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NEWS BRIEFS

Behrends wins election

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Earl Behrends, who has lived in Muleshoe three years, garnered 69 percent of the votes to outright win the District 3 special election for city council. Behrends received 79 votes followed by Filemon Guzman Jr. with 25 and Mariann Anzaldua with 10.

The election was held last Saturday. Only people who lived in District 3 were eligible to vote in the election.

The election was needed to fill the seat held by Jerry Hicks who resigned to move to Lubbock.

In the regular city election held at the same time, Victor Leal received 186 votes for mayor. Leal had no opposition for reelection.

Randy Neugebauer and Mike Conaway face runoff

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Lubbock businessman, Randy Neugebauer, received 42 percent (245 votes) of the total vote (579) in Bailey County in the special election last Saturday. The election was to fill the US 19th Congressional seat left vacant when Larry Combust retired.

Neugebauer was the overall winner in the district with 13,029 votes followed by Mike Conaway from Midland with 12,253. State Representative Carl Isett was third and David Langston was fourth. Langston came in second in Bailey County.

Because neither candidate received 50 percent of the votes, Neugebauer and Conaway will face each other in a runoff election in June.

Neugebauer carried all but two voting boxes in Bailey County. Langston, who changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican shortly before announcing his candidacy, won voting box five by one vote over Neugebauer and by three votes in box 6.

Conaway received only 32 votes in Bailey County. There were a total of 17 candidates in the race.

An area voting chart is on page 10.



Drawing date: Saturday, MAY 3
Winning numbers: 2-11-21-36-38-43
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, MAY 7
Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

LOCAL WEATHER

Expect Thursday to be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 40s. Partly cloudy and windy on Friday. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 50s. Saturday there will be plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 40s according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast.

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FM 746 rollover takes life of local man

A local Muleshoe resident driving an 86 GMC dump truck was killed instantly when he lost control of the vehicle.

Twenty-four year old Mario Melendez of Muleshoe was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Herman Morrison.

Emergency personnel were called out last Thursday morning to the Bula area, located south of Muleshoe approximately 5 1/2 miles east on FM 746 off of South Hwy 214,

where the accident occurred.

According to the investigating officer DPS Trooper Lacie Kirk, the victim was headed west on FM 746 when the vehicle had a blowout. Melendez lost control and overturned. The vehicle came to a standstill on the south side of the road.

Melendez was a resident of Muleshoe since 1998. He worked for Bailey County at the time of his death. He was

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Wreckage of a one-vehicle fatal rollover on FM 746.



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

Pictured at left, Cinthia Soto recites a prose reading at Kerry Moore Auditorium; pictured at right (from left) 1 1/2 - year-old Marisol Flores enjoys a lemon slice as mom, Lori Flores, and cousin, Ramon Peña, enjoy the entertainment at the Muleshoe East Park.

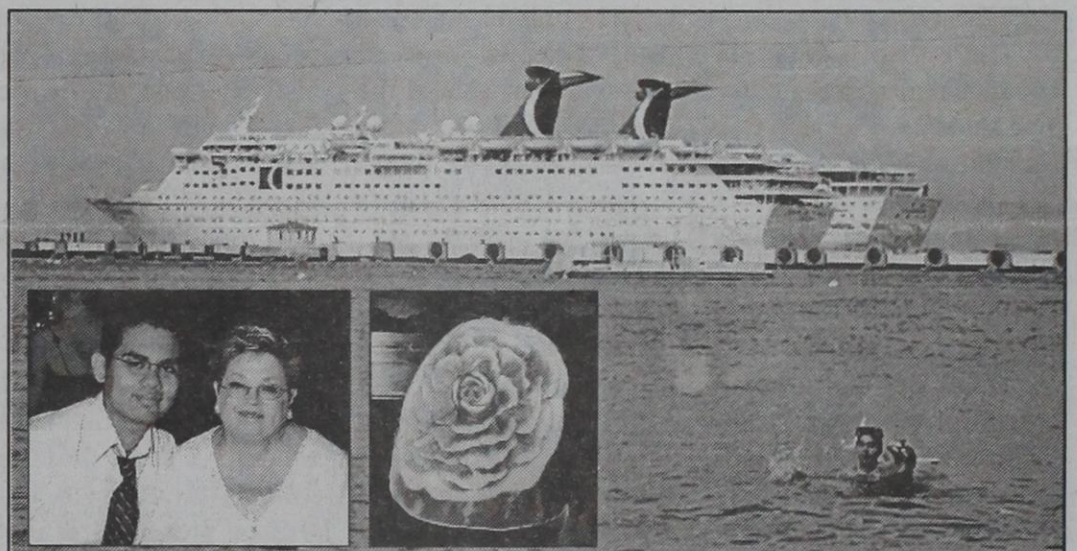
Muleshoe High School Band treats Holt to cruise

For their end of the year trip, the Muleshoe High School Band along with 17 sponsors and the band directors took a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, a small island in the Gulf of Mexico. They boarded the cruise ship M.S. Celebration on the afternoon of April 17 in Galveston and returned home on April 21.

"First of all, we need to thank the community for supporting the kids through fund-raisers. Without that, they couldn't have done it," said Charlotte Holt, a longtime band sponsor.

The band gave a free ticket to Charlotte, who is the unofficial "band mom" for all events they participate in. She helps out any way she can—hemming uniforms, fix-

see **BAND** on page 2



Pictured above is the M.S. Celebration cruise ship with two MHS band students snorkeling in the foreground. In the inset are (from left) Timothy Villa, band president, and Charlotte Holt, a longtime band sponsor; and some of the 'food art,' a rose carved out of a watermelon.

Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Mayor's Prayer Luncheon

Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal personally sponsored a prayer luncheon which was held May 1 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Major Richard Hall, Wing Chaplain of the 27th Fighter Wing Combat Command at Cannon Air Force Base (at podium) was the keynote speaker. Also pictured are (from left) Rev. Jack Stone, minister of the First Assembly of God, Curtis Shelburne, minister of 16th and Ave D Church of Christ, Mayor Victor E. Leal and Mike Arismendez, legislative director for State Rep. Carl Isett. The event was held in recognition of National Day of Prayer.

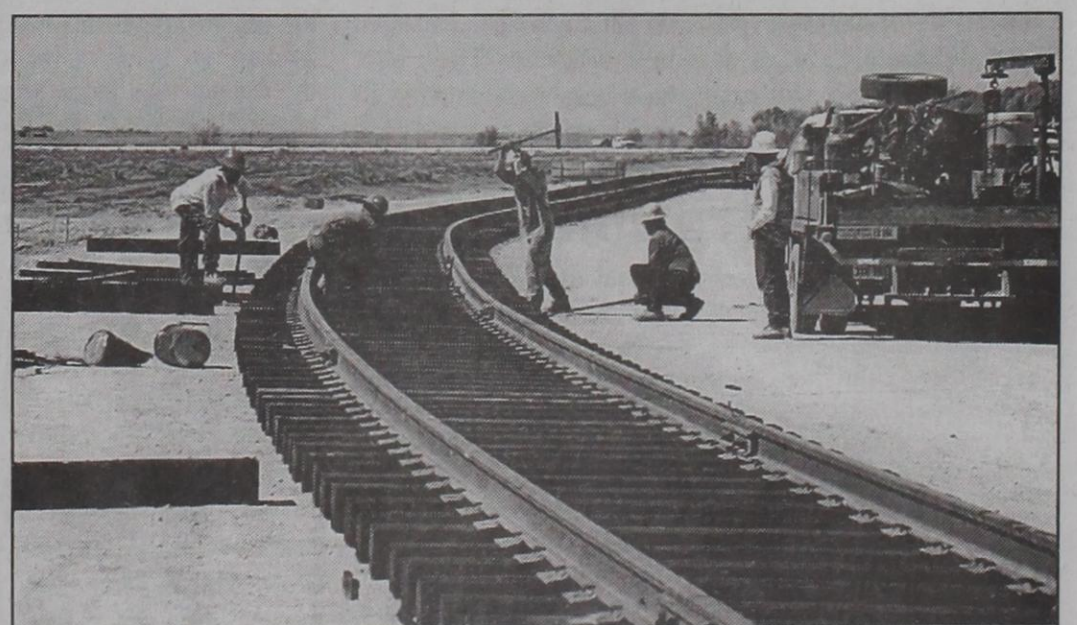


Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

110-car siding for Lariat AGP Grain Coop

Workmen work to finish construction of a new 110-car railroad siding at Lariat. The siding is being built by AGP Grain Coop to get the best price on rail transportation for hauling grain. The construction will be finished in the near future according to Ken Nelson at AGM area headquarters in Bovina. AGM purchased the elevators from Sherley-Anderson last year.

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Dillman announces Spring Round-up

Dillman Elementary will be registering children for Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. To qualify for Pre-K., your child must be 4 years old before September 1, 2003. To qualify for the Pre-K program, you must be eligible for the Bilingual Program and/or qualify for Free/Reduced Lunches.

To qualify for Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2003.

Parents, please remember to bring an updated shot record, birth certificate and social security card when registering children. If you have questions please call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

Public calendar

May 11 — 11:00 a.m., Larry Ford will be in concert at the First Assembly of God, 521 South First in Muleshoe. Ford, in earlier days, performed with Bill Gather. For

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ing hair, etc.

"We wanted to let her know how much she means to us. This was a thank you for everything she has done for the band," said Timothy Villa, band president.

Holt has been a band sponsor since her children were in the band, but after her youngest daughter graduated in 1995, she just continued to help.

