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Consultant outlines MISD's future building needs

By Davie Browder
 For The Journal
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In-depth study is aim of board before decisions can be made

A long-range, in-depth study of the MISD and its needs for the future has given trustees and administrators a lot to think about.

At the board's last meeting, Paul Trautman, from the Texas Association of School Administrators, gave his facility report to the board.

MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said

that at the next board meeting, members will outline the steps needed in making an overall assessment of the needs of the district.

"We'll have to do some long-range planning and determine what we can do,"

Sheets said.

Trautman told the board what they had suspected - the district is outgrowing its facilities and the population of the county and the school district will continue to increase for the foreseeable future.

"It's very positive that we have growth," Sheets said. "I think it's going to take some time to determine what we'll be able to do about our facilities. There's not very many West Texas communities that the school system can say it's growing. That's very positive."

However, he said any projections about building projects for the district would be premature at this time.

"Obviously, we have older buildings, built around the same time and renovation or

building will have to be looked at pretty seriously," Sheets said. "At Dillman Elementary, Pre-K through second grade, we're overcrowded. And regardless of what we do from this report, we immediately will have to buy some portable buildings to take care of the immediate overcrowding. That will buy us some time so we can determine what we'll do long term."

Sheets said he's positive the trustees will not rush into a building program before long-range planning is done.

"I think we are at a pretty significant crossroads in the history of MISD," he said. "The next year or so will be significant in terms of decisions we will make about our facilities. I look forward to working the folks in the community to come up with the best possible solutions to some very complicated issues for the district."

Following are some of the conclusions of the study:

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Photos! Photos! Photos!

While moving to our new location this past week, the *Journal* staff discovered boxes and boxes of old photographs and negatives that belong to you, our readers! They range from fairly new back to the 50s and 60s.

If you would like to claim these old photos, please come to the new offices

of the *Journal*, 201 W. Ave. C (right around the corner from the former location) and we'll let you look through them.

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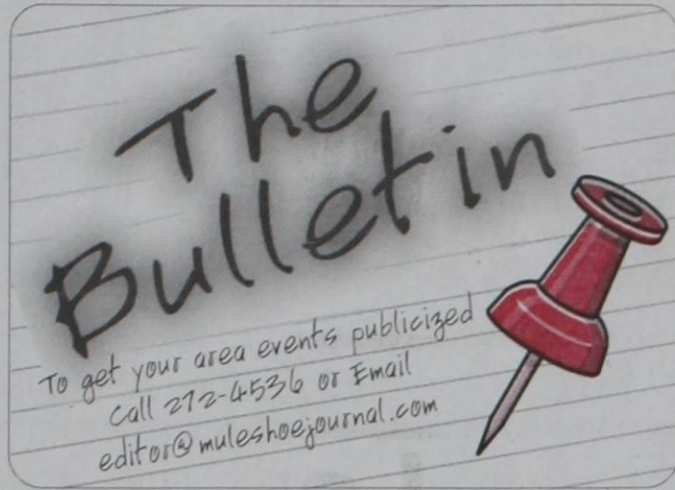


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Fine Arts Boosters to meet

The Fine Arts Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. today, Jan. 20, at the Band Hall to plan the Fine Arts to Shine event.

Muleshoe annual baseball hamburger cook-out is Jan. 21

Muleshoe baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez announces the Muleshoe High School baseball annual hamburger cookout will be held Jan. 21 in the Junior High parking lot. The hamburger cookout is a fund-raising event for the Muleshoe Mule baseball team. The Mule and Lady Mule basketball teams will be hosting Lubbock Cooper that night.

Ramirez and the Muleshoe baseball team encourage everyone to join them for a burger for dinner and then go in the gym and support the Mules and Lady Mules. Burgers will be cooked and served from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m.

You can get tickets at the High School office or from any baseball player.

Concert at Lazbuddie Methodist Church set for Jan. 30

Pete Whitebird will be in concert at Lazbuddie United Methodist Church during the morning worship service, which begins at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 30.

The public is invited. Whitebird is a native American Chippewa Indian from Topeka, Kan.

He has recorded four albums since 1995: Heavenly Country, Union Man, Mama and Jesus; and Scars and Stripes. He has had 13 chart-topping Christian Country radio hits, 10 going all the way to No. 1.

Attention MHS students

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is March 16.

Fire department plans chili supper fund-raiser

Muleshoe Fire Department volunteers have planned an all-you-can-eat chili, beans and cornbread supper to be held at the Earl Ladd Fire Station, East 5th Street and American Blvd., on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is a \$5 donation to the department. Tickets are available from any firefighter or can be purchased at the door the night of the event.

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"Shattered Dreams" meeting Jan. 20

Those interested in helping prepare for the "Shattered Dreams" program to be held at Muleshoe High School should attend a meeting to plan the event today, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

"Shattered Dreams" organizer Michele Barton still needs the help of parents and community members to prepare for the comprehensive three day program designed to educate youth about the problems involved with drinking and driving to be held March 14-16. "Shattered Dreams" will dramatize an alcohol related crash which will result in 20 people portraying "the living dead" among high school students. The community and parents will hold a mock memorial to dramatize to the students what drinking and driving can do to those indirectly involved.

For more information about "Shattered Dreams," contact Barton at the high school at 272-7309.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or email thompson@fivearea.com.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at

open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Estate Planning Seminar to be held

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring four two-day Estate Planning Seminars Jan. 25-26, 2005 in Robstown. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered. They are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. There is a registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail her at s-wehring@tamu.edu.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes to the elderly

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children this holiday season. The ministry is designed to fulfill the gospel's call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To qualify, one must be over 60 years of age, be disabled or be a single mother with children living at home. The oil change will be provided by a local business and will be free. If you, or anyone you know of needs their vehicle services and meet the criteria, call (806) 965-2787 and a certificate will be sent to them.

The Jesus of the DaVinci Code

The Rev. Alvin Petty will be teaching "The Jesus of the DaVinci Code" at Clovis Community College, Room 145, on Mondays, Feb. 14, 21 and 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., New Mexico time. Learn the church history from which the novel is drawn. Call (505) 769-4760 for information.

Breast cancer screening is Feb. 9

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center 708 S. First, on Feb. 7. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA. To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Addresses for charitable giving

- Oneita Wagon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe, TX 79347; or call 965-2619; or drop by the Muleshoe State Bank to talk with Janice
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411
- Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727

For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349. If you would like to be added to this published list, please contact the *Journal* with your mailing address and phone number at 272-4536.

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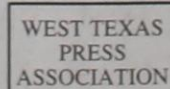
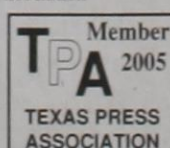
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What would you say if I told



Focus On Faith
 Curtis Shelburne

you that you can have the strength that comes from being a very significant part of the lives of people who, while they are very different in many ways, deep down share the same most hallowed convictions and beliefs and who would die rather than deny the Lord behind those beliefs?

Ah, you're getting ahead of me now, aren't you? You know what I'm talking about.

Are you lonely? You don't have to be! Are you happy? You'll be even happier sharing your joy. Are you sad? You don't have to cry alone! Not if you're a significant part of a church family.

Oh, this city boy knows now that folks in a great small town like the Greater Muleplex have some of these blessings to some extent just by living in a place where most of us know and care for each other. And that's great! But I also know that you can have these blessings on a far deeper level if you're a genuine part of a church.

I said "genuine." If you're a Christmas & Easter and largely politely fictional member who no jury in the land would "convict" of membership on the basis of such hard evidence as attendance and giving, well, you're likely to get out about what you put in. I'm talking about being a working, productive, significant, integral part of a real live Christian family. I'm talking about being part of a Body, so much a part that losing you would be for them like cutting off a finger or toe. Losing you would hurt! You'd be missed!

I know all the dodges. Do you have to go to church to be a believer? It's a bad question. It's like asking me which of my legs I'd most like to cut off.

Maybe you had a bad experience in church. Maybe the preacher preached that everyone except folks just like him were condemned to hell. Or maybe you went to one that taught a "do it yourself" salvation and barely pointed to Christ at all. If you want more than that, good for you, but don't quit! (I ate a rotten apple once. To be sure it doesn't happen again, I haven't eaten a bite of anything since! I'm kidding, but quitting church because of a bad experience is about that sensible.)

Yes, I've had some bad experiences in churches, too. Some. But the lion's share of the most beautiful experiences of my life were in or because of church, and I'd be a pauper, and not a very smart one, if I denied myself those rich times because of a very few bad ones.

If you're not a genuine part of a church, a real Christian family, you're the poorer for it. Don't rob yourself!

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

Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center continues to be a gathering place for Seniors seeking friendships, exercises and games.

The computers are still available for games and practice.

The library has reading material of all kinds. Some take books home to read and return.

Seniors sit and visit over coffee or watch T.V. for

awhile.

Some call friends to meet them at the Center to enjoy a game of cards or dominoes.

Tuesday mornings the games attract a competitive group.

Both pool tables are seeing more and more participants. New people are learning the game.

Hostesses Mary Nell Bleeker and Thursie Reid, bring refreshments each

Tuesday morning.

Next week's menu is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 24: Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat roll, pears

Tuesday, Jan. 25: Lasagna, hominy or corn, brussels sprouts, carrot sticks, cornbread, peach cobbler

Wednesday, Jan. 26: Brisket, scallop potatoes,

stewed okra, wheat roll, apricot cobbler

Thursday, Jan. 27: Sloppy Joes on a bun, fries or tator tots, carrots, pickle, pineapple gelatin, gingerbread

Friday, Jan. 28: Chicken with mushroom sauce, butter beans, mixed vegetables, tossed salad/Italian dressing, wheat roll, pineapple cake

Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Zona Gatewood directed a music and son program for the residents in the Day Room.

Thursday afternoon the Residents Council met. Council president Jim Kee directed the meeting.

Friday morning the Drama Club, Kim Kee, Alliene Lasiter and Delphine Gruda performed a skit for the residents in the Day Room. Dorothy Bowers and Wilma Hughes also played rolls.

Saturday morning Buster Kittrell came and gave the men haircuts.

Iris Clements directed the "Bingo Bash" on Saturday afternoon.

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

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Sunday school class on Sunday morning. Trinity

Baptist Church directed church services Sunday and also visited with the residents.

