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News Briefs

Extended filing period for Mayor

The filing of an application for a place on the ballot for the City Special Election for Mayor has been extended until Wednesday, April 14, 2004. The Date previously reported was March 15, 2004. The March 15th date was incorrect based on the date when the City Council ordered the Special Election. For an application for a place on the ballot for the City Special Election fill the unexpired term of Mayor, contact LeAnn Gallman, City Secretary at City Hall.

Going to the dogs

The 10th Annual Bellringer Sheep Dog Trials will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Muleshoe starting at 8 a.m. daily, with runs taking place all day at the new city park by the tennis courts (16th and Ave. D).

Organizers said they're expecting more than 100 dogs this year.

"We're going to have more out-of-state participants than usual," said Muleshoe resident Richard Belvin, president of the Texas Sheep and Cattle Dog Association, which is the largest state organization of its kind. Belvin is co-chairing the event with Lyndon Huckaby, also of Muleshoe.

This event is sanctioned by the West Texas Association, Texas Association and Border Collie Handlers Association, which is the national association.

There will be seating available or attendees are welcome to bring their lawnchairs.

Local Weather

Thu PC 73/46

Fri Rain 71/33

Sat Rain 45/35

Sun Rain 56/34

Mon .. MC 57/36

Tue PC 67/39

Wed .. Rain 67/39

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Child abuse prevention month: Protect your children from sex offenders in your hometown

Every year, thousands of children are neglected and abused mentally, physically and sexually. Some of those kids even live here in Bailey County. They live next door to you, across the street or belong to your friend on the other side of town—they may even be your own children.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The next few issues of the Journal will include articles, tips and facts about the subject.

Today, however, we will touch on the subject of sexual abuse.

Texas Dept. of Family

and Protective Services gives many tips on how to keep your child safe from sexual abuse to bullying. Visit their site at www.tdprs.state.tx.us for additional information.

According to the TDFPS website, there are four major types of child maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs. Some signs of neglect may include obvious malnourishment and lack of personal cleanliness.

Physical abuse is physical

injury (ranging from minor bruises to severe fractures or death) as a result of punching, beating, shaking, kicking, biting, throwing, stabbing, hitting, burning, choking, or otherwise harming a child. Some signs are frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts, black eyes, or burns without adequate explanations, aggressive, disruptive, and destructive behavior, passive, withdrawn, and emotionless behavior, and unreasonable clothing that may hide injuries to arms or legs.

Sexual abuse includes activities by a parent or

caregiver such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and commercial exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials. Suspect sexual abuse when you see: physical signs of sexually transmitted disease, pregnancy in a young girl, difficulty in sitting or walking, frequent expressions of sexual activity between adult and child, and sexual victimization of other children.

Emotional abuse is mental or emotional injury that results in an observable and

material impairment in a child's growth, development, or psychological functioning. It includes extreme forms of punishment such as confining a child in a dark closet, habitual scapegoating, belittling, and rejecting treatment for a child. Emotional abuse signs are over compliance, low self-esteem, severe depression, anxiety, or aggression, and difficulty making friends or doing things with other children.

Karen Carpenter and her husband Otis are therapeutic foster parents in Muleshoe. Otis said a therapeutic foster home takes care of children with severe cases.

"This sort of thing does not have to happen," said Karen who is also an advocate for abused children. She said that many sexual predators of kids "are not prosecuted because [the children] have no advocates."

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Get on your bikes and ride



The Muleshoe Motorcycle Rally took place over the weekend with several bikers from Muleshoe and surrounding areas. Pictured left is Ronnie Jones of Clovis showing off his bike. The center picture is of Danny Dickerson and his daughter Kim Harris, both long-time participants of the rally, counting raffle tickets.



Various makes and models of motorcycles participated in the bike show at this weekend's motorcycle rally.

DPS releases list of most wanted fugitives

The Texas Department of Public Safety has released the new Top 10 Most Wanted list. The fugitives are wanted for a wide range of crimes, including murder, sexual assault of a child, kidnapping and failure to register as a sex offender.

Texas Crime Stoppers

will give a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives.

Anyone with information about these fugitives should call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. You

do not have to give your name when calling. The public should not try to apprehend these fugitives, who are considered armed and dangerous.

"Thanks to the efforts of law enforcement, the public and the media, this program of spotlighting fugitives is

immensely successful in getting dangerous criminals off the streets," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "To get a fresh perspective, a DPS Special Crimes investigator will be assigned to each suspect's case."

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Local Events

Project graduation substance - free senior celebration

Parents of the MHS Senior class of 2004 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our seniors.

This will be a non-alcohol event!

Your donation will help to offset expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation will be provided to assure the safety of all who attend.

Donations for "2004 Project Graduation" or questions may be addressed to: Lisa Whalin 214 E Elm Muleshoe, TX 79347 or call 806-272-7411 or 806-272-5313 OR Bernita Sheets 1419 W. Ave. J Muleshoe, TX., or call 806-272-7722.

Thank you for supporting our MHS 2004 Graduates and Project Graduation.

Deadline for Donations for "Project Graduation 2004" is May 10.

Project graduation bake sale

Project graduation 2004 traveling bake sale is set for Thursday, April 8. Let us bake your Easter Goodies! We will have cakes, pies, casseroles, bread, tamales and much more.

To place your order call: Lisa Whalin at 272-7411, Melody Sheets at 272-7674, and Bernita Sheets at 272-7722.

Wildlife Refuge offers work program

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge invites all area youth, ages 15-18, who are permanent residents of the United States to apply for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer work program.

The program runs eight weeks, beginning June 7 and ending July 30.

This is an earn, learn and work program. Enrollees perform a variety of tasks including wildlife identification, maintenance of trails and campgrounds, washing vehicles, building and removing fence, boundary sign posting, and improving wildlife habitats.

Five enrollees will be selected in a random drawing April 26 at 12:00 noon at the Enochs Post Office. Applications must be received by April 24, 2004.

For further information, call the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge at 946-3341.

Muleshoe Art Association art show

The Muleshoe Art Association 2004 art show will be April 5-6 to April 16, at the Muleshoe State Bank, in Muleshoe. Entries will be Monday April 5, at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Muleshoe State Bank community room. Nonmembers may pay an entry fee of \$10 each painting or join the art association and pay the entry fee. Dues: \$20, entry fee each painting \$5. No limit on entries.

Judging will be April 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m., the judge will give a critique of the paintings and awards will be presented.

Paintings will be on display in the bank from April 7 to April 16. Painting should be picked up before 3:00 p.m. on that day.

Each artist to bring easels to display their paintings or be wired for hanging. Attach a card to the back stating the artist's name, address, media and price. Entries not for sale must be so designated. Paintings will be handled and displayed at the artist's risk. Neither the Art Association nor the bank will be responsible for any loss or damage to the entries.

For more information call Show chairman Mildred Williams at 806-272-3359 or President Ginnie Siefert at 505-763-4998.

Cotton production workshop

A hedging with options for cotton producers beginning & intermediate workshop on using options on futures & intermediate price risk is available to area cotton farmers on Wednesday, April 7 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, 801 Avenue Q., Lubbock.

Topics will include: •Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business? •What can options do for you and how? •Actionable hedging strategies based on each price scenario. •Market Outlook presented by Jarral Neeper of Calcot.

Instructors will be Judith Ganes Chase and Eric Matsen, discussing when and how to use a variety of option strategies including: fences, three-ways and calendar back spreads.

To register call Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at (806) 792-4904.

Shoot-out fund-raiser for Lazbuddie High

Lazbuddie senior parents of the class of 2004 present the Lazbuddie Shoot-out, three-on-three festival, April 23-24 at the Lazbuddie High School Gym.

There is a \$50 entry fee per four-member team. Deadline to enter is April 18.

Divisions include: Elementary, Jr. High, High School, Adult, Co-ed (two men, two women), and over 40s. Call Debbie Weir at 965-2302, Sarah Black at 265-3861 or any Lazbuddie High School senior for more information or to enter.

