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City sets election for May 7

The General Election for the City of Muleshoe is set for Saturday, May 7.

This election is to elect Council members for City District No. 3 and No. 4.

For those who wish to run for office, candidate packets are available for pickup from the City Secretary's office.

The first day to file for a place on the general election ballot was Monday, Feb. 7 and the last day to file is Monday, March 7.

The last day that an individual may register to vote in the General Election is Thursday, April 7.

Early voting will be held at City Hall, 215 S. First, during regular business hours, beginning Wednesday, April 20 and ending on Tuesday, May 3.

Currently Earl Behrends represents District 3 and Sharon Grant represents District 4.

For more information, call City Secretary LeAnn Gallman at 272-4528.

Harrison named County Judge Will name new County Clerk at next meeting

By Davie Browder
For the Journal
editor@muleshoejournal.com

Bailey County Commissioners on Monday voted 4-1 with Juan Chavez casting the "nay" vote to appoint County Clerk Sherri Harrison to fill the unexpired term of County Judge Marilyn Cox. Cox is retiring effective March 1 and Harrison will serve the rest of her term, one year and 10 months.

With her appointment, the County Clerk's position will become vacant on March 1, so at next week's meeting, commissioners will take applications for that position.

Last week, commissioners

heard from Harrison, Wells Hall, Raygena Barrett and Dink Wilcox. They declined to name Cox's replacement at that time so anyone else interested in the job could apply. Only one other person, Suzanne Nichols, came forward on Monday to apply for the job.

After hearing from any of the applicants that wished to speak, commissioners went into closed session for about 20 minutes. Afterward, they took the vote in open court.

Commissioner Joey Kindie, Precinct 3, said Harrison's six years as County Clerk and before that, five years as a legal assistant, were important to his deci-

sion. "I think she can take the ball and hit the ground running," he said.

Cox said Harrison's appointment was a "wise decision."

"I voted 'aye,'" she said. "I've worked closely with Sherri for six years and she is very, very organized, professional and responsible. I think it was a good appointment."

After her appointment, Harrison reflected on her new job. "I'm very excited and of course you're always a little nervous taking on a new position," she said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to represent the people of

Bailey County.

"Judge Cox's shoes will be hard to fill. She's done an outstanding job over the last 15 years."

Harrison said she thought her experience played a part in her appointment.

Cox said anyone wanting to be considered for the job of County Clerk could call her for complete information. Basically, applicants need to submit a resume and be at the next meeting at 10 a.m., Feb. 14, so that commissioners can interview them before deciding on Harrison's successor.

The County Clerk is the record keeper for the County, the Commissioners Court,



SHERRI HARRISON

the County Court. Other duties include: issuing marriage licenses, holding elections, record deeds, collect fines, register births and deaths and file probates, among other things.



Never too old to party!

Park View Nursing Home held its annual Super Bowl party Feb. 3. Attending were nursing home residents, staff, Muleshoe football players and several members of the coaching staff. The players introduced themselves and their positions to the applause of the residents. Coach Wood expressed his appreciation for the support of the nursing home and its residents. The crowd sang the school song and listened as players and coaches gave short speeches expressing gratitude for inviting the team to the party. The event ended with classic Super Bowl snacks of hot dogs and brownies. At top, residents meet the Mules. At right, Juanita Burhman gets out on the dance floor with a partner.

Photos by Leah Bell



One Marine's story

This article is reprinted from "The Macomb Journal," which has asked soldiers and their families to send positive stories from Iraq to paint a more accurate picture of what is taking place.

By Stacey Creasy
Editor, The Macomb Journal

IRAQ - If you talk to Marines serving in Iraq, they will tell you there are positive stories coming from the war-torn nation.

The Marines spend every day of their lives on the front line of the war against terrorism. There is fighting on a

daily basis. Marines and soldiers, along with civilians are injured or killed on a daily basis.

"We see that on the news every day," the wife of a soldier said one day at the Macomb National Guard Army.

What confuses some of the troops and their families is how very few, if any, positive news makes its way to the network news.

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Francis had a story to tell, one he will never forget. Francis told his story through a letter to his wife, Colleen, who shared the story with family and friends in Macomb.

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VLB now offering \$60,000 land loans

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, announced VLB land loans of up to \$60,000 are now available for Texas veterans and can be used for tracts as small as one acre. The required down payment is only 5 percent, with a 30-year fixed term, and the interest rate is an extremely low 6.64 percent.

"There's nothing that really compares with the VLB land loan program," Patterson said. "Our interest rate is two full percentage points lower than average, and most lenders require 20 percent down. If you find a better deal, take it."

In 2003, the minimum acreage that could be bought with a VLB land loan was reduced from five acres to one acre, making it easier for veterans to buy lots closer to urban areas. A Texas veteran can simultaneously have a VLB land loan, a VLB home loan and a VLB home improvement loan. The maximum VLB home loan amount is currently \$240,000.

The Texas Veterans Land Board was created in 1946 to help veterans returning from World War II buy land for agricultural purposes. The program has changed over the years as land prices rose sharply. VLB loan amounts increased from the original \$7,500, to \$20,000, \$40,000, and now \$60,000.

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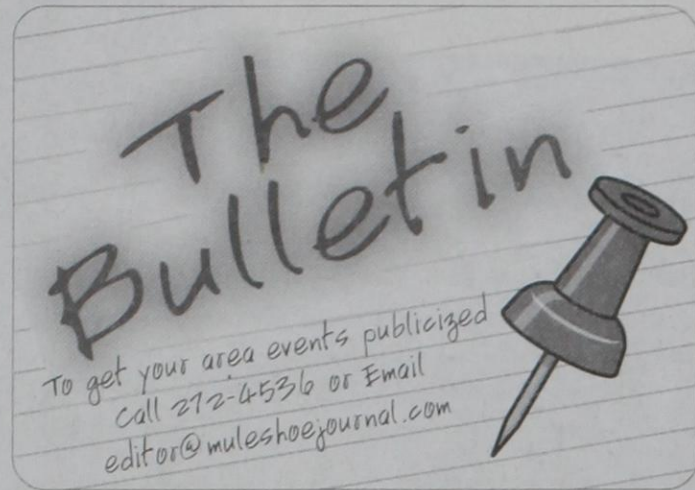
Just before sunrise, step outside and take a deep breath. Listen to the awakening sounds: the birds beginning their busy day, the train's warning sounds at crossings, the dogs greeting the day, the sound of cars being started, traffic on the streets. Feel the anticipation of what this day will bring. Be happy, thankful and look forward to Living!
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Fine Arts Night will be at 6:30 p.m., March 31, at the High School auditorium. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The choir will perform at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction and the band will perform afterward.

Calvary Baptist Youth selling cookies

The youth of Calvary Baptist Church are once again raising funds through their annual Valentine's Day Cookie Sale. Cost per cookie is \$5 or a cookie bouquet can be purchased for \$8. The boxed and decorated nine-inch shortbread cookies with icing can be ordered by calling the church at 272-4012.

Shattered Dreams meetings set

These last three meeting are crucial to the success of our program. Please plan to attend. Feb. 10 and 24, March 1, all three days at 6 p.m. at the cafeteria.

Volunteer training

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock is holding free volunteer training Feb. 22, 24, and 26 at the First Christian Church located at 2306 13th St. Training will be 6 - 9 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 24, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Feb. 26. For more information please call Lindsay Olson at (806) 748-5292.

Attention MHS students

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is March 16.

Fire department plans chili supper fund-raiser

Muleshoe Fire Department volunteers have planned an all-you-can-eat chili, beans and cornbread supper to be held at the Earl Ladd Fire Station, East 5th Street and American Blvd., on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is a \$5 donation to the department. Tickets are available from any firefighter or can be purchased at the door the night of the event.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Senior Luncheon is Sunday

Senior Luncheon Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Lazbuddie Cafeteria, will be serving brisket, baked potato, red beans, tossed green salad, rolls, homemade desserts. \$6.50 per plate. Take out orders and deliveries Available. Call 965-2130 * Sponsored by Lazbuddie SeniorClass to raise funds for Senior Trip. Seniors will also be selling 2005 calendars for \$6 donation.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA. To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students

must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Vocational program widening its scope

Muleshoe High School has started a new type of vocational offering this year. The new area has been in the automotive area. The school works directly with the business. The business provides a training opportunity for the student. The student does not receive pay while going through the training process.

There is an interest to expand this program in other areas.

Other areas could be, but would not be limited to, diesel mechanics, electrical, heating and refrigeration, plumbing, etc.

If a business is interested in participating in this program, pleased contact David Jenkins at Muleshoe High School.

Trinity Baptist sets revival, Feb. 20-23

Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe will hold a Spiritual Renewal Rally from Feb. 20-23. Rick Ingle will be guest evangelist. Paul and Christy Newberry will be gest singers.

Meeting times are: Sunday, 6 p.m.; Monday, 6 p.m. children and 7 p.m., worship; Tuesday, 6 p.m. youth and 7 p.m. worship; Wednesday, 7 p.m., children choir special. Noon Bible studies will be held Monday through Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. Light lunches will be served. A nursery will be provided for all services.

Ingle was a teen-age gang leader in the ghettos of Philadelphia, Penn., before his conversion. He has conducted more than 1,300 crusades. In 1973 the Rick Ingle story, "From a Ghetto Gang Leader to the Pulpit," was broadcast worldwide on every continent and beamed over the former Iron and Bamboo curtains on more than 400 radio stations.