Jearl James visited Park View on Monday afternoon.

Pat Prather visited her husband Arnold Prather on Monday. Pat attended the bingo games with Arnold.

The Follow Us Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church gave a donation to Park View.

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

Tuesday afternoon Beverly Wagon, Pat Clark, Josie Ovalle, Eva Nell Dale and Mary Jo Burge shampooed and set the ladies' hair.

Angela Babcock gave nail care. Pat and Josie gave haircuts.

Joy Whitt visited Park View on Monday. Among those she visited were Jewel Peeler

and Johnnie Kimbrough.

Anita Johnson visited Mary Johnson on Tuesday.

Wednesday morning Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time. Harold read words of wisdom to live by and words that brought laughter.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Bro. Bennie Wright directed our "Singspiration" and devotional time. Also participating were Jo Ellen Cowart and Anna Lane.

Bernie and Oega Lambert of Midland visited Bill

Lambert recently. Woody Lambert visits Bill daily.

Frieda Foss also visits Bill as well as Marie Lane.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-along on Wednesday afternoon. Jackie's little granddaughter, Elizabeth, Jan and Dale Furr and Marieta Thomas also participated.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of George Mitchell.

Camilo Espinosa celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Rick Hunter took his mother out for lunch on her birthday, along with Delphine Gruda and Iris Clements, on Tuesday.

Hospital Report

Jan. 6 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Amber Fuentes, Wanda Griffin, Joseph H. Harbin, Esther Ketcherside, Frances Purdy.

Jan. 7 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Brenna N. Farley, Wanda Griffin, Joseph H. Harbin, Esther Ketcherside, Frances Purdy.

Jan. 8 - No report available

Jan. 9 - No report available

Jan. 10 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Eugene Besso, Captain Gatewood, Lavonne Hinkson, Alice M. Kelton, Frances Purdy, Eliana Robles, Maria G. Toscano, Roy Warwick.

Jan. 11 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Eugene Besso, Captain Gatewood, Alice M. Kelton, Alejandra N. Medina, Frances Purdy, Eliana Robles, Maria G. Toscano, Roy Warwick.

Jan. 12 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Bobbie Dickinson, Captain Gatewood, Alejandra N. Medina, Frances Purdy, Maria G. Toscano.

Jan. 13 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Bobbie Dickinson, Nicky C. Nickels, Frances Purdy, Maria G. Toscano.

Jan. 14 - Lucia C. Aguirre, Hazel Ball, Clara Castorena, Ruth Clements, Manuel Daniel, Bobbie Dickinson, Calvin Embry, Frances Purdy, Dominga S. Silva, Tona D. Simnacher, Maria G. Toscano, Genesis Vasquez.

Muleshoe youth boys basketball signups

Boys from the Muleshoe area, third- through sixth-graders, are invited to participate in the youth basketball program. Signups for all boys will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21, at Watson Junior High. Evaluations will be Monday, Jan. 24, at the DeShazo gym for all boys. Evaluations for boys in third and fourth grades will be at 6 p.m. Evaluations for boys in fifth and sixth grades will be at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Michael Precure at 272-7568 or 272-5954.

Births

BRAEDEN WYATT RAILSBACK

Ricky Railsback and Latasha Glover of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Braeden Wyatt Railsback, at 12:50 p.m., Texas time, Dec. 7, 2004, at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, N.M. He weighed 7.04 pounds and was 20-inches long.

He has a sister, Brittany Railsback, 12, and a brother, Michael Railsback, 8, both of Muleshoe.

Grandparents are Harold and Lynda Hill of Muleshoe and Richard and



RAILSBACK

Kathy Railsback of Logan, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Abe and Corine Mallouf of Lazbuddie and Bobby and Nancy Railsback of Amarillo.

Great-great grandmother is Nadine Edge of Lazbuddie.

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All-Region Honor Band — These five Muleshoe students were named to the All-Region Honor Band at the Dec. 16 contest. Left to right they are Courtney Mardis, J.C. Orozco, Harley Davidson, Lorenzo Nuñez and Janice Pacheco. Orozco, Davidson and Nuñez qualified for Area tryouts. Orozco made first in Area and is in the All-State Band for the third year in a row. Davidson and Nuñez missed making the All-State band by one chair.

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Social Security has school lesson plans

By Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager, Plainview

One of the biggest concerns for American educators today is teaching financial literacy to students. Too many young people graduate high school with little practical understanding of money management, savings, investments or taxes.

We know this is so from any number of studies on the subject. Just a couple of years ago, for example, headlines raised the alarm with stories about how "soon-to-graduate high school seniors on average answered correctly only 50.2 percent of 31 questions about personal finance and economics."

One of the real-life financial subjects that high school students should know more about is Social Security, which touches the lives of nearly every American. Too many young adults only learn about the program when they begin work. Many find that they are paying more in Social Security taxes than in federal income tax, and are bewildered about what the money goes for.

Social Security believes that young people should understand the basics of the program before they start working and therefore has special information materials available for students, teachers and parents.

For example—
* Social Security and You is a set of materials


for high school students. Social Security and You is geared to the interest level of young people about to enter the workforce. It is designed to help students develop knowledge and skills necessary for successful living. It consists of five lessons, plus an overview lesson.

* Younger children can begin to understand the concepts of savings and retirement by visiting a special website called Kids Place at www.socialsecurity.gov/kids <<http://www.ssa.gov/kids>>. Kids Place is an age-appropriate, activity center that teaches important lessons while the children are having fun.

* We have even included a webpage for moms and dads that explains family-related Social Security issues. It is called Parents' Place and reminds parents of such things as who can get benefits on their Social Security earnings record, and how to get and use Social Security information in planning family financial security.

All of these materials and more are available at the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov <<http://www.socialsecurity.gov>>.

I hope that during the coming school year students, teachers and parents will make use of these materials because the truth is that without financial education, young people may only learn about money from the school of hard knocks.



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Their "pride and joys" are their seven grandchildren: Sarah, Amy and Chase Mardis from Houston; Josh and Jenna Rhoads from Lafayette, Louisiana; and Annie and Emily Shafer from San Angelo.

A reception to honor the Shafers will take place this summer.



Sports

Mules overwhelm Tulia, 59-41, to end non-district play

Open district play by rebounding to down Brownfield

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules completed their non-district loop with an 11-9 record with a 59-41 thumping of the Tulia Hornets. The two teams had met earlier in the season and the game had gone to overtime.

The Mules opened the district season Friday night by coming back from an eight-point deficit to dump the red hot Brownfield Cubs 75-70 in the final period. Strong Mule defense held the Cubs to only five points in the final period.

When congratulated on the win over the Cubs Mules, Coach Ralph Mason said, "It was all the kids. I just try to dress up and look nice and they do all the work."

"This might be the best win we have had since I have been here. The kids did a great job of hanging in and believing they could win. Coming back from being down by eight in the last quarter was a true comeback win. I am proud of these kids."

There was no need for over time Tuesday night as the first three periods was all Mules. The Mules owned a 30-15 lead at the intermission and then hung a 14-9 third period on the Hornets to push their lead to 44-24.

The Hornets still had some fight left in them and trimmed two off the Mules' lead in the final frame.

Chris Kindle had a big hand in getting the Mules off to a quick start with seven points in the opening period. Trevor Turnbow hit his

first of two 3-pointers on the night in the second frame to help increase the Mules lead to 15 at the half.

Arsenio Geter and Brady Black controlled the paint through out the game on both ends of the floor. Geter canned six in the third period and two in the final frame and B. Black had two in the third and six in the final quarter.

The Mules used a balanced scoring attack with Geter pacing the Mules in scoring with 16 and B. Black added 10. Kindle had nine points, Turnbow eight, and Tyler Sheets six. Tyler Black and Kory Atwood each dropped in four points and Myles James chipped in two.

Brownfield came into the contest with a 13-9 record and surprised many Mule fans with their perimeter shooting. The Cubs had 11 treys, 13 deuces and made 11 of 17 free throws.

The Cubs jumped on top quickly with three treys in the first period to claim a 19-25 advantage. The Mules fought back in the second period with B. Black and Geter controlling the lane. Turnbow hit two 3-pointers as the Mules climbed back to a 40-41 deficit at the intermission.

Donuvon Fitzgerald came out firing for the Cubs in the third period and nailed three 3-pointers as the Cubs out scored the Mules 24-17. The Mules went into the final eight minutes trailing 57-65.

The Mules held the Cubs scoreless for two and half minutes before they hit their



Norm Brantley

Landon Wilson lays the ball up as teammate Tyler Sheets comes over to assist.

final trey of the night. The Mules screwed down the man-to-man defensive pressure in the final five and half minutes and only gave up a single bucket in that time.

The Cubs may have committed a tactical error by going to a four-corner offense to slow down the pace of the game with almost five minutes left in the game.

Kindle found Geter open in the lane to start the Mules climb. B. Black hit two from the line to cut the Cub margin to 64-70 with 4:22 showing on the clock. Geter

sandwiched a blocked shot between two old fashion three-point plays.

Atwood saw Geter had his man pinned and hit him with a perfect pass. Geter turned into the lane scored to give the Mules only their second lead of the night with just over a minute left in the game. They had led briefly in the third period before a Cub scoring barrage broke out.

Geter missed the front end of a one-and-one situation with 42 seconds left and the Mules were up 72-70. Brownfield tried a long 3-

pointer and it banged off the iron and the Cubs Fitzgerald chased it down in the corner.

He drove the base line and the Mules denied a shot attempt and he dribbled the ball out of bounds under the bucket with 11 ticks showing on the clock.

The Mules in bound the ball to Turnbow and he was fouled immediately.

Turnbow drained the first charity toss and Brownfield called time out to try to ice his shooting. With ice water flowing through his veins Turnbow drained the sec-

ond free throw to put the Mules up by four points and make it a two possession game.

The Cubs set up a fast break but over threw the Cub racing down the floor to give the Mules the ball. Again the Mules in bound to Turnbow and he was clobbered. Turnbow calmly walked down the floor and made the final point of the night.

Geter had a double double with 12 rebounds and 29 points. B. Black added 17 points and Turnbow dropped in 15 that included three treys and three-of-four free throws. Kindle had seven points; Atwood four and Sheets chipped in one.

