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#### A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Man throws own funeral

Bill Robert of Madison, Wis., was determined to see his own funeral - so he threw it himself.

The 89-year-old Robert marched ahead of his coffin and six pallbearers during a mock funeral procession Sunday that he called his contribution to friends, relatives and Dixieland jazz.

He invited hundreds of people to the city's convention center, saying they no longer need to have a funeral when he really dies.

"I know so many people and I've lived such a good life in Madison, I thought it was payback time," Robert said.

His friend, jazz singer Ginny O'Brien, said she inadvertently gave him the idea when she was asked to sing at the funeral of a jazz fan last year and commented on how sad it was the deceased couldn't hear the music.

#### A narrow escape — almost

Tammy Sellers managed to squeeze through one small space and out of a Fort Worth police car, but she still finds herself in a tight spot - jail.

The 5-foot-9 woman slipped through a 1.5-by-1-foot window in a Plexiglass wall dividing the front and rear seats of a patrol car and drove off with the vehicle, leading Fort Worth police on an hour long chase Sunday.

Officer Allen Speed had pulled over Sellers, a known car thief, after he saw her driving a car with temporary Oklahoma license plates and became suspicious. Speed didn't arrest Sellers, but put her in the back seat of his cruiser without handcuffs.

While Speed checked out the car, the 120pound Sellers managed to slink through the small window and into the driver's seat. That's when the chase began. Sellers finally stopped the car about six miles away in Saginaw. She was arrested and charged with theft of a police car and fleeing authorities.

# Hospital district proceeding on nursing home

#### By RONN SMITH Editor

After a few years of moving at a snail's pace toward the construction of a new nursing home in Muleshoe, things will be moving

rapidly for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District in the next several weeks.

District administrator Jim Bone said Monday that if everything goes smoothy between now and then, groundbreaking for the new facility could happen as soon as early July, with the district scheduled to receive its funds by July 20.

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Considerable money - estimates run from \$30,000 to \$40,000 will be saved on the project because local and area banks have agreed to buy the entire bond issue, cutting out a middle-man fee.

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## Administrator search enters home stretch

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe School Board was meeting in closed session at deadline time late Tuesday to consider the applications received to replace David Hutton as superintendent.

At the board's regular session Monday, members voted:

• To proceed with expanding the girls' athletic dressing-room facilities and carve a small coach's office out of existing space as well. The board approved a budget amendment to cover the cost, estimated at \$30,000;

• To continue the district's membership in the Texas Purchasing Consortium (a foodbuying group), substituting business manager Tracy Ray's name

for that of Jo Mayhugh, who

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Study says subsidies go mainly to few

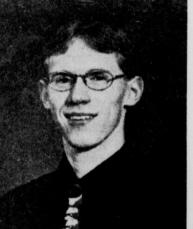


### Statue dedicated

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Muleshoe High School seniors Lela Hancock (left) and Christi Adrian show off "Bustin' Loose," the kicking mule statue that the two of them presented to the school Tuesday on behalf of the class of 2000. About 100 students and community members attended the dedication. Hancock thanked several people who had helped the pair create the artwork. "We had seen statues at other schools, and we just decided we wanted to do this." Adrian said later.

Graduations scheduled for this weekend







Drawing date: Saturday, May 20 Winning numbers: 8-9-21-28-29-30 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Winners: 0 Next drawing: Wednesday, May 24 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million

May 26 — The United States and Mexico exchange 2,340 acres of borderland in Texas and two Mexican states to make the Rio Grande the undisputed international border from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico (1977)

May 28 — The Santa Rita gusher comes in, providing resources for the establishment of the Permanent University Fund to endow both the University of Texas and Texas A&M University (1923).

There should be a possibility of thunderstorms early Thursday, redeveloping in the late afternoon and possibly continuing into Friday. Daily high temperatures should range from the mid-80s to near 90 for the rest of the week, with morning lows mostly in the high 50s. By Sunday, skies should be clear again.

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## privileged farmers

#### SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON - Big farms are hogging federal subsidies that should be targeted to smaller producers, an environmental group says.

More than 60 percent of almost \$23 billion in federal farm subsidies went to just 10 percent of the subsidy recipients from 1996 to 1998, according to an analysis of Agriculture Department records by the Environmental Working Group.

The 144,000 farmers and landowners in that top 10 percent received \$13.8 billion in subsidies between 1996 and 1998, an average of \$95,875 each. The average payment for the remaining 90 percent was \$6,941.

"Surely we can do better by taxpayers and farmers than to funnel so much money to so few farmers without even bothering to find out if they need it," said Clark Williams-Derry, who conducted the study:

Payments were especially concentrated among large farms in southern states. In Mississippi, 10 percent of the recipients, some 1,985 people in all, received 83 percent of the farm subsidies, an average of \$217,000 each over the three years. The average payment for the other 90 percent of recipients in the state was \$4,908.

Twenty farms in Mississippi got at least \$1 million each. In Arkansas, one recipient collected \$7 million over the three years, while another got \$5.6 million.

