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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Anyone for Legos and beer?

Now, while the kids spend hours working on miniature cities and rocket ships and robots, their parents finally can work on a buzz.

The state gave the go-ahead for beer and wine to be sold at Legoland California in the city of Carlsbad. The theme park is aimed at 2- to 12-year-olds.

Just as park reaches its one-year anniversary, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control approved the permit to sell beer and wine at the Knight's Table restaurant.

"We see this as a way of enhancing our guest services. We get a lot of requests and we just wanted a way to meet those requests," a park spokeswoman said.

Prepared just in case . . .

It's never too early to start preparing for a nuclear disaster. The town of Duxbury, Mass., located near the Pilgrim Nuclear Station in Plymouth, has approved the purchase of thousands of potassium iodide tablets in case disaster strikes.

Potassium iodide, if taken shortly after exposure to radiation, blocks the thyroid gland's intake of radioactive iodine, providing protection against thyroid cancer and other diseases.

A spokesman for Pilgrim, the state's only nuclear plant, said the plant has had an excellent safety record since it opened in 1972.

When chickens run astray . . .

When neighborhood chickens are reported on the loose in Ashland, Ore., Penny Curtis is there to save them.

The self-named "woman who runs with chickens" says she's working as a liaison between the police and the chicken-raising community to reunite lost birds with their owners.

Police say loose chickens aren't exactly ruffling their feathers. "I've been doing this for 10 years and have had complaints about llamas, potbelly pigs and sheep, but never chickens," a police spokeswoman said. "The city is fairly easygoing about backyard chickens."



Drawing date: Wednesday, March 15
Winning numbers: 6-15-19-22-38-39
Estimated jackpot: \$17 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, March 18
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

On this date in history

March 19 — Texas troops under Col. James Fannin meet the Mexican army in the Battle of Coleto Creek (1836).

March 20 — Col. James Fannin and his men are captured, and all but 20 (who escape) are executed (1836).

March 22 — Union and Confederate troops battle at Corpus Christi (1864).

LOCAL WEATHER

Sunday should be mostly sunny with a high of about 84, with increasing clouds Monday leading to scattered precipitation Tuesday and Wednesday. Expect highs in the 60s and lows in the mid-30s. Thursday should warm to about 70.

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Two grants aimed at improving community life

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Two local entities recently have been granted funds aimed at improving Muleshoe's quality of life.

Muleshoe Area Public Library has received \$30,000 to use for new computers and an LCD/video projector, while the city of Mule-

shoe has received \$10,000 for improvements at the Mule Memorial.

The library's funding came through the state's Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, while the city money came from Amarillo's Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

The city grant will help pay for a gazebo, hummingbird garden, trees and flowers at the Mule Memorial. It was one of 10 grants of similar size made to entities within the circulation area of the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

The state agency awarded 126

non-competitive technology grants to public libraries across the state.

Other recipients of grants from the Harrington Foundation include the city of Dimmitt for environmental classroom improvements and the city of Nazareth for park improvements, including a gazebo.

District lists reasons for new facility

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe Hospital District has released a list of reasons that district officials feel a new nursing home facility is needed.

The issue is scheduled to go before the district's voters on May 6, when the public will decide both on proceeding with the project and on raising the district's allowable tax ceiling (but not the amount to be collected) to 40 cents per \$100 valuation.

Reasons officials provide to justify the project include:

- The existing nursing home does not meet state codes and is allowed to operate only because the state has granted waivers. Correcting the deficiencies would require extensive renovations, officials say;
- State statistics show the existing facility stays at least as full as any other nursing home in the area, leaving people on a waiting list for space;
- The district has a plan for a larger nursing home that would meet all the latest codes and include a 16-bed special-care unit;
- The district has explored various means of financing the project and has settled on the cheapest, general obligation tax bonds;
- Such bonds are recommended because they have the taxing authority of the district as an assurance of debt retirement;
- Research indicates that the larger operation could be paid off with the revenue from 12 more residents than currently housed, meaning (at today's Medicare payment rate) no tax money would be required;
- The 12 new residents would

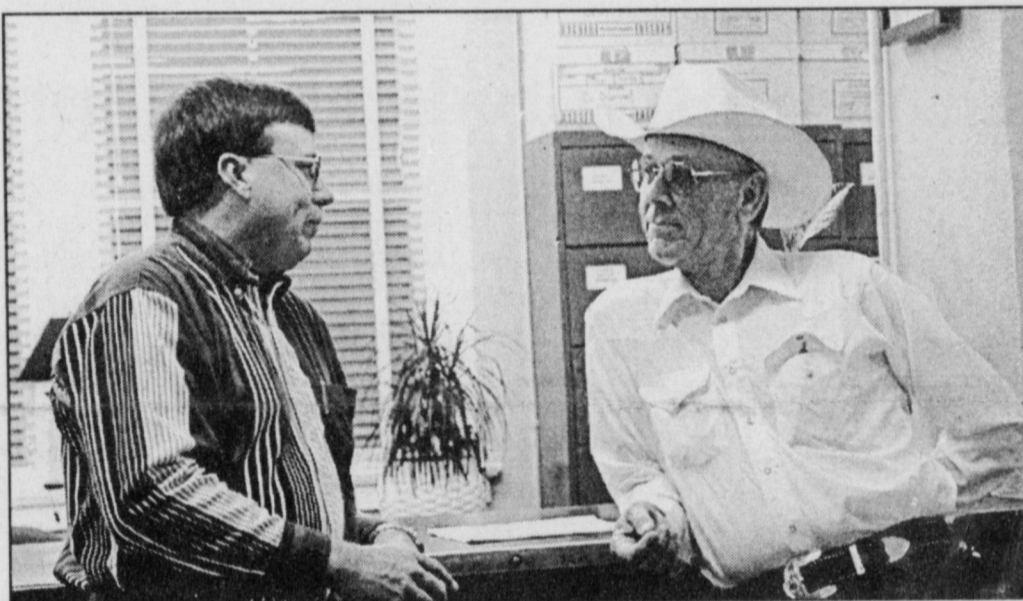
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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