NAYS annual spring youth basketball tourney has openings

North American Youth Sports announced today that they still have opening in their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Lubbock area at Brownfield High School on May 21-23.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th -10th grade girls; 11th - 12th grade boys; and 11th - 12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for this tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is April 30. For additional information or any entry form, please call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Matthew Neighbors at 806-637-4523.

Father/daughter weekend slated

The Girl Scouts will be hosting a father/daughter weekend at Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton June 3-5. Registration deadline is April 28th and is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Summer Littlejohn at 806-745-2855, 800-530-4957 or 806-296-7295.

Chamber banquet in April

The annual Chamber banquet will be April 24 at the Muleshoe High School at 6:30 p.m. Tickets now on sale at the Chamber office or from Board Members.

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Intermediate Child Abuse Prevention Class Set

LEVELLAND - A law enforcement short course in Intermediate Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation is scheduled April 20-23 at South Plains College in Leveland. Registration deadline is April 13. Classes will meet 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. both days in the SPC Law Enforcement-Petroleum Technology Building. Cost is \$48 and instructor is Albert Garcia.

The course will include a study of child abuse theories and components of good parenting, emotional neglect and abuse, characteristics, dynamics and indicators of physical neglect and abuse, initial investigative procedures and strategies, injury identification and investigation, interview strategies and techniques.

Students will receive 32 hours for the intermediate core curriculum course #2105. The course is offered through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Payment in full or a purchase order is required on the first day of class.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.



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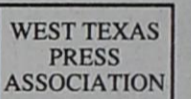
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Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is looking for the "Best of the Best!"

Your opinion counts! So, let's choose who has done an outstanding job this last year. Send in your nominees for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Farm Family of the Year. Tell us why your choice is the "best of the best!" Feel free to attach any letters or comments about your nominees.

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Please fill out nominations and mail or drop off at the Chamber office.

Hurry, nominations are due in by April 2nd!

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Sex offenders, from front page

Otis, a lieutenant at the Muleshoe Police Department, said there are approximately 20 sex offenders in Bailey County. Most of those offenders live in the town of Muleshoe or within a few miles of the city limits.

The Texas Department of Public Safety website gives people the opportunity to search for sex offenders in particular areas. They do warn, however, "The information provided through this Web site is open record. It may be used by anyone for any purpose. However, it is your responsibility to make sure the records you access through this site pertain to the person about whom you are seeking information. Extreme care should be exercised in using any information obtained from this Web site. Neither the DPS nor the State of Texas shall be responsible for any errors or omissions produced by secondary dissemination of this information."

The Journal prints this information to make the community more aware of their environment, not to exploit the offenders. This information is accessible to the public at the registry office at the Sheriff's office and online at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us> lists the following as sex offenders:

—Leonardo Gallegos, Jr, born in 1978, lives at 410 CR 225. He has one count of sexual assault to a 16-year-old female in 2000. Gallegos is serving 10 years probation. His risk level is

not available.

—Armando Caraveo, born in 1964, lives at 513 E. Fifth St. He has one count of indecency with a child (sexual contact) with a 17-year-old male in 1996. Caraveo serves 10 years probation. His risk level is not available.

—Juan Hernandez, born in 1982, lives at 922 E. Gum St. He has one count of aggravated sexual assault to a 12-year-old female in 1998. He was paroled for four years and is considered a moderate risk level.

—Jesus Vargas, has two birth dates listed as 1925 and 1942. Vargas lives at 119 Pasadena / RT 2 Box 205. His offense in 2000 was attempt to commit sexual assault to a child. The victim was a female who's age was not listed. Vargas serves eight years probation and is a moderate risk level.

—Tanislado Reyes, born in 1978, is serving time at the Bailey County Jail for indecency with a child (sexual contact). The victim was an 11-year-old female in 1997. The risk level is unavailable.

—Kelly Railsback, born in 1977, lives at 222 W. Ninth St. He is serving 10 years probation for sexual assault to a 15-year-old female. He is considered a moderate risk.

—Robby Gauna, born in 1974, lives at 905 W. Ninth St. Gauna is considered a high risk level. In 1997, he was charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old female.

—Margaret Crawford,

born in 1975, lives at 584 CR 123. Her offense was attempt to commit indecency with a child (sexual contact) in 1994. The victim was an eight-year-old male. She serves five years of probation and is considered at moderate risk level.

—Jose Hernandez, born in 1982, lives at Rt. 5 Box 715. In 1998, he was charged with aggravated sexual assault to a 12-year-old female.

—Luis Armendariz, born in 1972, was charged with sexual assault to a 15-year-old female in 2002. His address has not been verified. He serves a five year probation period.

—Elvis Hudson, born in 1950, lives at Rt 1 Box 343. In 1997, he was charged with indecency with an eight-year-old female. Hudson received four years parole and has since been discharged. Hudson is considered a moderate risk.

—Gilbert Herrera, born in 1975, lives at 118 W. Dal-

las. He has one count of sexual assault against a 17-year-old female in 1993. After three years he was discharged. In 2002, he had another offense where he was paroled for 2 years. This victim's information was unavailable. Herrera is a moderate risk level.

—Larry Vaughn, born in 1957, lives at Rt. 1 Box 220. He is a moderate risk level. Vaughn's offense involved a 14-year-old female. For sexual assault to a child, he served 10 years probation.

—Rosita Patlan, born in 1967, lives at 1307 Ave. C. She is serving 10 years of probation since 2002 for indecency with a child (sexual contact). The victim was a nine-year-old female. Patlan is considered a low risk.

Access these sex offenders pictures and additional information on the web at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>.

Lt. Carpenter said that sex offenders are required by law to register in the state of

Texas. They must notify the register if they move or are going out of town for more than 72 hours.

Lt. Carpenter said he keeps a close eye on the sex

offenders in our area, but it's always a good thing to keep an extra eye on your children and that parents should "know where their kids are at all times."

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 - 24 hours 13,700 reports of child abuse and neglect are received.

Source: Prevent Child Abuse Texas, 12701 Research #303, Austin, TX 78759

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Victims of house fire need community's help

Friday evening, Dink and Barbara Wilcox came home to a house fire. It started in their child's bedroom. They have lost everything they own and family is asking the Muleshoe community to for assistance. An account has been set up at First Bank of Muleshoe to aid the Wilcox's.

Annual Title I and Migrant Spring meeting scheduled

The 31st annual Title I and Migrant Spring meeting for Muleshoe ISD is April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the MHS cafeteria. Mr. Salvador Martinez, from Amarillo will speak to parents on the importance of "Home and School... Together We Can." Childcare will be provided. For additional information, call the Federal Programs Dept. at 272-7326.

Breast Cancer Screening

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First Street, in Muleshoe on April 5 & 20. 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) 365-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

M.O.S.T. Scholarship funds needed

As graduation nears, Muleshoe Independent School District (MISD) reminds community members that, the school is offering every 2004 graduate a scholarship through the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (M.O.S.T.) program.