He graduated from Eastern and Immanuel Baptist Colleges and also from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds both doctor of divinity and doctor of literature degrees and is the author of six books and numerous magazine articles.

Music evangelists Paul and Christy Newberry are from Dallas and will direct the congregational singing as well as providing special music nightly.

Since entering full-time music evangelism in 1981, the couple have ministered in more than 1,000 churches throughout the United States, singing in revivals, concerts, conferences and camps.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or email thompsn@fivearea.com.

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Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month

Muleshoe Area Medical Center was chosen as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's February Business of the Month. Among other qualities, several nominations mentioned the hospital's professionalism and caring attitude as the main reason behind their choice. Pictured are (back row, l-r): Stacy Thompson, Margaret Heathington DON, Shirley James, ward clerk, Terral King; (middle row, l-r) Susan Cage OR Supervisor, Peggy Burhman, records, Sharon Novak, CFO, Heather Foley, Lynn Moore; (front row, l-r) Kent Bradley, CEO Jim Bone, and Noelia Flores.



Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month



Cordy Aguirre was chosen as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's February Employee of the Month. She works in the office at Muleshoe High School. Among other qualities, nominations mentioned her friendliness and helpfulness as reasons for being nominated. Pictured are Heather Foley, Terral King, Noelia Flores, Aguirre, Kent Bradley, Stacy Thompson and Lynn Moore.

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Nursing Home News

Janette Kube gave Diane Copley a perm Monday morning.

Peggy Dent visited everybody at Park View Monday.

Liz Howard from Hobbs, N.M. sang as she played music on her karaoke machine Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday morning Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from Earth Methodist Church directed a Music and Praise Devotional.

Tuesday afternoon Beverly Wagnon, Dolores Garrett, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Josie Ovalle shampooed and set the ladies hair. Angela Babcock

gave manicures.

Monday Cathy Wilson was taken out for lunch by her family.

Alice Liles visits her mother Jack Graves almost every night and "tucks" Jack into bed.

Elzie Darland's daughter Beatrix Reizecka visited her recently. Her daughter Berta Combs visits her several times a week and sing to Elzie at bedtime.

Thursday morning Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in ceramic class. Residents participating were Delphine Gruda, Alliene Lasiter, Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Kathy Wilson, Diane Copley, Ruby Riley and Jim Kee.

Friday morning Kourtnee Beall gave a demonstration on her candle making. She gave a most interesting and entertaining program.

Friday afternoon the residents the Activity department: Joyce Hunter, Iris Clements hosted a pizza party in honor of Delphine Gruda who has moved to the Sr. Citizens Complex.

Saturday afternoon Iris Clements directed the bingo

bash!

Arnold Prater was visited by his wife Pat and grandchildren Saturday afternoon.

The Church of God in Christ (Mennonite) Church of Farwell came for Church services Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Jack and Debbie Stone visited Bill Lambert Tuesday. His granddaughter visited Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hattie Heathington is visited by her son Awbrey Heathington, just about every day.

Arnold Prater was visited by his mom, Mrs. Lewis Scoggins and his wife Pat Prater Tuesday afternoon.

Happy February Birthday to Grant Wabington Feb. 8; Gloria Elliott Feb. 9; Freida Locker Feb. 16; and D Parker Feb. 19. The February Birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.

Wednesday morning, Ground Hog Day, Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell directed a special Ground Hog coffee, donut time.

Following coffee time Buster Kittrell, Eva Nell Dale

and James Sinclair directed a "Singspiration" and devotional time Wednesday. Also participating were Jo Ellen Cowart and Anne B Lane.

James Wedel comes on Wednesday mornings and runs errands for Park View.

Alene Bryant visits the residents and works on the monthly activity calendars.

Kenneth Precure visited Park View this week, among those he visited were Bill Lambert and Guy Kendall.

Jim Kee was visited by his daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Gerry Pierce, over the weekend.

Ana gave Marie Lane a shampoo and set Wednesday.

Dianne Brown and Marilyn Wilson visited Cathy and Gladys Wilson Tuesday.

Doris Palmer visited her mother Lillie Edmiston Wednesday.

Ruby Clark is visited several times a week by her sons and daughter-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark.

Congratulations on a new little great-granddaughter, Maholia Jane weighing in at 9 pounds and 22 1/4 inches long.

Some Thoughts on Long Pastorates & Great Churches

An aging and highly-respected minister who'd been serving the same congregation for many years was once asked by a group of young pastors, "How can you stay in one church and work successfully for such a long time?" I don't know what kind of sage counsel they expected, but his answer was simple and to the point: "Don't do anything stupid."

Good advice. And sometimes

the present Wal-mart age you can easily drive less than a hundred miles from our little church and our little town and find more than a few churches of thousands who can offer specialized programs for anybody from left-handed 32-year-old red-headed secretaries born in months ending in "R's" to programs for folks interested in underwater basket-weaving as an outreach tool to Maui pearl divers.

And that's fine.

Some of those megachurches are great churches, healthy churches. Some aren't.

Pretty much exactly like some small churches are great churches, healthy churches. And some aren't.

Though I truly want our church to grow in every way, size has precious little to do with whether or not a church is a great church, a healthy church.

It seems pretty clear to me that whether your church is growing or not almost certainly has at least as much to do with the demographics of your community as it does with the program and effectiveness of your church. You can't do much about your community's demographics. But you can do something about being a spiritually healthy church. And any spiritually healthy church in any community has a potential for genuine growth.

And what's a healthy church? Ah, we could talk for hours about that, I think. But I'd say it's a church truly centered on loving the Lord, proclaiming the good news of Christ, loving the people God has placed in it and around it, and celebrating with joy its oneness with all who love and proclaim its Lord.

Lots of churches are larger. Lots have more programs. In

Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

not all that easy to keep putting into practice!

I think I'd add a few corollaries. And I think he'd agree.

#2—Love the people God has allowed you to serve.

#3—Love a church that has a history of loving its pastors.

#4—Be as gracious to your people as you'd like for them to be to you when you bump up against corollary #1 and occasionally do something stupid.

Later this spring, my family and I will mark our twentieth year at the same loving and lovely little church. When I think back over those years, I am amazed at the changes that have taken place and at the directions I believe God has led us to go. Never in my wildest dreams could I have written the story that the Author has written and, yes, I'm excited about the chapters that will come. I have no idea what the Author will write, but I love the story and I trust the Author.

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

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

Jan. 27 - Lela Allison, Clifford Buckner, Gene Caldwell, Calvin Embry, Christopher Harp, Gwendol Lasiter, Laura Leal, Joline Miller, Frances Purdy and Melvin Seymore.

Jan. 28 - Lela Allison, Kagen Ashley, Clifford Buckner, Gene Caldwell, Chloe Davidson, Calvin Embry, Marcela Gomez, Michael Griffin, Ean Hasley, Gwendol Lasiter, Laura Leal, Joline Miller, Frances Purdy, Melvin Seymore, Rada Shelburn and Bonnie Waters.

Jan. 29 - No report available.

Jan. 30 - No report available.

Jan. 31 - Lela Allison, Anita Alonzo, Roy Daniel Jr., Calvin Embry, Jose Lopez, Frances Purdy, Melvin Seymore, Jose Villegas and Ed Ziegenfuss.

Feb. 1 - Lela Allison, Anita Alonzo, Roy Daniel Jr., Calvin Embry, James Glaze, Bonnie Howard, Jose Lopez, Frances Purdy, Melvin Seymore and Ed Ziegenfuss.

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Sports

Lady Mules clinch playoff spot

Seventh year in a row

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules clinched a playoff berth for the seventh consecutive year this past week with wins over the Brownfield Lady Cubs and the Loboettes of Levelland.

The Lady Mules took over the game in Brownfield near the six-minute mark of the opening frame and never looked back.

The Lady Mules came home with a 65-42 win over the Lady Cubs that set up a show down for a least a share of the district title with Levelland. The Loboettes had defeated the Lady Mules in the first round of district by 10 points in Levelland. The Loboettes had used accurate free throw shooting in the final minutes to put the Lady Mules away.

The Lady Mules reversed the table on Levelland by making 12-of-14 shots from the line in the final period while the Loboettes were only able to drop in 10-of-14.

The Lady Mules, 58-51 over the Loboettes puts the two teams in a tie for the district title with one game remaining to be played.

Tuesday night Levelland will meet Brownfield in their final game and the Lady Mules travel to Lubbock Cooper to battle the Lady Pirates. The Lady Cubs play a very unconventional style of basketball that makes it hard for teams to play against. It took the Lady Mules almost three minutes in the opening frame to settle in against the Lady Cubs and took a 7-5 lead with 4:35 left in the period.

"Brownfield is a very athletic team and they play a very unconventional style of ball," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms.

"They hit some shots tonight and we were in their faces.

"I was pleased with the way we took the ball strong to the basket. We did not over look Brownfield but we did use the game to get ready for Levelland."

Kasey Wood picked off a Brownfield pass and drove the floor.

Her cousin, Brandi Wood, ran with her and K. Wood forced the defender to stop the ball.

She dished to B. Wood for the layup that put the Lady Mules in front to stay.