"The kids are special to me also. It's nice to feel needed. This trip is the greatest gift they could have given me," said Holt, who lost her husband and her grandson recently.

The trip was a multicultural experience for the students. The ship was staffed with persons from 83 different countries, but none were Americans. Each member of the staff wore a tag with their name and home country printed on it. The dining hall offered formal dinners every night with international themes such as Italian or Russian.

"They served gourmet meals like you see in mov-

ies with all the forks and spoons. The food was like art," said Mary Esther Heredia, a senior band member. Heredia is the secretary/treasurer for the band. She is creating a scrapbook of the trip.

"The dishes were so pretty, I didn't even want to eat it," Holt said. "All of the food was wonderful, except the escargot—yuck! But if you didn't like your food, they brought you something else with no problem." Holt also pointed out that all sorts of beverages were available, but "no Dr. Pepper!"

The students enjoyed many different forms of entertainment aboard the ship, including "Off Broadway" shows, disco dancing, karaoke, crafts classes and more.

They performed in the Astoria Lounge one night for the other guests on board the ship.

In Cozumel, the band separated into smaller groups and participated in different activities such as kayaking, snorkeling,

more information call Jack Stone at 806-272-3017.

May 20 — Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Also May 20 — 7:00 p.m., Hub Cowboy Fellowship, 1 1/2 mile south of intersection FM 214 and Hwy 86. Speaker will be Jerry Killingsworth. Music provided by Jim and Rhonda Murphree. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering.

May 31 — Lady Mules Summer League will be having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. For more information or to enter, call 272-5436 or 272-4553. Entry deadline is May 23rd.

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delivering material when the accident occurred.

He leaves behind his wife, Amy and their two children, Marilyn and Madison. A complete obituary can be found on page 3

A fund has been established at Muleshoe State Bank for the family of Mario Melendez.

scuba diving and horseback riding in the Maya Ruins.

Mary Esther, who went snorkeling, said, "The water was so clear you could see all the way down to the bottom. There were yellow, blue and green fish right in front of you."

According to Heredia, the people were friendly and helpful. Most of them spoke English but she said she had no trouble conversing with them in Spanish.

Holt described the island of Cozumel as being very clean and colorful with "no bugs at all, not even flies!" She added, "There were people in the streets selling souvenirs and taking the tourists' pictures with birds and a donkey. There was even a mariachi band."

Villa described the trip as a "once in a lifetime experience for all of us."

The annual Band Banquet will be held this Thursday at the Methodist Church. A slide show of pictures taken from the trip will be presented at that time.

afternoon and then will run in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles after lunch on Saturday.

Then in the final event of the meet, she will be joined on the track by 1600-meter relay teammates Eva Pylant, Brandi Wood and Sara Benham. Lindsey Wood won a run-off for the alternate position on the team and has been training with them since the regional meet.

"I think we have a real shot for a medal in each event," Jay continued. "There are some teams that have more participants at state than we do but anything can happen in a track meet. These girls have been surprising me all year long and may still have some surprises left."

"The girls are ready right now and know they are in the top eight in class 3A. But I told the girls I did not want them to be satisfied with being in the top eight and at the state track meet...I said let's go stand on the podium and get a medal."

The Muleshoe High School record in the 1600-meter relay is 4:06.89 and the team ran a 4:09.81 at regional. Jay thinks his charges can set a new standard. He has given Coach David Wood a time he thinks the girls can run in Austin.

Using their performance at the regional meet as a standard, the girls could surprise their coach one more time before this track season ends.

Lady Mules anticipate 'Big Dance'

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Five Lady Mules leave Friday morning to fly to Austin for what Lady Mule track coach Benji Jay calls the 'Big Dance'. They will compete in four events in the Texas State Track Meet and have a very good chance for a medal in each event according to Jay.

"I knew from the very first meet of the year this was going to be a special group to work with and that they had the potential to do great things," said Jay.

"Winning the big school division of the West Texas Relays in Odessa was a very special surprise."

Jessica Withrow will participate in the high jump competition at 6 p.m. on Friday

SPC registration begins

South Plains College's summer 2003 schedules are available in hard copies and can be accessed on-line at www.southplainscollege.edu.

Summer schedules can be obtained at the college's locations at 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, SPC's campus at the Reese Technology Center, 528 Gilbert Drive in Lubbock, and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

First summer term registration dates are May 28 at SPC Levelland and May 29 at the SPC Reese Center.

Classes begin June 2, and late registration is June 2-3.

In addition to on-site classes offered, Internet classes include Cultural Anthropology, General Biology, Introduction to Computer Information Systems, Composition, American Government, Organization, History of U.S. to 1876, General Psychology and Introduction to Sociology.

For more information, contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611, ext. 2570 or ext. 2375, or SPC Reese at 885-3048, ext. 2902 or ext. 4660.



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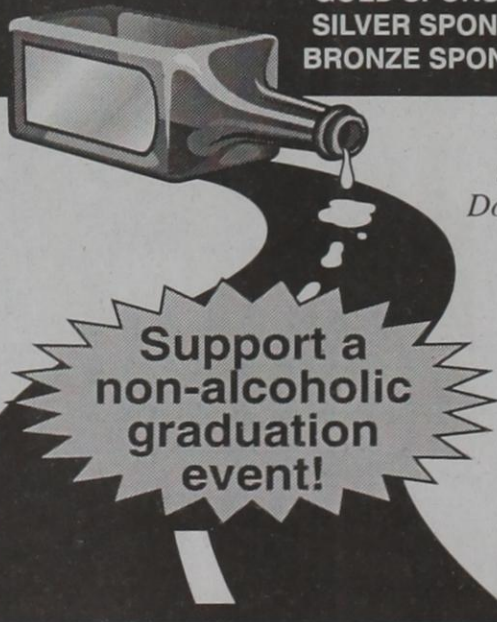
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National Nurses Week

On Monday May 5, Jan Thompson, chamber manager, presented a certificate of special recognition to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center nursing staff "for the great job they do," she said. The week of May 5-12 is National Nurses Week. Margaret Heathington, director of nurses, said, "The city is very fortunate to have these nurses. They are the best!" The entire nursing staff was recognized but not all of them were available to receive the award. Pictured from left to right are: Jan Thompson, Kermit Little, Lupe Pacheco, Marivel Quintanilla, Gayle Richerson, Olivia Barrera, and Amanda Cox.

OBITUARIES

MARIO MELENDEZ

Services were held Monday, May 5, 2003 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Mario Melendez, 24, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements. Mr. Melendez was born April 7, 1979 in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. He died May 1, 2003 in Bailey County.

He had lived in Muleshoe since 1998 moving from Dimmitt. He married Amy Alvarado in Muleshoe on June 28, 1998. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he served as an usher. He was a member of the West Texas Karate Club and a Policy Council member of the Shapes Headstart Program. He was an equipment operator for Bailey County.

Mr. Melendez is survived by his wife; two daughters, Marilyn and Miranda Melendez, both of Muleshoe; his father, Monserratt Melendez of Lazbuddie; his mother, Luciana Melendez of Muleshoe; his grandmother, Maria Aguirre of Dimmitt; and three brothers, Manuel and Monse, both of Muleshoe.

A fund has been established for Amy Melendez and her daughters at Muleshoe State Bank, 101 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347. **ZELMA E. KEY**

Services were held Wednesday at First United Methodist Church for Zelma E. Key, 89, of Morton. The Rev. Dan Carter officiated. Burial was in the Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home in Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Key was born May 28, 1913 in Marietta, Oklahoma. She died Sunday, May 4, 2003 in Morton's Cochran Memorial Hospital.

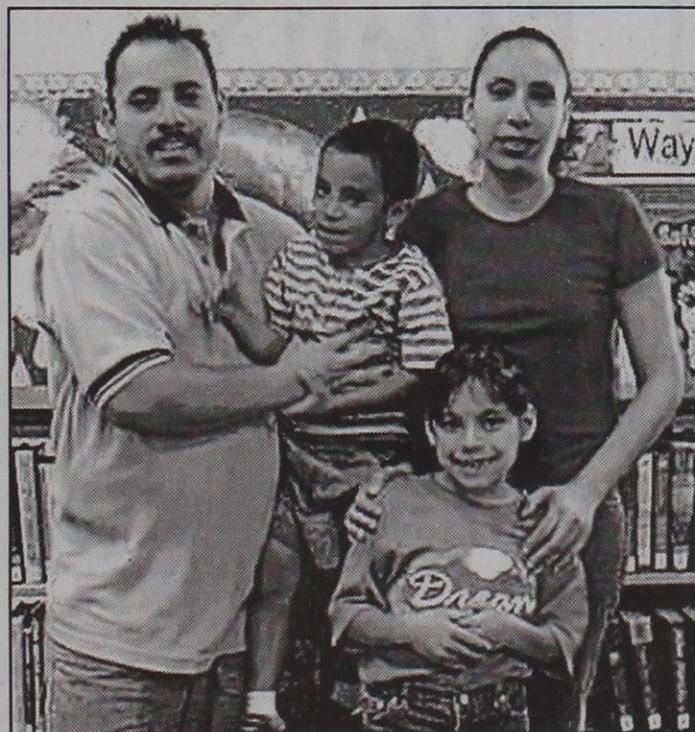
She married Richard Key in Hagerman, New Mexico on September 28, 1934. He preceded her in death on December 5, 1989.