The study analyzed 30 million records for payments totaling \$22.9 billion over the threeyear period. They include "market transition" payments capped at \$40,000 per farmer or landowner during the period that was studied and commodity price supports for grain and cotton that were limited to \$75,000 per recipient.

Last year, Congress doubled those payment caps to \$80,000 and \$150,000 respectively. Then in February, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman effectively abolished the \$150,000 limit by implementing a program authorized by Congress to allow farmers to take payments in certificates redeemable for government-held commodities. Glickman later warned that the program could become an embarrassment for farmers.

Both Muleshoe and Lazbuddie high school commencement ceremonies are scheduled for this weekend, Muleshoe's at 7 p.m. Friday in the Bailey County Civic Center and Lazbuddie's at 8 p.m. Saturday in the school auditorium.

Among the featured speakers will be the respective schools' two top-ranked students, Leonard Joyner (valedictorian) and Kamal Bhakta (salutatorian) at Muleshoe and Leah Turner (valedictorian) and Amy Angely (salutatorian) at Lazbuddie.

The public is invited to both events.

LEONARD JOYNER **Muleshoe valedictorian** 



LEAH TURNER Lazbuddie valedictorian

**KAMAL BHAKTA Muleshoe** salutatorian



AMY ANGELY Lazbuddie salutatorian



## Field signs to play

High school principal Dave Jenkins congratulates Lindsey Field upon her signing a letter of intent to play basketball at Clarendon College. Also shown with Field are Terry Field, her father, Denise Reed, her future basketball coach; and Charlotte Field, her mother.

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

## **AROUND MULESHOE**

#### **Rabies alert reaches area**

Muleshoe Animal Clinic has announced a series of rabies clinics scheduled over the area, beginning with May 30 in Lazbuddie.

The initial clinic is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Lazbuddie schools' agriculture building. More information is available by calling Jayna at 965-2988.

The second clinic is to be held in Muleshoe from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 13 at the old fire station. More information is available by calling 272-3061.

June 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. is the time of a clinic at the Olton Fire Station. More information is available by calling Leroy at (806) 285-2888.

Reports of a rabies case originating in northwest Muleshoe could not be confirmed Tuesday night.

#### Students' career portfolios exhibited

Business and marketing students from Muleshoe High School exhibited their career portfolios in the school library May 9.

The portfolio project was funded through a grant from South Plains College Tech Prep/School-to-Careers.

The project allowed each student to compile a collection of career-oriented documents including a biographical sketch, résumé or personal data sheet, a sample job application form, work samples, reference letters and others.

The participants are students in April Smith's business computer information systems classes and Lola Pylant's marketing dynamics and marking management.

#### **Reunion invitations mailed**

Invitations to the July 3 Muleshoe ex-students' reunion have been mailed, and organizers stress that anyone who attended Muleshoe schools between 1926 and 1975 but does not receive the invitation is not on the ex-students mailing list or is listed with an incorrect address.

Anyone falling into that category is asked to notify the MHS Ex-Student Association, ATTN: Secretary, P.O. Box 100, Muleshoe 79347. Organizers need a pre-registration form from everyone planning to attend in order to prepare properly.

#### Tournament to benefit Kim Puckett

A softball tournament to benefit Kim Puckett is scheduled for June 2-4 at the Muleshoe softball park.

Entry fee is \$120 per team and the tournament is open to Lower

## **Experts: Beef market** still looking healthy

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL beef cattle market, which in-

COLLEGE STATION — A beef economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service told producers at the recent Brazos Valley Cattlemen's cluded cheap feed grain supplies, beef cow liquidation and domestic demand for beef.

Davis said cheap feed-grain prices are helping maintain a Clinic that strong beef prices high-priced calf market, which calf producer. And beef demand is also helping to spike pricing, he said.

Class D and Class E teams. Entry deadline is May 30.

Proceeds will go to the Puckett family to help defer expenses related to her treatment for leukemia.

Awards will include first, second, third and fourth team trophies, Golden Glove and most valuable player.

A raffle for a Mizuno bag will be held during the tournament. More information is available by calling Richard Orozco at 272-3576 after 6 p.m.

#### Memorial Day observance set

The Memorial Day ceremony at the Bailey County Cemetery is scheduled for May 29, with the Rev. Stacy Conner of First Baptist Church to speak at 10 a.m.

The flag ceremony will be performed by Muleshoe Boy Scouts under the direction of Dr. Bruce Purdy.

The public is invited.

#### Blood drive to benefit Dr. Lewis

United Blood Services of Lubbock has announced a blood drive to benefit Charles G. Lewis of Muleshoe.

The drive is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 25 at the First Baptist Church, 220 W. Avenue E.

Lewis recently was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He had blood transfusions while being treated at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock and is undergoing chemotherapy now.

Jody Lewis, a community relations representative for United Blood Services, said that of Muleshoe's 4,000 people, an average of only 50 donate blood at the community blood drives.

All donors in the May 25 drive will receive a complimentary thank-you gift, she said.

#### Correction

A photo caption on Page 8 of Sunday's Journal identified members of the Muleshoe High School FHA chapter as belonging to FFA.

The Journal regrets the error.