"They hit a lot of threes to night and were ahead of us eight points to start the last quarter," said Chris Kindle. "We got over that deficit and it is nice to get this first one at home. Geter really played a great game and I hope he does that more."

The Mules packed the momentum they have gained in the last two games and took it to Levelland with them Tuesday. The Mules return home on Friday, Jan. 21, to host the Lubbock Cooper Pirates. The Littlefield Wildcats come for a visit Jan. 25.

District Results

- Girls**
Lady Mules (16-7, 2-0) defeated Brownfield (unkn, 0-3) 58-27
Levelland (17-6, 2-0) defeated Littlefield (5-16, 1-2) 34-30
Lubbock Cooper (8-15, 1-1) open
Boys
Mules (12-9, 1-0) defeated Brownfield (13-10, 0-1) 75-70
Levelland (14-10, 1-0) defeated Littlefield (9-12, 0-1) 68-57
Lubbock Cooper (10-13, 0-0) open.

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Sports

Lady Mules seeking third straight title

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules resumed their chase of a third district championship in as many years Friday night with a 58-27 trouncing of the Brownfield Lady Cubs.

The Lady Mules accumulated no rust with the one game sabbatical and outscored the Lady Cubs 14-7. The Lady Cubs play a rough and tumble style of ball and use a full court press from whistle to whistle. The Lady Mules had increased their margin to 30-20 at the half and held the Lady Cubs to only seven points in the final two periods.

"We may have been looking ahead to Levelland tonight," said Lady Mule coach Shanna Simms. "I have to take the blame for that as we were trying to prepare for the next game a little bit."

"Brownfield came out ready to play and forced us to make a lot of turnovers. Their style of play is tough to play against. You have to give them a lot of credit for keeping us off balance the whole first half."

Simms continued by saying, "We regrouped at the half and I was proud of our first quarter. That was the first time all season I really felt good about our performance after the half. We did not like the 20 points we gave up in the first half but we did like the seven in the last."

The Lady Mules seemed to lose their concentration as the second period began. The Lady Cubs went on a 6-2 run to cut the Lady Mule lead to 16-13. Brandi Wood broke the run with a bucket from the elbow.

Amber Cowart answered a Brownfield bucket with a long distance two from the corner. Kasey Wood took away a defensive rebound from a Lady Cub and hit an eight-foot jumper to get the Lady Mules scoring machine rolling.

Lindsey Wood hit a long bucket from the corner and found Kate Leopard racing down court on a fast break on the next possession. Cowart drove for her second bucket of the period to put the Lady Mules up 30-20 at the half.

"The first half was kind of

rocky for us," said Amber Cowart. "After the half we only allowed them a 3-pointer in the third and four points in the last quarter. Defense really paid off for us tonight."

The Lady Mules outscored Brownfield 15-3 in the third period with L. Wood putting in eight points. All the Lady Mules scored in the contest with Chelsi Hawkins capping off the scoring with a trey as the clock wound down.

K. Wood led the Lady Mules in scoring with 14 points and L. Wood added 12. Kelsey Friskup had most of her nine points in the first half and Lepard dropped in six. B. Wood made five points, Cowart four, Hawkins and Ashley Dickson made three each and Jamie Carpenter chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland to tangle with the Loboettes in the battle for the district lead Tuesday night. They return home on Friday to battle the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates. The Lady Cats of Littlefield come to town Jan. 25 to start the second round of district.



Muleshoe's Kate Leopard, No. 34, goes up with a Brownfield player as No. 24 from Muleshoe, Ashley Dickson, comes to assist.

JV Mules rip Tulia, 65-30

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules hammered the Tulia Hornets 65-30 in the two teams second meeting of the season. The Mules used the momentum to over come a five-point deficit in the final period against the Cubs of Brownfield.

The Mules out scored the Cubs 24-15 in the final period to take their opening game of district 61-57.

The Hornets did not have much fight in them in the opening period as the Mules raced out to a 22-1 lead. Dustin Barker had a 3-pointer and Cory Wallace had two treys in the first period.

The Mules cooled down in the second period and took a 33-8 advantage to the dressing room at the half. TJ Brantley hit from the elbow to open the second half.

Brant Hamilton picked off a Hornet pass and drove for a layup. Wallace hit his third trey of the night in the third period and Cade Smith

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JV Lady Mules stay perfect in district play

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Lady Mules left little doubt as to, which was the better team as they raced out to an 18-2 lead in the opening period. The Lady Mules lapped the Brownfield

Lady Cubs 46-23 to move to 2-0 in district. Cholov Hernandez controlled the paint in the opening period with seven points and Monica Posadas hit a trey and a

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Eighth-grade Mules top Texico, 40-28

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Mules had little trouble in disposing of the Texico Wolverines Monday night. The Mules used full court pressure in the first period to outrun Texico 17-4. The Mules held off the Wolverines for the next three periods and claimed the game 40-28.

Brian Poynor answered Texico's opening bucket with a layup on a fast break. Wes Wood finished a break to knot the game at 4-4.

After that it was all Mules. Austin Wright picked off Texico's in-bound pass and laid it up on the glass to give the Mules the lead for good

with less than two minutes gone in the game.

Lane Wood stole a Texico pass and fed W. Wood for the bucket. The Mules grabbed a defensive rebound and Poynor led the break. He waited for the defense to fly by before he laid the ball on the glass.

On the next possession Dillon Gallman fed Poynor from the top of the key. Poynor made the shot on the blocks and was fouled. He added the charity toss. L. Wood stuck back an offensive rebound

Poynor went high in the air and tipped a Texico pass to himself and drove the floor to cap off the scoring in the first

period. Victor Vasquez opened the second period with a drive down the lane and he picked his way through the defense. Vasquez layup left the Wolverines trailing 19-4 and unable to catch the Mules.

Poynor led the Mules in scoring with 16 points, nine coming in the first period. Wes Wood added 10 points and Vasquez dropped in six. Lane Wood made four points and Gallman and Wright chipped in two each.

The Mules hosted Brownfield Monday and travel to Levelland January 31. The Mules finish the season by hosting the Lubbock Cooper Pirates February 7.

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heated up with six points.

Smith drained a 15-foot jumper, made a left-handed layup on a pick-and-roll play with Eddie Alvarado and completed a fast break on a pass from Kirby Kimbrough. The Mules had pushed their lead to 50-18 after three periods.

Rudy Gonzales crashed the offensive boards for a pair of put backs in the final period and Eric Washington added a bucket.

The Mules used a balance scoring attack with Hamilton scoring 12 points and Barker and Wallace each added 11.

Smith dropped in 10, Gonzales eight; Washington six, Brantley five and Alvarado chipped in two.

The Mules came out hot against the Cubs and took a 10-6 lead with 1:42 left in the opening period with Garrett Riley picking up a loose ball and driving the baseline to finish a break.

Barker had grabbed a rebound and hit Hamilton with a half-court pass for fast-break points to open the game. Brantley hit Washington open on the base line for an easy bucket.

Hamilton dragged down a defensive rebound and hit Wallace with a perfect three-quarter-court pass. Wallace completed the break.

The Cubs hit back-to-back buckets late in the period to tie the score at 10-10.

Kimbrough broke the tie with a baseline drive and the Cubs added a charity toss to end the period trailing the Mules 12-11.

The seesaw battle continued in the second period and the Mules fell behind 27-30 on a last second shot by the Cubs.

The Cubs added two more to their lead in the third period as they out scored the Mules 10-12.

Cory Wallace pulled out the heavy artillery in the final frame and hit three treys and was a perfect four-for-four from the charity line for 15 final period points.

Hamilton hit two buckets

and drained a pair from the charity line and Brantley scored in the paint.

The win put the Mules in a tie for the district lead at 1-0. Wallace led the Mules in scoring with 20 points and Hamilton added 18.

Washington made eight points, Riley five, Gonzales four and Kimbrough, Brantley and Smith each chipped in two points.

The Mules traveled to Levelland on Tuesday to challenge the Lobos for the district lead.

The Mules return home on Friday to host the Lubbock Cooper Pirates and the Littlefield Wildcats come to town Jan. 25.

Ninth-grade Lady Mules defeat Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The ninth grade Lady Mules have had to continually reinvent themselves this season. They have had two players moved up to the JV Lady Mules and lost a third for medical reasons. They continue to play solid defense and have a different player step up their scoring.

The Lady Mules downed the Littlefield Lady Cats for the second time this season 36-23 last Monday night.

Caitlin Wills dominated the paint in the opening frame and kept the Lady Mules close with a pair of free throws and a bucket. The Lady Mules trailed 4-5 to start the second period.

The Lady Mules turned on the offense in the second period with Kelsy Tipps picking up a loose ball at mid-court, drove, stopped and popped from six feet. Wills was fouled on a put back and made both shots from the charity line to give the Lady Mules the lead for good.

Ashley Scolley went coast-to-coast for a layup and Wills added a free throw.

Heather Barker got back-to-back put backs to open a 16-9 Lady Mule lead with just over a minute left in the half. Tipps and Wills each converted a free throw before the half ended

to push the Lady Mule lead to 18-10.

Tipps stuck back an offensive rebound and hit from the elbow to continue to punish the Lady Cats in the second half. Jacy Lawrence launched a half-court pass to Barker to finish a break to put the Lady Mules up 24-10.

Myra Torres hit a 10-footer and Scolley added a free throw before Littlefield made a final run at the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules led the Lady Cats 27-17 to start the final quarter.

Lawrence called "glass" and banked in a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter. Barker stuck back a rebound and Wills crashed the boards for a put back to answer a Lady Cat bucket.

Scolley and Wills capped the Lady Mule scoring with a free throw apiece.

Wills led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points and Tipps and Barker added eight points each. Scolley dropped in four points; Lawrence three and Torres chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Plainview Jan. 17 and are in a one-day tournament in Friona on Jan. 22. They travel to Brownfield Jan. 24 and go to Dimmit for a tournament Jan. 27-29. The Lady Mules final home game is Jan. 31 when they host Levelland. The Lady Mules finish the season in Lubbock Cooper on Feb. 7.

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long two for five points. Kyra Kimbrough caught fire in the second period and scored all nine of the Lady Mule points.

