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# **Muleshoe** is gaining fame as ghost town

#### By RICK WHITE Managing Editor

Bailey County Sheriff Jerry Hicks has booked more radio appearances this week than prisoners.

With the news of the Bailey County Jail being haunted spreading quicker than an offcolor office joke, Muleshoe is becoming nationally known as the Texas town that plays host to a ghost.

The story first appeared in last weekend's Bailey County Journal and soon spread to newspapers and radio and television stations all over the state and across the country.

Hicks has been so busy fielding phone calls and doing interviews - seven Wednesday alone — he says he barely has had time to get any work done."

"It's been a zoo," Hicks said. "I thought local people would be interested in the story. I saw it in the Amarillo and Lubbock papers and I thought it was no big deal.

"It went ape from there." Inmates say they've seen and heard a ghost they believe is the spirit of a man who hung himself in the jail in 1979.

The national media blitz started Tuesday on the Paul Harvey radio show and it's been non-stop from there.

Hicks has since done live interviews on more than a halfdozen radio shows from places like Dallas, San Antonio, Oklahoma City ... even Rochester, N.Y.

During one call, Hicks joking answered his phone "Ghostbusters are us" only to learn that he was live on the air in Boise, Idaho.

Call it a major boo-boo.

Even CBS television affiliates in New York and Chicago have called and carried the story.

"I've kind of enjoyed it because no one has taken it too seriously,"Hicks said, who has got off a couple classic oneliners.

During the interview with the Rochester station, the sheriff was asked if he was related to the comedian Bill Hicks (which he's not).

Later in the interview he was asked that since Hicks is such a popular name, how many Hicks are there in Texas.

The Sheriff replied: "About half of us in Texas are hicks."



JOURNAL PHOTO BY RICK WHITE

Joshua Toscano gives a sailor's salute Wednesday during a dress rehersal of the Dillman Elementary School second-graders' musical "When I grow up." The students gave two performances for their parents Thursday. Joaquin Ruvalcaba is to Toscano's left.

# Muleshoe man dies of gunshot wound

Sunday, March 23, 1997

A Muleshoe funeral director was found dead Wednesday, apparently the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Don Williams, 45, was found at about 7:40 a.m. in his home at 710 W. Ave. K with a single gunshot wound to the chest. He was pronounced dead by a justice of the peace at 8 a.m.

Muleshoe Police recovered a 9 millimeter hand gun near the body.

An autopsy was scheduled in Lubbock Friday afternoon.

Williams had worked for Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe for 13 years.

Muleshoe Police Chief Rick Henegar said Williams was apparently despondent about the death of his wife a year ago.

The 14-year-old daughter of Williams' live-in girl friend, was in the bathroom getting ready for school when she heard a gunshot and called 9-1-1, according to police reports. She was the only one awake at the time.

Henegar said the case is still under investigation.

# Energas lastest utility company to downsize

LUBBOCK-Energas announced Texas and New Mexico that will be closed.

Local offices will be refocused on field

The ghost appears in the form of a shadow drifting along the cell block wall, inmates say. Several other say they've experienced the same dream in which an unknown force pulls their blankets so tight they can't move.

"Hopefully this is about the end of it," said Hicks. "But it's nice to get some attention for the town."

The attention has literally turned Muleshoe into a ghost town.

Wednesday that several offices in Texas will be closed in the current move among utility companies to downsize in the name of deregulation.

Sailor's salute

Company officials said the consolidation would be similar to Southwestern Public Service's recent restructuring.

SPS has already announced its Muleshoe office will be among the 17 in West

Energas said it is going to close all its operations such as service calls, and conlocal offices to over the counter payments struction and maintenance activities. and walk-in customer transactions.

mer 1997. These centers will be located in seven days a week. The location of this local grocery stores, convenience stores center has not been determined. and other locations in town with extended hours for customers to pay their bills.

Energas will also open a central cus-The company will create a network of tomer support center which customers can payment centers beginning in early sum- call toll-free for service 24 hours a day,

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### World Lab provides hands-on learning approach By RICK WHITE **Managing Editor**

Gina Mardis and six other first-grade teachers at Dillman Elementary School are bringing a unit on birds to life.

The teachers are using real chicken eggs to teach the first-graders about the life cycle of birds in a class called World Lab.

Tuesday, the first of about 30 fertile eggs the students and teachers have been incubating in styrofoam containers hatched. By Friday morning, nearly a dozen baby chicks had been hatched.

"It's a good way to teach them about the process of life and about caring for animals," Mardis said. "And they also learn about disappointment, because not all the eggs will hatch."

After the chicks hatch, they will be raised on a local farm.

When the eggs arrived from Texas A&M three weeks ago, the classes used the old fashion method of holding the eggs up to a candle to check if they were fertile.

Mardis said the students were amazed when they saw the embryos move inside the shell and that they "could see their heartbeat."

"A lot of the parents have come up to us and

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#### My little chickadee

Courtney Mardis holds one of the chicks recently hatched by the firstgrade class at Dillman Elementary School.

**Kemp tosses four-hitter;** leads Muleshoe to 8-3 win

AMARILLO - The Muleshoe baseball team has shown one thing this year. The ability to bounce back.

After losing its District 1-3A opener in a sloppyily played game Saturday, Muleshoe regrouped and beat league favoite Perryton 8-3 Tuesday at Caprock High School.

Laye Kemp hurled a fourhitter and Jeffrey Wheeler and Michael Woodard sparked the offense as the Mules beat the team that knocked them out of

the bi-district playoffs last year.

"The kids have really shown the ability to put losses behind them," Muleshoe coach Brad Hill said. "This is a real confidence builder. By beating the team that's picked to win the district, the kids now know they're capable of beating anybody."

