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## Graves jailed on county warrant

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A man several Muleshoe area residents have accused of swindling them out of thousands of dollars has been arrested on a county warrant, according to Bailey County court records.

On April 19, James Eugene Graves, 67, of Claude, was arrested and booked into Carson County Jail on a Bailey County warrant.

Court documents state that on Oct. 7, 2004, a misdemeanor warrant was issued in Bailey County accusing Graves of selling real estate to W. B. Slayden

of Muleshoe on Jan. 28, 2003, without being licensed in the State of Texas as a real estate broker or salesperson.

At the time of his incarceration, Graves' bail was set at \$1,500, a small fraction of the monies he's alleged to have received from Bailey County residents.

According to documents provided by Slayden, who has filed a civil action against Graves in Bailey County District Court, Graves approached Slayden with a proposition to invest in Resort Hotels, Inc., a subsidiary of Branson City Limits, Inc., of

Missouri. Slayden accepted Graves' offer, making an initial investment of \$590,000 on Oct. 9, 2002. Several other smaller investments followed for a total of \$643,060.

At a later date, Slayden learned he — and several other investors in the Bailey County area — had been the victims of what the Security and Exchange Commission describe as a ponzi scheme. A ponzi scheme is basically an illegal pyramid of investors in which the early investors receive a minimal amount of "interest" paid from monies received from later

investors and not from actual interest income.

Although some of the out-of-state individuals involved in the formation of the ponzi scheme have plead guilty to their involvement in federal courts — the most recent being Dennis Weaver who according to officials with the Texas State Securities Board has received a 20 year federal sentence — Graves was not among the individuals indicted at the federal level.

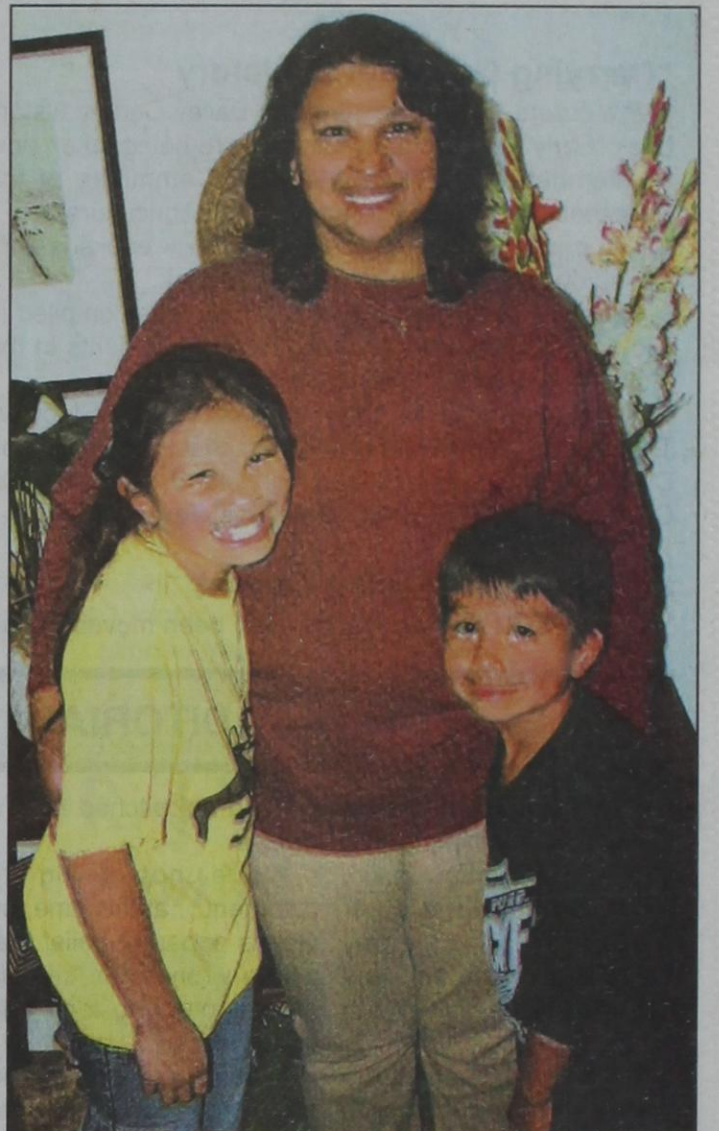
However, Texas state law indicates that individuals charged with security violations such as Graves is alleged to have committed may be charged with a felony.

In a letter written by Slayden, he said, "Mr. Graves came into my home for almost a year with his deceit and deception. For nearly a whole year... nearly a whole year. Can you get any lower than that? In my own home... right under my nose. For nearly a year, he (Mr. Graves) claimed to be my best friend. Right in my own home he did that."

Slayden also produced a document, which he said Graves tried to get him to sign after the Resort Hotels and Branson City Limits pyramids had collapsed under federal scrutiny. It should be noted that other Resort Hotels investors from Bailey County referred to a similar document, which they, like Slayden, had refused to sign.

The document, called a "coalition agreement" was

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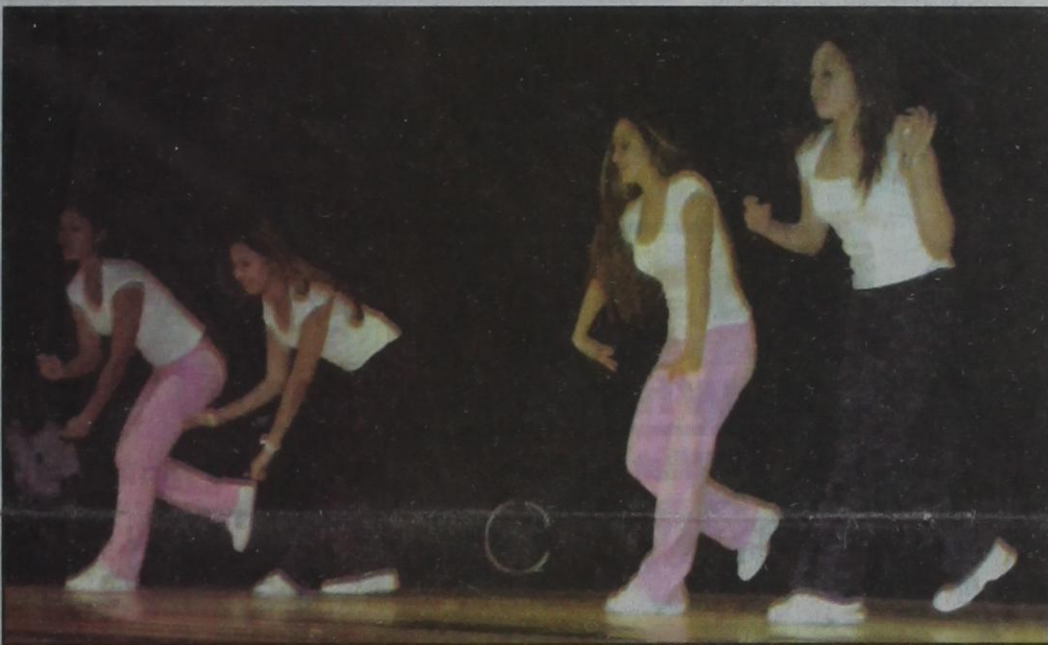
JENNIFER DE LEON WITH DAUGHTER B'ANCA AND SON NIKOLAS

## Journal's 'Mother of the Year' selected

Jennifer De Leon has been named the *Muleshoe Journal's* "Mother of the Year." Unbiased judges chose B'anca De Leon's letter as the winning entry. B'anca is in Ms. White's fourth grade class at DeShazo Elementary.

Fourth grade students from Muleshoe and Lazbuddie were asked to finish this thought in essay form, "My mom should be named the *Muleshoe Journal's* Mother of the Year because..." De Leon will receive prizes donated by local merchants. See the winning letter, photo and prize list on page 14 of this week's issue. "Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, and sometimes we just hug each other until I can't breathe," B'anca wrote in her nomination letter.

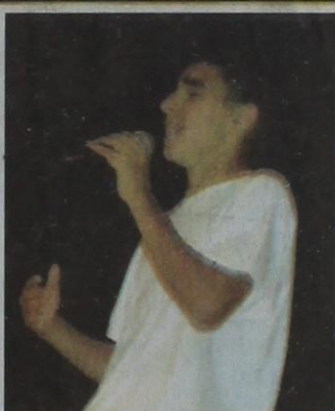
This year, because the competition was so close, the judges also awarded an "Honorable Mention" to Garrison Myers for his letter. Garrison is also in Mrs. White's class. Although Garrison's mother, Rhonda Myers, won't receive any prizes, his letter has been included in this week's issue on page 5.



## Music, song and dance

Talent was evident at the 2005 Talent Show, sponsored by the Muleshoe High School Ballet Folklorico on April 28. Pictured above, the "Gasolina Chicks" perform a dance step. Pictured on the right is first place winner Adam

Zamora as he croons a tune. Second place was awarded to the group "Los Tigrillos," while Marissa Hernandez took third place.



PHOTOS BY LARRY THORNTON

## Local Weather

Thurs.  
I. T-Storms.. 73/46

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I. T-Storms.. 77/47

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I. T-Storms.. 74/43

Sun.  
Pt. Cloudy... 78/41

Mon.  
Pt. Cloudy... 81/47

Tue.  
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## Give It A Thought

Mothers — some of us have been so fortunate to have had "two wonderful mothers," our birth mothers and our mothers-in-law. Thank you "Moms" for always being there with your love, caring and advice. Love you!

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?  
Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



## Cancer survivors lead the way

Bailey County cancer survivors led the way during opening ceremonies for the 2005 Relay for Life, held at the Muleshoe ISD track Friday. A total of nine relay teams took part in the event, battling long hours, cold temperatures and rain, minimal discomforts compared to the various illnesses battled by the survivors.