Mrs. Key moved to the Morton community in 1943 from Fort Sumner, New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morton. She was a 1933 graduate of Hagerman High School.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in law, Danny and Marjorie Key of Morton; her daughter and son-in-law, Linda Gay and Lester Dupler of Sweeney, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Key of Morton; two sisters, Callie Chrisman and Byrda Snodgrass both of Roswell, N.M.; a brother, Howard Dorman, also of Roswell; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Robbie Key, December 24, 2002; a daughter, Elizabeth Juanelle, March 31, 1941; and a granddaughter, Schelle Pugh, November 1960.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 419 W. Taylor, Morton, Texas 79346.



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The Muleshoe area Public Library's family of the year is LeeRoy, Cecilia, Emily and Cristian Flores. Emily and Cristian are regular attendees of Storytime that is held every Saturday. LeeRoy was very helpful in organizing the Annual Book Sale. Each member regularly checks out materials from the library. LeeRoy is employed by Minsa, Cecilia works at Excel. Emily is a first grader at Dillman Elementary and Cristian is four years old.

Applications accepted for local resource funding

The Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and the Muleshoe office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept applications for the 2003 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) from May 7-June 13, 2003.

The Bailey County Local Work Group selected the Resource Concerns and Priorities for 2003 and these concerns were identified as "Water Quantity" and "Erosion."

The applications will be ranked locally and funding approved by July 25. Additional applications could be funded by August 29 if money is available. Plans will be written by September 15. This sign up is not on a "first come first served" basis.

Although the actual dollar amount has not been allocated for Bailey County, we are projecting between \$60-70,000 for Erosion practices (Base Funds) and \$189,000 for the Ogallala Water Conservation Area (Ogallala Funds). There will also be a "Special Emphasis" on Prairie Chicken Habitat Improvement. This allocation will address brush control and grazing deferment. Application details on the habitat improvement will be available at a later date.

Cottonseed payment program announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that sign-up for the 2002-crop cottonseed payment program is May 2 through May 23, 2003. The program, authorized by the agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, provides \$50 million to help cotton ginners and producers recover from low 2003-crop cottonseed prices.

Program applications are currently being mailed to ginners, who must submit completed forms to FSA headquarters by May 23, 2003, in order to be considered for payment. All companies that ginned 2002-crop cotton are eligible for 2003. Payments will be made in accordance with the provisions of the final regulations published in the Federal Register April 25, 2003.

Base funds will be used to address Erosion with the following practices:

- Dryland cropland to grass (high priority-50% cost share)
- Conservation tillage (medium priority-\$10/ac incentive payment)
- Livestock water (medium priority-50% cost share)
- Fencing (medium priority-50% cost share)
- Terraces (low priority-50% cost share)
- Windbreaks (low priority-50% cost share)
- Buffers (low priority-50% cost share)

Some of the Base funds will also be used to cost share new center pivots at 15%. This applies only to conversions from row water or side roll, to new center pivots.

Ogallala Funds will be used to address Water Quantity with the following practices:

- Existing center pivot nozzle conversions (high priority-50% cost share)
- Pipelines (high priority especially replacing concrete lines-50% cost share)
- Conversion of row water/side roll to drip irrigation (medium priority-30% cost share)

This year's program will be a little more complex. However, money alloca-

tions will come directly to Bailey County. Consequently, applications taken in Bailey County will only be ranked against other applications within the county. Please call to make an appointment to begin disc-

sions on how the Farm Bill's EQIP may possibly help you at 806-272-5124, ext. 3. Those that applied last year will have to re-apply again this year.

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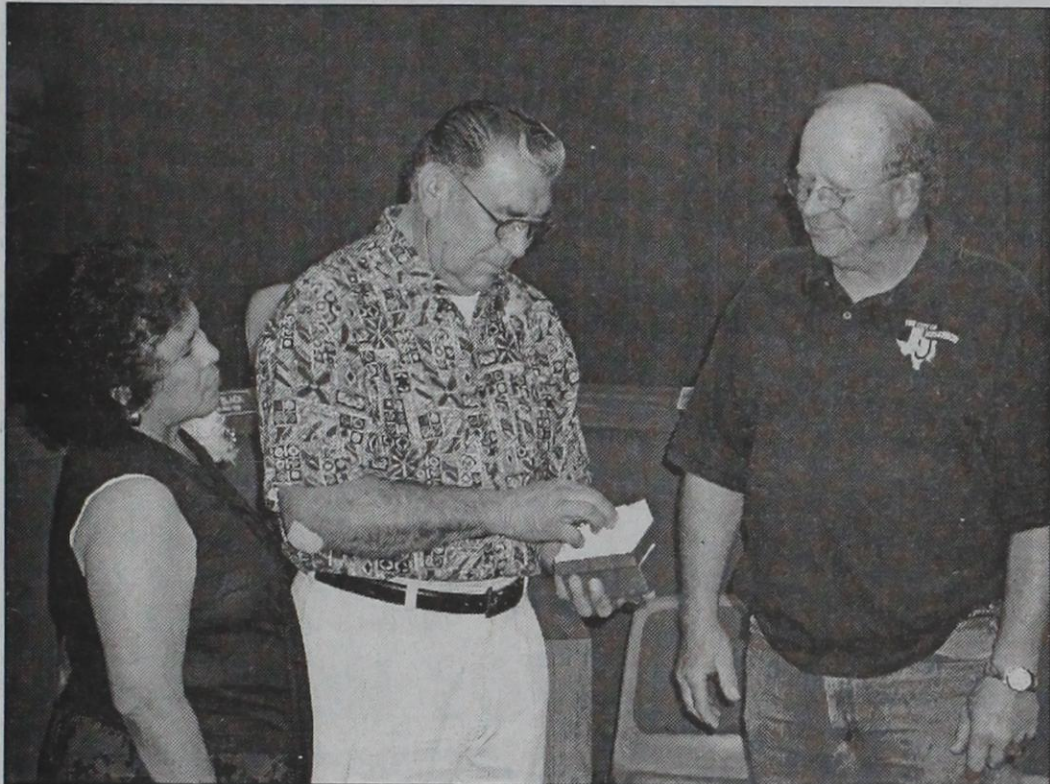
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Employee of the year

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce recently presented Freddy Santos (holding award) with the employee of the year award for which he was recognized during the annual banquet April 12, but was not present to receive. Pictured are (from left) Santos' mother, Manuela; his wife, Sarah; his son, Andrew and Santos; Jan Thompson, chamber manager, and Heather Foley, chamber member.



Courtesy photo

Longtime City employee retires

Marcos Lopez (center) was honored with a retirement reception Friday, May 2 in the Muleshoe City Council chambers. He had been employed with the City of Muleshoe for 30 years, 29 of those years as street superintendent. He is married to Tomasa and they have four children, Albert of Tuscon, Ariz., Gilbert of Muleshoe, Becky Ramon of Tampa, Fla., and Ashley of Muleshoe. He now plans to travel more. Gathered are (from left) Lopez's wife, Tomasa, Lopez and Cliff Black. Black, Muleshoe city councilman, presented Lopez with a gift of appreciation for his service to the city.

Seventh grade Mule tracksters score a District 2-3A 'three-pete'

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

For the third consecutive year the seventh grade Mules ran away with the District 2-3A track meet. They racked up 165 points in the meet at Littlefield. Lubbock Cooper came in second with 133.

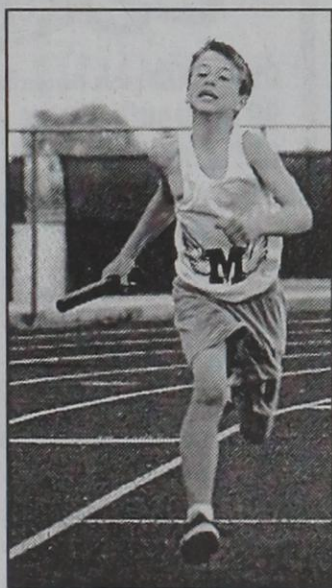
Dimmitt (111.5), Littlefield (103), Slaton (72.5) and Brownfield (30) completed the field of teams.

Luis Ramirez had a gold medal toss in the shot put of 34 feet 9 inches and Robert Clark placed sixth with 30' 7". Amado Flores took the gold in the long jump with a leap of 15' 8 1/4".

Garrett Riley won his first of five gold medals with a Muleshoe Junior High record setting jump of 5' 7" in the high jump. Riley soared over the old record of 5' 4". Adam Zamora took fifth by clearing 4' 10".

Riley's second gold came in the triple jump with a distance of 33' 4" and Flores took the bronze with 30' 7". Patrick Precure took the silver medal in pole vault by clearing 6' 6". Julio Bustillos and Colby Carpenter finished fourth and fifth in the 2400-meter run with times of 9 minutes 49.25 seconds and 10:14.87.

The 400-meter relay team of J.J. Mendoza, Richard Rojas, Flores and Riley took the gold medal with a time of 53.60. Joaquin Ruvalcaba



Courtesy photo: David Tipps
Dusty Clayton sprints.

took the silver medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:37.49 and Zamora placed fourth with a time of 2:45.05.

Riley's third gold medal came in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.54 and Dusty Clayton placed fifth with a 20.78. Jacob Vega won the gold medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.66 and Ramirez placed fifth with a 13.68.

The 800-meter relay team of Clayton, Diego Del Toro, Mendoza and Vega placed fourth with a time of 2:00.37. Flores took the bronze medal in the 400-meter run with a 1:03.77 and Vega had a gold medal run in the 200 of 28.27.

Bustillos placed fifth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:35.71. The Mules cinched their district title in the 1600-meter relay. The team of

Flores, Vega, Rojas and Riley beat the competition by almost 10 seconds with a time of 4:21.19.

Seventh grade Mule track coach Chad King said, "These boys worked very hard on their events and wanted to keep their string of district championships going. We are looking forward to having them back next year."