Muleshoe (5-5 overall, 1-1 in district) was coming off a 8-6 loss to River Road, a loss Hill

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### Multiple choice in school board races at Three Way, Lazbuddie By SAMUEL VILLARREAL

#### **Journal Staff Writer**

While interest in the May 4 elections has been virtually nonexistent in Muleshoe, school board elections outside of the city are drawing plenty of interest.

Incumbent candidates for mayor, two school board seats and two hospital board seats are running unopposed after the passing of the March 19 filing deadline.

Eight persons have filed for four at-large positions on the

JOURNAL PHOTO BY RICK WHITE

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#### Muleshoe High School offering drivers ed

The Muleshoe Independent School District will offer three separate drivers education courses this spring.

The first class will begin in April 1 and will meet before school from 7 - 8 a.m. Driving instruction, which will take place after school hours, will begin May 26. The second class will also begin April 1 and will meet 6 - 8 p.m. Driving instruction will begin May 1. The third class will begin June 2, and will meet from 9 - 11 a.m. Driving instruction will begin June 24.

Students must be 15 before beginning the driving phase. They must also complete the classroom portion of driver's education and obtain their "learner's permit" before they can start any part of the in-car instruction.

#### Steve Garvey baseball being raffled

Tickets are now on sale for a chance to win a baseball signed by Los Angeles Dodger and San Diego Padres Allstar Steve Garvey.

Tickets are a dollar each, or six tickets for five dollars. The proceeds will go towards Project Graduation '97. Tickets may be purchased at Williams Athletics, or by calling Kay Elliot after 5 p.m. at 946-3481.

**Churches holding special Easter services** 

Several Muleshoe churches will be hosting special events for Easter. The First United Methodist Church will host a daily lunch and service March 24 - 26 in their fellowship hall. Special groups, speakers and singers will be featured each day. The meal cost, received to offset meal preparation expenses, is by donation.

An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. March 30 in the new city park across from the 16th and D Church of Christ. Coffee and donuts will be served in the fellowship

### N URSING HOME NEWS

The New Covenant Church came Sunday for Church Services.

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Friday morning being National Pig Day. We gave a tribute to the pig by remembering the animal by games and fun and pig artifacts. Pig trivia, stories, and hog killing time was a enjoyable topics of discussion. Refreshments of pigs in the blanket, that the residents made, and juice were served to all that attended. Nettie Quesenberry's sons and daughter-in-law also participated in the activity.

Pastor David McIntire, J.C. Shanks, and Clara Lou Jones

rect the weekly sing-a-long. Holly Millsap who was here visiting, also participated along with the residents.

By Joy Stancell

We wish to express our sincere sympathy for families and friends of R.B. Cunningham and M.T. Hukill. They will be missed.

Grace Scarbrough treated us to ice cream cups and rice Krispies treats Monday. Gladys Wilson delivered the treats to us.

The Mary Martha Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church made a donation to the Care Center.

Mr. Arnold Price visited us this week and gave us a big carton of microwave popcorn. Mr. Awbrey visited us Wednesday morning. We are so thankful for each and every one of our "priceless" volunteers. You are a vital part of our Healthcare team!

hall of 16th and D Church of Christ following the service.

The First Assembly of God will present a program and cantata, "Tree of Life," at 10:45 a.m. that same morning. The program will feature singers from several area churches.

### MHS registration meeting March 31

Muleshoe High School will hold a meeting for all parents of 8th grade students March 31 at 7:30 in the MHS auditorium.

The meeting is designed to help parents and students smooth the transition between junior high and high school, while explaining the different graduation plans available.

Parents should bring their child's registration materials, which will be given to them prior to the March 31 meeting.

LOCAL WEATHER AT A GLANCE			
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Source: R.G. B	ennett, Observer - Nation	al Weather Service	

### Extended Forecast

Mild weather through the weekend, with highs in the upper 60's to mid 70's and lows in the 30's. Cool and breezy weather early in the week, with a chance of rain Tuesday. Lows will be up in the 40's while highs dip to the 50's.

### Energas Continued from page 1

"This is the way for us to compete in the future," said Junior Aston, a manager of public affairs based in Lubbock. He also admitted the move was to get the company ready for the expected deregulation of the natural gas industry.

Aston said Energas promised its employees it would announce office closings and job reductions by June 4.

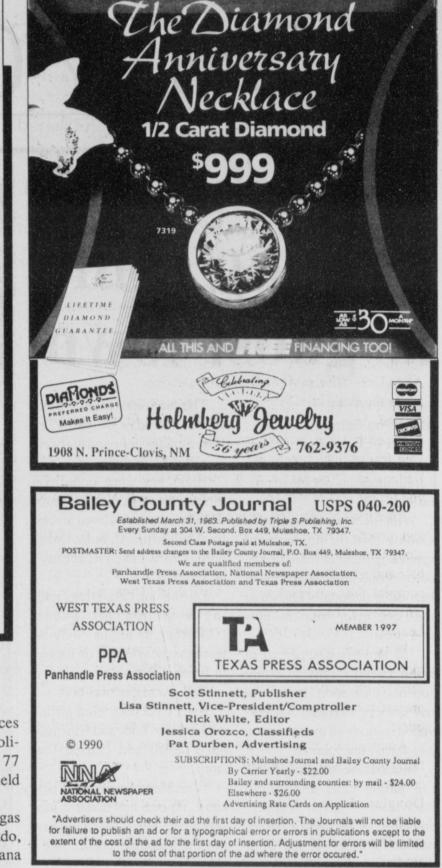
Energas has 23 offices in the Panhandle-South Plains, including Littlefield, Levelland, Muleshoe and Springlake-Earth Brownfield.

close its 108 business offices in six states. After the consolidations, approximately 77 offices will remain open as field service centers.

