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# Muleshoe Journal

## Journal endorses Stenholm

It seems to us that Cong. Charlie Stenholm is just the kind of man that Texans admire. And the kind of man that thinking Texans want in office.

We in the Panhandle pride ourselves on our independence. That's the language Charlie Stenholm speaks.

During his 26 years in the House, Stenholm,

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## Journal endorses Bush

We all know that the primary responsibility of the government is to protect its borders and citizens. Listening to the two presidential candidates, this seems to be the overriding topic of the election this time around ... what Bush has done in fighting the terrorist threat, what Bush should have done in fighting the terrorist threat and what we will do in the future to avert attacks.

Looking back at history, the World Trader Center was attacked and we took into custody a blind guy and a couple of his henchmen and thumped our chest about a job well done.

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## Local Weather

Thu .. PC ..... 73/49

Fri .... MS .... 70/37

Sat ... MS .... 67/39

Sun .. Sun ... 70/37

Mon .. PC ..... 54/28

Tue... Sun ... 58/32

Wed . MS .... 61/32

**Give It A Thought**

A "Keepsake Drawer" holds a "Treasure Trove" filled with pictures, remembrances and mementos of events and happenings throughout our lives. What's in your "Keepsake Drawer?"

Words to ponder from Beverly

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# Stenholm gets familiar with new District, visits Muleshoe voters

By Leslie Radford  
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Charlie Stenholm made his way to Muleshoe Thursday afternoon after visiting with the political science class at Lazbuddie High School.



STENHOLM

Stenholm was touring his new district (District 19) and meeting potential voters. Stenholm was a part of District 17 until recently when Congress allowed redistricting to take place in the state of Texas, an issue Stenholm is not pleased

about. He said he couldn't believe that Congress allowed one man to make a rash decision such as redistricting and get the government to agree to it. He said this change cost the state millions of dollars—money that could have been better spent in education. "It was just wrong," Stenholm said.

Supporters of Stenholm can be seen all over Bailey County with multiple signs in yards of residences in town and large banners set up in fields along Highways 70, 84 and 214. Some of those supporters caught up with him during his interview at the *Journal* after lunch. He was later greeted by more fans at Five Area Telephone where he briefly visited with employees and asked for

their votes Nov. 2.

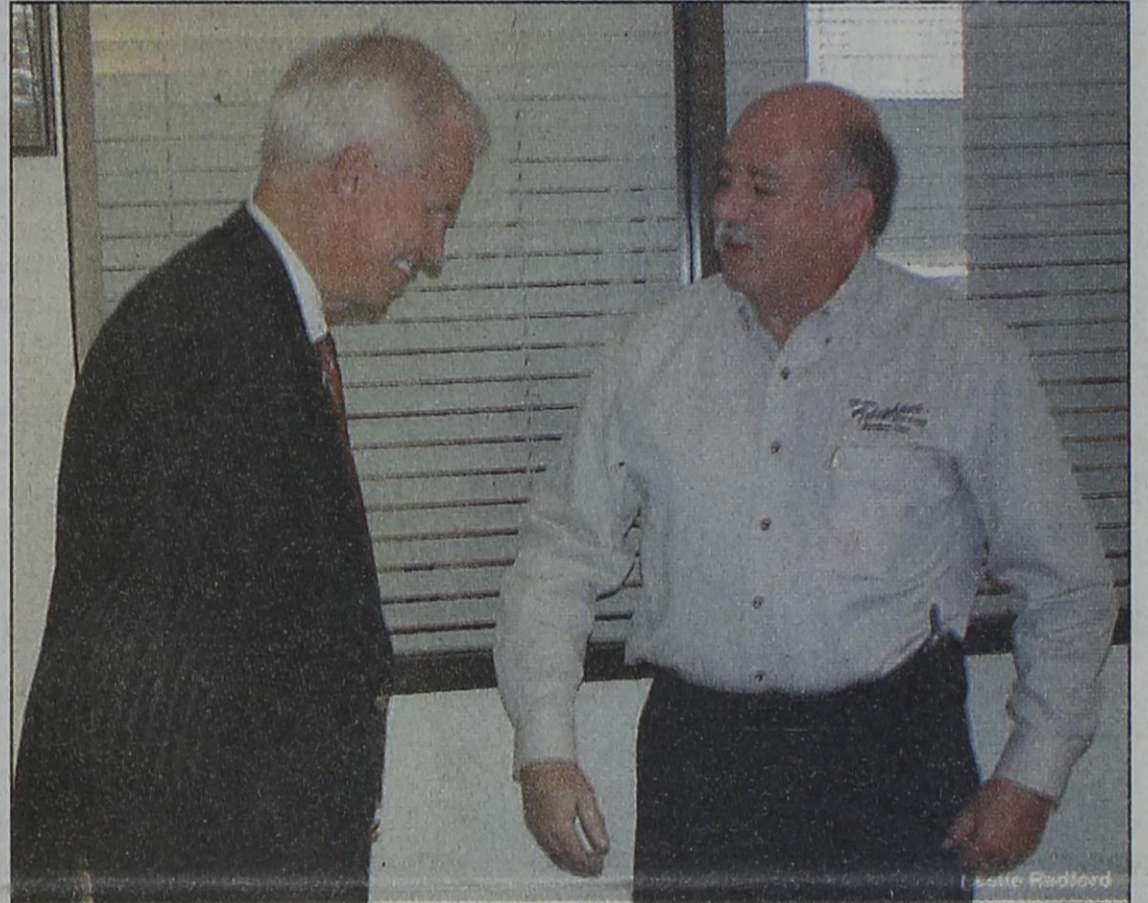
Cindy, Stenholm's wife, brushed through town Friday afternoon talking to new registered voters. She spent lunch at the Senior Center and gave a short speech on

the importance of voting and visited with the senior citizens.

Stenholm has represented the 17th District of Texas since 1979. While he doesn't support the redistricting, he said he hopes to represent District 19 with the same enthusiasm as before.

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**Making new friends** — Charlie Stenholm (left) visited with employees at Five-Area Telephone Organization Thursday while visiting Muleshoe last Thursday. Stenholm was out campaigning in his new district meeting potential voters. He is seen here chatting with Sandy Vandevender at Five Area Thursday afternoon.

## Halloween is here

### PTA holds Fall Festival; police department talks about safety

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The PTA's Fall Festival had a great turnout last Saturday, according to president Laura Mora. Children of all ages gathered at the civic center to take part in Halloween festivities that included "tattoos," face paintings, darts, ring tosses and other traditional fun.

A costume contest was held right before the carnival opened. Winners were first place- Ethan Gonzales as Charlie Chaplin; second place- Rachael Precure as Samurai Girl; and third place- Madeleine Precure as Safari Girl.

The Best Decorated Booth Awards went to: first place: Mrs. Lovelady's Pumpkin Putt; second- Mrs. Nix's Ring Toss; and third- Mrs. Pierce's King Kong Dart Game.