### PROJECT

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The immediate step (about mid-June) for the board, Bone said, will be to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds and sign the construction contract.

Although construction has been delayed for several months, Bone said the contractor has polled the subcontractors and the bidders are expecting to stay within 1 percen tof their original bids.

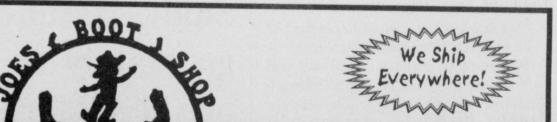
The difference is "a whole lot less than I expected it to be." Bone said.





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next three years.

Ernie Davis told the 140 participants in the audience, "Can you ever remember when it (the beef market) was better? Probably not since 1991 for most of you. And it's probably going to beat that. I'll give you a little hint as to how long it's going to last: If we save heifers, it's going to be two more years before they have calves, so that kind of gives you some kind of idea."

Davis highlighted some of the current factors affecting the

are likely to continue over the has been good news to the cow-

market," Davis said.

"The retail chains finally woke up and saw that the fastfood chains were taking away from our market," he said.

"The retailers have started juicy. This process is going to save us," he added.

SCHOOLS

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retired last winter;

• Heard a report from High School Principal Dave Jenkins that members of the class of 1950 plan to attend this year's commencement ceremony to present a token of esteem to the school.

(This class was the first to attend classes in the current high school and the first to be Mules rather than Yellowjackets.)

· Were informed by Jenkins that members of the class of 2000 plan a unique tribute to their parents during the commencement program.

 Replaced Nick Bamert with David Tipps as the district's representative to the appraisal board and replaced Bamert with Sergio Leal as a member of the finance committee; and

"Primarily, ready-to-cook products has been helping the

using cheaper cuts, the rounds and the chucks, and started making them more tender and

· Were informed by Hutton that board members will be honored at a convocation beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

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This means the district will not have to start from scratch and seek new bids on the work.

The bond issue is expected to have a face value of \$3.225 million. Right now, the interest rate would be 6.33 percent.

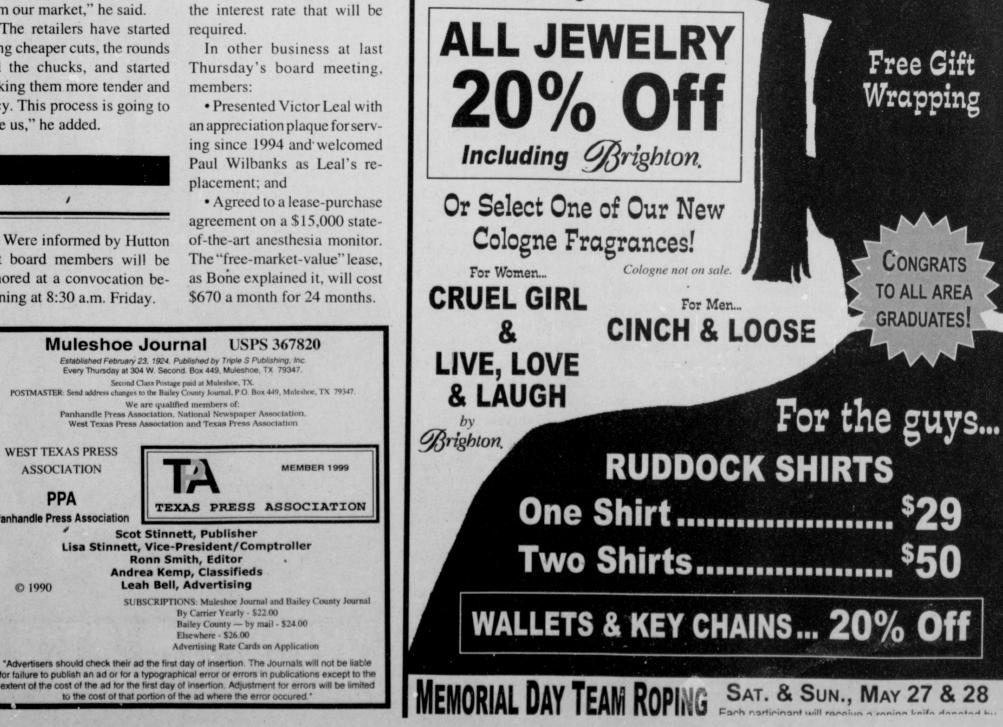
The district is applying to Moody's for a bond rating, and the higher the rating, the lower the interest rate that will be required.

In other business at last Thursday's board meeting, members:

· Presented Victor Leal with an appreciation plaque for serving since 1994 and welcomed Paul Wilbanks as Leal's replacement; and

· Agreed to a lease-purchase agreement on a \$15,000 stateof-the-art anesthesia monitor. The "free-market-value" lease, as Bone explained it, will cost \$670 a month for 24 months.

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# Achillea family offering more and more choices

#### **By RONN SMITH** Editor

Theflowering season for the achillea (or yarrow) family is just about to burst upon us.

I have a hard time understanding why this group of plants isn't more commonly grown in area than it is though consistently its one of the more popular perennial families nationwide.

