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News Brief

Stenholm in Muleshoe today

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is campaigning in the new 19th Congressional District and will be in Muleshoe today at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center, 319 S. Main St. He will speak for approximately 10-15 minutes and answer questions from the public beginning at 4 p.m. All members of the public and media are invited to attend.

Local Weather

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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As the 'Shoe turns

By Leslie Radford
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It's a phenomenon. The 'Shoe is turning over a new leaf—it's growing!

Citizens of Muleshoe may have noticed recently an abundance of businesses either going up around town or are about to make Muleshoe their home.

Since Janet Claborn has been Economic Development Director for the city, she has seen many businesses sprout in the area: Catfish Cove, United Supermarkets, Movie Gallery, etc. She said more and more people from surrounding communities are coming here to shop and eat. "I think outsiders like the people of Muleshoe," she said. "They're friendly and helpful."

She added that Muleshoe people in general are progressive and aggressive and "that's what

people look for when they come to our town."

Director of the Chamber of Commerce agrees. "Of course, I believe our environment and wonderfully friendly people have a lot to do with the interest we are experiencing in Muleshoe," said Jan Thompson.

And it's not just outsiders interested in building businesses in the area. Many locals have recently started businesses.

The Donut Hole opened its doors Monday morning. Owners Lavon Hunt and her husband Curtis, are marketing Spudnut-type donuts. She's up before the sun making breakfast for Muleshoe farmers and kiddos who miss the old doughnut shop that used to be located on Main Street.

City Manager David Brunson said he's "not surprised we are seeing new businesses. Some-

one has seen the opportunity in the area, stepped up and took advantage of it."

However, Brunson doesn't think this is a new

thing. "I've seen this town grow for years," he said. "It's a viable community. Even established businesses have evolved and found new needs of the

community." Thompson believes that industry breeds growth. "I

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Yummy for the tummy— Lavon Hunt (far left) tended to hungry customers at the Donut Hole Monday. Hunt opened the doughnut shop on American Blvd. August 2. The Donut Hole is open Monday-Saturday, 5:30 -11 a.m. and is among several new businesses in Muleshoe.



His West Texas— Over 1,500 people packed into the Memorial Civic Center on Monday to see Vice President Dick Cheney in his support for Congressman Randy Neugebauer. The campaign fund-raiser was expected to raise approximately \$415,000 from the event and did sell out. The event attracted people throughout the district with entertainment, refreshments and speeches made by several other politicians. The rally was the single largest fund-raising event the Vice President has attended for a congressman in the country and the largest congressional fund-raising event in West Texas history. Neugebauer, who was elected to finish an unexpired term in June 2003, will face U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Abilene) in November.

Young athlete sticks with it

Aspiring athletes should take a lesson from Danny Ramirez, a 2001 graduate of Muleshoe High School — never give up, perseverance pays off.

"That's Danny," said Ramirez's running back coach Curtis Luper. "He's really stuck with the program and become a productive member of the squad."

After passing on the chance to tryout for the

University of New Mexico — Albuquerque football team his freshman year, he walked on his sophomore year. Ramirez was finally awarded a full scholarship at the end of spring practice a few months ago. He'll walk on the field this fall guaranteed a spot on the Lobo team.

Ramirez's team bio could be called "impressive." He's carried the ball four times for 13 yards, in-

cluding an 11-yard touch down (TD) run, all in the 2003 season-opener versus Texas State; joined the travel squad prior to the Colorado State game in 2002 and saw brief special teams action versus Wyoming; has earned a good amount of reps each of the past two springs; a

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Volunteer fireman goes to fire school

By Leah Bell
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J'Don Kube volunteer firefighter of Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department in Muleshoe attended the 75th Annual Municipal fire Training School July 25 - 30. The school attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, was held on the Texas A&M University

campus. Firefighters can choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Firefighter Kube is being sponsored by Bailey

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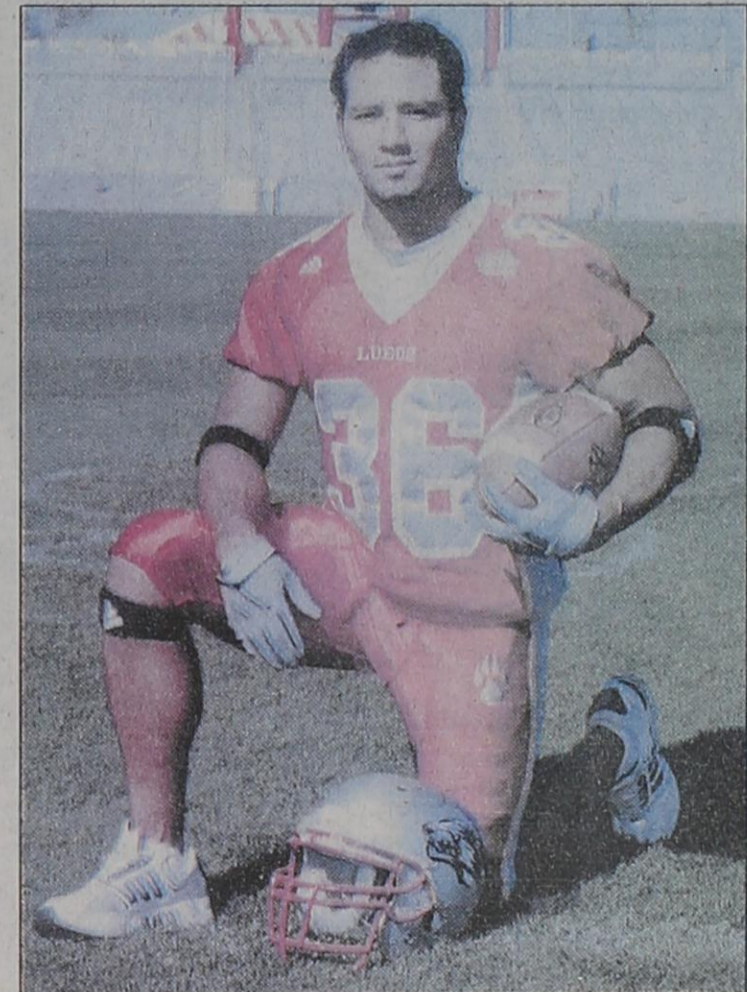
Garage sale attracts community

The first annual Community-Wide Garage Sale benefiting Compassionate Care was a "huge success" according to David Pollard and Cheryl Lewis, event organizers.

