air Command Certificate of Recognition for donating his time to Cannon Youth Activities in

1987 and was awarded the FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer in 1969.

As a Mule Skinner, Mr. Harrison participated in most local parades and Mule Days events. He also drove the Wayland Baptist Stagecoach in the Wayland Baptist 1986 Homecoming Parade and the Bar None Rodeo Parade in 1989. He joined up with the Texas Sesquicentennial Drive in 1986, driving from Dimmitt to Amarillo and later, crossing the historic 6666 and Pitchfork Ranches.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Franklin Harrison on October 28, 1985, and his mother, Clara Bell Harrison on September 22, 2003.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald Glen and Laura Harrison of Yukon, Okla. and Greg Dean and Loraine Harrison of Decatur; three sisters, Noretta Miller and husband, Chet, of Lowell, AR., Jeanetta Precure and husband, Ray, of Muleshoe, and Denice Poor of Bella Vista, AR; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ted and Bettie and Jerry and Diana Harrison, all of Muleshoe; and six grandchildren, Bryan, Christan, Scott and Brett Harrison and Kristen and Danielle Abbott.

A scholarship fund in Mr. Harrison's name is being established by his family and friends for educating emergency personnel. Honorariums can be sent to The Donald Harrison Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Muleshoe Fire Department, P.O. Box 561, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or may be sent to one's favorite charity.

EDNA PEARSON

A church service for Edna Pearson, 86, of Muleshoe was held Friday, March 5, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. Jeff Coffman of Calvary Baptist Church and her grandson, Jim Henderson, officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Pearson was born October 31, 1917 in Mangum, Okla. She died March 3, 2004 while a resident at Park View Nursing Home. She married James C. Pearson, Sr. in Hockley County on September 14, 1932. He preceded her in death July 1, 2002.

Mrs. Pearson had lived in Bailey County since 1944. She moved to Muleshoe from Enochs in December 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Pearson was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Alvie Hill.

She is survived by three sons, James E. Pearson and

wife, Maurine, of Lubbock, Riley "Lee" Pearson and wife, Linda, of Levelland, and J.C. Pearson, Jr. and his wife, Norene, of Muleshoe; three daughters, Ruby E. Henderson of Muleshoe, Juanita Hall and husband, Don, of Mena, Ark., and Linda Nowell and husband, Derrell, of Muleshoe; fifteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Kenny Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Muleshoe State Bank, or Calvary Baptist Church, 1733 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

DOROTHY HOOD

A graveside service for Dorothy Hood, 81, of Farwell was held on March 5, 2004 at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Chaplain Bill Bridwell of Farwell Convalescent Center officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ms. Hood died March 3, 2004 in Muleshoe. She was born February 10, 1923 in Wilmeth.

She was a homemaker, but she also worked outside the home for a number of years. She worked for K-Mart and as a dispatcher for the sheriff's department until retiring in June 1998. Ms. Hood lived in the Middle East for a few years. She

was a member of the Methodist Church in Farwell and of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by two nephews and one niece.

The family suggests memorials to Farwell Conva-

lescent Center, 305 Ave. C, Farwell, Texas 79325.

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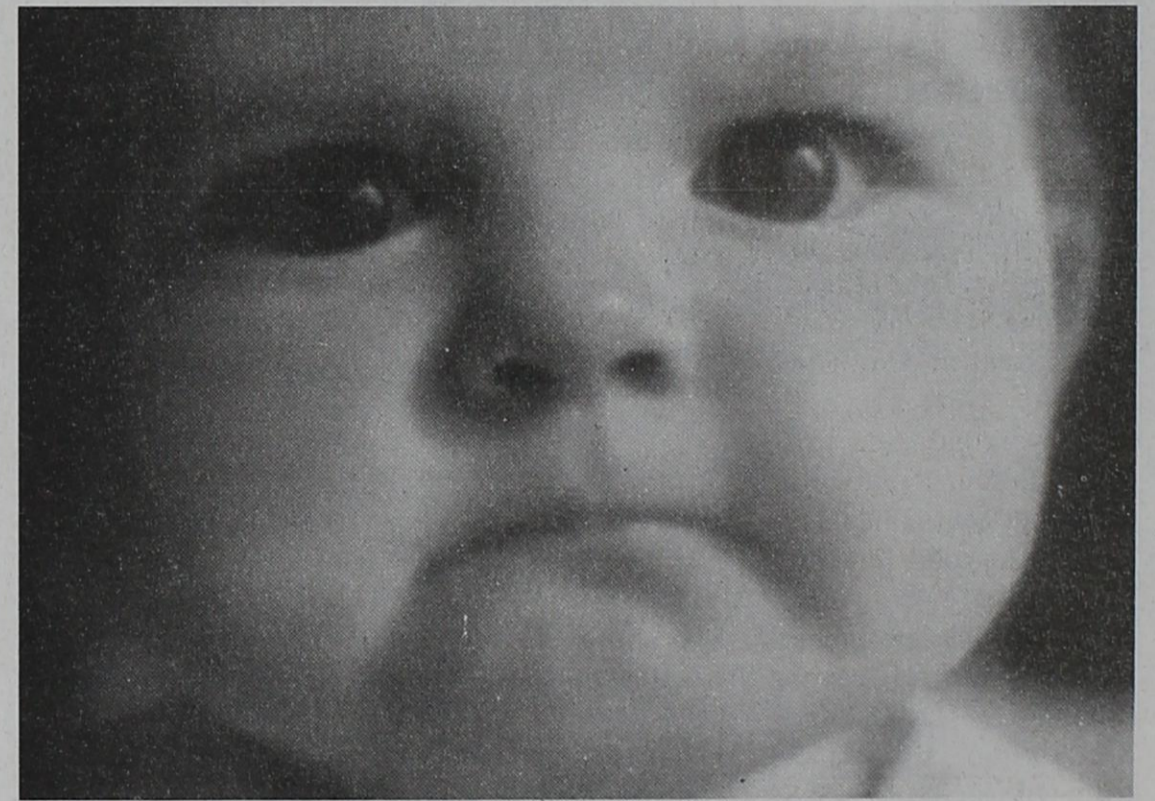
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This year's contestant will appear in the April 8 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2003 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies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

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

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2003's Cutest Baby!