For the most part, once you get them established, achilleas are tough, drought-resistant, heat-resistant, soil-tolerant (except for constant wet, which is seldom a problem for us) and long-blcoming.

"Coronation Gold," a hybrid variety, is just about to start showing color now. When well-grown, it produces big, flat clusters of tiny flowers in bright yellow. After living so many years in the southern Arizona desert where almost everything that blooms is yellow, I got pretty tired of the color, but "Coronation Gold" always seemed fresh.

It's not a small plant, so you can't stick it in a small niche and expect it to stay in bounds. It can easily reach 3 feet if it gets all the water it needs; starved for water, it will be 2 feet tall or less - a more manageable size — but the flower heads also will be small rather than the amazing size they can



It can be eyecatching if planted with one of the blue salvias (Salvia x superba usually can be depended on to flower at the same time, and the dark blue-violet flowers of the "East Friesland" variety make "Coronation Gold" shim-

mer in the sun.) "Moonshine" is another hybrid and it grows shorter (2 feet) by nature. Its soft yellow flowers are still bright, but more soothing and not as dramatic as "Coronation Gold."

"Moonshine" looks great with purple, lavender or pale blue flowers. The metallic blue of globe thistle (Echniops ritro) is a good contrast in pastels and blooms at just the right height to plant behind "Moonshine."

Of the species, the two most commonly grown are fernleaf yarrow (Achillea filipendulina), with yellow flowers similar to the hybrids, and common yarrow (Achillea millefolium), which flowers in red, pink or white.

Popular fernleaf yarrow varieties include "Cloth of Gold," maybe a shade deeper in color and certainly more variable in ultimate height (2 to 4 feet) than the hybrids.

Fernleaf yarrow's name pretty well describes its foliage. But if it's "ferny," then common yarrow foliage might be described as like asparagus fern — tiny, airy and a jeweltone green.

That last remark brings up a point: I have never read in any book that common yarrow can become chlorotic, but it can in our alkaline soils. That means it will turn yellow because it isn't able to "digest" enough iron and other nutrients from the soil. Your garden center can sell you a product (usually based on powdered sulfur, I think) to take care of this; a couple of tablespoonfuls sprinkled around a big clump of yarrow is usually enough.

I've never seen fernleaf yarrow exhibit this problem, even when grown in a bed where common yarrow's leaves are yellowing.

The common yarrow blooms a little later than the varieties described above — it is just coming into bud right now. In recent years, there have been too many varieties introduced to describe them all here.

One that's sold become es-

## BITUARIES

#### **TRINI BENHAM**

Graveside services were held Monday at Bailey County Cemetery for Trini Benham, 58, of Needmore. Harry Riggs officiated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Benham was born Jan. 28, 1942, at Tinnie, N.M. She Texas, for Robert McHorse, 74, of Coleman. The Rev. Roger Hammonds will officiate. Burial will be in Coleman Cemetery.

Mr. McHorse was born Nov. 28, 1925, in Goldthwaite, Texas. He died May 21 at Coleman County Medical Center.

Major L.Love, 82, of Morton. The Rev. Randy Johnson officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Love was born Feb. 23, 1918, in the Red Mud community near Spur. He died May 22 at Covenant Medical Center in pecially popular being sold as A. millefolium (but it's actually a hybrid) is called "Paprika" after the color of its flowers.

My favorite of these, hands down, is "Appleblossom."

Its tiny flowers are white in the center, shading to bright pink at the tips of each petal. You'll have to get very close to fully appreciate the complexity of color in such a minute ' flower. (With my eyesight being what it is these days, this usually means either using clusters of the blooms as cut flowers or getting on hands and knees to check out the details in the garden!)

A true representative of the species is "Cerise Queen," a deep pink that does well in our bright sun despite its tendency to look chlorotic if you don't help it, and the popular "Fire King," a rose-red.

A third popular species, Achillea ptarmica, makes white flowers and is extremely prolific-flowering. The plants

generally grow 2 or 3 feet tall. This makes an excellent flower to dry as an everlasting.

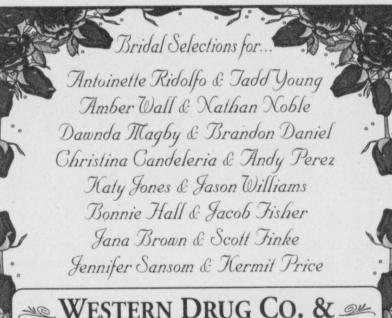
A whole new group of achilleas, gaining in popularity due to promotion by High Country Gardens in Santa Fe, are even more drought-tolerant (though you still have to water them the first summer, unless it's a wet one - whatever that used to be).

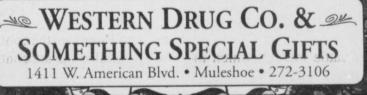
They are generally characterized by silvery leaves, low growth (only a few inches) and clusters of white flowers.

I have promised before that I'd write about these less-familiar achilleas, but my own experience with them is still being formed. Obviously, with their height, they make effective ground covers, and a big expanse of them is very attractive in bloom.