Held at the First Assembly of God Family Center, hundreds of bargain hunters shopped in the cool, air conditioned building Sat., July 31.

Shoppers found a wide variety of merchandise, including back to school clothes, baby items, furni-

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Regional Round-up

DeShazo to register students today

DeShazo Elementary School will register students today from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

MHS Band fundraisergarage sale

The Muleshoe High School Band will hold a fund-raiser this weekend, Aug. 7 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Money raised will go toward their band trip expenses this coming year.

Class of 1959 to hold 45th reunion

The Lazbuddie High School Class of 1959 will hold their 45th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Lubbock. S. Loop 289 and Quaker, beginning at 6 p.m. They extend their invitation to the classes of 1958-1960. For more information, call Dean Watkins after 6 p.m. at (806) 799-7176.

Cemetery Assoc. to hold annual meeting

The Bailey County Cemetery Association Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. in the Bailey County Coliseum lobby, 2206 W. American Blvd. The Board of Directors has two positions up for election or re-election for a three-year term. People or businesses who provide mowing and trimming services may contact association secretary Donna Kirk at 272-3239 if interested in providing those services for the cemetery. Call Kirk or any of the Board members if you have a nominee to fill a director's position.

Beef Cattle and Grains Workshop

National animal identification implementation, the cattle market outlook, and small grains forage/silage production for stocker cattle fills the Texas Cooperative Extension agenda in Dimmitt, Friday, Aug. 6. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizen Center, 218 W. Jones, and the program concludes by 3 p.m. Lunch is provided, and CEUs are offered. The program targets Castro, Parmer, Bailey, and Lamb Counties, and will feature Texas A&M - Amarillo's Ted McCollum, Extension beef specialist, Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, and Steve Ammoson, Extension Economist.

To reserve a meal please pre-register by August 4, with Castro Co. Extension, (806-647-4115, or e-mail Rick Auckerman, r-auckerman@tamu.edu. Or Curtis Preston, Bailey County Extension Agent at c-preston@tamu.edu

MHS immunizations at nurses office

MHS will provide immunizations for students on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. at Muleshoe High School nurses office. All immunization are \$5. They will be given by the Muleshoe Area Out Patient Clinic. A parent or guardian must accompany a child under 18 year of age. Please bring your immunization card with you. For more information call M.H.S. Nurse

Michelle Barton at 272-7309 or 272-7303.

Lazbuddie High School registration

Registration for Lazbuddie High School students in grades ninth through twelfth grades is Aug. 12 and 13 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 2:30 p.m.

MISD to host public awareness seminar

Muleshoe Independent School District will be hosting a public awareness seminar entitled "Gangs: 24/7 - 365" in the High School auditorium on Aug. 11 from 1 - 4 p.m. For more information please contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400. You must be 21 years of age or older to attend this seminar.

Mules football tickets on sale

Reserved-seat tickets for the 2004 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. Tickets are \$25 for five home games. Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2003 football season may purchase their seating options at the School Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G., Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. Those persons whose names appear on the chart may pick up their tickets: 1) in person, 2) by mail with ticket holder's personal check or 3) by third party, if tickets are purchased with ticket holder's personal check. Beginning Monday, August 23, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis. Any reserved seats remaining after the

season starts will be available at a cost of \$5 per game and may be purchased at the Administration office on game day. If you have any questions concerning the ticket sales, contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

The Bailey County Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers for meals on wheels. For more information call 272-5402 ask for Evelyn Ellington.

Wood Carvers Club to host show and sale

The South Plains Wood Carvers Club is hosting their Fifth Annual Wood Carvers show and sale on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6 and 7 at the Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave., in Lubbock. The public is invited. Admission is free. It is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Prairie Festival to be held in Lubbock

The Llano Estacado Audubon Society presents the first Prairie Festival in Lubbock, scheduled for Aug. 21-22. Saturday's events are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with booths, displays, activities, live music, food and entertainment at the Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215 South University; on Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., field trips to various prairie destinations. For more information, call the Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, or see

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Growth, from front page

think the dairy industry is initially having a large effect on the economic revitalization of Muleshoe, as well as the Panhandle area," she said. "The majority of the dairies coming here seem to be relocating from other areas where they have been inched out or their local environmental laws have become too stringent or they have run out of water."

She adds, however, "they are creating many new jobs and business opportunities for the community" when they move to the area. "We will experience a lot of residual growth and all kinds of new business ventures interested in our community."

Brunson said "we have a progressive mind-set in our community. You don't see that in other cities."

He said that one reason other small towns are struggling is because they

want someone else to come in and set up new establishments instead of creating the businesses themselves.

"The market is there," said Brunson, commenting on whether the community can sustain such growth.

Recently, there has been talk of an ice cream shop to make its home in Muleshoe, and of course, there's always the rumor of getting a Burger King or Wendy's. Thompson said "that one circulates about every year or so. I haven't heard of anything like that coming to Muleshoe."

Mary Dawson, formerly of Muleshoe, is restoring the old theatre down town. She said she hopes to involve the community in the theatre any way she can and help in revitalizing downtown Muleshoe. She's not sure when it will be up and running because there is still a lot of remodeling to do. Dawson

hopes to revitalize the theatre to its original state. She's looking for anyone who has pictures, memories or memorabilia.

Current businesses are expanding or changing to suit the needs of the area. Roger and Dawn Williams used to own Williams Bros. Supply. They sold the business to Terral King who owns Radio Shack. D. Williams has thus expanded her and her husband's business to "work wear" after adding athletic wear years ago. "We saw a need for work wear," said D. Williams who is excited the dairy industry is bringing new growth to the area. She said such industry needs to be considered and that is what most existing businesses are leaning to cater to in Muleshoe and surrounding communities.

