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News Briefs

Local completes Navy basic training

Navy seaman recruit Louis D. Simpson, son of Timi M. Bradley of Muleshoe, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Simpson completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and air craft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. "Battle Stations" has been designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Simpson is 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

Give It A Thought

Slow down!
Smell the roses!
Be kind!
Count your Blessings!
Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

Local Weather

Thu .. PC 67/41

Fri PC 71/36

Sat ... Rain .. 56/35

Sun .. Rain .. 52/32

Mon .. MS 63/39

Tue ... MS 72/40

Wed . PC 73/44

40-50% chance of rain Sat. and Sun

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Local dog competition not bothered by weekend rains

By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor

The cold winds and driving rain did not stop the 10th Annual Bellringer Sheep Dog Trials held this weekend in Muleshoe at the city park.

Participants were bundled up as they guided their sheep dogs through an obstacle course designed to show off the dog's skills and natural instincts.

"Most of these dogs work on ranches and farms," said Muleshoe native Richard Belvin, president of the Texas Sheep and Cattle Dog Association. Belvin co-chaired the event this year with Lyndon Huckaby, also of Muleshoe. "And some of them

are just weekend hobbyists."

Belvin has worked with sheep dogs about ten years. "I've spent the last five judging," he said.

Approximately 80 dogs participated in this year's event.

According to Pat Howard of Muleshoe, the trainer stands at one end of the course and guides the dogs with whistles and commands. The dog will handle three to four goats and "fetch" them, guide them around posts, through gates and eventually into a pen within a certain amount of time depending on which class they were running.

Howard, who helped



Leslie Radford

A man and his dog— Ron Stroll of Muleshoe gives commands to his border collie Sue this weekend at the Sheep Dog Trials.

Muleshoe Chamber plans banquet

By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual banquet Saturday, April 24th at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

Things are slowly coming together according to some of the board members.

Terrell King, Board member, said that things

haven't gone according to plan this year.

Special guests have not been announced and the menu is still pending.

Chamber Manager Jan Thompson said there will not be a theme this year to cut down on costs.

"This is the first year we have done this," she said, "so we'll see how it goes."

King said that a local band called Rockin' Country will perform in the au-

ditorium following the dinner.

Lead singer, Jack Henderson said the group was "tickled to death" to play at the banquet. Henderson said the group had been together for three to four years and plays country and rock music.

"[The Chamber] has asked us to play some

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Congressman visits area counties

Congressman Charlie Stenholm made a swing through this area Monday as he campaigned in the newly created 19th District.

Stenholm said he is scheduling numerous stops in the 14 new counties that redistricting gave him. The 27-county 19th District stretches from Abilene to Deaf Smith County and includes Bailey County.

It's at the local level - voter by voter, farm by farm, ranch by ranch - that Stenholm said he can win re-election. He said he believes the voters in this new district will see the benefits - not the least of which is his position as the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee - of returning him to Congress.

"We are planning a massive voter registration effort," Stenholm said. "My chances of election hinge on grass-roots politics and getting out the

vote."

Stenholm pointed out that in his position on the Agriculture Committee, he helps craft or advises on every agriculture bill that goes before the House. That seniority, he said, helps Texas agriculture have a larger voice in Congress than just his one vote.

From his conversations around the area with constituents, he said Iraq, the war on terrorism and the fate of the farm bill weigh most heavily on their minds.

If the budget now in Congress is approved, Stenholm said there will be no choice except to reopen the farm bill and cut \$2.3 billion.

"I think it's unfair to ask agriculture to take those cuts," Stenholm said. "We're spending less than projected because farm prices are up. What we have in place now is

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School board approves many changes at M.I.S.D.

By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor

Several changes are being made at M.I.S.D. The School board met last week to discuss such changes to the new school lunch program, Watson Jr. High scheduling, and taking on the local Headstart program.

The food service department is adopting a lunch program mandated by the Texas Dept. of

Agriculture. This program will offer healthier foods to school children.

WJHS will have seven periods next year as opposed to the eight currently in effect. The Board believes this schedule will not only save them money, but will be a lighter work load for the students.

The Board has finally made a decision on whether or not to take on the Headstart program. They approved of the change on March 29. Headstart will begin next year under the direction of M.I.S.D. In addition, the Pre-K will be extended to a full day program. Also in consideration is moving the second grade to DeShazo Elementary to make room for Headstart at Dillman.

Mike Riley will be taking a seat with the Board at the end of May. He will begin a three-year term as a trustee replacing Bruce Barrett.

Several students were also recognized at the meeting. Steven Richards, WJHS sixth grader, and John Michael

Salinas, WJHS seventh grader, were honored for their qualification for state competition in Texas Math and Science in San Antonio on April 17.

High school students Tyler Wood, Ashley Beggs and Anthony Moreno were recognized for placing second at the Regional Small School Academic Competition on Feb. 18 at South Plains College in Levelland where they received \$1100 in scholarship money. Christy Morgan, Nick Ballenger and Stacy Mata placed fourth at the same event and were awarded \$550 in scholarships. Their sponsors, April Smith and Jack Willis, were also recognized by the Board.

UIL band students were acknowledged for solo and ensemble contests on Feb. 21 at Lubbock: Anna Symm, piano solo; J.C. Orozco, snare drum solo; Elizabeth Symm, flute solo; and Cristobal Almanza, Shalissa Ladd, Anna Symm and J.C. Orozco, percussion ensemble.

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Leah Bell

Splish Splash— Rains caused localized flooding this week as Bailey County citizens reported anywhere from two-four inches over the past several days. Forecasters predict a 40-50 percent chance of showers over the Easter weekend.



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Aid to house fire victims

Last week, Dink and Barbara Wilcox lost everything they own due to a house fire and family is asking the Muleshoe community to for assistance. An account has been set up at First Bank of Muleshoe to aid their family.

Easter services at City Park Sunday

The annual Community Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Bailey County Ministerial Association, is this Sunday, April 11, at 7, in Richland Hills Park near the tennis courts. Following the service, coffee and donuts will be served in the fellowship hall of the 16th & D Church of Christ. Anyone who would like to join in this service and fellowship time is invited. (In case of bad weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary of the 16th & D Church.)

CCC to host blood drive

Clovis Community College will host a United Blood Services blood drive on Thursday, April 22, in the Commons from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., accepting all blood types. All donors will receive free T-shirts. Potential donors must be age 17 to 79, weigh at least 110 pounds, and provide photo identification.

Project graduation Sr. celebration

Parents of the MHS Senior class of 2004 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our seniors.

This will be a non-alcohol event!
Your donation will help to offset expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo, Transportation will be provided to assure the safety of all who attend.

Donations for "2004 Project Graduation" or questions may be addressed to: Lisa Whalin 214 E Elm Muleshoe, TX 79347 or call 806-272-7411 or 806-272-5313 OR Bernita Sheets 1419 W. Ave. J Muleshoe, TX., or call 806-272-7722.

Thank you for supporting our MHS 2004 Graduates and Project Graduation.

Deadline for Donations for "Project Graduation 2004" is May 10.

Donations for cancer patient

Nancy Legg of Sudan was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will need to undergo several treatments. Friends are asking for help to pay medical bills. A fund has been established at the First United Bank of Sudan, but donations can be made at any branch of First United bank.

Sophomore class fundraiser includes talent show and dinner

The Ballet Folklorico in collaboration with the sophomore class will have a talent show on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

Forms for auditions can be picked up at the Muleshoe High School office. Auditions will be held April 13 beginning at 5 p.m. at the MHS auditorium. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places.

For additional information, call Santi Gayton at Muleshoe High School at 272-7303.

Before the talent show will be a soup and sandwich dinner at the high school cafeteria. The sophomore class will serve homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert. Tickets for the meal and show will be \$8 for adults and \$7 for 12 and under. Meals will be served from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Meal only tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children.

Wildlife Refuge offers work program

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge invites all area youth, ages 15-18, who are permanent residents of the United States to apply for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer work program.

The program runs eight weeks, beginning June 7

and ending July 30.

This is an earn, learn and work program. Enrollees perform a variety of tasks including wildlife identification, maintenance of trails and campgrounds, washing vehicles, building and removing fence, boundary sign posting, and improving wildlife habitats.

Five enrollees will be selected in a random drawing April 26 at 12:00 noon at the Enochs Post Office. Applications must be received by April 24, 2004.

For further information, call the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge at 946-3341.

Lazbuddie High Shoot-out fund-raiser

Lazbuddie senior parents of the class of 2004 present the Lazbuddie Shoot-out, three-on-three festival, April 23-24 at the Lazbuddie High School Gym. There is a \$50 entry fee per four-member team. Deadline to enter is April 18.

Divisions include: Elementary, Jr. High, High School, Adult, Co-ed (two men, two women), and over 40s. Call Debbie Weir at 965-2302, Sarah Black at 265-3861 or any Lazbuddie High School senior for more information or to enter.

CCC first annual flea market April 24

Clovis Community College will hold its first annual Flea Market on April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the East parking lot across from the new W.D. Dabbs Library and Technology Center. Vendors are encouraged to participate. Booth spaces are free, but space is limited. Vendors will need to provide own setup, including tables, chairs, tent, etc., as well as cleanup. Booth spaces are the equivalent of two parking spaces (18 ft. wide x 16 ft. deep). Those interested may obtain an information packet, that includes the application for booths and a map of booth spaces, by stopping by the Information Desk at Clovis Community College. You may also contact Sherrie Harrison at 769.4766 to register by phone. Applications must be complete and turned in by April 9th.

NAYS annual spring Youth Basketball Tourney has openings

North American Youth Sports announced today that they still have opening in their annual spring youth

basketball tournament in the Lubbock area at Brownfield High School on May 21-23.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th -10th grade girls; 11th - 12th grade boys; and 11th - 12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for this tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is April 30. For additional information or any entry form, please call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Matthew Neighbors at 806-637-4523.

Father/daughter weekend slated

The Girl Scouts will be hosting a father/daughter weekend at Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton June 3-5. Registration deadline is April 28th and is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Summer Littlejohn at 806-745-2855, 800-530-4957 or 806-296-7295.

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Chamber banquet in April

The annual Chamber banquet will be April 24 at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Tickets now on sale at the Chamber office or from Board Members.