Happy planting!

Questions and comments can be sent to Garden Writer, Route 2, Box 880, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.







died May 20 at home.

She married Bill Benham on Sept. 22, 1986, in Portales. She was a homemaker and had worked for many years in the New Mexico driver's license department's Roswell office.

She was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Mrs. Benham is survived by her husband; two sons, Mario Gonzales of Needmore and Juan Gonzales of Los Angeles; a sister, Lollie Farrell of Roswell; two brothers, Manuel Montantez of Albuquerque and Albert Montantez of Tampa, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

### "GENE" BUHRMAN

Services were held Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Eugene "Gene" Buhrman, 65, of Muleshoe. The Rev. J. Dean McNamara officiated. The body was cremated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Buhrman was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Clovis. He died May 18 at home.

He had lived in Muleshoe all his life and worked as a farmer. He was a member of the Muleshoe VFW

Mr. Buhrman is survived by two sons, Clifford Max Buhrman of Albuquerque and Tracy Buhrman of Ruidoso; his mother, June Buhrman of Fort Worth; a sister, Carol Boen of Bedford, Texas; and a granddaughter, Lauren Jean Buhrman of Ruidoso.

#### **ROBERT MCHORSE**

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman,

He attended school in Coleman and Muleshoe, graduating from Muleshoe High School in 1943. He also attended Texas A&M University.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946. He married Jeane Parker in

Coleman in 1945. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coleman, the Aviation Club and the Masonic Lodge. He served as treasurer for the local Girl Scouts for many years.

He was a banker at the First National Bank of Coleman for 41 years.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Susan Perdue of Calallen, Texas; a brother, R.B. McHorse of Whitesboro, Texas; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark McHorse, on March 31, 1996.

#### MAJOR LOVE

Services were held at 2 p.m. May 25 at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton for

24 Hours

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Levelland.

He married Lynnie Phillips on Oct. 14, 1939, in Spur and was a longtime resident of the Morton area. He was a mechanic for Farm Equipment Co. of Morton until his retirement in 1980.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Mike Love of Levelland, SidLove of Morton and Leland Love of Brownfield; three daughters, Delma Swinney of Morton, Diann Boyd of Morton and Cleta Keith of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a brother, Jessie Love of Lubbock; 19 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two

great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Feaster, and two brothers, William Love and Henry Love.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center (4101 22nd Place, Lubbock 79410) or the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton.

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### Scholarship presented

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Muleshoe High School senior April Kelley accepts a \$500 scholarship from members of the Muleshoe Activities Committee. Gathered for the presentation are (from left) Evelyn Ellington, the recipient's grandmother; John Stevens, a committee member; Kayla Kelley, the recipient's sister; Norma Bruce, a committee member; Carla Kelley, the recipient's mother; Kelley; Carl Ellington, the recipient's grandfather; Harvey Bass, the committee president; and Marie Bass.



## Garden spot of the week

Selected rocks and old wood highlight the garden of Joe Bob and Sheila Stevenson at 901 lvy, selected as the Jennyslippers' garden spot of the week for the week beginning May 14.



Lions Club sets charter festivities

The newly organized Muleshoe Lions Club plans to celebrate charter night at 6:30 p.m. Jun 2 in the

fellowship hall of First Baptist

The club's charter will be presented during the evening's

Guest speaker for the banquet

A catered meal will include grilled chicken or Salisbury steak, mashed

potatoes, green beans and dessert.

As a fund-raiser for the evening,

Tickets for the event are \$15 per

person and may be purchased from

Mike Precure at Precure

Chiropractic or Jack Glover at the

The local Lions will be adminis-

tering an eyeglasses program and

various other service projects. A

softball tournament is being planned

aged to visit the breakfast meetings

at 6:30 a.m. the first and third Thurs-

days of the month. The meetings are

held at the Dinner Bell Restaurant.

Prospective members are encour-

various items donated by area mer-

will be Jimmy M. Ross of Flomot, Texas, a former international direc-

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tor of Lions.

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for this summer.

The public is invited.

chants will be raffled off.

## Magazine seeking biggest tomato

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL Texas Gardener magazine is on its second annual hunt

for the state's largest tomato. The rules are easy: All en-

tries must be unaltered and must be grown in Texas. Gardeners may submit more than one specimen during the contest, but only the biggest can compete. The deadline for entries is Aug. 1.

Gardeners throughout Texas are eligible to enter the contest. Prizes include a White outdoor tiller, Mantis composter, Little Wonder tiller and a Honda string trimmer.

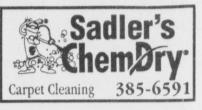
Honorable mentions will receive gifts from Little's Good Gloves, Medina, Spray-Grow, Carl Pool and Harmony.

To enter, select the largest tomato from your garden, complete the entry form (available at the address below or on the

www.texasgardner.com) and mail or bring both to the Texas Gardener judging offices (10566 N. River Crossing Road, Waco 76712).

Winners will be announced in the November/December issue of the magazine. Entries will not be returned.