The Muleshoe Police Department was also on hand to talk with parents about keeping their children safe on Halloween. They also handed out goodie bags with information to read to their children.

Saturday will be the night for trick-or-treating in the town of Muleshoe. Even though Sunday is officially Halloween, town officials feel this night would be better to host the annual activ-

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## Hospital hires radiologist; blood drive breaks record

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It was approved at the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board meeting last Thursday that the hospital will be hiring a radiologist. The quarterly reports of individual strategic planning commit-

tees revealed their projects and progress from the last few months. The brochure they had talked about designing has not been done as of yet. A Thanksgiving dinner is in the works for the District. One committee is working on the problems with billing.

MAMC Administrator

Jim Bone reported how the blood drive held a few weeks ago set a record for Muleshoe, drawing 88 units of blood from the hospital district employees and volunteers. The drive was done by United Blood Services and hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary.

The District is waiting on a reply as to whether or not they will be hosting an educational center for nursing classes in Muleshoe. These classes would be offered through the nursing program at South Plains College.

It was reported that Ann McElroy has been doing some groundwork to research what grants the District might be eligible for.

The Board approved a trade of equipment between Covenant Hospital in Levelland. Muleshoe will trade for a bassinet and warmer for newborn babies.

The financial report was still on the low as the

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Leslie Radford

COSTUME CONTEST- 1ST PLACE



**Talking to his "customers"** — Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R) visited with citizens of Muleshoe Friday at the Civic Center. He discussed farming issues as well as redistricting. After Muleshoe, he visited Levelland, Brownfield and a few other towns along the way. Election Day is Nov. 2.

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**Oct. 15** – Mary George, Ruth Hunt, Marcelina Ovalle, Nancy Phelps, Frances Purdy, Vonda Reed and Margaret Wilhite.

**Oct. 16** – Not available.

**Oct. 17** – Not available.

**Oct. 18** – James Angeley, J.C. Gatewood, Mary George, Ruth Hunt, Doyle Morris, Marcelina Ovalle, Nancy Phelps, Frances Purdy and Audrey Smyer.

**Oct. 19** – James Angeley, J.C. Gatewood, Mary George, Ruth Hunt, Doyle Morris, Pearl Muller, Marcelina Ovalle, Willard Patterson, Nancy Phelps and Frances Purdy.

**Oct. 20** – James Angeley, Mary George, Ruth Hunt, Doyle Morris, Pearl Muller, Willard Patterson, Nancy Phelps and Frances Purdy.



**Rockin' the auction** — The Myers family patriarch, Clayton Myers, turned 80 years old and celebrated 50 years in business at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction last Saturday. The Myers family fed all attendees barbecue and cake in honor of his birthday.

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## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association met Wednesday, Oct. 20 for their last meeting of the year. Laverne Winn presided over the meeting. Deborah Noble read the minutes of the September meeting.

Judy Wilbanks gave the treasurer's report. Linda Elder, High Plains director, reported the last High Plains Playday for this year was held in Muleshoe Oct. 13. About 45 ladies from surrounding towns played on a cold, windy day.

Helen Templeton won low gross in her flight and Sheryl Engelking won low net in her flight.

The officers for next year are: Ann McElroy-president; Marlene Martin- vice president; Helen Templeton- secretary; Judy Wilbanks- treasurer; Elinor Yerby-reporter; and Sheryl Engelking- High Plains director.

Templeton gave out playday awards to: Noble-most water balls, Sept. 22; Engelking- most on holes beginning with the letter T.

Laverne Winn gave out presents to her officers this year. Jeanetta Precure presented a present to Winn for serving as president this year.

After the meeting the ladies divided into teams and played a scramble. The team winning was Linda Elder, Pat Kirk and Templeton.

Those attending the luncheon were: Linda Elder, Laverne Winn, Deborah Noble, Helen Templeton, Pat Kirk, Claudine Elliott, Sheryl Engelking, Judy Wilbanks and Jeanetta Precure.



**Golf Scramble winners**— Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association met Wednesday, Oct. 20 and participated in a golf scramble. The team winning was: (l-r) Pat Kirk, Linda Elder and Helen Templeton.

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Stenholm, from front pg.

Originally from Ericksdahl, Stenholm was educated at Tarleton State Junior College and later at Texas Tech University. He received his master's degree from Texas Tech. After that, he moved back to run the family farm, which he and his family still operate today. In addition to being a farmer, Stenholm has headed the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association and the Stamford Electric Cooperative before serving in Congress.

In 1997, he became the Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Committee. Stenholm told the *Journal* that this was a good thing for Texas to have a seat on this committee; his opponent, Randy Neugebauer, does not have this privilege. Stenholm is the co-chair of the conservative "Blue Dog Coalition" of conservative Democrats, where he works to bring fiscal responsibility to the House of Representatives.

Congressman Stenholm's voting record represents the conservative outlook of his district, and he is consistently rated as one of the most independent members of Congress.

Disappointed with mudslinging from Neugebauer's campaign, Stenholm told the *Journal* he just wanted to set the record straight: "I am pro-life, pro-family and pro-country."

The *Muleshoe Journal* recently endorsed Stenholm in his efforts.

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HOW CAN I, CALEB, SON OF JEPHUNNEH, TAKE POSSESSION OF ALL MY INHERITANCE WHEN, BEHOLD THE GIANTS STILL HOLD THIS GREAT CITY!

TO THE MAN THAT SMITEST KIR-JATH-SE-PHER, AND TAKETH IT, TO HIM WILL I GIVE ACH-SAH, MY DAUGHTER, TO WIFE!

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# School News



**WJHS Students of the Week**— Watson Junior High School Students of Week the week of Oct. 25 are (l-r) back row: Jeff Embry, Sandy Mojica, Austin Bamert; front row: Clara McBane, Tessa Burris and Tyson Turnbow.

## M.I.S.D. Business Manager completes RTSBA requirements

The Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) is pleased to announce that Terasa McNeill, Business Manager with Muleshoe ISD has successfully completed the requirements that earn the designation of Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA), effective Sept. 30, 2004. The RTSBA is TASBO's highest level of certification.

A voluntary certification effort founded in 1985, the TASBO certification program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance and designate those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of school business management.

TASBO certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and active membership in the As-

sociation. Once it is earned, certification is maintained through continuing education and participation in the profession.

TASBO members can earn certification in three categories: Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA); Certified Texas School Business Official (CTSBO); and Certified Texas School Business Specialist (CTSBS).

"Certification by TASBO offers school business officials the opportunity to expand their professional knowledge base, continue their education in the ever-changing rules and regulations of state and federal laws, and establish an additional level of professional recognition and respect," said Gwen Santiago, TASBO Executive Director.

"Certification is a mark of distinction, a symbol of leadership and accomplishment, and it is highly re-

garding by others in education as well as school business management. Also, certification offers a competitive edge in today's job market.

"Terasa McNeill is to be commended for pursuing professional excellence through TASBO certification," Santiago stated. "The Association is pleased to recognize this outstanding personal achievement."