This year's goal is to raise \$20,000 by May 28. The M.O.S.T. scholarship fund is designed to help make that possible through the generosity of the people of Muleshoe whose honorariums, gifts and memorials fund this trust for graduates who have not received at least \$250 in other scholarships. M.O.S.T. funds may be applied to any college or trade school. Send your fully tax deductible donations to M.O.S.T., c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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Houston Stock Show Results

Junior Market Steers
Judging Results: R176
03/19/04
HLSR Chianina
Class 3: Medium Weight Steers
 5th- Brett Bamert, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H
Class 4: Light Heavy Weight Steers
 1st- Marlie Black, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H
 3rd- D.J. Robertson, Earth, Bailey County 4-H

Judging Results: R156
03/17/04
HLSR Simmental
Class 1: Light Weight Steers
 1st- Austin Bamert, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H
Class 4: Champion Simmental Steer of Show
 1st- Austin Bamert, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H

Junior Market Barrows
Judging Results: R132
3/16/04
HLSR Chester White and Other Purebreds
Class 2: Medium Weight Chester White and Other Purebred Barrows
 9th- Logan Mason, Muleshoe, Lazbuddie FFA

Judging Results: R133
03/16/04
HLSR Spotted
Class 2: Medium Weight Spotted Barrow
 5th- Suzanne M. Aragon, Muleshoe, Parmer County 4-H
 8th- Haley Lunsford, Earth, Lamb County 4-H
 9th- Chandler Barnes, Lazbuddie, Lazbuddie FFA

Judging Results: R134
03/16/04
HLSR Hampshire
Class 1: Light Weight Hampshire Barrow
 16th- Bretton Stancell, Muleshoe, Parmer County 4-H
Class 2: Heavy Light

Weight Hampshire Barrow
 25th- Heath J. Lunsford, Earth, Lamb County 4-H
Class 4: Light Heavy Weight Hampshire Barrow
 29th- Ryan Mason, Muleshoe, Parmer County 4-H
Class 5: Heavy Weight Hampshire Barrow
 3rd- Shelley York Earth, Springlake-Earth FFA
 13th- Laci Mikelle Hill Sudan, Lamb County 4-H

Junior Market Barrows
HLSR Duroc
Class 1: Light Weight Duroc Barrow
 29th- James Kayle Jesko, Muleshoe, Lazbuddie FFA
Class 3: Heavy Weight Duroc Barrow
 29th- Andrew Scott Johnson, Farwell, Parmer County 4-H

Judging Results: R112
03/13/04
Junior Breeding Beef Heifers
HLSR Simmental
Class 8: Early Fall Junior Heifers
 8th- Misty Sky 1, Logan Caddell, Earth, Muleshoe FFA, Sire: BH Destiny 972J, Dam: BC Sky Lady

Judging Results: R144
03/16/04
Junior Market Barrows
HLSR Yorkshire
Class 1: Light Weight Yorkshire Barrow
 6th- Garrison Myers, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H
 8th- Amber Synatschk, Sudan, Lamb County 4-H

Heavy Weight Yorkshire Barrow
 7th- Dylan Haney Lazbuddie, Lazbuddie FFA
 13th- Brandi Jean Whalin, Muleshoe, Bailey County 4-H
 24th- Caitlyn Stancell, Farwell, Parmer County 4-H

25th- Caleb Christian, Farwell, Parmer County 4-H

Judging Results: R124
03/14/04
Junior Breeding Beef Heifers
HLSR Polled Hereford
Class 8: Early Fall Junior Heifers
 5th- DPCC Bonita Marfa, Corey Sexton, Muleshoe, Muleshoe FFA, Sire: KCL 4007 Ribeye 5J, Dam: DPCC Bonita Advancette

Judging Results: R92
03/12/04
Junior Breeding Beef Scramble Show
HLSR Other Registered Breeds
Class 2: Heifers
 4th- Marlies Daisy Girl 2, Marlie Black, Muleshoe, Muleshoe FFA, Sire: BHCS Heat Seeker, Dam: War Path 680

Beef Heifers
HLSR Simmental
Class 8: Early Fall Junior Heifers
 8th- Misty Sky 1, Logan Caddell, Earth, Muleshoe FFA, Sire: BH Destiny 972J, Dam: BC Sky Lady

Judging Results: R144
03/16/04
Junior Market Barrows
HLSR Yorkshire
Class 1: Light Weight Yorkshire Barrow
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Bamert places in Junior Market Steer Show at Houston Livestock Auction

Austin Bamert 12, of Muleshoe, and Ace won Champion Simmental in the Junior Market Steer Show on March 17 at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show. Bamert is the son of Nick and Rayneil Bamert and is a member of the Bailey County 4-H. This was the

fourth year Bamert has shown at Houston, and he won Reserve Champion Simmental last year. Bamert spent about 90 minutes each day with 1,252-pound Ace. Judge Randy Daniel of Colbert, Ga., said, "I like that practical, sound look he

[Ace] brings to us." Reserve Champion went to Megan Whitney, 17, of Italy, and her 1,271-pound Bama. Complete Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo results can be found on the Show's Web site at www.rodeohouston.com and www.hlsr.com.

Myers takes grand champion— The Chester White Champions of the Junior Market Barrows Show were announced during the 2004 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Madison Myers, 15, of Muleshoe, was named Grand Champion Chester White. She is a member of the Muleshoe FFA.



REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1,125 head of cattle, 114 hogs and 451 sheep and goats for a total of 1,690 animals were sold at the March 27th sale. Market steady on all classes with good demand.

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
Dan Paxton, Portales, NM	6	Hol. str.	217 lbs.	at \$121.00
Ethan Martin, Plainview	10	Hol. bulls	319 lbs.	at \$108.00
Dan Bowman, Morton	7	RMF str	265 lbs.	at \$150.00
NM Ranch, NM	13	Mxd. str.	314 lbs.	at \$141.00
NM Ranch, NM	7	Mxd. str.	416 lbs.	at \$116.00
NM Ranch, NM	9	Mxd. str.	515 lbs.	at \$105.00
-C- Ranch, Hobbs, NM	2	BWF str.	328 lbs.	at \$138.00
Olivera Aldape, Plainview	2	Char. str	360 lbs.	at \$128.00
BT Livestock, Morton	2	Limo. bulls	405 lbs.	at \$119.00
Carroll Cook, Friona	5	Limo. str.	545 lbs.	at \$103.00
Carroll Cook, Friona	5	Red str.	676 lbs.	at \$94.00
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe	5	Blk. bulls	586 lbs.	at \$94.00
Clay Mimms, Friona	3	Char. str.	700 lbs.	at \$88.75
L&L Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. str.	778 lbs.	at \$87.00
L&L Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Blk. hfr.	335 lbs.	at \$113.00
NM Ranch, NM	5	Mxd. hfrs	319 lbs.	at \$118.00
-C- Ranch, Hobbs, NM	4	Mxd. hfrs	371 lbs.	at \$113.00
Carroll Cook, Friona	5	Mxd. hfrs	448 lbs.	at \$100.00
Brad Bridges, Earth	1	Red hfr	465 lbs.	at \$111.00
BT Livestock, Morton	3	Blk. hfrs	478 lbs.	at \$98.50
Danny Sellers, Denver City	3	Blk. hfrs	502 lbs.	at \$101.50
John S. Perrin, Hereford	1	Blk. hfr	515 lbs.	at \$98.50
Will Green, Earth	1	Gray hfr	550 lbs.	at \$96.00
Sam Pruitt, Hereford	1	RMF hfr	605 lbs.	at \$87.00
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George Wilson, Felt, OK	3	Blk. cows P7		\$710.00
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Haymaker, Inc., Olton	1	Blk. cow P8		\$660.00
Phil Garrett, Muleshoe	2	RWF pair		\$810.00
John Wieler, Seminole	1	Char. pair		\$730.00
Sam Pruitt, Hereford	1	Red pair		\$870.00
Sam Pruitt, Hereford	1	Red cow P7		\$760.00
Wade Hawkins, Hereford	1	Gray cow	1285 lbs.	at \$51.50
Don Bandy, Bovina	1	Char. cow	1360 lbs.	at \$50.25
Dan Day, Jr., Meadow	1	Red cow	1210 lbs.	at \$48.50
Jose Saenz, Whiteface	1	Char. cow	1325 lbs.	at \$48.00
Jose Saenz, Whiteface	1	Char. bull	2270 lbs.	at \$62.50
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe	1	Char. bull	1625 lbs.	at \$64.50

Agricultural News

Free cotton marketing workshop set for April 7

The 2003 cotton marketing year has been a roller coaster ride for everyone in the cotton industry. The rapidly changing market conditions have created a growing demand for a better understanding of marketing strategy and tools among growers across the Cotton Belt.

