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News Briefs

Muleshoe and Bailey County residents wanting to add a few pounds, help out some good causes or just eat some great stuff in February are in luck. There are several worthy groups willing to treat local residents taste buds.

Those offerings include:

Muleshoe VFD

The Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its annual calf fry fund raiser Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Earl Ladd Fire Station on E. Fifth and American.

Tickets can be purchased from any firefighter, at the door or by calling 806-946-9144 or 806-946-8851.

Project Graduation

The Muleshoe Senior Class will be offering cakes, pies, casseroles, bread, tamales and much more during the high school basketball games Feb. 10. It will also be taking silent bids on four complete meals.

Valentine Cookies

Calvary Baptist Church is taking orders for 9" decorated and delivered heart shaped cookies with your personal message for only \$5.

There are also cookie bouquets, which are 3 heart shaped and decorated cookies with a glass vase and delivered with your personal message for only \$8.

The proceeds will go to help the youth program with various activities.

German sausage

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner, Sunday, February 8, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Donations will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children six and under. Take out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Singing valentines

The MHS choir is offering singing valentines for your sweetheart. It's just \$12 but order by Feb. 10 by calling 272-7307.

Local Weather

Thu-P/C 37°/19°

Fri-P/C 37°/18°

Sat-P/C 50°/23°

Sun-Rain 41°/24°

Mon-P/C 43°/23°

Tue-P/C 55°/24°

Wed-P/C 55°/23°

Missed your paper?

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

UIL realigns 2-3A

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

The Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) has realigned a number of scholastic sports districts in the state including Muleshoe's district 2-3A, bringing a much bigger school into the mix.

The districts are based on size and location and a number of schools have changed the number of students, according to Muleshoe Independent School District Superintendent Gene Sheets.

The changes have apparently decreased enrollment at Dimmitt and Slaton dropping both schools out of 3A into 2A ball. Another decrease in enrollment has dropped Levelland from a 4A school into 3A and right in the middle of Muleshoe's district.

"District 2 will be a five team district, which is a little unusual, most have six teams.

"To be in 3A a high school has to have between

390 and 899 students enrolled. This year Muleshoe is showing an enrollment of 411," Sheets said.

Records indicate that Levelland's enrollment last year was 921 but this year school officials said the number has dropped to 860, which is within UIL guidelines but more than double the enrollment of Muleshoe.

"This is going to be tough," Sheets said, "but it may be better than the other alternative, which would have put Perryton in the district. That's a four hour drive and we couldn't have done that."

Several schools around the state joined Levelland in dropping from 4A to 3A, including Dallas Roosevelt, Palestine and Wichita Falls Hirschi.

A larger number of schools dropped from 3A to 2A along with Dimmitt and Slaton. Among those dropping school population and classification are Denver City, Childress, Slaton and Tulia.

Few apply for MPD position

The Muleshoe City Council recently reauthorized the hiring of another police officer after citizens asked for the addition.

What the council could not do however was tell the department where it might find a qualified individual.

"Everybody is having trouble getting people to even consider," said Muleshoe Police Chief Don Carter. "Salaries cause us problems competing with larger cities."

Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson agreed the pay issue is a problem.

"A new police officer in Muleshoe begins at \$23,314 while the same officer will get about \$33,000

if they go to work in Lubbock."

It could be the pay, in part, that accounts for the fact that only two of the city's officers have no previous connection to the city.

Even the newest hire, Todd Cogdill, who begins later this month, has in-laws that live in the city.

"Cogdill was hired to replace an officer who resigned and his credentials are good enough to stand out anywhere," Carter said.

But now the search for a new officer begins again.

"There seems to be more need out there than people to fill it," Brunson said. "We're just looking for a good candidate."



Journal photo: Jeff West

Loads of fun-bar none

With mild temperatures during part of last week, third graders (from left) Ubaldo Plato, Tony Zuba, Brenda Ceballos, Yanira Regalado, Laura Loya, Dannya Avila and Jesus Torres enjoy a little time on the school playground.

Counterfeit company check caper coming to conclusion

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

Three people have pled guilty, another is awaiting trial on federal charges of fraud and passing counterfeit checks in a multi-state operation that included Muleshoe in its path.

In fact, according to a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was the work of the Muleshoe Police Department that helped break the case.

The case began in May of last year when Muleshoe Police Chief Don Carter got a call from Lowe's Marketplace that they had received a counterfeit check from a woman identified as Tria Wicker. The check appeared to be a payroll check from Manpower, a temporary employment agency.

As part of the investiga-

tion Carter called Check Collect of Levelland, a subsidiary of Lowe's, to see if the suspect had struck elsewhere. He found that she had indeed hit several towns in the area but a clerk in Abernathy had the foresight to get a thumbprint on one check.

Carter took a copy of the print to Lubbock where a computer search identified the woman as Charmaine Denise Hines. Hines was arrested shortly thereafter in Hobart, Okla. along with Davidian Leffall, whom authorities believed was an accomplice in the scheme as was reported in the *Muleshoe Journal* in July.

Interviews with the two suspects and further investigation led to the arrest of three other suspects in the case and the recovery of

more checks. The FBI has reported that as of the end of January they and the Secret Service have collected over \$51,000 in counterfeit checks, each under \$400 in value.

Carter said most of the checks passed in this area had the same serial number and were made out for the same amount, \$216.20.

Both Hines and Leffall pled guilty to bank fraud and making counterfeit securities, as has Leffall's wife, Daniele Leffall. Lekena Nekole Simmons is awaiting trial on the same charges and Virginia Gezell Ballard is being sought as a fugitive by authorities.

A letter from the FBI states, "Your department's diligent investigation of Ms. Hines led to her arrest and the arrest of Davidian Leffall.

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Raising coins for cancer

Students at Dillman Elementary will kickoff the 2004 Pennies for Patients Campaign benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For three weeks, February 2 - 20, students will bring their spare pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to school and contribute them to their classroom's collection container. Their spare change will add up to save the lives of people touched by blood-related cancers.