The big night

Bailey County Clerk Sherri Harrison (above, right) and her deputy, Raygena Barrett, record the numbers from another ballot box Tuesday night as county results came in. At left, Precinct 1 Constable Gary Don Gartin (left), who was unopposed, visits with Sheriff Coy Plott while they await the votes. Plott won his first full term after serving for two years as an appointed sheriff.



March 22 is deadline for city, school or hospital district run

Candidates for Muleshoe mayor, city council and school district, plus Lazbuddie and Three Way school boards and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board must register by Wednesday with the respective agency they want to serve.

Hospital board incumbents Mike Miller and L.T. Johnson have filed for re-election; the third incumbent, Victor Leal, had not filed as of Friday but had indicated his intention to run again.

A spokeswoman at city hall said Friday that no candidates had registered there.

School administration offices were closed for spring break last week.

Silver Star set for Orozco

A Muleshoe soldier will be presented the Silver Star 30 years after he was killed in Vietnam.

Marine Pfc. Antonio Orozco was killed March 13, 1968, at Lam Xuan East in Gio Linh province.

The presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 25 at Muleshoe Memorial Park.

The citation identifies Orozco as an assistant machine gunner in the 3rd Platoon of Hotel Company 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, 3rd Marine Division.

It states that he distinguished himself by carrying ammunition for the M-60 machine gun out in front of the platoon, di-

recting fire against the enemy and disabling several weapons emplacements. Then, it states, Orozco

moved to a more exposed position and, raising himself on his elbows, continued to load the gun and allow the gunner to kill or wound "dozens" of the enemy before he was fatally struck in the chest.

His action "permitted the safe retrieval of fallen comrades and prevented a counter-attack.

Orozco's commanding officer submitted his name.



Orozco

Petra to perform Christian rock at Plainview event

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Christian megaband Petra will highlight this year's Wayland Baptist University Big Weekend on March 24 in Plainview.

The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium on the Wayland campus. Ticket price is \$10. They are available at Master's Books and Gifts in Clovis and Bailey's Bookstore in Lubbock, in addition to Wayland (800-588-1928).

The band, one of the pioneers of Christian rock in the 1970s, is touring in support of its new CD, *Double Take*.

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Quick blast of winter

The Muleshoe area got a brief return to more seasonal weather on Thursday, with temperatures dipping down into the 20s and freezing water into a sculpture on the picnic tables at East Park. Temperatures quickly recovered on Friday and are expected to stay mild for several more days.

AROUND MULESHOE

Ex-student reunion to be planned

Muleshoe ex-students from classes 1927 through 1975 are asked to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 20 in the Muleshoe State Bank's meeting room.

The meeting is to gauge interest in the possibility of having a massive ex-student reunion this year. There must be enough supportive local ex-students in the project is to go ahead.

Comments can be offered or more information obtained by calling George Nieman at 272-5286.

Library to benefit from food event

The Friends of the Library's annual lasagna dinner fund-raiser for the library is scheduled for March 22 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. The menu includes lasagna, salad, a breadstick and a brownie, and food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's event will be dine-in only; there will be no deliveries.

Babe Ruth signups to begin

Muleshoe Area Babe Ruth League will hold baseball signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 23 in the Watson Junior High School gymnasium.

Signups are open to players (male or female) who will be 13, 14 or 15 years old as of Aug. 1 and who live in the Muleshoe, Lazbuddie, Earth or Sudan areas.

The entry fee will be \$40 per player. Each prospective player also should bring a certified copy of their birth certificate.

It is important that players sign up now so the number of teams can be determined and schedules set up by April 1 with teams from other towns.

Adult volunteers also are needed to help coach or umpire as well as perform other services.

Another signup may be scheduled for March 30. More information is available by calling David Marricle after 5 p.m. at 272-4863.

Economists predict better prices for some crops

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Two economists speaking at the second annual Southwest Crops Production Conference and Exposition in Lubbock foresee higher cotton, corn and wheat prices, but lower soybean prices, as the growing and marketing year progresses.

Jarral Neeper, assistant vice president of call-pool operations and economics with Calcot Limited, a California-based cotton marketing cooperative, addressed cotton prices.

Steve Amosson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist based in Amarillo, provided a price outlook for wheat, corn and soybeans.

"Cotton producers would prefer price enhancement from the marketplace rather than the government. At present, there are some market factors moving us back in that direction," Neeper said.

"The down side is we now

have record amounts of our raw cotton exports coming back into the country as imported textile goods.

The good news is rising global cotton consumption should help reduce world cotton stocks and further improve our export situation.

"In fact, I believe U.S. cotton exports will surpass USDA's current 6.1- to 6.2-million bale projection, and possibly reach 8-plus million bales. That's entirely possible, since we now have Step 2 export enhancement funds lending support to export shipping."