In order to meet this rising demand the New York Board of Trade, Cotton Incorporated and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. have joined forces to offer a free Marketing workshop for High Plains cotton producers interested in learning how to use options on futures to manage price risk.

"Today's extreme market volatility makes a fundamental knowledge of futures and options necessary in order to understand how the cotton market works," says Cotton Incorporated agricultural economist Jeanne Reeves.

"Learning how to use options to manage price risk gives the cotton producer a tremendous advantage when it is time to market their crop."

A one day marketing workshop, "Hedging with Options for Cotton Producers Beginning and Intermediate Workshop", has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, to provide cotton producers an opportunity to learn about futures and options and how they can be used to manage price risk.

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers, 801 Topics to be covered include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; "Actionable hedging strategies based on price scenario"; and wrap-up with a market outlook presented by Calcot's Jarral Neeper.

Instructing the course will be Eric R. Matsen, of Matsen Enterprises, in Louisville, Ky., and Judith Ganes-Chase, president and founder of J. Ganes Consulting, of Ketonah, N.Y.

Ganes-Chase is a research and marketing services provider and Matsen specializes in derivative risk management and education. Between them Matsen and Ganes-Chase have several decades worth of experience in risk management education and involving food and agricultural commodities.

In addition to the instructors and speakers conducting the workshop, longtime cotton marketing experts Dr. Carl Anderson of Texas A&M University and Mike Stevens of Swiss Financial Services have indicated their attendance and will be available to provide additional insight into the material pre-

sented.

Cotton Market Weekly

The anticipated release of several key governmental reports kept cotton prices on the New York Cotton Exchange in a "holding pattern" this week, according to traders. Even impressive export shipments reported in USDA's weekly report were unable to substantially boost the market.

USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 122,700 bales in the week ended March 18. The figure was 73 percent lower than the week earlier and a 46 percent decrease from the four-week average. Exports, however, reached a marketing year high at 373,500 bales, 17 percent higher than the prior week and 22 percent higher than the four-week average.

In the spot cotton market, producers remain reluctant to sell their cotton at current prices. During the five trading days ended March 25, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 339 bales online, a slight improvement from the previous week when just 234 bales were sold. Prices for the week ranged from 49.08 to 66.58 cents per pound.

In another key report, the Census Bureau's review of raw cotton use by domestic mills during the February reporting period proved lower than expectations. The Bureau's data showed U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.30 million bales in February, down from 7.35 million bales in February 2003. According to analysts, the figure still is in line to reach USDA's projected consumption figure for the 2003-04 season of 6.3 million bales.

The market's attention now has turned to USDA's projected plantings report to be released on March 31. Anticipating a drop in acreage, cotton market observers expect plantings to be in a range of 13.5 million to 14.0 million acres for 2004.

Outdoor activities gained momentum across the Cotton Belt this week under mostly favorable conditions. Fieldwork has expanded on the Texas High and Rolling Plains as soil moisture levels are good and optimism remains high. Although soil moisture levels in the areas are far better than previous years, additional precipitation would be welcome to help augment water table levels. According to USDA's Drought Monitor data for the week ended March 23, soils there still are considered abnormally dry.

Cattle Industry braces for national I.D. system

It's unclear what type of national animal identification system will be put into place, but "mandatory animal ID is coming," accord-

ing to one U.S. Congressman.

And there's been plenty of debate on how a system would be used to monitor beef cattle produced in the United States.

At a field hearing held during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, members of the House agriculture committee expressed urgency, wanting to see components of a plan put into place before the end of the year. But that appears to be a lofty goal considering how complex such a system would be and a yet-to-be determined price tag. It's also yet to be decided on what identification method would be used to track livestock.

As lawmakers and the beef industry attempt to strengthen homeland security with regards to animal agriculture, building a national livestock identification system from scratch is proving to be a monumental task.

"Mandatory animal ID is coming," said U.S. Rep. Tom Osborne (R-Neb.), who has introduced HR 3691. The bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement an animal identification program that would be phased in within 60 days of enactment. The program would include a premise identification system, a state premise identification system and animal identification database.

The animal ID system would be in place for beef and dairy cattle 30 months of age or older within 60 days of enactment of the legislation; all other beef and dairy cattle within 90 days of enactment; and for other livestock, including swine and poultry, within one year of enactment. One of Osborne's concerns is the reliability of the ear-tag device used to identify animals. There's favoritism to the electronic radio frequency identification device versus a bar-coded ear tag, which in time have been prone to fall out of the cow's ear ^ as has been the case with Canada's identification system, members of the committee said.

If a radio frequency identification ear tag is the chosen method for beef cattle, Osborne predicted a number of companies will be competing for potential government contracts ^ creating a mad rush to market products once an animal ID program is enforced. "There may be some technologies that are not reliable, and we may need some regulatory agencies addressing this," he said.

The radio frequency identification device ear tag is already used in some specialty backgrounded sales. The ear tag attaches to the middle of the ear and is button shaped. It is approximately the size of a quarter and 3/8-inch thick. The location and size of the ear tag makes it less susceptible to loss, according to beef officials.

Confidentiality is another concern among beef producers, who would be required to also disclose the number of cattle owned. Under the bill, producer privacy is protected by exempting information collected from the Freedom of Information Act. Thus far, the bill calls for up to \$50 million to be allocated in 2004 to the animal identification program, drawing on federal Commodity Credit Corporation funds. But how much an animal identification system will cost the cow-calf producer, the stocker or feedlot operator or other sectors of the beef industry is still in question.

With 37 million new calves born each year, it would cost an average of \$2.50 each for a radio frequency device ear tag. According to one USDA economist, the electronic device alone would cost \$100 million, not counting labor. Who would absorb part of that cost? Either the federal government or the beef producers.

To lighten the burden, the cost would likely be absorbed by federal subsidies, according to Dr. Ernie Davis, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist.

"Everybody is saying that

producers may balk at paying that," Davis said. "If you are going to have a premise ID system, those IDs are going to be pre-coded and

issued to that producer. More than likely, either that will be supplied by the government or a private company on contract. It remains

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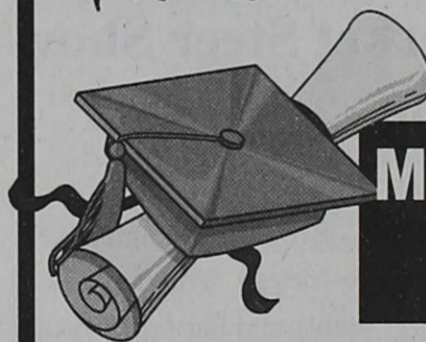
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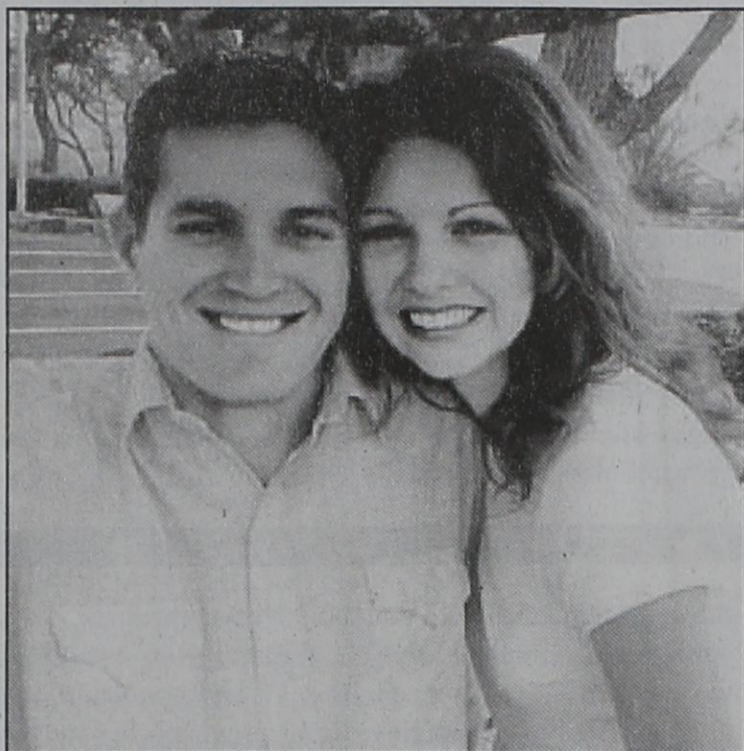
Births

ALEXIS GRACE SCHACHER

Joey and Dene Schacher of Dimmitt, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexis Grace Schacher, born at 1:31 p.m. on March, 22, 2004, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighted 8 pounds and 3 1/4 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Bill and Diane Schacher of Nazareth and Danny and Martha Clark of Dimmitt.