Diabetes education certification

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will offer a program called "Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals" for diabetes educator certification. The program session will take place April 23-24, April 30 and May 1. The four-day series will meet from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

All nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, physician assistants, social workers and interested others are invited to attend. Cost for the program is \$350 and the registration deadline is one week before the program. Limited scholarships are available and applications are due two weeks before the session. Scholarship applications are available at www.nursing.ttuhscc.edu/dehp/.

For more information or to register, contact Marilyn Hickam in the School of Nursing at the health sciences center, at (806) 743-2736.

Internet classes available

Five Area Systems and Fivearea.com have scheduled two sets of Internet classes in April. They will consist of Beginning Internet and Intermediate Internet sessions to be held on two separate evenings. The first beginning session will be held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., Tuesday April 13th. The Intermediate session on Thursday, April 15th is at the same time. These classes will be repeated on April 27th and 29th.

All classes will be held in the new training room at Five Area/West Plains Telephone at 302 Uvalde in Muleshoe. The cost for both the beginning and intermediate classes is \$15 or \$10 to attend only one of the classes. There is a limited amount of space and classes fill up quickly.

To register send an e-mail to support@fivearea.com or call 272-7700. Please indicate which classes you would like to attend.

Deadline for filing for Mayor

The filling of applications for a place on the ballot for the City Special Election for Mayor has been extended until Wednesday, April 14. The date previously reported was March 15 which is incorrect based on the date when the City Council ordered the Special Election. This election is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mayor Victor E. Leal. There are two years remaining of this three year term. For an application contact LeAnn Gallman, City Secretary at City Hall at 272-4528.

Lifeguard classes begin April 16

An American Red Cross Lifeguard course begins April 16 at the South Plains College Natatorium in Levelland. Classes will meet 6-10 p.m. April 16 and April 23, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. and 3-8 p.m. April 17 and April 24 and 2-7 p.m. April 8. Cost for the course, book and certification is \$150.

Students must be at least 15 years of age on the first day of class. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive the following American Red Cross certifications: CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguard Training and First Aid and Automated External Defibrillation. To preregister, contact Mike Harrison, Natatorium director, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2228.

Food services training program

The Food Service Training Program will allow restaurant and food service owners and operators to improve the quality of their workforce through nationally recognized food service certifications, improved customer service and employee retention. The program utilizes the most comprehensive and trusted food safety program available, the National Restaurant Association ServSafe Food Safety Training Program.

Classes are divided into two tracks, Food Service Manager and Entry-level Food Service Employee. Costs for the Food Service Manager track are \$145 and consists of 6 training sessions of 4 hours each. The Entry-level Food Service Employee session is \$65 and consists of 4 sessions of 4 hours each. All training is on weekday evenings and will be scheduled to meet employee and employer needs.

For information on this exciting new program contact Johnny Smith, Director of Business and Industry training at Clovis Community College, at 769-4760.

"The Meeting" to perform at CCC

Clovis Community College's Cultural Arts Series will present the play "The Meeting" on Sunday, April 4, at 4 p.m. in CCC's Town Hall. This is a one-act play that presents a fictionalized meeting between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the door.

Basic phlebotomy class in June

Basic Phlebotomy begins June 7 at South Plains College in Levelland. Classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through July 22 in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Instructor is Georgia Mulloy. Tuition is \$325, plus textbook. Extensive additional clinical assignments will be needed to complete ASPT pre-certification requirements. Enrollment is limited to 14 students. To register or obtain more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Cardiac rehabilitation education

The Covenant LifeStyle Centre will offer a variety of cardiac rehabilitation education classes in the month of April. The LifeStyle Centre is located atop the east parking garage at 21st St. and Joliet Ave. The 45-minute cardiac-related classes are offered at 8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 3:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. They are free to the public. Dates and topics for the classes are: April 5- Risk factors and making changes; April 7 - Weight management; April 12 - High cholesterol; April 14 - High blood pressure; April 19 - Exercise for a healthy heart; April 21 - Eating heart healthy part I; April 26 - Managing stress part I; April 28 - Managing stress part II. For more information and to RSVP, contact the LifeStyle Center at (806) 725-4386.

Lazbuddie to register pre-k and kindergartners

Lazbuddie Elementary School will be holding their Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-up Registration Friday, May 7 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the library at the school. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and a copy of their social security card. Questions about registration guidelines should be directed to Alicia Pacheco, 965-2152.

Muleshoe Library celebrates National Library Week

National Library Week is April 18-24 and the Muleshoe Area Public Library will be celebrating with its annual book sale Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23. The Library will announce the "Library Family of the Year" at that time.

There will be many new and current title books according to Librarian Dyan Shipley. The newer books will be \$1 per hardback book. The rest of the books will be priced as normal, 25 cents for hardbacks and 10 cents for paperbacks.

This year, the Muleshoe Area Public Library joins the American Library Association and libraries across the country in encouraging our users to learn more about both new and traditional resources available.

"Libraries provide a world of opportunity for all people, regardless of your age, income or background," said Shipley.

National Library Week 2004 marks the fourth year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. More than 10,000 libraries in all 50 states are participating.

"National Library Week is a great time to see what's new at your public library and how librarians and library workers can provide you with the resources and services you need when you need them," adds Shipley. "We encourage all of our community members to come check us out."

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m Monday -

Friday. For more information, visit the Muleshoe Area Public Library at 322 West 2nd, call 272-4707 or see the library's website at www.mapl.lib.tx.us.

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WHATEVER THOU SAY THAT SHALL I DO, MY FATHER!

OUR BEASTS OF BURDEN ARE LOST AND WANDERED OFF! TAKE THOU A SERVANT WITH THEE AND GO FIND THEM!

AND SAUL WITH A SERVANT GOES IN SEARCH OF THE LOST ANIMALS!

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Education

MISD, from front page

These students will be headed to state in San Marcos May 29-31. Band Director Becky Jones was also commended at the meeting.

FCCLA students who competed at the regional level in Midland on March 5 and 6 and qualified for state competition on April 14-17 in Houston were recognized: Vanessa Lopez and Lucy Ortega, applied technology; Erin Hancock and Celest Hernandez, chapter service; Yuri Aguirre, Jennifer Kirby and Marisela Silva, entrepreneurship; Jessica Hall and Sergio Silva, focus on children; Rosa Andrade, Judy Olguin and Moriana Romero, illustrated talk;

Samantha Golzales and Chelsea Lopez, national programs in action; and Jennifer Heredia was named Region I Vice President. Also applauded that afternoon was their chapter advisor, Brenda Guzman.

Charissa Conner was recognized for qualifying for regional power lifting competition. She and her coach, Joe Pat Wright, were congratulated.

Honored for boys basketball were Landon Sheets and Brady Black, first team all district; and Tyler Sheets, Layne Sheets, Spud Via and Tatum Heathington, honorable mention all district. Coaches Ralph Mason and Ron Welch were rec-

ognized for their efforts.

In girls basketball: Brandi Wood, District 2-AAA Newcomer of the Year; Lindsey Wood, first team all district, all regional tournament team; Kelsy Friskup, first team all district, second team all regional by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches; Tori Barton, first team all district, Caprock tournament all tournament team, selected for the Golden Spread All-Star Game; and Sara Benham, MVP of District 2-AAA, MVP of Caprock Tournament, all regional tournament team, member of Texas Allstar team, TBAC All star team, Texas Coach's Association all star team.

The Lady Mule basketball team was recognized for their record of 31-6 this school year. It was the second year an undefeated team advanced to finals.

The trustees also adopted the official school calendar for the 2004-5 school year.

The budget amendment was approved at last Monday's meeting and the Textbook Committee's recommendations were also approved.

In a closed session, Trustees voted unanimously to extend contracts to professional staff members ensuring that all professional staff are to be paid \$1500 above the state salary scale with

masters degree holders to receive an additional \$500 per year and Dual Credit Course teachers to receive an additional

\$500 per semester.

The Trustees ended the meeting with a workshop to discuss facility needs around the district.

Price Student Employee of the Year nominee

CANYON—Westin Price is one of eighteen hardworking students at West Texas A&M Uni-

versity who have been nominated for Student Employee of the Year, and the winner will be an-

nounced April 16 on campus at the culmination of National Student Employment Week.

Price is a senior speech communication major at WT. He works in the Art, Communication and Theatre Department.

WTAMU's Student Employee of the Year will move on to regional and, possibly, the national Student of the Year competition. Nominees will be considered according to the following criteria: reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism.

All the nominees will be recognized and the winning student will be announced at a reception at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16.

Prayer and a Lesson Learned in the Garden

A time of trouble is a time to pray. The Apostle James tells us plainly, "Is any of you in trouble? He should pray" (5:13). Have you tried it? What happened?

Maybe the answer to your prayer was a resounding, "Yes!" Remember the time you prayed for a dear one in a life-threatening situation to

bed, and then he died? Or the time you prayed for your friends' marriage, but it only got worse? Or the time you prayed earnestly regarding a baffling problem, and it just remained baffling? What then?

Then we must learn the lesson of Gethsemane. Nothing was wrong with Jesus' faith when he prayed, "Father, if it be possible, remove this cup from me." But the cup of suffering was still pressed to his lips. You see, he had also prayed, "... not my will, but thine be done." Jesus' primary concern in his anguished prayer was not that he avoid a cross, though he wished he could; Jesus' main concern was to submit himself to God's will. Jesus' prayer did not change that will, but through it he found strength to walk even up Calvary's hill to the cross.

"Prayer changes things," the saying goes. Sometimes, in amazing ways, it does. But more often and in some ways maybe more amazing are the times God uses prayer to change the pray-er and grants the strength to walk in that will—even under the weight of a cross. In that answer, too, we see the hand of God.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

live, and to the doctors' utter amazement, he did! Or remember the time you prayed for the troubled marriage of dear friends and watched in grateful awe as they got serious about making their marriage work? Maybe you prayed for an answer to what seemed like a "no-win" situation, and then God amazed you with just the right answer. Those are wonderful experiences for which we gratefully rejoice.

This column is not about those experiences. Those we can handle! Not nearly so wonderful are the times when we feel deep need, we pray, and the only answer is either an absolute refusal or, what may be worse, deep silence.