The Lady Mules took a 27-7 advantage into the second half and Brownfield opened the half with a 7-2 scoring run to cut the Lady Mule lead to 29-14.

Hernandez stopped the bleeding with a pair of free throws and drove the lane for a bucket on the next trip down the floor.

The Lady Mules had a 37-19 cushion at the end of three periods.

The Lady Mule defense only gave up four points in the final period while putting nine on the boards. Kimbrough hit Irma Torres with a base line pass.

Torres drained the short jumper to cap all scoring. Kimbrough led the Lady Mules in scoring with 16 points and Hernandez had 15.

Torres had six in the final period for eight points, Posadas made five and Ashley Grumbles chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland on Tuesday night to challenge the Loboettes for the district lead. Friday night the Lady Mules host the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates and Jan. 25 the Littlefield Lady Cats come to town to start the second round of district.



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Sports

Eighth-grade Lady Mules down Littlefield, 32-26

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth-grade Lady Mules evened the score with the Littlefield Lady Cats at one game each on the season. The Lady Mules lost the season opener to the Lady Cats in Littlefield 19-36.

Last Monday night the Lady Mules showed their defensive prowess and held the Lady Cats in check. The Lady Mules posted 32 points while the Lady Cats could only manage 26.

Amy Withrow hit the Lady Mules first bucket of the night with a 10-foot baseline jumper. Janae Pyle knotted the score at 3-3 with a free throw.

Gabby Agundis put the Lady Mules in front with a shot from the elbow.

The Lady Cats retied the game with a pair from the charity line before the first period ended. Kathryn Owens was fouled shooting inside and converted one free throw before Agundis banked in a trey from the top of the key.

Littlefield scored two buckets to stay close at 10-9. Withrow picked off a Lady Cat in bound pass and went to the hole.

The Lady Cats answered with a bucket and a trey to take a 12-14 lead with 38 seconds remaining in the half.

Agundis ended the half with a 10-foot jumper on a fast break to knot the game at 14-14 at the intermission.

Withrow and Agundis teamed up for 10 of the Lady Mules, 11 points in the third period.

The stingy Lady Mule defense held Littlefield to only six points. The Lady Mules took a 25-20 advantage into the final quarter.

Madison Smith exploded for four points in the final period as the Lady Mules out scored Littlefield 7-6 to hang on for the win.

Agundis set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 13 points and Withrow added 10. Smith dropped in five points and Pyle and Owens chipped in two each.

The Lady Mules were in the Levelland Tournament over the weekend and traveled to Texico on Monday.

The Lady Mules travel to Brownfield on Jan. 24 and return home Jan. 31 to meet Levelland in their final home game.

The Lady Mules finish the season at Lubbock Cooper on Feb. 7.

Seventh-grade Lady Mules defense sets up win

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

It has taken the seventh grade Lady Mules a little time this season to learn the very complicated defense they run. Monday night they ran that defense to near perfection against the Lady Cats of Littlefield.

The Lady Mules had lost to Littlefield in the first round of district 35-12 but extracted a bit of revenge in the second meeting. They held the potent Lady Cats to 19 points Monday night while the Lady Mules generated 21.

Sarah Johnson did most of the damage on the offensive end but it was a team effort on defense. Johnson scored the opening bucket on a give-and-go play to Breann Baca. The diminutive Johnson ripped a rebound out of the hands of a Lady Cat and drove the floor for the second bucket.

Johnson had all six of the Lady Mule points in the open-

ing period and the defense held Littlefield to only four points. Littlefield scored to open the second period and tie the game.

Johnson shattered the tie with a 3-pointer from the corner on a perfectly executed in bound play. The Lady Mules added seven points in the second period. Their defense continued to stifle Littlefield and held them to eight points by the intermission.

Tiffany Standard completed a fast break with 1:30 left in the third frame to extend the Lady Mule lead. Standard took a lob pass over the defense in the lane and laid the ball on the glass.

The Lady Mule defense hustled back on defense to break up a Lady Cat fast break just before the third period ended with the Lady Mules leading 19-10.

Littlefield went on a nine-point scoring run in the final frame to tie the game at 19-

19 and challenge the Lady Mules. Johnson grabbed a defensive rebound and drove the floor with nine seconds showing on the clock.

Johnson was hammered on the shot and Littlefield called time out to ice Johnson. Johnson sank the first charity toss and Littlefield again called time out to apply more ice. With ice water flowing through her veins Johnson nailed the second free throw to give the Lady Mules a two-point advantage.

Ashley Cisneros rose high in the air to pick off a Lady Cat pass and end their hopes of tying the game.

Johnson finished the game with 19 points and Standard had two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Texico on Monday night and go to Brownfield on Jan. 24. The Lady Mules will compete in the Levelland Tournament on Jan. 27-29.

The Lady Mules final home

game is Jan. 31 when they host Levelland.

Seventh grade Mules fall to Wolverines

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Mules ran out of time Monday night against the Texico Wolverines. Texico owned a 9-25 lead going into the final period. The Mules clamped on the defense and out scored Texico 11-2 in the final frame.

The Wolverines hung on to defeat the Mules 20-27.

Larry Richardson finished a break for an easy bucket to open the final quarter.

The Mules forced a turnover and Richardson found Justin Griswold running on the break to trim two more off the Texico margin.

Richardson picked a Wolverines pocket near the time line and flew to basket for a layup. Brett Poynor drained a fall-away jumper on the Mules, next possession to cut the margin to 17-25.

Texico's only two point's came on free throws. Poynor converted a free

throw and hit from the elbow before time expired.

Poynor led the Mules in scoring with 10 points and Richardson added six.

Griswold and Jared Skipworth each chipped in two points.

The Mules host the Brownfield Cubs January 24 and compete in the Levelland Tournament January 27-29. The Mules travel back to Levelland January 31 and finish the season with Lubbock Cooper February 7.

Ninth-grade Mules stamped by Whitefaces

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The freshman Mules could not keep up with the high-speed Hereford Whitefaces. The Mules fell to the Herd 34-62 last Monday night.

The Herd started the game quickly and the Mules fell behind 0-5 before Colby Carpenter found Elias Alvarado breaking through the back door for a layup.

Patrick Precure dropped in a trey from the corner to cut the Herd advantage to 5-

8. Angel Regalado scored inside to answer a Herd bucket. Alvarado drained a 10-foot jumper to get the Mules as close as they would come all night. The Mules trailed 9-10 before the Herd went on a four-point run.

Dusty Clayton drove from the wing and Alvarado converted a fee throw before the period ended with the Mules trailing the Herd 12-20.

Alvarado paced the

Mules with 15 points and Clayton and Regalado added six points each. Precure had three points and Adam Zamora and Carpenter chipped in two each.

The Mules traveled to Brownfield Monday night and are in the Dimmitt Tournament January 27-29. The Mules return to district action in Levelland January 31 and wrap up the season by hosting the Lubbock Cooper Pirates February 7.

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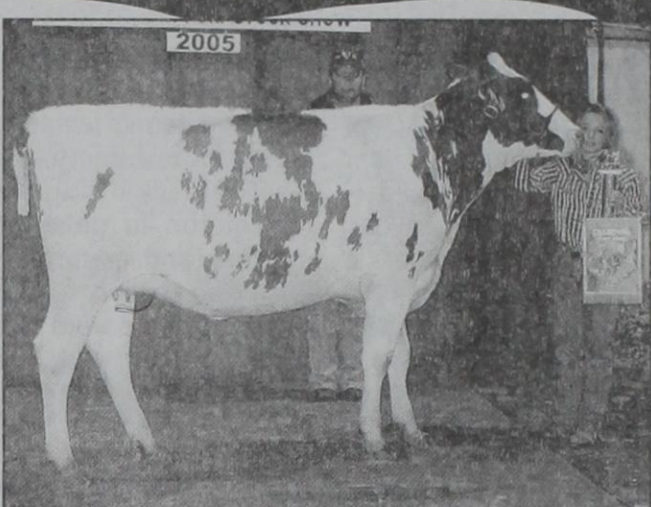
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College News

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M University, Texarkana, has announced the students who graduated with honors at the Fall 2004 Commencement exercise held Dec. 18, 2004. A&M Regent Dr. Wendy Gramm delivered the commencement address.

Brandy Green of New Boston, granddaughter of Max and Barbara Crim of Muleshoe and daughter of Cindy Crim Noey of New Boston, graduated summa

cum laude with a 4.0 GPA, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

She is a graduate of James Bowie High School in 1996.

In college, she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and an



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officer in the Education Club.

She and her husband, Phillip, have two children, Dustyn, 8, and Sierra, 5. She was the only student to graduate as summa cum laude.

ANGELO STATE

Two students from Muleshoe were on the Dean's List for the 2004 Fall semester.

They were Gary Judd Glover,

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Agricultural News

Cotton Report

Despite the fundamentally bearish implications of USDA's January supply/demand report, futures were higher in the front months at the close of trading on Thursday.

USDA raised its estimate of world cotton output in 2004-05 to a record 115.64 million bales from 114.02 million last month. World ending stocks were increased to 47.12 million bales versus 46.53 million the preceding month.

The department also boosted its U.S. upland cotton production estimate to a record high 23.01 million bales, up slightly from its December forecast and 25 percent more than last year's production. Yield also was placed at a record high. At 835 pounds per acre, the U.S. cotton yield figure is up 17 pounds from the December forecast and 112 pounds more than 2003's average yield.

U.S. harvested area, placed at 12.8 million acres, decreased 1 percent from last month but is an 8 percent increase from last year. Planted area, however, is estimated at 13.4 million acres, down one percent

from the September estimate but less than a 1 percent increase from last season. Data from the combined seven Objective Yield States shows higher boll counts and weights than any of the previous six seasons.

The 2004-05 cotton season has been an interesting one for many U.S. growers. Most producers on the High and Rolling Plains of Texas got off to an excellent start this season only to be slowed by winter weather which now may push the end of the ginning season past March 1 in some areas.

Texas growers began the planting season at an above average pace. Rains during late June benefited dryland cotton in the Texas Panhandle, and the moisture allowed producers to proceed with planting. Late-planted acres received beneficial rainfall during the month of August. Showers and below normal temperatures switched from being beneficial early in the growing season to delaying progress and maturation later in the season.