Great-grandparents are John and Norma Schacher of Nazareth, Wayne and Pat Clark of Muleshoe, Eugene and Louise Grey of Athens, Margaret Ames of Bureson, and Bud and Rosa Ames of Ft. Worth.



GLOVER—CARDINAL

Engagements

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Gary and Joy Glover of Muleshoe wish to announce the engagement of their son, Judd Glover to Katie Cardinal daughter of Louis and Susan Cardinal of Lubbock.

Judd graduated from Muleshoe High School in 2000, and he will graduate from Angelo State University in December and commission into the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant.

Katie graduate from Coronado High School of Lubbock in 2002 and is currently a Junior at Angelo State University.

Judd's grandparents are Mrs. Savannah Killough, and Mr. and Mrs., John Flowers all of Muleshoe.

Katie's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fed Cardinal of Lubbock.

Judd and Katie plan to marry in The Church of Horseshoe Bay in Horseshoe Bay, on June 19, 2004.

Obituaries

DUDLEY ROACH

Memorial services for Dudley Roach, 70, of Earth were Friday, March 26 at the Earth Church of Christ with Terry Wilson of Earth officiating.

Roach

Roach died March 24 in his home. He was born July 1, 1933 in Earth. He married Wanda Jean Parker in Clovis, NM on August 9, 1959.

Roach has lived in the Earth community for 11 years, moving from Modesto, CA. He worked as a teacher and administrator. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Roach was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his sister Zaylia Hooten.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, April Castillo and her husband Alfredo Castillo, Jr., of Muleshoe; and Melanie Roach of Lubbock; one sister, Nelda Thompson and her husband Charles of Bakersfield, CA.; and two grandsons, Mateo and Tony Castillo.

The family suggests memorials be made to New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-

9411.

JERREL O. REDWINE

Graveside services for Jerrel O. Redwine, 76, of Groves, were Thursday, March 25 at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, with Dale LeBlanc, pastor of Gulf Avenue Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Levinston Funeral Home in Groves.

Redwine died Tuesday, March 23 at Park Place Medical Center in Port Arthur. He was born in Dimmitt on April 3, 1927, and was a resident of Groves for 36 years. He was a retired truck driver and a U. S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Minnie Redwine; four brothers, Leonard Redwine, J. C. Redwine, Glenn Earl Redwine and Dalton Redwine.

He is survived by his wife Clara Ruth Redwine of Groves; three daughters Leona Ann Underwood of Nederland, Beverly Jan Dinzeo of Groves, and Brenda Kay Barber of Buna; and two sons, David Jerrel Redwine and Mark Edwin Redwine, both of Nederland; five sisters, Bonnie Ashmore of Shallowater, Edna Snead of Lubbock, Dretha Mae Brooks of Midland, Wanell Boatman of Lub-

bock, and Bilie Rae McCurry of Littlefield; three brothers, Alma Eugene Redwine of Muleshoe, Charles Burrel Redwine of Lubbock and Homer Lee Redwine of El Paso; twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

JODIE KAY HERBERT

Chapel services for Jodie Kay Herbert, 62, of Hale Center were Tuesday, March 30 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe, with Rev. Jack Stone of First Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Herbert died March 26, in Plainview. She was born August 13, 1941 in Muleshoe. She married Don Herbert in Muleshoe, July 1989.

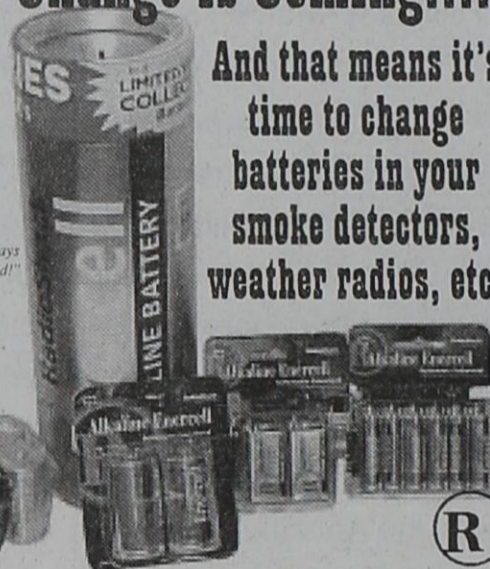
Herbert moved to Hale Center twelve years ago from Spade. She was born and raised in Bailey County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist church of Hale Center. Herbert was preceded in death by her parents, O.W. and Flora Evans Marlow; a son Joe Bob Owen; a sister, Joleene Marlow; and two brothers, Don and Billy Marlow.

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Ag News, from page 6

to be seen if a producer is going to pay for it or the federal government will subsidize the cost of that impact."

For large producers, keeping detailed records and tagging cattle are already part of their operations. Jim McCord of JM Cattle Company headquartered in Gause, runs 550 cows and markets steers and heifers, selling replacement heifers

as well. He said his operation has to have an inventory system and maintain data on each animal to make sure they are producing a consistent, quality product.

"The race is on to start getting animal ID implemented," he said. "By 2005, USDA has set some goals that all interstate commerce will be checked and animals have to be identified."



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Fugitives, from front page

Here is a list of the Top 10 Fugitives:

* Anthony Dewayne Harper, DOB 11-16-67, last known address: Dallas. Wanted for aggravated kidnapping and parole violation.

* Flavio Segueda, DOB 11-2-72, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for kidnapping, murder and parole violation. Segueda is a member of the Mexican Mafia gang.

* Robert Glenn Brown Jr., DOB 9-27-73, last known address: West (McLennan County). Wanted for murder, aggravated assault and probation violation in Tennessee. Also wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

* Jeffrey Adam Sanner, DOB 11-12-66, last known address: Amarillo. Wanted for obstructing police and

parole violation. He is a registered sex offender with violent tendencies. His criminal history includes sexual assault of a child and resisting arrest.

* Juan Jesus Rodriguez, DOB 4-9-65, last known address: Dallas. Wanted on 14 counts of aggravated sexual assault and parole violation. His

criminal history includes aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault and resist-

ing arrest.

* Juan Pablo Hinojosa, DOB 10-18-73, last known address: Weslaco (Hidalgo County). Wanted for murder, aggravated assault and parole violation. Associate of the Texas Syndicate gang.

* (APPREHENDED) Stanley Eugene Clark, DOB 6-20-1970, last known address: Texas City. Wanted for aggravated sexual assault and parole violation. Criminal history includes

injury to a child.

* Guadalupe Velazco, DOB 11-8-73, last known address: Dallas. Wanted for murder and parole violation.

* Rebecca Renee Sterling, DOB 10-8-66, last known address: San Antonio. Wanted for burglary and parole violation. Criminal history includes aggravated robbery.

* Victor M. Delgado, DOB 7-13-59, last known

address: El Paso. Wanted for parole violation. Criminal history includes indecency with a child and murder. Delgado is a member of the Barrio Azteca gang.

You can find the list—with photos—on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/>. The list will be updated as needed.

Remains, from front page

desecrated gravesites or remains that were relocated from burial sites on private land.