## MISD election on Friday

Registered voters in Muleshoe School's third district will be heading to the polls Friday to choose between the three candidates on the ballot.

Daniel Guzman, Rene Torres and Mary Toscano will face off in the May 7 election. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Early voting for the board positions was held between April 20 and May 3.

The first day to canvass the election returns is May 16, and the last day is May 28.

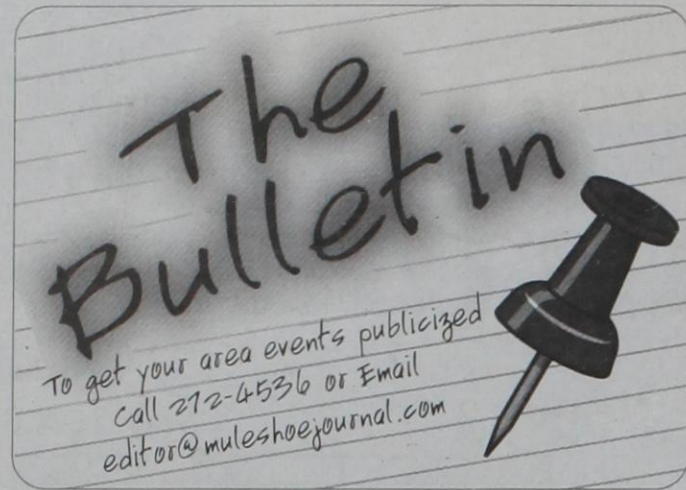
Other candidates to file for the May 7 school board election were Cindy Purdy, the Dist. 2 incumbent, and Nick Bamert, the Dist. 5 incumbent.

Because Purdy and Bamert were unopposed during the filing period, the elections for their respective districts were canceled.



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The price for the pre-ordered hardback books is \$45. After July 1, the price will be \$50 per book.

The book, originally printed in 1978, was compiled in two years by seventh and eighth grade students in the Muleshoe Junior High Historical Society.

If you would like to order a book, contact Stacy M. Thompson at 272-3652 or send your checks to: Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, “Carrying On Committee,” P.O. Box 356, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

**July 4 vendors being sought**

July 4 activities in Muleshoe have been moved to one

centralized location — Main Street. Businesses and vendors are being asked to set up outside businesses on Monday, July 4.

Anyone interested in having a booth on Main Street for July 4 in Muleshoe should contact Carolyn Johnson at 272-5911 or Jim Ella Clemmons at 272-4726. A minimal fee is being charged for each booth participating.

The “Carrying On” committee of the chamber will be running this year’s softball tournament at the new city park July 2-4.

Saturday, July 2 will feature co-ed play and men only will take the field Sunday, July 3. All finals will be played on Monday, July 4.

Other tournament plans haven’t been finalized as of yet, but teams interested in playing should contact Stacy M. Thompson at 272-3652 for more details.

Those interested in being a food vendor at the new city park on July 4 should also contact Stacy. No outside vendors will be allowed to set up at the park July 2-3, but the chamber concession stand will be open. There will be a minimal fee for food vendors setting up on the fourth.

For other inquiries about “Fun In Muleshoe On The Fourth,” contact Jan Thompson at the chamber office, 272-4248.

**Support sought for Project Graduation**

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2005 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our graduates.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold Sponsor — donation of at least \$100; Silver Sponsor — donation of at least \$50; Bronze Sponsor — donation of at least \$25. Donations of any amounts will be appreciated.

Donations for “2005 Project Graduation” or questions may be addressed to: Lavon Hunt, The Donut Hole, 1106 W American Blvd. Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3668; Jody Wood, 1502 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas 7934, or by calling 272-7549; or Tom Ladd, Earl Ladd & Sons, 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3308.

**Scholarship donations sought**

The Muleshoe Independent School District would like to make sure that every Muleshoe High School graduate has the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. Four years ago, the Muleshoe ISD Board

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**Lincoln log house**

Students from Dillman Elementary visited the Heritage Center recently. Pictured above, the students learn about the Janes Ranch house, which was constructed from a kit.

**EDITORIAL**

There are few of us who haven’t seen or experienced it while growing up... a kid, angry because the other kids aren’t playing the way he wants them to play decides to take his ball and go home.

While it may be close to the ultimate in unsportsmanlike behavior, and while most parents may frown at such behavior — especially if it’s your own kid exhibiting it, the simple truth is that it’s a part of life, both here in Texas and also on Capitol Hill.

For some time now, minority Democrats on the hill have been blocking the confirmation vote on some of the federal judges nominated by President Bush. Therefore, leaders of the Grand Ol’ Party have been looking at changing the rules that allow senators to filibuster... to which former Vice President Al Gore has voiced outrage.

Are you surprised? First the Democrats decide to take their ball and go home, so the Republicans decide to change the game so a ball isn’t needed, and now the obnoxious parent up in the bleachers has left his seat and started yelling from the sidelines.

Forget baseball and steroids or basketball and fights with the fans, the game that really needs to be cleaned up is played on a

hill and not pitched from a mound.

We’re not going to comment... at this time, on Gore’s apparent belief that what’s wrong with America are people who love and obey God.

Instead, we will focus on his partisan belief that “one-party domination” of our government is okay, as long as the one party is the Democrats.

In a recent speech, Mr. Gore is reported to have said, “What makes it so dangerous for our country is their willingness to do serious damage to American democracy in order to satisfy their lust for one-party domination of all three branches of government.”

Apparently, Mr. Gore has forgotten the Lyndon Johnson administration, when the Democrats controlled Congress — with the assistance of an extremely strong Democratic Party Whip by the name of Carl Albert, from Oklahoma’s “little Dixie” — and the U. S. Supreme Court was occupied 5-4 by Democrat-appointed justices.

Anyone who sat through the implementation of Johnson’s “Great Society” has to admit that its Presidential agenda wouldn’t have been as successful if it hadn’t received support from “one-party domination.”

And while I’d have to look a little farther, I suspect the same was probably true of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal.”

Ever since our country’s

first presidential administrations, there have been attempts to gain domination of all three branches of government.

The Federalists were the first to do so, with the support of President George Washington, Chief Justice John Jay, and a Federalist-controlled Congress that pushed through the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, which were used to strengthen the central government and eliminate the opposition of “state’s rights” Jeffersonian Republicans.

Yes, Mr. Gore, there is definitely something wrong in the Senate, but it’s not that the Republicans want to change rules governing judicial filibusters. What’s wrong is that the Senate’s procedures include the filibuster... period.

In “Mr. Smith goes to Washington,” Jimmy Stewart glorified this Senate tool of dissent. It was a good movie, and may have shown how the filibuster could be the congressional underdog, but from what we’ve seen over the years, it has primarily been used as a partisan opposition tool that doesn’t necessarily reflect the will of the senators’ constituents.

**Safety Notes**

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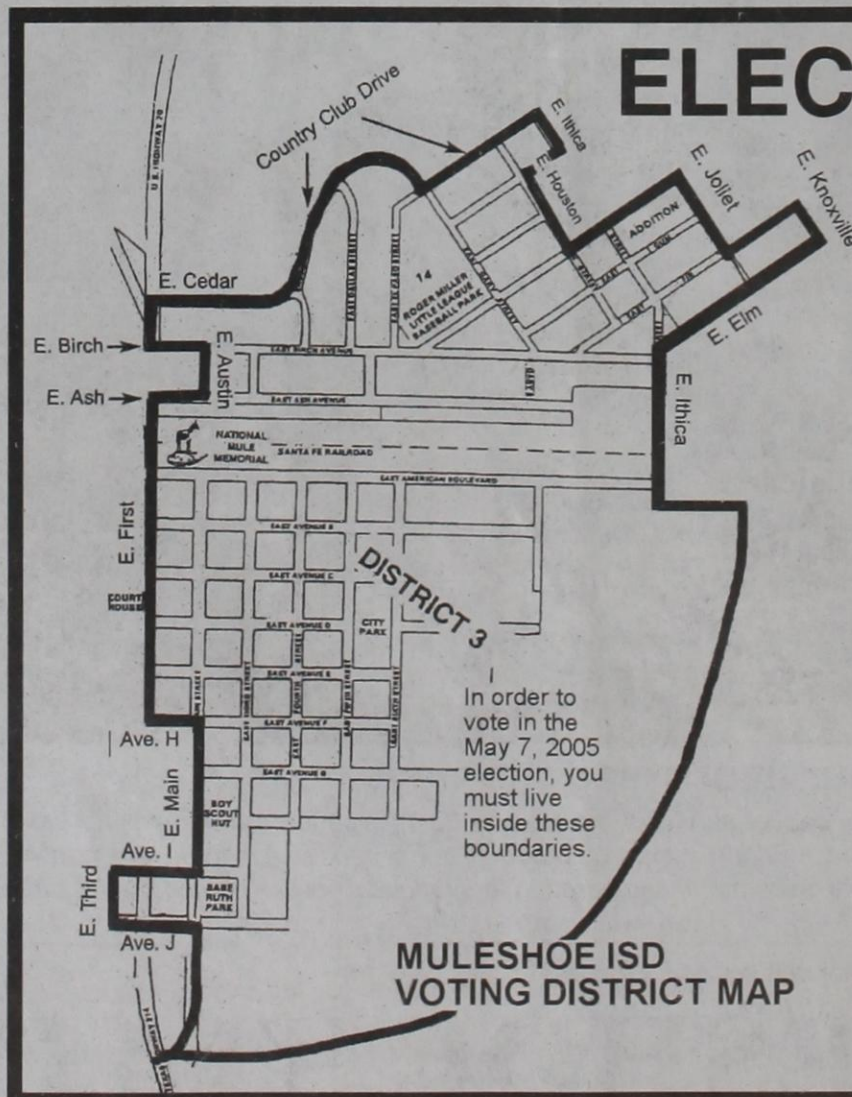
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**ELECTION NEWS**

Muleshoe ISD will hold an election on May 7, 2005 to fill the District 3 seat on the Board of Trustees. Early voting will begin on April 20 and run through May 3 in the school Administration office at 514 West Avenue G.