ENTRY DEADLINE
Wed., March 31 at 5 pm

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

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Pennies from heaven

Dillman Elementary has been busy raising money for Pennies for Patients, a fund-raiser to help children with leukemia. This is the second year Dillman has completed the fund-raiser with great success. This year's effort easily surpassed the goal set by event organizers.

Police Report

The Muleshoe Police Department has released the following incident log for last week:

March 7 — The police department received a report of a female runaway. The juvenile was located late in the day on East 3rd Street.

An officer took a theft report from a woman at 401 W. American Blvd.

An officer arrested a woman for a local warrant at 600 W 2nd.

March 6—An officer detained and later released a man for suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on 600 W American Blvd.

March 5 — An officer met with a man who reported damage to a living room window at 1632 W Ave D.

March 2 — The complainant reported that her son was hit in the face several times at the Muleshoe High School at 514 W. Ave. G.

The complainant reported that someone had struck her vehicle with another vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot on the west side of Muleshoe Area Medical Center at 708 S First St.

MPD received a call in reference to possible child abuse in the 400 block of W. Ave. F.

Grand Jury Indictments

The grand jury in Bailey County issued indictments against the following people last week:

Fernando Filberto Romero, Jr.-burglary of a habitation.

Tommy Ray Marlow-theft.

Rene Astorga Robles-

evading arrest.

Shane Stanley Burton - forgery.

Ruben Gomez Villegas - subsequent DWI.

Jose Ramiro Agundiz - subsequent DWI.

Steven Charles Landrum - misapplication of fiduciary funds.

Carpenter receives SPC grant

A Muleshoe resident is among South Plains College recipients of a First Generation Grant to assist students in allied health professions.

Jessica Carpenter, vocational nursing major at SPC, is among 23 grant recipients attending the college this spring.

Health Occupations Division. The First Generation grant is part of a College for Texans Campaign to encourage more young Texans to attend college.

The funds are targeted at first generation college students who are majoring in one of eight allied health fields — associate degree nursing, vocational nursing, respiratory care, radiologic technology, health information services, surgical technology, child development

and emergency medical services. The grants pay for childcare, uniforms, travel and personal items related to their education.

The program includes a mentoring system and opportunities for the students to speak at schools, health fairs and other events to encourage high school students to go to college, according to Vicki Bordelon, assistant project manager. "We have some structured service activities for these grant recipients, to visit the six targeted schools in our region, Lubbock Estacado, Post, Plainview, Hale Center, Ralls and Lorenzo High Schools, where the percentage of high school graduates going on to college is lower than at other schools in the region. Our students will promote the idea to

these high school students that they can go to school."

In turn, the grant recipients will get help through a mentoring system. They will meet on a regular basis during the semester with a mentor working in their major field of study.

"They will meet with mentors who have been through the program themselves and who can help them work through problems they may be encountering," said Bordelon.

The grant was awarded to 13 students in the vocational nursing and associate degree nursing programs; four surgical technology majors, three students majoring in health information systems, two respiratory care majors and one student majoring in child development.

Commentary

By JON SPEARS
Guest Columnist

Nothing makes me more nervous than when my mom calls and leaves voicemails that simply say "We're OK, I'll talk to you later. Bye."

The first time this happened was in 1994 when Timothy McVeigh bombed the Okla. City Federal Building and the second time was in 1995 when an angry tornado ripped through my old stomping ground of south Oklahoma City. Imagine whole neighborhoods with upside down cars and cement slabs instead of houses. That's what it looked like. Not pretty.

I hate tornados. Their unexpected arrivals and fierce winds make everything in their path unsafe and vulnerable. But, believe it or not, there's a "good side" to a twister.

You see, when the 1995 twister ripped through Moore, Okla. it did tons of damage. But when I visited 1996 things looked even better than they did before the fury. And now, ground zero is the nicest part of town. Old homes are now bigger and newer, streets are wider, and stores are more upscale to match the new neighborhood. You might even say tornados have a redeeming value. Sometimes it takes a twister to make things really nice. The same is true in life.

While nobody likes it when life hands us a few trials, sometimes they can cause us to grow and "re-build" stronger and better than we were before.

Tornados take many forms. For some, a tornado might mean the loss of a job or the breakdown of a marriage. For others, it might mean experiencing failure or having a loved one die. While no one likes being faced with these tough situations, if we look closer these troubling times can actually hold hidden blessings.

Consider Michael Jordan, who was cut from his high school basketball team. He turned this disappointment into motivation to become, what I believe, is the greatest player of all time. What if Michael would have been drafted straight out of high school like Kobe Bryant? Did getting kicked off the team make him stronger mentally and physically? Have you noticed that the younger these players make it to the big time the more inclined they are to scandal?

And remember when Mel Gibson was warned by Holly-

wood that his latest movie would "tank" at the box office? After all, who wants to see a religious movie? At this writing, his movie is poised to make over \$300 million and is still going strong. He didn't even have to date Jennifer Lopez or Paris Hilton to market his movie! He simply stuck to his guns and convictions and braved the storm.