What about the time you prayed at your loved one's

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

MISD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April**
8- End fifth six weeks; school will dismiss one hour early; V track at Canyon; JH track at Frenship
9- School Holiday; V&JV softball vs. Denver City 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; JV & V baseball vs. Littlefield 4:30 and 7 p.m.
10- V Softball at Littlefield 6:30 p.m.
12- School holiday
13- Dillman report cards distributed; 9 a.m. Character Card Assembly at Dillman; 4 p.m. district forum meeting; V and JV softball at Dimmitt; V and JV baseball vs. Slaton 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Title 1 Spring Program in HS cafeteria and gym 6:30 p.m.
14- ITBS Test for first grade bilingual students; DeShazo report card day; JH track and tennis pictures; UIL Band Concert & Contest in Plainview
16- ITBS to second grade bilingual students; Circle of Champions at DeShazo; Varsity district track in Muleshoe; JV softball vs. Plainview 4:30 p.m.
17- JV and V baseball at Dimmitt 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; JV softball at Plainview JH district track meet in Muleshoe
19- First grade reading diagnostic tests this week; regional golf in Odessa (19th & 20th)
20- JV and V baseball vs. Brownfield 4p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; V softball vs. Littlefield 6:30 p.m.
21- Regional tennis in Odessa (21 & 22)
22- Board/Administration team building session all day
23- Oral test for kindergarten and first graders; regional track in Odessa (23rd & 24th); Chamber of Commerce to decorate for banquet in HS cafeteria
24- Chamber of Commerce banquet in HS cafeteria and auditorium 6:30 p.m.
26- Noon school board meeting; second grade reading diagnostic tests this week
27- TAKS and SDAA tests this week; JV and V baseball at Littlefield 4p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Obituaries

DOROTHY BROCK

Graveside services for Dorothy Brock, 80, of Lubbock and formerly of Muleshoe were held Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Stacy Conner of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Brock was born Aug. 21, 1923 in Frederick, Okla. She died March 29, 2004 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

She married Ernest H. Brock in Clovis on Oct. 23, 1946. He preceded her in death April 23, 1994.

She had lived in Muleshoe from 1946 to the first part of 2004 when she moved to Lubbock. She was a 1943 graduate of Texas Tech University and had worked for the United States Department of Agriculture and taught school in the Muleshoe Independent School District. She was an accountant for Brock Motor Company of Muleshoe for 20 years. Mrs. Brock was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

In addition to Mr. Brock, she was preceded in death by her parents, Moses Thomas Emanuel and Maggie Matilda Edwards Emanuel.

She is survived by a son, Kip Brock, and his wife, Phillis, of Plainview; a daughter, Carolyn Wilson, and husband, Leon, of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Laurel, Katherine and Dee; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to one's favorite charity.

ARTHUR WHEELER HOLT

A memorial service for Arthur Wheeler "Bits" Holt, 90, of Durango, Colo. were held April 17, 2004 at Hood Mortuary of Durango. Burial was in Greenmount Cemetery.

Hood Mortuary handled arrangements.

Mr. Holt was born Nov. 30, 1913 in San Augustine to Ora (Wheeler) and Newt J. Holt. He died March 27, 2004 at The Valley Inn in Mancos, Colo. after a long illness.

He married Margaret Frances Guinn on Dec. 11, 1937 in Muleshoe. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Durango in 1997.

He was a prominent businessman, owning and operating with his brother, the late Gale W. Holt, the Highland Motel and Service Station from 1947 until his retirement in 1975. The Holt brothers also owned the Royal Motel for several years. He was a past president of the Durango Motel Assn. and a past member of the board of directors of the Burns National Bank, the Durango Chamber of Commerce, and the Durango Rotary Club. He was vice-chairman of Durango's first Planning Commission and served eight years as a member of the City-County Airport Commission.

Mr. Holt was a past member of the First Baptist Church of Durango and the Durango Elks Lodge. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and was honored for his 60-year membership by the

Masonic Lodge in 1994. He was an avid sportsman and gun collector and had a lifelong interest in aviation.

Following retirement, he resided in Brownwood and Farmington, N.M. before returning to Durango in 1995.

Mr. Holt was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Kay Baker and Susan Reese of Durango, and Ann Gross of Camino, Cali.; four grandsons, Todd Baker of Clarendon, Brett Baker of Houston, Grant Baker of Falls Church, Va., and Joshua Gross of Durango; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or The Valley Inn, 211 Third Avenue, Mancos, CO 81328.

LULA MAYS ROACH

Graveside services for Lula Mays Roach, 100, of Denver City was held April 2, 2004 at Denver City Memorial Park with Rev. Skip Rodgers officiating.

Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City handled arrangements.

Mrs. Roach was born Oct. 7, 1903 in San Angelo. She died March 31, 2004 in Denver City.

She married John Allen Roach on Oct. 14, 1930 in San Angelo. He died May 8, 1993. Mrs. Roach was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one grandchild, Kipp Jones; and one grandson-in-law, Randy Marlow.

She is survived by one son, Jarvis of Seminole; one daughter, Amaryllis Jones of Muleshoe; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

SUNNYE KAY RANDOLPH

A church service for Sunnye Kay Randolph, 62, was Monday, April 5, 2004, at Earth United Methodist Church under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home in Earth with Timm Pruitt of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Bro. Gary Hubbard of Earth officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Randolph died April 2, 2004 in Earth. She was born April 2, 1942 in Dimmitt. She married Don Randolph in Dimmitt October 25, 1958.

She lived in the Earth Community since 1958, moving from Dimmitt. She worked as the secretary for the superintendent at Springlake-Earth ISD. She worked for Citizen State Bank in Earth and City Bank in Springlake and also worked for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication project. She was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Don Randolph of Earth; two sons, Jimmy Randolph of Big Lake, and Danny Randolph of Sundown; one daughter, Darcy Britton of Sundown; one sister, Jeri Doan of Wildorado; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests me-

morials to Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523 Earth, TX, 79031, American Cancer Society 3411 73rd Lubbock, TX. 79423, or a scholarship fund to be set up in her name at City Bank in Springlake.

DONALD RAY ALEXANDER

Services for Donald Ray "Okie" Alexander, 63, of Clovis were held April 2, 2004 at First United Methodist Church. Dr. Steve McElroy officiated. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens. Muffley Funeral Home, Inc. handled arrangements.

He died on April 2, 2004 at his home. He was born August 8, 1940 in Erick, Okla. to Lawrence Ray and Vada Jones Alexander. He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1959. He married Donna Elliott on January 24, 1963 in Portales.

He came to Clovis in 1964. He owned Alexander Furniture Store from 1974-1984 and worked as a salesman for Lane Furniture Industries. He was a former member of the Committee of Fifty, the Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Clovis, Clovis Executive Association, Jaycee's United Way Director, Chaparral Country Club, New Mexico National Guard, past president of the Wildcat Booster Club, Hound of the Week at Eastern New Mexico University from 1959-1960, Southwest Roadrunners Association, and ENMU Greyhound Bench Club officer in 1980. Alexander broadcast CHS football on KWKA for many years and coached

Play, Inc. football.

He is survived by his wife Donna of the home; his mother Vada Alexander of Clovis; two daughters, Rachell Eshleman and her husband Terry Howell, and Rene Alexander and her husband Randy Smith, all of Clovis; five grandchildren; one brother, Curtis Alexander of Lubbock; two sisters, Clara Nell Smith of Gold Hill, NC., and Sharon Dale of Muleshoe; one sister-in-law; Shirley Scott of Albuquerque; and a nephew, Steve Scott of Albuquerque.

He was preceded in death by his father Lawrence Ray Alexander.

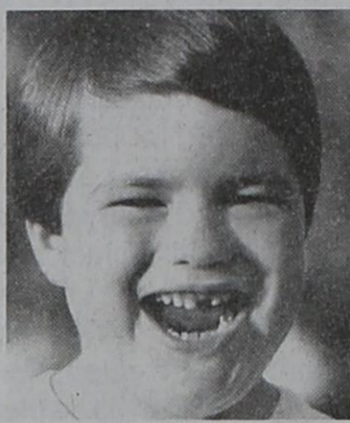
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Health

Researchers to study Hispanic health

A first in health care is coming to Texas, and apparently not a moment too soon. America's first health research center intended to zero in on nutrition's role in the health of Hispanic Americans is being launched in the Lower Rio Grande, according to the April edition of Texas Medicine magazine.

Texas Medicine is the official publication of the Texas Medical Association. "If we don't address the nutrition issue in the Valley, we're going to see a lot of diseases occurring in younger and

younger males and females that will cost us a lot down the road," Bill McIntyre, PharmD, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Human Services at UT-Pan American in Edinburg, tells the magazine.

Two to three times as many Mexican-American and Puerto Rican adults suffer from diabetes as non-Hispanic white people, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

NIH statistics also suggest more than 25 percent of Hispanics age 50 and older have diabetes,

some as yet undiagnosed, Texas Medicine reports. Other research cites an increased risk of breast cancer among overweight Hispanic women. That's just the tip of the health-status iceberg, according to Linda Villarreal, MD, an Edinburg internist.

"In this population, we see a lot of [poor nutrition]," Dr. Villarreal, president-elect of the Hidalgo-Starr County Medical Society, tells the magazine.

Obesity, led by poor diet and too little exercise. Nutrition-related illnesses like diabetes and heart disease have followed. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's regional campus in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is creating the new Harlingen facility, called the U.S. Hispanic Nutrition Research and Education Center at the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC), to study these problems.

High-fat and high-cholesterol foods including rice, beans, and tortillas lace the traditional Mexi-

can-food diet. However several culprits contribute to the problem, according to the magazine, so researchers intend to look beyond what may seem obvious.

"We wanted the center to be comprehensive in nature, given the fact that nutrition is not just about what you eat," Leonel Vela, MD, MPH, the RAHC's regional dean and professor, tells Texas Medicine. Researchers at the center will study how diet and nutrition affect Hispanic people's health, particularly when combined with unique genetic, social, psychological, socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental factors.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 39,500 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

March 25— Misty Angeley, Virginia Barrett, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Opal McFrazier, Virgie Perry, Mable Riegel, Wanda Shafer and Vivian White.

March 26— Misty Angeley, Antonia Alfaro, Louise Allen, Virginia Barrett, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Opal McFrazier, Royce Miller, Ollice Murray, Matt Moseley, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Mable Riegel, Raymond Scott.

March 27— Misty Angeley, Antonia Alfaro, Louise Allen, Thelma Chambers, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Barbara Lewis, Opal McFrazier, Royce Miller, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Cesilia Torres, Kay Vanleer.

March 28— Misty

Angeley, Antonia Alfaro, Louise Allen, Thelma Chambers, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Barbara Lewis, Opal McFrazier, Royce Miller, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Cesilia Torres, Kay Vanleer.