Established in 1946, the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) is an independent, not-for-profit professional association dedicated to improving the knowledge and skills of its members and school business practices in Texas.

TASBO is one of the state and province affiliates of the Association of School Business Officials Interna-

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## Retired teachers talk war

Muleshoe Retired Teachers met Friday, Oct. 15, 2004 at 16th and D. Church of Christ meeting room.

Alene Bryant gave an interesting talk about her experiences as a WAVE during World War II. She introduced the speaker Staff Sgt. Amy Lane, who is stationed at Canon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M. Staff Sgt. Lane stated she and her husband will be going to Germany in the near future.

Members present at the meeting were Georgia Pena, Alene Bryant, Wilma Smith, Mary Crane, Rose Sain, Mary Nell Bleeker, Lucy Faye Smith and Pauletta Crawford.

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# Sports

## Pirates make Mules walk plank, 28-13

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lubbock Cooper Pirates sailed into Muleshoe knowing that the Mules were probably the only major hurdle standing between

them and the district title. The Mules knew they had to sink the Pirates to have a chance at the gold ball.

The game Friday night could best be described as two heavyweight fighters standing toe-to-toe and

slugging it out in the middle of the ring. But the ring was 100-yards long and 50-yards wide.

The Pirates blasted away at the Mule's defense all night and finally scored twice in the final period put the Mules away 28-13.

"Tonight's game was a contest between two good teams and just one or two plays was the difference", said Mule coach David Wood. "We had said if we were with in a touch down in the fourth quarter that we would have shot. That is where we were and we had a miscue and gave them the ball back. They also converted a couple of times on fourth down and wore us down with their size."

The Mules only had the ball for three offensive plays in the first period but the Mule defense stood its ground shut the Pirates out. Cooper got a break on the final play of the first period when Josh Barnett caught a ball that appeared to be skipped off the turf to him by Trey Wood on the Mule seven yard line.

But the Mule defense

over come the call and forced the Pirates to attempt a 15-yard field goal. Jakob Cunningham pushed the kick wide left and the game remained scoreless.

The Mules marched from their 20 to Cooper's 20 on just four plays.

Brady Black got loose for a 40-yard romp down the Cooper sideline to move the Mules to the Cooper 20. Back-to-back motion penalties took away the run option and the Mules missed on four pass attempts and were forced to give the Pirates the ball.

The Pirates moved 70-yards on 10 plays to take a 6-0 lead with 2:34 left in the first half. Trey Wood hit Barnet in the end zone from seven yards out to cap the drive. Joel Salcido got a hand high in the air to deflect Cunningham's extra-point kick.

The Mules returned to the field in the second half with all guns blazing. Reyes returned the opening kick up the middle from the six to the Mule 44.

Facing a second and 11 on Cooper's 46, the Mules pulled out a play from their bag of tricks. Tyler Wood lined up as a wide receiver near the Mule sideline. Tyler Wood dropped back four yards on the snap and Hamilton to a two step drop and drilled him with a lateral pass.

Ely Villa's automatic toe gave the Mules a 7-6 lead

with 9:16 left in the third period.

Trey Wood capped a nine-play 66-yard drive with a six-yard run up the middle to give again give the Pirates the lead. Trey Wood appeared to be down on the two-point conversion attempt and flipped the ball in the end zone. A Pirate was there to cover and put Cooper up 14-7.

Kindle started right, but pulled up and found Hamilton 17 yards downfield for a first down. Hamilton shoveled a pass

up the middle to Salcido and he raced 16 yards around left end.

Trey Wood stuck his hand and the ball in the end zone with 6:41 left in game to put Cooper up 21-13.

Logan Caddell returned the kickoff to the Mule 37. Hamilton and Reyes sold the Pirate defense on the jet play. Hamilton kept and found Salcido for a 37-yard strike. The Mules fumbled on the next play and Cooper added their final tally of the night.

### District results

Varsity Lady Mules won district in Cross-Country today. 10-25-2004

JV Lady Mules won district in Cross-Country today.

Jr.High Lady Mules won district in Cross-Country today.

JoBryan Claybrock finished 17th in varsity boys Cross-Country today.

Jr.High Mules place second in district Cross-Country today.

Freshman Mules (3-5, 0-2) lost to Lubbock Cooper 8-44

JV Mules (6-2, 1-1) defeated Lubbock Cooper 10-0

Levelland (3-6, 1-2) defeated Brownfield (4-3, 1-1) 24-6

Littlefield (4-4, 0-2) idle



Norm Brantley

**Ten-man pile-up**— Brady Black along with other teammates, takes down one of the Pirates at last Friday's game at home against Lubbock Cooper. The Mules failed to stop the rouges and lost the hard-fought game, 28-13. The black and white hope to win over Brownfield at tomorrow's away game.

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# Eighth graders sink the Cooper Pirates, 36-8

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules scored in every quarter and had shut the Lubbock Cooper Pirates out until late in the final period. The Mules sank the Pirates 36-8.

Austin Wright intercepted a Pirate pass on the Cooper 36 to set up the Mules first scoring drive. Lane Wood got the scoring fest started for the Mules with five-yard run that capped 36-yard seven play drive. The Mules led 6-0 with 3:39 left in the opening period.

The Pirates started their second drive on their own

eight-yard line. The Mules force them to punt from their 13 and Victor Vasquez took the punt near mid-field and returned it to the Cooper 26.

Wes Wood kept on a quarterback option off tackle for 12 yards. L. Wood and Vasquez moved the Mules to the four. W. Wood kept up the middle for the final four yards on the first play of the second period.

W. Wood rolled to his right and found Brian Poynor in the end zone for the two-point conversion to give the Mules a 14-0 lead.

The Pirates returned the ensuing kickoff to the Cooper 41 and marched to the

Mule seven. The Mules took yardage in large chunks with L. Wood picking up 19 and 12 yards on back to back carries. W. Wood connected with Dillon Gallman over the middle for 30 yards. As the final seconds of the half ticked away, W. Wood hit Vasquez on the Mule sideline and he streaked the final 16 yards to paydirt. The Mules led 20-0 at intermission.

Cooper kicked off to begin the second half and Vasquez went from the Mule 24 to the Pirate 37 behind a block by Jose Sital. Wright got the call

from three yards out and was stripped of the ball at the goal line. L. Wood recovered for the Mules in the end zone.

W. Wood rolled wide right and beat the defense to the corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion and pushed the Mule lead to 28-0.

W. Wood found Vasquez open on the sideline and he raced 47 yards for the Mules final TD of the night. L. Wood carried for the two-point conversion to put the Mules up 36-0 with 7:01 left in the game.

The Pirates finally found paydirt with a three-yard run

with 1:41 left in the game. The two-point conversion was good.

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# 7th grade Mules win by two

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules have earned the nickname "Comeback Kids." The young Mules had fallen behind the Lubbock Cooper Pirates 14-0 and only had 4:14 left in the game. The Mules made the most of the final minutes to take the game 16-14.