And finally, did you know George W. Bush's own mother told him he'd never beat the then very popular Ann Richards for governor of Texas. I'm sure that wasn't easy for him to hear. He had

to develop a strong backbone to nay-sayers very early.

So let me ask you this, have these people become who they are because of trials or because of the absence of them?

There are countless other examples, but I think you see where I'm headed. Trials can either be wonderful springboards to better things in life or a walking plank to no-man's land. And we each have to decide which road we'll take.

I know firsthand the value of tornados. We have a Muleshoe address today because of my own tornado back

in 2001—something I wouldn't want to go through again. But now, I see now that "what was meant for my destruction, God meant for my good."

Life is better now than then. Sure, things got kinda bleak and more rebuilding needs to be done, but that's "OK" because things are coming along nicely and I like Muleshoe and the people.

Where else can you live and have people give you directions like "turn right at Clay' Corner until you get to the goat farm. We're the third house on the right."

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Man of the Year 2004: _____

Woman of the Year 2004: _____

Farm Family of the Year 2004: _____

Comments: _____

Please fill out nominations and mail or drop off at the Chamber office.

Hurry, nominations are due in by April 2nd!

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MHS offers all seniors scholarship opportunity

As graduation nears, Muleshoe Independent School District (MISD) reminds community members that, once again, the school is hoping to offer every 2004 graduate a scholarship through the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (M.O.S.T.) program.

This year's goal is to raise \$20,000 by May 28.

According to school officials, every Muleshoe High School graduate

should have the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. The M.O.S.T. scholarship fund is designed to help make that possible.

And it is possible through the generosity of the people of Muleshoe whose honorariums, gifts and memorials fund this trust for graduates who have not received at least \$250 in other scholarships.

Send your fully tax deductible donations to

M.O.S.T., c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

M.O.S.T. funds may be applied to any college or trade school.

MISD also reminds everyone that even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference.

All donations will be appreciated and acknowledged in a published thank-you.

Great Plains Ag Credit annual meeting scheduled March 12

The Annual Stockholders' meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be Friday, March 12th at the Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. The business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

Great Plains Ag Credit

Hospital District News

The Hospital Auxiliary has established a scholarship fund for graduating seniors from Muleshoe and Lazbuddie High School. Seniors who are planning to major in the medical field see your school counselor for an application form. Donations and memorials can be made to Muleshoe Area Hospital District Auxiliary's Scholarship at Muleshoe State Bank, attention Janice Bradshaw.

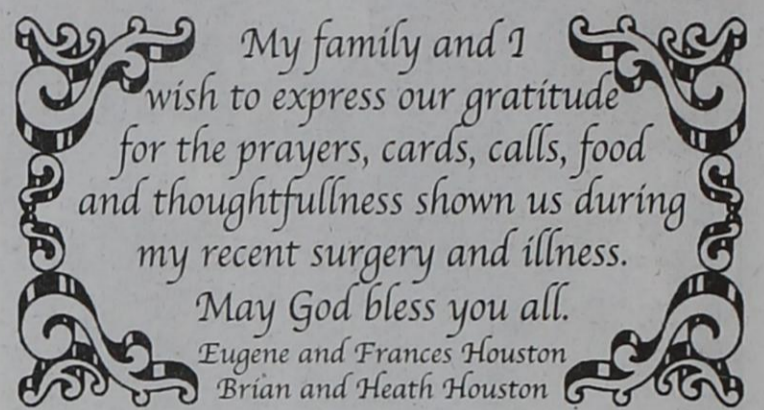
The scrub show sponsored by the Auxiliary will be March 26 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the living room of the old nursing home in the hospital. Scrubs, work shoes and accessories will be available.

Jody Wood will be teaching a computer class from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at the hospital. Current employees will be taking the course right now. Classes will soon begin at Park View for men and women interested in becoming Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medical Assistants. Contact the Park View administration office for more information.

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gional credit office in Plainview and has nine office locations.

For further information contact: Carroll Haygood or Bobbie Jaramillo, at 806-376-4669.



Muleshoe Journal tenth annual cutest baby contest underway

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are reminded that the tenth annual *Muleshoe Journal* Cutest Baby Contest is well under way and pictures of your "little cuties" are due in our office by March 31 at 5 p.m.

Entries must have been born in 2003 but they need not be local children. The cost to enter is \$13, which should be mailed to the

Journal, c/o Cutest Baby Contest, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or brought by the office at 304 West 2nd Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Along with payment and photo, please provide the following information for publication: baby's name, date of birth, weight at birth, length at birth, place of birth, father and mother's names, grandparents names and contact information for questions (not for publica-

tion). Arrangements can be made to return photos by mail. Otherwise, they may be picked up at the office after the contest is printed.

All "kiddos" entered in the contest will have their pictures printed in the April 8 edition of the *Journal*. The winner will also receive a \$50 savings bond, purchased by the *Journal*, from First Bank of Muleshoe.

A panel of unbiased judges will choose the most attractive picture to be the 2004 cutest baby.

CASA hires executive director

By BECKY THORN
For the Journal

Great Plains CASA for Kids, Inc., board of directors has announced the selection of Jackie Francis as executive director.

Francis is a native of Oklahoma. She has an associates degree from Clarendon College and a degree in agriculture communication from Oklahoma State University.

Francis, who replaces Kathy Moore as executive director, has completed the executive directors training, case supervisors training and the advocate training, but she was already familiar with CASA.