Neeper believes U.S. growers will increase their cotton plantings about 3 percent to 15.8 million acres this year because of cotton's price advantage over other crops.

He put the U.S. 2000 crop at 18.6 million bales, and projected that a 2 percent increase in world plantings would bring world production up to 87.3

Little League signups continue

Muleshoe Little League will conduct signups March 23 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Muleshoe State Bank's Community Room.

Boys and girls ages 6 to 12 (as of July 31) should bring their birth certificate and the \$25 registration fee. More information is available by calling Lynda Washington at 272-3581 or Curby Brantley Jr. at 925-6458.

Girls' basketball signup set

Signup for Muleshoe girls' youth basketball has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 20, 21 and 23 in the Watson Junior High School gymnasium.

Girls in grades three, four, five and six are eligible, and are asked to bring proof of age to the registration.

There is a fee of \$35.

Motorcycle rally scheduled

The 18th annual Muleshoe Roadriders Motorcyclist Rally is scheduled for March 24-25 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Pre-registration is \$10 for singles and \$20 for couples; at the door, registration will be \$12 for singles and \$24 for couples. Pre-registration must be sent before March 20 to Muleshoe Roadriders, c/o Danny Dickerson, 218 E. Fir, Muleshoe 79347.

Those who pre-register will be eligible for a grand prize of \$100.

More information is available by calling Dickerson at 272-4143 or Albert Ramirez at 272-3818.

Public calendar

March 20 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room in the district administration building.

March 21 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in the council chambers at city hall.

March 23 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District board of directors, in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition.

million bales — even though China may produce its smallest crop since 1989.

Stronger economies in Eastern Asia and the Pacific Rim, higher prices for synthetic materials; and the potential for increased consumer demand in NAFTA nations should combine to push world cotton consumption higher, he noted.

"Textile mills and buyers know U.S. cotton prices have bottomed out. They are now buying cotton further out, to guard against higher prices in coming months. Futures are now lending strong support to cotton at 53 to 55 cents per pound," Neeper said.

"That tells me we could well see prices between 62 and 66 cents per pound by May or July, and perhaps 70-cent-plus cotton later in the 2000 marketing year.

"In short, I am guardedly bullish. I would look for good pricing opportunities between 63 and 65 cents per pound, but

at the same time I would use puts or calls to help capture higher prices if and when they occur."

Amosson said yields will be the major driver of wheat prices this year.

"U.S. wheat prices and acreage have fallen steadily during past five years. In fact, planted wheat acreage is the lowest it's been in 30 years. Still, growers have produced record yields for the past three years," the economist said.

"If dry conditions prevail again this year, we could see wheat carryover stocks decline. The net effect on prices is this big yields could put the harvest price between \$2.55 and \$2.60 per bushel, while low yields could push our harvest price as high as \$3.40 per bushel."

If Midwest growers favor soybeans over corn and U.S. corn plantings decline by as much as 400,000 acres, Amosson said corn could range from \$1.85 to \$2.60 per bushel.

PETRA

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Big Weekend is scheduled each year at Wayland to give prospective students a chance to meet faculty and students, go to mock classes, win prizes, try out for a sport, audition for theater or music and check out dorm life.

Bob Hartman, the founding member of the band and former lead guitarist, has since 1995 confined his responsibilities to writing and recording the band's albums.

Of the band's early days, before the widespread acceptance of Christian rock, he recently said: "It was rough. There weren't many places for us to play, and we were lucky to make our expenses when we did play. . . .

"It was really a wonder that we survived at all. We weren't full time until the late '70s and then it was "hand to mouth" for

several years. We played mainly in places that had started the 'Jesus Movement' . . . coffeehouses, etc."

Hartman credited the "Jesus Movement," which was mainly counterculture people who converted to Christianity, with spawning what is today known as "contemporary Christian music."

Drummer Louie Weaver has been with Petra since 1981 and lead singer John Schlitt since 1986. More recent personnel changes brought Lonnie Chapin on bass, Trent Thomason on keyboard and Pete Orta as lead guitarist.

Samantha Scales, a Petra fan from Clovis, says "Petra has always been more than just a band — they are reaching out to people, for Christ, as they present the gospel, as well as to encourage, strengthen and chal-

lenge the believer through their their songs. . . .

"I have always supported Petra and will continue to do so because they have affected and influenced my life and music very much," Scales said. "What also impresses me about them is that they live what they preach. They are down-to-earth guys who seek after Christ, not fame — they are a ministry first and a band second."

Hartman said there have been very few "stable" years for the band, between financial ups and downs and several changes in personnel.

"When we lost George Volz as our singer, I didn't know if Petra would still be popular, but John Schlitt was welcomed with open arms by our fans," Hartman said.

The band was formed while some of its members were stu-

dents at the Christian Training Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Some of them also had been members of a short-lived Christian rock band known as Rapture, Hartman said.

HOME

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occupy only 1/3 of the additional beds proposed in the new facility, representing only a 69 percent occupancy rate in the new quarters;

- The current nursing home's waiting list stands at 28;
- Muleshoe needs a better and longer long-term care facility; and

- Surveys of area residents conducted in 1998 indicated strong support for the district to build such a facility. The bond issue must pass if this is to happen.