B. Wood and Kelsy Friskup each finished the first period with six points as the Lady Mules ran out to a 20-13 lead.

The Lady Mules dialed in the artillery in the second period with Jamie Carpenter and Amber Cowart each dropping in 3-pointers as the Lady Mules increased their advantage to 37-23 by the intermission.

"We got off to a slow start tonight," said Kelsy Friskup. "They play a hully-gully style of ball that made it hard for us to get into a rhythm. We are happy with the win and looking forward to Friday."

"I think we will have an advantage at our place and we really want to get them (Levelland) this time. We have extra incentive to get after them this time."

The Lady Mules continued their domination of the game in the third period and out scored the Lady Cubs by



Norman Brantley

I can fly — Muleshoe's Jamie Carpenter looks like she's trying to soar over her opponent in her quest for the ball.

eight to take a 50-28 cushion into the final quarter. K. Wood made two of her three 3-pointers in the final eight minutes.

Ashlie Dickson made a season high seven points in the game that included a trey with just over three minutes left in the contest.

All of the Lady Mules scored in the game.

B. Wood led the Lady Mules in scoring with 14 points and K. Wood had 13.

Friskup dropped in 10 and Dickson and Cowart had seven apiece.

Lindsey Wood made six points, Carpenter five, Chelsi Hawkins made a pair of free throws for two points and Kate Lepard chipped in one.

It was Senior Night in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center on Friday night and the Lady Mules honored Lindsey Wood, Jamie Carpenter, Amber Cowart and Kelsy Friskup after they played in their final home game. These seniors had never lost a home district game in their three years on the varsity.

"Coach Simms has been these seniors coach since we have been on varsity," said Lindsey Wood. "We knew coming into the game what was expected of us whether we were on the bench or in the game."

"It was definitely a team effort tonight with everyone stepping up at some point. Our defense really seemed to frustrate them and we forced them to make turnovers that we converted to points."

"We really wanted to show Levelland that they could not just drop into our district and walk away with it. We felt like if we took the game right at them we could get them in foul trouble and we handled their press pretty well also."

"I definitely think this team is headed in the right direction at the right time of year," concluded L. Wood.

Levelland scored first to take the lead Friday night. They only enjoyed the lead four times in the contest and never for more than two minutes.

The Loboettes led 2-0 until K. Wood nailed a three. They retook the lead with back-to-back buckets with 6:39 left in the first period.

B. Wood hit an eight-foot jumper and Friskup added two points from the foul line at the 4:13 mark to put the Lady Mules back on top to stay through the first half.

The Lady Mules gave up six early points to the big girls of Levelland on the inside. The Lady Mules used a tough man-to-man defense most of the

game that seemed to frustrate the Loboette ball handlers.

B. Wood answered a late Levelland 3-pointer with a trey of her own before the first period ended with the Lady Mules on top 18-9.

The Lady Mules began to turn the ball over in the last half of the second period. The Loboettes out scored Muleshoe 12-5 in the final three and a half minutes to knot the game at 27-27 at intermission.

Levelland passed the Lady Mules with an old fashion three-point play with 6:32 left in third and for the final time with a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left in the period.

Dickson grabbed a back side rebound and put it back to tie the game at 39-39 with only 15 seconds left in the third period.

Following a Loboette turnover, Kate Lepard delivered a buzzer beating 3-pointer that gave the Lady Mules the momentum they needed going into the final frame.

B. Wood added to the three-point lead with a shot from the elbow to open the final quarter.

Levelland cut the lead back to two points by making three-of-six free throws. L. Wood was fouled posting up in the lane and made both free throws.

L. Wood made eight-of-10 from the charity line in the final period.

Carpenter was a perfect four-for-four from the line as the Loboettes were forced to foul to try to cut into the Lady Mule lead.

Carpenter and L. Wood made seven-of-eight from the line in the final 19 seconds to nail the coffin shut on the Loboettes.

"This may have been the most important victory this program has ever had," said Simms. "Our backs were against the wall tonight and these girls showed how much heart and fight they have in them. They give all they have to this program."

L. Wood set the scoring pace with 17 points and Friskup added 12. Carpenter dropped in nine points, B. Wood eight and K. Wood seven. Lepard made three points and Dickson chipped in two.

The Lady Mules travel to Lubbock Cooper to wrap up the regular season against the Lady Pirates.

If the Lady Mules and Loboettes tie for the district crown it has yet to be determined how the seeding in the state playoffs will be determined. The two teams could have a play off or chose to flip a coin.

Seventh-grade Lady Mules edged by Loboettes

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Levelland Loboettes had defeated the seventh grade Lady Mules 29-51 in the Levelland Tourney the final weekend in January. The Lady Mules put a scare in the Loboettes on the following Monday.

The Lady Mules trailed 15-18 to begin the final quarter. Levelland opened the quarter with a bucket. Sarah Johnson answered for the Lady Mules with a bucket on an in bound play.

Johnson picked off a Loboette pass at mid-court and drove the floor. A Levelland defender forced Johnson to pickup her dribble. She found Breann Baca also running on the break for the layup to cut the Loboette

lead to 19-20. The Lady Mules could not find the range after that and the Loboettes took the game 19-24.

Levelland had jumped out to four-point lead to start the game before Johnson made a pair of free throws. The Lady Mule,s full court pressure forced a Loboette turnover on a five count by the officials. Levelland could not find anyone open to in bound the ball.

Marisela Casanova finished a fast break to knot the game at 4-4. Baca stole the ball and set Johnson up to finish the break and give the Lady Mules the lead. Johnson made three-of-five free throws as the period wound down with the score tied at 9-9.

Jessica Howard took a dish from Johnson on a fast break to answer a Levelland bucket and keep the score tied at 11-11 at the half. Ashley Cisneros dropped in a 16 footer to open the third period.

Levelland went on a 6-0 run before Johnson picked a Loboette,s pocket and took the ball to the rack. The Lady Mules trailed 15-18 to start the final quarter.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points. Cisneros, Baca, Howard and Casanova each scored two points for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules wrapped up their season Monday night at Lubbock Cooper.

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Mules lose to Brownfield, Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules fell on hard times this past week with back-to-back defeats. The Mules lost a heart breaker in Brownfield 68-69 on a full-court drive by Jervon Fisher that went in at the buzzer.

Levelland came to Muleshoe on Friday night and wrapped up a playoff berth by dropping the Mules 77-54. It was almost de-ja vu all over again as the Mules had lost to the Lobos by 28 points in their first meeting.

The Mules dominated the Cubs for three periods and entered the final frame with a 48-39 advantage. Trevor Turnbow had hit four 3-pointers in the first half and added his fourth in the third period to provide the Mules with scoring punch from the perimeter.

The Mules only made three-of-seven from the charity line in the first half and improved to three-of-four in the third. But in the final eight minutes the Mules converted 10-of-21 from the line as Brownfield put the Mules on the line.

The Cubs had been cold from the field until the final eight minutes. They out scored the Mules 30-20 and made four treys in the final period. Brady Black made his first of two free throws after being fouled with five seconds left in the game to put the Mules up by one.

B. Black's second shot caromed off the rim to Fisher. He took the ball coast-to-coast and scored the winning bucket for the Cubs.

Turnbow led the Mules with 22 points; Arsenio Geter added 14 and Chris Kindle made 13. B. Black scored eight points and Trent Black dropped in

seven. Tyler Sheets made three points and Landon Wilson chipped in two.

Levelland took advantage of early turnovers by the Mules. They jumped on top with an 11-0 run in the first two minutes of the game. Geter got the Mules on the board with a spin move in the lane.

Geter dropped in the shot and was fouled. He added the free throw for an old fashion three-point play. Wilson drove coast-to-coast on a break to cut the Lobo lead to 5-13.

Sheets dropped in a 3-pointer from the wing before B. Black drove the ball strong to the hole to make it a 10-15 game. The Lobos out scored the Mules 8-2 in the final two and half minutes to take a 12-23 advantage into the second period.

Turnbow lit up the board for the Mules in the second period with two treys and drive to basket in the first four minutes of the period. Sheets canned his second trey of the game on an in bound play.

The Mules had cut the Lobo lead to 25-30. The Lobos used a 6-2 scoring run to push the lead back to 27-36 at the half.

The Mules only scored five in the third quarter while the Lobos put in 16 to take a 32-52 cushion into the final quarter. B. Black had a scoring surge in the final eight minutes by making seven-of-nine free throws in the final period and two buckets for 11 points.

The Lobos held off the Mules in the final period and O'Marre Joyce put an exclamation point on the game with a dunk at the final buzzer. Joyce scored 13 points in the final period for the Lobos.

Turnbow led the Mules in



Going around — Trevor Turnbow dribbles around the opposition as he heads for the basket.

scoring with 15 points and B. Black dropped in 14.

Geter added eight points; Sheets six, Kindle three and T. Black chipped in two.

"It was a tough week for us," said Mule coach Ralph Mason.

"Now we need to concentrate finishing the sea-

son strong and making the playoffs."

The Mules would be guaranteed a playoff spot by defeating Lubbock Cooper on Friday night and Littlefield on Tuesday.

The Mules finish up the regular season on the road at Cooper and Littlefield.