"I have known about CASA for several years. Some of my family members have been involved with it previously," Francis said.

The mission of Great Plains CASA for Kids, Inc. is to train and supervise community volunteers to be a voice for abused and neglected children who are

in the court system. Thus the origin of the acronym CASA for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Great Plains CASA for Kids, Inc. is one of 60 CASA organizations in the state of Texas whose volunteers are currently active in representing children in 173 counties of the state. Great Plains CASA is a voice for abused and neglected children in Bailey, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties with 12 twelve advocates to date.

"We received our first case in November," Francis said, "and we now have seven advocates working cases. Six advocates are working on cases in our area and one is assisting with a case in a neighboring county."

These advocates are community volunteers who have completed the same advocate training as Francis.

A CASA volunteer conducts an independent investigation and determines what is in the best interest of the child. They advocate on the child's behalf by making reports to the court, by giving testimony in hearings and by collaborating with other professionals involved in a

case. Recommendations are based on a CASA volunteer's one-on-one relationship with the child.

"We have a target to have every child served within the first year," Jan Weishaar, president of the board for Great Plains CASA, said. "We feel that with the wonderful support we have received in all the communities that is a very attainable goal."

A CASA volunteer must be 21 years of age and the primary qualifications are:

- Concern for children
 - Desire to help
 - Good human relations skills
 - Maturity to understand and deal with emotional situations
 - Sensitivity to cultural/ethnic differences
 - Completion of initial training
 - Willingness to accept guidance and direction.
- CASA volunteers must be screened, agree to a background check and complete 30 hours of training.

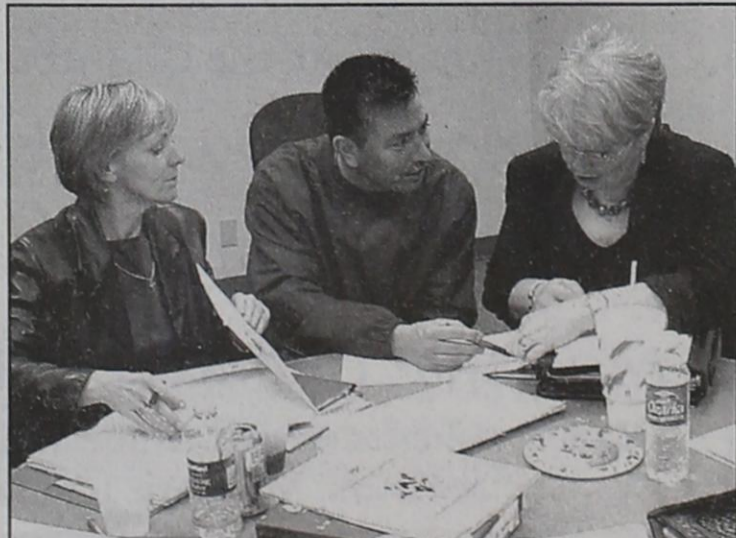
Anyone interested in finding out more about CASA or becoming a volunteer advocate may call Francis at 363-1211.



Francis

Courtesy photo

Liz Tipps, Richard Saucedo and Kathy Allison, members of the Great Plains CASA For Kids Board, work on plans for the upcoming informative come and go reception to be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Hereford April 1, 5:00 - 7:30. Great Plains CASA for Kids represents Parmer, Bailey, Deaf Smith and Oldham Counties.



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Hospital News

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

February 25 – Ivette Avila, Margaret Epting, Hubert Faulkner, Dorothy Hood, Librada Leal, Maddison Leal, Jo Mayhugh, Brianna Parker and Sherry White.

February 26 – Ivette Avila, Margaret Epting, Hubert Faulkner, Dorothy Hood, Rosemary Lopez,

Lana Parsons and Carmen Rodriguez.

February 27 – Ivette, Martha Cano, Margaret Epting, Nestor Hernandez, Dorothy Hood, Rosemary Lopez, Donald McGuire, Maria Medina, Clydetta Mitchell, Lana Parsons and Carmen Rodriguez.

February 28 – Margaret Epting, Ruben Gloria, Dorothy Hood, Maria Medina, Clydetta Mitchell

and Debbie Shurbet.

February 29 – Margaret Epting, Ruben Gloria, Dorothy Hood, Maria Medina, Clydetta Mitchell and Debbie Shurbet.

March 1 – Margaret Epting, Ruben Gloria, Dorothy Hood, Maria Medina, Clydetta Mitchell and Debbie Shurbet.

March 2 – Phyllis Angeley, Wade Angeley, Margaret Epting, Ruben

Gloria, Dolores Harvey, Dorothy Hood, Kelly Inman, Cecilia Reyes and Edward Ziegenfuss.

March 3 – Phyllis Angeley, Wade Angeley, Elmer Anglin Jr., Ruben Gloria, Dolores Harvey, Dorothy Hood, Kelly Inman, Herman Morrison, Michael Olivas, Cecilia Reyes, Kayla Reyes and Edward Ziegenfuss.

Lady tracksters rev up for season

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal Sportswriter

Inclement weather prevented several of the field events at the Lubbock Cooper Relays from being completed. Despite the bad weather, the Lady Mules took second with 114 points behind host Cooper's 143.

Idalou, New Deal, Brownfield, Abernathy, Littlefield and Lubbock Christian finished in that order. The shot put, discus, pole vault and high jump events could not be completed.

Jessica Withrow took first in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet four-and-a-half inches. Chelsi Hawkins and Hillary Tipps ran first and second in the 3200-meter with times of 13 minutes 43.89 seconds and 14:04.05

respectively.