Over 400 schools in the North Texas area are participating in the campaign. Funds raised through these schools support the

see coins page 10



Journal photo: Jeff West

And everybody had a ball

Over 90 third grade students entertained the crowd in Muleshoe at halftime of the Lady Mules game Saturday night. The feats of ball handling and coordination would have made Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters proud.

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De La Torre at First Assembly

Robert De La Torre, an original member of the "Galileans" will perform at the First Assembly of God Church, 521 S. 1st Street, Muleshoe, Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. For more information contact Jack Stone, 272-3017.

Rural public transportation meeting

South Plains Community Action Association is conducting a public meeting to get comments from the public about the state formula for funding rural public transportation within Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lynn, Lamb, Mitchell, Terry, Yoakum and Scurry Counties on Feb. 10, via video conference at the Lubbock TxDot office at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

TxDot public corridor hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will

hold a public hearing on Friday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, 710 W. 5th St.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor and to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

For more information, call Penny Mason at 806 748-4337 or e-mail atpmason.dot.state.tx.us.

Free grant writing seminars

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be hosting free grant writing seminars. The schedule and contact information are listed below:

- Lubbock February 5-6
Contact: Wanda_C._Merritt@hud.gov
- Tulsa February 11-12
Contact: C._Lyn_Larson@hud.gov
- Ft. Worth February 18-19
Contact: Nicolas_Ramon@hud.gov

Calvary Baptist missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church will conduct its annual faith promise conference Feb. 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with its international supper. Bro. Glenn Border, formerly of Muleshoe will be the special guest speaker the following Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and evening at 6 p.m. Border is currently working with the International Board of Jewish Missions based in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Nursing Home News

Aline Locke was visited by her daughter and son-in-law over the weekend, Mary Jo and Jim Walker.

Pat Wilson and grandchildren visited Gladys Wilson and other residents Monday. Gladys was also visited Monday by her daughters Marieta Thomas and Cathy Wilson. Marilyn Wilson (daughter-in-law) and Billie Powell and also Dianne Brown.

Dokota Pitcock and her little dog Topper visited Park View Monday. Topper entertained us with great tricks.

The Calvary Baptist church came for church services Sunday.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard visited the residents and directed a praise and worship devotional, Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon Pat Watson, Beckye Conklin, Mary Jo Burge, Beverly Wagnon, Doloras Garrett, Eva Nell Dale came to shampoo and set the ladies hair. Beverly gave several hair cuts.

At this writing Erma Templar, Goldwian Stroud, Lenorad Kerr and Letha Beach and Clydetta Mitchell are all in the hospital. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda

Kittrell both won blue ribbons for the skits they performed at coffee time Wednesday morning. Congratulations!

Glen Williams, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed our devotional and Singspiration Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings directed the Sing-a-Long Wednesday.

Jearl James visited the residents at Park View Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies baked a chocolate angel food cake in cooking class Wednesday. The cake will be served at the January Birthday party Thursday afternoon.

Anita Johnson and Frankie Carpenter directed our craft class Thursday morning. Residents participating were Aline Locke, Diane Copley, Clara Lou Jones, Ruby Riley, Clydetta Mitchell, Juanita Teague and Gladys Wilson.

Zona Gatewood came Thursday morning and played the piano as the residents sang a variety of hymns and well as fun songs.

Friday morning Retha Teague directed our exercise class. Jim Kee gave a talk on how to win friends and get along with others, following the exercise class.

Janet Denter gave a con-

cert in the Day Room Friday afternoon. Janet's grandparents, the Smiths, also attended the concert.

Willie Maye Graves visited Clara Lou Jones Monday. Mike Jones and David Milstead visited her

Wednesday.

Lewis Wayne Shafer and W. E. Meyers visited George Mitchell Friday afternoon.

Roy Anzaldua visited Gladys Wilson, Aline Locke, Ruby Clark and Clifton Finley Tuesday.

Births

Kurt and Valinda Miller are the parents of a daughter, Ava Railey Miller, born at 10:09 a.m., January 13, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She weighted 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22 inches long.

She has a five-year-old brother, Dylan, and a sister Kyndal, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Mike and Pamela Miller of Muleshoe, and Thomas and Pat Wright of Gilmer, Texas.

Great-grandmother is Dorothy St.Clair of Muleshoe.



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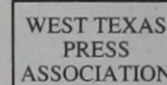
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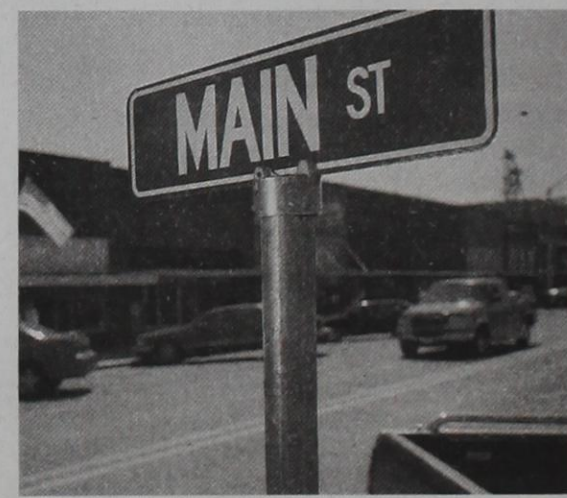
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Obituaries

HELEN QUINTANA

Services for Helen "Elena" Quintana of Levelland were Thursday, January 29, 2004 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic church in Muleshoe, with Father Tim Judd of Petersburg officiating.

Rosary was given at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Muleshoe.

Burial was at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Quintana died January 26, 2004 in Levelland.

She was born March 5, 1938 in Anton Chico, New Mexico. She married Luis Quintana in Morton, on December 26, 1957.