Atmos provides natural gas service in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Kentucky.

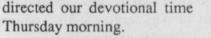
The first zip-fastener was invented by Whitcomb L. Judson of Chicago, and consisted of two metal chains that could be joined together in a single movement by a slide fastener. Designed for use on boots and shoes, it was exhibited at the Chicago Exposition of 1893.





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Monday morning the Lazbuddie young homemakers hosted a St. Pat's Day Party for the residents. Our favorite game, bingo was played and then the residents were served a wide variety of delectable foods.

Tuesday afternoon Claudine Embry, Lanell Stancell, Beverly Wagnon, Chickie Herderlight shampooed and set the ladies hair.

Wednesday morning following Donut/Coffee time, Loyce Killingsworth, Anna B. Lane and Stacy Connor, pastor of the First Baptist Church lead our devotional/reflection time.

Wednesday afternoon Glenda Jennings came to di-

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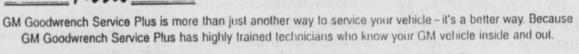
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Energas provides natural gas service to approximately 311,000 customers in West Texas.

Enegergas' parent company, which recently merged with a Tennessee company, said it will





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# A good argument for success

### Debating improves public speaking skills

#### By SAMUEL VILLARREAL **Journal Staff Writer**

Several Muleshoe High School students say it's not difficult to argue that participation in debate leads to success in the cases," Buenrostro said. "That future.

MHS senior David Keller, scholarship by West Texas A&M University, said he plans to use the skills in college and beyond.

"Speech takes away from side of speech. your fear of public speaking," you for the rest of you life."

After months of preparation judges. and practice meets, Keller, along with 13 other MHS debate and speech students, will compete this weekend at the University Interscholastic League 1-3A competition.

moment on the present, Muleshoe High School debaters prepare for this year's competition.

Amidst a pile of paper and a flurry of point and counterpoint, competitors in the Lincoln-Douglas debate add final touches to their cases. In Lincoln-Douglas debate, students are given a subject and are asked to debate its moral value.

Debaters Marisa Buenrostro, Becky Flores and Steven Madrid have spent months compiling materials for this year's subject - gender equity in a legitimate democracy.

Although Lincoln-Douglas debaters compete individually, their preparations are done as a team

"We trash each other's way we know what to expect.

By "trashing" each other's who has been offered a debate cases, the three say they can find their weaknesses before a competition.

> Another group of students is preparing for the emotional

Students in poetry and prose Keller said. "You take it with interpretation refine the selections they will be reading for

Poetry and prose interpretation students refine the selections they will be reading for judges. Through vocal and facial reactiona, the readers hope to convey the emotions of With their eyes set for a their selections to their judges.

Students select two separate poetry or prose selections. The selections can be any piece of the student's choice, as long as the two have a similar theme.

The third group of speakers preparing for district competition are the extemporaneous speakers.

Extemporaneous speaking is divided into two categories, persuasive and informative. mative speaker Darren Elliot.

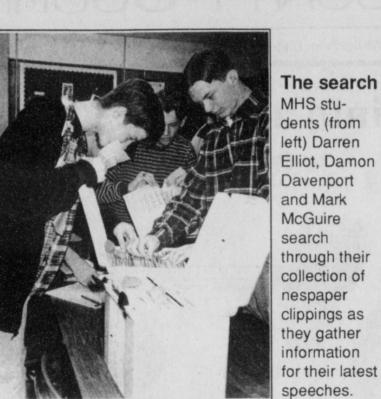


PHOTO BY SAMUEL VILLAREA

Speakers are given 30 minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech on a topic of the judges' choice.

Since most topics are chosen from current political and social events, speakers pore daily over the latest newspapers searching for any articles that they believe could be called upon in a competition.

Two large boxes of newspaper clippings accompany the team wherever they go.

The goal for informative speakers is to produce a speech that would explain what the topic is about.

"In your mind, the judge knows absolutely nothing about the topic," said infor"You have seven minutes to inform him as best as possible."

Persuasive speakers take political and social questions raised by current events and prepare speeches designed to persuade persons of one opinion to change to another.

Daily practice helps speakers keep their edge. They prepare two speeches each time their class meets.

Most speakers said they enjoy speech and debate because it gives them a chance to show their own individual talent. Even though they practice together, the true test comes when they hold the floor.

"There is no one else there, "Buenrostro said. "It is just you and your opponent."



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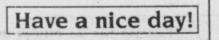
Incumbents Gail Morris and Thomas Martin will be joined on the May 4 ballot by Vernon Turner, Ricky Black, Donnie Coker, Garvin Thorn, Charleson Steinbock and Kyle Kimbrough. Four persons have filed for three at-large positions on the Three Way ISD Board. Incumbents Terry Pollard and James Kindle will be joined on the ballot by Johnny Furgeson and Craig Kirby.

tion even if the race was future school board meeting. unopposed.

Board election, Arnold Price Muleshoe Area Hospital Dis-

a formal election. In past years, mal race, but any formal actions the city has had to hold an elec- would not be decided until a

As of the March 19 applica-In the Muleshoe School tion deadline, elections for the



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Muleshoe Mayor Robert Montgomery is running unopposed. Montgomery has served as mayor since 1992.

City secretary Mary Hicks said a new law could allow the city council to declare Montgomery mayor without holding



and Curtis Shelburne are running unopposed.

tary Jean Richardson said unopposed candidates can be declared winners without a for-

trict also appeared unopposed. Incumbents Bob Finney and

MISD administrative secre- Buck Campbell are the only person to have requested applications to be placed on the ballot.