The 4X100 relay team of Amber Cowart, Brandi Wood, Lindsey Wood and Jamie Carpenter placed sixth with a time of 56.13. Withrow won the 100-meter hurdles with a 15.66 and Charissa Conner was fifth with an 18.61.

B. Wood, L. Wood, Carpenter and Sara Benham placed second in the 4X200 relay in a time of 1:56.64. Ashley Gutierrez placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a 66.81. Withrow's third gold medal came in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 48.03.

Kelsey Friskup finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 29.65. Hawkins and Tipps finished one and two in the 1600 meter run with times of 6:18.00 and 6:22.78 respectively.



Journal photo: Jeff West

On the run

Lady Mule track team members Ashley Gutierrez, Brandi Wood and Sara Benham use a misty day to hone their running skills as track season shifts into full gear.

In the final event of the day the Lady Mules picked up where they left off last year. The 1600-meter relay team of Gutierrez, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow ran

away with the gold medal in a time of 4:18.05.

The Lady Mules travel to Odessa for the West Texas Relays March 12 and 13 and then go to Littlefield for the Wildcat Relays March 26.

Brown returns home from tour of duty

The U.S. Army's 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, based out of Abilene is planning on their return from Iraq sometime around March 15, 2004.

They will be flying into Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene. This will complete a one year deployment in Iraq. This unit consists of soldiers from Abilene, Houston and California.

One local soldier returning is Staff Sgt. Burton J. (B.J.) Brown, who was a student at Texas A & M University in

College Station at the time of his deployment.

Brown is the son of Gary Mac Brown of Muleshoe and Jama Brown Maritt of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, Midland and Hobbs, NM. He is the grandson of Dee Brown of Muleshoe and Jackie Maritt of Idalou.

Brown is a 1995 graduate of New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and became a Marine Security guard, guard-

ing the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.

After four years, he started college at Midland College in Midland and joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

Since joining the U.S. Army Reserves, Brown has been a student at Texas A&M University and was deployed to Kosovo for a tour of duty from August 2001 to March 2002.

He received his orders for Iraq at the beginning of the spring semester 2003 at Texas

A & M.

He married Penelope Brion in Abilene on January 23, 2003 before deployment to Iraq.

Brown will begin his new civilian life in the Los Angeles, Calif. area with his new wife, who is an attorney, and by finishing his degree in international ag business.

Anyone wishing to attend the welcome home ceremony at Dyess Air Force Base or wish to send correspondence, can get information through Jama Maritt. The family appreciates everyone for all their continued prayers.

Petty Officer Weaver comes home

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rickey L. Weaver, a 1993 graduate of Sudan High School, recently returned from a routine, scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

Weaver was one of more than 6,500 sailors and Marines

aboard the ships of the USS Enterprise Carrier Strike Group. Enterprise was the first U.S. aircraft carrier to deploy since the end of major military operations in Iraq.

During the deployment Weaver's unit spent most of its time in the Arabian Gulf region. Enterprise's 80-plane air wing flew more than 19,000

flight hours, conducted 8,000 sorties and seven precision bombing strikes over Iraq.

Carriers like Enterprise are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors.

SCAC bake auction held Saturday

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 6 Muleshoe High School Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) held its annual bake-auction over television Channel 6, with members conducting the auctioning.

Some of the food was made by the students, some by mothers, grandmothers, sponsors or friends.

At Channel 6, the students were announcers, some manned the telephones, others were runners between the telephones and the announcers while still others delivered the food throughout the community. Advertising and planning for the auction began weeks before.

As in the past years, all proceeds from the auction go to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center.

At last count the auction garnered over \$1500. It is impossible to express how much community support means to SCAC members as well as to one the area's greatest assets, the Muleshoe Heritage Center. For years the Rennels at Channel 6 have allowed the students to conduct the auction over their station, and the residents of the Muleshoe area enthusiastically call in to buy the homemade food items. Think what this support means to the students of SCAC now forming habits for a lifetime, they will be better citizens in the future wherever they live.

One of the highlights of Saturday's bake-auction was when Sergio Leal stopped by to encourage the students and to buy a food item. Leal was an early member of SCAC, and he told of some activities of

early SCAC members. His sister, Laura Leal, was one of ten senior students in the 1983 who first worked to save the old Santa Fe Depot. Sergio noted that in 1986, when he belonged to SCAC, the Depot had just been moved to its present location.

Kelsey Beggs, a member of SCAC this year interviewed Leal asking him what members of SCAC did when he was member.

He said that the members in 1986 helped clean out the old depot, which had been out of use for a number of years. He commended the present members and sponsors saying what a tremendous benefit the SCAC organization is the community. SCAC members and sponsors appreciate everyone for this tremendous support!



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God Has No Problem Identifying His Children

During one of the most famous battles ever fought, the World War II "Battle of the Bulge," the Germans made use of a battalion of men under the command of Major Otto Skorzeny, "the most daring commando in the German army."

According to author Stephen Ambrose in his book *Citizen Soldier*, 500 or so volunteers from that battalion were dressed in

"Who is Mickey Mouse's wife?" "What is the capital of Illinois?" (Ambrose says that even General Bradley was detained for answering, correctly, "Springfield." The MP was sure it was Chicago.)

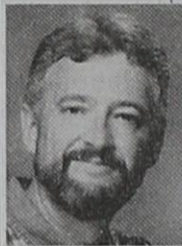
But the spy-detection gambit that most caught my interest had to do with a proofreading mistake (and proofreading mistakes are the bane of this writer/editor/minister/perfectionist's existence!).