Thompson said not only existing and new businesses benefit from this expansion in enterprise. "The school systems benefit. The churches experience new growth. The tax base increases. Motels, restaurants, tourism — everything benefits by an economic boom. But most of all, it may provide opportunities for our young people to stay and create lives here."

Speaking of tourism, Muleshoe will be listed

among other sites in Bailey County and the West Texas/Panhandle region to the Texas Trails' brochures for tourism in the area. Representatives from the Heritage Center have been meeting with the Texas Trails group to bring tourism and new money to the area.

Thompson reflects to when she was a little girl growing up in Muleshoe, the town "was a bustling town with thriving stores

all up and down Main Street. Upon returning to this community three years ago, it became my dream to see a revitalization of our downtown area. Revitalization breathes new life into every aspect of our economy."

Thompson said there definitely is a lot of interest in Muleshoe these days and believes the area will continue to grow in the next year and in years to come. She told

the *Journal* "I have lived on this planet a long time now, and I know that everything and everyone must, and does, live and exist by the universal law of nature that has existed from the beginning of time. And that is that all things have a cycle of life which goes up for a while and then down—just like spring to winter."

And after a dry spell, Muleshoe is definitely recovering from a long hard winter.

Ramirez, from front page

shifty runner with a good burst of speed through the hole; rushed for a game-high 49 yards with one TD on 13 attempts in the 2004 Cherry-Silver spring game

"He'd play more except for a couple of All-Conference guys standing in his way," said Director of Media Relations for the Lobos Greg Remington. "He's got talent."

Ramirez was one of eight who got the news after spring practice. He's played some in the past, lettering for the first time last year after appearing in 11 games, primarily on special teams. He should get more camera time, playing both third-string tailback and on special teams in the 2004 season.

According to the Lobo team roster, Ramirez weighs in at 186 pounds, is 5 foot, 8 inches tall and wearing number 36. The team calls the 40,000 seat University Stadium home. He was a standout three-sport athlete in high school, lettering in football, baseball and track.

He played football for Coach David Wood, racking up 2,500 all-purpose yards (2,300 rushing) on a team that advanced to the district quarterfinals his senior year. He earned second team all-state honors as a running back in AAA and was the 2000 South Plains Player of the Year and District 2-AAA MVP.

Ramirez was also named first team all-district running back as a junior, was the 2000 2-AAA district long jump champion and the 1999 district high jump champion.

He's the son of Daniel and Maggie Ramirez of Muleshoe and has one brother, Andy.

Ramirez is a criminology (criminal justice) major.

He and the Lobos will kick off the 2004 season at home on Sept. 3 against Washington State. The game will be televised on ESPN.

(Editor's note: Don Heathington contributed to this story.)

Surgical assisting program at SPC

Surgical assisting program to start in August

South Plains College is accepting applications for its advanced technical certificate program in surgical assisting, to begin Aug. 30 at the SPC Reese Center campus.

The program is the first one in Texas and the only program of its kind in the nation affiliated with a medical school. SPC established the program last fall in cooperation with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

Graduates of the program will receive an advanced technical certificate in surgical assisting and will be eligible to apply for state licensure. The program's initial students will complete their studies Aug. 5.

Applicants must be a certified surgical technolo-

gist, certified surgical assistant, certified first assistant or certified nurse - operating room and have current CPR or BLS certification. Applicants must also have an associate degree or higher in an allied health field or the equivalent from an accredited institution.

Students will perform their didactic and lab work at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where they will receive instruction from surgery residents and one-on-one surgeon preceptors in a wide variety of surgical areas. Clinical rotations will be conducted at area hospitals.

Classes will be offered in surgical pharmacology and anesthesia, advanced surgical technology and

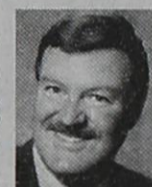
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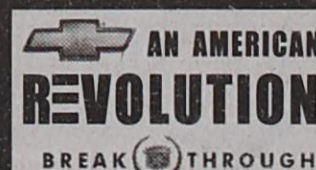
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Electricity camp keeps 4-H'ers current

LUBBOCK — 4-H'ers from across the Texas High Plains and South Plains tapped the current of electricity at the 2004 edition of Electric Camp, held June 28 through July 2 at the Scott Able 4-H camp near Cloudcroft, N.M.

4-H'ers representing Bailey County were Courtney Mardis, daughter of Chris and Gina Mardis and Cami Jo Vandiver, daughter of Monti and Lyn Vandiver.

"Electric Camp for South Plains and High Plains youth has been an annual event for 47 years," said Brad Davis, Texas Cooperative Extension 4-H youth and development specialist based in Lubbock. "More than 15,000 youth have participated in this week long camp. The main focus is learning about electricity."

Xcel Energy regional office staffers based in Lubbock, Amarillo and Hobbs, N.M. provided educational training for 4-H'ers, volunteers and County Extension Agents. Greg Boggs and Roy Landry, both of Amarillo, taught classes in *Home Wiring* and *Energy Efficiency*, respectively. Also joining the partnership to teach *Safety* was Denzil Dunn, of Hobbs. Rounding out the Xcel contingent of instructors were Gene Darr, Lubbock, and Doug Maxey, Amarillo, who taught the campers how to construct heavy-duty four-way extension cords.

Mardis and Vandiver, along with other campers, gained understanding of power supply, load management and capacities while learning how to wire a building in *Home Wiring*. They also learned how to

conserve electricity in everyday household applications during their *Energy Efficiency* class. Additionally, they gained knowledge in the importance of water conservation. In their *Safety* class, 4-H'ers learned how to use and be safe around electricity.

The knowledge and skills gained at 4-H Electric Camp are put to good use in other 4-H project areas such as Conservation of Natural Resources, Energy Management, Housing and Home Environment, Consumer Education, Safety and Leadership. "Several 4-H alumni have told me that safety measures they learned at 4-H Electric Camp saved their lives while working around electricity," Davis said.

Electric Camp also provided an opportunity for participants to complete several leadership and nature activities and compete in tournament games, Davis said.