Regular voting will be held on Saturday, May 7 in the high school cafeteria from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Candidates for the District 3 seat are Mary Toscano, Rene Torres and Daniel Guzman.



In order to vote in the May 7, 2005 election, you must live inside these boundaries.

**MULESHOE ISD VOTING DISTRICT MAP**

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of Trustees took a bold step toward this goal by establishing the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust.

The MOST scholarship funded is through contributions, honorariums, gifts, and memorials. "We are inviting you to be a part of offering a successful beginning to our seniors by making certain that every individual who graduates from MHS has a scholarship," MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said. "Your donation of any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference in the lives of our graduates."

A fully tax-deductible donation can be made to: MOST Scholarship, c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

**Old yearbooks wanted**

Former Muleshoe students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids' old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, (806) 272-5873, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. Or mail them to the Heritage Depot, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. At this time, yearbooks from 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1970 and 1975-1979 are still needed.

**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. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

**'Wild at Heart' offers free oil changes**

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children. The ministry is a non-denominational mens ministry, teaching practical life skills and behavior management techniques.

Wild at Heart is open to all men regardless of denomination, and meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 806-965-2787.

**Lazbuddie class to hold team roping**

The Lazbuddie Senior Class will be holding a team roping on May 15 at the David Allen Indoor Arena.

Books open for the event at noon, and the roping will begin at 1 p.m. The arena is located three miles east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

Contact Allen Scott at 806-272-3701 for additional information.

**Missions at Immaculate Conception**

Pope John Paul II named this "The Year of the Eucharist." Would you like to have an encounter with Christ, or get to know him better?

Father Leonard and Sister Veronica, a missionary from Nayarit, Mexico, cordially invite you and your family to rejoice with Christ in Missions at Immaculate Conception of Muleshoe. Missions start Monday, May 2, through Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

El Papa Juan Pablo II ah llamado este ano, el ano dela Eucarista. Quieres tener un encuentro con cristo y conocerlo mejor?

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**Flag football**

A meeting will be held at the Five Area meeting room on May 5 for anyone interested in playing in or officiating at an adult men's flag football team. For more information, contact Woody Villa at 272-5398.

**Tour de Muleshoe**

The 11th annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride will be held June 11 beginning at 9 a.m. from the First Assembly of God Church Activity Center at 521 South First Street. Pre-register for the drawing of \$500 cash prize by June 5. Late registration will be accepted the day of the race between 7-9 a.m. Participants may choose between riding the 100 K, the 40 mile or the 10 mile bike tour. Each of the rides will have rest stops along the way.

All riders and those who register are eligible for a drawing immediately after the ride for unique business door prizes. Riders will also receive a packet to be picked up the day of the race containing a free water bottle, ride number, route map, a collector T-shirt and a meal ticket for a free spaghetti lunch. Extra meal tickets may be purchased at the site or with pre-registration — \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age. All ride proceeds will go to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

**Drivers Licence Office closed**

The Drivers License Office in Muleshoe will be closed Friday, May 6, and will reopen on Monday, May 9, at normal business hours.

**Retirement party**

The Muleshoe Independent School District will be hosting a retirement party for Mike and Jean Richardson on Thursday, May 19, from 4-5:30 p.m., in the Watson Junior High Library.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Remembering musician Bob Wills' in Bailey County**

**To The Editor:**

An item in this past Sunday *Amarillo Globe-News* caught my eye, announcing that Saturday, April 30, will be "Bob Wills Day" in the Hall County community of Turkey.

That set me to thinking, about my "close encounter" with the famous western swing artist, who has been inducted into both the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.

I first saw the light of day in southern Bailey County, raised by my grandparents after my father's death. On numerous occasions, when we were enroute either to or from Muleshoe for our "weekly shopping trip," my

granddad would point to a larger than average country house and say with pride, "That's the old Wills home."

It was located on the west side of what is now Hwy. 214 about where you'd turn west to the Longview community.

I became aware as I grew older that I had a cousin who had played with the Bob Wills band, along with his wife.

My great-grandfather made and played the violin, and for all I know might have also joined the "Texas Playboys" for a song, or even made a violin for the band's leader, whose instrument of choice was the violin.

One of my earliest

memories was accompanying my family to a dance in our community. In those days, they would go into the home's largest room, what they call the "living room" today, but my folks usually called it their "front room." They would push all of the furniture of that room up against the wall, so the dancers would have some room. I was only about five or six years old.

It must have been during cold weather, because I was banished to a bedroom with what seems like 20 or 30 large coats piled onto the bed. This was my napping place 'till the function was over. But I remember thinking, "how am I ever going to get any sleep with

all of that loud music just beyond the door?"

I could have had an autograph! Thanks for your time.

Bill Ellis,  
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**Resident remembers the mules in her life**

**To the Editor:**

This area's citizens seem to be interested in mule stories. My father, Edgar Broyles, farmed 1,300 acres with mules during the 1930s prior to buying a John Deere tractor in 1937.

The sections adjoining the Broyles farm land were open range of native grass. Adjoining those sections of grass were plowed farmed land. The grass land offered free grazing for the Broyles mules. It was my brother, J.C., and my job to keep those mules out of the unfenced farm land with all its mule-tempting crops.

J.C. and I were equipped with saddled horses and bull whips to keep the mules out of the crops. That was no easy task for a 12-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy. We became very adept in the use of the bull whips.

Mules have a powerful kick and somehow we stayed out of range of their kicks by using the bull whips to turn them back from the growmg crops.

Daddy not only farmed with mules, but he bred and raised them. With a jack named Sammy, he bred mares to generate mules for powerful stubborn contrary work animals. The mongrel mules cannot generate their own kind. They have no descendants. Neighbor farmers brought their mares to be bred by Sammy.

Daddy had one mule named Jack that was impossible to keep corralled or penned. Since he was impossible to hold and use, Daddy loaded Jack into a stock trailer hooked to his pickup and drove the 13 miles to Muleshoe. The Broyles farm was located where Ronnie Holt now lives in the Pleasant Valley community.

Daddy stopped at Carol Goss' s station to fill the pickup with gasonline. The station was located where currently the Town & Country service station is at the intersections of Hwys. 216, 70, and 84. Carol came out to fill up the pickup with gas. He asked, "Where are

you going, Edgar?"

Daddy replied, "I am taking this renegade mule to the sale barn." The sale barn at that time was located where McCormick Seeds is located today.

Carol asked, "What mule? I don't see any mule."

A "dumfounded" Edgar saw old Jack was not in the trailer. Daddy backtracked all the way home looking for the mule. When he got home, Jack was waiting for daddy to open the barnyard gate so Jack could get some feed and water. Undoubtedly the mule was thirsty and hungry after his travels.

Daddy supposed Jack vacated the trailer somewhere on Highway 70 about where the Blackwater draw intersects the highway. I don't remember for certain. But, I believe Jack lived on

the farm until his death several years later.

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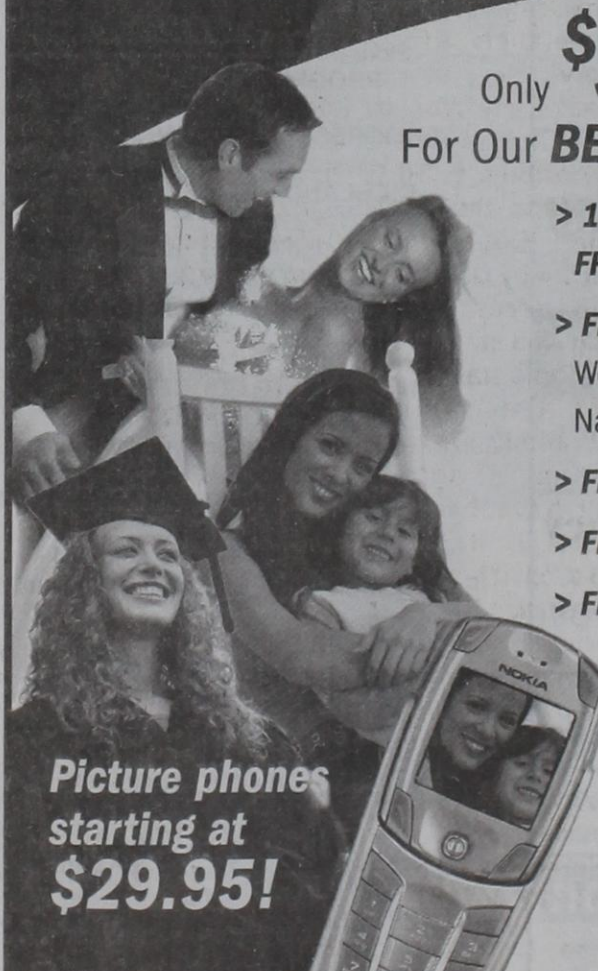
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## Loyd Routon

Church services for Loyd Routon, 83, of Oklahoma Lane, were held Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church with the Rev. Randy Thomas officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Routon died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in Stanton.

He was born on May 16, 1921, in Goree, to Dan Emmitt and Cleo Routon, and married Francis Marie Brown in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Nov. 25, 1940. She preceded him in death in August 1961. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one daughter — Joyce, on July 25, 1998, and three sisters.

Routon moved to the Oklahoma Lane community in 1947 from Goree. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Army, and was a member of the Eagles of Clovis, the American Legion and the Am Vets. He was a farmer and member of the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — David and Carol Routon of Wichita, Kan., two daughters and sons-in-law — Janice and Virgil Vaughn of Turlock, Calif., and June and Kenneth Carpenter of Stanton; one daughter — Julie Berney of Oklahoma Lane; a brother — Earl Routon of Oklahoma Lane; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX 79782.