Ken (Yazzie) Chambellan, a member of

the Navajo Nation, presided at the gravesites rite. Chambellan sprinkled fragments of cedar branches around the gravesites to mark a sacred space. He then ritually blessed each of

those in attendance with the smoke of a smudge torch woven from native leaves and grasses. The boxes containing the remains were wrapped in a red woolen blanket to evoke and sym-

bolize good fortune.

Chambellan explained that he had contacted area tribal organization, including talking with a respected tribal medicine man regarding the arrangements for a fitting ceremony to inter the remains. Since the specific tribal origins of the individuals were unknown, no specified ritual was dictated. The Medicine Man advised Chambellan to "follow his heart", grounded in his respect for and knowledge of Native American sacred ritual and practice. Chambellan indicated that he drew upon records of speeches by respected Native American tribal leaders and elders, including "Tow Bears", who was an Adviser to the well known Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.

Chambellan then read the following tribute, prior to placing the remains in the ground in the space that had been dug for them:

"I was born upon the prairie where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures and were everything drew free breath. I want to die there and not within walls. I know every stream and every wood between the Rio Grande and Arkansas. I have hunted and lived over the country, I have lived like my fathers before me and like them I lived happily. The white man has the country I loved and were only wish to wonder on the prairie until we die. I want no blood upon my land to stain the grass. I want it all clean and pure as I wish it so that all who go through among my people may find peace when they come and leave it.

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint of snow. I am the sunlight on ripened

grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep."

The Historical Commission and Texas' Frontier Museum Board are considering inscribing all or part of Chambellan's lovely grave site tribute on a bronze plaque placed on a large limestone boulder, to mark this and the adjoining burial sites for interring Native American remains.

The Morton Memorial Native American burial site is thought to be the only county-designated public burial site for unidentified Native American remains in Texas.

For more information, contact Dorothy Barker, Chair of the Cochran County Historical Commission, jodaphi2@juno.com, (806)-266-5484.

Lady Mules fourth in tourney

The Lady Mules golf team finished fourth in the Lubbock Christian School Invitational Tournament March 23 on the Shadow Hills Course in Lubbock. The Lady Mules finished with 479 total strokes.

Host LCHS won the tournament and Holy Cross and Amarillo Trinity finished in front of the Lady Mules.

"The girls have been working hard," said Lady Mule golf coach Kody Krane. "Several of them played every day during spring break. I think we have a chance to advance to regional this year."

Hillary Tipps set the pace for the Lady Mules with a 110 and Ashley Dickson followed with a 112. Paje McRoberts shot

a 126 and Morgan Burton finished with a 131. Jennifer Kirby rounded out the team with a 139.

The Lady Mules opened district play in Slaton on March 29 and April 5 the Lady Mules return to Lubbock's Elm Grove for their second district tournament. The final district tournament will be in Dimmitt on April 12.

Hospital Reports

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

March 18 - Louise Maria Trueman Nix, Maria Ramirez and J. Shanks.

March 19- J. Adams, Stacey Beasley, Jack Dunham, Louise Graves, Kenneth Harris, Trueman Nix, J. Shanks, Anastacia Sosa and Margaret Wilhite.

March 20 - Nora Avena, Stacey Beasley, Thelma Chambers, Isaiah Gilliam, Odie Gregory, Brenda Kirk, Margarita Mata, Sally Messenger, Gayle Morris, Virgie Perry, Debra Redwine, Am-

ber Richardson, Tyler Roland, J. Shanks and Anastacia Sosa.

March 21 - Nora Avena, Stacey Beasley, Thelma Chambers, Isaiah Gilliam, Odie Gregory, Brenda Kirk, Margarita Mata, Sally Messenger, Gayle Morris, Virgie Perry, Debra Redwine, Am-

March 22- Nora Avena, Stacey Beasley, Thelma Chambers, Isaiah Gilliam, Odie Gregory, Brenda Kirk, Margarita Mata, Sally Messenger, Gayle Morris, Virgie Perry, Debra Redwine, Am-

ber Richardson, Tyler Roland, J. Shanks and Anastacia Sosa.

March 23 - Misty Angeley, Nora Avena, Stacey Beasley, Isaiah Gilliam, Odie Gregory, Brenda Kirk, Sally Messenger, Gayle Morris, Opal Moton, Virgie Perry, Anastacia Sosa, Berta Teague and Beverly Wagon.

March 24 - Misty Angeley, Virginia Barrett, Stacey Beasley, Odie Gregory, Opal McFrazier, Virgie Perry, Wanda Shafer, Berta Teague and Beverly Wagon.

Obits, from page 7

She is survived by her husband Don Herbert of Hale Center; two sons Danny Owen of Muleshoe and Donny Owen of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren Cody, Heather, Lindsey, Paula, Danny and Tonya Owen; two great-grandchildren Tyson Jacob Owen and Rylee Lean Owen.

The family suggests memorials be made to one's favorite charity.

ANASTACIO HERNANDEZ

Church services for Anastacio "Andy" Hernandez, 80, of Muleshoe were Wednesday, March 31, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe, with Father Joe Augustine officiating.

Rosary was said on Tuesday, March 30. Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery, Muleshoe.

Hernandez died March 29, at Park View Nursing Home. He was born March 6, 1924 in Paris.

Hernandez had lived in Muleshoe since 1993 moving from Houston. He lived most of his life in Paris where he worked as an attendant for a gas station. He belonged to the Catholic church.

He is survived by a daughter Maria Franco of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

VICKI JARRETT

Services for Vicki Jarrett, 53, of Olton will be Friday at 2 p.m., April 3, at First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mike Holmes, pastor of St. Martin Luthern Church in Littlefield, officiating. Burial will be in Olton Cemetery.

Jarrett died at home on March 27. She was born

on April 24, 1950 in Littlefield. She married Mikel Jarrett on December 27, 1967 in Olton. She spent a lifetime in this area. She was a Lutheran.

She was preceded in death by a son Mikel Jarrett Jr. in 2000.

She is survived by her husband Mikel Jarrett of Olton; two daughters Stephanie Jarrett and Stephanie Geel both of Muleshoe; two brothers Larry Neinast and Keith Neinast both of Yuma, AZ; one sister Shannon Jenkins of Hereford and five grandchildren

The family suggests memorial be made to Olton Cemetery Assn., Box 1055 Olton, Texas 79064.

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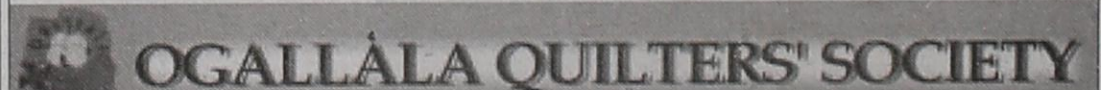
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- Tuesday, March 30: 9:00 - ? Expo Bldg. - Volunteers hang "show" quilts (ones to be judged)
- Wednesday, March 31: 9:00 - ? Expo Bldg. - No admittance during judging of "show quilts"
- 9:00 - ? Senior Citizens Center, Methodist Church, Library, Chamber of Commerce - Volunteers put up quilt racks, arrange displays, set up tables for classes
- 6:00 - ? Finish setting up tables for classes
- 9:00 - ? Expo Bldg. - No admittance during judging of "show quilts"
- 2:00 - ? Expo Bldg. - Vendors set up after judging completed
- 9:00 - ? Senior Citizens Center, Methodist Church - Volunteers arrange displays, hang quilts
- 2:30 - ? Volunteers decorate Richardson Cafeteria for Awards Announcements & Mexican Food Super
- 8:30 - 4:30 pm City Hall - Ricky Tims Class
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm Richardson Elementary Cafeteria - Awards Announcements & Mexican Food Super
- Friday, April 2: 8:30 - 11:30 am Senior Citizens Center - classes
- 8:30 - 4:30 pm City Hall - Ricky
- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm QUILT SHOW OPEN AT 3 LOCATIONS:
 - ** EXPO BUILDING
 - ** SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
 - ** METHODIST CHURCH
- 1:30 pm Rhodes Library - Lecture: Show Judge, Carol Elmore
- 12:00 noon - Free Lecture by 2003 Ogallala Scholarship winner, Susan Masters, Oklahoma City, Expo Bldg. bleachers
- 1:30 - 4:30 pm City Hall, Senior Citizens Center, Chamber of Commerce - classes
- 2:30 - 7 Richardson Elementary Cafeteria - Volunteers decorate for Ricky Tims entertainment & lecture
- 7:00 - 9:00 ? Richardson Cafeteria - Steak Supper & Ricky Tims musical lecture
- Saturday, April 3: 8:30 - 11:30 City Hall - Ricky Tims; Senior Citizens Center - classes; Chamber of Commerce - classes
- 1:30 - 4:30 pm City Hall - Ricky Tims
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm QUILT SHOW OPEN AT 3 LOCATIONS:
 - ** EXPO BUILDING
 - ** SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
 - ** METHODIST CHURCH
- 12:00 noon Ogallala Quilters' General Membership Meeting Expo Building bleachers - Everyone Welcome Rhodes Memorial Library
- 1:30 pm Lecture: Gail Cunningham, Las Cruces, N.M.
- 2:30 pm Lecture: Ann Turley, Walnut, California
- 3:30 pm Lecture: Michelle Watts, Roswell, N.M.
- 5:00 - ? Volunteers take down quilts & clean up all sites
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Local educators attend TCTA Convention