District Results

Tuesday Girls

Lady Mules (19-8, 5-1) defeated Brownfield (n/a, 0-7)

Levelland (21-6, 6-0) defeated Littlefield (7-18, 2-5) 50-30

Lubbock Cooper (10-17, 3-3) open

Boys

Mules (15-11, 3-2) lost to Brownfield (16-11, 3-2) 68-69

Levelland (18-10, 5-0) defeated Littlefield (10-17, 1-4) 58-28

Lubbock Cooper (10-17, 0-4) open

Friday Girls

Lady Mules (20-8, 6-1) defeated Levelland (21-7, 6-1) 58-51

Littlefield (8-18, 3-5)

defeated Lubbock Cooper (10-18, 3-4) 43-42

Brownfield (n/a, 0-7) open

Boys

Mules (15-12, 3-3) lost to Levelland (19-10, 6-0) 54-77

Littlefield (11-17, 2-4) defeated Lubbock Cooper (10-18, 0-5) 49-40

Brownfield (16-11, 3-2) open

District Standings as of 2-5-05

Girls
Lady Mules 6-1
Levelland 6-1
Lubbock Cooper 3-4
Littlefield 3-5
Brownfield 0-7

Boys
Levelland 6-0
Brownfield 3-2
Mules 3-3
Littlefield 2-4
Lubbock Cooper 0-5

JV Mules fall to Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules had their second meeting with the Brownfield Cubs scrubbed because of bad weather. The Mules lost their final home appearance of the season to the Lobos of Levelland 45-53. The Mules jumped in front of the Lobos 14-10 in the opening frame. Brant Hamilton nailed a pair of treys in the period and Rudy Gonzales hit one from behind the arc.

The Mules could only scratch out six points in the second period and allowed the Lobos to tie the game at 20-20 by the intermission.

Dustin Barker kept the Mules in the game in third period with two 3-pointers. Cory Wallace fed TJ Brantley on the blocks for a bucket to open the second half. The Mules trailed 28-31 to start the final quarter.

Kirby Kimbrough was fouled on a drive down the base line to open the final period. He converted one free throw to cut the Lobo lead to two points. Levelland answered with a pair of buckets before Brantley stuck back a rebound.

The Lobos dropped in a trey before Wallace found Garrett Riley posting up.

Riley beat his defender to keep the Mules with in striking distance. Barker added a charity toss and Riley converted two free throws to cut the Lobo lead to 40-44 with 2:41 left in the

game.

The Lobos out scored the Mules 9-5 the rest of period. Barker hit his third trey of the night from the top of the key with 20 seconds left in the game. Hamilton paced the Mules with 13 points and Barker had 10. Riley dropped in nine points, Brantley seven and Gonzales made three. Wallace scored two points and Eddie Alvarado and Kimbrough each chipped one. The Mules will finish the season on the road, at Lubbock Cooper on Tuesday and complete the season in Littlefield Friday night.

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Sports Writer

The JV Lady Mules had their second meeting with the Brownfield Lady Cubs cancelled because of a snowstorm. The Lady Mules only game this past week was with the Loboettes of Levelland.

The Lady Mules welcomed Gini Sheets and Cholo Hernandez back to line up for this game. The Loboettes proved to be too much for the Lady Mules and took the game 25-54 in the Lady Mules final home game of the season.

Hernandez drove the base line for a bucket to answer the Loboettes opening two-pointer. Kyra Kimbrough kept the Lady Mules even with a steal at mid-court and drove for a lay up.

Levelland made back-to-back buckets before Sheets

Loboettes stop 9th Lady Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The freshman Lady Mules found it tough sledging on offense against the Loboettes of Levelland in their final home appearance of the season. The Lady Mules played a tough zone defense but fell to the Loboettes 10-34.

The Lady Mules could not find the range in the opening period and Levelland jumped in from 0-10.

The Lady Mules made adjustments at the quarter break and held Levelland to seven points in the second period.

Caitlin Wills made a perfect high-low feed to Heather Barker on the blocks.

Barker scored to break the ice for the Lady Mules as the second period began. Ashley Scolley hit a 10-foot jumper.

Barker returned the favor to Wills with a perfect pass of her own. Wills beat her defender for a lay up. The Lady Mules trailed 6-17 at the half.

Levelland went on a 15-2 scoring run in the third period. Jacy Lawrence found Kelsy Tipps open on an in bound play for the Lady Mules only points of the quarter. The Lady Mules trailed 8-32 to start the last period.

Scolley made the only two points for the Lady Mules in the final period.

Scolley led the Lady Mules in scoring with four points. Tipps, Barker and Wills each added two points.

"I was proud of how hard the girls tried to do what Coach Jay ask of them," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "This is a very coachable group and they work hard for Coach Jay. They ran their zone defense and held down a very strong Levelland team."

was fouled on drive.

Sheets made one-of-two from the line. Hernandez added the Lady Mules final points of the period with a jumper from the elbow.

The Lady Mules trailed 7-12 going into the second frame. Shayla Hall could not find an opening on the blocks and kicked the ball out past the arc to Amberlee Steinbock. Steinbock drained the 3-pointer to cut the Loboettes margin to 10-14.

Hernandez made the only other points for the Lady Mules in period with a shot in the lane. The Lady Mules trailed at the half 12-26.

Hall and Kimbrough each a charity toss in the third period and Kimbrough sank a shot for all four of the Lady Mules points in the period. The Loboettes canned 19 to take a 16-45 cushion into the final period.

Kimbrough, Hernandez and Irma Torres made two free throws apiece in the final quarter. Ashley Grumbles added one from the line and Monica Posadas made the shot from the field in the period.

The Lady Mules played Levelland to a 9-9 deadlock in the final eight minutes.

Hernandez paced the Lady Mules with eight points and Kimbrough dropped in

seven. Steinbock had three points and Torres and Posadas each added two.

Sheets, Grumbles and Hall chipped in one point apiece.

The Lady Mules will wrap up their season in Lubbock Cooper against the Lady Pirates.

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Eighth Lady Mules down Loboettes

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Lady Mules proved the old basketball axiom that it is almost impossible to beat a team three times in a season to be true. The Levelland Loboettes had defeated the Lady Mules 27-33 in the first round of district and 30-38 in the Levelland Tournament.

The Lady Mules came out determined the Loboettes could not win a third time.

The Lady Mules blasted the Loboettes 24-17. It was the final home game for the Lady Mules this season.

The Lady Mules had trouble getting their offense started in the first period and trailed 3-6 to start the second period.

Levelland increased their lead with a bucket as the period began. Amy Withrow looped around the defense and hit an eight-foot jumper on the base line to spark an eight point Lady Mule scoring surge.

Kathryn Owens stuck back a rebound to cut the Levelland lead to one point.

Gabby Agundis grabbed a defensive rebound and found Withrow charging down the floor. Withrow can not be caught on a fast break and she laid the ball up

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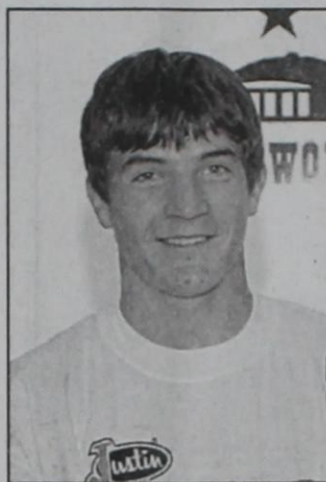
Fort Worth Stock Show produces hometown winners



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Black, Myers capture firsts

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The Fort Worth Stock Show's Junior Medium Weight Yorkshshire in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on February 3, 2005. The junior entry list is part of the overall count this year of more than 23,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. The 109th Annual Stock Show was held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth. Total prize and premium money for the Livestock Show and its accompanying World's Original Indoor Rodeo exceeded \$700,000.

Madison Myers, a 4-H member from Muleshoe, exhibited a First Place Medium Weight Steer in the Junior European Cross Steer Show at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on February 4, 2005.

Ledbetter brings home scramble win

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Roper Ledbetter of Muleshoe, Texas, a Farwell FFA member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the February 5, 2005 evening performance of the Rodeo at the 109th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Carl and Kyla Ledbetter. Sponsors for Roper's effort are R Ranch of Granbury, Texas.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30

Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return for the 2006 Stock Show to exhibit it in the Junior Heifer Show. Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, scholarship grants were made to 56 young people.

Sign-up for '05 EQIP funding ends March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18.

such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentive payments to producers applying approved conservation measures.

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year.

EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land. In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee

Please visit or call the Muleshoe NRCS field office (806-272-5124 ext 3; 105 E Ave D, Muleshoe) to set up an appointment to discuss and review the complete details of EQIP in Bailey County. Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

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Commentary

Iraq's elections show hope for democracy

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

There is little that people living in Iraq have not seen in the 5,500 years that have elapsed since the world's first literate society, Sumeria, arose on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. But recently, the long-suffering people of this nation experienced something new – they voted in free elections.

"Now I feel that Saddam is really gone," Fatima Ibrahim told MSNBC after casting her ballot in Irbil, in the Kurdish northern region. She was a young bride of 14 and only married three months when her husband, father and brother were rounded up by Saddam Hussein's police and have never been seen again.

These two women and millions of their fellow Iraqis refused to be intimidated by terrorist threats and went to the polls. In an election widely hailed as fair and free, over 60 percent of the Iraqi people turned out. Even Sunni Iraqis ignored calls by their religious leaders to boycott the election and voted in higher than expected numbers. The election is for 13 provincial councils and the new 275-seat National Assembly, which will draft a new constitution.

Neighboring Jordan watched the elections with great interest. King Abdullah II offered congratulations and said the successful election proved the Iraqi people are "stronger than the extremist groups trying to destabilize Iraq."