March 29— Misty Angeley, Antonia Alfaro, Louise Allen, Thelma Chambers, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Barbara Lewis, Opal McFrazier, Royce Miller, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Cesilia Torres, Kay Vanleer.

March 30— Antonia Alfaro, Thelma Chambers, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Barbara Lewis, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Kay Vanleer.

March 31— Antonia Alfaro, Louise Allen, Jsue Garcia-Tiburcio, Odie Gregory, Kathleen Hickey, Ollice Murray, Virgie Perry, Juana Tiburcio, Kay Vanleer.

Bridal Showers

ENGELKING

A bridal shower honoring Heather Engelking of Lubbock, daughter of Dave and Sheryl Engelking of Lazbuddie, bride-elect of Brian Schmucher of Lubbock, son of Dan and Ethel Schmucher of Nazareth, was held March 27 in the home of Bill and Marcia Morris of Lazbuddie. Special guests included the bride-elect's mother, Sheryl Engelking, sister of the bride-elect, Holly Engelking, grandmother of the bride-elect, Marilyn Engelking, the groom to be's mother, Ethel Schmucher, sisters of the groom to be, Danell Barber and Annette Loflin. The hostesses were Marca Morris, Vicki



ENGELKING

Morris, Stephanie Foster, RayAn Doshier, Claire Brown, Judy Brockman, Patti Kent, Terri Hahn, Debbie Nickels, Marsella Jennings, Paulette Foster, Jana St.Clair, Sandy Gregory, Rickie Seaton, Cheryl Morris, Jonessa Brockman, Debbie Gallman, Janice Bradshaw and Linda Martin. The hostesses' gift was bed linens for the master bedroom. The wedding will be May 1, 2004 at Lazbuddie United Methodist Church.

HOOTEN


A bridal shower honoring Amy Hooten of Lubbock, daughter of Gary and Hollye Hooten of Muleshoe, bride-elect of Charlie Turner of Lubbock, son of Charles and Laura Turner, was held on March 28, in the home of Ruth Locker. Special guests were mother of the bride-elect, Hollye Hooten, sister of the bride-elect, Heather Hooten, grandmothers of the bride-elect, Bonnie Crenshaw of Snyder and Maurine Hooten of Muleshoe, aunts of the bride-elect, Kellye Starnes of Snyder, and Andrea Conner of Lovington, N.M., and Gayla Gear and Wanda Hooten of Muleshoe, cousins of the bride-elect Courtney Conner, Lesley Starnes, and Brooke Conner, all of Lubbock, aunt of the groom Pearl Turner of Lubbock, cousins of the groom Kerry, Jenna and Kaitlyn Michaels of Lubbock,



HOOTEN

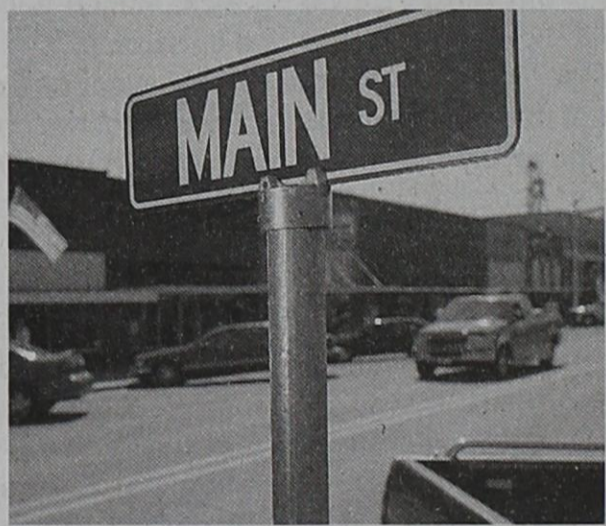
and Mattie McNeil of Lubbock. The hostesses were Rayneil Bamert, Donita Behrends, Nancy Benham, Brenda Black, Janice Bradshaw, Dianne Brown, Missy Caddell, Charlotte Field, Terri Hahn, Rhonda Hodges, Druscilla Hutton, Sherri Kennedy, Kay Lepard, Donna Locker, Ruth Locker, Johnette Marlow, Jan Morris, Jamie Myers, Jean Richardson, Diane Saylor, Lindy Schuster, La Donna Scott, Melody Sheets, Juana Shelburne, Misty Simmons, Lela Ann Smith, Lenda Trussell, Lyn Vandiver, Chrisite Whitt and Jody Wood. The hostesses' gift was a chair. The wedding will be June 5, 2004 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

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Area Girl Scout earns badge, paints hut and donates flag



Capitol flag hangs at Girl Scout Hut— Russell Byers with Five Area hangs a Texas flag that flew at the Capitol in Austin. It was given to the Muleshoe Girls Scouts by Stephanie Pichardo, a senior girl scout in Plainview. Joseph Cramdell and Jackie Ethridge, also with Five Area, help hang the flag.

**By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor**

Spring break is generally a time for kids to take a load off from school activities and most importantly—work.

But not Stephanie Pichardo of Plainview. She spent her week-long vacation painting the

Muleshoe Girl Scout Hut in order to earn a gold award as a senior Girl Scout.



Pichardo

tor, said Pichardo came to

her with the project idea several weeks ago and was pleased to help her earn a badge by allowing her to paint the local hut. In appreciation, Pichardo left the Muleshoe troops a Texas flag with certification from Pete Laney that it had been flown at the Capitol in Austin. Merriott hung the flag at the hut on Monday.

Pichardo joined the Girl Scouts in 1996. She is active in band and the captain of the flag squad. Her mother, Mary Lou Pichardo, said on top of all of her school activities, Stephanie holds down a

part-time job, has received her CNA, has participated in cheerleading, volunteers for various community services and still manages to keep her grades up.

"She stays busy," said Mary Lou. "I am so proud of her."

Stephanie said that participating in the girl scouts has had a positive impact on her. "It encourages and challenges one to be a respectful, positive person and even become a role model for others."

She plans to attend West Texas A&M to major in nursing once she graduates high school.

Tennis, from page 10

part of the country," said Muleshoe tennis coach Shana Simms. "With every thing that is going on and the unpredictable weather the kids have a hard time practicing."

"These kids make the

most of every minute they can get on the court and because they are good athletes they are competitive. Tennis is a life-long sport and they are having fun getting ready for district." Concluded Simms.

Congressman, from front page

working."

And he took a swipe at his opponent.

"I find it interesting that on the one hand, he's taking credit for adding 14 positions to FSA offices, but he's voted on budgets that will mandate a cut in the agriculture bill. And if the bill is cut, those jobs, along with many others, will disappear.

"In fact, he not only voted for this budget that will cut \$2.3 billion from the farm bill, he voted for an earlier budget that would have cut \$3.5 billion."

Dog show, from front page

time a few of the events, said the dogs have a natural instinct to round up livestock.

"This event is designed to show off that instinct with skills taught by their trainers," he said.

Howard said the event used about 160 fresh goats over the weekend. Each dog would receive a new set of goats each run.

"This competition is a precursor to Nationals," Belvin said.

"The Paducah Trials were moved to October, so we moved our trials to April from May," Belvin said. "By having the our trials early, we're getting a lot of trainers and dogs that have always been missed because by May, they've already headed north for Spring.

The Bellringer Sheep Dog Trials is the largest state organization of its kind. It is sanctioned by the West Texas Association, Texas Association

and Border Collie Handlers Association, which is the national association.

Belvin said winning dogs at the Bellringer trials will earn points for "Dog of the Year," given out at nationals. The points also count toward qualifying dogs for state and national championship trials. Belt buckles were given to overall champions in all five classes.

There were three runs per dog in the Open and Nursery divisions, and two runs each in the Open Ranch, Ranch and Novice classes.

"The event has grown so much that two courses will run simultaneously this year," Belvin said.

Judges for the event were Richard Belvin of Muleshoe, Open class; Larry Burkes of Paducah, Open Ranch, Ranch and Novice; and Hubert Holmes of Sanderson, Nursery.



A great big thank you to everyone for your support during the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

No deed was too small. The wonderful food, beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, donations and the hugs and pats on the back were appreciated very much.

The Calvary Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Park View Nursing Home, Covenant Home Health of Littlefield, Lubbock Hospice and the visits from friends were all instrumental in making Ma Maw's last days better for herself and her family. To all who made comments about her chocolate (or coconut) pie we thank you. She made them with great pride and we never tire of hearing it. Mother (Ma Maw) loved everyone and we will miss her so very much but she wanted to go home to be with her Lord. We all have such great memories of Ma Maw and Pa and for that, we are thankful.

Thank you very much and may God bless each and everyone.