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TOPS NEWS

Special guest speaker at the weekly TOPS Club meeting on April 24 was Liz Worm, a rehabilitation nurse from the Muleshoe Healthcare Center, better known as "The Exercise Lady." She presented members in attendance a fitness book titled *Pep up Your Life!* with exercises that can be performed while sitting in a chair. All of the members participated in the exercises that she led. After the program, she was presented a gift of appreciation.

Seven members answered the roll call given by Linda White, weight recorder. Rose Sain, assistant leader, was in charge of the meeting in the absence of Laverne James, leader.

Retha Knowles had a birthday April 29 and chose a gift from the birthday box. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Best loser for the week was Sain. First runner-up was White and second runner-up was Alene Bryant.

On April 17, James, leader, was in charge of the meeting. Six members answered roll call with weight they had gained or lost. James presented Alma Robertson a gift for installing the new officers on March 13.

The club contests are going very well and members are working hard to lose their excess poundage. Best loser for the week was Robertson. First runner-up was James and second runner-up was Elaine Coburn.

If anyone is interested in losing weight and having fun at the same time, come and join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).

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Carpenter feted with bridal shower

Amanda Carpenter of Muleshoe was honored with a bridal shower May 4, 2003 at the home of Cindy Magby.

The honoree is the daughter of Marvin and Shirley Carpenter and the bride-elect of Steve Clifton of Muleshoe.

Special guests were the bride-elect's mother, Shirley Carpenter, the bride-elect's niece, Christian Orozco, the bride-elect's great aunts, Eva Dale Carpenter, Bonnie Carpenter and Frankie Carpenter.

Hostesses including Magby were Debbie Nickels, Jane Reeder, Esmeralda Campolla, LeAnn Gallman, Sue Scott, Della Snell, Stephanie Jesko, Dymisha Orozco, Jan Pierce, Mary Lopez, Brenda Kirk, Jennifer Stevens, Kayla Nickels, Toni King, Cassie Crandall, LaTonia Stroud, Charlotte



Amanda Carpenter

Harris and Angela Morris. The hostess gift was a set of pois and pans.

The wedding is scheduled for May 24, 2003 at the First Baptist Church.

Merriott, Green, Hargrove recognized

Nelda Merriott, service leader for the Muleshoe area Girl Scouts, recently received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council. She received the honor at the annual recognition luncheon held at Hillcrest Country Club on April 26.

Merriott was among 23 of 852 adult volunteers from 15 counties to receive the award.

In attendance were Ruby Green and Gail Hargrove from Muleshoe. Green was honored for outstanding

service and dedication to the Girls Scouts for her efforts in securing financial assistance for a new refrigerator in the Girl Scout Hut. She was also instrumental in arranging for monthly payment of the Girl Scouts' telephone bill by the Followers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church. Green accepted a certificate of recognition for the class which was recognized for its generosity.

Also recognized was VFW Post 8570 of Muleshoe for being instrumental in the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Girl Scout Hut.

The Jennyslippers volun-

teer organization received a certificate for its financial contributions to the Girl Scouts, including \$200 toward the purchase of the new refrigerator.

Hargrove was recognized for her financial contributions to the Girl Scout day camp and for serving as first aid responder for the camp.

The Rotary Club was recognized for its generosity in paying the electric and natural gas bills for the Girl Scout Hut and the City of Muleshoe was recognized for their support of the local Girl Scouts, too. They furnish the water for the lawn at the Hut.

HONORS

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

Three students from the Muleshoe area are among the 407 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring.

Cum laude graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 grade point average. Students with a 3.5 to 3.59 grade point average graduate with distinction.

The candidates and their degrees are Carlton Deshawn Lewis, bachelor of science in psychology; Rachel Lopez, bachelor of science in elementary education, cum laude; and Freddy Perez, bachelor of science in physical education.

MORRIS

The West Texas A&M University men's rodeo team topped the competition in the regular-season finale at Tarleton State University, qualifying wranglers for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Championship Series May 27-29 in Hobbs, NM.

Among those qualifying were Josh Morris, a senior finance major from Lazbuddie. Morris is second in the region in team roping-heading.

The Championship Series in Hobbs will feature the top 10 qualifiers in each event from three regions—Grand Canyon, Southern and Southwest. West Texas A&M is a member of the Southwest Region. The top two qualifiers from each region, while still scheduled to compete at the Championship Series, received automatic byes to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) June 8-14 in Casper, Wyoming.

It's May, and Here Comes Mother's Day!

I confess. I like writing Mother's Day columns and crafting Mother's Day sermons almost as much as I like eating asparagus, broccoli, or cauliflower. I know the veggies I mention are supposed to be good for you; I just have a hard time imagining the poor starving soul who first took a look at a cauliflower plant and said, "Hey, Billy Bob, you know what? I think you could eat that stuff." Yeah, you could probably eat milkweeds, dandelions, and crabgrass, too, but why would you want to? If you toasted them long

to pastors who serve in one church for a long time (the first Sunday in April was my eighteenth year here!), a preacher's gotta be more creative than I am to come up with 18 new ways to say, "God loves moms, and I agree with him!"

But he does, and I do. I'd just like to be able to find a new and better way to say it!

What I need is a new way to say that I could spend my whole life praising God for his gift to me of a loving mother, and it wouldn't be long enough to adequately thank him for such a blessing.

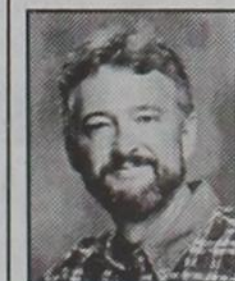
What I need is a new way to say that the poorest person on earth is still rich if he, like me, has never had to go to bed a single night wondering if his mother loves him.

What I need is a new way to say that I thank God with every breath of every day that my mother loved me enough to love God and my father even more than she loved me—and that's saying a lot.

What I need is a new way to say that, even though Mom's been gone now for over 11 years, her laugh, her touch, and her love are as real to me as my next heartbeat.

What I need is a new way to say that my life, my children's lives, and the lives of generations yet unborn will be blessed because my mother was the right kind of lady, the right kind of mom.

I need a sermon idea. But I thank God for giving me what I needed more—a great mom.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

enough, you could probably make croutons out of grass-burns, but what's the point?

Careful now. On the advice of my attorney, I should mention that nothing in this column should be taken to in any way imply, suggest, or indicate any smidgeon of a doubt or even any mental reservation regarding the advisability of a day set apart to honor those dear ladies hereinafter in this document referred to as mothers.

No kidding. Really. I'm all for mothers and motherhood. And I think that setting a day aside to honor them in a special way is, yea, verily, a good idea. But though there are some heart-warming blessings that come

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

HONORS

Kamal D. Bhakta has been accepted into the Fall 2003 Pharm. D. Professional program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Amarillo. Bhakta completed a day long interview process at Amarillo.

The interview day began with a one hour orientation. The interview process consisted of a 34 question Critical Thinking Skills Test, a 45 minute Critical Writing Session pertaining to an ethical dilemma faced by health care professionals, a 30 minute personal interview conducted by a faculty member and a first year pharmacy student, and one hour situational dilemma exercise to demonstrate teamwork skills.

Bhakta will complete the first two years of his pharmacy course work in Amarillo. At the end of his second year, he will have the opportunity to complete course work and clinical rotations in Lubbock, Dallas Metroplex, El Paso, or Amarillo.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy received almost 400 applications for the Fall 2003 Pharm. D. program. Bhakta was chosen as one of only 78 applicants accepted into the program.

Bhakta is the son of D. I. and Manjula Bhakta. According to his transcripts, Bhakta graduated as the salutatorian from Muleshoe High School in May 2000.

Currently, Bhakta is completing prerequisite course work at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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Braille books created for the blind

On April 6, Braille Work Center No. 67 celebrated 31 years of making braille books at St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat. Groups from the Rhea community, Clovis and St. John's came together for a casserole supper.

Liz Kaltwasser informed the group that the braille press that had been used for 31 years has been replaced by a new press. A new braille group of young people was formed March 8, 2003. Kaltwasser said a set of new braille plates used to make a book today would cost \$15,000. A braille bible made by the volunteers of the Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. costs \$150 to make and is given away free. A braille bible sold on the market today would cost \$1,100.

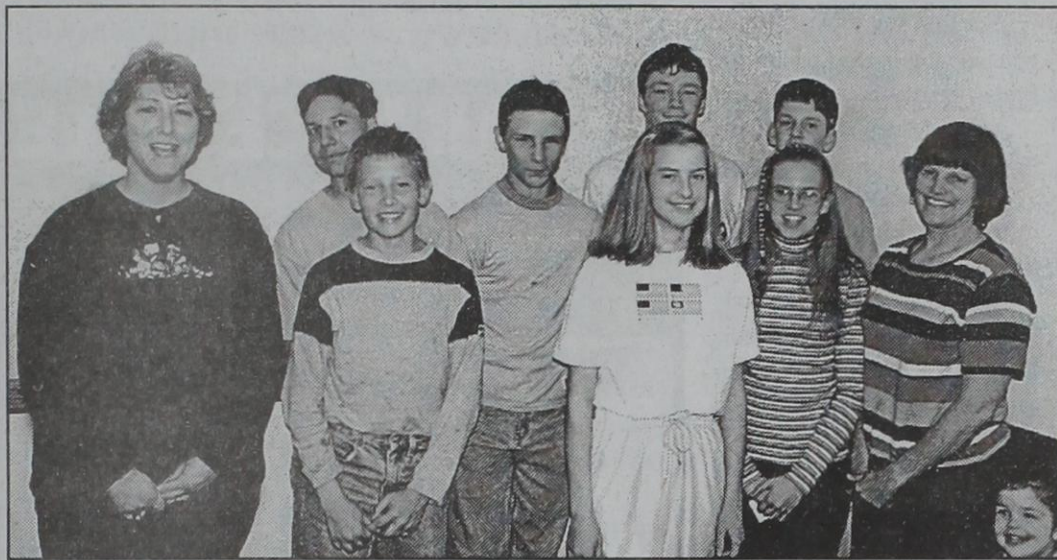
Hubert and Mary Helen Gohlke gave a report on the regional meeting of braille workers in Waco, held the weekend of March 23. Three of the speakers at this meeting are blind and are proof readers for the Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. They agreed that the poorest of the poor are among the blind. The blind female speaker is a grandmother who became blind later in life. She sang a couple of songs she wrote. One blind gentleman who is a minister and executive director of the Blind Missions of the Lutheran Church preached on Sunday morning. The other gentleman, who was born blind, speaks five languages and proof reads braille for Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.