It seems that a German in an American officer's uniform was stopped at a roadblock. The man's English was flawless (in fact, many of Skorzeny's men had spent some time living in America or Britain). His identification papers were also perfect. In fact, it was the perfection of the German forger who produced his papers that cost this man his life as he was later shot as a spy. Ambrose says that the authentic Adjutant General's I.D. card that all American soldiers carried had printed at the top these words: NOT A PASS. FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY. But the German forger had corrected the spelling mistake and taken out the offending "N" so that the spy's card read, correctly but fatally, "IDENTIFICATION."

I am very thankful that God the Father has no problem at all correctly identifying his children.

Or maybe you better make that "indentifying."

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



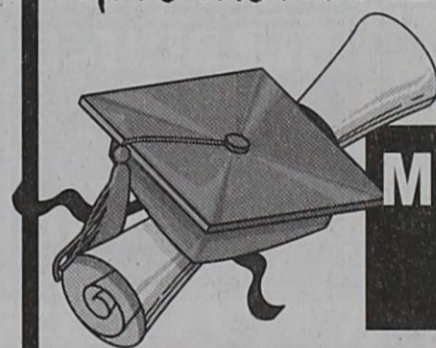
Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

American uniforms and dispatched across the lines to wreak havoc and confusion in any way possible. They spread misinformation about German strength and troop movements to lower morale among the American troops, misdirect the Allies, and generally spread seeds of panic. They turned around signposts to cause further confusion.

Ambrose writes that once the American troops realized what was happening, the word spread amazingly quickly: "Trust no one!" American soldiers, particularly MPs, began to quiz anyone who looked suspicious or who was crossing a barricade, with such questions as, "Who plays center field for the Yankees?" (I'd have been shot as a spy, had they asked me that one!)

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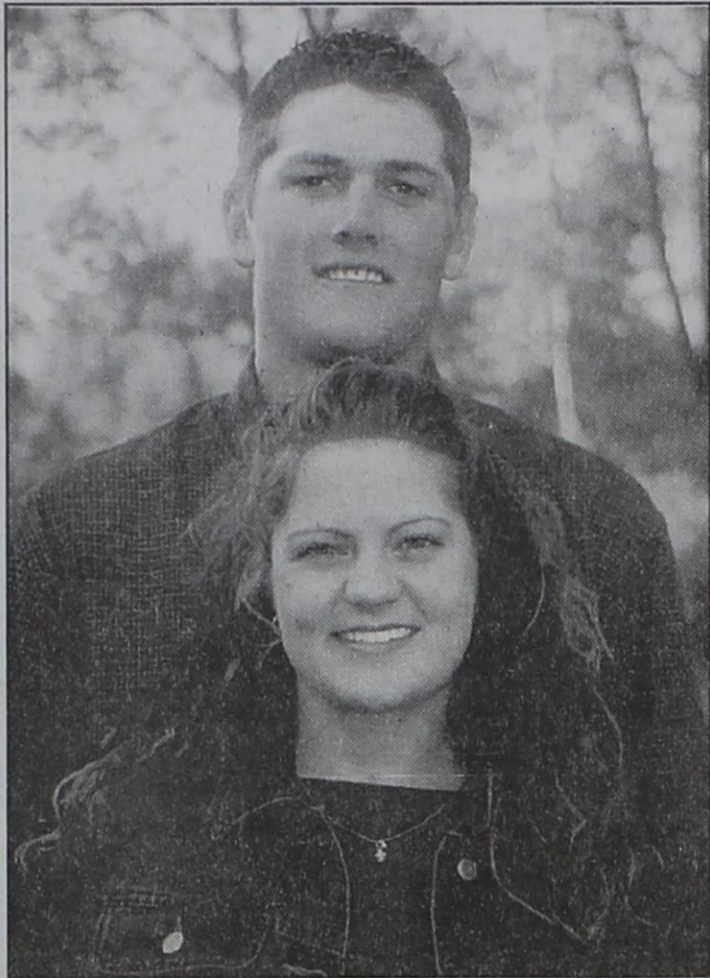
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Please join us in providing an opportunity for our graduates to make the M.O.S.T. of their education. Your generosity will be appreciated and acknowledged in a published thank-you.

Engagement



Amy Hooten and Charlie Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hooten of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Beth Hooten, to Charles Anson Turner, son of Charles and Laurie Turner of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooten of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crenshaw of Snyder.

Amy is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Lubbock Christian University where she was a member of and president of Kappa Phi Kappa. She is

employed by the Lubbock Independent School District as a fourth grade teacher at Bean Elementary.

Charlie is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Turner of Elkhart, Kansas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Smith of Huntsville, Alabama.

Charlie graduated from Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is a self-employed building contractor in Lubbock.

The wedding is planned for 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Thursday morning Zona Gatewood directed music programs in the day room as well in hall 4.

Thursday afternoon Frieda Locker, Vivian Morris, Grant Wobington, and Dott Parker who had February birthdays, were honored with a party. J.C. and Lily Snitker and Curtis Snitker provided entertainment. Decorators Floral gave each birthday person a corsage or boutonniere. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday person a TY beanie baby attached to a big colorful balloon. Herman Morrison, our camera man, filmed the event. Volunteers Plus and the activity department hosted the celebration.

Marryin' Sam "hitched up" Dephine and Richard at our Sadie Hawkins Weddin' Friday afternoon. Refreshments and a reception followed the weddin'. The guests were served weddin' cake, cornbread and beans and sugar free juice. Park View's cooking class prepared the refreshments.