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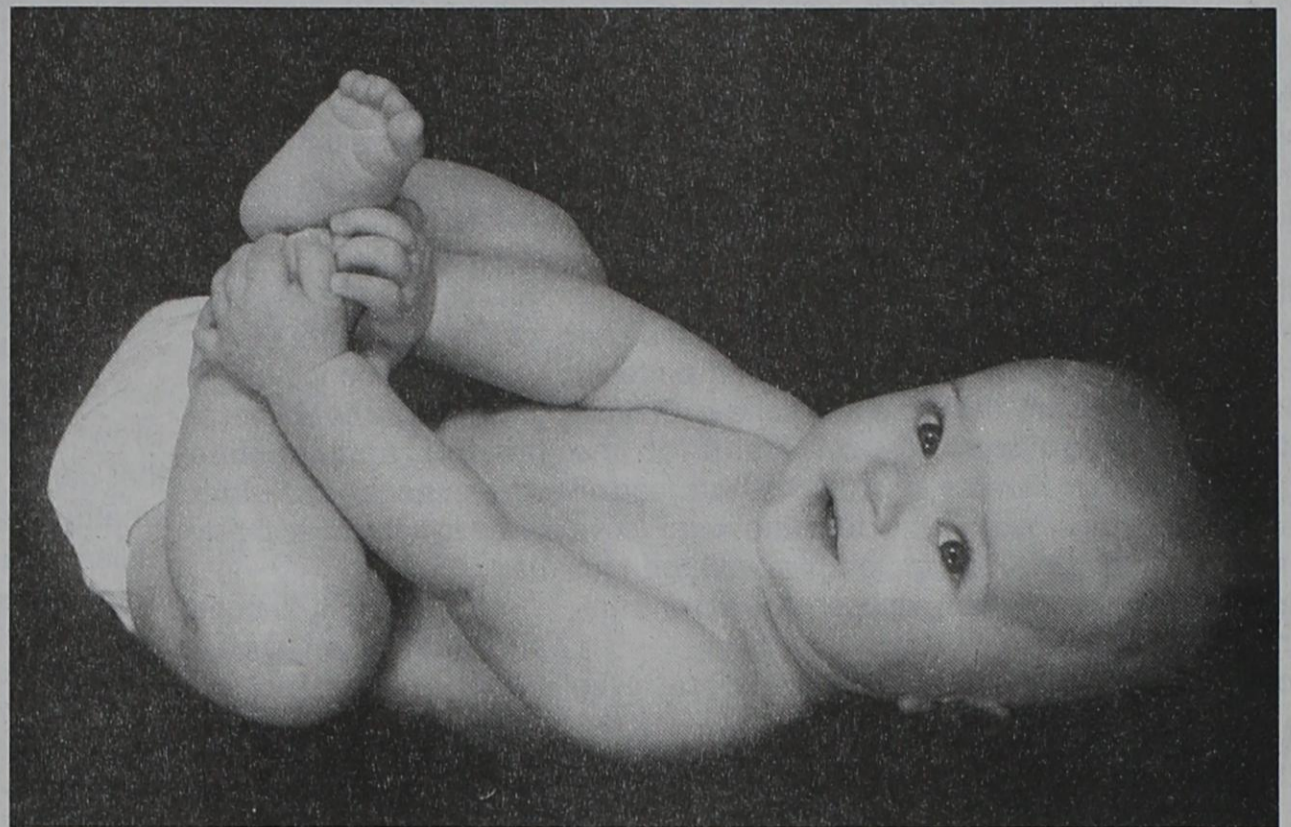
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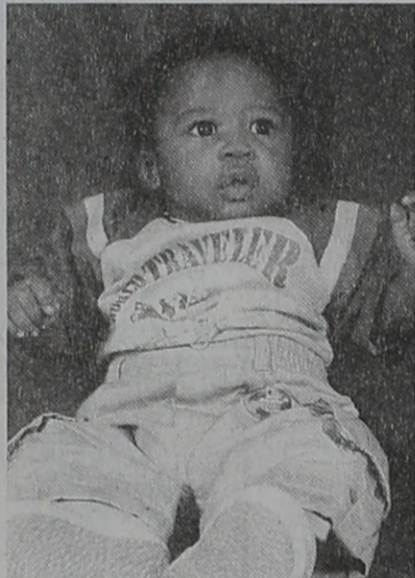
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Will was born July 8, 2003 in Austin, Texas. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long. His proud parents are Bill and Stacy Johnson. Proud grandparents are Don and Ann McElroy.

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Clarissa Anne Rejino
Clarissa was born August 25, 2003 in Muleshoe. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. at birth and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Shawn and Sonia Rejino. Proud grandparents are Lupe Rejino and Antonia Alfaro.



Elijah Dion Lewis
Elijah was born December 10, 2003 in Clovis, NM. He weighed 6 lbs., 12.3 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. His proud parents are Marthella Lewis and Chauncey Johnson. Proud grandparents are Sadie and Clarence Lewis.



Bethany Renae Young
Bethany was born January 15, 2003 in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Tadd and Antoinette Young. Proud grandparents are Jay and Andra Ridolfo and Pat Young. Great-grandparents are Bertie Purcell and Melvin Young.



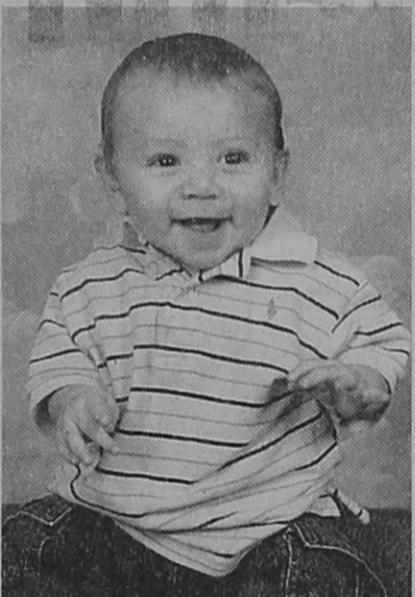
Haylee Brooke Chabot
Haylee was born March 10, 2003 in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. at birth and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Bill and Becky Chabot. Proud grandparents are Rickey and Raygena Barrett.



Barrett Hamilton
Barrett was born May 21, 2003 in Duncanville, Texas. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. His proud parents are Jamie and Ronnie Gail Hamilton. Proud grandparents are Ronnie and Sherry Barrett.



D'merix Williams
D'merix was born April 7, 2003 in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. at birth and was 23 inches long. His proud parents are Andre and Sylvia Williams. Proud grandparent is Eileen Ciampoli.



Dmetri Ramirez
Dmetri was born July 1, 2003 in Muleshoe. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. at birth and was 22 inches long. His proud parents are Robert Ramirez and Kristine Chavez. Proud grandparent is Rosalinda Chavez.



Rose Grace Mendez
Rose Grace was born August 2, 2003 in San Diego, California. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. at birth and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Marcos and Theresa Mendez. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Peggie Bruton.



Charleigh Elizabeth Youngblood
Charleigh was born December 4, 2003. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. at birth and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Mark and Amanda Youngblood. Proud grandparents are Rickie and Betty Claybrook and Brad and Debbie Youngblood. Great-grandparents are Ed and Evelyn Ziegenfuss, Helen Bickel and Donnie and Johnnie Mae Skeen. Charleigh's brother is Ripley.



Sara Grace Wiley
Sara was born February 12, 2003 in Sevierville, Tennessee. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. at birth and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Guy and Ashley Wiley. Proud grandparents are Kent and Wanda Wiley.



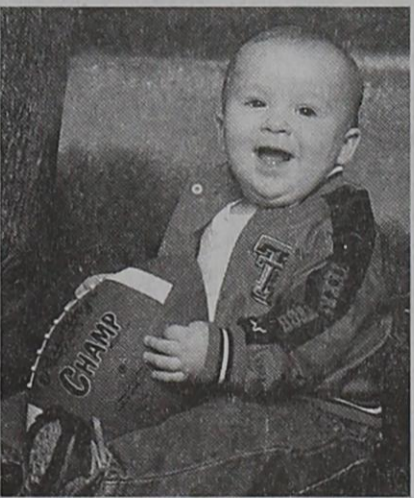
Beau Philip Brockman
Beau was born June 18, 2003 in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long. His proud parents are Guy and Jonessa Brockman. Proud grandparents are Judy Brockman and Derrell and Glenda Jennings.



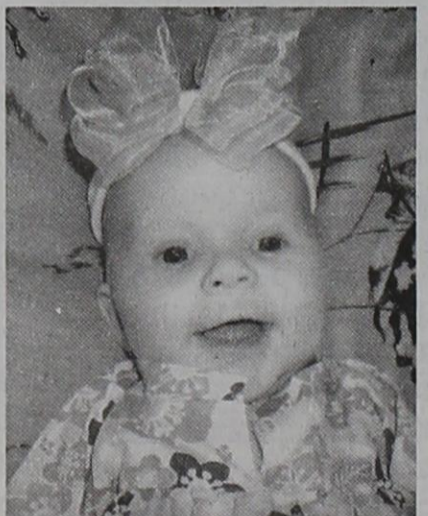
John Henry Schacher
John Henry was born February 4, 2003 in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 1/2 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. His proud parents are Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher. Proud grandparents are Vernie and the late Gene Schacher and Bill and Norma Jean Homer.



Addyson Newberry
Addyson was born May 11, 2003 in Lubbock. She weighed 5 lbs., 3 oz. at birth and was 17 3/4 inches long. Her proud parents are Todd and Kyra Newberry. Proud grandparents are Dan and Kay Newberry and David and Cindy Elder.



Lathen Jerry Scott Helton
Lathen was born May 9, 2003 in Littlefield. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long. His proud parents are 3rd Class Petty Officer Kelly and Crystal Helton. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Laura Killingsworth, Diana Baxter and Tony Johnson.



Ashlyn Leigh Doshier
Ashlyn was born December 26, 2003. She weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. at birth and was 19 inches long. Her proud parents are Cary and RayAn Doshier. Proud grandparents are Bob and Jenean Gable.



Elizabeth Nicole Hanks
Elizabeth was born November 20, 2003 in Muleshoe. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Wes and Tamara Hanks. Proud grandparents are Kenneth and Charlie Hanks.



David Scott Eubanks
David was born September 26, 2003 in Muleshoe. He weighed 6 lbs., 0 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long. His proud parents are Scott and Veronica Eubanks. Proud grandmother is Alice Flores.

Audra Mae Fisher
Audra was born January 2, 2003 in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. at birth and was 21 inches long. Her proud parents are Jacob and Bonnie Fisher. Proud grandparents are John and Ruth Hall and Kenney and Connie Fisher.



(Babies are in no particular order)

Sports

Mules storm Dimmitt at home, 9-5

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules improved to 2-0 in district with a 9-5 win at home over the Dimmitt Bobcats. Mother Nature put a stop to the Mules visit to Brownfield with a lightning display after just one inning with the Mules leading 1-0.

The Mules played error free ball behind the pitching of Jarad Flores against Dimmitt. Flores gave up five runs on six hits in six innings. The Mules led 3-2 through two innings and cashed in on Bobcat errors in the third

to score four runs to go up 7-2.

Dimmitt got two runs back in the fourth on two hits. Ryan Marricle laced a standup double to the left field fence and scored when Bryan King reached out and slapped a single to left in the bottom of the inning.

Arium Perez timed his leap at second perfectly to snow cone a Dimmitt line drive and rob the Bobcats of a hit to lead off the fifth inning. Flores gave up a walk on four pitches to the second batter of the inning.

The third Bobcat to the

plate blasted a ground ball down the third base line. Eddie Alvarado made a diving stab on the ball, bounced to his feet and made the throw to first for the second out of the inning.

The base runner decided to return to first and ran into Geoff Sirkel's tag for the final out of the inning. Alvarado led off for the Mules in the bottom of the fifth and reached when the right fielder failed to hang on to the fly ball.

Alvarado stole second and scored on Derek Purdy's single up the

middle. Dimmitt scored one in the sixth before Marricle gunned down a runner at third for the final out.

King came on in relief in the seventh to slam the door on Dimmitt with high heat and a nasty curve to strike out three of four batters.

The Mules were scheduled to return to Brownfield to complete that game on Monday if weather permitted. The Mules travel to Lubbock Cooper April 6 and return home April 9 to meet Littlefield.