Loyd Routon

## Rev. Bill M. Kent

Bill Masen Kent died April 30, 2005, in Lubbock, TX., at the age of 80. He was a minister of the United Methodist Church.

He was born in Dallas, Texas, to Blanche Masen and W. I. Kent on June 7, 1924.

During WWII he served in the Army Air Force in New Guinea and the Philippines. He married Martha Ann White on June 4, 1949 in Dallas. After graduating from Southern Methodist University, they became missionaries of the Methodist Church in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

He also served as pastor of churches in Leonard, Abilene, Crosbyton, Amarillo, Stratford, Canyon, Dalhart, Muleshoe and El Paso. Since his retirement he has lived in Lubbock and worked with a number of ministries at St. John's United Methodist Church.

Services will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church on Monday, May 2, at 2 P.M. with the Reverend Kathryn Boren officiating assisted by the Reverend Ted Dotts. Graveside Service will be at Restland Cemetery in Dallas on Wednesday, May 4, at 2 P.M.

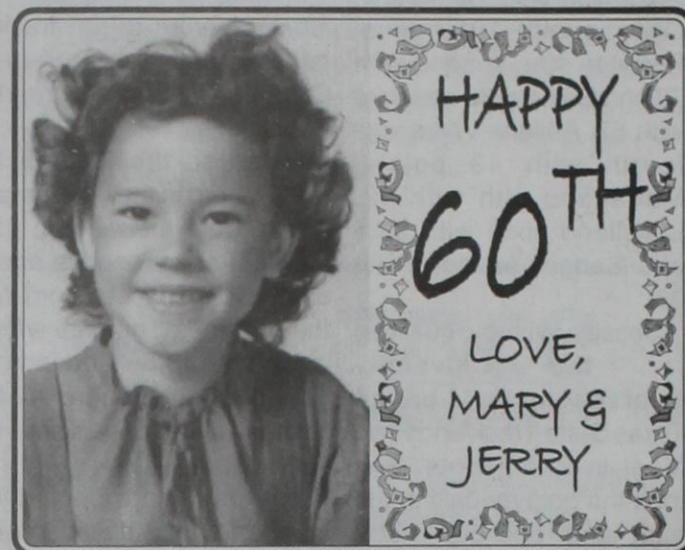
Bill is survived by his wife Martha of Lubbock; his sister — Marjory Kent Vickery and husband Paul of Lewisville, Texas; nephews — Kent Vickery and wife Tari, Preston Vickery and wife Beverly, Peter Vickery and wife Rose; nieces — Kathleen Vickery Bolin and husband Dana, and Kristena Vickery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to be to St. John's United Methodist Church Benevolence Fund or Encounter With Christ in Latin America in care of St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University, Lubbock, TX 79401, or to a favorite charity.



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## Era Richardson

A church service for Era Richardson, 79, of Morton was held May 3, 2005, at Eastside Church of Christ in Morton with minister Joey Pierce officiating. Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Richardson died on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at her residence. She was born on Nov. 9, 1925, in Morton, and married Bryd McCamish in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1953.

On Aug. 4, 1963, she married James L. Richardson in Morton. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 1992.

Richardson was a lifelong resident of Morton, operating McCasland Tax Service with her father, R.H. McCasland. She was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Along with both husbands, Richardson was preceded in death by a son, Herman McCamish, on April 13, 1990, and by three brothers.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law — Linda and Buck Fred of Morton, Mary and Penn Tom Burke of Gainesville, Linda Kay and Jim White of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jimmie Dale and Mel Neal, also of Albuquerque; a sister — Lura Lee Stalcup of Jefferson City, Mo.; a brother — Burl McCasland of Morton; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Make a Wish Foundation or the Susan G. Komen Breast-Cancer Foundation.

## Myers' 'Mother of the Year' letter

Dear Muleshoe Journal, My mother, Rhonda Myers, should be chosen as this year's Mother of the Year for many wonderful reasons.

One reason is that my mother, Rhonda Myers, takes very good care of me. She provides me with food. She brings home a paycheck, buys food, and cooks it for me and my family.

My mother also takes very good care of me when I am hurt. No matter what, my wonderful mother, Rhonda Myers, always takes very good care of me.

My mother also teaches me many great things. She teaches me to be a hard worker and a good employee. My mother also teaches me about Jesus and the Bible. One way she teaches me about Jesus and the Bible is that she reads the Bible with me.

She also taught me how to swim too. Since I was two years old I have known how to swim because she taught me how. My mother has taught me many things.

My mother and I do many wonderful things together too. We go to awesome movies together and have more fun than a dog playing fetch. We

also go to Lubbock together and have a blast. We also have a lot of fun swimming together. We sometimes swim laps, and sometimes even race, but she always wins.

Those are some reasons I think my mother, Rhonda Myers, should get Mother of the Year. They are also reasons why I love her.

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## Tip Your Hat

By Larry Thornton

If anyone deserves a "tip of the hat" this week, it's the crew working for the Muleshoe Public Works Department.

The weekend before last, the community hosted the 11th annual Bellringer Stockdog Trials, with competitors traveling from several other states to take part.

And while talking with some of them, one of the things that pleased me the most was to hear how pleased they were with the appearance of the city park in which the field trials were held.

In fact, one contestant from Colorado indicated

Muleshoe's park looked the best of anyplace he'd competed at this year.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules finish eighth at regional meet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule Track and Field regional qualifiers finished eighth in the team competition with 36 points.

Canyon won the meet in Odessa with 101 points, Perryton was second with 72 and Gainesville was third with 57. Abilene Wylie was fourth with 43 points, Monahans fifth with 42, Levelland sixth with 38.5 and Sanger seventh with 38.

Jessica Withrow qualified for the University Interscholastic League Texas State Track and Field Meet in four events. She took the gold medals in the high jump and 300-meter hurdles and silver medals in the long jump and 100-meter hurdles.

At Monday's Muleshoe Athletic Banquet it was noted that Withrow "has the time to beat" in the state's 300-meter hurdles in all classes of competition.

Withrow has signed a

**Jessica Withrow qualifies in four state events; leads state in 300-meter hurdles**

letter of intent to run track as a heptathlete for Abilene Christian University next year.

She tied the Region I Meet record in the high jump with a gold medal leap of five feet seven inches and smashed the meet record in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.56 seconds. The previous record had been 44.38 and was set in 1998.

Withrow had a personal best long jump distance of 18 feet 2.25 inches that earned her the silver medal. She also had a personal best time of 14.83 in the 100-meter hurdles for her second silver medal of the meet.

After finishing second in the 100-hurdles Withrow said, "I think that was my

best time ever so I am pretty happy even though I finished second. (Chelsea) Cartwright (of Monahans) came out of nowhere to win that race. I had beaten her pretty bad in the preliminaries."

"It is nice to qualify for the state meet in the high jump and long jump as well as the hurdles. The 300-hurdles is going to be a dogfight. The girl from Canyon has some really good times."

Withrow started the 300-hurdles in front of Rianne Decker of Canyon on the stagger. "I was scared and knew she would try to catch me in a hurry," continued Withrow. By the second hurdle she had the race well in hand as Decker could not keep the blistering pace Withrow had set.

"I kept looking for her on

the curve and could not see her so I knew she had to be right on my shoulder so I just kept running. I was never so tired as when I went over the last two hurdles," concluded Withrow.

Ashley Grumbles competed in the 3200-meter run but no time was available for her. Kate Leopard made the finals of the 800-meter run with a qualifying time of 2:29.83. Minerva Martinez competed in both the discus and shot put but no distances were available.

Amber Cowart and Ashlie Dickson competed in the pole vault but no heights were available for them. Chelsi Hawkins and Grumbles were in the 1600-meter run and no times were available.

The 400-meter relay team of Leopard, Brandi Wood, Kelsy Tipps and Withrow ran a preliminary time of 4:19.99.

Withrow will compete in the Texas State Track Meet in Austin May 20 and 21.



Pictured above on the right, Lady Mule Jessica Withrow competes in the 100-meter hurdles during the regional tournament.

## Some Ladies Are Beautiful In Any Language

When I checked e-mail a little while ago, I noticed a news (semi-news) item about the new movie *The Interpreter* and its star, Nicole Kidman. I know nothing about the movie. I'm scared to recommend movies except to my dearest friends and sometimes not even to them. In these days of nauseating political correctness, I'd be frightened to recommend G-rated *Bambi* to somebody for fear they'd be aghast

My life has been wonderfully blessed by ladies like them, and I'm quite sure yours also has been blessed by some of their "sisters."

Beautiful in any language. I could fill a book with the names of ladies of that description just inside the little church I serve. And I hope you'll think of a few in your own church and life who would certainly make such a list. Here are just a few on my list.

*\*Tennie McCormick.* She's closer to 100 than she is 90, but her prayers make her truly strong and bless all she loves. Just the courage that she has shown in coming to church long past the time when it was easy for her is enough to make most of us, far less faithful, blush.

*\*Opal Harris.* Also past 90, but you'd not know it. She's shown love in action in ways that it wouldn't occur to most of us even to consider. She's forward-thinking far beyond her years and younger than many half her age.

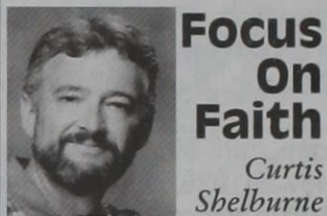
*\*Margaret Wilhite.* It's a joy and a privilege to be her pastor. What a worker! What a servant! This is her church and will be her church and she loves it because she loves the Lord and us unreservedly. I have never once heard her complain about anything. Not ever.

*\*Joy Stancell.* Who better to be right at the forefront of making a nursing home a genuine and warm home? I've never known a member of any church who was more unfailingly supportive in every way.

And so many more beyond the walls of the church I serve bless me and all those around them. Thank God for them wherever you find them.

These godly ladies are beautiful in any language.