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Like It or Not, Change Is Always With Us

I am sometimes amazed at how quickly our lives and the situations in our lives can change. I suppose that in a world where very little seems to be "constant," change itself is, well, constantly constant. Like it or not, change is always with us.

I noticed an old glass bottle in my desk drawer at home the other day. It was a brown bottle filled with a sticky gloppy sort of sub-

Just last week when our church needed to be made aware of several special concerns for prayer, I was about to pick up the phone when it occurred to me that, for more of our folks than you might think, there is now a more expeditious, more efficient, and more certain way of communicating such concerns. It's called e-mail. Of course, we still need our telephone Prayer Chain. Not everybody has access to e-mail. But, for those who do, this is a better way. (No offense to our local postal folks who I appreciate a great deal, but I'd be even happier if everyone could receive our newsletter by e-mail and we could cut the U. S. Postal Service and its forms and fees out entirely! I enjoy computers a great deal more than I enjoy bureaucracy.) Oh, snail mail and phone conversations still have an important role in our lives. But that role is changing. Color me glad.


Change. Sometimes it seems to happen so fast.

Take a look at the kids (or maybe the grandkids!) around your table or down at the church. See how they've grown? Where did the time go? When did the little guy become a linebacker? When did that little freckle-faced girl become a grownup beauty?

When do you embrace the change and thank God that, though lots of change just is, and some is a matter for tears, lots of change is for the better?

I don't always know. But I thank God for his never-changing, never-waning, always constant love.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Some plants are natural allies, and some are not

By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

"Companion planting" in the garden is one of those things — like planting by phases of the moon — that once was common practice but has been abandoned since we got "too modern" for such things. That doesn't mean they don't work.

I finally gave up the fight against squash bugs two years ago and tried growing marigolds among the squash plants, and it seems to have cut down the bugs by about 90 percent. For some reason, the marigolds I used didn't do too well either year, and I suspect if the marigolds got really rank, they might be even more efficient at keeping the bugs away.

This is one of those "old wives' tales" that doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out: Most of us know that marigolds stink, and the squash bugs don't like it any more than we do.

Odor is most often the ingredient involved when someone says that growing a certain plant helps control a certain pest: Many herbs have scents that humans find pleasant but are not so to insects — especially those that produce their own scent, such as squash bugs. (Even skunks, I've heard, are very sensitive to strong smells other than their own.)

And by the way, in regard to squash bugs, if you yourself are repelled by the scent of marigolds, there may be an alternative: The new book *Backyard Secrets of the Garden Experts* recommends nasturtiums to ward off squash bugs.

I haven't tried this, but the peppery scent of nasturtiums is almost undetectable to most people, so you might find it easier on your schnozz.

Another book says the nasturtiums have had no effect in some gardens, so you'll have to do your own experimenting.

In our area, the second most common vegetable-garden com-



reputation it deserves as an ornamental plant.

This one will help keep aphids away, and it also attracts all kinds of beneficial insects. It gets big, so that limits its usefulness in most gardens, but you can take advantage of its size to shade summer lettuce and other sun-sensitive things. You might want to keep it away from carrots, though, as it has a reputation for harming them.

Other combinations that are reported to have an effect:

- Anise — Smell repels aphids and fleas, but it's also not good near carrots;
- Beets — With cabbage or onions; not with pole beans;
- Borage — Supposedly repels cabbage worms, so it would be worth trying near cabbage-family plants. It does attract honeybees;
- Bronze fennel — One of the most beautiful garden plants, it attracts praying mantises (a good thing, so long as you realize that the praying mantis eats your good bugs along with the bad);
- Bush beans — With corn, beets or petunias; not with onions;
- Calendula — Although usually grown as an ornamental flower these days, calendulas were once considered herbs — and the petals are good in salads. Reputed to repel tomato hornworms and asparagus beetles;
- Caraway — A good companion plant for garden peas, and since the peas will die off early, the caraway can fill the space from early summer on;
- Roman chamomile — Reputed to improve the flavor of cabbages and onions;
- Chervil — Believed to improve the flavor of radishes;
- Chives — Recommended to improve the flavor and growth of carrots and tomatoes;
- Corn — With potatoes, beans, peas, cucumbers, squash or melons; not with tomatoes;
- Cabbage, broccoli, cauli-

bination (after the marigold-squash association) is probably potatoes and basil.

There does seem to be some evidence (not scientifically proven) that growing basil among the tomatoes does make the tomatoes grow better and have better flavor.

Basil is also recommended with peppers, cabbages and beans.

I don't know about some people's claim that the basil also keeps insects and diseases off the tomatoes. A woman once told me that basil keeps aphids off her tomatoes, but after I thought about it I didn't recall seeing aphids on tomatoes. If you do have that problem, you might try basil!

The purple-leaved basil is especially attractive garden plants and are generally available at any nursery. Basil is extremely sensitive to cold, though, so don't set it outside until tomatoes and peppers are safe.

(One point to make about tomatoes: If you use my suggestion about applying Copenhagen or Skoal or some type of snuff to keep flea hoppers from literally eating the radishes to death, DO NOT use it where it can blow onto the tomatoes, and don't plant tomatoes for at least two years where you've applied those things. If you do, you'll almost certainly lose tomato plants to tobacco mosaic virus. Maybe even AFTER the two years have passed. Believe me. Trust me. I know about this.)