Mules place second at district golf

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

It is no April Fool's joke that the Mule golf team has been saving their best round for the first district tournament. The Mules posted a team total 303 to place second behind Slaton on the Brownfield golf course.

Slaton put up a 290 to

take the district lead and the Mules JV team finished third with a 343.

Trevor Turnbow set a torrid pace for the Mules with a 69 to take low individual honors and Ariel Flores finished with a 72 in a tie for third low individual.

Kory Atwood and Myles James both carded 81s and Trent Black fin-

ished with an 89.

Landon Sheets led the JV Mules with an 82 and Chris Kindle followed with an 86. Cade Smith finished with an 87 and Tatom Heathington and DJ Robertson each posted 88s.

"The boys turned it on today," said Muleshoe golf coach Kodi Krane.

"Trevor (Turnbow) and Ariel (Flores) really played well. All the boys are working hard and have their sights set on advancing."

The Mules will host the next tournament round April 8 and will play the final district tournament in Littlefield April 14.

Lady Mules take third in district golf

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Lady Mule golf teams opened district play in Slaton March 29. The Lady Mules finished third with a team total 429. Slaton took first with a 378 and Brownfield was second with a 425.

Morgan Burton's 101

earned her honors as fifth low individual and Ashley Dickson fired a 103 to earn seventh low individual. Hillary Tipps followed with a 106, Paje McRoberts finished with a 119 and Jennifer Kirby completed the round with a 129.

"The girls competed well in Slaton and just

finished four stokes out of second place," said Muleshoe golf coach Kody Krane. "They continue to work hard and are looking to improve with each tournament."

The Lady Mule JV team competed in the varsity division and finished with a 523. Amberlee Stienbock

paced the team with a 111 and Mitci Hawkins shot a 124. Marisella Silva finished with a 141, Chelsi Hawkins had a 144 and Carter rounded out the team with a 148.

The second round of district was hosted by Lubbock Cooper at the Elm Grove golf course April 5. The final round of district will be in Dimmitt April 12.

Wildcat Relay goes to Lady Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Lady Mules claimed their second Wildcat Relay championship in as many weeks. This time it was in Idalou and three other district 2-3A teams were competing in the meet. The Lady Mules put 148 points on the board for the win.

Lubbock Cooper finished second with 117, Shallowater was third with 85 and Tahoka was fourth with 73. Also in the meet, in order of finish, were Slaton, Lockney, Idalou, New Deal, Lubbock Christian, Olton, Trinity Christian and Littlefield.

Minerva Martinez place sixth in the shotput with a throw of 31' 5 1/2". Amber Cowart and Kasey Wood took the gold and bronze in the pole vault by clearing 8'0" and 7'6" re-

spectively.

Jessica Withrow got her five gold medal performance started with a winning leap of 17'1" in the long jump. Withrow also took the high jump with a personal best leap of 5'8 1/4". Brandi Wood took the silver and Sara Benham tied for fourth, with leaps of 5'2" and 4'10".

Lindsey Wood earned the bronze medal in the triple jump with a 31'11 1/2" and Ashley Gutierrez placed fifth with a 31'6 1/2".

The 4x100 relay team of B. Wood, Benham, L. Wood and Jamie Carpenter placed third with a time of 52.87 seconds. Gutierrez and Kate Lepard took silver and bronze in the 800-meter run with times of 2:33.3 and 2:36.5 respectively.

Withrow's third gold was in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.80. B. Wood, L. Wood, Carpenter and Benham took silver in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:52.26.

Lepard ran second in the 400-meter dash with a 66.13. Withrow took the gold in the 300-meter hurdles with a 46.32. Chelsi Hawkins placed fifth in the 3200-meter run with a 13:50.8.

In the final event of the day the Lady Mule 4x200-meter relay team of Gutierrez, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow took the gold with 4:10.97.

The Lady Mules final practice meet before district is in Abernathy April 8. The Lady Mules will host the district meet April 16 in Muleshoe.

MHS tennis does well in Amarillo Invitational

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

In the small school division of the Amarillo Invitational Andrew Padilla and Ely Villa, both of the Mules tennis team, won the boy's double championship.

Erin Hancock and Calli

Hancock, with the Lady Mules tennis team, took second in the girls doubles. Lindsey Wood played in the quarter finals of the girls singles.

Padilla placed second in boy's singles in the Abernathy Tournament. He had to play five matches in one day.

The final warm-up before district was a dual meet with Friona. The two teams tied in wins and losses but it was good practice for both teams.

"Spring is a tough time for outdoor sports in our

I would like to especially thank my co-workers and other employees of Muleshoe Hospital for the generous donations of money, cloths and supplies. We have received so much help from the hospital. If I fail to personally thank everyone, please know that I am so grateful for the help. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people looking out for us. With everyone's help and God's grace, we will make it through this dark time. Thank you again to everyone who has given so generously to us.
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Boys track team places fourth in Wildcat Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules placed fourth in the Wildcat Relays in Idalou April 2 with 68 1/2 points. Idalou won the meet with 126 1/2 and

were followed by Lubbock Cooper with 115 and Littlefield had 75.

Also competing, in order of finish, were Trinity Christian, Tahoka, New Deal, Lockney, Shallowa-

ter, Slaton and Lubbock Christian.

Kory Atwood got the Mules started with fourth place discus throw of 115 feet five inches. Layne Sheets cleared 12'0" in the pole vault for the sil-

ver and Landon Wilson placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19'7".

The 4x200-meter relay team of Anthony Merino, Rudy Gonzales, Daniel Campolla and Brant Hamilton won the silver

with a time of one minute 35.45 seconds.

Brady Black took silver in the 300-meter hurdles with a 41.08. Rudy Gonzales earned the silver in the 200-meter dash with a 23.57. Robby Bomer cleared 6'2" in the high jump for the bronze.

Wilson placed fifth in the triple jump with a total leaps of 40'8 1/2" and

Sam Regalado placed fifth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:05.4. The 4x400 meter relay team of Merino, Ely Villa, Joel Salcido and Hamilton took silver with a time of 3:35.53.

The Mules compete in Abernathy April 8 and will host the district meet in Muleshoe April 16.

Exchange student plays ambassador

Stefanie Esser, a student at Muleshoe High, was one of over 380 international youth leaders who took part in Presidential Classroom's Future World Leaders Summit from March 20-27 in Washington D.C. Students from 39



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countries, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America spent the week discussing international relations, diplomacy and the world economy.

Esser, an exchange student from Germany, is the daughter of Elmar and Gisela Esser of Germany. She represented her home country at the Summit. "I participated through the exchange program," she said. "We had fun del-

egating and role-playing."

Students were addressed by Abdel Bagi Kabeir, Deputy Chief on Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan, and Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin, Adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization of the American States. The Summit also included discussions on international topics at a plenary session where the young leaders formed and voted upon resolutions.

These resolutions focused on such issues as human rights, arms control and terrorism. Students also enjoyed taking part in the World Trade Game and attended a performance by the political satire troupe, the Capitol Steps.

The Presidential Classroom offers six other distinct programs in 2004 and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization in its 36th year. For more information check out www.presidentialclassroom.org.

Good Shepherd Ministries

"Pilot Car: Follow Me"

By Pastor Dave Symm
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When I was growing up my family had one bookcase. It held thirty or forty volumes. Represented were religious topics, books on animal health and nutrition, and a number of the Readers' Digest Condensed Books. I became an avid reader.

One book that sat on the bookshelf was a volume entitled *God is My Co-pilot*. I do not know the author's name. I never read the book, but somewhere I learned its theme had to do with living in the awareness that God is the believer's constant companion to whom we can turn for as-

sistance, guidance and help. As you might guess, such a concept resonates well in the heart of a Christian minister. However, if I were to set out to improve on a book I never read, I might change the title to "God is My Pilot" to reflect the truth that the child of God is led and directed in life by the Savior he trusts. We are called to follow Jesus Christ - in life and in death.

This weekend Christians will celebrate the most important event in the history of the world, the resurrection of Jesus. He kept his promise to rise from the dead. Jesus' body was made alive in the tomb and he appeared to numerous disciples over the next forty days.

As pivotal as the sacrificial death of Jesus on Good Friday is to his work

of salvation, so also is his resurrection. It proclaims that God accepted the payment of his son's life as our ransom. Moreover, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee that he has conquered death. Our Lord's victory over death was not only a victory for himself, but for us as well.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20). Firstfruits is the beginning of the harvest. Firstfruits signifies there is more to come, more to follow. Who will follow Christ in the resurrection? Verse 23 answers: *those who belong to Him*.

I pray that includes you. This section of Scripture reminds me of the use of the pilot car in road construction, where only one

lane is open for traffic. You wait until the pilot car comes from the other direction leading its caravan of vehicles. Then, after the pilot car is turned around, it's your turn. "Pilot Car: Follow Me." As in life, so also in the life hereafter, my friend. We are called to follow Jesus. By faith in his atoning death, we have the forgiveness of sins. Trusting him as our living and present Lord makes life manageable. And believing that he has conquered death and lives forever more, we believe our bodies will also be raised from death when he comes again.

Happy Easter.

Dink, Cheyayne and I would like to thank the communities of Muleshoe and Lazbuddie for the prayers and phone calls to our family. We are so appreciative of the donations, furniture and kind words during this hard time in our lives. The numerous cards and generosity of everyone is greatly appreciated. If we fail to thank everyone, please know how thankful we are for the concern and kind words.
Thank you,
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Norman Brantly

Batter up— MHS softball player, Jenna Rasco, is up to bat at the Littlefield game in Muleshoe on March 30. The Lady Mules won.



Norman Brantly

Pep talk— MHS Head Coach Gilbert Ramirez gives the baseball team a pep talk between innings at the Dimmitt game March 30.

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Nursing Home News

Anita Johnson directed a craft class Thursday morning. The residents made Easter egg pins. Those who participated were Delphine Gruda, Gladys Wilson, Letha Patterson, Ruby Riley, Diane Copley, Juanita Teague, Clydetta Mitchell, Ardith Long, Aline Locke and Alliene Lasiter.

Carolyn Riley and Nancy Patterson, volunteers, hosted the March birthday party Thursday afternoon. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a corsage or boutonniere and a beanie baby attached to a balloon. Brady Mason from the First Baptist Church provided entertainment.