"These seventh graders have done this all season," said Mule coach Kevin Krane. "They are small but they hang in there and some how find a way to win. We are so proud of how they have developed as a team."

Adrian Muniz returned the Pirates final kickoff to the Mule 30-yard line. The

Mules lined up in the shotgun formation with quarterback Jared Skipworth and running back Larry Richardson standing side by side.

Richardson took the deep snap and raced 70 yards around the Mule's left end for their first tally of the night with 3:49 on the clock.

Austin Bamert took a pitch from Skipworth wide to the left. He spotted a crease and scampered in for the two-point conversion that cut the Pirate lead to 14-8.

A penalty soon after forced the Pirates to punt. Richardson caught the punt on the Mule 24. He juke and jived his way up the Mule sideline behind

his blockers for a 76-yard scoring run with 1:35 left in the game.

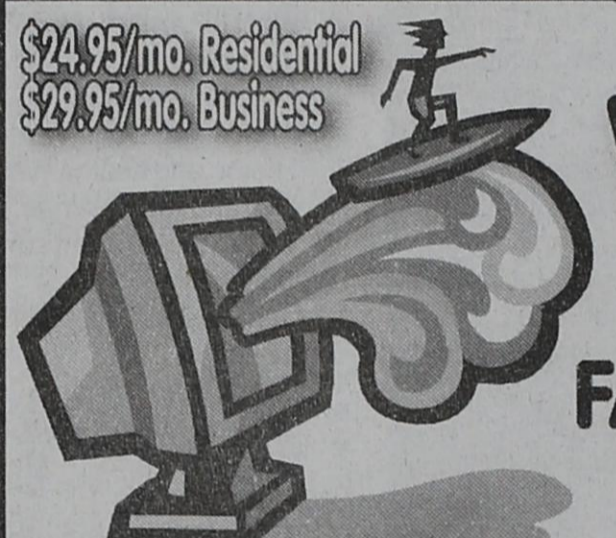
The TD tied the game at 14-14. Skipworth took a two-step drop and hit Bret Poynor on a hot route over the middle for the two-point conversion and the win.

The Mules set up in a prevent defense and Cooper ran a reverse sweep. Poynor was there for the Mules to make the stop and save a TD.

On the final play of the game the Pirate quarterback rolled wide right. Muniz and Bamert came up to meet him with the game ending tackle.

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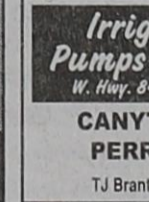













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## Senior Citizen News

**By Nelda Merriott**  
Center Director

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center has been a busy place since being open five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The daily meals are well attended with a high of one hundred forty for the turkey and dressing last week. The menu for Novem-

ber is available at the Senior Center. Sign up at the Center for meals or call the Center at 272-4969.

A fall "garage sale" is being planned for the Center and your items will be appreciated.

The first computer class was well attended and computers are available at the Center for practice. The

computer classes are set up for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and will provide basic computer knowledge. Classes will be Nov. 9 and Nov. 23.

Our autumn quilt, "Maple Leaf," is finished and on display at the Center. Tickets are available for the raffle.

Twelve to fifteen (including a couple of guys) come

for the exercise video at 10 a.m. each morning. The pool table sees a lot of activity, as well as games on the computers.

The Center now has cable on our big screen T.V. and everyone is so excited. Some of the guys are talking of getting together at the Center to watch the games.

Birthdays are celebrated on the second Thursday of each month at noon. November 14 will be the observance for the November birthdays.

## Pioneer memorial updated at Senior Center

The Muleshoe Senior Center has updated their list of Pioneers. They are as follows:

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## Men in Laz. explosion at home recovering

**By Leslie Radford**  
Managing Editor  
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The two men injured in an explosion in Lazbuddie on Sept. 17 have been recovering at home for the last couple of weeks, according to general manager of A.G.P. Grain Elevator Ben Brandvik. Domino

Villarreal and Ray Stanley suffered extensive burns in the accident that Friday morning. From the Muleshoe Medical Center, AeroCare flew both men to University Medical Center where they remained in critical condition for over a week.

A gas leak is suspected to have caused the explo-

sion after one of the men flipped on a light switch.

Brandvik said the men are doing really well but will not be pushed into getting back to work until they have completely recovered.

The state's fire marshal report has not come back yet, according to Chad Nickels, Lazbuddie fire chief.

## Commentary

### Factors that can influence marriage success

**By Ron Trusler**  
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There have been a number of studies over the years that provide information about certain factors that contribute to a good marriage.

If a person has experienced warm and satisfying relationships with both his father and mother, his marriage will be influenced positively. If the parents were affectionate, firm, consistent, and fairly will adjusted in their own marriage, this contributes to the new marriage relationship in a positive way.

Another interesting fact is if each person had friends prior to the marriage and they remain mutual friends, the marriage relationship is enhanced.

Also, environmental conditions in the person's background, both social and physical, can influence the marriage somewhat. A

happy childhood, lack of poverty, and completion of an extensive formal education can contribute to success in marriage.

I read a person's comment that was something like, "We can eliminate poverty in our nation, if everyone at least graduates from high school, gets a job, waits to start dating until they are 21, and don't have children until they are married for 5 years." Marriage at an early age is not favorable to a healthy adjustment or to marital longevity. A brief whirlwind romance or a premarital pregnancy is an additional adverse condition. A good work record, definite and reasonable occupational plans contribute positively.

Couples who have reported happy marriages appear to concentrate their energy on their relationship. Those who seem less happy concentrate on situational aspects of marriage such as home, children, and

social life as sources of their marital happiness.

Other studies reveal that in the area of communication happily married couples differ from unhappily married couples in the following ways. They (1) talk more to each other; (2) convey the feeling that they understand what is being said to them; (3) have a wider range of subjects available to discuss; (4) preserve their communication channels and work on keeping them open; and (5) show more sensitivity to each other's feelings.

All these factors that contribute to a successful marriage does not mean that a couple with major differences is doomed to a failed marriage relationship. We all know of those who are as different as day and night and appear to be doing OK. However, they are few in number. The more of these traits you have, the better your chances of a more satisfying marriage rather than just a tolerable one.

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## Obituaries

### JAY BOYCE

Chapel services for Jay Boyce, 76, of Maple were Thursday, Oct. 21 at Ellis Home Chapel with Rev. Roger Foote of Plainview and Jimmy Cameron of Hale Center officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton.

Mr. Boyce was born Oct. 18, 2004 in Stanton. He died Monday, Oct. 18 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He married June Fine in Muleshoe on March 25, 1948.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

He moved to the Watson Community near Maple in 1947. He was a member of the Trheeway Baptist Church and was a heavy equipment operator for Bailey County in Precinct 3.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Karen Boyce of Hale Center; two daughters and a son-in-law, LaNelda Roberts of Lubbock and Joy and Jack Dupler of Longview; three sisters, Lorena Walker and Marcella Mitchell, both of Booneville, Ark., and Ethel Walker of Friona; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Gideon's International, 1414 Ave. L, Lubbock, TX 79401.