As President Bush noted in his stirring inaugural speech, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in the world."

Unfortunately, while the Iraqi people have begun their pursuit of democracy, they still face thugs who desperately want to deny this new nation freedom. Jihadists allied to Al Qaeda and remnants of the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein are trying to regain power.

We should not let the horror of these tactics obscure an important point: the terrorists fear what an Iraqi democracy would mean for their cause. The Jihadists and Baathists fear history will sweep them aside, and they are doing all they can to block the spread of freedom.

Abu Musab Al Zarqawi, the Jordanian who has publicly declared allegiance to Osama Bin Laden, and is considered the architect

of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces, has said as much. "We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology. Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it."

Further, Osama Bin Laden himself, in a recent Al-Jazeera-distributed tape, urged Iraqis not to participate in the election.

The important thing to keep in mind is that the Iraqi people demonstrated in impressive numbers that, however difficult the path may be, this election was a key step toward complete self-rule and the establishment of a democratic system of government.

We should remember our own past, when, after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, our nation was torn by, first, Shays' Rebellion and, later, the Whiskey Rebellion. These challenges to the new republic led some to doubt the survival of the American experiment.

The path has occasionally been rocky since then. Women marched, suffered ridicule, and were sometimes jailed as they sought the right to vote in the early part of the 20th Century. Only 40 years ago, African American leaders risked their lives to secure the same liberties others already enjoyed during the struggle for civil rights.

While our progress has been difficult at times, our democratic republic has not only survived; it has prospered. Today we are a beacon of hope and freedom for the world, proving that democracy is not achieved overnight. Although it sometime seems fractious and divisive, it still provides the best form of government man has yet devised.

We must bear those lessons in mind as we support the democratic process in Iraq. It may not be perfect, but it is an important step in the right direction. Recently, our nation saw a touching demonstration of the Iraqis' appreciation of our sacrifices during President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address. Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, hugged and comforted Janet Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, whose son was killed in Iraq while serving with the Marines.

By seeing this struggle through, we will deliver a devastating blow to the terrorists and a resounding victory for freedom. I want our friends in Iraq who value liberty to know that we Texans do not abandon our friends when things get difficult. Our country must remain a reliable friend of freedom.

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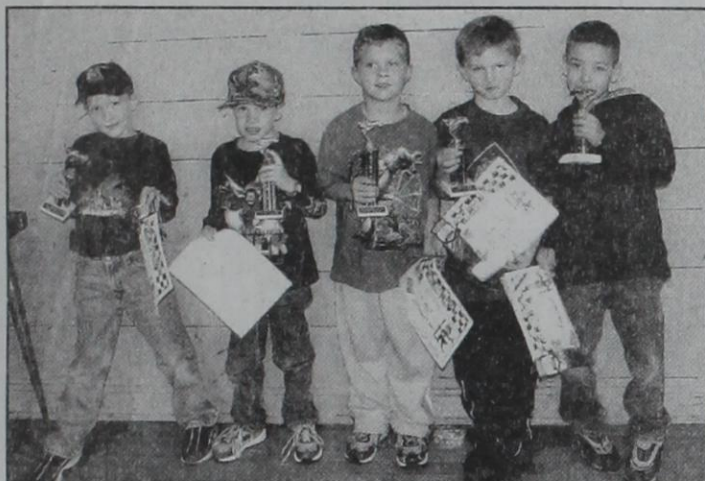
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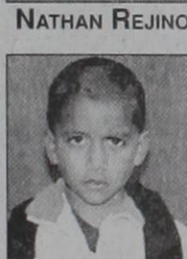


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Derby winners named

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Tiger: First: John Welch; second, Terran King; third, Jett Black
Wolf: First: Nathan Rejino; second, Garrett Welch; third, John Gruber.
Bear: First: Matthew Dickerson.
Webelo: First, Sam Sirkel; second, Kenton Randolph; third, Douglas Bartholf.

King of the Road: Nathan Rejino.
Scouts: first, Andrew Santos; second, Cole Hawkins; third, Xavier Mora.
Open: First, Craig Black; second, Joseph Rejino; third, Craig Black.



NATHAN REJINO

JOSEPH REJINO

Owens denied the Levelland post the ball and tipped the ball to Withrow. Withrow breezed down the floor for the layup.
 Janae Pyle scored on an in bound play to push the Lady Mule lead to four.
 Withrow dialed in a long two from the corner and added a free throw.
 Levelland scored with 23 seconds left in the period.
 Agundis in bound the ball to Withrow. She drove the floor and dished to Morgan Smith to cap the Lady Mules scoring.
 Withrow paced the Lady Mules in scoring with 16 points and Smith had four.
 Pyle and Owens each added two points for the Lady Mules.
 The Lady Mules ended their season in Lubbock Cooper Monday night.

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and in to give the Lady Mules a 9-8 lead.
 Agundis held the Loboette point guard in the backcourt for a full 10 seconds to force a Levelland turnover with 34 seconds left in the half.
 Withrow picked up a loose ball and drove to the hole. Withrow's bucket gave the Lady Mules an 11-8 lead at the intermission.
 Levelland tied the game at 11-11 before Withrow finished a break.
 Agundis used her quick hands to relieve the Levelland point guard of the ball.
 She pushed the ball to Withrow and she raced to bucket with the goods.
 The Lady Mules took a 15-12 advantage into the final quarter.
 Levelland tied the game at 15-15.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 I have just written a check for \$40 to pay for Bailey County Farm Bureau annual dues 3-0-05 to 3-01-06. On reading bill, I found this most interesting information. I thought you would, too.
 Today, each U.S. farmer produces food and fiber for 129 people.
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 Aren't these impressive statistics? Makes me proud and thankful to be an American, proud and thankful to have been a farmer's wife, and proud and thankful to be farming still.
 Just wanted to share with you these thoughts on being thankful to live in this great land of plenty.

Sincerely,
LaVonne McKillip
 Muleshoe

Club News

SCAC has January meeting

SCAC met on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at Charissa Conner's house. President Nic Green called the meeting to order at 7:15. Chaplain Barry Morris said a prayer; Secretary Kory Atwood read the minutes from our last meeting, and Treasurer Jordan Bonds gave the treasury report.

Parliamentarian Brady Black then introduced our January Citizen of the Month Julie Cage. She works at the Hospital Auxiliary and is an important member of the community. She gave a speech about the positive things her work has done (including scholarships for students entering the medical field, book fairs, and a breakfast bar for the hospital staff) and how well the community has treated her. She also talked about what being a good citizen really is.

Old business that was discussed included the success of our Christmas decorations at Jane's Ranch House. Mr. Mardis mentioned we had many workers help out at the Food Pantry recently that were very much appreciated. Nic, Minerva Martinez, Ashley Beggs, and Shana Rempe helped with an interview with the Lubbock Avalanche Journal about what our organization and the Heritage Center does. The article will be in the paper soon, so be sure to look out for it.

New business included creating a committee to plan our annual bake auction. Paje McRoberts was elected chairman and members of the committee are Myles James, Barry Morris, Brady Black, Nic Green, and Trent Black; All members of SCAC are needed in this bake auction to make it successful.
 Nominations were taken for February Citizen of the Month. Our next meeting will be held at Hillary Tipps's house at 7 p.m., Feb. 21. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

OBITUARIES, SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS, ENGAGEMENTS, FIRST BIRTHDAYS, 90TH + BIRTHDAYS, 50TH + ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHS AND MOST LOCAL NEWS ITEMS ARE PUBLISHED FREE OF CHARGE AS A COURTESY TO OUR READERS. CALL 272-4536 WITH YOUR NEWS.

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Contest Rules:

★ Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to discuss the following topics:
 (1) Why should I be chosen as Bailey County Electric Cooperative's delegate to the 2005 Youth Tour;
 (2) What going to my nation's Capital would mean to me;
 (3) What I would most like to gain from the experience;
 (4) What it means to me to have Bailey County Electric Cooperative make this trip available.
 ★ Participants will have 5-7 minutes of interview time.
 ★ Judges will have the opportunity to ask questions (hint: know and understand cooperatives)

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★ Questions should be addressed to Rickie Warren at (806) 272-4504 or toll free at (800) 869-7049.
 ★ Entry forms must be received by **February 23, 2005**.

Obituaries

ANTONIA S. ALFARO

Services for Antonia S. Alfaro, 67, of Muleshoe were Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Roca De Salvacion Nazareno Church, Muleshoe, with the Rev. Rafael Quezada officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Alfaro died Jan. 27, 2005, in Lubbock.

She was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Castolon. She married Manuel Alfaro Sr. in Mexico on Oct. 18, 1971.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Andrew Alfaro in 1968; and three sisters, Ruth Salazar, Cuca Salazar and Agustina Leyva.

Mrs. Alfaro had lived in Muleshoe since 1975, moving from Amherst.