Mrs. Quintana lived in Levelland for 12 years, moving there from Baileyboro. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a homemaker.

Mrs. Quintana is survived by her husband Luis Quintana of Levelland, three sons; Fabian and Luis Jr. Quintana both of Amherst, and Roberto Quintana of Brownfield, four daughters; Rosita Gonzales, Aurora Elizarraraz and Sylvia Campos all of Muleshoe and Percilla Quintana of Jacksonville, Fla., her mother; Aurora Lucero of Clovis, N.M., two sisters; Elisa Montoya and Mary Ann Pena both of Portales NM., three brothers; Joe Lucero of Quincy Il., Adolph Lucero of Guymon, Ok., and David Lucero of Portales, N.M., 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

CHARLTON HEARD

Services for Charlton Heard, 61, of Littlefield were Saturday, January 31, 2004 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Tracy Spencer of Flow Thru Ministries officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Heard was born Oct. 25, 1942 in Muleshoe to William Carl and Mattie Vaughn Heard. He died Monday, January 26, 2004 in Charleston, S.C.

He had been employed for the past 13 years for the Amherst Cooperative Gin.

He is survived by a son, William Bryan Heard of Germany; a daughter, Angie Bauer of Charleston; two sisters, Karl Dean Helker of Keota, OK and Allene Harvey of Clovis, N.M.; four grandchildren, Anna Louise Heard, Eric Maximillian Heard, Haley Faye Bauer and Adam Charlton Bauer; and his former wife, Pat Waller of Charleston.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in memory of C.T. Heard to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

CHLORIS TARLTON

Services for Chloris Irene Tarlton, 81, of Maple were Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe. Rev. Ken Metzger of First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She was born November 6, 1922 in Meridian and died Sunday, Feb. 1 in Morton. She married Pete Tarlton in Lubbock on November 6, 1940.

Mrs. Tarlton had lived in the Maple area since 1934, moving from Childress. They lived in Goodland from 1940 until 1963 where she was a member of the Goodland Bible Study for many years. She was a member of Three Way Methodist Church until it closed. Her letter of membership was then transferred to First United Methodist Church of



Tarlton

Morton. She worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a brother, J.C. Gandy, and a sister, Geraldine Gandy.

Mrs. Tarlton is survived by her husband of Maple; son and daughter-in-law, James and Geraldine Tarlton, of Roswell, NM; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Gary Clark, of Dallas; three sisters, Wilma Hill and Merle Wilson, both of Georgetown, Texas, and Betty Hodges of Levelland; three brothers, Leonard Gandy of Odessa, Billy Joe Gandy of Ponca City, OK, and Don Gandy of Spring Branch; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Robert Lopez

Services for Robert Lopez of Sunnyside, TX was Wednesday February 4, 2004 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Muleshoe with Father Tim Judd of Petersburg, TX., officiating.

Rosary was said on Tuesday, February 3, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Muleshoe. Burial was at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Lopez died January 31, 2004 in Sunnyside, TX. He was born July 26, 1964 in Muleshoe.

He married Debra Cramer in Dimmitt, on December 21, 1989.

He was preceded in death by his mother Cipriana Lopez and a brother Joe Lopez.

Robert lived in Sunnyside since August 2003 moving from Dimmitt. He worked as a truck driver.

Robert is survived by his wife Debra K Lopez of Sunnyside, a daughter Karen Lopez of Sunnyside, 3 step-sons: Roger Schaffer Jr., Dale and Scott Schaffer all of

Lansing, MI; his father Josie Villarreal of Muleshoe, Elizabeth and Tina Lopez of Friona; 7 Maggie Lopez both of Friona, TX., Rita Rodriguez and Ninfa Gonzales of Emporia, KS., and Isabella Zamora

of Garden City, KS.; two brothers; Rueben Lopez of Muleshoe, TX., and Rudy Zamora of LaFeria, TX.

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Births

Jason and Summer Barrett of Lubbock, Tx., announce the birth of their daughter, Jordan Noel Barrett, who was born January 17, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She weighted seven pounds and 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Jordan has an older sister Kelsei, who is three.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Sherry Barrett of Muleshoe, and Melvin and Marsha Hill of Levelland.

Great-grandparents are Wilcy and Mary Moore, Jodie and Virginia Barrett, all of Muleshoe, and Dean and Carol Kirkpatrick of Levelland.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Muleshoe Journal has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office:

CITY COUNCIL #1

David Dominguez
Daniel Guzman
Richard Orozco

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Rodney Baker (D)
Jack Dunham (R)
Butch Vandiver (R)

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PRECINCT 4

Juan Chavez (D)
Ginger Damron (D)
Lewis W. Shafer (R)

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Otis Carpenter (R)
Richard Wills (R)

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Political advertisement paid by candidate



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DEE-FENSE!

It's not all about shooting as #20 Lindsey Wood well knows. The Lady Mules defense has shone along with their offense this year.

Seventh grade Mules win against Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules jumped on the Dimmitt Bobcats early with Victor Vasquez exploding for 12 points. The Mules were up 17-0 before the Bobcats could answer. The Mules rode the big lead to a 43-34 victory.

Dimmitt chipped away at the Mules lead and had it down to 18-11 with a 7-1 run to begin the second period.

The Mules had trouble with the Bobcats full court press in the second period.

Dimmitt used the turnovers to out score the Mules 14-8 and trailed the Mules

25-19 at the half. Wes Wood drove the base line and dealt the ball to Dillion Gallman in the lane to open the second half. Marshall Head finished a fast break after the Mules had found the key to unlock the Dimmitt press. Lane Wood drained a 3-pointer and Gallman added three points as the Mules increased their advantage to 35-27 to start the final period.

Austin Wright stripped the ball from a Bobcat and pushed the ball ahead to Vasquez on break. Gallman scored in the lane on a lob pass from W. Wood

Vasquez stepped in a passing lane and scored before

Dimmitt could score.