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# Lopez made himself into all-district pick

Israel Lopez became an alldistrict player because he listened and learned.

The 6-3 Lazbuddie High School senior was one of 10 players named to the All-District 3-1A boys basketball team and the only Longhorn on the first team.

Senior wing Justin St. Clair and junior post Jason Thomas were named to the second team for the Longhorns, who finished the season 21-8.

Lopez averaged 13 points and eight rebounds for the bidistrict champion Longhorns, who finished tied for second in the district behind state runnerup Nazareth.

But it was Lopez' dedication to fundamentals that earned him a spot on the team.

"He's one of the most coachable player I've ever had," said Lazbuddie coach Gary Grahn, who won his 100th game this year. "He listens and tries to do it right. That's why he is so fundamentally sound."

Lopez also played within himself, rarely shooting from beyond five feet of the basket and making a living offensive rebounding on the weakside block.

"He's the closest thing I have to a gym rat," Grahn said "He

### BASKETBALL **Boys All-District 3-1A**

FIRST TEAM Nathan Hoelting, sr. ..... Nazareth Bryan Braddock, sr ..... Nazareth Marc Lunsford, jr. ..... Farwell Israel Lopez, sr. ..... Lazbuddie Marcus Brockman, sr. .... Nazareth SECOND TEAM

Justin St. Clair, sr., Lazbuddie; Logan Nichols, sr, Farwell; Jason Thomas, jr., Lazbuddie; John Mark Moudy, Happy, fr.; Rob Cook, jr. Vega

even gave up football this year so he could concentrate on basketball."

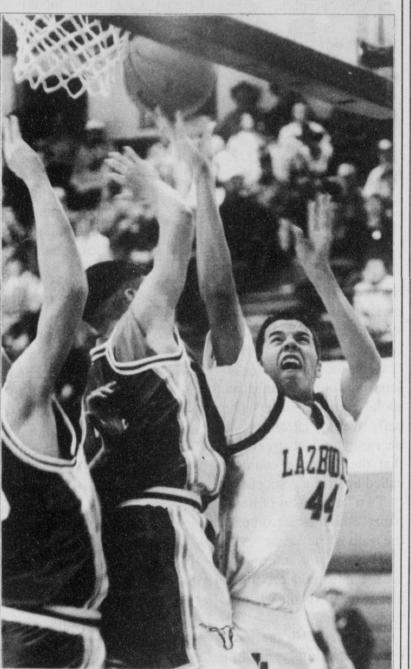
St. Clair averaged eight points and six rebounds a game while the 6-7 Thomas averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds.

District champion Nazareth placed three seniors on the first team.

Posts Nathan Hoelting and Marcus Brockman and point guard Bryan Braddock were selected from the Swifts.

Farwell junior Marc Lunsford rounded out the first team. Farwell finished tied for second with Lazbuddie.

Joining St. Clair and Thomas on the second team were Farwell senior Logan Nichols, Happy freshman John Mark All-District 3-1A Cook.



Moudy and Vega junior Rob Lazbuddie senior Israel Lopez, shown scoring against three Farwell defenders, was named all-district.

### Whitt, Lady Mules continue to lead 1-3A golf tournament

TULIA-Keisha Whitt and the Muleshoe the Lady Mules continue to lead the District 1-3A South Zone golf tournament after the second round.

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In the boys tournament, Muleshoe is securely locked into second place behind Tulia.

Whitt, a junior, shot a 98 Tuesday at the Tule Lake Golf Club and holds a one-stroke lead over Goldie Harrison of Friona with a two-round total of 194.

Muleshoe holds a sevenstroke lead over Tulia (860-867) in the four-round tournament. One round is play on the home course of each of the zone's four teams.

The Muleshoe tournament is March 31.

Mule freshman Ryan Hodge fired a 76 in Tuesday's blustery wind conditions and moved into third place with a 36-hole total of 165. Muleshoe senior Kyle Embry is tied for fourth at 166 after shooting an 81.

Tulia's Cory Mahaney is the second-round lead at 145 after shooting a 73 Tuesday.

Tulia holds a 28-stroke lead over Muleshoe after shooting a 319 in the second round. Muleshoe shot a 328 for a two-round

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GOLF **District 1-3A Tourney** SOUTH ZONE Second round at Tule Lake Golf Club, Tuesday

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BOYS Team totals - 1. Tulia 319-321 — 640, 2. Muleshoe 340-328 -668; 3. Friona 367-370 - 727; 4. Dimmitt 376-398 - 776; 5 Tulia B 409-384 — 793.

Individual medalsits - 1 Cory Mahaney, Tulia, 73-145; 2. Patrick Johnson, Tulia, 78-157; 3. Ryan Hodge, Muleshoe, 76-165; 4. (tie) Kyle Embry, Muleshoe, 81-166; Patrick Crow, Dimnmitt. 84-166.

Other Muleshoe scores Darren Box 83-168, Stefan Sutton 91 — 174, Damon Davenport 88-175 GIRLS

Team totals - 1. Muleshoe 423-437 - 860, 2. Tulia 430-437 -867, 3. Friona 438-452 - 890, 4. Tulia B 500-512 - 1,012.

Individual medalists - 1 Keisha Whitt, Muleshoe, 98 -194.; 2. Goldie Harrison, Friona, 98 - 194; 3. Darlin Kinser, Tulia, 105 - 204.

Other Muleshoe scores -Mikki Sutton 105 - 205, Katie Black 114 - 225, Kendra Kenmore 120 - 236, Brandi Harrison 246.

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Note: The top two teams in each of the four-round North and South Zone tournaments will meet in a one-round tournament to determine the district champion.

### Latham reaches semis at Plainview





PLAINVIEW Muleshoe's Colby Latham ad-

vanced to the semifinals in singles and the quarterfinals in doubles last Saturday at the Plainview tennis tournament.