Courtesy photos

Above, gathered in the Rhea Group are (back row, from left) Melvin Sachs, Eli and Tina Symm, Mary Alice Ramm; (front row, from left) Esther Sachs, Pearl Anderson, Shirley Drager, Anna Symm and Martha Scheuler.

Below, gathered in the St. John's Youth Group are (back row, from left) James Diaz, Joel Owen, Daniel Kaltwasser, Eli Symm; (front row, from left) Ruth and Trevor Owen, Elizabeth, Anna and Tina Symm, and little Amelia Symm.



in all five languages.

There are 53 million blind people in the world. There is no doubt that someone knows someone who is blind and is

able to read braille. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. offers braille to anyone at no cost. The co-leaders of the Braille Work Center No. 67 are Mary

Kalbas and Kaltwasser.

To request material, write to Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., P.O. Box 5000, Yucaipa, Calif. 92399.

STUDENT-COMMUNITY ACTION CLUB

The Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) met April 28, 2003 in Sara Benham's home. President Erica Whalin called the meeting to order. Chaplain Landon Sheets gave the opening prayer. Casey Barrier read the minutes. Mr. Mardis gave the treasurer's report. Presently the club

has \$1,387.53.

Guest speaker, Victor Leal, was unable to attend. He was the citizen of the month for March and April.

Old business discussed included the bake auction, yellow ribbon fundraiser, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation letter. Unfortunately, Jami Wedel in-

formed the club that the letter had been a fraud.

New business discussed included new member elections. The club voted on twenty new members after reading the twenty-six applications. Results will be announced soon. Nine members attended the National Day of Prayer ceremony May 1 at the Bailey County Coliseum. They were the greeters for the event.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2003 in Gracie Adrian's home. It will be the end-of-year hamburger cook-out during which new members are inducted and new officers elected.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons brought ceramics for the residents to paint. Residents participating were Delphine Gruda, Aline Locke, Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Alvin Isaacson, Vera Neer, Ruby Riley and Diane Copley.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Cowley directed a singing and music session in the day room and special care unit Thursday morning.

A residents' council meeting took place in Park View's day room Thursday afternoon. The meeting began with a pledge to the flag.

Friday, Buster and Wanda Kittrell provided transportation for Delphine Gruda to attend the monthly senior citizen meeting at the civic center.

Iris Clements, Delphine Gruda and Walker Aufdenkamp directed the bingo bash. Volunteers plus provided quarters for the prizes.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the Communion service Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the bible study Sunday morning.

Anne Locke, our ombudsman, played the piano for our music and song devotional in the day room as well as the special care unit Monday morning.

Mrs. Jack Cummings hosted a deviled egg party in the special care unit Monday at noon. They also visited with Harriet

Cummings, Jack's mother. Diane Copley provided prizes for the bingo Monday afternoon.

Don Bruns was visited by his daughter, Debbie Kemp, and sister, Ruth Briscoe, Monday afternoon.

Hershel Patterson was visited by Doyle and Doris Fard Monday. Mr. Patterson's wife, Freddie Lee, comes and stays with him 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Peggy Dent visited Tuesday.

At this writing, Iva Littlefield is improving in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Curtis Daniels entertained those down his hall with his harmonica music and sometimes by playing his guitar. Curtis' sister, Joy Williams, comes to visit him several times a week.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for Joyce Morrison Tuesday morning.

The April birthday party was hosted by Berta Combs, Diane Brown, Pat Wilson, Marieta Thomas, Marilyn Wilson, and J.C. and Lily Snitker. Curtis Snitker provided entertainment.

Decorator's Floral gave each birthday resident a corsage or boutonniere. Lasting Impressions presented each birthday resident with a Ty beanie baby attached to a balloon. Residents with April birthdays were Gladys Wilson (April 7), J.C. Shanks (April 24), Erma Templar (April 17), Guy

Kendall (April 14), and Elzie Darland (April 24).

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Watson, Beverly Wagnon, Doloras Garrett, Pat Clark, Linda Nowell, Mary Jo Burge and Eva Nell Dale shampooed and set the ladies hair and gave a lot of T.L.C.

Clifton Finley received many visits on Tuesday, his first day in Park View.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and doughnuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Mr. Burge directed the reading and conversation. Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed our 'singspiration' time.

Among our canine friends that visited this week were Dimples, Puddles and Tricksie.

Wes Conway took residents on an outing in the Spartan van Friday afternoon.

Audrey Magby is visited daily by her children.

The Cowboy Church was directed Sunday by Kerry and Jessica Winders and Jearl James.

Glenda Jennings and Randy Thomas, minister of Lazbuddie Methodist Church, directed our sing-along Wednesday afternoon. Tim Todd, directing a revival at Lazbuddie Methodist, told a bible story using his puppet, Fred.

Herb and Betty Ramage hung wind chimes on both patios at Park View.

Eighth grade Lady Mules place second

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules placed second at the District 2-3A track meet in Littlefield with 114 points. Lubbock Cooper won the meet with 222 points and Slaton (95), Littlefield (68), Brownfield (57) and Dimmitt (40) completed the field.

Cecilia Reyna had a silver medal throw in the shot put of 25 feet, eight and three-quarters inches. Kate Lepard took the bronze medal in the long jump with a leap of 13' 8 1/2" and took the gold medal in the high jump with a leap of 4' 6".

Abby Lawrence placed fourth in the high jump by clearing 4' 0". The 400-meter relay team of Irma Torres, Jamie Hall, Lawrence and Reyna took the silver medal with a time of 59.04 seconds.

Samantha Sanchez took sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:14.14 and Chelsi Hawkins took the gold in the 100-meter hurdles with a 16.89. Mali Ruiz placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.41.

Lepard had a gold medal run in the 400 with a time of 1:08.18 and Reyna took the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a 58.20. Lepard placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a

32.15.

Callie Hancock took sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 7:34.00. The 1600-meter relay team of Lawrence, Hawkins, Madison Myers and Lepard took the bronze medal with a time of 4:53.16.

Eighth grade Lady Mule coach Linda Pshigoda said, "The girls have worked hard all year and I am very proud of them. They will be a great addition to the program when they move into high school."

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COUNTY COURT NEWS

April 22

Josue Sigala was charged with harassment. Case is set for the May 29 docket call.

Everett E. McBane was charged with assault. Case is set for the June 26 docket.

Irma Jimenez Rodriguez was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense and placed on the May 29 docket call.

Adolfo Venzor pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$236 in court costs and sentenced to 90 days probated one year.

Jace Robles was charged with evading arrest and placed on the May 29 docket call.

April 24

Anthony Gilbert Buenrostro was charged with driving while intoxicated. Case moved to May 29 docket.

Lisa Diane Ellis was charged with driving while intoxicated. Trial by jury set for July 7.

Ricky Garza was charged with assault. A continuance was granted until May 29.

Moises Z. Hernandez was charged with criminal mischief. Case moved to May 29 docket.

Moises Z. Hernandez was charged with evading arrest. Case moved to May 29 docket.

Martin Omar Morales was charged with theft. Case moved to May 29 docket.

Isiah Pacheco was charged with theft. Case placed on May 29 docket.

Ronald Justin Puckett was charged with driving while intoxicated and placed on the May 29 docket.

Joe Robert Rodriguez was charged with assault. Trial set for July 15.

David Sigala Romero was charged with possession of marijuana. Case moved to May 29 docket.

David Sigala Romero was charged with delivering drug paraphernalia to a mi-

nor. Case moved to May 29 docket.

Ramon M. Sigala pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$236 in court costs and sentenced to 90 days probated for one year.

Patrick Dominguez Vega was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense. A continuance was granted until June 26.

Arthur Noble Welty was charged with driving while intoxicated. A continuance was granted until May 29 docket.

Martin Omar Morales was charged with driving while intoxicated. Case set for May 29 docket.

April 29

John Eric Embry pled guilty to a charge of deadly conduct. He was fined \$1300 plus \$236 in court costs and sentenced to 120 days, probated for two years.

Johnathon Zapata, Jr. pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. He was fined \$100 plus \$211 in court costs.

Johnathon Zapata, Jr. pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$236 in court costs and sentenced to 90 days, probated for one year.

He was also ordered to complete an alcohol offenders program.

Joseph E. Fahnttrapp III was charged with violation of protective order. Plea set for May.

Joseph E. Fahnttrapp III was charged with possession of marijuana. Plea set for May.

Juan Gabriel Gamboa was charged with possession of marijuana. Case set for the June 26 docket call.