"4-H Electric Camp is the

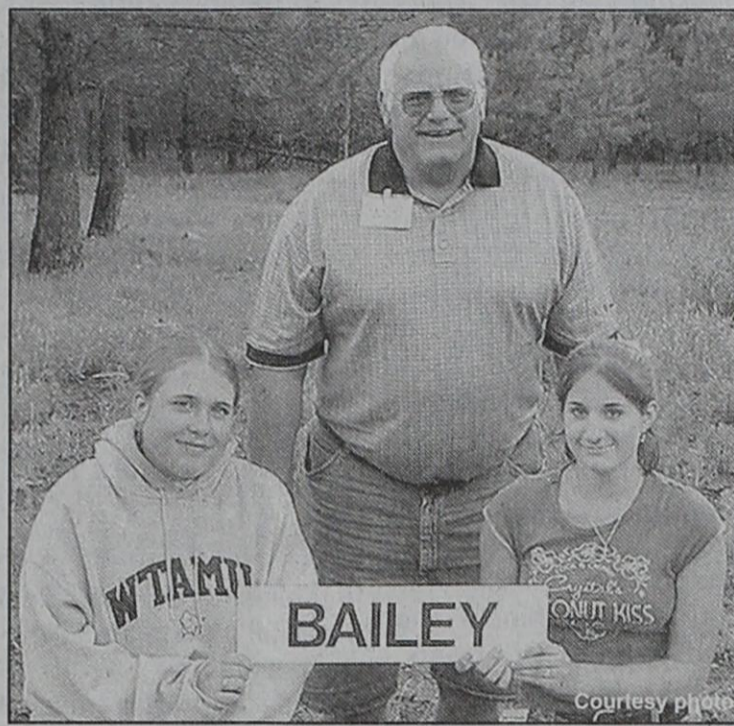
oldest and best camp for 4-H members," said Davis. "It is one of the few week long camps in the Texas 4-H Program and many former 4-H'ers have told me that Electric Camp was the best 4-H camping experience

they ever had.

"Another facet of the camp that makes it the best in my eyes is the partnership between Texas Cooperative Extension, High Plains and South Plains 4-H districts, and Xcel En-

ergy. With this great team, how could the camp be anything but successful

and fun," quizzed Davis. "We hope to conduct this camp for another 47 years."



Electified—Courtney Mardis and Cami Jo Vandiver attended the Texas High Plains and South Plains 2004 edition of Electric Camp, held June 28 through July 2 at the Scott Able 4-H Camp near Cloudcroft, N.M. They are pictured here with a camp representative.



Roughin' it— Boy Scout Troop 620 attended a week-long camp at Tres Ritos, N.M. July 18 - July 24. Pictured here are (l-r) Cole Hawkins, Craig Black, Ramone Sanchez Mora, Xavier Mora, Steven Richards, Freddy Santos and Andrew Santos. Activities included basketry, mammal study, woodcarving, pioneering, salesmanship, computers, art and forestry. All meals were prepared by the Scouts. Wednesday was a free day and the Troop went to Taos for white-water rafting on the Rio Grande. Any sixth grade or above boy that would be interested in joining the Troop is asked to contact Mike Richards at 272-7700 ext. 66 or come to one of the meetings held every Monday night at the Scout Hut on the end of Main Street from 7-8 p.m.

SPC, from pg. 3

practicums in surgical assisting. The students will have access to suture and endoscopic labs at the TTUHSC and will rotate through general surgery, neurosurgery, pediatrics, orthopedics, plastic surgery and ob/gyn and work one on one with a physician to hone their surgical assisting skills.

Following successful completion of the program, students can apply for licensure as a surgical assistant through the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. Medical directors will be TTUHSC staff members Dr. John Griswold, professor and chairman in the Department of Surgery, and Dr. Ari Halldorsson, associate professor and chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Licensure is overseen by the State Board of Medical Examiners. SPC's program is the second program in the nation to be approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.

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Real Stability in Life Is Found Only in One Source

My head is spinning this week. Actually, this summer. It was going to be a pretty uneventful summer, we thought. Pretty relaxing. Laid back. That was before the massive renovation at the house got started. We asked for that. We wanted it. It's a good thing. We're eating most of our meals at the church fellowship hall. We're not really homeless. It just feels like it. But it's okay. Besides, not

than ever before about reformatting hard drives, reloading programs, and rebuilding precious data. I've had weeks of training and the machine is now virtually brand new! So, okay, this was a frustrating complication to life, but hardly a tragedy. And, besides, it happened in a really uneventful summer, right?

And then #1 and #3 sons made the commitment to go to Uganda to help teach missionary kids and just generally assist with the work of the missionaries there for the nine months or so from August through May. That's a really good thing, and the response to their financial needs to make this happen has been heartwarming, but you'll understand if I say there's just a bit of stress involved, too. Still, a simple summer. Yep.

Did I mention that I've got a new book out as of the spring and was needing this summer to work more on getting it OUT? But having a new book is a good thing, be it in spring or in a particularly laid back summer.

And now near the end of summer my #1 wife is needing to look for a new job to help replace one of her part-time jobs that's recently gone away. Not a lot of fun, but at least it's happening in a laid back summer.

My head is spinning.

And, seriously, what we have this summer far more obvious than anything else I've mentioned are many, many reasons to be thankful. We also have friends for whom one difficult diagnosis far more than trumps any of the busy-ness that seems so prevalent right now in our lives. Perspective is good.

One thing is coming clearer to me this summer: real stability in life is found only in the One who created our lives. Nowhere else.

Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

much else major was going to happen this summer.

That was before #2 son got engaged this summer. Another good thing. And, besides, engagement is not all that time-consuming. It's weddings and massive wedding-planning for massive weddings—that's what will take up the time. We love our future daughter-in-law deeply and her parents are great people and good friends, and this is a good thing. (But I dread the wedding planning. My job is to keep my mouth shut and never comment that big weddings might be worth it if they had anything at all to do with big marriages. No one has admitted that this will be a big wedding, but the warning signs of wedding metastasis are all there.) But this is a good thing.

Easy summer.

That was before massive computer messes at the office. You know, these wonderful machines that save us so much time? Our main machine at the church went way haywire. I now know more

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

Obituaries

SHIRLEY MITCHELL

Graveside services for Shirley Mitchell, 63, of Muleshoe were Saturday, July 31, 2004 at Springlake Cemetery in Springlake with Rev. Jack Stone of Muleshoe officiating.