Aaron Faver and Cambri Lewis also won first round matches for Muleshoe.

Latham lost to No. 1 seed Caleb Ashley of Canadian in the semifinals 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

In doubles, Latham teamed with freshman Jeff Bruns while reaching the quarterfinals.

In the consolation brackets, Amber Bruns amd Rhonda Copley reached the semifinals in doubles play before losing to a team from Friona 8-3. **BOYS SINGLES** 

First round — Aaron Faver (MHS) def. Alex Hinojosa (Nazareth), 8-0; Matt Davis (Springlake-Earth) def. Chris Shelburne (MHS), 8-5; Colby Latham (MHS) def. Howard (Springlake-Earth), 8-4; Second round - Roy McDonald (Memphis) def. Faver; 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; Latham def. Rocky McAdams (Sudan), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; third round - Caleb Ashley (Canadian) def. Latham, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. **Consolation bracket** 

Second round- Matthew Kern (Nazereth) def. Chris Shelburne, 8-4; **BOYS DOUBLES** 

Firstround -Bruns/Henderson (MHS) def. Riggs/Flores (Dimmitt), 8-1; Aven/Martinez (Hart) def. Beall/ Vaughn (MHS) 8-0; Brockman/Cannon (Nazareth) def. Posadas/ Henderson (MHS), 8-2; second round - Salinas/Yannis (Memphis) def. Bruns/Latham, 6-3, 6-2; **Consolation bracket** 

Second round - Tyler/Schulte (Nazereth) def. Beall/Vaughn, 8-2; Rodrigues/Aronce (Friona) def. Posadas/Henderson, 8-5. **GIRLS SINGLES** 

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### For the green

Bill James of First Bank in Muleshoe chips onto the 12th green Sunday at the Muleshoe Country during the second round of the annual Running Water Draw golf challenge between Muleshoe and Friona Country Clubs.

### **Muleshoe wins 4th annual** challenge cup golf match

Muleshoe Country Club won its third-straight Running Water Draw challenge cup golf tournament this weekend.

The tournament pits 12-member teams from Muleshoe and Friona CCs in a two-day tournament similar to the Ryder Cup.

Muleshoe beat Friona 7-5 in match play Sunday at Muleshoe CC to wrap up the title.

Saturday at Friona, Muleshoe won 9 of 12 matches play in a format that included a two-man scramble on the front 9 and alternate shot play on the back 9.



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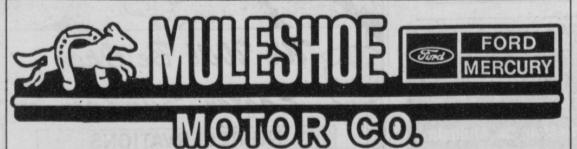
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#### Flags on sale

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### Tennis

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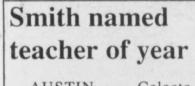
First round — Tonya Powers (Dimmitt) def. Amanda Hahn (MHS), 9-7; Jamie Ward (Memphis) def. Ellen Wood (MHS) 8-1; Cambri Lewis (MHS) def. Sarah Olvera (Nazareth), (score unavailable); second round — Leslie Holton (Springlake-Earth) def. Lewis, 6-0, 6-

#### Consolation

Second round — Megan Karpel (Littlefield) def. Amanda Hahn, 8-0; Angelica Perales (Hart) def. Ellen Wood, 8-6.

#### **GIRLS DOUBLES**

First round — Hoelting/ Wethington (Nazereth) def. Bruns/ Copley (MHS), 9-7; Hamblin/ McKinnin (Littlefield) def. Whitt/



Adrian (MHS) 8-4.

Second round — Bruns/Copley def. Smith/Cameron (Boys Ranch), 8-3; Lamb/Upchurch (Ralls) def. Bruns/Copley def. Fiero/Leal (Nazereth) 8-0; semifinals -Blackburn/Campbell (Friona) def. Bruns/Copley, 8-3.

### Golf

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total of 668. Friona is third at 727.

The top two teams after the four-round zone tournament will play a one-round tournament next month for the district title.

The top two teams at the district advance to regionals. Perryton is the runaway boys

### Mules

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said his team handed to River Road. The Mules committed five fielding errors and several other mental blunders in the game.

Earlier this year, the Mules rebounded from an embarssing 31-2 loss to Seminole by winning three of four games at the Frenship JV Tournament.

Hill said it has been a Jekyll and Hyde type of year.

"When we play bad, we play real bad," Hill said. "It seems like when we make one error, we make a bunch of errors.

"But when we play well, we play real well."

Trailing 2-1, Muleshoe scored six runs in the second inning.

Woodard delivered the big bow, a two-run triple down the right field linethat made it 7-2.

Wheeler added an RBI single in the rally that was aided by two walks, two hit batters and an error.

Wheeler's third single drove in Muleshoe's final run in the sixth. He finished 3 for 4 and scored a run.

Woodard finished 2 for 4. Hill juggled the lineup Tuesday, moving Aaron Purdy to cleanup and dropping Jarrod Redwine and Matt McClanahan lower in the order.

"We weren't getting production in the middle of the lineup," Hill said. "Aaron's not a typical cleanup hitter. But he goes up there and battles and puts the ball in play."

Purdy's two-out single in the first gave Muleshoe a 1-0 lead.

Kemp was in control throughout.