A warrant was issued for Ronald V. Pelton who failed to appear to answer a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jesus Armando Alvarado pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus court costs of \$211 and sentenced to 90 days to serve.

Larry Dean Luna was given a notice to appear on May 13 to a charge of assault.

Shawn Robb pled guilty to a charge of theft by check. He made full restitution and was fined \$261 in costs.

Ramon Ruiz pled guilty to theft by check. He was fined \$150 plus \$244 in court costs. He was sentenced to 45 days to serve, probated for 18 months and ordered to make restitution of \$185.80.

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12. Indian red, for one
19. Explosive
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23. A hard nonresilient rubber
24. Veggies
25. Serves
26. Within hearing
29. Austria
30. Horse membrane
31. Being a single unit or thing of a group or category
33. Former CIA
34. Having a grainy texture
36. Supplement with difficulty
37. A tool for cutting male (external) screw threads
38. Conclusive in a process or progression
43. Cradlesong
46. Flower petals
48. An awkward stupid person
49. Volcanic craters
50. Elastance unit
52. Accepted practice
53. Athletic shoes
54. Soudaphone
55. Kin group
57. Doctors' group
58. Dip lightly into water
59. Fed
61. Ed Murrow's home

CLUES ACROSS


1. Small drink of liquor
4. Hard-ninded inedible fruit
9. Purposes
13. Compass pt.
14. Male ballet performer
15. Wrath
16. Radioactivity units
17. Snicker
18. Musical interval
20. Arab market
22. A way to become lost
25. Sloth
27. British thermal unit
28. A very large body of water
29. Turn away
32. Clamors
35. Give advice, explain
39. Guns
40. Waterproof fabric
41. Chinese Moslem
42. Islands
44. Pay attention to
45. Sink fixture

CLUES DOWN

47. Overly
49. Prototypes
51. Mythological Titan
54. Nurse-patient relationship
56. Swiss river
58. Seaport in Cameroon
60. Fire
62. Returned material authorization, abbr.
63. Saturday
64. Includes Ewe and Fon languages
65. Free from danger
66. John Howard __, actor
67. The dried leaves of the hemp plant

Crossword Answers

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Employee of the Month

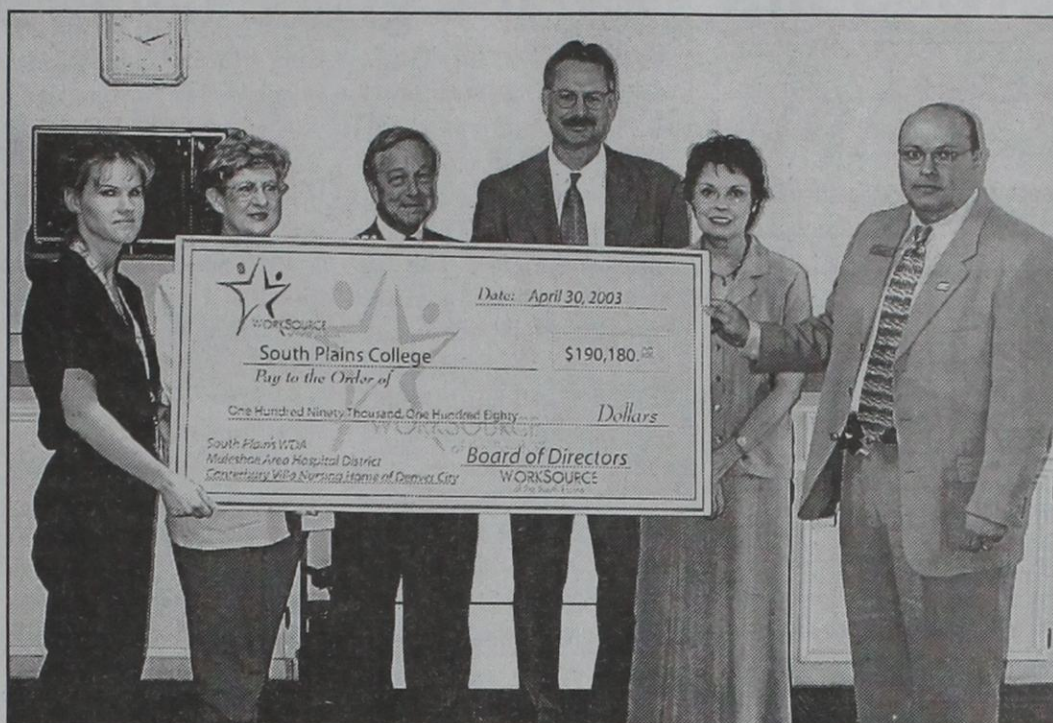
Business of the Month

Rural healthcare industry receives funds

WorkSource of the South Plains awarded state-allocated Texas Workforce Commission funds in the amount of \$190,180 to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home of Denver City on April 30, 2003 at a Press Conference held at the Muleshoe Area Hospital. These funds will be used to develop the skills of new hires and to enhance the skills of incumbent workers.

\$168,427 was awarded to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District for the purpose of training both new and existing employees. Twenty-five new employees and ninety incumbent workers will be trained in various healthcare-related practices, including Nurse Aide and Medication Aide Certification, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), EKG Interpretation and Medical Terminology.

Canterbury Villa was awarded \$21,753 for the pur-



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Special grant for Muleshoe Area Hospital

Jay Messenger, member of the Texas WorkSource of the South Plains, presents a check to South Plains College for \$190,180. Of the total, \$168,427 is for training both new and existing employees at the Muleshoe hospital. Pictured are (from left) Tina Estrada of Denver City; Margaret Heathington, director of nurses for the Muleshoe hospital; Jim Bone, hospital administrator; Messenger; Judge Marilyn Cox, board member of WorkSource and Rafael Aguilera, associate dean of Workforce Development at South Plains College.

pose of training five existing workers in the Licensed Vocational Nurse Certification program at South Plains College.

Muleshoe Area Hospital

District, the Department of Workforce Development/South Plains College, and the South Plains College Schools of Nursing/Levelland and Reese campuses will conduct

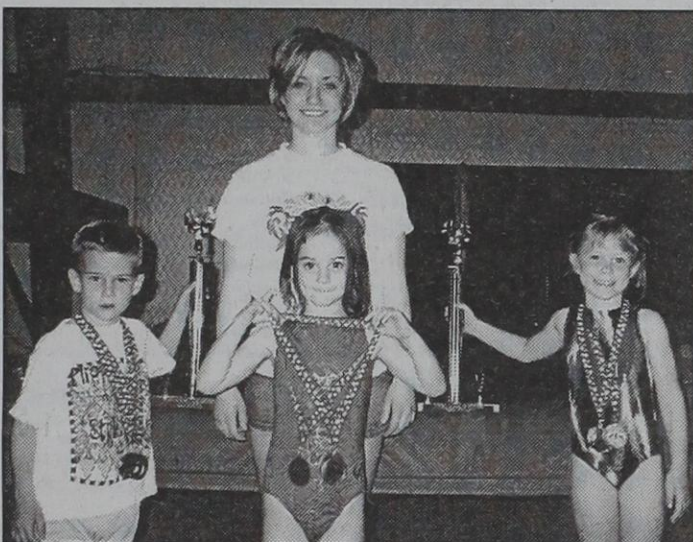
the training instruction for each healthcare worker funded by this workforce development initiative. The one-year training period will begin May 1, 2003.

Gymnastic trio tumbles toward state

The Acrospirit Division One Team from Muleshoe Sports Academy recently competed in a USA Gymnastics competition in Midland at the Midland Christian College. Jaren Piepkorn, Kristina Thorn and Triston Boehning all took part in the competition.

"This was only their second big competition and they were really nervous, to the point I thought they would all forget their routines. Fortunately, they remembered them all and all three did a really great job," said Whitney Wallace, division I head coach.

Two hundred and fifty other athletes from 22 teams also competed in the competition. The competi-



Courtesy photo

Pictured are (from left) Triston Boehning, Coach Whitney Wallace, Jaren Piepkorn and Kristina Thorne.

tion had a Mardi Gras theme where all the competitors received beads and other things as well as their medals for the competition.

These competitions are

used to build these young athletes' confidence and experience to reach the next level of competition. The division I team will compete at state May 9 in Midland.

Individual placings were Jaren Piepkorn, third in trampoline, fourth in tumbling and second in double mini; Christina Thorn, second in trampoline, third in tumbling and first in double mini; and Triston Boehning, second in trampoline, second in tumbling and first in double mini.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

April 24 — Frances L. Bland, James D. Burris, Earl C. Finley, Wesley E. Hawkins, Jacquetta S. Kirkland, Luydoit Magby, Raymond McGehee, Audrey L. Smyer, Elvira D. Treviño and Mitchell Walls.

April 25 — Sheldon S. Ashley, Quay Collom, Earl C. Finley, Maria Guerra, Wesley E. Hawkins, Jacquetta S. Kirkland, Luydoit Magby, Raymond McGehee, Alberto Orozco, Herman E. Smith and Elvira D. Treviño.

April 26 — Oscar Alfaro, Prima Barron, Ollie F. Corbin, Virginia DeLeon, Earl C. Finley, Ruby L. Garner, Jaquelin Hermosillo, Dorothy Hood, Jacquetta S. Kirkland, Herman E. Smith, Elvira D. Treviño, Monica L. Tyson and Christopher D. Weaver.

April 27 — Oscar Alfaro, Prima Barron, Ollie F. Corbin, Virginia DeLeon, Earl C. Finley,

Ruby L. Garner, Jaquelin Hermosillo, Dorothy Hood, Herman E. Smith, Elvira D. Treviño, Monica L. Tyson and Christopher D. Weaver.