Margaret Wilhite visited Park View Friday afternoon. Among those Margaret visited were Johnnie Kimbrough, Jewel Peeler and Hattie Heathington.

Anita Harper visited Ken Angeley Saturday. Anita and her husband, Ray, visited Ken last Saturday, too. Ken was also visited by his family, Margaret Wilhite, Melvin Griffin, Aubrey Heathington. Tuesday, Tub and Pat Angeley visited.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks visit J. C. Shanks every day.

Jewel Peeler was visited Saturday by her granddaughters and great-granddaughter.

Donna Locker called bingo Saturday. Jim Kee,

Delphine Gruda and Iris Clements also helped. Refreshments were served following the game.

Ronald and Linda Elliott visit Hubert Elliot daily.

Betty Smith visits her mom, Iva Littlefield, every day. Betty helps Mrs. Littlefield with her meals.

Clara Coffman's daughter and son-in-law, Maudie and Jerry Mudford from Arkansas, are visiting Clara.

Ruby Riley went out Saturday for dinner at Leal's with her children and grandchildren.

Clifton Finley's son and granddaughter came Sunday and took him out to eat.

Jay and Lorene Morris, Danny Parrson and Jeanette visited Vivian Morris. Danny's dog (Buster) visited Mrs. Morris recently.

The Church of God in Christ (Mennonites) of Farwell came for church services Sunday afternoon.

H. Awbrey was visited by Bob and Robbie Awbrey Sunday.

Walt and Rose Sain visited Nan Gatlin Sunday. Nan is visited every morning by her sister, Velma Jones.

Edna Pearson was visited Sunday by Linda and Derrell Nowell, Ruby Henderson and J.C. and Norene Pearson.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for Goldman Stroud and Letha Beach Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagon, Pat Clark, Pat Watson, Beckye Conklin, Eva Nell Dale, and Mary Jo Burge volunteered their time and talents to shampoo, set and comb out the ladies hair. Pat Clark and Beverly Wagon also gave haircuts.

Nursing Home News

Melvin Young, Lindy Jackson of New Orleans and Pat Young visited Juanita Teague recently.

Jimmie Crawford visited Ken Angeley, Guy Kendall and Bill Lambert February 25.

Josie Ovalle gave Grace Plyler and Gladys Wilson perms Monday. Josie also gave Clara Coffman a haircut and set.

Janell Stancell visited Park View Tuesday. Among those she visited were Edna Pearson, Marie Lane and Johnnie Kimbrough.

Bill Lambert and Marie Lane were visited by Judy Lambert Monday afternoon.

Happy March birthday to the following residents: Andy Hernandez; March 6, Bill Lambert; March 9, Curtis Daniel; March 15, Ruby Riley; March 15 and Letha Peterson; March 19.

April Smith's computer class at M.H.S. printed the March activity calendars. Skyler Smith delivered them.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served donuts to the

residents at coffee time Wednesday morning. Harold shared bits of wisdom to live by as well as humorous stories.

Diane Copley was visited recently by her husband Don, Andy and Cameron Copley.

David, Heather and Helen visited Elsie Damron recently.

Mary Johnson received visits from her granddaughter, Misty, and her great grandchildren, Jordon and Alissa Obenhaus.

Rick Hunter was presented an official military flag Tuesday morning, February 22, by Bro. Gary Hubbard. The flag was in memory of Rick's father, Bill Hunter, who had a military service January 15.

Rick Hunter was visited by his aunt, Glenda Botts of Synder. Thursday, Glenda and Rick's mother Joyce Hunter had supper together. Glenda bought Rick's supper.

Our condolences to the family of Edna Pearson, who passed away shortly after this column was written.

Vela deployed to Iraq

Major Ernie Vela, US Army Reserves, was deployed to Iraq. He is the son of Joe and Susie Vela of Muleshoe.

This is Major Vela's third time to be activated as a reservist. His first tour took him to Bosnia, and his second to Kosovo.

In his civilian time, Vela is a high school counselor at Dalhart High School. He is

married to Robin, an English and drama teacher at DHS. They have three sons, Timothy, Tyler and Travis.

Major Vela's parents, his nine brothers and three sisters are all anxiously awaiting his return.



Ernie Vela

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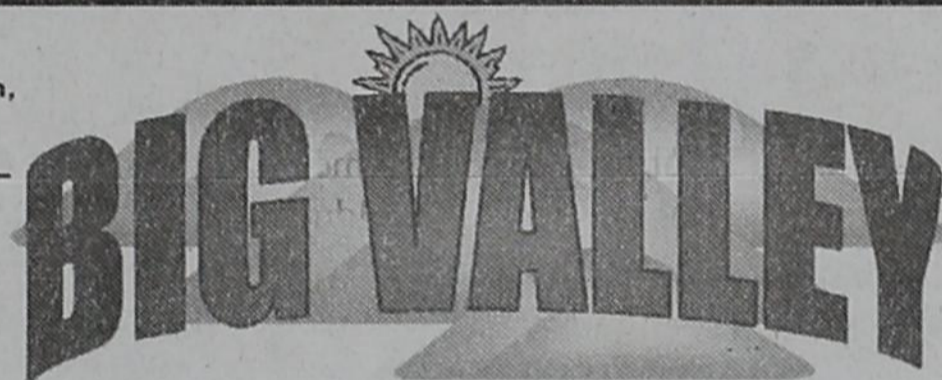


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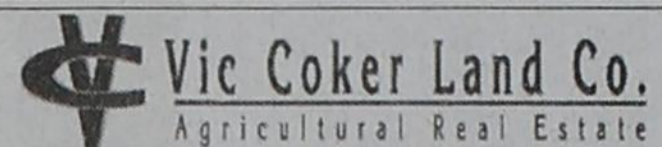
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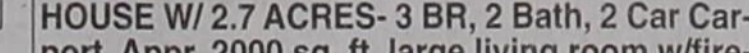
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Schools take part in bicycle giveaway

The Muleshoe Masonic Lodge is having a contest called "Read to Ride." The Lodge has donated two new bikes to Muleshoe schools to give away.