Contest forms are available by mail from Texas Gardener Magazine, P.O. Box 9005, Waco 76714. More information is available by calling (254) 848-9393.





## State qualifiers

Representing Lazbuddie High School at the state University Interscholastic League competition in Austin on May 5-6 were (from left) Jay Seaton, Veronica Mata, Savannah Black, Kati Mimms, Tobin Redwine and sponsor Marsella Jennings. Not pictured is Leah Turner. The accounting team took first place, with Mata also capturing first as the highest-scoring individual in the state competition, Turner placing third and Black placing sixth. Jennings was the team's coach. The Lazbuddie computer science team, coached by Hardy Carlyle and including the other students (Turner was a member of both teams), placed second at state. In addition to those named above, Lazbuddie was represented in Austin by former LHS students and UIL competitors Jarah Redwine and Cameron Turner, both students at Texas A&M University, and sponsors Sarah and Ricky Black, Mandi and Rick Seaton, Tammie and Vernon Turner, Reta, Clay, Brady and Brett Mimms, and Adeana Carlyle.

**REATIVE LIVING'** 

Information on alternative style cooking and tips on vacationing at a sports resort will be featured on "Creative Living" on May 30 at 1 p.m. and June 3 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Pete Zimmer, head chief at the Inn of the Anasazi in Santa Fe, will demonstrate some rather unusual dishes and some simple techniques and procedures in food preparation and presentation.

Jim Vidamour, director of tennis at the Sheraton Palm Coast Resort in Palm Coast, Fla., will talk about how to choose a sport's resort for vacationing.

Making wedding gowns and decorating with stencils and paint will be featured May 30 at 10:30 p.m. and June 1 at 1 p.m.

Karen Howland, custom bridal designer from Loveland, Colo., will talk about what it takes to create a perfect wedding gown and how to make a simple bride's purse that's easy enough for anyone to make.

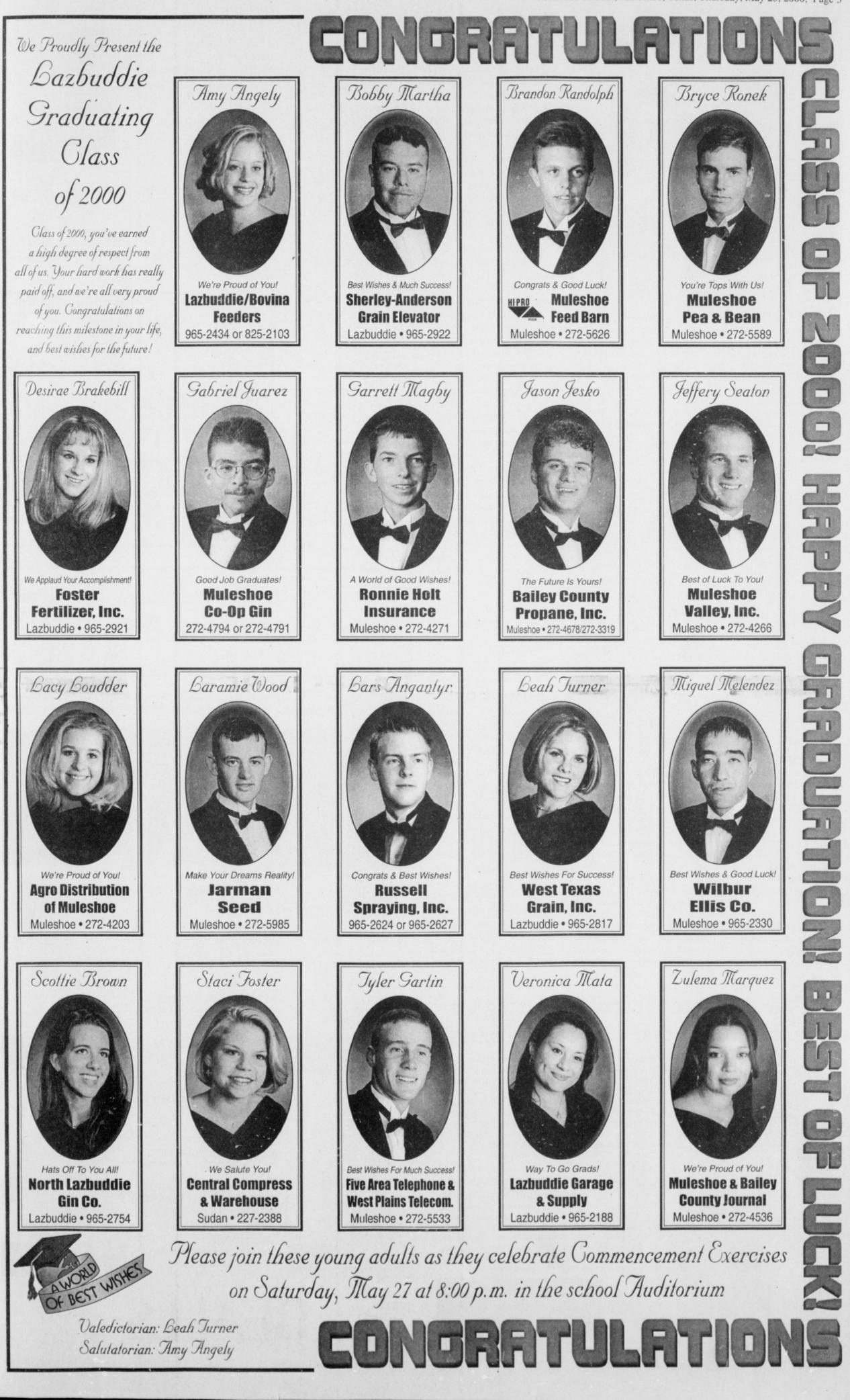
Tracia Ledford of Orlando, Fla., representing Delta Technical Coatings, will show how to create a bath ensemble using a trio of stencils and air-dry PermEnamel paint.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