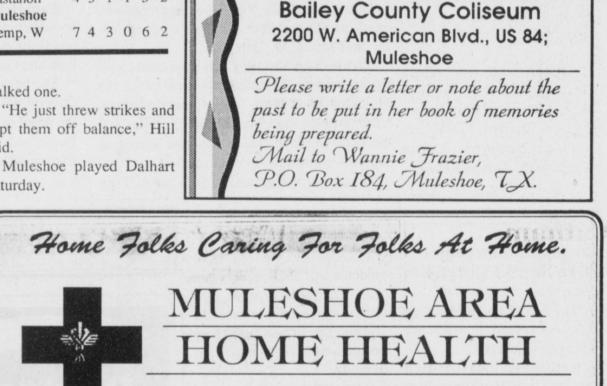
All three runs Perryton scored off the junior right hander were unearned.

The Rangers (10-4, 1-1) scored twice in the second on Mike Castanon's two-out triple Perryton (10-4, 1-1) ab r h bi 3010 Madrid, 3b 4000 Duke, cf 4000 Sunday, ss 2000 Dear, dh, p Rennels, 2b 2000 3010 Paetzold, p, 1b Alexander, c 3 2 0 0 3 1 0 0 Pinion, lf 3010 Culwell, 1b, rf 3013 Castanon, 2b, 1b 0000 Balizan, rf 30 3 4 3 Totals Muleshoe (5-5, 1-1) 4 1 3 2 Wheeler, ss 4 1 0 0 Kemp, p 1 2 0 1 Alanis, 3b 4 0 1 1 Purdy, rf 4022 Woodard, c 3 1 1 0 Redwine, lf 100 McClanahan 2 1 0 0 Mason, 1b 4 1000 Pineda, 2b 26 8 7 6 Totals 020 001 0 3 4 5 Perryton Muleshoe 160 010 x 8 7 5 Paetzold, Dear (2), Castarion (4) and Alexander; Kemp and Woodard. WP-Kemp(2-3). LP - Paetzold. LOB - Perryton 8, Muleshoe 9. 2B - Madrid (P), Culwell (P). 3B - Woodard (M). SB — Paetzold (P), Alexander (P) 2., Mason (M). **Pitching summary** Perryton ip h r er sobb Paetzold, L1 1/325 4 4 1 2 2/3 2 3 2 0 1 Dear 431152 Castanon Muleshoe 743062 Kemp, W

walked one.

kept them off balance," Hill said.

Muleshoe played Dalhart Saturday.



AUSTIN - Celeste Smith, wife of Muleshoe native Gary Smith, received the "Crockett Teacher of the Year" award.

Celeste teaches world geography, is chair of social studies department and a member of technology committee.

The Austin Independent School District rewarded her with a lap-top computer.

Celeste is the daughterin-law of John and Billie Joan Smith of Muleshoe.

Gary is a pharmacist in Austin. The couple has four sons.

leader in the north zone.

"One pretty good team is going to be left home," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said.

and a run in the sixth on a fielder's choice and two errors.

Kemp struck out six and

### **Before Easter's Joy Comes** "Good" Friday's Sacrifice

The week we're just beginning has been known to many Christians down through the centuries as Holy Week or Passion Week. In many ways, this week plus Easter Sunday form the highest and holiest time of the Christian year as we remember the last days of the Savior's life on earth, his crucifixion for our sins, and his glorious resurrection from the dead.

the joy that we will rightly feel as on Easter morning we praise the risen Lord. Joy, as one man has written, is "the serious business of heaven." I don't think God intends for us to wait to get to heaven to exult in his deep joy. But I would remind you that before Easter Sunday came the saddest of all days, the day that we, amazingly, call Good Friday. Before the glorious Easter morning of new life bursting forth from the tomb came a horribly dark day of death as heaven itself wept and the sky shed torrents of tears at the death of its Creator become man.

We wish it could have been different, that the price for our redemption could have been less than the death of God's own Son. But I'm convinced that the pattern seen so beautifully and poignantly illustrated in the life of Christ is as unchangeable as the seasons which themselves point to it. Before a resurrection comes a death. Before new plants grow, seeds must "die" by falling into the ground. Before the spring of new life comes the winter that snuffs out the old. And, dear friends, before a new birth comes a voluntary death in all of our lives if we would be Christ's people. In that sense, Good Friday always comes before Easter Sunday. The two are inexuicably woven together.

Before new life bursts forth from the tomb comes a voluntary death. It was true in Christ's life. And it is true in ours.

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

### Agency

### **Featured Patient**

Beatrice Vaughan has lived in Lazbuddie since 1947. She is married to T.D. Vaughan. They have three children -Theron Vaughan Jr. of Georgetown, Shelia May of Amarillo and the late Larry Vaughn. They have four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

The Vaughan's attend the Baptist Church. Mrs. Vaughan enjoys the girls from the Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency very much. They have been a great help.

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I would not in the least take away

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### OSPITAL ADMISSIONS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following admissions:

March 14 — Ian Vidaurri, R.B. Cunningham, Luis Briseno, Reynaldo DelToro, Elmer Gross, Esperanza Guillen

March 15 - Ian Vidaurri, R.B. Cunningham, Luis Briseno, Whitt Barber

March 16 - Ian Vidaurri, Alexandria Eagle, Luis Briseno, Alma Castillo, Don Bruns, Antonio Romero, Lynsie Black, Carolyn DePalma

March 17 — Sasha Quezada, Alexandria Eagle, Alma Castillo, Don Bruns, Antonio Romero, Albert Lee, Lynsie Black, Carolyn DePalma, Whitt Barber

March 18 — Sasha Quezada, Alexandria Eagle, Cruz Castorena, Alma Castillo, Don Bruns, Antonio Romero, Albert Lee, Lynsie Black, Vallie Kimbrough, Whitt Barber

March 19 — Cruz Castorena, Alma Castillo, Dustin Lennon, Don Bruns, Antonio Romero, Frank Lee, Manuel Dehoyos, Vallie Kimbrough, Aurelia Reyna

March 20 — Cruz Castorena, Alma Castillo, Dustin Lennon, Don Bruns, Antonio Romero, Frank Lee, Manuel Dehoyos, Vallie Kimbrough, Aurelia Reyna



#### Banking on success

PHOTO BY LESLI RADFORI

Employees (from left) Jackie Jean Whatley, Mary Jane Nunez, Dwayne Dale and Pam Helton recently earned promotions at the Muleshoe State Bank.