She attended Roca De Salvacion Nazareno Church in Muleshoe. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by four sons, Manuel Jr., Juan and Oscar Alfaro, all of Muleshoe, and Jonas Alfaro of Lubbock; seven daughters, Oralia Sotelo, Olivia Barrera, Lydia Alfaro, Sonia Rejino and Nora-Cruz, all of Muleshoe, Irma Marquez of Clovis, N.M. and Erika Lopez of Lubbock; five stepchildren, Ponciano, Angelina and Esperanza Alfaro, Maria Torres and Irene Sanchez; two sisters, Petra Garcia of Fabens and Amelia Macias of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Felipe Salazar of Homestead, Fla., Jesus Salazar of Alamogordo, N.M. and Mario Salazar of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alfaro had lived in Muleshoe since 1975, moving from Amherst. She attended Roca De Salvacion Nazareno Church in Muleshoe. She was a homemaker. She is survived by four sons, Manuel Jr., Juan and Oscar Alfaro, all of Muleshoe, and Jonas Alfaro of Lubbock; seven daughters, Oralia Sotelo, Olivia Barrera, Lydia Alfaro, Sonia Rejino and Nora-Cruz, all of Muleshoe, Irma Marquez of Clovis, N.M. and Erika Lopez of Lubbock; five stepchildren, Ponciano, Angelina and Esperanza Alfaro, Maria Torres and Irene Sanchez; two sisters, Petra Garcia of Fabens and Amelia Macias of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Felipe Salazar of Homestead, Fla., Jesus Salazar of Alamogordo, N.M. and Mario Salazar of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

KENNETH EUGENE 'GENE' JONES

Services for Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Jones, 59, of Ozark, Ark., were Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at Ozark First Baptist Church with the Rev. Red Darling officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Ozark.

Mr. Jones died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, in the hospital in Fort Smith, Ark.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daren Jones.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Cathy (Nelson) Jones of the home; a daughter, Kendra Jones of the home; two sons, Brady Jones of Van Buren, Ark.,

and Justin Jones of Lavaca, Ark.; his parents, James E. and Gayle Jones of Earth; and two sisters, Alvinn Cain of Lubbock and Dyan Dunagan of Clovis, N.M..

LAWANNA STROUD

Graveside services for Lawanna Stroud, 63, of Muleshoe were Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bennie Wright of Muleshoe officiating.

Mrs. Stroud died Feb. 4, 2005, in Muleshoe. She was born Nov. 28, 1941, in Muleshoe. She married Ray Stroud in Muleshoe on March 31, 1979.

A life-long resident of Muleshoe, Mrs. Stroud was a member of the Richland Hills Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband of Muleshoe; three sons, Calvin Ray and Silas D. Stroud, both of Clovis, N.M., and Frank Stroud of Portales, N.M.; four daughters, Gladys Hendrich of Fort Worth, Glenda Hyatt and Carolyn Van Wattering, both of Portales, and Joyce Crooks of Lubbock; a sister, Brenda Marie Hill of Snyder; two nephews; 25 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, TX. 79424.

RICARDA ACEVEDO

Services for Ricarda Acevedo, 79, of Earth were Monday, Feb. 6, 2005, at St. Mary Magdalene Church with Father Pat Maher of Littlefield officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Acevedo died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center. She was born April 3, 1925, in Mexico. She married Miguel R. Acevedo Sr. in Mexico on March 28, 1940.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 17, 2002; a son, Pedro Acevedo in 1976; a grandson, Bredin Michael Acevedo in 2000; two brothers; and three sisters.

She and her family moved to the Earth Community in 1955 from Bertram. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church of Earth, where she was a member of the Guadalupe Society.

Survivors include three sons, Miguel Acevedo Jr. of

Lubbock and Lupe Acevedo and Jose Luis Acevedo, both of Littlefield; four daughters, Mary Lou Lumbrera and Alice Aguilar, both of Dimmitt, Elisa Morena of Lubbock and Rose Mary Monreal of Earth; a brother, Emilo Rodriguez of Houston; 19 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

J.C. SNITKER

Services for J.C. Snitker, 74, of Enochs, were Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton with the Rev. Donnie Howell of Parkview Baptist Church in Littlefield officiating. Burial was in Enochs Cemetery.

Mr. Snitker died Feb. 4, 2005, at Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton. He was born Feb. 18, 1930, in Wilbarger County. He married Maria Lilia Villarreal in Enochs on March 3, 1975.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford C. Snitker.

He and his family moved to the Enochs Community in 1936 from Wilbarger County. He was a 1948 graduate of Bula High School. He was a farmer and director of the Farmers Co-op Gin in Enochs and member of the Plains Cotton Growers Association of Lubbock. He was a former director of 5-Area Telephone Co-op and former member of the Bula-Enochs Lions Club.

After the Enochs Baptist Church closed, he started attending Parkview Baptist Church in Littlefield. He enjoyed playing and singing with his wife and brother, Curtis, at area nursing homes and different churches.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Dicie Snitker of Midland; three sons, James Snitker and wife Beverly of Sterling City, John Snitker of Dallas and Robert Zamora and wife Angie of Carrollton; three daughters, Judy Browning and husband Ron of Corpus Christi, Cathy Spencer and husband Raymond of Friona and Maribel Vasquez of The Woodlands; two brothers, Curtis Snitker and wife Gwen of Hart and Stanley Snitker and wife Yvonne of Midland; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J., Muleshoe, TX. 79347.

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MARIE HENDERSON

Graveside services for Marie Henderson of Amarillo were Feb. 7, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Henderson died Feb. 5, 2005. She was born April 17, 1925. She lived in Muleshoe until 1971, when she moved to Amarillo.

Survivors include a sister, Ruby Reed of Cameron; her children, Zane and Darla Henderson of Round Rock, Buddy and Dianne Sparks of Wheeler, John H. Henderson of Amarillo; and Darlene Norton of Albuquerque; four nieces; four nephews; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to everyone who expressed acts of kindness during the last several weeks. Flowers, food, funeral attendance, prayers, cards, memorials, words and actions have been very special to me and my family.

Thanks again,
Frank Wuerlein

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Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagrion Senior Center rang with music on Tuesday evening Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. as DJ, Sandy Vandevender, began playing old favorites for the 98 people who gathered for the first dance at the Senior Center. Waltzes and two-steps were favorites as the new exercise/dance floor exceeded expectations. People came from all over - in addition to the 25 from Muleshoe, they came from Portales, Melrose, Tucumcari and two buses from Clovis. Also, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Hereford, Friona, Broadview, Bootleg and other towns were represented. Midway of the evening, the group enjoyed the great potluck and visiting. Many, many compliments were expressed about the Senior Center and many said wistfully, "I wish ours was this nice - it's beautiful. We'll be back!"

Carl and Jenny Bamert celebrated their Anniversary that evening and Dr. Walters of Clovis celebrated his birthday at the Center. Carl was Chairman of the "Floor" committee and declared it a great success as did all attending. Hostesses for the evening were Billie Harvey and Eva Atwood.

The Tuesday evening Senior dance will be a weekly event at 7 p.m. Bring a covered dish of food. The next hostesses will be Peggy Bates and Ladene Spears. Admission is \$4.00 per person. The DJ's will be Clovis

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Engagements



BRANDI JEAN WHALIN AND STEVE MILLER

Sam and Lisa Whalin of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter Brandi Jean Whalin to Steve Miller of Farwell son of Richard and Nancy Miller of Farwell.

Brandi Whalin is a 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She is currently working at United Supermarket in Muleshoe and is attending Clovis Community College.

Steve Miller is a 1997 graduate of Farwell High School. He is currently working at Opplinger Land & Cattle.

The wedding will be June 10, 2005 at United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, at 7 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Rojas accepts new job in Corpus Christi

Mary Ann Rojas has resigned from her post as president of WorkSource of the South Plains, the area's largest government-supported provider of job training and child care programs.

Both she and her husband Joe were raised in Muleshoe and are graduates of Muleshoe High School.

She is the daughter of the late Joe T. Gonzales of Muleshoe and Alice Rodriguez of Oklahoma.

Rojas has accepted a similar position in Corpus Christi, where she will head the Coastal Bend Workforce Development Board. The chairman of WorkSource said she will be missed.

"It's our loss and their gain," he said. "She's done some amazing things since she's been here, including raising awareness of the WorkSource."



MARY ANN ROJAS

Old yearbooks wanted

Muleshoe Ex-students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids' old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. The number is (806) 272-5873. So far, yearbooks from 1953, 1954, 1955, 1969 and 1971 have been donated.



Juan Carlos "JC" Orozco and MHS Band Director Becky Jones.

Orozco named to 2005 Texas All-State ATSSB Band

Muleshoe HS student, Juan Carlos Orozco, was named to the 2005 Texas All-State ATSSB Band and will perform at the annual Clinic/Convention of the Texas Music Educators Association Feb. 9 through Feb. 12 in San Antonio.

Orozco is in grade 12 and plays Percussion. JC Orozco is a private student of Russell Taylor. The Muleshoe HS Band director is Becky Jones. He is the son of Richard and Alma Orozco of Muleshoe. His other interests at school include National Honor Society and U.I.L. Academics. He is active in church activities at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe and enjoys jamming with other percussionists as well. This is his third time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-State Band.

TMEA Executive Director, Robert Floyd, said, "All-State is the highest honor a high school music student in Texas can achieve auditions at the region and area level.

Only 1,570 students were selected out of 56,810 who auditioned. Students are selected to an All-State ensemble through auditions at the region and area level.

The TMEA Clinic/Convention is the largest event of this kind in the United States, attracting over 22,000 teachers, exhibitors, student participants and participants' family members.

Gov. Rick Perry will speak and a selected group of All-State students will perform at the First General Session of the TMEA membership Fri., Feb. 11. Com-

missioner of Education Shirley Neeley will address the membership at the Second General Session on Sat., Feb. 12.