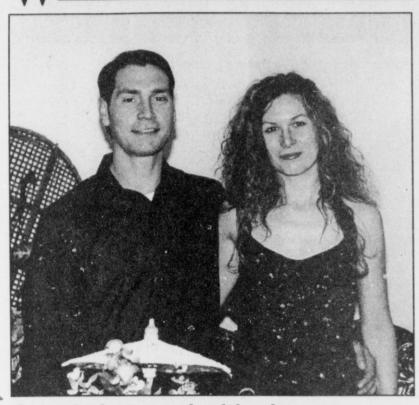
Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130



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#### **EDDING SHOWERS**



## Couple honored with shower

Erin Herman and AJ Liles pause during their wedding shower held recently in the home of Sheila Stevenson. Guests were greeted by the bride-elect, the prospective groom, and Alice Liles, mother of the groom. Guests were served slush punch and assorted sweet breads. An assortment of wildflowers in the bride's chosen colors accented the serving table. The hostess gift was flatware. Special guests were Jack Graves, grandmother of the groom; Caroline Liles, sister of the groom from Lubbock; and Alice Liles, mother of the groom from Muleshoe. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Bill and Alice Liles of Muleshoe and the bride-elect is the daughter of Ken and Gayle Herman of Danville, Calif.



Shower honors Robinson

## Prolonged drought may help wheat research

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL AMARILLO — With much

of Texas in the grip of mild to severe drought, wheat growers are fielding some of this season's hardest hits.

But even now, Dr. Mark Lazar, a wheat breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is looking forward to reporting some positive outcomes involving his droughtresistance research during the upcoming Ag Day 2000 scheduled June 1 at Bushland, west of Amarillo.

Despite wheat's poor showing in some fields, Lazar is seeing changes in the molecular structure of plants as they respond to extremely dry conditions. He says any variation offers potential keys to fortify drought resistance.

Very low or totally absent spring rains over the past six weeks have forced yields way down. The greatest crop demand for water starts as plants approach and pass the flowering stage, Lazar said.

"This happened right in the middle of our droughty weather," Lazar noted.

Dry conditions severely reduced dryland yields, but such extremes are aiding Lazar's studies on genetic differences in yield under water stress.

Right now, he and Dr. Maria Balota, a visiting scientist from Romania, are evaluating several varieties across all breeding nurseries for a range of green leaf retention capabilities while plants are under stress.

This "stay green" trait is simi-

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#### MARKI STEARMER

Jason and Brittany Stearmer of Goodland, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Marki Nell Stearmer, on May 15 in the Lamb Healthcare Center at lar to the one found in sorghum.

Balota uses infrared or heatdetecting sensors to look for a relationship between temperature in the crop canopy, reflecting the rate of water flowing through a plant, and its ability to withstand drought.

This principle could be used to develop a screening tool to evaluate breeding lines in the future. She also thinks other radiation wavelengths might be useful with such detectors.

"What we're seeing in wheat isn't as dramatic as in sorghum," he said. "But repeatable differences in the ability to retain green leaf color do exist in the breeding lines."

The trick will be to combine strong green leaf retention with excellent yield potential and other important characteristics, since the current drought isn't likely to happen every year. Finding ways to correctly estimate green leaf retention without a strong drought also drives his research.

Over the long term, where small physiological changes can be combined to produce big results — Lazar's team will be using several closely related wheat lines to look for differences in yield response under different water availability.

"In controlled conditions,

these lines appear to have two traits that differ," he explained. One involves the capacity for leaves to remain unwilted under water stress. The second deals with the total length of the root systems. He hopes to confirm the differences in the field with individual plants derived from a cross of two closely-related lines.

"If we can accurately identify differences in these traits in single plants, then developing DNA markers for each trait and using them as selection tools is possible, too," Lazar said.