Dimmitt went on a six-point run before Wright sealed the deal for the Mules on an in bounds play.

Vasquez led the Mules with 17 points, Gallman had nine and L. Wood made eight. W. Wood dropped in three points and Wright, Jackson Meyers and Marshall Head made two points each.

The young Mules are 5-4 in district and 9-6 on the season. They beat Frenship for the third place trophy in the Levelland tournament this past weekend. The Mules will complete their season in Brownfield February 9.

Corrections

Kori Elizabeth Welch was incorrectly identified by the Journal as a Muleshoe High School graduate in last week's President's and Dean's Lists from Texas Tech University. Although Welch has a Muleshoe address, she graduated from Earth High School. She is a freshman civil engineering and architecture major at the university.

Also, Tyrel Gear was misidentified in last week's story about All District honors.

Also, a headline stating the Mules beat the Dimmitt Bobcats was incorrect.

The Journal regrets these errors.

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

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David Tarango, Clovis, NM	6	Hol. str	277 lbs.	at \$105.00
J.C. Airhart, Lamesa	1	BWF bull OF	195 lbs.	at \$157.00
Jimmy Crenshaw, Levelland	1	Blk. bull	340 lbs.	at \$132.50
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	8	Mxd. str	374 lbs.	at \$123.00
Paul Jones, Hereford	5	Mxd. bulls	401 lbs.	at \$119.00
Orbie Luman, Milnesand, NM	3	Mxd. bulls	405 lbs.	at \$127.00
Flying N Ranch, Hereford	4	Mxd. str	505 lbs.	at \$110.00
B&C Cattle, Seminole	4	Mxd. str	636 lbs.	at \$95.00
B&P Cattle, Springtown	6	Mxd. str	659 lbs.	at \$96.25
B&P Cattle, Springtown	7	Mxd. str	784 lbs.	at \$87.75
D.C. Pearson, Ropesville	20	Blk. str	691 lbs.	at \$92.00
D.C. Pearson, Ropesville	7	Blk. str	796 lbs.	at \$88.50
John Hill, Abernathy	8	Brang. str	856 lbs.	at \$85.75
Justin Claiborne, Lamesa	4	Mxd. hfrs	246 lbs.	at \$135.00
Paul Jones, Hereford	3	Mxd. hfrs	303 lbs.	at \$130.00
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The bride is the daughter of Rex and Brenda Black of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of John Cleavinger and Cindy Harrison of Muleshoe.

Savannah and Shonnah Black sang "How Beautiful", Brady Mason sang "A page Is Turned", Kaleb Clay and Cassidy Cleavinger sang "From This Moment On," and Joel Sinclair and Mike Cleavinger sang "The Parents Prayer".

Serving as Matron of Honor was Katie Bynum; Maid of Honor was Marlie Black. Bridesmaids include Amanda Kelcrease, Ashley Ware, Johnna Cleavinger, Chrissy Bridges, Stacy Locker and Myndi Heathington.

The groom's Best Man was Chad Armstrong, Best Boy was Logan Harrison. Groomsmen were Bryce Jordan, Matt Templeton, Jeff Armstrong, Dan Templeton, Kaleb Clay, Mason Sinclair and Brady Black.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown. It was fashioned with a strapless neckline, empire waist and the dress was styled in an A-line with a fluttered side drape. The bodice was trimmed with bedded embroidered accents. The back of her gown was embellished with satin covered buttons. The matching head piece was a soft white tulle enhanced with crystals and pearls. As tradition the bride wore her Nanny's diamond earrings as something old. Something new was her dress, something borrowed was Keila Morris veil and Krystal Favor's shoes and something Blue was her garter.

The groom wore a handsome Black tuxedo.

The bride is a student at Texas Tech Health Science Center. She is currently working at Dillard's Shoe Department.

The groom is a student at Lubbock Christian University. He is currently working for Dr. Myles Sadler D.D.S..

After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock, Tx.



Black

Engagement

Dr. Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son, Zachary Sheets of Abilene, TX., to Kara Brown of Red Oak, TX., daughter of Gary and Kathy Brown of Red Oak, Tx.

The bride-elect will graduate from Abilene Christian University in December 2004 with a Bachelors degree. She will teach

High School Science. The prospective groom will receive his Bachelors degree in May 2004.

He owns Premier Cleaning Services which holds janitorial contracts in Abilene and Lubbock.

The wedding is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. June 5, 2004 at St. Paul's United Methodist in Abilene.. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Engagement

Fred and Ruth Locker of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Stacy Locker of Lubbock to Chad Armstrong also of Lubbock, son of Ginger and Logan Armstrong of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She will graduate from Lubbock Christian University with a degree in

Biology in August 2004.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Westwood High School in Austin and will graduate in June 2004 from Texas Tech with a degree in Business.

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Last Sunday's Super Bowl and Society's Morals

In a really sad and not very funny sort of way, our society is really kinda funny, as I think last Sunday afternoon's "main event" in Houston illustrates.

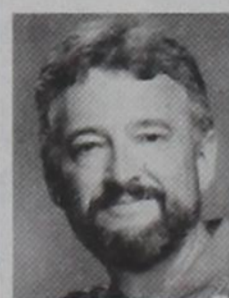
No, I don't mean the Super Bowl.

It was a great game, though, wasn't it? It can be fun to watch two squads of over-testosteroned mutant millionaires try to beat each other to a pulp while we all eat nachos and fajitas, watch the

TVs in your home will talk even dirtier than they do now.)

So what's "funny"? Well, it just seems a tad strange to me what we get upset about. "Wisdom is justified by all of her children," Jesus once said, and really upset people are rarely really rational about being really upset.

C. S. Lewis once commented on those who were raising their eyebrows, shaking their heads, and decrying the general lack of integrity in society. But what after all, he seemed to be saying, do we expect? His society (and ours even more) made fun of honesty, decency, and integrity, and then was surprised when those qualities became hard to find. "We castrate," he wrote, "and then bid the geldings be fruitful."