Many growers were con-

cerned the delayed cotton crop would be unable to finish boll setting while muddy conditions hindered equipment from entering fields. During the month of December, dry fields allowed growers to make significant progress harvesting their crops. However, adverse weather has slowed the process of delivering modules to gins, and wet conditions have delayed ginning.

Despite the trials and tribulations suffered throughout the season, objective yield measurements show Texas cotton boll counts and average boll weights are the highest ever recorded in the 15-year data series.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 251,400 bales in the week ended Jan. 6. The figure was 78 percent more than the previous week and 30 percent more than the four-week average. Major buyers included Turkey, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Sales of 11,800 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Indonesia.

Export shipments during the week were a marketing

year high at 287,200 bales. The figure was 18 percent more than the prior week and 45 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

At 23 weeks into the 2004-05 marketing year, U.S. export commitments total 8.22 million bales, down 6 percent from the comparable period one year ago when 8.74 million bales of commitments had been made.

Meanwhile, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 116,686 bales online in the week ended Jan. 13 compared to the previous week when 132,149 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 35.53 to 36.72 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 34.69 to 36.33 cents per pound.

Arkansas farmers set record rice, cotton harvests

American farmers grew record cotton and soybean crops last year, and farmers in Arkansas grew their biggest ever rice and cotton harvests, the federal government said Wednesday.

Last year's U.S. cotton crop was even bigger than earlier estimated, and exporters can use the extra production because of growing demand in China, the world's biggest buyer, according to the final report on 2004 crops from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The national soybean harvest, however, will leave the largest U.S. surplus of the crop since 1986.

The U.S. cotton crop will finish at 23.01 million bales, up from the December estimate of 22.82 million. Cotton futures have climbed 4.1 percent this year as record global production was outweighed by demand prospects, which farmers hope leads to a turnaround from last year.

Prices dropped 40 percent in 2004 as supply overwhelmed growing demand from textile manufacturers. "I am impressed with world consumption," said John

Flanagan, president of Flanagan Trading Corp. in North Carolina. "The world economy's doing good, and China's growing like crazy, and so is India. It means

their own internal demand is growing."

Cotton futures for March delivery rose 0.39 cent to 46.59 cents a pound on the New York Board of Trade on Wednesday.

Arkansas' cotton production in 2004 set a record of 2.1 million 480-pound bales, surpassing the previous record of 2 million set in 1948.

The 7.54 million bales picked in Texas, the biggest U.S. grower, would exceed the record 6.04 million bales produced in 1949, USDA figures show. So far, gins in Texas have ginned 4.8 million bales. "There is so much cotton waiting to be ginned in Texas it's going to be March before it's all done," said Jobe Moss, an analyst at MCM Inc. in Lubbock. "This is an exceptionally big crop."

Arkansas' soybean production in 2004 totaled 124.4 million bushels, the second-largest crop in state history, exceeded only by the 1979 crop of 144.2 million bushels. Soybeans are the state's largest crop.

The state's production contributed to a record U.S. harvest of 3.141 billion bushels, the USDA said. The forecast for unsold soybeans was 435 million bushels, the largest since 1986.

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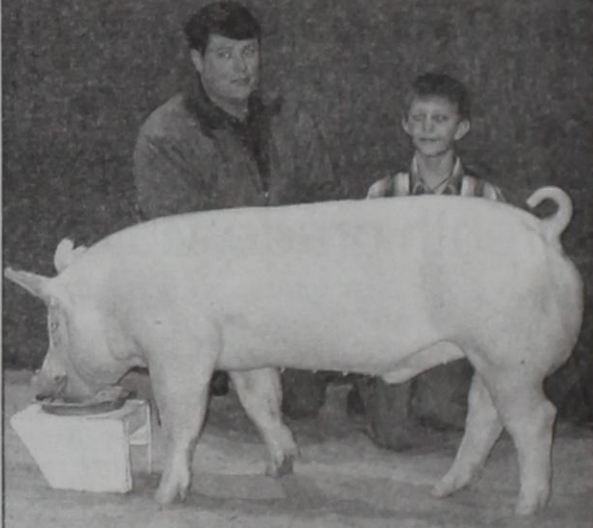
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From the family of Susie Howard

Livestock Show results, from front page

Baylee Bessire, cattle - British steer; Jacy Lawrence, cattle - dairy heifer; Baylee Bessire, cattle - beef heifer; Kaleb Baker, pig - Duroc; Mandy Brandley, pig - Gilt; Garrison Myers, pig - Yorkshire; Madison Myers, pig - Hampshire; Judd Baker, pig - Berkshire; T.J. Brantley, pig - white OPB; Jacy Lawrence, pig - black OPB; Autumn Rainey, sheep - finewool cross; Corie Ann Black, sheep - southdown.

Reserve Breed Champion

Abby Lawrence, cattle - dairy heifer; Logan Caddell, cattle - American steer; Myles James, pig - Duroc; Kaleb Baker, pig - Hampshire; Dusty Clayton, pig - Berkshire; McKenna Dunham, pig - white OPB; McKenna Dunham, pig - gilt; Cassie Kirby, pig - Yorkshire; Myles James, pig - black OPB.

Firsts

Amy Burris, pig - black OPB; Cody Black, pig - Hampshire; Abby Lawrence, pig - gilt; Brandon Ellis, pig - crosses; Cody Kirby, pig - Duroc; Judd Baker, pig - Hampshire.

Seconds

Shelbi Harrison, cattle - British steer; Austin Bamert, cattle - exotic steer; Logan Caddell, cattle - exotic steer; Shelby Harrison, cattle - British steer; Keifer Ruthardt, pig - gilt; Brandon Ellis, pig - Berkshire; Jackson Myers, pig - Yorkshire; Clay Pena, pig - black OPB; Logan Harrison, pig - crosses; Garrison Myers, pig - gilt; Kirby Kimbrough, pig - Berkshire; Madison Myers, pig - crosses; Brant Hamilton, pig - Duroc; Mitchell Forti, pig - gilt; Brandi Hamilton, pig - crosses; T.J. Brantley, pig - Hampshire; Amy Burris, sheep - medium wool; Cami Jo Vandiver, goat; Jessica Kube, goat.

Thirds

Tanner Bales, cattle - American steer; Brett Bamert, cattle - exotic steer; Clay Pena, cattle - British steer; Mason Gable, pig - Hampshire; Dal Whalin, pig - Duroc; Logan Harrison, pig - Hampshire; Mandy Brantley, pig - black OPB; Ashley Thomas, pig - gilt; Danilla Avila, pig - Yorkshire; Anthony Escobar, pig - Duroc; Brandi Hamilton, pig - black OPB; Cassie Kirby, pig - Berkshire; Dusty Clayton, pig - Hampshire; Bailey Bales, pig - white OPB; Craig Black, sheep - medium wool.

Fourths

Katelyn Gable, pig - crosses; Cody Black, pig - black OPB; Carlos Saenz, pig - gilt; Eric Avila, pig - Hampshire; Austin Thomas, pig - gilt; Mindy Hamilton, pig - Hampshire; Colton Heinrich, pig - crosses.

Fifths

Katelyn Gable, pig - gilt; Corie Ann Black, pig - gilt; Roper Kerby, pig - black OPB; Colton Heinrich, pig - Yorkshire; Barry Morris, pig - gilt; Carlos Saenz, pig - crosses; and Diego Saenz, sixth, pig - crosses.

Commentary

Tsunami disaster brings out the best in Texans

Like most Texans, I listened with a sinking heart to news of the death and devastation unleashed on Asia by the tidal waves spawned by an earthquake off the coast of Indonesia. The tsunamis ravaged the coastlines of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, and Malaysia. More than 150,000 were killed, and five million more were instantly rendered homeless. As a mother, I could only listen in shock to reports that approximately one-third of the victims were children.

Yet, in that time of trial and loss, I was heartened by the response of the American people. With the breaking of the news, we sprang into action, donating money and goods to those affected by this natural disaster. The pace has not slackened, and the United States is providing needed help to the suffering people in the region.

Our armed services have demonstrated, once again, their ability to perform humanitarian as well as military missions. The sailors and airmen of the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln are providing airlift capacity to relief efforts. A U.N. official has said the helicopters, which get supplies and help out to remote villages whose roads and ports have been demolished, are "worth their weight in gold."

As always, Texas is heavily involved in providing aid. The High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift, whose home port is Ingleside, was deployed on Jan. 3, to support tsunami disaster relief efforts in the vicinity of Singapore.

President Bush has pledged over \$350 million so far to help the people and nations affected by this natural disaster. The Senate approved a resolution, and Congress stands ready to do everything necessary to support relief efforts. In the meantime, food, medicine, and other aid is already flowing.

While our generosity as a nation is impressive, it is as individuals that we shine. After television broadcasted the grim news of the tsunami, Texans spontaneously sought ways to help. Local churches, schools and charities have

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pitched in, raising money, supplies, and materials.

There are countless examples of corporations, people, and organizations which have pitched in. Kimberly-Clark Corp., of Irving, said donations by the company and its employees could hit \$1.5 million. The firm has also donated health and hygiene products to the relief effort.

Philip and Donna Berber of Austin, founders of the Glimmer of Hope foundation, have pledged \$1 million.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is sending three water purification units to Sri Lanka and one to Thailand and more than 80 volunteers to man cooking teams which can provide up to 30,000 meals daily.

Michael Dell, chairman of Round Rock's Dell, Inc., has pledged \$3 million to relief efforts through his Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

Texas artists are also chipping in. Willie Nelson headlined the "Tsunami Relief Austin to South Asia" concert to benefit the Red Cross, UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders. Joining him were Patty Griffin, Bruce Robison, and other musicians.

If some readers are looking for a chance to contribute, they will find their local churches, temples, and civic organizations can help direct them to a worthy agency. They can also contact either the local chapter of the American Red Cross,

or go to the national organization's website at: <http://www.redcross.org> <<http://www.redcross.org>>. For a list of reputable organizations involved in tsunami disaster relief, you can go to the webpage of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), at: http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/ngolist.html.

I am personally giving to

Samaritan's Purse, a part of Billy Graham's humanitarian effort that has been delivering supplies throughout the region.

At this time of immense suffering, it is inspiring to see so many of our neighbors helping out their fellow man. Lending a hand is part of our heritage. I urge my fellow Texans to remember the afflicted in their prayers, and to support the relief effort if they can.