### W.H. "WOODY" SPLAWN

Services for W. H. "Woody" Splawn, 86, of Granbury were Monday, Oct. 25, 2004 at the Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum in Lubbock. A memorial service was held in Granbury.

Mr. Splawn was born June 14, 1918 in Frederick, Okla. to Charley and Effie Splawn. He died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004 in Burleson. His parents and brothers, Howard and Glenn, preceded him in death.

Woody joined the Army in Clovis in December 1940 and was discharged in August 1945 in San Antonio with the rank of Tech Sgt. He was involved in the occupation of New Guinea and the Phillipines. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Whiteface. Mr. Splawn farmed many years near the Whiteface community. He was an avid domino player and loved playing "42" with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Garrett Splawn, of Granbury; a sister, Pearl

Brown of Muleshoe; step-children, Martha Brooks and husband, Dick, of Granbury; Reta Nance and husband, John, of Granbury, Bob Garrett and wife, Mary, of Borger; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Emery J. Lilge Hospice House, 301 Medpark Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76028.

### LLOYD (PAT) STEWART

Graveside services for Lloyd (Pat) Stewart, 90, of Lubbock and formerly of Morton were Monday, Oct. 25, 2004 at the Morton Memorial Cemetery with Dan Rouse, the pulpit minister of the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, and Tom Phillips of the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, officiating. Burial was in the Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Stewart was born March 26, 1914 in Fluvanna. He died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was the fourth of six children born to C.Y. and Willie Cloud Stewart. After his birth, his family moved to a ranch in the Cross Roads community in New Mexico. After the death of his father in 1917, they moved to Bradshaw. Following his maternal grandfather, C.A. Cloud, a pioneer settler to the emerging town of Morton, the family moved there in 1927. In his adult years, Mr. Stewart traveled, lived and worked in many parts of the Western United States and always retained a great interest in their geography, history and lore. A lifelong bachelor, he later lived in Morton with his mother. She passed away in 1974. For a number of years he was a general laborer and worked for the City of Morton. He moved to Lubbock in 1992. He was a member of the Sunset Church of Christ. He was a resident of Lubbock Health Care Center at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Ralph, who was a casualty in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II; and two older brothers, Lee of Morton and Herman of Reno, Nev.

He is survived by two sisters, Edith Stewart Miller of Ashbury, Calif., and Genevieve Stewart Shelton of Carmichael, Calif.

The family suggests me-

morials be made to the Building of Life, Sunset Church of Christ, 3723 34th St., Lubbock, TX 79410.

### EARL "PAWIE" WATSON

Graveside services for Earl "Pawie" Watson, 85, of Springlake were Monday, Oct. 25, 2004 at the Springlake Cemetery with Rev. Glenn Harlin of Springlake Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Springlake Cemetery.

Mr. Watson was born Nov. 22, 1918 in Cottle County. He died Oct. 22, 2004 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He married Bonnie Lee Criswell in Fredrick, Okla. on June 1, 1939. Mr. Watson moved to Springlake in 1940 from Paducah. He was the City Marshall of Springlake at one time and was avid fisherman. He owned and operated a welding shop and L.M.J. Backhoe service for a while. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife of the home; a daughter, Billy Jean Field of Wolforth; two sisters, Faye Holt of Sacramento, Calif., and Babe McClure of Lubbock; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

The family suggests me-

morials be made to the Springlake Cemetery c/o Ed and Norma Dawson, HC 1 Box 20, Springlake, TX 79082.

### CLARA COFFMAN

Church services for Clara Coffman, 95, of Muleshoe were Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004 at Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Rev. Bennie Wright officiating. Burial was in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Coffman was born June 1, 1909 in Brown County. She died Sunday in Park View Nursing Home. She married Claud S. Coffman in Baileyboro on Dec. 7, 1924. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1984.

Mrs. Coffman moved to Bailey County with her family in the early 1920's. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe where she was employed as church secretary at one time.

She was a sales clerk at Perry's Variety Store, a cook for the Bailey County Jail and was a member of the Muleshoe Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by a son, Harvey Coffman, a granddaughter, Cheryl Mainer and two brothers, Clark and Lismon Harvey.

Mrs. Coffman is survived

by two daughters, Maudie Mudford and her husband, Jerry, of Mountain Home, Ark., and Jeannine Rundell of San Angelo; a daughter-in-law, Maxine Coffman of Gardendale; two sisters, Lois Weatherspoon and Freda Shuttlesworth, both of Lubbock; two brothers,

Roger Harvey of Amarillo and Rudolph Harvey of Katie; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

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The *Plainview Daily Herald* states: "Stenholm has gained a reputation as an independent, bipartisan voice in Congress, frequently not voting with his party on issues that conflict with what he sees as the best interest of rural West Texas. In fact, he has supported President Bush with votes 60% of the time. In addition to being a fiscal conservative — he has been a consistent voice against deficit spending and also has worked hard on Social Security and Medicare issues — he also is a strong supporter of the military, having recently been named to the Armed Services Committee. Stenholm also has been strong in defense of life on such issues as abortion, human cloning and fetal protection. He opposes same-sex marriage."

In *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's* endorsement: "Anyone trying to pin a „liberal% label on U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is looking only at the "D" behind his name and not his voting record. The Abilene farmer voted "yes" on the partial-birth ban; "yes" on a bill that would have blocked certain civil lawsuits against firearm manufacturers, distributors and dealers; "yes" on a prohibition on human cloning; "yes" on fetal protection legislation. He has supported Bush-backed legislation with his vote 60% of the time. In any place but Tom DeLay's redistricted Texas, that would make Stenholm a conservative." The endorsement went on to say that "beyond Stenholm's fiscal conservatism and an independence from his party that is laudable, he brings his status as ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee. Texas, agricultural business is second only to California's. **Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural interests throughout the state lose an important voice if Stenholm is no longer in Congress.**"

In *Abilene Reporter-News'* endorsement, "Stenholm's clout allows him the freedom to tell his party leaders to go take a hike whenever his principles and theirs differ, which he does some 40% of the time. It takes a newcomer years to attain the stature to wield such independence. More than \$1 trillion has been added to the national debt in the last year and a half - that is, since Neugebauer has been in office voting with the Republican majority in what has become a borrow-and-spend Congress. That's the opposite of fiscal conservatism. Citing the time-consuming demands of the campaign trail and preparation required for the televised congressional debates, Neugebauer declined repeated requests to meet with the Abilene Reporter-News editorial board to discuss his voting record. On the other hand, Stenholm has consistently voted against the current Congress' irresponsible conduct and in doing so has exercised genuine fiscal conservatism. That's the action we need in Washington, not empty lip service. **Stenholm is more than just well-schooled in economic policy - he is passionate about his own fiscal philosophy.**"

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## Letter to the Editor

### Rain doesn't impress one reader

Dear Editor:

I have just read your Oct. 21, 2004 edition. On page 14 is a "Bailey County Average Yearly Precipitation" item. It has inspired me to write my remembered experiences in 1941 when Muleshoe, according to the National Weather Service - Lubbock, received 43.52 inches of rain.