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

commotion, and comment on the quality of the commercials. That kind of really exciting Super Bowl game just doesn't happen every year.

But the real show-stopper last Sunday was, and forgive me for mentioning this but I'm sure you've heard about it by now, the "garment failure" during halftime. I hate to be cynical, but you'd better count me in with the huge percentage of Americans who don't believe that anything, expect our society's morals, failed. That garment probably functioned exactly as at least two people had planned. Be that as it may, last Sunday's excellent game has not been the hot topic this week.

CBS and MTV (owned by CBS, I understand) and the "stars" have all apologized (at the same time as the "stars" have gained publicity; until that show, I thought Timberlake was a hiking boot). The FCC's mad (the same FCC, I suppose, that's recently decided to further relax language standards so that the

Janet Jackson should have worked harder last Sunday to keep her clothes on and Timberlake shouldn't have been a lowlife jerk. But if our society wants to produce more gals who care about decency and modesty and guys who care about integrity, maybe we should quit making multi-millionaires out of those who obviously don't care. Personally, I think we might also start by refusing to pay a single dollar into the coffers of companies like Abercrombie & Fitch who are much more about selling a lewd lifestyle even than they are about selling overpriced, over-tight, and over-revealing clothes. We buy into a lifestyle, advertise for it on our kids, and then seem surprised when we see the natural results of that kind of stunted morality illustrated in the halftime show at the Super Bowl. But it's a lot more fun to be mad at CBS than it is to be skeptical of our own morally questionable choices.

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Senior News

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Grady and Dorothy Sorley of Bovina will be singing for the group.

The center is decorated in a Valentine theme and promises special guests, prizes, great food and a fun time for our faithful regulars, and those who haven't visited the Center yet. Don't miss this one!!

The Muleshoe Area Home Health providers will be at the Senior center for your screenings on February 12. We appreciate them for providing their services every 2nd Thursday at the center.

Our big Game Tournament for all ages will be on Saturday, February 21, beginning at 9 a.m. tickets are available at the center or from any chairman. They are Bridge—E.T. Ford 272-4039, Shanghi—Melba King 272-4857, '42'—Nona Clements 272-3256 or Dominoes—Joe Sowder 272-5307. Lunch will be included and many Prizes! you may bring your partner or choose one at the Center. this is our fund-raiser to provide new restrooms at the center. We are so grateful for the wonderful support the Community has shown for our Seniors and our Senior Center. Pick your favorite game and enjoy the day at the center — or just get a ticket and come at noon for

lunch. On Saturday, February 14, at 6 p.m., Larry Martin and the Music Makers will again have their jam session. Visitors are welcome to join in or just listen.

Hubert Kidd brought in several sacks of books for the center while maintaining, "I've read every one of these twice!" Now Hoobert!.....Turns out the First Baptist church donated these wonderful books and Hubert just brought them! Thank Church and Hubert also..

Every Tuesday morning, the crowd increases for all kinds of games. And the fun increases judging by all the laughter. Mary Nell Bleeker and Crystal Walton are the hostesses for February. Thanks ladies, for all the

goodies you bring. Mary Nell has spoiled us with her good homemade peanut brittle.

Ask your friends to join you at the center for games on any day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. E.T. Ford and his Men's bridge club meets at the center now.

A ladies bridge club also meets at the center. We see new faces at the center as more seniors come by to sign the register, have coffee and visit a bit.

Our first low-impact exercise class begins Wednesday, February, 4 and we'll decide which day our days will be best to continue our class. A scrap-booking class is being discussed. Activities continue at the Senior Center.

Hispanic Farmer and Rancher Conference to meet

The Texas/Mexico Border Coalition (TMBC) in cooperation with several USDA Agencies, including the Bailey County Farm Service Agency, is sponsoring the First National Hispanic Farmer and Rancher Conference in San Antonio on February 22-25, 2004 at the St. Anthony Hotel on the river walk.

"TMBC is a community based organization established in 1999 to maintain the health, social, environmental and economic integrity of rural communities along the Texas and

New Mexico borders with Mexico," said Omar Garza, Chairman of the coalition.

The "Risk Management through Environmental Stewardship" conference will begin at 5:30 p.m. on February 22 with a networking reception. During the four-day event, representatives of federal and state agencies, industry and academia will present information regarding state and federal farm programs, water issues, food safety, small farm initiatives and financial risk management.

"TMBC has hosted two statewide conferences in Texas. Due to the success of these events, the TMBC directors decided to go national this year—bringing more people together, broadening our scope and increasing the exchange of ideas through networking and partnership development," said Garza.

Registration for the conference is \$200.00. For an additional \$25.00 each conference participants can enjoy a pre-conference tour of historic missions in the San Antonio area and/or a

post-conference tour of an Exotic Game and Wildlife Ranch near Hondo.

"We [TMBC] are excited about the conference and hope that the event will lay a foundation on which to build an annual enjoyable, educational and mutually beneficial event for Hispanic farmers and ranchers, their families and members of the agriculture industry," said Garza.

For conference agenda and registration information, contact Omar Garza at (956) 488-0534 or visit www.tm-bc.org.



Scouts and Salutes

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and sponsors all take time to say the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flag before the pine derby races last weekend.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor; Now is the time for all good men, women, boys and girls to come to the aid of Veteran Congressman Charles Stenholm.

As the result of the recent Congressional redistricting, he will face a formidable opponent in the general election. The veteran Congressman Stenholm also is saddled with the additional burden of new counties and the loss of traditionally supportive counties as the result of the Republican party's reshuffle of districts.

Congressman Stenholm has 25 years of congressional experience and is the senior member of the House Agriculture Committee. He is a bed-rock Democrat, and because he has always voted the conservative direction on all issues, he is regularly courted by the Republicans to bolt and join the party. He

has always refused believing that his original basic Democratic principals still hold true.