April 28 — Oscar Alfaro, Prima Barron, Ollie F. Corbin, Earl C. Finley, Ruby L. Garner, Jaquelin Hermosillo, Dorothy Hood, Herman E. Smith and Elvira D. Treviño.

April 29 — Oscar Alfaro, Prima Barron, Ollie F. Corbin, Jerry E. Devenport, Earl C. Finley, Janette Garcia, Ruby L. Garner, Jaquelin Hermosillo, Dorothy Hood, Bonnie Howard, Matt M. Moseley, Marcos Orona, Herman E. Smith, Elvira D. Treviño and James C. Warren.

April 30 — Willie Brown, Amy Burris, Ollie F. Corbin, Jerry E. Devenport, Janette Garcia, Ruby L. Garner, Dorothy Hood, Adelia Jones, Matt M. Moseley, Marcos Orona, Pedro Pacheco, Kathryn Robbins, Elvira D. Treviño, James C. Warren and Roxanne Winders.

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MAY 7-13

ARIES — March 21/April 20
Progress on the work front is all but assured this week, Aries. Don't be shy; take credit for your accomplishments. Be on the lookout for an old friend who has important news to share.

TAURUS — April 21/May 21
You're feeling a little adventurous this week, Taurus, but your schedule is not likely to let up anytime soon. That's okay; you can make plans for later.

GEMINI — May 22/June 21
A chance for you to move up in the world will become apparent this week, Gemini. Move quickly, for it won't stick around for long. Make time for that special someone this weekend — it will be appreciated.

CANCER — June 22/July 22
Relationship issues will be important to you this week, Cancer. Get answers to the questions you've been harboring deep inside. You'll grow closer to that special someone once you clear the air.

LEO — July 23/August 23
Your loving nature will attract others to you this week. However, don't just sit back and enjoy it. Reciprocate a little — that's what love is all about.

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22
You're free to come and go as you please this week, Virgo. Creative activities will come easy to you. Do only those things that have meaning for you.

LIBRA — Sept 23/Oct 23
Although your nights may be warm and loving, your days look stormy this week, Libra. It's an excellent week for affairs of the heart, but it will be more difficult to deal with personalities opposite yours.

SCORPIO — Oct 24/Nov 22
The next few days should be a lot of fun, Scorpio. They should also be productive, as your winning ways score points with those in power.

SAGITTARIUS — Nov 23/Dec 21
This week, you should pay attention to how you can increase your income without adding too much pressure. Try making better use of your time. An old friend stops by to ask for help. Do what you can.

CAPRICORN — Dec 22/Jan 20
Your energy will be on the upswing this week, along with your assertiveness and ambition. It's time you used your remarkable potential. Make time for family this week.

AQUARIUS — Jan 21/Feb 18
Money may be tight this week, Aquarius, but don't sell off the family silver just yet. Good fortune is on the horizon.

PISCES — Feb 19/March 20
Now's the time to take the bull by the horns when it comes to your hopes and dreams. You can do it! Success is just a heartbeat away this week, Pisces. A stranger will walk into your life — make him a friend.

ARIES — March 21/April 20
Progress on the work front is all but assured this week, Aries. Don't be shy; take credit for your accomplishments. Be on the lookout for an old friend who has important news to share.

Bailey County Voting Results

BAILEY COUNTY VOTING	Early Voting	Voting Box #1	Voting Box #2	Voting Box #3	Voting Box #4	Voting Box #5	Voting Box #6	Grand Total Votes
Stace Williams	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	9
Vickie Sutton	4	2	1	1	2	2	1	13
Jerri Simmons-Asmussen	6	3	2	2	1	3	7	24
Richard "Chip" Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julia Penelope	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Randy Neugebauer	93	39	69	10	20	7	7	245
Donald May	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
David Langston	43	10	26	9	15	8	10	121
Carl H. Isett	26	16	34	1	7	0	5	89
E.L. "Ed" Hicks	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kaye Gaddy	3	0	1	2	4	2	2	14
Thomas Flournoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Conaway	16	2	10	0	3	1	0	32
William "Bill" Christian	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	6
Jamie Berryhill	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
John D. Bell	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Richard Bartlett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Voters	209	80	147	26	54	24	39	579

Eighth grade Mules place third

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules claimed their third consecutive District 2-3A track title in Littlefield. They recorded 158 points while Lubbock Cooper scored 135. Dimmitt (118), Littlefield (83), Slaton (78) and Brownfield (46) completed the field.

Mike Catano and Tony Guzman took the silver and bronze medals in the shot put with tosses of 39 feet, 10 1/2 inches and 38' 7 3/4".

Eric Washington won the long jump with a leap of 17' 6 1/2". Earlier in the season, Washington had set a new Muleshoe eighth grade long jump record of 19' 4 1/2". His leap smashed the old record of 19'.

Dustin Barker tied the Muleshoe eighth grade high jump record to take the gold medal by clearing 5' 10" and D.J. Robertson placed fifth with a leap of 5' 2".

Guzman, Barker and Timothy Conner took fourth, fifth and sixth in the triple jump with distances of 33' 11 1/2", 33' 7 3/4" and 33' 4 1/4" respectively. Catano took the gold medal in the discus with a toss of 119' 7 1/2" and T.J. Brantley placed sixth with 96' 2 1/2".

Martin Rodriguez won the silver medal in the pole vault by clearing 9' 0" and Conner placed sixth with 8' 6". Rodriguez took the bronze in the 2400-meter run with a time of eight minutes 39.41 seconds and Jo Bryan Claybrook finished fifth with 9:01.80.

The 400-meter relay team

of Conner, Washington, Jason Mendoza and Guzman ran a gold medal time of 48.15. Rodriguez took the silver in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:27.55.

Barker took the silver in the 110-meter hurdles with a 17.90 and Robertson placed fourth with 19.61. Washington ran fourth in the 100 with a 12.35 and the 800-meter relay team of Mendoza, Bradley Branscum, Conner and Rodriguez took the bronze with a 1:48.18.

Barker placed fifth in the 400 with a 1:03.18 and Mat-

thew Richards placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 52.76. In the 200-meter dash, Guzman took the gold medal with a time of 25.19.

Claybrook placed fifth in the 1600 with a 5:55.95. The silver medal team in the 1600-meter relay was Conner, Barker, Washington and Guzman with a time of 4:04.39.

Muleshoe junior high coach Brad Stegall said, "These young men have been a pleasure to coach. They will continue to be an asset to the Muleshoe athletic program for several years to come."

Seventh grade ladies place second

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules grabbed second place in the District 2-3A track meet in Littlefield with 127.5 points. Slaton won the meet with 136 points and Littlefield and Lubbock Cooper followed the Lady Mules with 114 points each. Dimmitt and Brownfield rounded out the district with 37 and 35.5 points each.

Cassie Kirby won the shot put with a toss of 25 feet eight and half inches. Kelsey Tipps took the gold in the long jump with a leap of 13' 3 1/4" and

Gini Sheets and Ashley Grumbles placed fourth and fifth with jumps of 12' 8 3/4" and 12' 5 1/4".

Crescent Crawford took fifth in the high jump by clearing 4' 0" and Tipps and Sheets placed second and third in the triple jump with distances of 28' 6 3/4" and 27' 8". Kirby took her second gold medal of the meet in the discus with a toss of 62' 4" and Heather Barker was fifth with 48' 2 1/2".

Grumbles and Samantha Toscano took the gold and silver medals in the 2400-meter run with times of 10 minutes 29.66

seconds and 10:47.19. The 400-meter relay team of Tipps, Grumbles, Crawford and Sheets took the bronze medal with a time of 58.71.

DezRae Conteras was the silver medalist in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:58.78 and Crawford took the silver medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 19:47. Sheets was the bronze medalist in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.40.

The 300-meter hurdle bronze medalist was Tipps with a time of 56.72 and Cholov Hernandez placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a 33.80.

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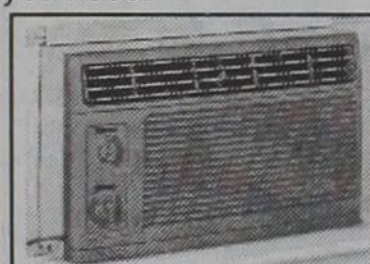
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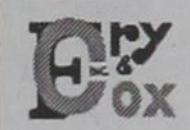
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• GOOD 160 acre farm, fully allotted, 2 wells, valley circle!!!

DOWN THE STREET

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Down the street this week, I talked with three of Muleshoe's titans of industry — Gary Dale, Dewey Moore and Charles Bratcher.

Together, these three men have close to 100 years of business experience and plenty of personal experience to share with you.

I first stopped by the 400 block of American Blvd. to visit with Gary Dale who just celebrated his thirtieth anniversary in business at Dale Oil Co.

Gary bought his business from John Smith in 1973. Prior to purchasing the shop, he had worked on the railroad (which is what literally brought him to Muleshoe in 1959) and was Muleshoe's first city mail carrier, a job he held for 14 years. Before becoming a mail carrier, Gary married a gal named Glenda Hall from Needmore.

In these days of economic turmoil, new businesses sometimes have a tough time making a go of it. I asked Gary what he believes to be the key to his success.

His answer was simple: He



Glenda, Gary and Mike

said, "My whole business is people. I like people. They're the true asset of my business."

His advice to business owners just starting out was also fairly simple.

"Keep a smile on your face and a positive attitude in your heart. And, most importantly, build relationships with your customers!" He continued, "And if you're struggling, tighten your belt. Hang in there till better times get here." And they always do "get here" both of us agreed.