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- Dahlias — Can be used as a "trap crop" for cucumber beetles, which have become a problem in our area when corn fields are nearby. I discovered this by accident before I read that it works; the cucumber beetles feed on the dahlia flowers and it's an awful mess — the flowers will be worthless to you, but they help keep the beetles off of nearby cucumbers and cantaloupes;
- Dill — The aroma may help repel aphids and spider mites, and dill supposedly helps the growth of cabbage-family members. One unusual use for dill is its lacy beauty when interplanted with lettuce, onions or cucumbers;
- Feverfew — Supposed to repel root-knot nematodes, so it's worth trying interplanted with tomatoes, peppers and lettuce;
- Lavender cotton (or santolina) — Sometimes planted as a bug repellent;
- Marigolds — In addition to planting them in the squash patch, some people say they help repel pests on cabbage, potatoes and tomatoes. But some people report no help from marigolds in controlling anything, so it may depend on the conditions in individual gardens. It's best not to get them too close to other plants, especially beans, as the marigolds may stunt the growth of some plants;
- Mint — Some people believe the various mints improve the flavor of tomatoes and cabbages;
- Parsley — Some gardeners think it helps tomatoes;
- Peas — With carrots, turnips, radishes, cucumbers, corn, beans or tomatoes; not with broccoli, cabbage or cauliflower;
- Petunias — Some claim they will help control pests on beans,

squash and potatoes;

- Sage — Supposed to help deter cabbage worms and root-maggot flies; also attracts bees. But it's also believed to stunt the growth of cucumbers;
- Squash — With nasturtium, mints, tansy, radishes or beans; not with potatoes;
- Summer savory — Thought to help beans and onions, including improving the flavor of beans, and may repel bean beetles. Attracts bees; and
- Winter savory — Often planted with beans and cabbage; its aromatic smell if often used as a bug repellent.

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Former resident celebrates 75th birthday

Former Bailey County resident Norma Pool Orwin, now of Clovis, marked her 75th birthday last January with a trip to Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where she celebrated the event at the Monte Carlo Casino.

Her children have donated a bench to the Muleshoe Heritage Center commemorating her birthday.

Attending the Jan. 21 celebration were Karen Jones Howard Green and Mike Green of Granada Hills, Calif.; David Norman Jones of Corpus Christi, Ransom Jones of Westport, Conn.; Bryan Jones of Chicago; Lance and Kay Vonne Howard of Allen, Texas;



Orwin

Kory Jones of Lubbock; Judge Robert of Abilene; and Jennifer Cole Casola of Las Vegas.

Orwin was born Norma Lee Pool on Jan. 21, 1925, in Motley County, Texas, but her family moved the same year to the Longview community in Bailey County.

She attended elementary school at Longview and graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1942.

She married and then lived in several California cities while her husband was stationed at various naval bases.

Her three children — Karen, David Norman and Ransom — all graduated from Muleshoe High School. She has lived in Clovis for 30 years and is the widow of Wallace G. Orwin.



Courtesy photo

The family of William Myron Pool Jr., in about 1937 when they lived in the Longview community of Bailey County, includes (back row, from left) William Myron Pool II, Betty Jo Pool Johnson and Norma Lee Pool Orwin; (front row, from left) Bertha Pool holding Carroll Pool, and her husband, William Myron Pool Jr.

Of her early days in Bailey County, Orwin said, "During the Depression, we had no money but never felt deprived as no one else in our community had money, either. ... We had a garden and an orchard. ... We raised almost everything we ate. Daddy butchered beef in the fall and hung it on the windmill

tower — it stayed frozen until we ate it."

Of her present life, she said: "Now I am alone and try to stay busy so I never have time to dwell on the unhappy times in my past."

Although both her brothers have died, her sister, Betty Jo Johnson, still lives in Muleshoe.

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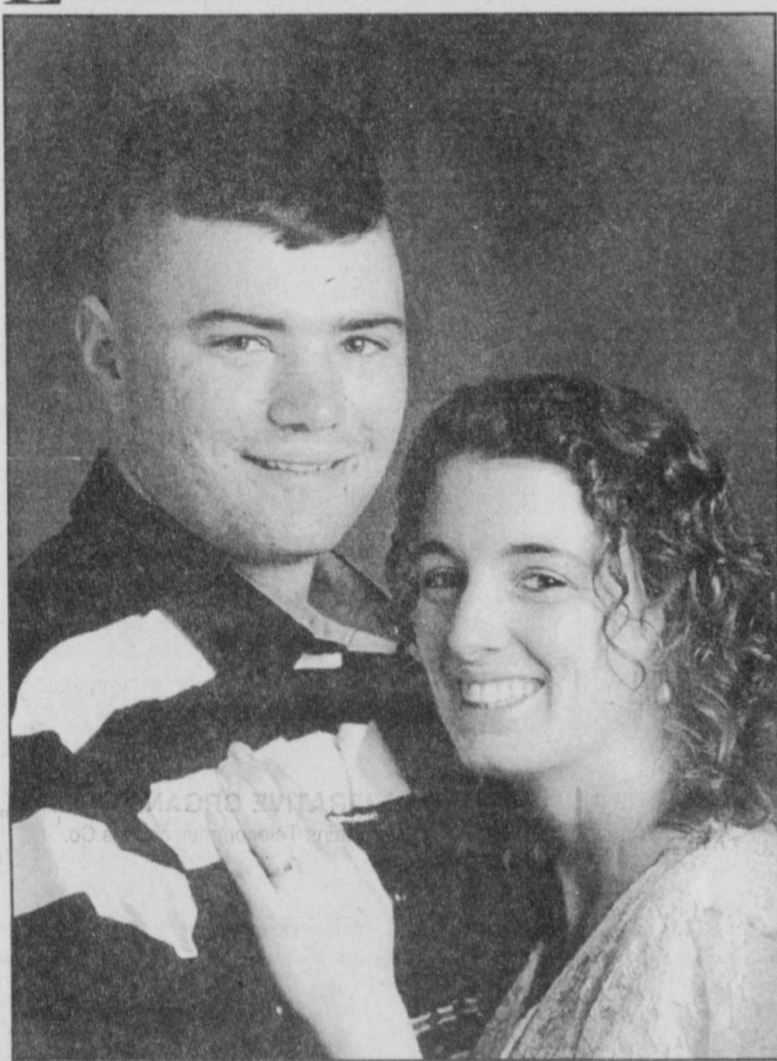