And as might be guessed, some within his own party fault him for his conservative stance, and have lowered their support for him over the years.

Shockingly, a strange comment came from the lips of a Democrat recently who is among those attempting to revitalize the party in these parts. He said :Let's face it, what has Charley Stenholm ever done for this county?"

It's as though that person is ready to concede another seat to a Republican.

Indeed, there are many how could come forward and report what Charley has done for them or their loves ones in time of need.

But beyond that, the logical answer to that surprising question is:

"For 25 years, Charles Stenholm has worked for the good of the nation, the state and the district he serves. He may not have brought government porkbarrel do-dads at the expense of others, as many of his colleagues have done over the years, but he has constantly worked for the sought good government."

Further he has conducted his congressional business and personal life in a circumspect manner that has not brought shame or embarrassment to his family or his district. That stands for much.

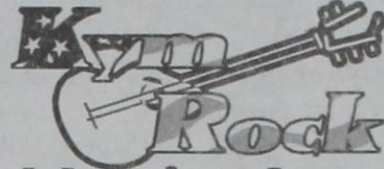
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Mules win over Littlefield, suffer loss to Cooper

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Mules completed their first trip around the district with a loss to the Lubbock Cooper Pirates and a win over the Littlefield Wildcats.

Cooper hung on in a close match to drop the Mules 49-39.

The Mules may have surprised the Wildcats with their intensity. The Mules used a very balanced scoring attack to drop the Wildcats 58-55.

The Pirates of Cooper struck early in the opening period to claim a 21-10 advantage after the first eight minutes. The Mules were able to regain their balance in the second period and battled the Pirates to an 11-11 draw but trailed 32-21 at the intermission.

The Mules held the Pirates to only four points in the third period and trimmed the Cooper lead to 36-28. Tyler Sheets hit a deuce as the final period began and Layne Sheets kicked down the back door to get the Mules to a four point deficit.

The Pirates answered with a bucket before Landon Wilson gathered in a rebound and put it back strong. Wilson collected the hoop for an old fashion three-point play.

Cooper scored just before Ly. Sheets drove the weak side for a lay up. The Mule defense forced a Pirate turn over and Landon Sheets

drove the baseline to draw the defense. Ln. Sheets dished the ball to Brady Black in lane to make it a one-point game with three minutes left.

Cooper was able to seal the game by making seven free throws in the final minute.

Black led the Mules with 14 points; Ln. Sheets, Wilson and Trevor Turnbow each added five points. Ty. Sheets and Ly. Sheets each dropped in four points and Kory Atwood chipped in two for the Mules.

The Mules knew they had to have a win to have hopes of reaching the post season and in front of a rowdy home crowd gave their fans a show. The Mules shocked the Wildcats early with Ln. Sheets driving the weak side for the games first two points.

Ty. Sheets dropped in a three from the corner to put the Mules up 5-0. Black scored on back to back in bound plays. Epi Salazar ended the opening period with his first of five 3-pointers to cut the Mule's advantage to 13-9.

Salazar made his second long shot to make it a one-point game as the second frame began. Turnbow spotted up outside the arc as Ln. Sheets took the defense inside. Ln. Sheets kicked the ball back out to Turnbow for a trey.

Sterling Via made a put back as the first half ended with the Mules on top 29-28.

Black and Ln. Sheets both used the baseline to score as the second half began and Tatom Heathington hit a trey from the corner as the Mules increased their lead to 36-28. Littlefield made back to back treys as the third period ran down.

Ln. Sheets nailed a one-hand rainbow from behind the arc to keep the Mules on top 44-38 after three periods. The Mules were able to answer every Wildcat run with a run of their own. The Mules made seven of eight free throws in the final minute to put Littlefield away. Black and Ln. Sheets each made 11 points and Ty. Sheets and Turnbow added nine each. Heathington and Via dropped in seven points apiece and Ly. Sheets made four for the Mules.

"It was a great team effort tonight," said Landon Sheets. "The crowd was incredible and they really kept us going."

"We were able to answer every time Littlefield would make a little run. It was different guys stepping up and knocking down shots. I remember Trevor (Turnbow) and Brady (Black) both making some big shots and Spud (Via) made some great plays down the stretch," said Ln. Sheets.

"Coach Barry Kimball paid our kids a great compliment after the game," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "He said Coach, I hate to lose, but if I have to lose, I am glad it was to you guys. Your kids are a great bunch

of kids and all are a class act."

"Words like that sometimes are better than a win, but I am glad to get the win here tonight. It just seems like when Muleshoe and Littlefield get together on the court it is going to be a hard fought game."

"I knew the kids would rise to the occasion but I wanted us to finish. We have been in every ball game and we could easily be 5-0 right now. We just have not always taken care of the little things, but tonight we did."


"Spud (Via) and Layne (Sheets) are doing a great job for us at the point.

They are splitting time and staying fresh, making plays and not turning the ball over. All the kids tonight played a role in this win on both offense and defense," said Mason.

The Mules are now 2-3 in district and began the second round by hosting Slaton February 3. The Mules travel to Dimmitt on Friday and return home February 10 to host the Brownfield Cubs.

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JV Lady Mules have mixed results

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules fell short to the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates again. Cooper downed the Lady Mules 41-34. The Lady Mules did not dwell on the loss and beat the Littlefield Lady Cats 44-31.

The Lady Mules owned a 22-20 advantage at the intermission but Cooper stormed back in the third period with a 16-4 scoring run. The Lady Pirates took a 36-28 margin into the final frame.

Chelsi Hawkins drove for a bucket to open the final period. Jenna Rasco hit from the elbow to trim the Cooper lead to 37-30. Cecelia Reyna grabbed a long defensive rebound and raced down court for layup with just over two minutes left to play.

Neither team could mount much offense in the final two minutes. Kate Lepard led the Lady Mules in scoring with eight points, Hawkins added seven and Monica Posadas and Cecelia Reyna each had six. Ashley Dickson made three points, Rasco and Madison Smith each chipped in two for the team.