First, I want to report that I have kept a 2004 rainfall record beginning February 28 when this farm, eight miles northeast of Muleshoe, received 1.5

inches of rain. I am enclosing my record which reports 43.74 inches of rain as of October 9, 2004. So, during 2004 my farm has already received slightly more rain than the Weather Bureau reports for 1941.

Morris and I married on May 16, 1941. We would swim in a playa lake about a quarter of a mile from where we lived at that time. Now, I live slightly more than a mile from there.

A tractor was used to travel to Muleshoe. The Blackwater draw ran several feet deep over Highway 70. To get to town, we

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## Nursing Home News

By Joy Stancell  
Activity Director

Janet Denton of Friona came Friday afternoon and entertained. Janet played her electric piano and we sang along. Janet's mother, Sharon Rector, attended the program and participated.

Saturday afternoon, Iris Clements and Delphine Gruda directed the bingo bash.

Buster Kittrell came Saturday and cut the men's hair.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

The Calvary Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon.

Hattie Heathington celebrated her birthday Saturday. She received many cards, visits and gifts from her friends and family.

Tuesday morning, Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church directed a music and praise devotional.

Lewis Wayne Shafer visited Park View Tuesday afternoon.

Summer Lowe, Skyler Smith, Brianna Long and Cassidy Lowe visited the residents at Park View Sunday.

Carroll Black Silvia, visited her aunt, Jewell Perry, Monday.

Mildred Williams visited Dot Bowers Tuesday. Mrs. Bowers is visited several times a week by her daughter, Virginia. Her daughter Louise visited Wednesday.

Tuesday afternoon, Ruby Henderson, Pat Clark, Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Dolores Garrett and Jan Crawford and Beverly Wagon came to shampoo and set the ladies hair. Pat Clark and Beverly Wagon gave hair cuts.

Lora Dale's family visited her Sunday and celebrated Lora's birthday.

Cynthia Crawford received flowers, cards, gifts and many good wishes on her birthday Tuesday.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Fannie May Black.

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered pieces of ceramics for the residents to paint in ceramic class. Residents participating were: Diane Copley, Ruby Riley, Wilma Hughes, Jim Kee, Cathy Wilson, Gladys Wilson, Cynthia Crawford, Alleine Lasiter, Letha Patterson and Delphine Gruda.

Bro. and Mrs. Randy Thomas came and directed a music and hymn devotional for the residents.

Zona Gatewood played the piano for the residents in the Special Care Unit.

Beverly Wagon came Thursday afternoon and also Marilyn Wilson and played Skip-Bo with Hattie Heathington and Letha Patterson. Stanley and Pat Wilson looked on as Cathy Wilson, Gladys Wilson, Diane Copley and Cynthia Crawford played dominoes.

Friday morning, Pat Watson presented a music song and poetry program for the residents. Joan Lewis assisted with directing a sing-along. Pat's sister, Wanda Wilson of Dallas also participated as our special guest.

James Wedel comes on Wednesday morning and

goes shopping and runs errands for the residents and activities.

Mr. Clifton Finley was visited last week by one of his friends and his daughter.

Our thanks to the family of Fannie May Black for the beautiful flowers.

Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time.

Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed our "Singspiration" time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Peggy Dent and Rusty Whitt visited and spent the afternoon visiting with the residents and staff Wednesday.

Joyce Hunter, Rick Hunter and Delphine Gruda

all had supper together Wednesday night.

Sherri Harrison, her assistant and Marilyn Wilson set up for the residents to vote in the activity room Wednesday afternoon. Around 30 people voted, residents as well as employees voted.

Wanda Hooten and Mary Lou Leavell brought the youth from the First United Methodist Church to visit.

The group not only visited, smaller bright pumpkins to they brought big and enhance to fall decorations.

## Bridal Shower



SHIPMAN

### SHIPMAN

Brenna Shipman (nee Farley), bride of Todd Shipman, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004 at the Trinity

Christian Center Church. Guests arrived between 2 and 3 p.m. and were greeted by the the bride, her mother, Teresa Ott, and the groom's mother, Sherri Shipman.

Other special guests included the groom's grandmother, Betty Fitzgerald of Clovis; the bride's grandmothers, Charlene Treider and Glenda Ott; her aunts, LeeAnn Gallman, Susan Kerby, and Pam Prather; her great-aunt, Jonell Clayborn; and her cousin, Jamie Williams.

The hostesses presented the couple with a

vacuum cleaner.

Assisting in the hospitalities were Pattie Puckett, Sandy Peterson, Sandy Turner, Johnnie Ferris, Gail Wilcox, Freda Long, Berta Combs, Misty Angeley, Angie Morris, Pam Counterman, Debbie Kemp, Pat Watson, Glenda Yell, Karie Preston, Leah Spears, Sharla Stanford, Linda Lee, Paula Benton, Louvenia Garlington, Tracy Cogburn and Jan Pierce.

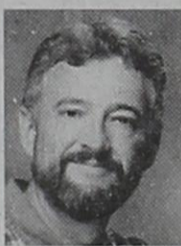


**Employee of the Month for May** — Back in May, Loyce Metcalf with Irrigation Supply was voted Employee of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce. Somehow this picture did not get to the *Journal*, but we would like to acknowledge her accomplishment at this time and apologize for the omission.

## Sometimes God Breaks In And Surprises Us

It's not the kind of cartoon that makes you fall down and roll in laughter, but the cartoon I saw recently did make me stop, think, and whisper a heartfelt, "Amen!"

I don't remember all the specifics (and I can't put my hands on the cartoon itself right now) but, as I recall, a preacher is on his knees in his study, evidently just before he is up to bat for one more Sunday morning,



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

and he prays simply, "O Lord, please do something that's not in the bulletin."

"Amen!" indeed. I know. There is a particular kind of, well, faith-weakness really, that manifests itself in a need to see something in our lives every morning akin to the parting of the Red Sea. We catch ourselves wanting a big-time, heart-thumping, adrenaline-pumping miracle once a day to keep doubt away. And in worship, we want to start with an earthquake and work up from there in emotional intensity. If we don't see those miracles almost every day and have mountaintop worship experiences almost every Sunday, our fervor cools, disappointment mounts, and we begin to act as if God is nowhere near because we haven't seen pillars of fire appearing right in front of us recently.

And that's an extreme. Faith that most always be propped up by outward show and emotional intensity is very weak faith

indeed and is probably pretty short of practical value. Churches that need fireworks every Sunday usually get them in the form of explosions that regularly blow people up and end up hurting everyone nearby.

But the temptation I often find myself facing is at the other end of the spectrum. Far from expecting an eye-popping miracle to suddenly appear behind every coffee-pot, I find myself expecting far too little, and I catch myself living life and "doing church" as if God had set the world spinning and then retired or settled down for a long gazillion-year nap.