### Four at Muleshoe State Bank promoted

Several employees at Muleshoe State Bank recently received promotions.

Dwayne Dale has been promoted to vice president in charge of technology.

He has been associated with the Muleshoe State Bank since 1984, holding the position of assistant cashier and bookkeeping supervisor. He attended Eastern New Mexico University and is a graduate of the Texas Tech Graduate School of Banking.

Dale and his wife, Susie, are the parents of a one-year old son Zachary. Dale's parents are Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Dale.

Jackie Jean Whatley was promoted to assistant cashier. Whatley has worked at the Muleshoe State Bank for a number of years, holding positions in bookkeeping, teller and the note window, where she now serves as supervisor of the note department.

Whatley is married to George Whatley. They

have one son, Kasey, and a grandson, Kyle. Jackie is the daughter of Jean Kemp and the late Jack Kemp.

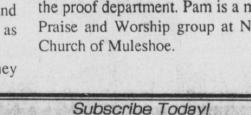
Mary Jane Nunez has been promoted to banking officer and assistant head teller. She began her banking career in July 29, 1991, as a drive-in teller.

Nunez has an 8-year-old daugther, Veronica. Mary Jane is the daughter of Ramon Sanchez of Friona and Janie Garcia of Muleshoe.

Pam Helton was promoted to supervisor of bookkeeping. Helton is married to Justin Helton and is the daughter of James Williams of Midland and Gayle Sisemore of Robert Lee.

She began her banking career in 1993 as a drive-in window teller. She has also served in the proof department. Pam is a member of the Praise and Worship group at New Covenant Church of Muleshoe.

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### Lab

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students will build feeders that will help them observe bird habits and food preferences, construct nests and learn why not all birds have the same kind of beaks.

and social studies.

Thursday, local ostrich rancher David Head brought in three of his birds to show the different stages of growth.

In the coming weeks, the

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In that experiment, the teachers will use kitchen utensils and tools to demonstrate how the birds use their beaks to feed.





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### **RIDAL SHOWER**



#### Jennifer (Foster) Richardson

Jennifer Streich of Wylie, Texas bride-elect of James Foster of Richardson, Texas was honored with a bridal shower March 9 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ. Special guests were Linda King, aunt of the groom, and Chera Foster mother of the groom. Hostesses were Julie Broyles, Dianne Brown, Diane Saylor, Ann Favor, linda Huckaby, Glenda Dale, Kerma McGuire, Druscilla Hutton, Doris Vandiver, Kay Lepard, Nancy Allison, Jean Allison, Johnette Marlow, Patty Kent, Gail Bruns, Johanna Wrinkle. Hostesses gift was a set of Revere Ware Cookware and Steamer.

#### NOCHS NEWS

#### By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Kirby and children were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Stroud.

Katie McDonald of Pampa came last Thursday for a few days to visit. Other guests for the evening dinner were her daughter-in-law, Terry Blackstone and son's, Seth and Eathan all of Littlefield.

I wish to express my sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Mariera Crume of Temple a former resident of our area. Her graveside ser-Littlefield Monday. Oneta Sanders of Lubbock visited Mrs. Inez Sanders Monday.

and also visited Mrs. Clara Coffman and ate lunch at Dairy Queen. Later Olene and Ellen drove to Lubbock and on to Lamesa and spent the night with a brother Carl and Rena Coffman.

Then went on to Big Spring to visit another brother Chester and Alene Coffman also visited in the home of a niece, Janet and Davis Higgins and their sons. That evening another niece, Barbara Bryant and granddaughter came over to visit her parents Chester and vice were in the cemetery at Alene and also to visit with Olene and I. Mrs. Myrna Turney has been baby-sitting her great grandchildren of Mrs. Melinda Locke at Sudan.

### BITUARY

**Talmage Hukill** 

Funeral services for Talmage Hukill, 90, of Muleshoe were held March 19 at First United Methodist Church, Muleshoe with Rev. David McIntire and Rev. John Wagoner, pastor officiating.

Burial followed in the Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, Littlefield under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Hukill died March 18 at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center after an illness. He was born April 22, 1906. He married Jeanetta Phillips Dec. 22, 1928 in Lamb County.

### **CE CLUB MEETING**

The Progress FCE Club met in the home of Robin Taylor March 18 with the Dusty Prairie Club as visitors.

The meeting was called to order by president Robin Taylor.

Roll call was answered with "What I do to protect myself and my property." Minutes of February meeting were approved. Council report was given by Ada Murrah.

Business discussion on the District II meeting to be held in Colorado City April 4. Registration begins at 9 a.m. meeting at 10. Delegates were elected.

Progress Club — Helen Redwine, FCE Chairman delegate; Fern Davis, alternate.

Dusty Prairie — Eulaine Phillips, delegate; Lavonne Hinkson, alternate.

The meeting April 17 will be held at the Ave. D Church of Christ with Dusty Prairie as host. The program will be "Coping with Grief" with a Resource Person.

Mr. Hukill had lived in

Muleshoe since 1975. Moving

from Hub, Texas. He was a

member of the First united

Methodist Church of Mule-

shoe. He was a retired farmer.

Jeanetta; two daughters,

Wanda Griffin of Muleshoe

and Mary long of Fort Smith,

Ark.; five grandchildren,

eleven great-grandchildren,

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ity.