Five area educators Donna Green, Patty O'Hare, Jane Foster, Jan Via and State President Alice Liles were among the nearly 600 teaching professionals from across the state who gathered in Houston on March 5-6 for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 2004 Annual Convention. The local educators are members of the Muleshoe CTA, a local affiliate of TCTA.

Superintendent, Gene Sheets and High School Principal Dave Jenkins participated in the opening ceremonies.

Dr. Shirley J. Neeley, newly appointed Texas Commissioner of Educa-

tion, opened the convention with a keynote address on Friday, March 5, and spoke about the current state and future of Texas' public education system. The business meeting followed, where local leaders serving as voting delegates discussed education policy issues, including school finance and reform, and elected TCTA's 2004-05 statewide officers and district directors.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also made a special appearance on Saturday, March 6, and discussed the prospects for revising the school finance system.

Convention participants also attended professional

development sessions. Where a national expert on bullying prevention, Dr. Dorothy Espelage of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, offered teachers concrete steps to make their classrooms and school safer.

Other sessions covered the school finance and reform issues, the federal No Child Left Behind Act and special education.

Delegates also honored winners in TCTA's annual awards program, including Texas Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, and Bill Kent of Midland, named Friend of Education recipients; Kay Lynne Sanders from the

Victoria ISD and Victoria Bedo from the Lamar CISD, winner of the Administrator of the Year awards; Sally Yates from the Lamar CISD, named School Board Trustee of the Year; and media excellence award winners, the San Antonio Express-News and former reporters Bridget Gutierrez and Lucy Hood, the Abilene Reporter-News and reporter Sidney Levesque, and El Paso's KDBC-TV, Channel 4, and former reporter Elizabeth Alvarez.

Internal TCTA awards were presented by Kathy Coulter, Denison, named TCTA Retiree of the Year, and Denise M. Schneider, named TCTA Faculty Representative of the Year.

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MCC Ass... News

President Laverne Winn opened the meeting with prayer led by Pat Kirk, and welcomed special guests Jill and Abby Duvak and Devin Jordan Gunstream.

Sheryl Engelking, Claudine Elliott, and Judy Wilbanks celebrated their birthdays in March.

The Muleshoe Country Club served the ladies chicken enchiladas, salad, tortilla chips, salsa, red beans, and a choice of coconut chess or lime pie.

Deborah Noble called roll and gave the secretary's report. Judy Wilbanks gave the treasurer's report.

As for old business, a community project was discussed. Helen Templeton made a motion to collect

food for the Food Pantry. Pat Kirk seconded the motion.

Tournament Chairman, Pat Kirk reported that she has already purchased fabric for the ditty bags and has mailing addresses from the West Texas Women's Longstar for the invitations.

Helen gave the High Plains tournament report. We were reminded to the yearly dues of \$15.00 and each round of play will cost \$25.00— except at Hereford, which will cost \$27.00.

Our Playday Chairman, Helen Templeton, reported that there were no Playday Balls to be given as their were no golfers that compete since our last meeting. She then divided us up in two Scramble Teams. Team

one was Kay Field, Laverne Winn, and Jeri Flowers. The second team consisted of Helen, Pat, and Elinor Yerby. The winning team was team two. Congratulations to Helen, Pat, and Elinor.

Helen asked Kay to draw for the door prize. Kay drew Helen's name.

Ann McElroy announced that the Senior Center was sponsoring scrapbook classes taught by Julie Cage and Marilyn Riley. Anyone can participate. Classes are \$10.00. For those who are sixty and over, there will be no charge.

Those attending our March luncheon are Kay, Pat, Deborah, Jeanette Precure, Helen, Judy, Laverne, Jeri and Ann.

Miller invited to play at Nationals

Courtney Miller of Earth was invited to play in the US Junior Nationals A 1 1 - S t a t e B a s k e t b a l l T o u r n a m e n t held in



Miller

Lubbock, on March 14.

Participation in All-State, determines who will be extended invitations to move to the national level, in Columbus, Ohio.

Courtney was chosen as the Most Valuable Player of this tournament, which gave her automatic appointment to the nationals in July.

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Courtney is a sophomore at Springlake-Earth High School and a member of the Lady Wolverines. She the daughter of Greg and Kara Miller.

Mules win golf invitational

The Mules won the Lubbock Christian School Invitational Golf Tournament March 23 on the Shadow Hills Golf Course. The Mules shot a team total of 308 and finished ahead of Trinity Christian, host LCHS, and San Jacinto Christian.

Trevor Turnbow won a playoff to take second low individual and led the Mules with a 74. Chris Kindle followed with a 76 and Kory Atwood finished with a 78. Myles James posted an 80 and Trent Black finished with an 87.

"This was our best scores of the season," said Mule golf coach Kody Krane. "The kids are peak-

ing at the right time with district starting April 5. Three other teams from the district were at this tournament and it gives us a look at our chances to advance."

"I have to believe our chances are very good for us to earn a trip to Odessa April 19 and 20. The boys are playing with a lot of confidence." Concluded Krane.

The JV Mules finished fifth with a team total of 361. Cade Smith set the pace with an 86 and Landon Sheets posted an 89. Tyler Sheets finished with a 92, D.J. Robertson posted a 94 and Tatom Heathington rounded out the team with a 95.

The Mules open district in Brownfield April 1 and host the second district tournament April 8. The Mules finish out district in Littlefield April 14.

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Information on making salads, ideas for children's birthday parties and sewing tips will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" on Tuesday, April 6th at 12 p.m. and on Saturday, April 10th at 2:00 p.m. (All times are Mountain).

Nancy Berkoff will demonstrate how ready-made fresh produce makes "speed-scratch" cooking a breeze. Berkoff represents Ready Pac and lives in Los Angeles, Calif..

Mother and author, Lisa Reid will share way to delight your child with some low-cost birthday party favors and decor. Reid lives in Santa Fe, N.M.

Margaret Islander, sewing instructor, will share pattern alterations and fabric cutting secrets that the pros use. Her company is the Islander School of Fashion Arts in Grants Pass, Ore.

Information on sewing techniques and the health benefits of eating yogurt will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" on Tuesday, April 6, at 9:30 p.m. and on Thursday, April 8th at 12 p.m. (Mountain). "Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station, KENW-TV, from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M.

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Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: Cnythia R. Davidson 305 W. 7th Street Plainview, TX 79072.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Muleshoe, Texas this 26th day of March, 2004. Clerk of the Court, Elaine Parker, Bailey County, Texas Signed by Sheriff Richard Wills.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Bailey County, at the Courthouse in said County in Muleshoe, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 24th

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Sports

Game stopped on ten run rule in fifth inning

Rain in Slaton on Thursday forced a change of venue for the Mules and Tigers. The Tigers were forced to travel for the first district meeting for both teams.