Ms. Mitchell died Wednesday, July 28 in Muleshoe. She was born July 18, 1941 in Dimmitt. She had lived in Mule-

shoe for the past six months, moving from Farwell where she had lived since 1986 moving from Earth. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Quemado and had worked as a housekeeper in a nursing home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Mitchell, and a son, Blane Radford.

Ms. Mitchell is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Cary and Joy Radford of Muleshoe; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Marty Widemón of Gilmer; her mother, Evalyn Mitchell of Olton, formerly of Farwell; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the

American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423, the American Diabetes Assoc., 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79424 or the Muleshoe Senior Center.

CELIA R. CARDENAS

Church services for Celia R. Cardenas, 97, of Muleshoe were held Saturday, July 31, 2004 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leonardo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating. A rosary was said Friday, July 30. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Cardenas died Thursday, July 29, in her home. She was born July 14, 1907 in Harding County, N.M.

She married Eloy Cardenas August 12, 1992. He preceded her in death in June 2004 along with two daughters,



CARDENAS

Weddings

HOOTEN AND TURNER

Amy Beth Hooten and Charles Anson Turner were wed Saturday, June 5, 2004 in a double ring ceremony. The couple was married at Muleshoe Church of Christ with John Knox of Woodard, Okla. officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hooten of Muleshoe. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crenshaw of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooten of Muleshoe. Parents of the groom are Charles Turner and Laurie Turner of Colorado Springs, Colo. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Turner.

The bride wore a white satin mock two-piece wedding dress of formal length. Carrying out tradition, for something old the bride carried a napkin from her parent's wedding inside her brother's blue bible she carried with her bouquet. For something new, the bride chose her wedding gown. For something borrowed, the bride wore a pearl necklace and earrings belonging to her grandmother, Maurine Hooten. In the bride's shoes were pennies minted in years of the couples' birth.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Heather Hooten of Coppell. Bridesmaids were Cari Faver of Lubbock, Brynn Wade of Lubbock, Tiffany Weldon of Dallas, Mika Goad of Wheeler, Kendra Benham of Lubbock and LynnAnne Joiner of Abilene.

Honorary bridesmaids were cousins of the bride Leslye Starnes of Snyder, Courtney and Brooke

Conner of Lovington, N.M. and Twyla Gear of Lubbock. Also, Jennifer Mason of Duncanville and Lynsey Wells of Shallowater served as honorary bridesmaids.

Kylee and Karlee McNeill of Lubbock, cousins of the groom, served as flower girls.

Heath Neimet of Colorado Springs, Colo., served as best man. Groomsmen were Josh Tardy of Lubbock, Brion Owen of Lubbock, Ernie Brown of Brownsville, Cade Hooten of Muleshoe, Quinn Smith of Lubbock, and Kyle Melton of Arlington. Ring bearer was Seth Micheals of Lubbock, cousin of the groom.

Ushers for the wedding were Zach Starnes of Snyder and Tyrel Gear of Muleshoe, cousins of the bride, and Jake Michaels of Lubbock, cousin of the

groom. Candle lighters were Sterling Lepard of Muleshoe and cousin of the groom, Jenna Michaels of Lubbock.

Tony Holmans, Lanny Trussell and Gary Hooten, the bride's father, performed special wedding music. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Family Room of the church building.

After honeymooning in the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Lubbock Christian University. She teaches fourth grade at Bean Elementary in Lubbock. The groom is a graduate of Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is self-employed in the construction industry.



TURNER (NEE HOOTEN)

Deadline approaches for extension tax filers

WASHINGTON - Most taxpayers already have filed their tax year 2003 federal income tax returns. But for almost 8.5 million taxpayers who opted for the automatic extension of time to file, the deadline is August 16.

The IRS reminds extension filers that e-filing remains available. So far this year, more than 60 million returns have been e-filed. "Why not e-file? More than 60 million Americans already have," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "No matter what time of the year, e-filing is the fastest, safest, easiest way to do taxes. There are fewer errors, and taxpayers get their refunds in less than half the time of paper returns."

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers

with extensions to file their returns by August 16 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help may be available, however, for people who cannot file by August 16.

Taxpayers with special circumstances, such as a hardship, that prevent them from preparing and filing their tax forms by August 16 may request an additional two-month extension by completing Form 2688, giving them until October 15 to file their income tax returns. These taxpayers will be granted an extension of time to file even if they cannot send in payment of outstanding 2003 taxes with the extension request.

To request the additional time to file, taxpayers must file Form 2688 with the IRS by August 16. Form 2688 is

available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

The IRS expects to receive more than 3 million Forms 2688 during 2004.

VFD, from front pg.

County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies contributing toward the cost of the school.

Since volunteer firefighters are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

Sale, from front pg.

ture, home accessories, jewelry, purses, gift items, crafts and more.

"Some locals even admitted they got some Christmas shopping done thanks to merchandise brought in by Carolyn's Christmas Creations," said Pollard.

Carolyn's owner Carolyn Johnson said, "It was a great opportunity to clean out my storeroom and warehouse to make room for new merchandise arriving for Christmas."

Johnson had planned to hold a sale at her own store, but changed her mind when she heard about the community event. She rented five booths.

"I eagerly agreed to move it to help support Compassionate Care," said Johnson. "It was the best response we've ever had to a garage sale. The crowd was excited about the variety of merchandise and the availability of food made it even more enjoyable. I would encourage all businesses next year to get involved in this event."

Besides just locals, Johnson had customers from Lubbock, Clovis, Portales and other surrounding communities to make the sale.

According to Pollard, Compassionate Care plans to make this an annual event.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the firefighters will help the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Bailey County."

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Juanita Salas in 2004. She is survived by a

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Agricultural News

Texas egg, cattle, feed production stats reported

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) reports that June egg production in Texas totaled 389 million eggs, down one percent from last year and down four percent from May 2004.

Nationally, egg production totaled 7.27 billion eggs.