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



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

that I'd like a film that could be construed to promote cruelty to animals (deer hunting, you know). Even *Winnie the Pooh* and *the Honey Tree* could be suspect since it might be taken to make fun of linguistically-challenged talking rabbits. (Rabbit spoke with a lisp, you know.) So, you have to be careful with these things.

I know only the film's title: *The Interpreter*, but I've seen Nicole Kidman in some other films. So I wasn't all that surprised to see the "headline" pop across AOL referring to Nicole Kidman as being "Beautiful in Any Language."

Well, she obviously is, physically speaking. Ah, but there's the problem. Wherein lies real beauty? Nicole Kidman may indeed be a beautiful person in all the ways that count, but, not knowing her, I have no way to know.

But that headline made me think. I do indeed know more than a few ladies who truly are "beautiful in any language."

## Mule trackster's disappointed with performance

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

Sweetwater, Monahans, Levelland and Borger took the top four spots at the Region I Track and Field Meet in Odessa this past weekend with 76, 51, 46 and 41 points respectively. The Mules finished with 18 points to take 16th.

Brady Black had third place finishes in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles and is the alternate in both events. Black ran the 110-hurdles in 15.06 seconds, just .06 seconds behind second place and finished the 300-hurdles in 39.42 only .16 seconds behind second place.

"I was not happy with my

110-hurdle race," said Brady Black. "I think I may have only cleared two hurdles and kicked the rest of them over. It hurts to be so close and not be able to reach your goal. I am glad I have one more year to try to make it to Austin."

Robby Bomer was third in the high jump with a leap of six feet, six inches. He had less misses than the second place finisher, also at 6' 6", but he cleared the second place height on his second attempt.

The 100-meter relay team of Eric Washington, Rudy Gonzales, Landon Wilson and Brant Hamilton had a preliminary time of 45.45. The same team had a



Pictured above in the center, Mule Brady Black competes in the 100-meter hurdles during the regional tournament.

preliminary time of 1:34.97 in the 200-meter relay.

Myles James competed in the pole vault but no height was available. Wilson and Washington competed in the long jump but no distance was available. Wilson was in the triple jump and no distance was available.

Gonzales recorded a time of 23.43 in the 200-meter

dash preliminaries and Caleb Heinrich competed in the discus but no distance was available.

The 400-meter relay team of Washington, Black, Wilson and Hamilton had a preliminary time of 3:34.50.

All of the Mule regional qualifiers will return next track season except for seniors Landon Wilson and Robby Bomer.

### Richardson retirement party set

The Muleshoe Independent School District will be hosting a retirement party for Mike and Jean Richardson on Thursday, May 19, from 4-5:30 p.m., in the Watson Junior High Library.

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# Sports

## Muleshoe trampoline athlete takes Danish gold cup

The Acrospirit Trampoline team recently competed in Europe at the Flower Cup in Holland and the Scandinavian Open in Denmark.

Chelsey Hunt took part in the Women's Category 2 competition, against 79 other competitors, completing two routines to make it into the final round later by finishing 10th in the preliminaries of her first international competition.

Also making the trip to Amsterdam was senior elite athlete Amanda Bailey, who completed compulsory and optional exercises to put her into the night's finals in seventh position.

"I was extremely excited to have two athletes in the finals. This was a first for us as a team, but we had no idea how well things were going to go in the finals," said Will Green, Acrospirit Trampoline coach.



CHELSEY HUNT

Chelsey was the first athlete to perform in front of the nearly 3,000 strong crowd, completing what was described as her best routine of the year, and putting pressure on the rest of the competitors in finals.

The USA delegation of 30 coaches, judges and athletes from across the country watched as the next 10 performed. Her score remained on top until the last two competitors. While edged out of the top spots,



AMANDA BAILEY

she still brought home a bronze medal, a starting point for the rest of the USA team.

Amanda would compete later and would also do her best routine with a total score of 37.0 points, a point higher than the competitors from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. It would not be enough to take home a cup from the competition, but enough to move Amanda up to fourth place, a mere 0.3 points from

bronze.

"I was proud of Amanda and Chelsey in the finals. Our goal was just to make the finals and then lay it on the line and see where we finished. They did just that in a crazy environment. We could not have been happier with the results," Green said.

The next competition would have the team taking trains across Europe to the small town of Haslev, Denmark, where they would train with the Danish team for three days before the competition.

Chelsey competed in the 14-and-under competition in Denmark, leading the competition by three points going into finals. She never relinquished this lead, taking the gold cup by five point.

Unfortunately, her teammate Amanda would not be able to follow in her footsteps this time, finishing

seventh in the finals.

"Chelsey was the class of the field in the 14-and-under as I thought she might be. She had competed a week earlier in an open age category and finished third, so I thought she could definitely win this one and she did," Green said. "I am very proud of her and I know she is happy with the way

all of her hard work paid off."

Amanda will compete in three more international events this year while Chelsey will wait until the spring of next year when she will head to Switzerland to compete for the Nissen Cup. Her present goal is to win the National Championships in Houston in August.

## Lady Mules place second at district track meet

Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule track and field team placed second in the District 2-3A Meet on the campus of South Plains College on Friday, April 15. The Lady Mules posted 155 points in the meet.

Levelland scored 208 as the largest school in the district for first place and Lubbock Cooper was third with 138. Brownfield came in fourth with 56 points and Littlefield was fifth with 45.

The Lady Mules won eight gold medals as a team. Jessica Withrow repeated with four individual gold medals in the meet and anchored the gold medal 400-meter relay team. Withrow won the high jump, long jump and both hurdle races for her individual medals.

"We had nine girls qualify for the regional track meet in 11 events," said Lady Mule track coach Benji Jay. "We will have a good group in Odessa and we should have girls to advance to Austin again this year."

Minerva Martinez had a gold medal throw in the discus of 115 feet four inches and she took the bronze medal in the shot put with a toss of 33' 9.5". Amberlee Steinbock was tenth in the discus at 66' 7"

and Sarah Sexton was 12th with a 55' 7" throw.

Sexton was 10th in the shot put at 25' 8" and Charissa Conner was 13th at 23' 6". Withrow had a gold medal leap of 5' 6" in the high jump and Brandi Wood took fourth at 5' 0".

Withrow continued to gather gold medals with a leap of 17' 7.25" in the long jump. Kelsy Tipps was seventh with a leap of 14' 2". K. Tipps took sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 31' 8.25" and Ashley Grumbles was eighth at 27' 0".

Amber Cowart had broken a toe and bruised the bottom of both feet practicing the pole vault and it was questionable whether she would be able to compete in district meet.

Cowart cleared 8' 6" to take second place and Coach Jay ask her not to try a higher vault and get well for the regional meet. Ashley Dickson was third at 7' 6" and Kasey Wood took fourth at 7' 6".

Grumbles had a silver medal time in the 3,200-meter run of 13 minutes 19.91 seconds. Hillary Tipps placed sixth with a 14:48.22. The 100-meter relay team of Renessia Hernandez, B. Wood, Chelsi Hawkins and K. Tipps took fifth with a

54.69.

Kate Lepard earned a gold medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.41 and Sexton was seventh with a 2:54.11. Withrow's gold medal time in the 100-meter hurdles was 15.38. Conner took sixth with an 18.22.

Dickson placed eighth in the 100-meter dash with a 14.89. The 200-meter relay team of Hernandez, K. Tipps, Hawkins and B. Wood placed fourth with a 1:57.38. Sexton finished fifth in the 400-meter run with a 1:09.95.

Withrow ran away from the field in the 300-meter hurdles with a 46.36 and Steinbock took seventh with a 55.76. Hernandez was fifth in the 200-meter dash with a 28.99.

Hawkins claimed the gold in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:57.11, Grumbles took bronze with a 6:13.32 and H. Tipps was fourth at

6:32.14.

The 400-meter relay team of Lepard, B. Wood, K. Tipps and Withrow trailed at the final exchange by 40 meters. Withrow caught the leader after 200 meter and passed her on the final curve and crossed the finish line 30 meters ahead of Levelland.

The Lady Mule go to Odessa on April 29-30 for the Region 1 Meet.

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**'Lucky Lindsey' falls to tourney top seed**

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

"Just call her Lucky Lindsey," said Muleshoe tennis coach Shanna Simms. "She had to face the number one seed in the tournament in the first round. It was just the luck of the draw."

Lindsey Wood lost her first round match in the University Interscholastic League Tennis Tournament in Odessa on Wednesday, April 25. Camilla Miranda of Graham defeated Wood 6-2, 6-1. Miranda is an exchange student from Chile.

Wood had won a playback match to qualify as the second place representative from District 2-3A in girl's singles.

"I was proud of how Lindsey handled facing the top seed in her first round," continued Simms. "Normally when District 2-3A is matched against the top seed they fall 6-0, 6-0. Lindsey had some good volleys and shots during the match. She is such a competitor that she never gave up on a shot during the match."

Miranda fell to Malissa Briggs of Abilene Wylie in the championship and was bumped to the third spot when she lost her playback match to Canyon's Berkley Peeples.

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## Agricultural News

### USDA export sales report weaker than expected

Cotton futures barked at a lower open and settled higher on Thursday, April 28, at the New York Board of Trade as speculative buying supported the market following the release of a weaker than expected export sales report from USDA.

Net export sales of 208,300 bales of U.S. cotton in the week ending on April 21 were 23 percent lower than the previous week and three percent less than the four-week average, according to USDA. The primary buyer was Turkey, followed by China, Colombia and Hong Kong. Net sales of 18,700 bales for delivery in 2006 resulted

when major purchases by Mexico and the Philippines were partially offset by sales cancellations from South Korea and Japan.

Rumors have been circulating among cotton traders for approximately four weeks that a major sale of U.S. cotton had been made to China. The speculation led many cotton market observers to expect a weekly export sales figure of 500,000 to 800,000 bales. However, the latest export report fell far short of those expectations.