One bike has been placed at Mary DeShazo and one at Dillman. The bikes will be given away to the student that reads the most in the accelerated reading program.

It is the goal of this contest and the Masonic Lodge to get children more interested in reading books.

The bikes are at each of the schools now for the children to see every day.

Besides the bikes, the PTA at each school is donating a smaller prize for the second place reader and if the students at Dillman reach a set total for the year,



Principal Todd Newberry appointed rounds one day near the end of school. will ride a tricycle on his

Journal photo: Jeff West
Enjoy the ride

Dillman Elementary Principal Todd Newberry shows off one of two bicycles being given to top readers and both Dillman and DeShazo schools. The giveaway is being sponsored by the Masonic Lodge. Second place prizes are being provided by PTA members. The contest is designed to increase interest in reading.

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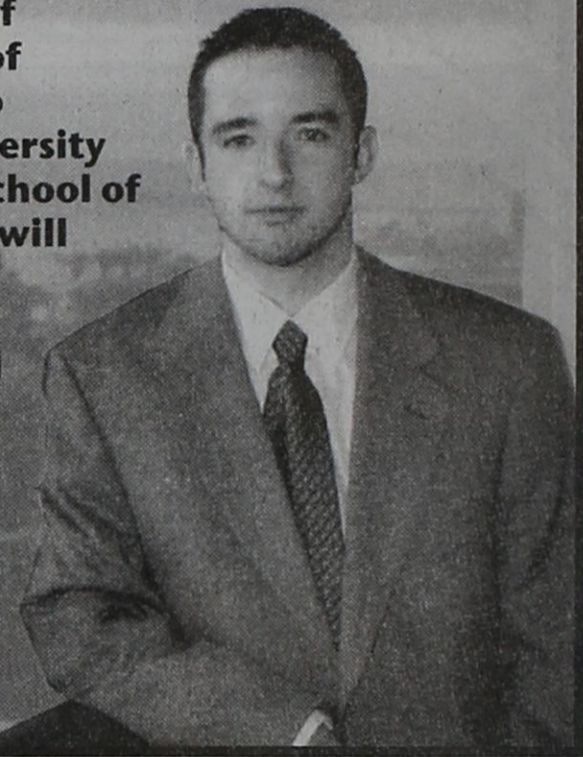
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Tyson Charles Purdy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Purdy of Muleshoe, was accepted to medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston. He will begin in August and will join his brother, Aaron, who is finishing his second year at UTMB. His younger brother, Derek, is a junior at MHS.



**Congratulations
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Births

PRISILLA CORTEZ

Joe T. and Vivian Cortez of Muleshoe announce the birth of their second child, Prisilla Lysette Cortez, born February 28, 2004 at Clovis High Plains Hospital of Clovis, NM.

Prisilla was born at 3:27 a.m. and weighed six pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

She was 19 inches long.

She has a big sister, Marissa, 8.

Grandparents are Felix and Maria Bonilla of Muleshoe, Joe Cortez of Muleshoe and Janie Rivas of Houston.

KAYLA REYES

Cecilia Reyes of Mule-

shoe announces the birth of her daughter, Kayla Maria Reyes, born at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on March 2, 2004.

Grandparents are Maria Diaz and Jose Andres Reyes of Muleshoe.

Great grandparents are Meliton Diaz of Muleshoe and Francisca Guerra of Mexico.

Shower



Courtesy photo

Bride (second from left) Stacy Locker poses with her mother Ruth (left) and sisters Amy Thiel and Mindy Locker at her February 29 bridal shower.

A bridal shower was held Sunday, February 29, 2004 for Stacy Locker and Chad Armstrong in the home of Rex and Brenda Black.

Hostesses included Susan Sudduth, Bernita Sheets, Jana St.Clair, Hollye Hooten, Terry Byers, Jonette Marlow, Kay Leopard, Janice Bradshaw, Lindy Schuster, Terri Hahn, Joy Glover, Melody Sheets, Charlotte Field, Linda Wood, Sue Johnson, Cindy Barrett, Jan King, Tammy Black, Sarah Black,

Christie Whitt, Diane Saylor, Debbi Hutto, Peggy Dent, Brenda Black, and Rickie Warren.

Special guests included Ginger Armstrong, mother of the groom from Austin; Millie Armstrong and Neleen Dent, grandmothers of the groom, Ruth Locker of Muleshoe, mother of the bride to be, and Elizabeth Street, grandmother of the bride from Earth.

The couple received a love seat from the shower hostesses.

Cardio clinic in area

Covenant Heart Institute (CHI) will sponsor cardiology clinics in several area communities. The purpose of the clinics is to cut down on travel for Covenant's cardiac patients.

The Clovis, NM clinic schedule for March is as follows:

Thursday, March 11 — 9 a.m., Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 912 West 21st Street, Clovis. Clinic conducted by cardiologist Guy A. Wells, MD. For an appointment or more information, call 1-877-604-3278;

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Tuesday, March 23 — 9:30 a.m., Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 912 West 21st Street, Clovis. Clinic conducted by cardiologist James B. Moss, M.D. For an appointment or more information, call 1-800-692-4341;

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