The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 15.1 million head on July 1, down three percent from July 2003. Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle of calves with 15 percent of the total U.S.

inventory. Beef cows came in at 5.78 million head and milk cows at 320,000. The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million head, down one percent from last year.

The TASS also reported that cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.76 million head on July 1, down two percent from a year ago. The U.S. totaled 10.12 million head on July 1 which was two percent above last year's production.

Accumulated heat units calculator available on web

It takes dirt, water, and heat to grow cotton. There is a web page that can calculate how many Degree Day 60s, or Heat Units, have been accumulated for a weather station near your farm on the Texas High Plains, see <http://www.plainscotton.org/rkh/hu/index.php>.

Texas Cooperative Extension has developed an approximation for the accumulated heat units (DD60s) required for different development stages of cotton. A table with these approximations appears on the web page.

They are approximations developed for the Lubbock area but more data are needed to develop reliable tables for the entire PCG 41-county area.

DD60s, or Heat Units, are calculated by adding the high and low temperatures for a day, dividing by two, and

then subtracting sixty: DD60s (Heat Units) for the day = (High Temp + Low Temp)/2 - 60. (All temperatures in Fahrenheit.)

High Plains Ag Expo offers education, opportunities for farmers and ranchers

Farmers, ranchers and agriculture industry representatives should mark Aug. 24-26 on their calendar and make plans to attend the 2004 High Plains Ag Expo in Dumas.

The three-day event will provide an opportunity to view 250 exhibits and demonstrations involving the latest products and technologies available to agricultural producers.

The High Plains Ag Expo is hosted by Moore Farms of Dumas. The show site is located one mile east of Highway 287-

87 on 14th Street. Located on US Highway 287-87, Dumas is forty-five miles north of Amarillo. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 25, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 26.

Commodity specific programs help set a theme for each day and include a Cotton Conference (Aug. 24), a Corn Conference (Aug. 25) and a Beef Conference (Aug. 26).

A total of three CEUs will be available to those that attend the Cotton

Conference. Space is limited and producers are encouraged to call the Show office and pre-register their attendance.

Demonstrations will also be a prominent part of the High Plains Ag Expo. Scheduled demonstrations will offer a variety of hands-on experiences designed to meet all farmers' interests.

More information about the High Plains Ag Expo is available on the Internet at www.highplainsagexpo.com or by calling the show office at (806) 935-2002.

Roundup, from pg. 2

www.leas.bizland.com/prairiefest.htm

FACT to offer ITV classes locally

The Five-Area Community Telecommunications Consortium (FACT), made up of Lazbuddie, Muleshoe, Olton, Springlake-Earth, and Sudan I.S.D.s, will provide night college courses through interactive television classrooms held at these schools. The courses begin offered for the fall semester are available through South Plains College and Texas Tech University. To find out what classes are being offered (graduate and undergrad), call Patsy Fisher at (806) 227-2554.

Girl Scouts fund-raiser on-line

Girl Scouts of Caprock Council has launched its first on-line fund-raising initiative. The three-year "Commit to a Girl" campaign features a new website with information on the challenges girls face locally and nationally, as well as opportunities to support Girl Scouting in the South Plains. Visit www.committogirl.kintera.org/caprock. Visitors can donate directly or create their own "Commit to a Girl" page that can be customized to honor a loved one, contact old friends or host a virtual fund-raising party. For more information, call Caprock Council at (806) 745-2855 or (800) 530-4957.

Fall Festival seeks vendors

The Lubbock Municipal Garden Arts Center, located at 4215 University Ave., is seeking artists and craftsmen to participate in the 34th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Festival, a one day arts and crafts fair on Saturday, Sept. 11. For more information on the Festival, call the Garden and Arts center at (806) 767-3724 or visit www.lubbockgardenandartcenter.org.

Four-H golf tourney scheduled

The South Plains Four-H program will host a one-day golf tournament at the Plainview Country Club. The tournament is open to everyone. The format is a four-person scramble and requires an entry fee. Entries are due Aug. 6. Sign up at the local County Extension Office or call the Pro Shop at the Plainview Country Club (806) 296-6148.

Slaton to host HarvestFest

The Slaton Chamber of Commerce and Women's Division will host the annual HarvestFest, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004 on the lawn of the City Square from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scheduled events: 7 - 10 a.m. pancake breakfast, 10:30 a.m. Slaton Tiger Band and cheerleaders, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. hamburgers and homemade ice cream. There will be live entertainment all day. Art and crafts exhibitors are needed. For additional information, please contact the Slaton Chamber of Commerce office at (806) 828-6238 or P.O. Box 400, Slaton, TX 79364.

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Commentary



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I don't usually give unsolicited advice, but I'll always give my honest opinion. That's a fact. Here's another: Clark Gardens Botanical Park in Mineral Wells is a haven all gardeners should see. If you've got a couple of days to get away before school starts then get on the road!

I had the opportunity to visit the newly developed 30-acre park a few weeks ago during a West Texas Press Association convention I attended at Lake Possum Kingdom. Granted, the middle of July might not be the best time of year to visit Central Texas. I kid you not, without exaggerating too much, at one point the bank sign in downtown Graford (20-ish miles from Mineral Wells) said 120°. But the view once you drive through the front gate at the gardens erases all those heat worries.

The park is the dream and vision of owners Max and Billie Clark who live on the premises and work weeding and watering the sprawling garden every day despite being in their 70s.

Marketing Director Vi Carr said, "It encompasses 30 cultivated acres and has 50 different gardens." According to Carr, the terrain was rugged and hilly with mesquite trees and cactus before its transformation into lush gardens. "This was all created."

Lakes, ponds, waterfall trails and gardens take visitors away from the mesquites that still surround the property.

To get an idea of what you'll see, just imagine there are over 1,200 varieties of Irises alone. All the gardens are filled with Texas and Texas-adaptable plants and many varieties of plants are for sale in a special area near the entrance.

The park also has a Historical Tree Trial featuring genuine offspring from trees that have a special significance

in U.S. history. These trees were purchased from the American Forests' Historic Tree Nursery. My favorite was the "Johnny Appleseed" tree but Elvis' sweet gum tree "shook" me up, too. Presidentially, you can see trees from the estates of Andrew Jackson, Dwight Eisenhower and George Washington.