I work hard to plan worship (and I should), but I should also remember that the most important things that happen in worship are not things I can plan. When God breaks in and astounds me, I'm so surprised that one wonders why I even bothered to come if I really didn't expect him to show up.

I pray, and then I'm surprised when God rocks me on my heels with a wonderful answer.

I plan and organize and work for "church growth" and almost despair when for long spells not much seems to be happening. Sometimes the things I've worked at hardest seem to be accomplishing the least, and then God breaks in and does something far more wonderful than I could ever have planned or imagined.

Dear God, help me to remember that you are God and that your job is to work and my job is to trust in you, which is for me a job I do pretty poorly and is definitely all the job I can handle. Forgive me when I'm actually surprised when you do something that's not in the bulletin. But thank you for doing it!

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

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## Commentary

# The meaning behind Halloween

By Leah Bell  
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It's that time of year again — time for ghosts and goblins to hover about and create havoc and mayhem across the world.

So some people think. The word Halloween originated in the Catholic Church from a corrupted version of "All Hallows Eve" or "All Saints Day," celebrated by Catholics on Nov. 1 in honor of all saints. But in 5th Century B.C. in Celtic Ireland, summer ended Oct. 31 and the holiday was then called Samhain, the Celtic New Year.

The Celtic story sug-

gests that disembodied spirits who died throughout that year would come back in search of living bodies to possess the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the world of the living.

This history has grown and changed throughout the years, but this is the basic story behind the holiday.

I don't take the day that seriously and I believe the majority of other modern people don't either.

I use Halloween as an excuse to buy candy

(which hardly ever makes it into the hands of a child before it's all eaten up). The biggest problem I face Oct. 31 is the urge to watch scary movies, something I enjoy this one time of year, and catching Charlie Brown's "The Great Pumpkin."

I don't understand the folks who will not celebrate Halloween because of it's original intent. As a Christian majority, why is the holiday still on the calendar if we're scared to celebrate it?

The alternative to celebrating Halloween seems to be "fall harvest" festivals and so on. Don't get me wrong, I love carnivals and cake walks as much as anyone. But why

celebrate these "fall" events right around Oct. 31 if we're all so against Halloween? Most of these celebrations do encourage everyone to dress up and kids and parents alike don't know whether to dress up that night, Halloween night or both. Isn't that all Halloween is to the modern world anyway? A chance to dress up and have some family fun. Most people probably didn't even know the original meaning of Halloween until this commentary. I didn't.

Costumes these days aren't all scary either. Most are cartoon

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### Stenholm endorse, from front pg.

a Democrat, has shown himself to be independent of the House Democratic leadership that leans far to the left at times. In fact, 40 percent of the time Stenholm has cast his vote against the Democratic leadership and continued to advocate his conservative views.

One example of that is the close working relationship he had with Republican Cong. Larry Combest of Lubbock. They served together for 18 years and were the top two members of the House Agriculture Committee - Combest as chairman since the GOP held the majority and Stenholm as Ranking Democrat.

Together they showed what cooperation and friendship could do to protect and further the interests of agriculture in general and Panhandle agriculture in particular. They put the interests of their constituents above party loyalty and demonstrated what true representation should be about.

Has anyone seen Combest campaigning for Cong. Randy Neugebauer, a Republican like Combest? We don't think so.

Charlie Stenholm has earned the respect of both Republicans and Democrats because he is a man of principal. A man who means what he says and remains true to his word. He started out 26 years ago

in this state as a conservative and he remains one today — no one, not even his opponent has dared to try and attach the "tax and spend liberal" label to him.

He has been endorsed by pro-life groups, agriculture groups, veterans groups, to name a few. And he has gained substantial support from Democrats and Republicans alike.

We have nothing against Cong. Neugebauer. He seems to be a fine man. But he's still wet behind the ears. With a little more than one year's service in the House, it would be years before Neugebauer can gain the kind of clout that Stenholm possesses on both sides of the aisle.

Charlie Stenholm is not only the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, he ranks 27<sup>th</sup> overall in House seniority. Randy Neugebauer ranks 431<sup>st</sup> in the House and is at the bottom of the Agriculture Committee. Do you re-

alize the damage that losing Charlie Stenholm will do to Texas agriculture interests - indeed agriculture interests overall.

Succeeding Stenholm as ranking member on the agriculture committee would be a congressman from Minnesota. While we're sure Minnesota has valid agriculture issues, do we really believe those needs are anything like ours? It's obvious that the loss of Cong. Stenholm would be a big blow to agriculture.

In this climate, with agriculture representation diminishing in Congress as more and more urban areas influence more and more elections, can the country, and more importantly, can Texas, afford to lose this voice that for more than two decades has made sure that when decisions are made, our interests are factored in?

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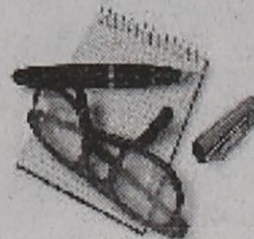
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# PTA FALL FESTIVAL

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**Winning personalities** — A costume contest was held before the PTA's fall Festival Saturday. Winners were: (l-r) first place- Ethan Gonzales as Charlie Chaplin; second place- Rachael Precure as Samurai Girl; and third place- Madeleine Precure as Safari Girl.

## Halloween, from front pg.

ity due to Sunday being a school night. plenty of treats. Have a safe costume: - Avoid toy guns and knives - they could be mistaken for the real thing. - Wear costumes that are light in color and short enough to avoid tripping. - Wear shoes that fit. - Place reflective material on the costume, so drivers can see you. - Avoid masks - use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision. - Carry a flashlight. Follow these tips for a hauntingly good evening: - Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run. - Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible. - Travel in groups with adult supervision. - Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights. - Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1, or their local emergency number, if they have an emergency or become lost. - Take all treats home safety guidelines, little avoid tricks and make sure they return home with

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**Q** Quarters are a good thing to carry in case you need to call home.

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**B** Buy costumes that are made of flame-retardant material.

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**J** Jackets should be worn over costumes on cool Halloween nights.

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**R** Remember to walk, and not run, between houses.

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**G** Costumes should not drag on the ground or be too dark to see.

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**K** Know how and where to contact your parents.

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**S** Stay on sidewalks as much as possible.

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**D** Don't cut across yards or driveways.

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**L** Light your jack-o-lantern with a battery powered light instead of a candle.

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**T** Trick-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods close to home.

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**E** Eat dinner before going out to trick-or-treat.

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**M** Make sure your shoes fit and are tied tightly.

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**U** Unfamiliar animals and pets should be avoided.

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**V** Visit only houses that are lit.

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**H** Give out healthy alternatives to candy like cheese-crackers, raisins or popcorn.