The Lady Mules jumped on the Lady Cats of Littlefield early and led 10-4 at the quarter break. Lepard added two buckets in the second period and Dickson nailed a 3-

pointer to push the Lady Mule lead to 22-13 at the half.

Littlefield opened the second half with a trey and Hilary Tipps added a bucket for Muleshoe. Rasco dropped one in and Dickson drove the floor on the break and was fouled.

Dickson converted the three-point play just before Lepard drove the baseline. Reyna drained a pair of treys in the final minute to extend the Lady Mule lead to 37-22.

Reyna and Dickson led the Lady Mules with 10 points each and Lepard dropped in eight. Tipps added six points, Hawkins and Smith made four each and Rasco chipped in two for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules defended their home floor against the Slaton Tigerettes February 3 and travel to Dimmitt February 6. The Lady Mules final game of the season is at home against the Lady Cubs of Brownfield February 10.

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Lady Mules kick Lady Pirates

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The Lady Mules sank the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates in their home port 61-39.

It was the first game of the second round of district for both teams.

The Lady Cats of Littlefield were tied for second place with Slaton when they visited the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center Friday. The Lady Mules exploded for 34 points in the final period and improved their district record to 7-0 with the 77-44 win.

Lindsey Wood set the defensive pace against Cooper with an early steal and got the ball to Sara Benham for the first bucket of the game. The Lady Mules never trailed in the contest. L. Wood got her second pick with less than two minutes gone in the game and found Kelsi Friskup to put Muleshoe on top 6-0.

Benham garnered two fouls in the opening frame as the Lady Mules jumped on top 16-9. Cooper went on a short-lived four point run in the second period.

L. Wood tipped a Muleshoe offensive rebound to Brandi Wood. B. Wood found Tori Barton outside the arc at the top of the key.

Barton drained the 3-pointer. The next trip down the floor Amber Cowart put back a rebound. Cowart dropped in a trey as the period ended to put the Lady Mules up 29-18 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules maintained the pressure in the second half and never allowed the Lady Pirates even a glimmer of hope.

Benham led the Lady Mules in scoring with 19 points and Friskup followed with 16. Barton added 10 points; B. Wood eight, Cowart five and

Kasey Wood had three.

"It was a different game for us tonight," said Sara Benham. "We were in their gym and their coach was in the hospital so they played more inspired tonight. We were able to get them down and kept them there with our defense. We never allowed them any hope."

"I think we felt a lot of pressure tonight," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Part of our pressure came from the inside with college scouts in the stands. The girls knew the scouts were here and may have pressed a little too hard."

"I know we can play better than we did tonight. But we beat a strong team and it was a good win for us," concluded Simms.

Tawannami Mitchel of Littlefield knotted the game at 5-5 when she turned in the lane at the two-minute mark of the first period. B. Wood was fouled on a drive down the baseline on an in bound play.

She made both shots from the charity stripe to put the Lady Mules in front to stay. Benham added a turn around jumper before Cowart picked a Lady Cats, pocket and found Benham running the floor to put the Lady Mules on top 11-5.

Friskup got the Lady Mule offense going in the second period with a 10-foot baseline jumper. L. Wood rattled in a trey from the top of the key at the five-minute mark. Just over a minute later L. Wood sank her second trey of the period.

The Lady Mules had pushed their advantage to 28-19 at the half. Littlefield went on a six-point run to cut the Lady Mule lead to 30-25 early in the third frame.

Barton dropped in a 15-footer and L. Wood drained a deep 3-pointer to stop the

run. The Lady Cats never again threatened the Lady Mule lead.

The Lady Mule's high-pressure defense and speedy offense took a toll on Littlefield's conditioning. In the final frame the Lady Mules out ran the Lady Cats 34-15.

Benham led all scoring with 24 points and L. Wood made four treys and 18 points. B. Wood got 13 of her 15 points in the final period and Tori Barton added seven. Friskup dropped in six points, K. Wood five and Cowart chipped in two.

"Littlefield came to play tonight and they got after us," said Coach Simms.

"I thought our second half of offense was phenomenal, inside and out. My post players did their job and my guards did theirs."

"Lindsey (Wood) ran the team beautifully for us tonight like we knew she could. Sara (Benham) drew a lot of attention from their defense and Kelsi (Friskup) and Brandi (Wood) both really stepped up for us inside."

"We started out pretty strong tonight," said Lindsey Wood. "But they also came out ready to play and it was a close game through the first half. At the break Coach Simms said we needed to push them harder on defense and wear them out."

"In the second half we did wear them down and we were able to really take advantage of them in the last period. Everyone really played well tonight and we were able to make the plays we needed to make."

The Tigerettes of Slaton were in Muleshoe on Tuesday and the Lady Mules go to Dimmitt on February 6. The Lady Mules hosts the Brownfield Lady Cubs February 10 in the two team's final regular season match.



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"The goal of the health fair is to reach out to kids and parents about dental health," said Michael Scott, D.D.S., of the South Plains District Dental Society.

The dental health fair will feature games, movies and interactive and educational resources, as well as prizes including a \$100 savings bond. Other attractions include face painting and appearances by the Texas Tech University Masked Raider and Eli, the Lubbock Cotton Kings mascot.

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Cattle market mixed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.83 million head on January 1, up 8 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down slightly from the December level. Producers placed 420,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 17 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below the November 2003 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head during December, up 3 percent from last year and unchanged from the November 2003, total.

On January 1 there were 2.33 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent for the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 6 percent from last year and down 1 percent

from the December total. December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 317,000 head, and 8 percent decrease from the November total. Marketing were up 4 percent from last month to 334,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2004. This inventory was 6 percent above January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million head, 10 percent above December 2002. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 503,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 529,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 448,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 268,000 head. Marketing of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, down 3 percent from 2002.