Since 1994, All-State students have scored on their SAT scores an average of 218 points above the state average and 195 points above the national average.

ATSSB is the Association of Texas Small School Bands and is a TMEA affiliate. ATSSB hosts all the All-State competition for 1A, 2A, and 3A high school band programs.

The Texas Music Educators Association, headquartered in Austin, Texas, is an association of over 9,000 music teachers whose goals are to support music education in Texas, provide professional growth opportunities for educators, foster public support for music in schools and offer quality musical experiences for students.

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Obituaries

RICHARD TIVIS

Services for Richard Tivis, 75, were Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at W.W. Rix Chapel. A committal service followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Tivis died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005. He was born in Muleshoe on Feb. 8, 1929, to Richard L. and Beatrice Carter Tivis. At the age of five, he and his family moved to Lubbock, where he attended school and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1947. He attended Texas Tech University in pursuit of a real estate license. He owned and operated entertainment venues in Lubbock, Amarillo and Dallas for 20 years.

He married Sharon Wilhite on Jan. 19, 1972, in Lubbock. While operating in the nightclub business, he ventured into the ambulance business and he owned and operated Lubbock Ambulance for the next several years. He then owned and operated "Stripe a Zone" for 45 years before retiring. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Tivis; four children, Cheryl Swinney, Ricky Tivis, Eddie Tivis and Darla Tivis Rodgers and her husband, Eldon; five grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Ellsworth and her husband, Winston.

MEARL DAVIS

Services for Mearl Davis, 80, of Muleshoe were held Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield with Wilburn Dennis officiating and Berry Wiseman assisting. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mrs. Davis died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born July 19, 1924 in Altus, Okla. to Guy and Maude Wingfield. She married Andy Davis January 9, 1944 in Muleshoe.

She worked and owned M&M Laundry in Littlefield along with her sister Mildred. She also worked for the Littlefield school cafeteria and Spencer's Furniture.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 27, 1973, and a son, Glenn Davis, May 25, 1998.

Mrs. Davis is survived by two daughters, Jean and husband Mike Richardson of Muleshoe, Suzi and husband James Moore of Sanger; two sons, Don and wife Angela Davis of Arlington, and David and wife Mindy Davis of North Richland Hills; two sisters, Mildred Montgomery of Amherst and Margie Heafner of Lubbock; six grandchildren, Michael Richardson, Misty and Scott Simmons, and Julie, Cory and Ashton Davis.



DAVIS



Meeting, not eating — TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) members met for their regular weekly meeting inside Park View Nursing Home's west dayroom at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. Pictured are: Elaine Coburn, Rose Sain, Polly Otwell, Jewel Peeler and Alene Bryant. This month's weight loss contest is "Cleaning House." Each week, those losing weight get to advance to another room in the "house" and those gaining have to stay in the same room plus bring one cleaning item to eventually be awarded to the overall winner of the contest, a biggest loser.

Cotton News

Despite a weekly export sales report that showed an impressive new marketing year high, analysts said commodity funds and locals were more interested in selling, causing cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade to settle sharply lower Thursday.

USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Jan. 27 totaled 373,100 bales, 51 percent more than the previous week and 55 percent better than the four-week average. The major buyer was China with 131,800 bales followed by Indonesia and Turkey with acquisitions of 45,900 and 33,200 bales, respectively. Sales of 14,000 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for South Korea.

Export shipments of 249,000 bales were nine percent more than the previous

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Luminaria ceremony honors cancer survivors, those who lost the battle

A special luminaria ceremony held during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life-Bailey County remembers those lost to cancer and honors those who have survived.

Luminaria candles will be lit at Benny Douglas Stadium, Muleshoe High School, at 10 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

Anyone desiring to purchase a luminaria may do so by contacting Kim Cook at 272-5080 or 241-0083 or 272-5845, in Muleshoe.

Luminaria candles are available for a donation from the heart. All funds raised through these sales support the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

"It will be beautiful when all the bags with candles are illuminated around the track," said Kim Cook, Luminaria Chair.

"We hope to see enough to light the entire area."

Relay for Life brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

Former and current patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. This "celebration of life" takes place April 29, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. through April 30, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Benny Douglas Stadium at Muleshoe High School.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to

support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

Bailey County's cancer survivors will kick off Relay For Life on April 29, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. with the first official lap; then the rest of the participants join the fun. Information about purchasing luminaria, forming a team, or walking in the survivors lap is available from the American Cancer Society—

Bailey County representatives Kim Cook or Ester Lozano at 272-6780. For information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org <http://www.cancer.org>.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

The family of
Antonia S. Alfaro
would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, food, flowers and support extended to us during the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Special thanks to the Catholic church for providing the meal and also to Martin Pacheco and family for the music. The kindness shown to us during our time of grief will always be remembered.

Manuel Alfaro, Jr. and family, Juan Alfaro and family, Jessie & Oralia Sotelo and family, Olivia Barrera and family, Jimmy & Irma Marquez and family, Oscar Alfaro and family, Lydia Alfaro and family, Shawn & Sonia Rejino and family, Roberto & Nora Cruz and family, Jonas & Rachel Alfaro and family and Cisco & Erika Lopez and family

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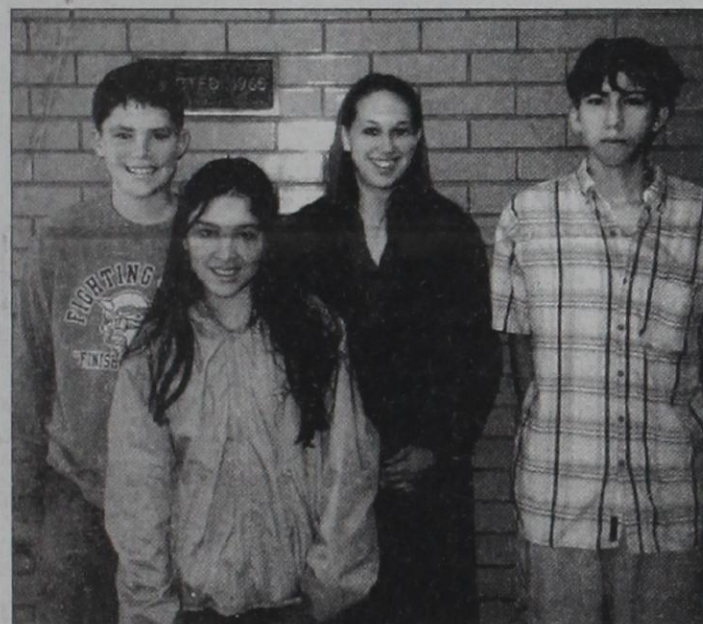
Lazbuddie Students of the Month for November



ELEMENTARY

The students of the month for November have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship, and leadership. They have proven to be an asset to their class and to their school. Each student was presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts. They are the following:

- Pre-Kindergarten - Priscilla Salazar, daughter of Jamie and Elizabeth Salazar.
- Kindergarten: Arrick Estrada, son of Ricky Estrada and Esmeralda Romely.
- First Grade: Kassidey Jones, daughter of Jeromie and Robin Jones.
- Second Grade: Fabiola Vargas, daughter of Juan and Irma Vargas.
- Third Grade: Katlyn Hicks, daughter of Scott and Tiffany Hicks.
- Fourth Grade: Chandler Barnes, daughter of Doug and Amy Barnes and Kolten Morris, son of Gail and Marca Morris.
- Fifth Grade: Tony Suderman, son of Peter and Aganetha Suderman.



HIGH SCHOOL

David Campos is the 16-year old son of Johnny and Sylvia Campos. His favorite musician is Good Charlotte; and candy, Mr. Goodbar. He will be attending Texas Tech University, and studying pharmacy. It creeps him out when people lick their fingers. He was chosen as student of the month because he gets all A's. Teachers say because he works hard and makes good grades.

Melanie Winders is the 17 year old daughter of Mike and Roxanne Winders. She likes George Strait and Almond Joy. She would like to attend Texas Tech because they have the best physical therapy school around. Mice creep Melanie out. She thinks she was chosen because everyone loves her. Her teacher says she works really hard.

JUNIOR HIGH

Logan Mason is the 12 year old son of Shane and Leshea Mason. He likes cholate. Logan would like to play basketball for the University of Texas. Snakes creep him out. He was chosen as student of the month because he gives people paper. His teacher says he tries hard at his work and is very respectful.

Joseline Garcia is the 12 year old daughter of Jesus Jose and Cruz Marquez. Her favorite candy is Snickers or gum. She wants to attend college at Clovis, New Mexico or Lubbock and learn to be a secretary. Snakes and spiders creep her out. She was chosen as a student of the month because she is perfect and smart. Her teacher says she is an excellent student and very respectful.

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week but two percent lower than the four-week average. Turkey, with 47,100 bales, was the primary destination. Mexico followed with shipments of 36,700 bales, and South Korea rounded out the list of the week's top three destinations with 31,300 bales.

Traders said the market was slowing down on Thursday both in anticipation of the Chinese New Year celebration and in response to three days of rising cotton futures prices.

In spot cotton news, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 22,673 bales online in the week ended Feb. 3 compared to the previous week when 30,576 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.70 to 35.03 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 35.69 to 36.88 cents per pound.