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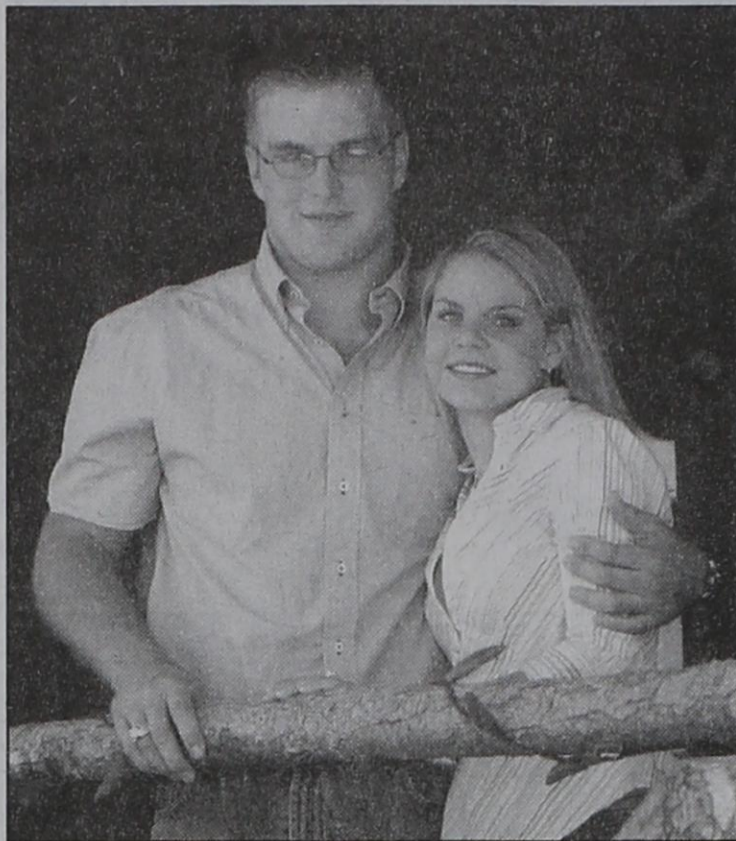
## FOSTER—ST. CLAIR

Lyndon and Stephanie Foster of Farwell and Tommy and Jana St. Clair of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Staci Foster of Canyon and Adam St. Clair of Silverton.

Foster is a 2000 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. She is currently a senior at West Texas A&M University with plans to graduate in May of 2005 with a bachelor of science degree.

St. Clair is a 1999 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and a December 2003 graduate of WTA&M with a degree in criminal justice. He graduated from the Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin in 2004 and currently works as a state trooper for Briscoe County.

The couple plan to wed on Jan. 8, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the Church.



FOSTER—ST. CLAIR

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## Bush endorse, from front pg.

The Marine barracks were bombed in Beirut and 241 men and women died and we did nothing. The USS Cole was bombed while visiting Yemen and we did nothing...again. The Khobar Towers was bombed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and nothing happened.

Iran took our diplomats as prisoners in 1979 and we groused around, mis-handled a rescue effort to the point of embarrassment and when the smoke cleared, again we had done nothing. These diplomats were finally released. I wonder what that cost us?

This brings us to Sep-

tember of 2001, a mere eight months after President Bush took office. The terrorists attack us again and kill more than 2,000 innocent people in our own back yard. This time, instead of doing nothing, Mr. Bush decided to go after those who gave the orders, those who provided safety to the cowards and just last week Afghanistan held free elections and Al Quaida is a whisper of what it was.

Taking proactive steps, Mr. Bush asked the free world and the United Nations for help in bringing down Saddam Hussein. Only Tony Blair risked his political life to side with us in the fight while the United Nations condemned us for being war mongers and stalled long enough for Saddam to hide anything he didn't want found. Now Mr. Bush is facing criticism for his handling of Iraq. This criticism may be justified - it's a decision each person must make individually!

The question before us in less than a week is, do we let Mr. Bush finish the job or take a chance with an unknown commodity? I will tell you that I see more of my values in George

Bush than in his opponent.

Mr. Bush supports the Marriage Amendment; his opponent doesn't.

Mr. Bush supports returning prayer to our public schools; his opponent is against this measure.

Mr. Bush is not afraid to bring God into the equation; his opponent is critical of Bush for doing so.

Mr. Bush calls for common-sense judges who believe our rights are derived from God. His opponent, with the help of Ted Kennedy, has moved to block Bush's federal judge appointments. I shudder to think of the judges we would receive if Mr. Bush's opponent is elected.

The highly respected, politically neutral National Journal rates Bush's opponent as the most liberal U.S. Senator in 2003, more liberal even than Ted Kennedy or Hillary Clinton.

This newspaper is not endorsing Mr. Bush because he is a Republican. We are endorsing him because we feel he is more in touch with the values of the people in the Texas Panhandle than his opponent from the Northeast part of our great nation. Mr. Bush has a job to finish; let's ask him to finish it. We know that he will seek God's will and guidance through the tough times.

## MISD, from pg. 5

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**Letters, from pg. 9**

had to travel muddy roads to go around that water.

The railroad parallels Highway 84 east of Muleshoe. Its bridge supports over Blackwater Draw east of town were severely damaged by the water rushing under the bridge. One daring high school boy decided to dive down and use the rushing water to take him through the draw's Highway 84 culvert.

He made it through the culvert and caught a railroad support timber to save himself from being carried further by the surging waters. Two other high schools boys decided to see if they could use their row boat to travel down the Highway 216 barrow ditch to Muleshoe. The paddled and floated from the Clay's corner area. They were successful.

Fast growing weeds and water soaked soil were an almost insurmountable tillage problems. My father, Edgar Broyles, had a farm we called the "North Place." It was about four miles east of Lazbuddie on Highway 145. He owned an early 1940 Ford tractor. He was trying to plow down weeds on farm land adjoining a playa lake bed. As he plowed around its curve, because of the tall weeds he was trying plow under, he and the tractor would vanish from sight.

Somewhere over the years, I heard that the 43 inches of rain in 1941 would only occur once every 100 years. What I understood is wrong. On this farm it has happened in 63 years!

LaVonne McKillip  
Muleshoe

**Disappointed Mules fan**

Dear Editor,

The reason for this letter is because I feel sad and disappointed by the people in Muleshoe.

I am talking about the fans of the Muleshoe Mules. I have seen the young men playing for seven years, and it has always been the same. When the Mules are winning a game the fans are happy and cheering for their team, but when they lose, the fans talk trash about the young men. It is not fair for the

players. They work themselves day in and day out to make a honorous name for their town while the fans put them down when they lose.

Only a parent knows how it feels to see their boys with bruises, cuts, on crutches or with a broken bone. It is embarrassing that adolescents teach us adults what true honor for their school or town is. So, what do you prefer: having young educated boys or on the streets robbing or in jail?

Thank you.  
Alicia Nunez  
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**Hospt., from front pg.**

District shows no investments for income for the last two months. Last year's reports were compared to that of 2004 as of September. Most numbers were down this year.

Deeva Johnson, administrator of Park View Nursing Home, gave the monthly report for her division. She also compared last year's numbers to that of this year. The nursing home had approximately 75 residents last year compared to this year's 66.

A tile review was done by the state recently. This allowed some of the residents to be changed to a lower tile number, meaning they required less of a need for certain types of care. This resulted in less income for Park View.

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