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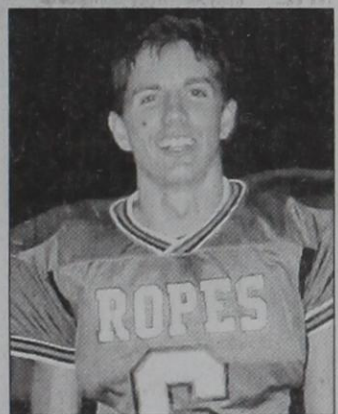
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Taylor Wilson, the grandson of Eloise Wilson of Muleshoe and the son of Darrell Wilson, was named First Team quarterback of the Six-Man All-State Team.

Wilson is a senior at Ropes and was quarterback for his team.

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Obituaries

THRESIA J. DAVIS

Services for Thresia J. Davis, 70, of Muleshoe were Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. H.D. Hunter of Muleshoe officiating.

Mrs. Davis died Jan. 13, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Dec. 3, 1934, in Clovis, N.M. She married Elmer Davis on Dec. 11, 1965 in Lazbuddie.

Mrs. Davis moved to Muleshoe in 1965 from Lazbuddie, where she went to school. She worked as a nurse aid for 17 years and as a massage therapist in her own clinic. She was a member of Trinity Christian Fellowship Church in Muleshoe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Ernestine Steinbock; and a daughter, Terri Jean Nichols in 2001.

Survivors include her husband of Muleshoe; two sons, Gary Davis and his wife Barbara of North Little Rock, Ark. and Terry Davis and wife Sandra of Brownfield; three daughters, Terina Meyers and husband Clifton of Lubbock, Angela Calder and husband Dennis of Amarillo and Donna Gail Retherford of Lake Dallas; two sisters, Sherry White of Farwell and Jenny Shaw of Muleshoe; a brother, Buster Steinbock of Springlake, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130.

LUCIA AGUIRRE

Services for Lucia Aguirre, 87, of Muleshoe, were Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Muleshoe with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Aguirre died Jan. 14, 2005, at Muleshoe Area

Medical Center. She was born March 7, 1917, in Presidio. She married Gumercindo Aguirre in Ojinaga, Chi., Mexico, on Jan. 20, 1950.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

She had been a Muleshoe resident since 1970, moving here from Presidio. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe and worked as a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband of Muleshoe; three sons, Alejandro, Agapito and Gilberto Aguirre, all of Muleshoe; a sister, Refugia Sanchez of Presidio; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

VICTORIA HENDRICKS

Graveside services for Victoria Hendricks, 97, of Muleshoe were Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Barry Wiseman officiating. Mrs. Hendricks died Jan. 9, 2005, in Levelland. She was born July 17, 1907 in Hood County. She married Claude Hendricks in Portales on June 2, 1928.

Mrs. Hendricks was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 5, 1981. She had been a Muleshoe resident since 1972 and was a member of Muleshoe Church of Christ. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Claude Hendricks of Lubbock; a daughter, Florence Maloney of Sweetwater; a sister, Christine Edwards of Corpus Christi; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

PAULINE 'POLLY' MILLS

Services for Pauline "Polly" Mills, 71, of Bovina were Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at the Bovina Church of Christ with Mike Prather, Cecil Bunch and Jeff Procter officiating. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

Mrs. Mills died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, in Lubbock Heart Hospital. She was born Oct. 6, 1933, in Danville, Ark., to Hugh and Bessie Webb. She married Truett Alfred Mills on Dec. 24, 1953 in Clovis, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 4, 1971; her parents; a sister, Anne Lee Englant; and a brother, Alfred Webb.

Mrs. Mills moved to Bovina in 1952 from Friona. She was a member of Bovina Church of Christ, Bo-

vina Senior Citizens and Bovina Exercise Club. She was employed for a number of years by Excel Corporation in Friona. At the time of her death, she was employed by First Bank, Bovina Division.

Survivors include four daughters, Patti Gencarelli and husband Mike of LaPorte, Deborah Goldsmith and husband Dan of Dimmitt, Karla Withrow and husband Jarod of Littlefield and Kara Fulcher and husband Mike of Lorenzo; three sisters, Joyce Smith of Cleburne, June Muse of Lubbock and Pam Hill, who recently moved to England; four brothers, Wayne Webb of Azle, Bob Webb of Burkburnett, Larry Webb of Hale Center and Sam Webb of Farwell; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Bovina Church of Christ, 500 Ave. E., Bovina, TX 79009.

FRANCES EVINS

Services for Francis Evins, 75, of Amherst were Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at First Baptist Church, Littlefield, with the Rev. Joe Stewart officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mr. Evins died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at his home. He was born Aug. 6, 1929 in Bula to William W. and Mary Elizabeth Evins. He married Dorothy Maye Warren on May 21, 1949 in Bailey County.

Mr. Evins farmed in the Needmore Community be-

fore moving to the Rocky Ford area in 1972. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Littlefield.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Evins, and a sister, Elmata Hilliard.

Survivors include his wife of Amherst; a son, Terry and wife Angela Evins of Fieldton; a daughter, Teena Evins of Littlefield; two brothers, J.W. "Buster" Evins of Muleshoe and Charles Evins of Las Cruces, N.M.; two sisters, Irene Lynn of Littlefield and Mary Ellen Bryan of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church of Littlefield Building Fund.

MARIA TERESA VALDEZ

Services for Maria Teresa Valdez, 69, of Muleshoe, were Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Muleshoe, with the Rev. Filomen Cabulosan officiating.

Mrs. Valdez died Jan. 15, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Oct. 14, 1935, in Candela Coahuila, Mex.

She married Bernardo Valdez on Sept. 22, 1954. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1988.

Mrs. Valdez's family moved to the Muleshoe Community in April, 1964, from Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where she was a member of the Guadalupeña Society.

Survivors include four sons, Norberto Valdez of Tulia, Cuauhtemoc Valdez of Dimmitt, Santos Ramon Valdez of Clovis, N.M. and Bernardo Valdez Jr. of Muleshoe; five daughters, Alma Franco, Martina Quintana and Manuela Valdez, all of Muleshoe, Amanda Valdez of Tulia and

Nancy Valdez of Mexico; three sisters, Rosa Arevalo, Maria de Los Angeles, Guadalupe Buentello, all of Laredo, Mex.; a brother, Jose Arevalo of Candela, Mex.; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Monster crop, seed quality, pink bollworm topics at meeting

By Roger Haldenby

LUBBOCK - Reporting to the Plains Cotton Advisory Group at its first meeting in 2005 on Monday, Kenny Day Area Director of the USDA Classing Office in Lubbock said, "We're steadily classing 43,000 bales a day and I think we've turned the corner on the heaviest work load of this season."

He commented, "Many medium to larger gins in the area surrounding Lubbock say they'll still be ginning this crop into March."

The largest crop ever classed by the Lubbock Classing Office was 2.8 million bales, according to Day.

That's likely to be a record that will stand for a few years.

Discussion moved on to seed quality. Tom

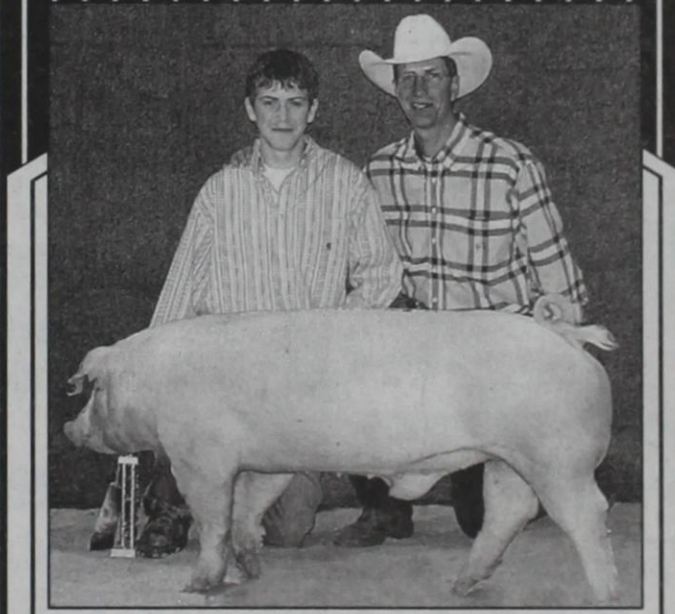
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Obituaries

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GEORGE YOUNG MITCHELL

Services for George Young Mitchell, 90, of Muleshoe were Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monte Leavell and Gary Hooten officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.



MITCHELL

Mr. Mitchell died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at Park View Nursing Home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1914, in San Jon, N.M., to William Young and Cora Pearl Mitchell. He married Clydetta Dryden in Portales, N.M., on Nov. 28, 1934.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 21, 2004; his parents; a daughter, Mona Lewis in 1977; a sister, Argie; and two brothers, Glen and Hugh Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell was a graduate of House High School, House, N.M.

Before moving to Bailey

County in 1949, he managed several ranches. He then decided to try his hand at farming. He and his family moved to the Progress Community to farm.

Cattle seemed to be in his blood, so the family moved to Lubbock in 1959 to manage a feed lot. In 1962, he moved to Las Vegas, N.M., where he ranched for 13 years.

When he semi-retired, he moved to Muleshoe.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his sons, Jim Mitchell of Hedley and Bill Mitchell of Santa Rosa, N.M.; daughters, Helen Cook and Marilyn Wilson, both of Muleshoe; a sister, Kate Franklin of Melrose, N.M.; two brothers, W.Y. and Herman Mitchell of Clovis, N.M.; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Volunteers Plus of the Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J., Muleshoe, TX. 79347 or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 505, Muleshoe, TX. 79347.

Governor: January is School Board Recognition month

AUSTIN – Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2005 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"From kindergarten to university, a quality education opens doors of opportunity and promise. In addition to preparing students to embrace life's challenges, a solid educational foundation provides young Texans with confidence, ambition, and critical social skills.

"Realizing that the roadmap for the Texas of tomorrow is being carefully drawn in our classrooms, the dedicated men and women of our local school boards work with educators, government officials and the community to ensure that young Texans have the best start in life," Perry said.

"Since its inception in 1949, the Texas Association of School Boards has worked with and on behalf of local school boards throughout the Lone Star State.