Chamber honors business and employee for February

(left) New chamber president Terral King along with Garry Shipman of Shipman's Body Shop, chamber board member Heather Foley, employee Brenna Farley and chamber manager Jan Thompson. (Right) Foley, Thompson, employee of the month Kristi Parker and King.



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RayAn Doshier and baby Ashlyn Leigh Doshier were honored with a baby shower on January 25, 2004 in the home of Billie Graves.

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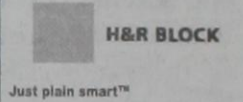
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Hostesses were Sherly Engelking, Connie Kemp, Keisha Russell, Jamie Smyer, Carla Reep, Ruth Lance, Billie Graves, Vickie Groneman, Della Snell, Raquel Bustillos and Rickie Warren.

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The highest fundraising classroom in the school will receive a catered luncheon courtesy of the Society.

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Campaign coordinator, Lenda Trussell, says, "Last year our children at Dillman Elementary did a fantastic job of raising money for the Pennies For Patients Program and raised over \$700.

This year we hope to exceed that amount for patients who have leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease or myeloma."

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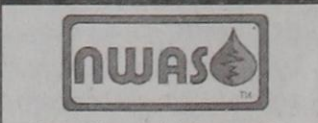
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Mark Anthony is in the part's department of Dent & Company Farm Equipment on the west side of town. He has been at the

dealership in Mulshoe for 14 years and on the training advisory committee for John Deere for about two years.

"I don't know why they chose me," Anthony said. "I do have a background in computers, that might have been part of the reason."

He went to Kansas City this week to meet with

other members of the committee about the latest web-based training.

Besides the three dealership representatives, there are also corporate representatives and educators including a professor from Purdue on the committee. Each relates what they like and don't like and what they believe needs more

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The latest training involves long distance learning using the Internet.

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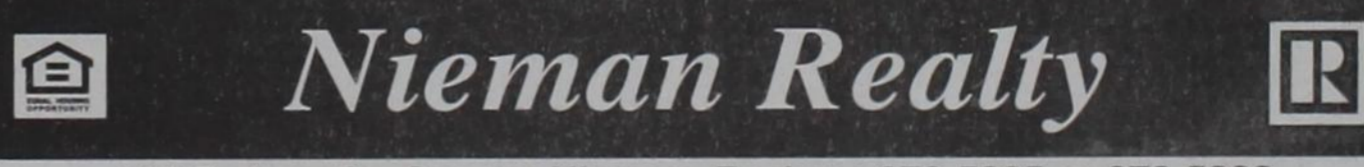
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Price becomes "cat's meow" around Muleshoe

By Leah Bell
Journal writer

Animal lovers are the "Good Samaritans" of the modern world. Just ask Streaker, Sassy, Jessie, Mama, Jody, Little Girl and Big Boy, all homeless cats taken in by one of Muleshoe's good Samaritan, Glenda Price.

Price, a custodian with Muleshoe Independent School District, has taken on the roll of caretaker for these animals because she, in her own words, is "crazy about animals" and cats in particular. According to Price, her kindheartedness runs in the family.

"I came by my love for animals from my grandma. She took in every stray that came to her door just like I do. I have a niece, Lisa Aufdenkamp, who does the same thing, except she helps dogs."

When Price moved into her new home behind the junior high, she found several cats who needed food and shelter, about 11 in all. Price lets seven of them sleep in the house. The others are too wild to catch, but



Journal photo: Leah Bell

Stringing them along
Glenda Price, self-described animal lover, plays with several of her cats, all adopted off the street.

she does feed and water them. They, along with a skunk, sleep under an abandoned house just behind her property line.

"The skunk gets its share of food, too," said Price. "I feel sorry for every animal. It doesn't matter what it is."

The financial strain on Price is worth the reward according to the feline lover. She plans to use her tax refund to have the cats inoculated, spayed and neutered.

According to Muleshoe's Animal Control Officer Adam Villa, on average more than 20 animals are picked up each month in Muleshoe. The cats usually find homes with local dairies, feedlots or grain elevators. Stray dogs aren't as lucky according to Villa. About ten dogs are euthanized a month depending on the time of year.

According to Muleshoe

Animal Clinic receptionist Sheryl Altman, the cost to spay either a female cat or dog is \$90 (routine) and plan to spend \$60 for neutering a male dog and \$40 to neuter a cat.

Altman recommends that animals be spayed or neu-

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According to Altman, there are no animal rescue organizations operating in Muleshoe at this time.

"The dog catcher does try to get all stray animals adopted," she concluded.

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USDA seeking comments about new CSP programs

The USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is conducting ten public listening sessions throughout the United States to receive comments and to gain feedback on the proposed rule to implement the new Conservation Security Program (CSP). One public listening session was held in Texas last Wednesday, January 21, 2004, in Kerrville.

Authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill, CSP is a voluntary conservation program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources. The program is designed to reward the best conservation stewards of the most environmentally sensitive areas in targeted watersheds.

"We are holding the listening session to give the public ample opportunity to voice their opinions about the new program," said Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS State conservationist for Texas. "Last year, we used the public's ideas and suggestions to develop the proposed rule and now we

are asking for comments that will help guide us in developing the final regulations for program implementation.

Written statements may be submitted by mail, e-mail, or fax to Conservation Security Program Comments, ATTN: David McKay, NRCS Conservation Operations Division, P.O. Box 2890, Washington DC 20013; e-mail david.mckay@usda.gov; fax 202-720-4265.

The CSP proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on January 2, 2004; comments are due by March 2, 2004.

The proposed rule and additional information on the program can be found at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Flores reports for duty

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard (Ricky) Flores, son of Noelia (Shorty) Flores of Muleshoe, TX., recently reported for duty with Commander,

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Flores is a 1992 graduate of Muleshoe High School of Muleshoe, TX., and joined the Navy in April, 2003.

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