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Business of the month

Gathered to honor the Bailey County Electric Cooperative as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce's business of the month for January are (from left) Chuck Smith, Pam McCaul, Darrell Stevens (president of the cooperative's board), Duane Lloyd (president and chief executive officer), Wells Hall, Sheila Stevenson, Tim Cerveny and Robert Dominguez.

ENGAGEMENT



Hill - Puckett

Larry and Cheryl Puckett of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son, Kalam Ray Puckett, to Lisaann Hill, daughter of Tom and Pat Clark of Monroeville, N.J.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Delsea High School in Franklinville, N.J. She has an associate's degree in English from Gloucester County College and is continuing her education in psychology. She served in the U.S. Army for 5 1/2 years as a heavy-equipment mechanic.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and attended Abilene Christian University and South Plains College. He served in the U.S. Army four years as a diesel generator mechanic and is employed at Wilson Drilling in Muleshoe.

The wedding is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 8 at the Aura United Methodist Church in Aura, N.J. A reception will follow at the Aura Fire Hall.

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on food safety, teaching children to sew and setting up a potato bar will be featured on "Creative Living" on March 21 at 1 p.m. and March 25 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

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

Christine Palumbo of Washington, D.C., will explain how consumers can help prevent food contamination at home.

Karen Maslowski, a sewing expert from Cincinnati, will discuss teaching children to sew.

And Connie Cahill, representing the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, will show how to entertain with a potato bar.

Celtic baking, making wreaths and (again) food safety will be featured March 21 at 10:30 p.m. and March 23 at 1

p.m. Sharon Davis, of Lincoln, Neb., will explain what Celtic baking is and demonstrate making some traditional recipes that are simple but delicious.

Virginia Eckhoff, a designer for Convenience Products, will show a new craft product used for making wreaths.

Palumbo will appear again, this time posing questions to help determine viewers' food-safety knowledge.

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

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested.

Send stamps, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

TOPS NEWS

The Muleshoe Church of Christ Fellowship Hall was the scene of the March 16 meeting of Tops No. 34.

Two new members, Elaine Coburn and Brenda Young, were welcomed.

Leader Laverene James called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge. Noemi Sánchez led both TOPS songs.

James announced that the installation of officers will be held March 30.

Joline Franklin, a recent K.O.P.S. member, received her official K.O.P.S. certificate from the national TOPS headquarters.

Betty Jo Davis, Alma Robertson and Lucille Harp are the other K.O.P.S. members from Muleshoe.

Results of the weigh-in were presented by weight recorders Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant.

Nineteen members were present for the weigh-in. Evelene Harris and Paula Cantrell tied for best loser. Cheryl de Graffenreid was first runner-up, and Polly Otwell was second runner-up.

Our next meeting will be held at the same site at 5 p.m. on March 23. Visitors are welcome.

WILDLIFE REFUGE NEWS

By DON CLAPP
Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge

Grasses were burned March 3 during a controlled burn at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

The burn was conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's New Mexico/West Texas Fire District from Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Roswell, N.M. These firefighters are part of an interagency firefighting unit.

Firefighters from the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area assisted.

Future burns are planned on the refuge.

Before European settlement of the High Plains, wildfires had influenced the life cycles of the plant communities here.

Many plants adapted to fire, and some are dependent on it for seed germination and growth. In the burning of dead or dying plants, nitrogen and other nutrients are released into the soil, providing nourishment for new plants—plus germinating seeds are exposed to the soil.

Burning under optimum conditions enhances plant diversity, providing habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

Lesser prairie chickens are just one species that benefits from habitat rejuvenation by fire. Their numbers have decreased in recent years, largely due to diminishing prairies as the result of agricultural development.

The prime habitat for these birds is the arid grassland of the High Plains. This habitat is comprised of a mixture of short grasses and bunch grasses, which includes a brush spe-

OBITUARIES

RUBY GOODMAN

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Morton for Ruby Goodman, 70, of Morton. The Rev. Danny Jackson officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Goodman was born July 27, 1929, in Morton. She died March 14 at Covenant Medical Center Lakeview in Lubbock.

She was a lifetime resident of Morton, and married Billy Mac Goodman there on Dec. 4, 1949. He died March 29, 1959. She taught Sunday school for many years at the First Baptist Church of Morton and served for several years as secretary of the Morton Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Goodman is survived by two daughters, Vicki Farnsworth of Denver and Becky Conrey of Austin; three sisters, Myrtle Patton of Plains, Reba Sawyer of Morton and Jeanette Smith of Midland; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Audrey Stovall, and two brothers, Clay Hudson and Russell Hudson.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church (202 S.E. First, Morton 79346).