"Each January, in an effort to highlight the numerous contributions of school board members, the association launches an awareness campaign.

"At this time, therefore, I urge all Texans to recognize the integral role school board members play in our education system. As they work to empower young Texans, they highlight the best of our great state," he said.

"School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the challenging and rewarding task of governing school districts.

"Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"As dedicated advocates for

Texas youth, local trustees face complex challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the demands and far-reaching implications of their responsibilities on local boards.

"We hope every community will take this opportunity in January to acknowledge the vital contributions of their local school board members who share their vision and voice about the future of Texas children.

"It is important to recognize the commitment that board service requires of more than

7,000 locally elected trustees across the state and support them as they diligently work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts.

"These citizen leaders give of their time and work purely for the common good of every child.

"They help us to set high standards in the education system, urging us all to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation," Crow said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of more than \$30 billion, employ more than 560,000 people, and serve more than four million public school students.

Farm, ranch estate planning seminar set

COLLEGE STATION - Farmers, ranchers and other landowners can learn how to reduce their taxes and make effective estate planning decisions at two Texas Cooperative Extension farm and ranch estate planning seminars slated across Texas in January and February.

The seminars are planned for Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in San Antonio at the Alamo Towers West and Feb. 14-15 in Denton at the Denton County Government Center.

Each seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

This information should be useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, and trustees - anyone who wants to make estate settlement less burdensome, the economist said.

Registration for this two-day seminar costs \$100 per person.

The fee includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch both days.

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Wehring at (979) 845-2226 or s-wehring@tamu.edu.

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

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Hall Bros., Sudan	7 Red str.	647 lbs. at \$102.00
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Gene Welch, Friona	13 Blk. str.	695 lbs. at \$107.00
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Phillips Farms, Portales, NM	5 Mxd. str.	768 lbs. at \$106.50
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Kress Jones, Hobbs, NM	3 Char. str.	995 lbs. at \$95.00
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C&M Rogers Farms, Muleshoe	3 Yell. hfrs	290 lbs. at \$127.00
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Danny Jordan, Meadow	2 Char. hfrs	355 lbs. at \$130.00
Hall Bros., Sudan	3 Red hfrs	365 lbs. at \$120.00
Hall Bros., Sudan	3 Red hfrs	488 lbs. at \$114.00
Jesus Ortega, Anton	RWF hfr	405 lbs. at \$123.00
Lee Bilbrey, Bledsoe	5 Red hfrs	415 lbs. at \$119.00
Grady Free, Muleshoe	3 Blk. hfrs	513 lbs. at \$115.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	6 Blk. hfrs	540 lbs. at \$115.50
John Hill, Abernathy	6 Blk. hfrs	553 lbs. at \$113.00
Chico Cattle Co., Abernathy	2 Blk. hfrs	650 lbs. at \$104.00
L.W. Shafer, Muleshoe	2 BMF hfrs	655 lbs. at \$110.00
Meghan Hill, Abernathy	2 Blk. hfrs	673 lbs. at \$101.00
Ronnie Vaughn, Littlefield	BWF pair	\$1010.00
Jim Bob Sides, Farwell	Red pair	\$940.00
C&M Rogers Farm, Muleshoe	5 Mxd. pairs	\$900.00
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Benefits of meal planning

By Mandi Seaton, Bailey County CEA-FCS

Over half of the adults in the U.S. are overweight or obese.

Also, many children are overweight. This suggests a lack of understanding, and/or practice, of healthful food choices to meet physical needs.

When meal planning is ineffective, or non-existent, all too often diet quality suffers. The temptation to go out for a quick bite of burger and fries or pizza can be difficult to overcome and may result in a meal that is more expensive than a dinner cooked at home.

Meal planning may take some time initially, but it saves time in the long run and often gets easier with practice.

The Food Guide Pyramid can be used to plan healthy meals. Planning meals helps to save money, improve diet quality, and reduce dinner time stress. The steps to meal planning are:

- first, PLAN a menu based on the Food Guide Pyramid;
- second WRITE a shopping list;
- third, SHOP for the best food buys;
- fourth, STORE and PREPARE food properly to prevent spoilage and avoid foodborne illness;
- fifth, SERVE appropriate and healthful food portions; and
- sixth, ENJOY your dinner.

One approach developed by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) to help people visualize meals consisting of healthful foods in appropriate portions is called "The American Plate."

The Food Guide Pyramid's key teaching concepts of balance variety and moderation and the New American Plate's visual elements can be easily integrated.

First imagine an average 8 inch dinner plate divided into four sections.

The portion of meat or protein food should cover no more and one-fourth of the plate and be no more than the size of a deck or cards.

Two sections of the plate should contain vegetables or fruit.

The remaining one-fourth section of the plate can contain a starch food such as grains (rice, noodles, dinner roll, tortilla), vegetables (potato, corn or green peas), or legumes such as beans.

This approach to meal planning may help reinforce smaller portions which may be beneficial to those who are trying to lose, or avoid gaining, weight.

To learn more about meal planning and other healthy eating tips contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, (806) 272-4583; ask about the Better Living for Texans/Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program.



Courtesy photo: Channel 6

Some people have all the luck — Darlene Smith of Clovis was the winner of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's Muleshoe After Hours grand prize, \$1,000 in Mule Bucks, given away in mid-December. Smith signed up for the drawing at Carolyn's Christmas Creations. Pictured are (l-r): Smith and Carolyn Johnson, owner of Carolyn's.

Health

Flu hits 'widespread' level in Texas

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials reported today that influenza activity in the state last week rose to the widespread classification for the first time this flu season.

Officials say it is not too late to get a flu shot and encourage those in the priority groups to get one.

Flu season officially runs from October through May. In Texas, the heavy part of flu season typically occurs in late December, January and February.

Flu is not a reportable condition in Texas, but DSHS relies on reports from a surveillance network to classify flu activity and report weekly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CDC flu activity classifications are no activity, sporadic, local, regional and widespread.

The widespread classification is used when there is an

increase in flu and flu-like illnesses and recent laboratory confirmed flu in at least half of a state's regions. Ten of Texas' 11 health regions had increased flu activity last week.

The A/Fujian and B/Shanghai forms of the flu virus have been identified in Texas. Both are covered by this season's vaccine.

The expanded priority groups for the flu shot are children 6 months through 23 months of age, adults 50 and older, anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions, women who will be pregnant during flu season, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, children 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, medical care workers providing direct patient care and caregivers and household contacts of children under 6 months old and of others at high risk of severe complications from the flu.

More vaccine has been shipped to Texas providers in recent weeks. People wanting to get a flu shot should contact their doctor, call the 2-1-1 information service and call their local public health department or nearest DSHS regional office.

It takes about two weeks after getting the flu shot for the vaccine to offer maximum protection.

FluMist, a nasal spray vaccine that contains live weakened flu virus, may be used to vaccinate most healthy individuals from 5 years through 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

A pneumococcal vaccine also is recommended for people 65 and older and those with chronic health problems to protect against pneumonia caused by pneumococcus bacteria.

Pneumonia is often a complication of influenza.

WJHS Students of the Week



Honored — Named as Watson Jr. High Students of the Week for the week of Jan. 17th were: front row, l-r: Jonathan Garcia, Alejandra Montejano, Kaleigh Davis; back row, l-r: Alyssa Martinez, William Hanks and Jose Orozco.

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Demographic Study

Trautman used several models of population projections in his study. He found that in the last 14 years the historic population patterns have 8 years of growth and six years of decline, averaging a relatively stable student population. However, larger groups of students have recently entered the district, causing rebounding enrollment. He suggests modest to significant growth in the coming 10 years.

The Texas State Data Center (TxSDC) forecasts that the county population, after a decline between 1990 and 2000, has stabilized and started growing. TxSDC forecasts a slight growth in the county's under-18 age group over the next 25-35 years.

Recent increases in enrollment are primarily from larger groups of entering kindergartners and first graders. This suggests modest to significant growth in the coming 10 years. If this trend repeats itself in the coming 5-10 years, this area will see relatively dramatic growth in the district. Based on five-, seven-, and ten-year Cohort Survival Ratios, enrollment could increase from the existing 1539 students to as many as 1792 students in the next 10 years.

Facility Evaluation

It will come as no surprise to anyone that Mr. Trautman "discovered" that MISD has old facilities. All four of our campuses were basically built between 1949 and 1965. The district has done a good job of extending the life of our facilities with maintenance and renovation projects over the years. With our changes and growth in student population and changes in instructional strategies, he is suggesting we take a close look at all of our facilities for their long-term usage.

Using a standard facility evaluation scoring instrument, all of the district's campuses score in the range where complete renovation or replacement is needed. Some of the needs are the result of overcrowding (including recent growth); others relate to inadequacies and the deterioration that comes with age; and others relate to changes and growth in the scope of instructional support programs, in response to both regular program students and special student needs.

The district has fewer classrooms now than it had in the 1960s. The district has "absorbed" classrooms over the years to use them for special programs mandated by the state. Technology instruction, special education resource rooms, smaller Advance Placement and Dual Credit classes, increased requirements for graduation, and increased requirements for science labs are just a few of these programs that have "absorbed" a number of classrooms over the years.

Years ago, teachers had a pencil sharpener and chalk-

board in the classroom. Today, teachers have pencil sharpeners, overhead projectors, a computer for the teacher, computer stations for students, individual and group learning centers, as well as state-mandated requirements for smaller class sizes. In addition, the state requires even smaller, individualized instruction in some grade levels for students who are struggling.

About 70 percent of the district's general classrooms are smaller than the current Texas state minimum standards. School districts are not required to bring existing buildings up to these standards, except under certain circumstances. Generally, if major renovation is planned, local districts are required by law to meet all current standards. Should the district decide to renovate the campuses, classrooms would have to be brought up to these standards.

The cost of renovating a campus is generally about 50 percent of replacement value. This would include such things as a new roof, heating/AC systems, electrical systems, and plumbing. However, if classrooms have to be enlarged and brought up to state standards, that figure would increase to at least 85 percent of replacement cost.