I asked him about his funniest or most memorable moment and he couldn't pinpoint any particular situation. But he did say that he had replaced plenty of gas pumps in his 30 years. He declined to name names for the sake of friendships though! And then added that his relationships with customers are what he remembers most. Though a lot have of them (customers) have moved, retired, quit farming or died, he counts them among his best friends.

Another key to his success, according to Gary, is liking people. "I keep bringing people up, but I can't say it enough — people make your business."

He continued, "And I can't forget my family. I wouldn't have made it without them."

Gary and Glenda have two children, Mike and Monica. Mike's wife is Leslie, and they have three kids, Jordan, Andy and Kelly.

Monica is married to Mike Henry. They live in Lubbock. Their children are Blake, Hailey and Brett.

Mike is currently running the company since Gary has "partially" retired. The two really have a partnership going according to Gary.

"I don't plan to give up the reins just yet."

He concluded by saying, "Business owners have to change with the times or get stuck. In fact, that's true of everything."

I next ventured down the road a mile or so and stopped in to see Dewey Moore at Mohawk Auto Parts.

He's celebrating his thirty-fifth year in business this month.

Dewey started out in partnership with Richard Hawkins, but after just a few years, took over sole ownership of the place.

Dewey answered the same questions I had posed to Gary just minutes before as we sat in the "homey" coffee area at the front of the store.

He grew up in Needmore and went to school in Circle Back until he moved to Muleshoe in the sixth grade. He married a gal named Judy from Bula.

Prior to opening the business, he worked for Poyner-White's Auto for seven years, then the opportunity to strike out on his own presented itself and he went for it.

The store hasn't changed much since it opened other than different auto part suppliers, including J.C. Hamilton, Parts Plus, Big A and now, CARQUEST.

"We've always changed bulbs and done some trailer work for our customers," he said. I love the fact that the folks at Mohawk will help you put stuff on when you buy it. I don't "do" car maintenance well. Just another perk of

living in a small town don't you think? The biggest change Dewey could think of was the price of Cee Tee pliers. When he started out, they cost 50 cents. Today, they're \$8.99. His advice to new business owners is this: Remember that customers keep you open so always be attentive to their needs and try to give them the best service you can within your limits.

He continued, "Rome wasn't built in a day so hang in there." He also suggested that they put a lot of faith in the good Lord. During hard economic times, Dewey has cut back on

inventory, cut the "fat" off where he can, including some nonessential insurance, and eliminated "frills" such as having his windows and floors cleaned.

"We can do our own windows and floors. We had to eliminate stuff that customers never see," he said.



Jimmie Kay, Lynn, Dewey and Leticia

As for the cut back in inventory, customers don't suffer a bit according to Moore. "We get deliveries five days a week. We put in orders after 4:30 p.m. and have them in the store by the next morning."

His funniest memory (and this is truly funny) is the time he crashed Bill Jim St. Clair's

John Deere 4020 tractor through the side of his building. "I was working on his battery and alternator and jump started it not knowing it was in gear. It took out 21 cinder blocks and scattered tools everywhere," he said. That was eight-to-ten years ago. Dewey can laugh (barely) about it now.

"I did get the tractor fixed and Bill Jim just laughed when I told him. The next day, community members came and helped get the store back in shape. We were closed for only two days."

The keys to his success are clear-cut according to Dewey. They include a lot of help from the good Lord, continuous support from customers and working harder than he does now!

"I'm trying to slow down. Judy and I take off on the weekends and go fishing more than we used to. We love to fish," he said.

Judy, an integral part of his life and his success, was feeling under the weather the day I interviewed Dewey. But he wanted to make sure everyone knows how important she is to the business and to himself personally.

Dewey and Judy have two children, Lynn and Robin. Lynn is married to Jimmie Kay. He has one daughter, Chelsea, who lives in Lubbock; and Jimmie Kay has three kids, Emily, Josh and Naaman Gipson.

Robin is married to Mark Green. They have no children and one very spoiled dog.

Lynn and Jimmie Kay are taking over some of the responsibility at the store as Dewey eases into semi-retirement. "Lynn cut his teeth down here. He knows the business as well as I do," he said proudly.

He also wanted to acknowledge his outstanding employee, Leticia Mendoza, who has been on the job since 1987.

"This place might fall apart without her," he joked. My final stop of the day was at Bratcher Motor Supply on Ave. B where I talked with owners Charles and Tommie Bratcher.

They bought the store from Tommie's mom, Juarene Bovell, in the fall of 1967. Back then it was called Bovell's Motor Supply.

Prior to selling, Juarene operated the store by herself, taking over after her husband, W.T., was killed in a car wreck. The Bovells had owned the place since 1948. It was originally opened in 1945 by a gentleman (whose name eluded Charles), sold to Clay Bevers, and then sold again to the Bovells.

Bratcher's present location used to be two different stores — one, the original motor supply store, and the other, a grocery store.

Before taking over the family business, Charles and Tommie farmed in the area. Charles' advice to business newcomers was practical. He

said, "Keep in mind that you're not selling merchandise. You're selling service and meeting customer's

sons, Cody and Caden, live in Lubbock.

Gary, Dewey and Charles all mentioned that they'd like



Edward, Charles and Tommie

needs. There are lots of businesses out there selling the same merchandise as you. In the long-haul, meeting customer's needs is the way to be successful."

Charles also said that being involved in the community is important, including the Chamber of Commerce, Little League, churches, schools and "other things that make our community a nice place to live."

Regarding economic hard times, Charles just said, "Been there. Done that." Then added that the only way he's ever made it through is by spending less than he's taking in.

His key to success is simple according to Charles, "God has been good to us. We started out dumb and haven't gotten much smarter."

Edward Orozco, their only employee, has been with them for 25 years. They count him as a valuable member of their business family.

The Bratchers have two children, Joel and Tami.

Joel lives with his wife, Judy, and two sons, Jordan and Jonathan, in Bryan, Texas.

Tami and husband, Billy Brown, along with their two

to thank Muleshoe and the surrounding area for their support and patronage.

As Dewey put it, "I don't always get to say thanks, but I always want to." That sums it up pretty well.

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

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Patricia Azua, Sudan	10	Hol. bulls	147 lbs.	at \$104.00
Lucas Aranda, Portales, NM	7	Hol. bulls	170 lbs.	at \$101.00
Eva Marrufo, Muleshoe	5	Hol. bulls	217 lbs.	at \$95.00
Marcos Lopez, Sudan	2	Red bulls	185 lbs.	at \$305.00
Jake Bradley, Summerfield	6	Blk. bulls	275 lbs.	at \$127.00
Maple Grass, Inc., Morton	5	Blk. bull	310 lbs.	at \$112.00
Johann Tiechroeb, Seminole	5	Mxd. str	325 lbs.	at \$110.00
Johann Tiechroeb, Seminole	8	Blk. str	573 lbs.	at \$84.50
Johann Tiechroeb, Seminole	5	Blk. str	733 lbs.	at \$80.00
Pat Demel, Littlefield	3	Mxd. str	388 lbs.	at \$107.00
Donald Caddell, Levelland	5	Mxd. str	403 lbs.	at \$106.00
Bullseye Cattle Co., Sudan	9	Mxd. str	443 lbs.	at \$96.00
American Cattle Co., Clovis, NM	8	Red str	529 lbs.	at \$93.00
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JCL, Inc., Sudan	8	Mxd. str	621 lbs.	at \$85.25
JCL, Inc., Sudan	24	Mxd. str	750 lbs.	at \$79.00
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Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	20	Mxd. str	767 lbs.	at \$77.50
Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	25	Mxd. str	907 lbs.	at \$69.25
Bud Poage, Rankin	8	Mxd. str	773 lbs.	at \$76.50
Jake Bradley, Summerfield	3	Blk. hfrs	330 lbs.	at \$96.50
Bullseye Cattle Co., Sudan	3	Blk. hfrs	345 lbs.	at \$96.00
Pat Demel, Littlefield	3	Mxd. hfrs	367 lbs.	at \$90.00
American Cattle Co., Clovis, NM	5	RWF hfrs	507 lbs.	at \$85.50
ACU, Morton	3	Char. hfrs	638 lbs.	at \$78.00
Tom Jinks, Muleshoe	5	Mxd. hfrs	652 lbs.	at \$74.00
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Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	12	Mxd. hfrs	731 lbs.	at \$74.00
Diamond Y Cattle, Muleshoe	21	Mxd. hfrs	826 lbs.	at \$71.25
Jack Benham, Muleshoe	25	Red hfrs	769 lbs.	at \$73.50
Leslie Clammer, Grand Falls	11	WF hfrs	825 lbs.	at \$68.00
Joe Kent, Sudan		Limo. pair		\$700.00
Ramon Mendoza, Muleshoe		BWF pair		\$700.00
Ramon Mendoza, Muleshoe		Blk. cow P8		\$600.00
Curtis Drager, Friona		Blk. cow P7		\$610.00
Jose Alvarez, Hereford		Char. cow P7		\$580.00
Ramon Mendoza, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. cows	1323 lbs.	at \$41.75
George Nichols, Farwell		Blk. cow	1385 lbs.	at \$43.50
Ronald Scott, Muleshoe	2	Blk. cows	1450 lbs.	at \$40.75
Ronald Scott, Muleshoe	4	WF cows	1521 lbs.	at \$39.75
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Joaquin Azua, Sudan		Char. cow	1440 lbs.	at \$40.50
Kaleb Baker, Muleshoe		Red cow	1130 lbs.	at \$40.25
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	3	Mxd. cows	1482 lbs.	at \$39.25