Export shipments of 356,300 bales slipped 18 percent from the previous week's marketing year high and were three percent lower than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online sales by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas increased considerably in the week ending on April 28 as sales totaled 34,589 bales compared to the previous week when 12,273 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 33.38 to 45.13 cents per pound compared to 37.58 to 43.88 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, U.S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.09 million bales in March, down 210,000 bales from March 2004 figure of

6.3 million bales, according to data compiled by the National Cotton Council. NCC also revised its February figure down slightly to 6.15 million bales from a previous figure of 6.16 million bales.

Separately, the U.S. Census Bureau reported total monthly cotton consumption by the U.S. textile industry was lower than it was at the same time last year. The latest figure came in at 602,755 bales, down from 609,143 bales in March 2004. The market took the lower mill-use data in stride.

"For whatever the reason, the cotton market remains firm and continues to inch itself upward," one analyst said. "Led by demand, the market will maintain this firmness until, at least, the new crop shows that it is making good growth progress," he concluded.

Meanwhile, the 2005 cotton season now is well underway. USDA reported 18 percent of the projected U.S. cotton crop was in the ground by April 24 compared to 22 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 18 percent.

Cotton in South Texas is developing well. Good stands are reported, and the plants are healthy. The optimum planting period for the Texas High and Rolling Plains is drawing near, and a few producers already have commenced planting operations. Widespread planting, however, is

unlikely to begin before next week. Warmer than normal temperatures prevailed most of the week, but a cold front was expected to blow through the area this weekend. Growers are hoping soil temperatures quickly return to optimum levels as they are anxious to get the crop in the ground while topsoil moisture levels are adequate.

Elsewhere in the Cotton Belt, sunny weather returned this week with daytime temperatures in the high 70s for most of the South. Good planting conditions were expected to linger there for several days, and farmers were rushing to get as much seed in the ground as possible before any inclement weather arrives.



### Garden Spot of the Month

The Jennyslippers' Garden Spot of the Month for April, pictured above, is at the home of George and Dianne Nieman, 501 W. 20th, Muleshoe.

## Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following admissions:

April 20 — Gregoria Arredondo, Dayri Marrufo, Maria Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza and Clemetina Rivera.

April 21 — Nan Gatlin.

April 22 — Christine Newsom.

April 23 — Elsie Messenger and Robert Gover.

April 24 — Barnabus Smallwood, Josephine Fisher and Dean Thomas.

April 25 — Hyrum Orcutt, Alisha Roberts and Jannie Moseley.

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## Education



### Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of May 2, from left to right, are: Front row — Jasmine Toscano, Joshua Stanford and Gustavo Salamanca; back row — Alejandra Gomez, Salvador Morales, and Chelsea Moore.



### Seniors serving seniors

These Muleshoe High School seniors are serving coffee to senior citizens at the Onieta Wagnon Senior Citizen Center in appreciation for their assistance with Project Graduation 2005 Celebration. On April 3, the senior citizens allowed the MHS graduating class to use their facilities to raise money for Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a drug-free, alcohol-free night enjoyed by the graduates each year. This year, the project received assistance from Muleshoe Senior Citizens and the United Supermarket Project Graduation. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Mandy Brantley, Mary Nell Bleeker, Lindsey Wood, Erin Gallman, Buster Kittrell, Tyler Wood, Mitzi Hawkins, Frank McCamish, Trent Black and Eva Atwood.

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.

### REPRESENTATIVE SALES

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945 head of cattle, 133 hogs and 477 sheep and goats for a total of 1,555 livestock sold at the April 30th sale. Market steady on all stocker cifs. 2-600 lbs. Feeder cattle 1-2 lower. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows & bulls steady.

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Jamie F. Grey, Littlefield	2	Blk. bulls	315 lbs.	at \$167.50
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Richard Byrd, Vaughn, NM	10	Mxd. hfrs	393 lbs.	at \$157.50
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Caballo, Inc., Morton	6	Blk. hfrs	434 lbs.	at \$150.00
Caballo, Inc., Morton	5	Blk. hfrs	504 lbs.	at \$122.50
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J.C. Pearson, Muleshoe	2	Char. hfrs	673 lbs.	at \$97.00
Aaron Rodriguez, Hart	4	Mxd. hfrs	709 lbs.	at \$102.00
Randy Johnson, Muleshoe	37	Char. strs	828 lbs.	at \$97.75
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Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow	1315 lbs.	at \$59.00
Jimmy Weaver, Muleshoe	1	RWF cow	1635 lbs.	at \$56.50
Clay Carr, Sudan	1	RWF cow	1025 lbs.	at \$57.50
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During this period of struggle Mexico had accumulated heavy debts to several nations, including Spain, England and France, who were demanding payment. Similar debt to the U.S. was previously settled after the Mexican-American War. France was eager to add to its empire at that time, and used the debt issue to move forward with goals of establishing its own leadership in Mexico. Realizing France's intent of empire expansion, Spain and England withdrew their support. When Mexico finally stopped making any loan payments, France took action on its own to install Napoleon's relative, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, as ruler of Mexico. France invaded at the gulf coast of Mexico along the state of Veracruz and began to march toward Mexico City, a distance today of less than 600 miles. Although American President Abraham Lincoln was sympathetic to Mexico's cause, and for which he is honored in Mexico, the U.S. was involved in its own Civil War at the time and was unable to provide any direct assistance.

Marching on toward Mexico City, the French army encountered strong resistance at the Mexican forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. Led by Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin, a small, poorly armed militia estimated at 4,500 men were able to stop and defeat a well outfitted French army of 6,500 soldiers, which stopped the invasion of the country. The victory was a glorious moment for Mexican patriots, which at the time helped to develop a needed sense of national unity, and is the cause for the historical date's celebration.

Unfortunately, the victory was short lived. Upon hearing the bad news, Napoleon had found an excuse to send more troops overseas to try and invade Mexico again, even against the wishes of the French populace. 30,000 more troops and a full year later, the French were eventually able to depose the Mexican army, take over Mexico City and install Maximilian as the ruler of Mexico.

Maximilian's rule of Mexico was also short lived, from 1864 to 1867. With the American Civil War now over, the U.S. began to provide more political and military assistance to Mexico to expel the French, after which Maximilian was executed by the Mexicans - today his bullet riddled shirt is on display in the museum at Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City. So despite the eventual French invasion of Mexico City, Cinco de Mayo honors the bravery and victory of General Zaragoza's small, outnumbered militia at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

## Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center is now opening at 7:30 a.m. for early morning exercise enthusiasts. The video "Walk Away the Pounds" is available at 8 a.m. as well as 10 a.m. Walking and exercise equipment are always available. Games are played at all times — as well as computer games, pool tables and the library.

The senior center is very popular on Tuesday game mornings at 9 a.m. The warm spring mornings are inviting for a visit to the center. Hostesses bringing refreshments for the Tuesdays are Laverne Winn and Lula Mae Shanks for the month of May.

Fifty-eight seniors were on hand Tuesday at 7 p.m. for the weekly senior dance.

Visitors come from all around the area to visit, dance and enjoy the potluck feast. Clovis brought their senior citizen bus with a bus-full. We enjoy and appreciate all of these out-of-towners as well as our own. Dance committee hostesses are Billie Harvey, Mary Nell Bleeker, Eva Atwood, Peggy Bates, Ladene Spears and Marie Williams. These ladies come early and then stay after 10 p.m. for clean-up.

Last week at the center, Jim Milner with Rightway Medical delivered five pair of shoes, free to diabetics on Medicare. He is pleased to be coming to the center on a quarterly time schedule.

The senior citizens invite everyone to come to their pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, May 14, from 6 til 10:00 a.m. A special treat will be Paul Chaison, on the piano from 8:30 til 9:30 a.m. Paul is the new administrator of Parkview and is a very accomplished pianist. Come by and welcome Paul to our fair city, enjoy breakfast with the senior citizens and then take a few minutes to view the Area Pioneer Walls.

The May birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, May 13, at noon. W. T. and Pat Watson will be our entertainers beginning at 11 a.m., and a sing-a-long is planned following the meal.

An extensive health fair is planned for later in May. Details to follow.

The senior citizens are collecting "Betty Crocker" point coupons to purchase new silverware for the Senior Center. Please help by saving your coupons and bringing them to the center. Your contributions are appreciated.

The menu for the upcoming week is:

Monday, May 9 — Spaghètti, zucchini and yellow squash, cucumber salad, garlic bread and cherry crisp.

Tuesday, May 10 — Chicken with squash (calabaza con pollo), refried beans, Mexican corn, cinnamon bananas, (bananas con canela) and flour tortillas.

Wednesday, May 11 — Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, hot roll and raisin pie.

Thursday, May 12 — Barbecued brisket, corn, oven-fried potatoes, coleslaw and onion slice, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Friday, May 13 — Fish nuggets with tartar sauce, navy beans, peas, tossed salad with French dressing, cornbread and pineapple gelatin.

## Nursing Home News

Butch Vandiver and Iris Clements directed the Bingo Bash, Saturday afternoon.

Each Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ directs a communion service, and Harold Burge or Buster Kittrell teaches the Bible Study on Sunday morning.

The Cowboy Church of Muleshoe directed the church service Sunday afternoon.

Kathy Wilson was taken out for dinner Friday by her sister Marita Thomas.

Congratulations to Gladys Wilson, on the birth of two little new great-grandbabies.

Mrs. Newsome returned to Park View Monday after being hospitalized in the local hospital. Welcome back Nan, We missed you.

H. Awbrey was visited by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Awbrey, on Monday. Mr. Awbrey's nieces have also been by to visit him.

Thursday, Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class.

Morris Nowlin and Alliene Lasiter directed a devotional Thursday. All the residents attending participated.

Thursday afternoon the April birthday residents were honored with a party.