RUBY JENNINGS

Services were held Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Morton for Ruby Jennings, 84, of Mineral Springs, Ark. The Rev. Larry D. Gilliam (her grandson) and Keith Paxton officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Jennings was born Sept. 24, 1915, at Fort Cobb, Okla. She died March 13 at home.

She married Floyd Jennings in Fort Cobb on Nov. 5, 1939. They moved from Morton to Center Point, Ark., in the 1970s and operated self-service gaso-

line stations. He died Dec. 18, 1978.

She moved to Mineral Springs in 1998.

Mrs. Jennings is survived by a son, Dorman Jennings of Tyler; four daughters, Velma White of Nashville, Ark., Clea Gilliam of Bastrop, Texas, Joy Hale of Mineral Springs and Dorothy Thomas of Bryan, Texas; two sisters, Virgie Spencer of Lubbock and Frankie Sparks of Council Grove, Kan.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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More district co-champions

The junior varsity Lady Mules, who were co-champions of District 2-AAA, include (from left, back row) Rendi Hodge, Tiffany Flores, Laura Wood, Megan Tipps, Gradee Adrian, Candace Hutto and coach Donnie Scott; (front row, from left) Amanda Bell, Megan Barrett, Shari Alanis, Terrell Herington, Kayla Glover and Melissa Flores.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, David McIntyre and Zona Gatewood directed our weekly devotional/reflection time.

Women from the American Boulevard Church of Christ baked and served pies to all the residents Thursday afternoon.

Friday afternoon, the Lazbuddie Young Homemakers hosted a St. Patrick's party for the residents. After a few games of "Lucky" bingo, the homemakers served a beautiful and delicious array of refreshments.

Saturday afternoon, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Harold and Mary Jo Burge called and assisted the residents in playing bingo.

Sunday afternoon, the Muleshoe Singers came for a singing service.

The youth from the Methodist Church brought cookies for the staff and residents Sunday night.

Billie Downing, Joy Radford and Francis Ramos directed the

activities Monday morning.

Ann Williams, Shelia Black, Claudine Embry, Lanell Stancell, Nancy Kidd and Mary Jo Burge shampooed and set the ladies' hair Tuesday afternoon.

The Mennonite youth from Farwell came to sing songs of faith Friday evening.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents at "coffee time." Brother Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the devotional/singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and surprise guests Janessa Brockman and Gage Brockman came for the weekly "sing-along" and puppet show.

Roma Davis was visited by her daughter, Jane Reeder, and great-grandson, Mason, on Wednesday morning.

Among those visiting Alta Gore

this week were Johnnie Patterson and Dorothy Turner.

Dee Clements visited with his sisters, Beatrice Stennett of Cisco, Texas, and Jane Leach of Graham, Texas, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Med McKnight of Abilene, in the care center and his home Wednesday. Ruth Clements prepared lunch for everyone at the Clements' home.

Nan Gatlin was visited by her sister, Velma Jones, Wednesday afternoon.

Annie Chávez's children visit with her every day and assist her with her meals.

Bill Mullins celebrated his birthday March 10.

The March birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. March 23. The public is invited.

Our special friend had Decorator's Floral deliver two St. Patrick's Day arrangements Wednesday.

Effective budgeting techniques can lead to financial security

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

For many people, the "B" word brings to mind unpleasant thoughts of self-denial and endless recordkeeping. However, budgeting does not have to be a thankless chore.

The Texas Society of CPAs points out that a budget is basically a saving and spending plan that can help achieve financial goals.

A computer and a personal finance software package can make the task easier and enhance the ability to analyze results.

Whether it's done by the automated route or by the pencil and paper approach, the act of creating a budget is basically the same.

Begin by listing all sources of monthly income, including wages and salary, bonuses and commissions, interest, divi-

dends, and rental income.

Next, identify major expense categories. Consider fixed monthly expenses such as mortgage or rent, insurance premiums, child care and utilities, but also more flexible and intermittent expenses such as food, clothing, dental bills, gifts and car repairs.

A computer will allow the user to scroll through the list of default categories.

Then, grab pay stubs, checkbook register and credit-card statements and begin to allocate expenses to the different categories created.

Most people find that some spending is hard to reconstruct.

Many budget builders find that their records reflect only a portion of their spending, though for some people, it's a relatively small portion.

What happens is that all those

cash outlays for gourmet coffees, video rentals and magazines seem to fall between the cracks.

Anyone who can't account for a large chunk of spending should try for a few months to carry around a small notebook and record every cash expenditure, no matter how small.

While spending \$5 a day on incidentals may seem trivial, that amounts to \$1,825 at the end of a year — certainly not trivial.

Look for expenses that can be cut back to allow more money for investing, vacations, the children's college fund and other purposes.

A key strategy for meeting financial goals is to get in the habit of paying oneself first. Rather than paying all the bills and allocating what is left over, if anything, to savings, this involves determining the amount

one wishes to save each month and setting that aside before paying other bills.

It is important to monitor the budget on a regular basis.

Once a month, or more frequently if preferred, record and categorize the current month's income and expenses. Then take stock of the situation.