What's really amazing is the entire park is watered the old fashioned way - with recycled rainwater using garden hoses and sprinklers.

"A high-tech watering system would have cost a fortune for this place," said Carr. "We water by hand or with a low-pressure system (i.e. garden hose).

Clark Gardens also rents a variety of facilities which are nestled among the breathtaking gardens and ponds. There are picnic areas, restrooms and water is available throughout.

Visitors can either walk the trails at their own pace or golf cart tours are available. Although it's a not-for-profit facility, there is a fee to enjoy the garden. My family and I tried to walk, but gave up and took the easy way out. There was just too much to see! The fees help make Clark Gardens self-supporting and pay employees. Altogether, with the Clarks there are only ten people who keep the grounds picture-perfect for visitors.

According to park literature, visitors will see the following plant varieties in the coming months: **Aug.** - crape myrtles, vitex, zinnias, water Lilies, sunflowers, bougainvillea and ornamental grasses; **Sept.** - fall crocus, end of crape myrtles, chrysanthemums, roses, sunflowers, salvias and ornamental grasses; **Oct.** - fall peak roses, fall aster, chrysanthemums, ornamental grasses, peak salvias, eleagnus blooming (very fragrant), fall color begins very late, blue dalea and migration of the monarchs and birds begin; **Nov.** - eleagnus blooming, fall color, holly berries, ornamental grasses, salvias and geese migration.

Also impressive are the hummingbird and butterfly islands, rose arbor, sensory garden, chapel, meditation garden and three G-scale trains built especially for Clark Gardens that make their way along a 700-foot track.

So, if you have a couple of days, I hope you'll make the trip to Clark Gardens Botanical Park. Park employees are friendly and knowledgeable and Mr. and Mrs. Clark were a delight. Their "little" haven is truly magnificent.



Leah Bell

A piece of Paradise— Clark Gardens Botanical Park in Mineral Wells has 30 cultivated acres and 50 different gardens including a Historical Tree Trial. Pictured here is a water motif in one of the gardens. This is an attraction recommended by the Journal's Leah Bell, who visited recently during a press convention.



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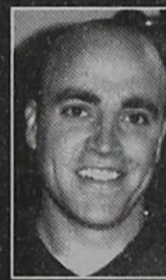
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Do women expect too much from husbands or are men doing less for wives?

By Ron Trusler
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Hopefully, the information in this article is a beneficial supplement to anyone needing information regarding divorce. I understand that women file for divorce two times as often as men. When they lose their ability to resolve conflict the marriage is over. "Mental cruelty" is the most common reason given for leaving and most say that comes from husbands being indifferent, failing to communicate and demonstrate their feelings.

Women tend to be more concerned about their marriages than men. They buy most of the books on marriage in an effort to improve the relationship. They often complain about their marriage to their closest friends and sometimes to anyone who will listen.

Women considering divorce express no hope their husbands will ever understand what it is that frustrates them, let alone, change enough to solve the problem. From their perspective, husbands have created the problems but do

little or nothing to solve them. Wives tend to see themselves as the major force for resolving conflicts, and when they give up their effort, the marriage is usually over.

Husbands generally have a different perspective. They often feel the expectations of their wives have

grown completely out of reach. These men feel they have made a gigantic effort to be caring and sensitive to their wives, but get no credit whatsoever for the sizeable contribution to the family. They feel under enormous pressure to improve their financial support, improve the way they

raise their children and treat their wives. Many men are emotionally exhausted and

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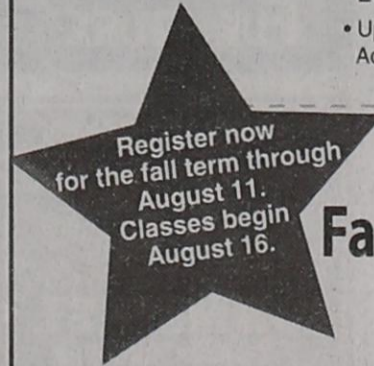
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feel that for all the effort, they get nothing but criticism. Some conclude women are born to complain and men must ignore it to survive. Others feel women have come to expect so much of men that they are impossible to please, so there's no point in even try-

ing. Very few men these days feel they have learned to become the husbands their wives have wanted, and the job seems to be getting more and more difficult.

Do women expect too much of their husband or are men doing less for

their wives than they should? Generally, wives are not expecting more effort from the husband. They expect efforts in a different direction. It isn't more difficult to please women these days; it simply requires a change in the priority of effort. Women

want a "soul mate," someone they trust, someone who is there for them when they have a problem, and takes their feelings into account when decisions are being made. Someone to whom they feel emotionally connected.

In a future article, there

will be information from Dr. Willard Harley, Jr. about "A Man's House." It will show how men view their life and how women fit into it. There will be ideas on how this can be changed for the best of all concerned.