Residents having an April birthday were: Erma Templer on April 17, Morris Nowlin on April 19; Elzie Darland on April 24; J.C. Shanks on April 21, Maria Salinas on April 10; Gladys Wilson on April 7. Gladys Wilson's family hosted the party, furnishings the cake and punch. Pat Wilson, Marilyn Wilson, Lula Maye Shanks, Pat Clark and Darene Collins all helped with serving. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a TY beanie baby tied to a big colorful balloon.

Friday afternoon Mandie Seatron, from the Muleshoe extension agent office, gave a

presentation on strawberries and other berries. Mandie demonstrated dipping strawberries in chocolate and also had the residents participate in the dipping and eating.

Doris Palmer furnished cookies for the Bingo Bash on Saturday. Doris attended Bingo Monday afternoon with her mother, Lillie Edmiston.

Lillian Street visited Pauline Guinn Monday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy

Hubbard of Earth directed a music, song and praise devotional Tuesday morning.

Beverly Wagnon, Pat Clark, Josie Ovale, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, Mary Jo Burge and Marita Thomas, shampooed and set the ladies hair Tuesday. Pat Clark and Josie Ovale gave haircuts.

Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and donuts to the residents at Coffee Time. Harold led the

"coffee shop" conversation. Mary Johnson has a new little great-granddaughter. Linda, Mary's daughter and her friend are here visiting Mary. We wish to welcome our new administrator, Paul Chaisson.

April Smith's computer lab from Muleshoe High School printed the programs for the volunteer appreciation brunch.

Billie Powell, Marilyn Wilson, and Pat Clark visited Park View on Monday afternoon.

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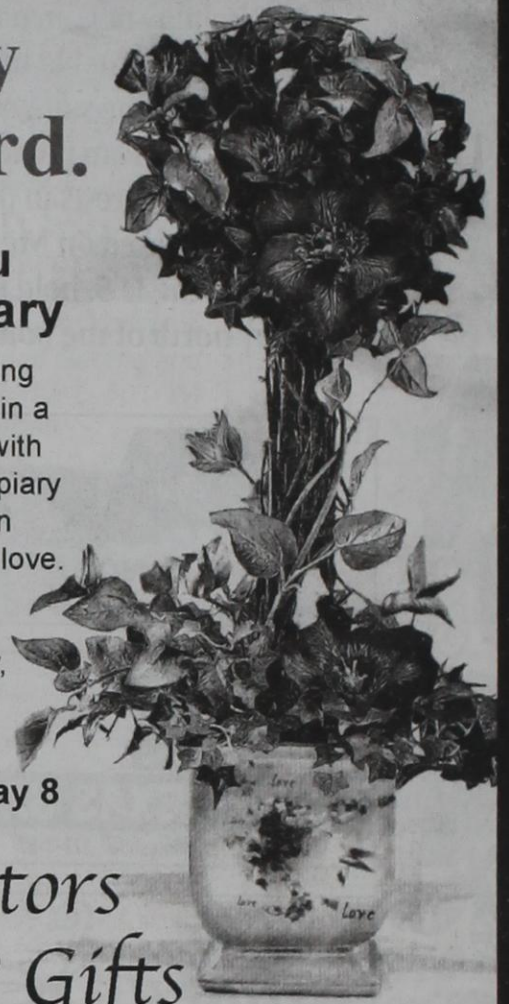
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## 4-H News

### County 4-Hers participate in Dist. 2 fashion show

Four Bailey County 4-H members participated in the District 2 4-H Fashion Show, at the First Church of the Nazarene of Lubbock on April 12.

McKenna Dunham, daughter of Denise and Michael Dunham, participated in the Junior I Casual, Construction Division. McKenna modeled a blue and yellow cotton skirt she constructed as a sewing project. Shelbi Harrison, daughter of Sherri Harrison and Alan Harrison, participated in the Junior I Dressy, Buying Division. She modeled the Easter dress she purchased as a consumer buying project.



From left to right, Stephanie Stancell, McKenna Dunham, Shelbi Harrison and Jessica Kube.

Shelbi placed second in her division. Jessica Kube, daughter of Jannette and J'Don Kube, participated in the Junior I Speciality, Construction Division. Jessica modeled a pair of ladybug-print

pajamas she constructed as a sewing project. She placed second in her division.

Stephanie Stancell, daughter of Elaine and Steven Stancell, participated in the Junior I Casual, Buying Division. Stephanie modeled a spring capri set she purchased as a consumer buying project. Stephanie placed second.

Seventy-one 4-H members from Dist. 2 participated in the contest. There were two divisions — Construction and Buying; and there were four categories — dressy, casual, specialty and embellished/recycled.

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### Aloha, volunteers!

Sand buckets, shells and shovels were the theme recently as employees from the Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Home honored the members of their respective auxiliaries. On Friday, April 22, the Hospital Auxiliary was treated to an Aloha Luncheon. On Thursday, April 28, the Park View Nursing Home Auxiliary was treated to an Aloha Bruncheon.

### Russ to graduate from Texas Tech

Ebony Nicole Russ of Muleshoe, a former employee of the *Muleshoe Journal*, is listed among the Texas Tech University students to graduate in ceremonies on May 14.

Russ will receive a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

After graduating from Texas Tech, Russ plans to attend the University of Mississippi seeking a master of arts degree in higher education and student personnel.

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### Leisure lease broker jailed on county warrant

Continued from page 1. intended to authorize Graves to represent the victims "in any and all matters" concerning the companies and individuals involved in the scheme.

In effect, the document apparently would have given Graves power of attorney in all things related to the funds the victims had invested through Graves — including any financial settlement through the federal courts, any liability insurance policies the companies had in place, or any property of the companies to which the victims might have a claim. In a telephone interview Tuesday, Graves said he still isn't convinced that the brokers or even the principal parties involved in Resort Hotels, Inc. have done anything wrong.

Graves referred to a 17-page opinion prepared by an attorney from Missouri regarding the Resort Hotels, Inc. offerings and a five-page opinion he'd received concerning other "leisure leases" he'd previously

offered to investors. Graves said he made five trips to Branson to look at the hotel before becoming involved in Resort Hotels, Inc.

"Up to the last minute, it looked like a solid deal," Graves said. "The brokers were as shocked as the investors when this came down."

"This was the last thing, I wanted to get involved in," he added.

Prior to getting involved with Weaver and Resort Hotels, Graves said he was a broker for other "leisure lease" offerings Weaver and his associates had in Cancun, Mexico.

Graves said he received a commission for his Resort Hotel sales, and even though he apparently received several large commissions never invested any of his own money in Resort Hotels, Inc.

According to Graves, he is no longer selling leisure leases, and was unaware some of the Bailey County investors in the Cancun operations reportedly have

been contacted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

However, he said it was his understanding that after the SEC took control of the companies' holdings in Branson the companies moved their operations out of the United States.

Graves also expressed uncertainty about the SEC seizing control of Resort Hotels, Ozark Ticket and Travel, and Branson City Limits. "Once the government gets involved, they never find the money," he said.

As for the criminal case he is facing in Bailey County, Graves said he wasn't certain what it was about, adding that according to his information state officials

still hadn't determined if the sale of leisure lease sales fell under the jurisdiction of the securities or real estate commissions.

As for a license being required in Texas, Graves referred back to the legal opinions he'd already received and said licensing wasn't required.

Slayden's civil case against Graves has been set for the May 4 docket in Bailey County District Court. At this time, Graves said he wasn't sure he would be attending the hearing.

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## Texas launches effort to educate seniors about 2-1-1

South Plains seniors will soon be hearing more about 2-1-1 Texas, the free, three-digit phone number that connects callers with services in their community that can improve their health and quality of life.

2-1-1 Texas is launching a statewide education effort to teach individuals and families about when and why they should call 2-1-1.

"It's the number people should call when they aren't sure where to turn for help," says Kendra Jackson, AIC manager. "No matter where you live in Texas, you can call 2-1-1 and find information about resources in your local community."

"Whether you need help finding food or housing, prescription assistance, crisis counseling or substance abuse treatment, one number is all you need to know," she said.

2-1-1 Texas is a free, anonymous information and referral line answered by nationally certified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to area information centers in their region. These trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies and nonprofits that exist in Texas. Information can be provided in almost any language including Spanish.

2-1-1 is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with the South Plains Association of Governments.

2-1-1 Texas South Plains covers a 15 county region: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties.

To help local information centers educate residents about 2-1-1, HHSC developed an awareness campaign that includes radio public service announcements, posters, brochures and other materials used for community presentations. All materials are provided in English and Spanish. The campaign was rolled out in September to 25 area information center directors around Texas.

"When a person dials 2-1-1, their call is usually answered right in their hometown," said Beth Wick, HHSC program coordinator for 2-1-1 Texas. "So it's important the area information centers have the materials they need to promote the service in their communities. This statewide education campaign will give them the tools they need."

The list of resources available through 2-1-1 is extensive. It can also make

the job easier for service providers at nonprofits and community organizations, first response personnel like nurses, counselors and police and elected officials and leaders.

They can tell clients to call 2-1-1 to get the help they need. 2-1-1 experts can provide information on hundreds of resources, including: Elder abuse programs; drug and alcohol treatment; elder care services; emergency shelter, food and clothing; counseling services; housing assistance; legal help; health and home care; temporary financial and energy assistance; and disaster response and relief.

2-1-1 Texas is also included in Gov. Perry's Homeland Security strategy as a tool for sharing

information and mobilizing resources during local, statewide or national disasters.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks created one of the greatest challenges community information and referral providers ever experienced. Immediately after the attacks, calls increased dramatically to community organizations as families looked for missing loved ones, people were stranded at airports, and the public needed counseling services to cope.

"If we ever face another tragedy like Sept. 11, 2-1-1 Texas will play a vital role, connecting people quickly and efficiently with help and information," said Albert Hawkins, Texas Health and Human Services commissioner.

"2-1-1 will fill a gap to prevent people from falling through the cracks," he added.