The family suggests memo-

one great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife,

A very interesting and helpful program was given by Rick Henegar — Muleshoe Police Chief - on "Protecting your Home and Home Safety Devices." Many good ideas were presented with much discussion.

Members present were Louise Allen, Fern Davis, Eunice Crume, Ada Murrah, Helen Redwine, Elsie Williams, Lucille Gross, Robin Taylor and one new member Ruby Edler. Visitors were Lavonne Hinkson, Eulaine Phillips, Maurice Browning and Bailey County Extension Agent Gail Gladden.

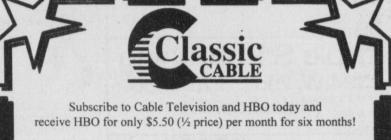
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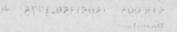
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Olene Cunningham of Lubbock came last Wednesday afternoon and spent the night with her sister, Ellen Bayless.

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Trueman Nix is a patient at Methodist Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Turney have been visiting him often.

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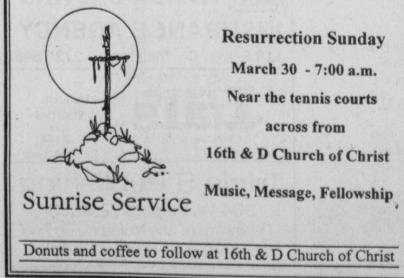
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ELECTION N	OTICE
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a drawing to determine the order in which the names of County Journal March 23. candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the election to be held on May 3, 1997 in Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Muleshoe, Texas. The drawing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 1997, at 514 Now taking applications for West Avenue G, Muleshoe, seasonal employees. Jobs entail Texas. William J. Moore, driving and map reading. abil-

ing. County Journal March 23.

#### AVISO DE ELECCION

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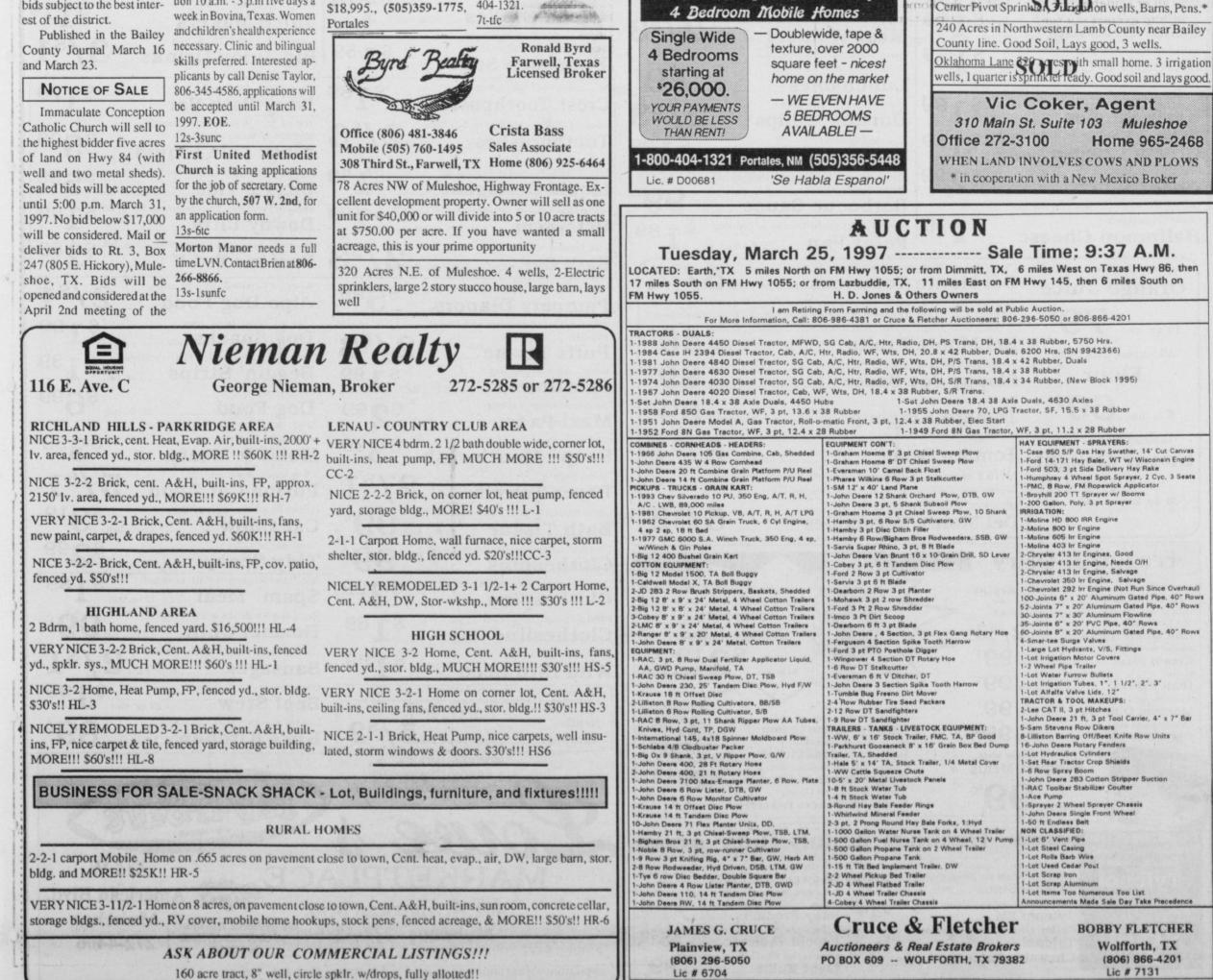
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