Letha Patterson's guests at the birthday

party were her son and daughter-in-law, Lionel and Liz Patterson; her daughter Nancy Patterson; her granddaughter and husband Jennifer and Rodney Stevens, with their daughter Skyleigh; and her grandson Daniel. Ruby Riley's daughter-in-law, Carolyn Riley, was her guest at the party.

Gerald Shanks, Jack Henderson and Terry Kemp gave a musical performance in the Day Room. Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon and served refreshments. The Road Riders paraded around Park View Saturday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a com-

munion service on Sunday morning. Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Sunday school class that morning. The Cowboy Church directed services that afternoon.

Joyce Hunter donated a DVD player to the Home on Wednesday.

Pastor Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a praise and devotional on Tuesday morning.

Mable Reigal returned from the hospital over the weekend.

The regular volunteers shampooed, set and combed the ladies' hair. Pat Clark gave haircuts.

Harold Burge and Buster Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time on Wednesday morning. Harold read words of in-

spiration to the group. That was followed by a devotional and Singspiration time.

Upcoming residents' birthdays are Gladys Wilson, April 7; Maria Salinas, April 10; Guy Kendall, April 14; Vera Neer, April 14; Erma Templer, April 17, Elsie Darland, April 24; J.C. Shanks, April 24; and Winnie Jacobs, April 28.

Sympathies go out to the family and friends of Andy Hernandez.

Volunteers Plus have purchased stainless steel shelves for all four shower rooms. The residents will use them to place their clothing and bath items when they take a Whirlpool bath. Jane Reeder donated the funds as a

memorial to Jane and Musick, and Jane's mother, Roma Davis. Louis' daughter Denise

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Senior Center News

The Bailey County Senior Citizens enjoyed their first "Dinner Theater" on Monday evening, March 22. After a Pot Luck dinner at the Center, a short meeting was held.

Our President, Buster Kittrell, discussed the budget. Input was requested and all were positive and excited about the Center.

We watched a movie on our new big-screen TV. The language was a bit colorful, but several members have brought movies to view in the future.

This Thursday, April 8, is our big Springtime Pot Luck. Bring a dish. We'll

have a matinee at 1:30. We have several movies to choose from!

Our scrapbooking Class, led by Julie Cage and Marilyn Riley was a big hit. Attending were Magann Rennels, Polly Otwell, Helen Cook, Winnie Frazier, Nelda Merriott, Mary Nell Bleeker and Margaret Buhrman. We were amazed at the finished pages.

The Senior Center purchased a large box of scrapbooking materials to be used by our senior citizens. Come look at the idea books and use the materials to make your

own lovely book.

The Alpha Zeta Pi members are inviting everyone to turn in their favorite recipes for the *Community Cookbook - A Taste of Muleshoe*. Forms are at the Center and the seniors are busily writing down their recipes.

Friday and Saturday, April 16-17 is our fund-raising garage sale. Do your spring-cleaning, bring anything to the Center, and we'll do the rest.

On April 26 at 6 p.m. is another Pot Luck and a movie. Come enjoy the night out.

Every Tuesday morn-

ing at 9 a.m. is game morning. Approximately 40 people show up. We have computers with games on them. Bridge clubs are meeting at the Center. We have an extensive library, and puzzles are always in progress.

Walkers are welcome to use the exercise machines each morning at 8 a.m. and stay for coffee and visiting.

We had our largest attendance in March, 660 signatures. Let's have an even bigger April. See you at the Center.

—Courtesy of Nelda Merriott

Chamber, from front page

older '50s-type music," said Henderson. A silent auction will

also be held at the banquet as part of a fund-raiser for the Chamber.

Items in the auction will be donated by local merchants.

Thompson said that the Farm Family of the Year and Man and Woman of the Year will be announced at the banquet.

Tickets now on sale at the Chamber office or from Board members.

Chamber News

Nominations are being accepted for Man/Woman/ Farm Family of the Year. Write down your selection and drop off at the Chamber office or mail them to P.O. Box 356. Awards will be given at the banquet on Saturday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per plate or \$35 each for four or more tickets bought at once. Dress code will be casual/elegant.

Business records

need to be updated. Information needed: Name of business, address, owner, manager, phone

number, web page, e-mail, date business started and membership date.

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March 27, 2004



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Weddings

MATA-OGUREK

Melissa Mata and David Ogurek were wed on December 27, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Prescott, Ariz.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Patricia Mata of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Edwin and Virginia Ogurek of Phoenix, Ariz.

Harpist Ann Badger provided music for the ceremony and D.J. Paul Hurt provided music for the reception following the ceremony, reception was held at Hotel St. Michael in Prescott, Ariz.

Serving as Matron of honor was Dianne Brewer of Roanoke. Bridesmaids were Stacey Mata of Muleshoe, sister of the bride, and Melinda Flease of Appleton.

The groom's best man was David Dulen of Clarksville, Tenn. Groomsmen were Mike Ogurek, brother of the groom, of Mercer Wis., and Robert Ogurek, brother of the groom, of Minot, N.D.

The bride wore a white, full-length, strapless, princess-silhouette gown with an attached train. She also wore a tiara with a full length veil. The gown was completed with beaded lace over satin.

The gown was accented with a pearl necklace and diamond and pearl earrings given to the bride by the groom. The face the wintry weather, the bride adorned white, elbow-length satin gloves and a white velvet waist length cape.

Currently, the bride and groom both attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz. Both look to graduate in May 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering. After graduation, the couple will reside in St. Louis, Mo.



MATA-OGUREK

The Franco family would like to thank everyone who prayed for us and sent flowers in response to the death of our loving dad and grandfather, known as Andy Hernandez. Thanks to Father Joe for the beautiful mass. Also, thanks to the Guadalupeñas and the musicians. Many thanks to Ellis Funeral Home and Park View Nursing Home for your wonderful years of care for our dad. You are all gratefully appreciated.
Maria Franco & Family

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These games will be closing on April 30, 2004. You have until October 27, 2004, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

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Engagements

PURDY — WARREN

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Purdy of Waco, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kandace Caprice Purdy to Joshua James Warren son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Warren of Shallowater.

Purdy is the granddaughter of James and Jean Anderson of Lubbock, Elizabeth Purdy of Kingsland, and the late Austin Purdy. Purdy is a 2000 graduate of Waco-Midway High School and will receive a Human Development and Family Studies degree from Texas Tech in 2004. While attending Tech, she is a member of the Phi Eta Chapter of

Delta Delta Sorority and plans to pursue a career in education.

Warren is the grandson of Merlene Self of Crosbyton and the late Richard Self and the late Roy

and Ruby Warren. He is a 1996 graduate of Lazbudie High School, a 2000 graduate of Texas Tech and will be a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech Medical School.

The couple will be married on June 12, 2004 in the Church at Horseshoe Bay, 600 High Ridge Road, Protestant.

After the wedding, the couple will be moving to Houston where Warren will begin his Psychiatry residency at the University of Texas Houston Psychiatric Program.



PURDY — WARREN

WILCOX — ALDERSON

Kenneth and Gail Wilcox of Muleshoe announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Cassie Renee Wilcox of Levelland to Edward Gregory Alderson also of Levelland son of Gary and Audrey Alderson of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She is currently working at Eckard's as Second Assistant Manager.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Monterey High School. He is currently working at Brazos Masonry.

The wedding is scheduled for April 10, 2004 at 3 p.m. at Richland Hills Baptist Church in Muleshoe. A reception will follow the ceremony.



WILCOX — ALDERSON

PHYLLAIER — NEAL

Phil and Alice Phyllaier, formerly of Muleshoe, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Janet R. Phyllaier of Littlefield, to Patrick S. Neal of Amarillo, son of Jack and Darla Province of Amarillo and Roger and Judy Neal of Nebraska.

The bride-elect is a graduate of West Texas A&M University of Canyon. She is currently employed as a Pre-K teacher for Littlefield I.S.D.

The prospective groom attended school in Stapleton, Neb. He is currently employed for DASH Systems.

The wedding will be June 26, 2004 at 7 p.m. at Whitaker Ranch in Canyon, a reception will follow after the ceremony.



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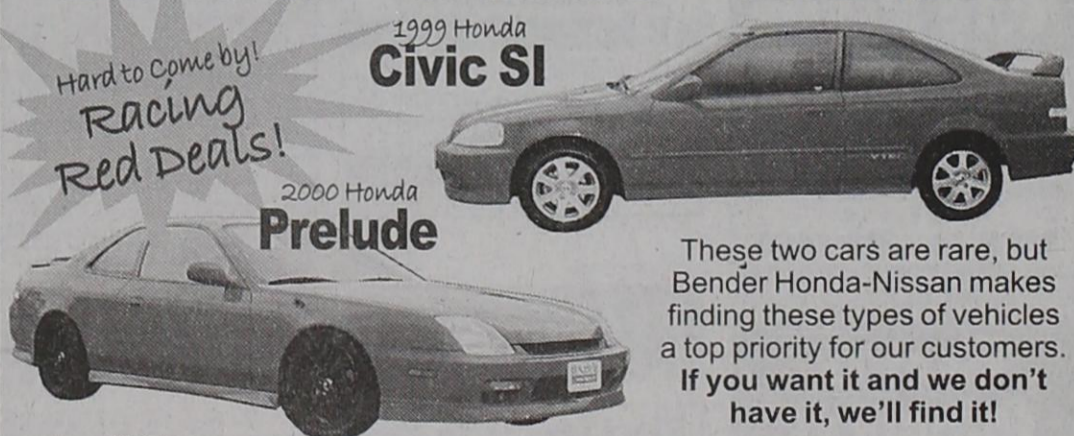
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Agricultural News

Bailey County FSA announces deadlines

Sign up for the 2004 DCP will continue through June 1. Advance direct payments may be received through Sept. 2004. Producers must apply for DCP annually. Call 272-4538 to schedule an appointment.

All grazing of CRP acreage is not approved at this time. Cattle should have been removed from CRP acreage. No grazing

of CRP acreage is allowed during the primary nesting season which is March 1 through June 30.

The final date to certify your small grains, including Triticale crops, is May 17.

NRCS is accepting applications for cost share assistance on various environmental practices under EQIP. Applications are ranked and funded

according to the environmental benefits that are preserved by the practice. NRCS has a listing of various that could be available to apply based on your needs.

NRCS will accept applications for cost share until close of business, Friday, April 16. Any contracts selected for approval will become effective Oct. 1, 2004. For ap-

pointment or more information, call 272-5124, ext. 3 or come by the NRCS office at 105 E. Ave. D.