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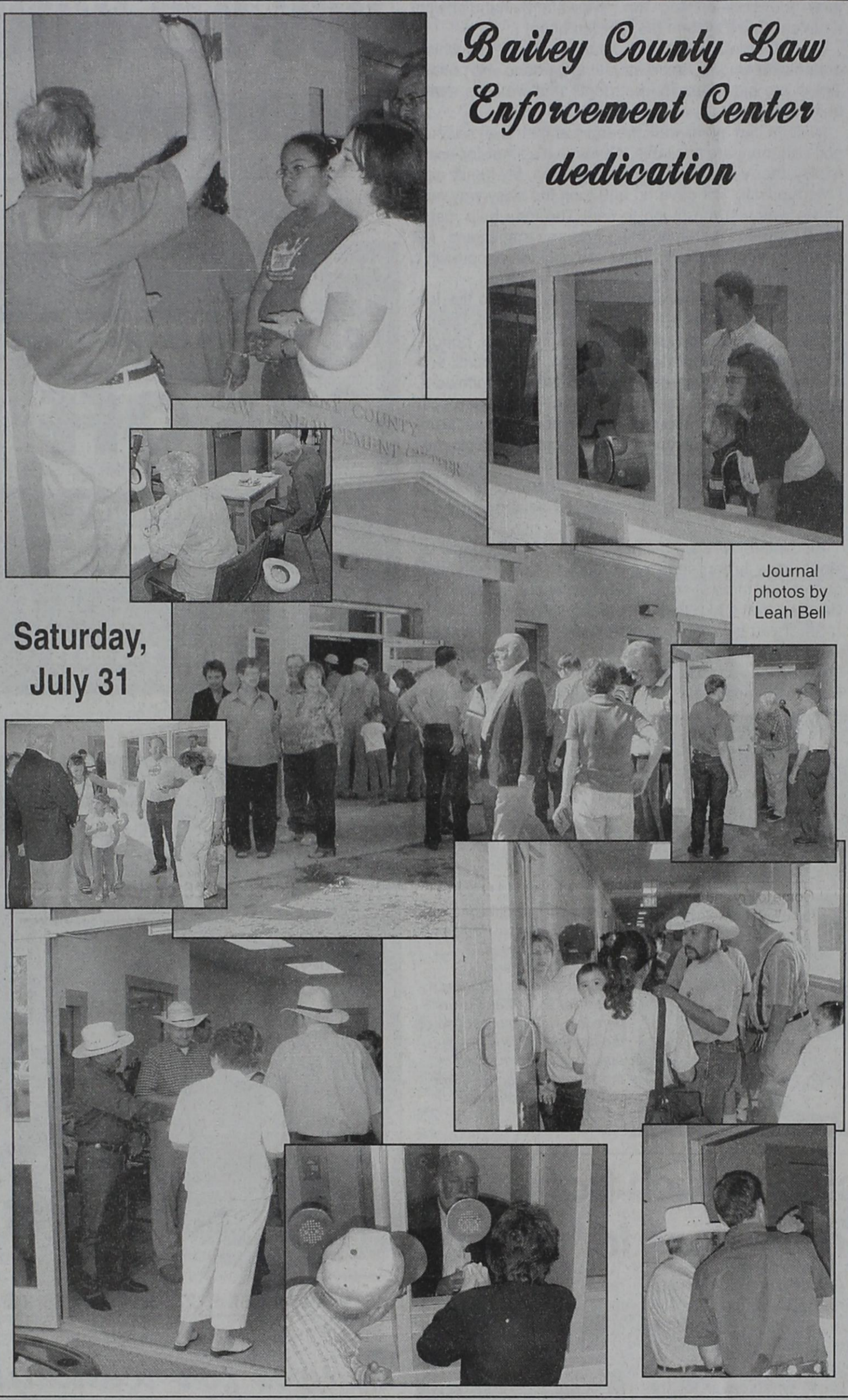


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Raymond McGehee Scotty & Sarah Mills

PUBLIC NOTICE
MAHD To Hold Public Hearing on the 2004-2005 Budget

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2004-2005 Budget on **Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Members of the community and other interested parties are invited to attend.

RESOLUTIONS DEADLINE

The Bailey County Farm Bureau Board of Directors needs to have all resolutions in the Bailey County Farm Bureau office by **August 13, 2004.**

Please send them to:
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This is required to get all the resolutions on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. There will not be any resolutions taken from the floor at the meeting.

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Listening skill can foster parent-child relationships

The goal of listening is simply to hear, understand, and accept the other person's feelings and views. Parents need to set aside their lectures and opinions and really strive to understand from the point of view of their children.

It is almost impossible to train children to speak openly, honestly, and constructively of their innermost feelings, wishes, and needs unless they have acquired the faith that such expression will meet with acceptance rather than with coolness or rejection.

A common strategy in talking to kids is the following:

Give children full attention. Put aside lectures, reactions, feelings, perceptions, and judgements. Eliminate distractions such as the newspaper, TV or radio. Parents must put themselves in their child's shoes and try with all their heart to see the world through his or her eyes.

Pay attention to nonverbal communication. The eyes and the upper lip give us clues to what is happening to a person emotionally.

However, the eyes can be controlled to a large extent. Because less voluntary control is possible, the upper lip is often a more reliable indicator of the emotional state of a person.

A quivering lip is a pretty good indicator that a person is upset. If the lip is straight and slightly tight, a person is probably stressed. If it is relaxed and moves easily, emotions are usually less intense.

Acknowledge the child's feelings. Invite more discussion. Sometimes acknowledging a child with a simple

"Oh...Mmm...I see..." is enough to invite more discussion and, when coupled with a caring attitude, invites children to explore their own thoughts and feelings and

possibly come up with their own solutions.

These ideas were taken from Family Life: Anderson, Fall, 1995. For more information on parenting, con-

tact Mandi Seaton, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Bailey County, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, (806) 965-2438.



A friendly reminder — Three signs put up as reminders to citizens on the 600 block of W. Ave. D were posted on a dumpster over the weekend by a "neighborhood friend." One proclaims that "Flies Cause Disease" and another makes a plea to the neighborhood to help keep the block clean and free of flies by containing all trash in bags or closed boxes to prevent cats from spreading trash. The sign also asks readers to "please close the (dumpster) lids to keep cats out and flies from laying eggs in the trash and contaminating our food in our homes and backyard parties." The third sign closely examines the common house fly. According to the sign, "The common house fly (*Musca domestica*) is a nuisance as well as being a carrier of disease to man and domestic animals. In just two weeks, one fly may lay more than 1000 eggs in animal excrement, garbage, kitchen refuse, piled lawn clippings or other decomposing plant and animal matter." The passage goes on to give some sanitation advice when dealing with the house fly, including washing trash cans thoroughly before trash bags are used and securing (tying) trash bags before disposing of in an outdoor container.

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Certified by the American Board of Surgery, with a specialty in general surgery and peripheral vascular surgery, Dr. Matos-Serrano was educated at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, and completed his residency in General Surgery at Winthrop Memorial Hospital in Long Island, N.Y.

He has served as Chief of Surgery at both the Amarillo Veterans Hospital and the Puerto Rico Veterans Hospital, and has been instrumental in the training of new physicians having been appointed to teach at several medical institutions. His appointments include assistant professor of surgery at the Texas Tech University Department of Surgery and assistant professor at the School of Surgery at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine.

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