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Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed and not harvested. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit. Producers must certify failed acres with FSA and provide documentation to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Assessment notices will be mailed by Aug. 19, and payment is due Sept. 30. Growers who pay by Sept. 15 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.

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# Clemmons honored by Beta Sigma Phi

JimElla Clemmons of Muleshoe was recently honored as the Beta Sigma Phi "Woman of the year."

During her introduction of the honoree, Barbara Finney said, "I have been given the honor of sharing some wonderful truths regarding the life of a woman who has an unquenchable passion for service, a tremendous empathy for those in need, and finally an incredible strength and spirit that oddly enough is founded upon humility."

"JimElla Norman Clemmons was born May 22, 1955, in Dimmitt, Texas, to Jim and EllaWese Norman formerly from Conroe and Point Blank. She was the fourth of 12 children: Louise, Curtis, Ray, JimElla, Randy, Willard, Jim, Mack, Felix, Larry, Milton, and Mary," Finney said.

Raised on farms, Finney said Clemmons, like her siblings, learned early the value of hard work, and more importantly what it meant to take pride in your work.

"This was evidenced in



JIMELLA CLEMMONS

JimElla taking her first jobs babysitting younger siblings as well as neighbors' children, housekeeping, and farm and field work by the age of nine," Finney said.

Known as the "peace maker" of the family, she often found herself defusing situations that might arise, as well as extinguishing those that arose externally. She typically played counselor and confidant for her siblings, which might seem an insignificant role at first glance until you consider once again that there are twelve children in the Norman family, Finney said.

Clemmons attended

Muleshoe High School, graduated in 1973, then married her high school sweetheart Terome Clemmons in 1974.

In 1975 she gave birth to a daughter, Monica, in 1980 a son, Jerome, and in 1992 another daughter, Amelia. No stranger to work, she worked as a nurse's aide at the Nursing Home, and cooked at various diners and restaurants until she went to work for Mr. Woodie Lambert at Lambert's Cleaners. She has been at the cleaners for about 30 years now in spite of her initial intent to become a nurse, said Finney

A few years ago, JimElla and Terome bought Lambert Cleaners and now are the proud owners of the Muleshoe business. In the three decades JimElla has worked in and managed the cleaners, she has seen many customers she has grown to call friends.

Finney said, Clemmons has taken pride in serving them each and every day. She does not always enjoy the events a day at the cleaners presents, but she has never regretted for a single moment the time spent inquiring about and sharing in the lives, the welfare, the progress, and the achievements of her customers, friends and families.

Finney said, Dr. Myles Munroe in his book "In the Pursuit of Purpose" wrote, The greatest tragedy a person could have is to go through life and not recognize and understand their purpose".

Finney quoted Clemmons' daughter Monica, who said, "Funny, just last week I overheard my mom telling a family friend that she knows her 'purpose' is to show compassion and give as much of herself as she possibly could. I guess mom's life is truly a triumph — she not only realizes her purpose but embraces it. Monica said, "She is constantly pledging her time and energy to new acts of service within the community."

First, according to Monica, there is her work at church. She has attended and has been a member of Muleshoe Church of Christ for more

than 30 years. She has gone on missionary trips to Cameroon, Africa and Old Mexico. She has assisted with the New Mexico Children's Home sponsorship effort; she has organized and supported Youth Rallies and devotional activities for the youth and teens of the church.

In the community, Monica said, she has participated in the local chapter of the American Heart Association, and has served as a member of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce.

Monica said, "I know there are so many more projects and acts of servitude she engages in, but how can I know or list them all when she moves and acts in silence?"

"I have to admit this has been a reminder of how extraordinary the woman my brother, sister, myself and my husband Marcus call 'mom' is, and how truly blessed I feel to walk past my parent's bedroom and see the woman who has loved, scolded me, cared for me, corrected me, punished me, and cried for me, quietly resting, preparing for another day, that will most certainly be filled with more acts of stealth-like goodwill," Monica said.

# Club News



Dist. 2 TEEA 'Woman of the Year' Linda Huckaby and Dist. 2 Director Kay Taylor.

## Huckaby named 'Woman of the Year'

Bailey County Extension Education Association was very busy in March. Each year, Dist. 2 TEEA awards a "Woman of the Year." This year the award went to Linda Huckaby of Muleshoe. Linda has been a very active member of extension education locally and on the district and state levels.

On March 31, Bailey County Extension Association traveled to Colorado City for the Dist. 2 Spring Meeting. Ada Murray, Fern Davis, Lucy Mardis, Rose Sain, Gail Gladden, Linda Huckaby and Agent Mandi Seaton attended.

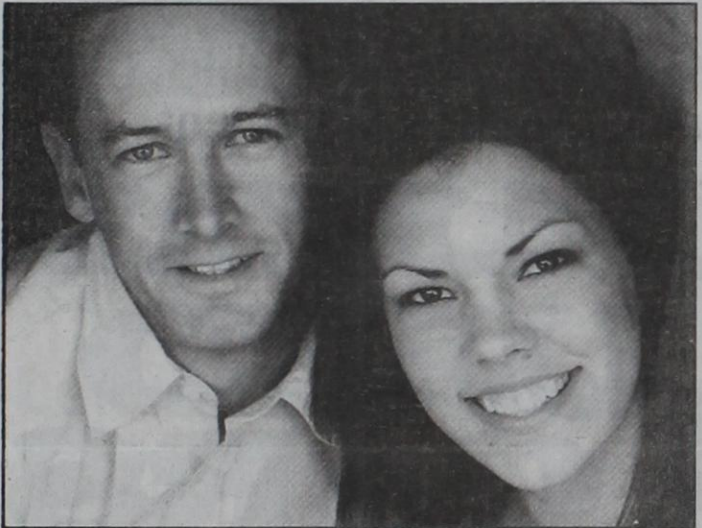
Ada Murray and Fern Davis were recognized with a certificate for their 70 years of membership in the extension club. These ladies also accepted the certificate for the Progress E.E. Club. The club was awarded for 70 years of membership.

The Progress Club was organized in 1935. It is one of 14 clubs in Bailey County at this time.

Lavonn Hinkson, Lucy Mardis, Helen Redwine, Rose Sain, Joyce Wright and Bailey County Extension Agent Mandi Seaton traveled to Lubbock and viewed the "Quilted History" exhibit at the Ranching Heritage Center of Lubbock on March 10.

# Engagements

## Niehues, Kemp engaged



J'LAYNE NIEHUES AND LAYNE KEMP

Carey and Renee Niehues of Garden City are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, J'Layne Niehues of Muleshoe, to Layne Kemp, also of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies. She is currently employed as a seventh-grade math teacher for the Muleshoe Independent School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Debbie Kemp of Muleshoe. He is a 1998 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is currently employed by Kemp Pump Service of Muleshoe.

A July 16, 2005 wedding date has been set, at 6 p.m. at County Line in Lubbock, with a dinner and dance immediately following the ceremony.

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# Education

## Springlake-Earth honor rolls released

The Springlake-Earth honor rolls for the fifth six-week period has been released. Among the students honored are:

**"A" Honor Roll**  
10th Grade — Logan McCurry.

11th Grade — Zeth Collom, Michael Mille and Shelley York.

12th Grade — Bonnie Bagwell.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
Ninth Grade — Victoria Conner, Laura Geissler, MiReyna Reyes and Kate Sides.

10th Grade — Laurie Davis, Jayme Howard, Andrew Lancaster, Kristi

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11th Grade — Brook Bottelman, Melinda Garcia, Hilary Garza and Joseph Gonzales.

12th Grade — Siera Gonzales, Victoria Longoria, Alex Loucks, Erik Olvera, Lesa Proctor, Rosalia Saenz, Homero Vega and Brandy Williams.

### Dillman Elementary Spring Roundup set for May 23

Dillman Elementary has announced that it is time once again to register your children for Pre-K, Head Start and Kindergarten for the 2005-2006 school year. Enrollment will be at Dillman elementary, at the corner of 18th and Ave. E, on May 23, from 8:30 a.m. til noon, and from 1 p.m. til 3 p.m.

To qualify for Pre-K your child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2005, be eligible for the Bilingual Program or qualify for the school district's free or reduced lunch program.

To qualify for Kindergarten your child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2005.

Parents are asked to remember to bring the following pieces of information to register a child: Updated shot records, a birth certificate, and a Social Security card.

If you have questions please call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary (272-7382).

### Safety Notes

2-1-1 is not accessible by cell phone at this time. Callers from cell phones may call (806) 762-8721 for assistance.

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### Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, will be the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

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Dear Muleshoe Journal,  
My mother, Jennifer DeLeon, should be chosen as this year's Mother of the Year for many wonderful reasons.

My mom takes very good care of me. She always does what is best for me. She makes me put on my seatbelt if I don't have it on. She doesn't let me sit in the front seat, because he wants me to keep my life. This is how my mother takes care of me.

My mom teaches me how to take care of me and my brother when she is gone. She tells me not to answer the phone or the door. She tells me where the food is if we get hungry. My mom is a great teacher when it comes to taking care of me and my brother.

My mom and I spend time together by telling each other stories. I tell her a story then she tells me a story. Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, and sometimes we just hug each other until I can't breathe. She tells me stories about her childhood memories. I tell her about my life right now. We even tell each other secrets. I know that she will never tell. My mom is a great person to talk to if you are mad, sad, and happy. She will keep anything you tell her.

These are the reasons why my mother should be picked as Mother of the Year.

Muleshoe and Lazbuddie 4th graders were asked to write letters about why their mom should be "Mother of the Year." Unbiased judges chose B'anca DeLeon's letter as winner. In order to claim prizes, winner must present signed notification furnished by the Journal.



**B'anca, Jennifer (mom) and Nikolas DeLeon**

She is a very nice person. She keeps your secrets unless you want her to tell. My mother is the best mother. That is why she should be picked as this year's Mother of the Year.

Sincerely,  
**B'anca DeLeon**  
Ms. White's class