The deadline to apply for an Emergency Loan is July 6.

For information on Financial and Risk Management Assistance (FA) contact Will Phinizy toll free at 1-877-826-7475.

The Wilcox family would like to send a special thank you to the Muleshoe Fire Department and especially, the Lazbuddie Fire Department. We appreciate all that was done to try and save our home two Fridays ago. Thank you to the volunteers and for the kind words given to us during this hard time in our lives. We are sure blessed to have a small town help us with our needs. Thank you, Dink, Barbra & Cheyayne Wilcox

Thanks for reading!

Bailey-Parmer counties IPM scouting program begins sign-up

By Monti Vandiver
From Northwest Plains Pest Management News

The Bailey-Parmer IPM Scouting Program will scout participating producer's fields on a weekly basis.

Pest density and dispersion, crop stage, natural enemy populations, crop value, and current weather will be compiled and analyzed using economic thresholds to determine the need for treatment. This data will be

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There is a minimal per acre charge to cover labor and mileage for scouts associated with the scouring program. Whether you enroll the whole farm or just a few fields, your participation is encouraged.

Call Texas Cooperative Extension 806-481-3300 or drop by 401 3rd Street, office 305 in Farwell (Parmer Co. Courthouse) if you are interested in this valuable program.

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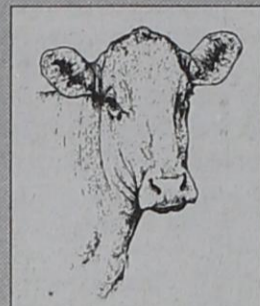
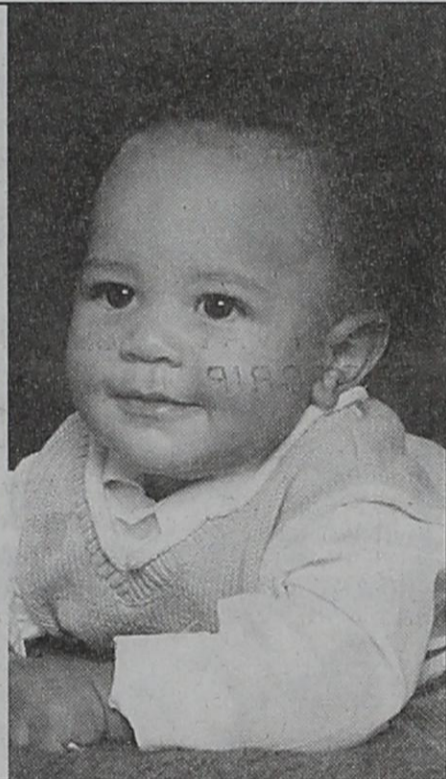
One workshop is set for April 12 at the Dawson County Community Building in Lamesa. Another workshop will be held April 15 at the Women's Building in Levelland.

For more information, contact Trostle at (806) 746-6101 or Susan Everett at the Texas Grain Sorghum Association at (806) 687-7486.

D'merix, I am so glad God has blessed me with you and Isajah. I remember the day I had you. Now, you are a little guy who has grown up in the blink of an eye! I am glad we all get to share in more amazing moments with you, and watch you grow into a fine young man. We love you a bunch!

Happy 1st Birthday Mr. D!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brother,
Jojo, Ani, Kia, Gunkle,
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Muleshoe Cattle Market

SAT., APRIL 3, 2004

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

722 head of cattle, 168 hogs and 332 sheep and goats for a total of 1,222 animals were sold at the April 3rd sale. Fewer receipts due to rain on Friday. Market steady with good demand on all classes of cattle. Feeder str. sold 1-2 higher compared to last week.

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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Diego Anchondo, Tokio	RWF bull	345 lbs.	at \$121.00
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Dewey Bain, Sunray	Blk. str	360 lbs.	at \$127.00
Dewey Bain, Sunray	3 Mxd. str	543 lbs.	at \$101.00
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4B Livestock, Muleshoe	5 Mxd. str	564 lbs.	at \$106.00
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Orbrie Luman, Milnesand, NM	Blk. hfr	435 lbs.	at \$115.00
Enrique Fierro, Plains	Blk. hfr	415 lbs.	at \$117.00
Dewey Bain, Sunray	3 Mxd. hfrs	463 lbs.	at \$111.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	3 Blk. hfrs	617 lbs.	at \$92.50
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe	2 Blk. hfrs	645 lbs.	at \$87.50
Joe Oswalt, Abernathy	4 Red hfrs	724 lbs.	at \$85.00
Natalie Aguillar, Hereford	RWF pair		\$825.00
Beth Brentson, Brownfield	RWF pair		\$760.00
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Dan Day, Jr., Meadow	Gray cow	1035 lbs.	at \$56.00
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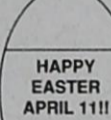
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Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's Capitol Comments



Just in time for the upcoming April 15th tax deadline, Senator Hutchison's column this week focuses on the economy and ensuring fairness in our tax code.

Taxing Texans

Fifty billion dollars ... That's how much Americans will see through higher refunds and lower payments this tax season. Those savings are a direct result of last year's sweeping tax relief, which is putting more money back into the pockets of hard working Americans, creating new jobs and growing the U.S. economy.

A Strengthening Economy

The last few years have been rife with the ingredients of an economic disaster, but despite a recession, terrorist attacks at home and abroad, corporate scandals and war, our economy is getting stronger. Inflation, interest and mortgage rates are near historic lows and homeownership is at the highest level ever. Stock market wealth has increased by more than \$4 trillion in the last year, and unemployment has dropped to 5.6 percent recently – below the average rate of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Making the Tax Relief Permanent

These numbers are good and they are getting better. But the positive news could be short lived unless Congress acts to make the tax relief permanent. Unfortunately, when we passed the Jobs and Growth Act in 2003 we were forced

to sunset on the tax cuts and many of them will begin to fade away at the end of this year. After December 31, 2004, the expansion of the 10 percent bracket and alternative minimum tax relief will disappear. Even more frustrating is the fact that the marriage penalty – one of the most egregious elements of our tax code – is coming back, unless we act again.

The Marriage Penalty

One of my highest priorities in the U.S. Senate has been to relieve American taxpayers of the punitive marriage penalty. Last year we raised the standard deduction and enlarged the 15-percent tax bracket for married joint filers to twice that of single filers. This provision will save 34 million married couples an average of almost \$600 on this year's tax bills. But, in 2005, marriage will again be a taxable event for millions of Americans.

Without relief, 48 percent of married couples will again pay more in taxes. While I continue my efforts to make marriage penalty relief permanent, I have introduced legislation to extend last year's victory for married couples for one year, through 2005. We must make sure we do not backtrack on this important reform.

Fairness for Texans

As we look at making the tax relief permanent, we must also strive to ensure basic fairness for all Americans. Unfortunately, for the last two

decades Texans have been singled out by the federal government. In 1986, a landmark tax reform law eliminated the deduction for state and local sales tax, but not the deduction for income tax. As a result, taxpayers from states like Texas, who pay sales tax but no income tax, have been penalized. The philosophy behind these deductions is simple and straightforward: people should not have to pay taxes on their taxes.

The money given to one level of government should not be taxed by another level. I have introduced legislation to address this inequity and am hopeful my colleagues will agree that Texans – and residents from the other six states with no income tax – aren't treated unfairly.

These are just a couple of the ways I am working in Washington, D.C. to restore equity to our tax code. Hard working Texans deserve to keep more of their own money. Last year proved you know how best to spend your dollars and that tax relief creates jobs, and strengthens our economy.

Muleshoe Motor Co. sold

Muleshoe Motor Co., Inc. and Robert Hooten, two veritable institutions in Muleshoe, have both begun exciting new chapters. Hooten with his wife, Maurine, have owned the company since 1962 and has sold the remaining interest to Dan Brannon of Austin last week.

Over the last ten years, Hooten has sold portions of his interest to his son and daughter-in-law, Lary and Wanda Hooten, who will remain with the dealership. Since 1997, Lary has managed the dealership.

Brannon is excited to be involved in Muleshoe

Motor and the Muleshoe community.

"I'm having a great time getting to know this community, and I think there's a lot of opportunity to grow the dealership while continuing the Muleshoe Motor tradition of quality sales and service," Brannon said. Lary will continue to run the dealership and Brannon will continue to reside in Austin. However, Brannon does plan to visit Muleshoe often to get better acquainted with both the business and the community.

"This is a very exciting development for everyone," Brannon said. "I'm

excited to be in business with Lary, Wanda and Muleshoe Motor Company. This a 'win-win' situation."

Both Robert and Lary agree that the development will be a huge benefit for Muleshoe, Muleshoe Motor Co. employees and customers.

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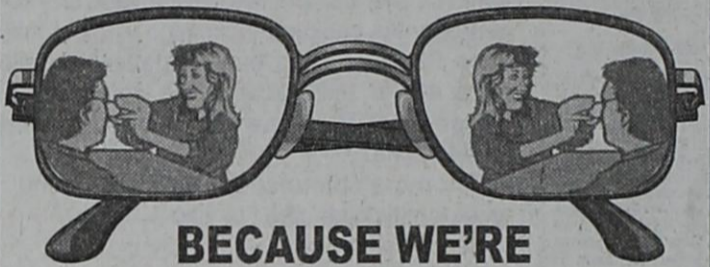
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Lopez wins medal

Muleshoe High School student Alyssa Lopez, daughter of Robert Lopez of Muleshoe, attended the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event held this past Saturday at the campus of the University of Houston, Clear Lake. Alyssa's painting, "Patterned Window", was chosen from 337 pieces of art at the Regional contest to represent Region 17 at the state competition.

This year's VASE competition involved 1123 entries from all over the state of Texas. Lopez's art was one of only 250 chosen to receive the Superior rating.

Lopez was awarded a medal for her work.

The state VASE competition draws students from all over the state, each with Superior ratings from their respective regionals. The day is spent with the students participating in workshops presented by outstanding educators, or guest artists exploring new techniques and media. One highlight of the day is the viewing of the exhibit of all art chosen as state participant.

Lopez was accompanied by Hellen Adrian, art instructor at MHS.

The Wilcox family would like to thank the churches of Muleshoe - Church of Christ, Trinity Baptist, Methodist, First Baptist, New Covenant and especially, Cowboy Fellowship. We are so blessed to have God working through these churches to help us out. Thank you so much for the generous money donations and gift cards. Thank you again to all of the church members for your prayers and donations.

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