Here is where the power of a computer can come into play. Personal finance programs can depict the budget graphically. Budget charts and graphs vary from program to program, but all allow comparison of budgeted amounts in each category to the family's actual expenses and income.

When comparing income and expenses, if it turns out that spending is outpacing income, the numbers may need to be reworked. Try to squeeze a little

out of several categories rather than taking a bigger chunk out of one. And don't ignore cuts to seemingly fixed expenses.

For example, it is sometimes possible to reduce a mortgage payment by refinancing and to reduce homeowners' or automobile insurance premiums by raising the deductible.

Personal finance software not only makes it easy to see whether spending is within the overall budget but, more importantly, charts the success of the budget by category. Just click on a month where the budget was overspent and the program quickly highlights the categories that contributed to your downfall.

Personal finance software also can serve as a planning tool. Suppose a couple wants to celebrate a tenth anniversary on a

cruise in the Mediterranean. Assign an estimated cost and a date, and most programs will determine how much has to be saved each month to meet the goal.

CPAs say it could take several months or more to arrive at a budget that can be lived with. The key is flexibility, and if expenditures exceed what was planned, it may be that the goal was unrealistic and needs to be adjusted.

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March 20
Breakfast — Cutie pie, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Barbecue sandwich, french fries, pinto beans, sliced peaches and milk.

March 21
Breakfast — French toast sticks, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Frito pie, lettuce and tomatoes, ranch-style beans, pear halves and milk.

March 22
Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, garden peas, hot roll and milk.

March 23
Breakfast — Breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, vegetable soup, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits and milk.

March 24
Breakfast — Apple sticks, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot roll and milk.

MULESHOE ELEMENTARIES

March 20
Breakfast — Cutie pie, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, garden peas, hot roll and milk.

March 21
Breakfast — French toast sticks, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, potato chips, vegetable sticks and milk.

March 22
Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Corn dog, vegetable soup, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits and milk.

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Breakfast — Breakfast hot

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Lunch — Frito pie, lettuce and tomatoes, ranch-style beans, pear halves and milk.

March 24
Breakfast — Apple sticks, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot roll and milk.

LAZBUDDIE

March 20
Lunch — Pork patty (elementary), pizza, submarine sandwiches, mashed potatoes, garden peas, carrots, salad, fruit, Jell-O and milk.

March 21
Lunch — Tamales (school-wide), beans, rice, hominy, salad, fruit, Jell-O and milk.

March 22
Lunch — Spaghetti, egg rolls, hamburgers, green beans, squash, spinach, salad, fruit, Jell-O and milk.

March 23
Lunch — Fajita salads, pigs in a blanket (pre-k-1), pizza, corn fried okra, salad, fruit, Jell-O and milk.

March 24
Lunch — Manager's special.

THREE WAY

March 20
Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, ce-

real, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green peas, gravy, pears, hot roll and milk.

March 21
Breakfast — Waffles, bacon, syrup, cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk.

Lunch — Ham and cheese sandwich, Tater Tots, lettuce and tomato, vegetable sticks, banana and milk.

March 22
Breakfast — Biscuit with gravy, sausage, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch — Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, corn, fruit salad, garlic bread and milk.

March 23
Breakfast — Hash browns, ham, toast, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch — Meat and bean chalupas, grated cheese, Spanish rice, salad, strawberry shortcake and milk.

March 24
Breakfast — Scrambled eggs with cheese, toast and jelly, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch — Stuffed baked potato, broccoli salad, sour cream, applesauce, Jell-O, pretzel and milk.

REBEKAHS

Noble Grand Thursie Reid opened the meeting March 14 with 12 members present.

Cards were sent to Ina Wilemon. Her brother, Roger Hammer, had a fatal heart attack recently. Also, a card was sent to Sylvia Kennemer's father, Jack Rials, who is going into the hospital next week because of a tumor in his head.

An application was received from a new candidate and an interview committee was appointed.

The lodge voted to have the food booth at the Muleshoe Motorcycle Rally on March 24-25.

The charter draping for Ona Berry has been postponed until March 28.

On April 8, we will serve the luncheon for the D.A.R.; Sister Joyeline Costen will be the hostess.

Several members are going to the Rebekah Assembly in Midland on March 17-21.

The meeting closed with "Love to All."

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Bring your favorite photo along with \$10 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or mail the coupon below with your child's photo and \$10 to Cutest Baby 1999, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 10, 2000. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail!

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The Muleshoe Area Public Library has recently received a grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board (TIF) for the purchase of technical equipment. Accordingly, the library is seeking bids for new computers. Contact Dyan Shipley at (806) 272-4707 for the specs on these computers. Bids will be accepted until March 29, 2000. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, March 16, 2000 and the Bailey County Journal, March 19, 2000.

The Muleshoe Area Library is taking bids on the sale of a card catalog. To view the card catalog and submit your bid, please come to the Muleshoe Area Public Library and talk to Dyan. Bids will be accepted until March 29, 2000. Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 16, 2000 and the Bailey County Journal March 19, 2000.

On the 7th day of March, 2000, I impounded the following estray: 1 red mixed breed yearling, approximately 600 lbs., short horns, with a brand on the left hip. No ear tags. On the 9th day of March, 2000, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Bailey County. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Bailey County, Texas for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 24th day of March the estray will be sold at public auction at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction in Bailey County, Texas. Witness my hand this 9th day of March, 2000. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, March 16, 2000 and the Bailey County Journal March 19, 2000.

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