The Mules only allowed Slaton two runs on six hits while they scattered 13 hits and pushed 16 runs across. The game was stopped on the ten run rule after the Tigers batted in the top of the fifth inning Saturday, March 27.

Landon Wilson sent the ball high over the right field fence in the bottom of the

first inning for a solo home run. The Mules went on to bat around in the first and scored three more runs.

Bryan King struck out the first batter in the second inning and Robby Bomer battled the sun, wind and fence to haul in towering fly ball to right field for the second out. Jarad Flores scooped up a hard hit ball to short stop and fired across the diamond to Tyrel Gear at first for the final out.

The Mules added four more runs in the bottom of the second on just two hits and forced Slaton to commit

three errors. Slaton's only two runs came in the third inning on two Mule errors and a single hit.

In the bottom of the fourth 13 Mules went to the plate and they exploded for eight runs on six hits to go up 16-2.

King recorded nine strike outs in five innings. The Mules finished the non-district portion of the season at 7-4 and are now 1-0 in district.

"The kids did a great job of getting ready for the game today," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "Slow pitch-

ers have hurt us all season. We had been working on waiting on the pitch and driving the ball. We brought practice to the game today."

Eddie Alvarado was the designated hitter and went

three for three at the plate.

"I have been sick and could not play defense today," said Alvarado. "So as the DH I tried to get the job done on offense. Everyone was hitting the ball hard to-

day and we made good things happen on offense."

The Mules hosted the Dimmitt Bobcats March 30 and travel to Brownfield April 3 for their third district tilt.

Softball team wins district game

In a year filled with 'firsts,' the Lady Mule softball team won their first district game. The Lady Mules scored 18 runs in the first inning in Dimmitt March 23 and went on to hammer the Bobbies 32-1.

Twenty-three Lady Mules visited the plate in the top of the first and 18 had hits. Dimmitt never sent more than five batters to plate.

Ashley Dickson collected eight RBIs in her six trips to the plate.

"This was a good game for us as almost everyone had two or three hits tonight," said Dickson. "We really stepped up our defense and we only had a couple of errors. As we gain experience, things just seem to go smoother."

"We have been winning but we have not really hit the ball," said Lady Mule coach Steve Dunn. "But tonight we really hit the ball and did a great job of running the bases. This will help us get ready for tougher opponents in the playoffs."

The Lady Mules took second in the Clovis Lady Cat JV Softball Tournament on March 26 and 27. Two three-team pools battled on Friday

and Saturday and then the teams were seeded according to wins.

The Lady Mules advanced to the championship game on Saturday by outlasting the Hobbs Lady Eagles 7-6 and pounded Roswell Goddard 24-1. The Roswell Lady Coyotes won the tournament by defeating the Lady Mules 16-6.

Brianne Gomez scored in the first inning against Hobbs to put the Lady Mules on top. The Lady Eagles answered to tie the game at 1-1. Sarah Sexton drew a walk in the second and stole second base. Sexton scored on a wild pitch.

Hobbs took advantage of a Lady Mule error in the bottom of the second to take a 3-2 lead. Cecelia Reyna began a parade around the bases with a walk as the Lady Mules scored three times in the third with no hits but cashed in on the five walks issued by the Lady Eagles.

Hobbs tied the game at 5-5 with two runs in the bottom half of the inning. The Lady Eagles reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the fourth with one hit and a Lady Mule miscue.

Deanna Cody led off the fifth with a single to left. Erica Sanchez took her place on the bases as a courtesy runner. Sanchez stole second on the first pitch to Kyla Ellis.

Ellis got a Texas leaguer to fall on the fair side of the right field line to score Sanchez and moved to second on the throw home. Mandy Brantley sacrificed Ellis to third with a ground ball to short.

Gomez blasted a ball that hand cuffed the shortstop and scored Ellis to put the Lady Mules on top 7-6.

Cody got the first Lady Eagle to tap the ball back to mound for the first out of the bottom of the fifth.

In the finals it was anybody's game through three innings. In the bottom of the fourth the wheels came off for the Lady Mules as they gave up three hits, five errors and six runs. They could not shake the error bug.

The Lady Mules host Littlefield March 30 and Dimmitt April 2 in district games. The Lady Mules travel to Denver City April 9.

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Crim has been reading smoke signals for the last twenty years. Each year since 1983, he has used the "fire burning" to predict the local spring weather. The ancient Indian tradition has been a part of his family since 1910, and history shows the "Chief" to have been correct exactly eighty percent of the time. Last year's call for a little above

average spring was right on target.

The "fire burning" is conducted each year on March 22nd.

The "burnings" have been a part of the Crim family since 1910. Weldon's grandfather, Taylor Crim learned the ritual from the Indians in the El Paso area when he was a young man. The tradition was passed on from Taylor to his oldest son, J.W., and J.W. performed the ritual for over fifty years. He became known as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet." After J.W. passed away, his son Weldon picked up the tradition.



Crim reads smoke signals

The call for a "fair" spring comes on the heels of the first measurable precipitation in a number months. But according to

the "Chief" and his smoke signals, we shouldn't be expecting much more moisture in the coming months.



Singing a song of sixpence—Lorissa Moffett, choral director, leads the MHS Advanced Treble Choir Monday night at the Kerry Moore Auditorium as part of Fine Arts Night to Shine.

Ballet Foklorico Guadalupano dance group

Ballet Foklorico Guadalupano dance group participated in the "Viva Aztlan Dance and Mariachi Festival" held in Lubbock on March 12 and 13, at the Lubbock Civic Center. The Festival included workshops by dance professors from Mexico and competitions in children and adult dance categories. The festival included groups from the area as well as groups from Dallas, San Antonio, Guymon, Okla., Roswell and Hobbs, NM and Mexico. Ballet Foklorico Guadalupano is made up of members



ages 4 through 14 from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe. Front row: Cynthia Muniz, Leticia Loy. Second row: Valerie Godinez, Alexis Rodriguez, Leandra Brisenio, Adriana Loya, Stefani Lopez, Alina

Cadena. Third row: Ramon Peña, Sofia Quezada, Dominique Mata, Hector Alex Flores, Jessica Elizazaraz, Leslie Macias, Marissa Hernandez, Mercedes Morin. Fourth row: Crystal Rubio, Adriana Camarillo, Veronica Rivera, Lourdes

Ramires, Lisa Soto, Saul Elizalde, Crystal Olivas. (Not Pictured) Yesenia Perez, Ariana Martinez, Jordan Hernandez.

Manatees for adoption

Searching for a new way to delight your children on Easter morning? A manatee adoption from Save the Manatee Club (SMC) is an Easter gift that will last long after the chocolate eggs and jelly beans have disappeared.

For \$25, you'll receive a photo of a manatee, the manatee's biography, an adoption certificate, and a membership/adoption purchased at \$35 or more will include a manatee adoption packet along with a free sugar cookie mix and manatee-shaped cookie cutter, a coloring book and a "manatee"-colored crayon.

Proceeds from SMC's Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward conservation and education programs to protect manatees and their habitat.

A manatee adoption is a responsible alternative to acquiring a live animal such as a bunny or a chick for an Easter basket. In addition to a photo, certificate and biography, "parents" of adopted manatees receive a membership handbook with

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Save the Manatee Club's Adopt-A-Manatee program helps to fund education and public awareness endeavors; manatee research, rescue, rehabilitation and release projects; and advocacy and legal efforts to help protect manatees and their habitat. SMC is a nonprofit organization established in 21981 by Senator Bob Graham and singer Jimmy Buffet.

For more information about manatees or the Adopt-A-Manatee program, contact Save the Manatee Club, 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751 or call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). You can visit the SMC web page and adopt a manatee on the Internet at www.savethemanatee.org.

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