The district has some immediate needs. The district must address the overcrowding needs at Dillman and DeShazo Elementary. We are currently using every available room and closet at Dillman. We have a class meeting on the gym stage at DeShazo. We must move immediately to provide temporary solutions to the district's overcrowding for at least the next 4-5 years. The district is in the process of locating and securing portable buildings to temporarily satisfy this need.

The district should begin a planning process to first determine educational and program specifications for each campus. Mr. Trautman suggests that MISD create a Facilities Master Plan for its long-term use. The Facilities Master Plan should address the direction, the priorities, and likely needs 20 or more years out, with a specific plan for the next 10 years.

The Facilities Master Plan should address the use of all building sites before committing to specific construction solutions. It should address vehicular access with safe and convenient parking, as well as appropriate points of drop-off and pick-up for students.

If the needs resulting from aging buildings and systems are not addressed, they will soon become economically or educationally obsolete buildings. Even if the district's enrollment were to revert to a declining pattern, the district needs to deal with both significant existing space needs and instructional program needs.

After spending a week in the district, Mr. Trautman praised the caring and quality faculty and staff of the district.

He noted that MISD has a dedicated staff offering a

good educational environment, even though the facilities, with few exceptions, now limit and handicap the instructional program.

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Under this warranty, any merchant who sells a product warrants that it is "fit for its ordinary purpose," and will "pass without objection in the trade." In my opinion, this basically means that you have a guarantee that the dog is healthy at the time of the sale. If you can show that the dog had the medical problem at the time you purchased it, the seller has breached the warranty of merchantability, and should be liable for damages.

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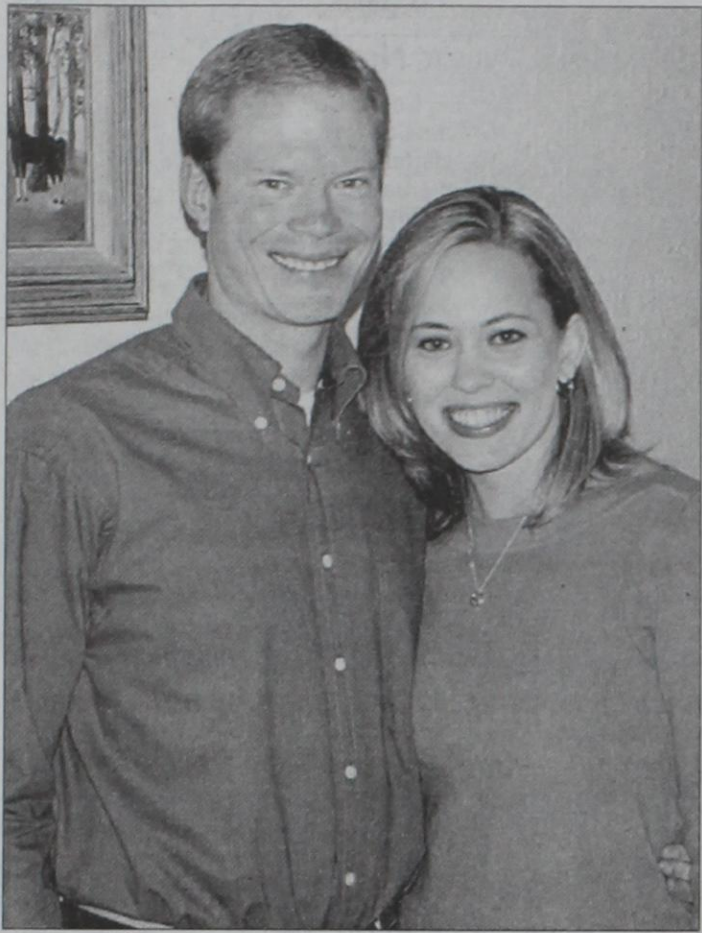
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The bride-elect is the daughter of the Rev. Samuel and Joan Bennett of Tampa.

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Out-of-town guests attending were: the prospective groom's grandmother, Marge Jones; his aunts, Cathy Buchanan and L'Anna Jones; and a cousin, Juli Buchanan, all of Lubbock. Also attending from out-of-town were friends, Margaret Dunn of Shallowater, John Alisha Eades of Lipan, Shelia Jayner of Allen and Jean Harlin of Lubbock.

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The couple will wed Feb. 19, 2005, in Tampa.

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Commentary

Is gambling OK if it's for a charitable cause?

By Rex M. Rogers

Charity gambling is legal in all states except Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Tennessee and Utah. Charitable gambling includes the well-known bingo, as well as casino nights (also known as "Las Vegas Nights," "Monte Carlo Nights" and "Millionaire Parties").

There are also raffles, crane games, fishing derbies, dog mushers, charity game tickets, also known as pull-tabs, jar tickets, breakopens, Lucky 7s, and pickle cards. Charity gambling has become a common method of fund raising for Little Leagues, firefighter stations, libraries, schools, churches and more.

Overall consumer spending on bingo has not changed much since 1982 and is currently just over \$1 billion annually. Other charitable gaming revenue is estimated at \$1.56 billion annually, down somewhat due to the lure of glitzy casinos, increasing numbers of working women, and an aging player population.

Charity gambling is ostensibly about giving to a nonprofit organization. But the nonprofit organization rarely raises more funds than it otherwise might if supporters simply contributed

directly. Typically, up to three-fourths of funds collected are returned to participants in prizes, with another 15% or more covering overhead, leaving maybe 10% of all revenues for the sponsoring nonprofit organizations.

Some nonprofit organizations claim that they could not exist without charity gambling. More charities are initiating gambling fundraisers in part to compensate for reductions in state and federal support and in part due to declining private donations.

People argue that charity gambling is a necessary form of philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations. It's an odd position. If you wish to support the charity, why not just give to the organization directly? Why is it necessary to provide games, prizes and chance in order to get people to give? The biblical pattern says, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Charity gambling may not be our most pressing problem, but like all gambling it creates more problems than it alleviates.

Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D., book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich., pens this column, which appears in 89 newspapers.

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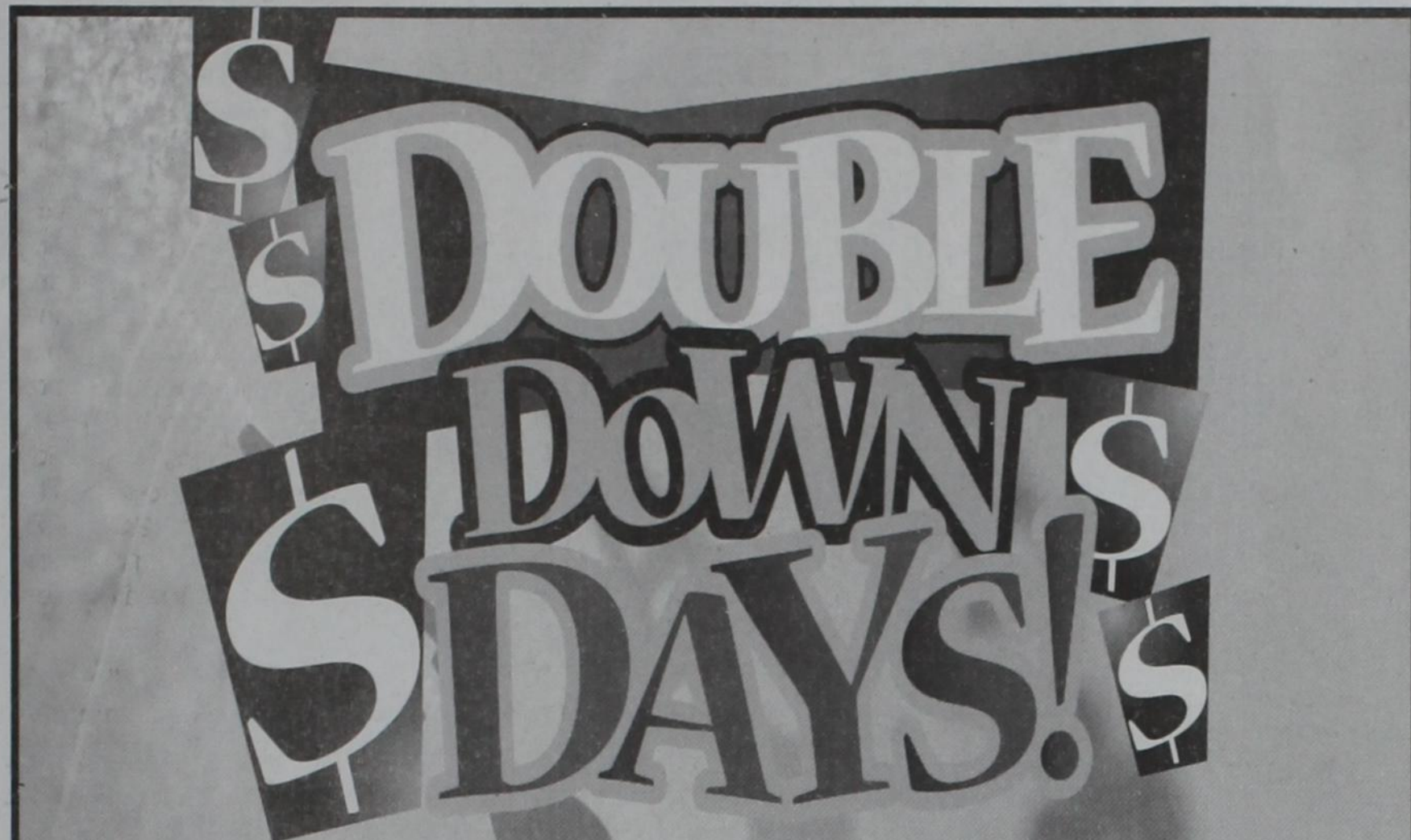
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a psychology major, and Laura Marie Wood, a business major. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

ENMU

Three students from the Muleshoe area were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Eastern New Mexico University.

Miguel Martinez, of Lazbuddie, a criminal justice major was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Letti Barrera, and elementary education major, and Holly Marchman, a wildlife and fisheries science major, both Muleshoe High School graduates were named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

WAYLAND BAPTIST

Students from Muleshoe earned academic honors for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, by inclusion on the Dean's List and the President's List.

Students making the President's List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the fall term. Dean's List honorees earned between a 3.5 and a 3.99 grade point average.

President's List honorees included Christy Morgan of Muleshoe. Dean's List honorees included Andy Scott of Muleshoe.

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