Shelbi Robinson pauses during her May 7 bridal shower at the home of Kerma McGuire in Muleshoe. Robinson is the bride-elect of Robert Gardner. Special guests included Sharon Gardner, mother of the groom; Jodi Boyd of Melrose, N.M., aunt of the groom; Patti Kent, mother of the bride; Faye Poynor of Lubbock, grandmother of the bride; Perri and Kaitlin Lee of Shallowater, aunt of the bride; Glenda Jennings, cousin of the bride; and Jonessa and Gage Brockman of Lazbuddie; Sherry Gunstream, aunt of the bride; Holley Morris, cousin of the bride; and Cissie Robinson, stepmother of the bride. Hostesses, in addition to McGuire, were Jacque Boutell, Sharla Saylor, Diane Saylor, Donna Locker, Dianne Brown, Christie Whitt, Sue Claunch, Tammy Black, Linda Wood, Paulette Foster, Lindy Schuster, Melinda Locke, Kay Moncrief, Druscilla Hutton, Terri Hahn, Tonya Pooi, Staci Burris, Debbie Jo Kemp and Marilyn Wilson. Hostess gifts were a vacuum cleaner and a microwave.

Littlefield.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. She has one brother, Dustin.

Grandparents include Craig and Carolyn Kirby of Stegall and Ernest and Bobbie Stearmer of Hobbs, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Reuel and Betty Kirby of Stegall, Goldman and Roxie Stroud of Enochs and J.D. and Jerry Jackson of Jal, N.M.

Her great-great-grandfather is J.G. Arnn of Muleshoe.

## The Muleshoe Journal is gearing up for the 2000 Father of the Year contest!

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For this year's contest, the Muleshoe Journal is looking for a <u>PHOTOGRAPH</u> that best depicts why your dad should be our Father of the Year. It doesn't matter what year or under what circumstances the photo was taken. We want to see pictures of your dad doing the things that make him a great father...playing with the kids, helping with homework, sleeping in his favorite chair, cooking dinner...etc. All entries will be judged by an unbiased group of persons based on content and originality. A one sentence caption that captures the idea of your photo would be a great addition!

#### ENTER YOUR ROOKIE OR EXPERIENCED DAD TODAY!

Deadline to enter this year's contest is Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 5 pm. Drop your entry photo off at the Muleshoe Journal office, 304 W. 2nd St. or mail your photos to us at P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Please include a return address so that pictures can be returned. This contest is open to all fathers. Need not live in the area to enter.

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All contestants' pictures will be printed in the Father's Day edition of the Bailey County Journal on June 18.

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# DPS cautions drivers on holiday weekend

#### SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

If last year's mistakes are repeated, drinking and driving could be the leading killer on Texas roadways this Memorial Day weekend.

Last year, 46 people died in 37 fatal wrecks, making Memorial Day the single most deadly holiday of 1999, according to preliminary DPS figures.

A look inside the numbers reveals that half the fatal wrecks and 47 percent (22 people) of the deaths were alcohol-related. That's far above the state average, which was 29.6 percent of the total fatalities in 1998.

"Overall, alcohol-related deaths have been declining in Texas the last several years, so the Memorial Day numbers are troubling and unacceptable," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director.

"A three-thousand pound vehicle is not the place to play chicken with your life and the lives of your fellow travelers. Driving drunk is out of style and it's a crime," he said.

DPS troopers and many other police agencies will increase patrols over the weekend to get drunken drivers off the roads and to target speeders and seatbelt violators.

The DPS statewide Stranded Motorist Hotline, (800) 525-5555, can be used to report obviously intoxicated drivers.

The most deadly time on the road last Memorial Day weekend was between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., when 57 percent of the fatal crashes took place — a time frame when alcohol and fatigue often are cited as factors.

Fatigued or asleep drivers are suspected in six of the fatalities.

"This may be the start of the summer vacation season, but you can't get too relaxed behind the wheel," Davis said. "If you start to nod off, please pull over to a safe place and take a break."



1295 head of cattle, 286 hogs and 397 sheep and goats for a total of 1,978 animals were sold at the May 20 sale. Bulk of receipts were Pairs and Bred cows coming off of local dry wheat fields. Thin conditioned pairs and Bred cows were bought to return to country, others were split with clfs. going back to county and cows to slaughter. Not enough feeder cattle to test market.

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 12 noon.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201

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| Alan Belcher, Pep, NM                      | Brown Bull     | 265 lbs at \$121.00  | ñ |
| W.H. Cotton, Anton                         | 2 Mxd. Bulls   | 330 lbs at \$118.00  | ñ |
| KP Farms, Lubbock                          | 3 Char Bulls   | 335 lbs at \$110.00  | ñ |
| KP Farms, Lubbock                          | 2 Char Strs    | 445 lbs at \$100.00  | 0 |
| 2K Cattle, Brownfield                      | 5 Mxd Bulls    | 434 lbs at \$100.00  | 5 |
| Alkali Cattle, Portales, NM                | 2 Mxd Bulls    | 200 lbs at \$130.00  | 5 |
| Stanley Pierce, Clovis, NM                 | BWF Str        | 445 lbs at \$97.00   | 5 |
| Wade Wheeler, Muleshoe                     | Blk. Bull      | 500 lbs at \$97.00   | 5 |
| John Theissen, Seminole                    | 7 Mxd Strs     | 552 lbs at \$89.00   | 5 |
| John Theissen, Seminole                    | 10 Mxd. Strs   | 616 lbs at \$85.00   | 5 |
| Alkali Cattle, Portales, NM                | Blk. Hfr       | 170 lbs at \$215.00  | 5 |
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