In other news, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), released its latest monthly assessment of the global cotton balance sheet. The changes were widely anticipated and preempted by USDA's figures in mid-Janu

Commentary

NBC's 'Fear Factor' sets bad example

On Jan. 29, NBC ran a segment of the reality show "Fear Factor" that required barefoot, handcuffed contestants to work their way through an electrified maze as they received numerous painful shocks. The set was designed to look like a high-voltage substation.

"Airing this ordeal and labeling it as entertainment was irresponsible and could encourage children to take similar unnecessary risks," said David Marricle, President/CEO of Bailey County Electric Cooperative. "Our goal at the cooperative is to

make the safest possible electric environment for members. At a minimum, an electric shock is painful. In extreme cases, a shock can kill."

NBC emphasized that the stunt was designed and monitored by professionals and that the general public should not attempt stunts using electricity, but participants on the show were not confident they should be attempting it either. "This isn't right," said one contestant. After completing the maze through groans and gritted teeth, another contestant said, "I'm still shaking; I can feel that (electric) pulse inside my body."

Bailey County Electric Cooperative reminds everyone to take electricity with deadly seriousness:

- * Use caution around electric appliances. Keep them away from water.
- * Never use or touch frayed electric cords.
- * Don't overload electric circuits.
- * Stay clear of electric fences.
- * Stay indoors during electrical storms.
- * Never cut the third prong on an electric cord.
- * If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything touching it.
- * If someone is in direct or

indirect contact with a downed line, do not touch the person. Call 911 instead.

- * Don't try to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the line by using another object such as a broom or stick.
- * Don't drive over downed power lines.
- * If a tree or a large branch is touching or falls on an electric line, call you electric cooperative immediately.
- * Never trim trees that grow close to power lines; that is a job for professionals. Call your electric co-op for assistance and guidance.
- * Don't allow children to climb trees or build tree houses close to power lines,

More diabetes information

Continued from a column in last week's paper
By Mandy Seaton
Bailey County Extension Agent

Once you know how many grams of carbohydrates you need each day—and when they should be eaten—you can plan your meals and snacks accordingly.

To determine how many grams of carbohydrates are in specific foods, you can use several methods. Read labels, if the food has one, or read books and other publications, visit Web sites of diabetes organizations and/or measure the foods on a scale.

For accurate carbohydrate count, make sure portion sizes are correct.

To guesstimate portion sizes—especially when eating away from home—let your hand guide you. For instance, your fist is about the same size as a one-cup portion; a handful is about one to two ounces; a palm is about three ounces; a thumb is about one ounce; and a thumb-tip is about one teaspoon.

PORTION CONTROL: One method of portion control and carbohydrate counting is called the plate method. Visualize a 9-inch plate. At least one-half of the plate should contain two servings of vegetables. The other half of the plate is divided in two—one is for a serving of bread, starch, vegetables, or grain, the other is for a serving of meat or protein (about the size of a deck of cards). In addition to the food on the plate, you can have one serving of a fat-free or low-fat dairy product.

When planning menus, allow for more vegetables and whole-grain breads or cereals, and eat smaller servings of meats, meat substitutes, starches, fruits, and low-fat milk.

The plate method can be handy when eating on a Buffet line. Mentally divide your plate in half and proceed as before.

Remember: Blood sugar levels will rise about the same amount whether you eat one serving of milk, one serving of starch, or one serving of fruit.

People with diabetes don't usually need to follow special menu plans or prepare special foods. By watching portion sizes and counting carbohydrates, they can eat the same foods their families do.

For more information on living with diabetes—especially type 2—plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program in Muleshoe. It will be hosted by the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition and Texas Cooperative Extension. Contact Mandy Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583, for more information.

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The Texas Pesticide Regulations contain recertification requirements for maintaining applicator skills and competency for safety and proper pesticide use through continuing education.

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Commercial and noncommercial applicators must earn a minimum of 5 credits per year, including a minimum of 1 CEU each in a choice of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management (IPM), or drift minimization.

Recertification credits can be obtained by attending a TDA accredited course. Currently there are several accredited sponsors

who offer continuing education courses either by self-study or over the internet.

Most of the courses have registration fees per credit hour.

Applicators must maintain these and self-certify CEU completion to renew their license.

Private applicators may also earn the required credits by passing the recertification exam that includes

questions on information covered in continuing education courses.

Applicators who fail to meet the requirements will be denied license renewal until the required credits are earned.

The recertification date for most licenses is February 28.

If your address has changed since you last received a pesticide applicator's license and or

your license information does not include a physical address TDA must be provided with this information via a change of information form.

Information about approved TDA courses or the

"change of information" form can be found by calling TDA 806-799-8555 or Texas Cooperative Extension 806-481-3300, 806-272-4583 or by internet at "http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/index.htm"

Health

Texas Medical Association: "A Healthy Texas Depends on Healthy Texans"

By Bohn D. Allen, MD
President, Texas Medical Association

Texas' health care system is seriously ill. The Texas Medical Association has a prescription to return the state to both physical and fiscal health: Healthy Vision 2010. We respectfully offer it to Texas legislators and the citizens they represent — the citizens we treat.

Our prescription for accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness applies to the entire system. Patients, physicians, other health care practitioners, hospitals, insurance companies, and government programs all must be accountable for changes that stretch our health care dollar and improve the health of all Texans.

We cannot underestimate the stakes. A healthy Texas depends on healthy Texans. A healthy Texas economy depends on a healthy Texas workforce. A healthy Texas tomorrow depends on healthy children today. Healthy Texans depend on a healthy physician practices and hospitals. Healthy Texans depend on making healthy lifestyle choices and informed health care decisions.

Texans are becoming older, poorer, sicker, and less well-educated. Our workers' compensation system has failed at returning injured workers to the job. More and more physicians' practices find they can't make ends meet. Medicaid and our county indigent care systems threaten to collapse of their own weight. Texans are put-

ting on far too much weight, exposing themselves to expensive and devastating diseases.

More Texans than anyone else in the country lack health insurance. When they get sick, they must rely on state and local taxpayers, physicians' and hospitals' charity care, or their own meager savings. As their numbers grow, premiums soar for employers and employees who still enjoy health care benefits. Every year, private health plans siphon off more of our health care dollars for "administration," and record profits.

Healthy Vision 2010 is the prescription to move the health care system out of intensive care. You can find it on our Web site at www.texasmed.org/healthyvision. Please read it closely. Here are some of the highlights:

Direct more of the Texas health care dollar to patient care. Health insurance plans are cutting back on the percent of premium dollars for direct patient care while running up even greater profits. Texas HMOs reported to the Texas Department of Insurance that administrative costs in 2003 exceeded \$2 billion—more than 15 percent of total costs. Reducing that by just 1 percent of the total would save \$130 million a year for direct patient care.

Maintain a strong and accountable Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. All Texans must be confident that their physicians are qualified, competent, and uphold the highest ethical

and professional standards. All Texas physicians must be confident in their fellow physicians' high standards as well.

Place no additional burdens on health care financing, including no new taxes on patient care. Taxing patient care is bad medicine. It will cost us jobs in the health care sector and be bad for our economy.

Devise fair reimbursement rates to stop the exodus of physicians from Medicaid, CHIP, and workers' compensation. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program reimburse physicians for less than half the actual cost of providing care. The average Texas physician provides \$35,000 per year in uncompensated care to Medicaid patients. It's even more in rural Texas and on the border.

Provide incentives for businesses that contract with the state or receive state economic development funds to provide employee health insurance. More than 5.5 million Texans, one in four of us, lack health insurance coverage. This includes almost 1.4 million children. The 39,500 physician and medical student members of the Texas Medical Association are dedicated to improving the health of all Texans. Since 1853, TMA has worked to advance professional standards, enhance the public health, and let physicians concentrate on making sick people well.

We pledge to share our Healthy Vision with Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David

Dewhurst, Speaker Tom Craddick, and members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives. We will work with the business community, our patients, and our colleagues in the health care marketplace to restore the Texas health care system to robust health.

Do not underestimate the stakes. A healthy Texas depends on healthy Texans.

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A. No! The only time that a creditor may just "take" property to cover the payment of a debt is when the creditor has what is called a "security interest." For example, the person who loaned you the money to purchase your car probably has a security interest in your car. If you don't pay, that creditor may repossess your car.

Unsecured creditors, that is those who have loaned money without taking a security interest, must sue before they have the right to

any of the debtor's property. In your case, you are an unsecured creditor. This means you must sue and be awarded a judgment, before you have any collection rights. After you receive your judgment, you may try to collect against any non-exempt property. I also should point out that even after you sue, you may not be entitled to take her car because it is probably exempt property.

Q. I am getting divorced and moving to a new location. Am I entitled to be removed from the lease my husband and I signed? I can't afford two apartments.

A. Without your husband's and the landlord's consent, you may not terminate your obligation under the lease, unless the lease has a provision saying you may.

The lease is a contract between you and your husband and the landlord. None of you may unilaterally change this relationship. For example, what if your husband was the one moving out? Do you think it

would be right for him to be able to leave you stuck with the obligation on the lease?

The lease obligation, however, may be dealt with as part of the divorce. I suggest you raise this issue with the attorney who is assisting you with your divorce.

Q. Do I have the right to use the side of my neighbor's fence that faces my property? I want to hang plants and he says I can't.

A. By describing it as your neighbor's fence you answer your own question. If it is his fence, you do not have any right to use it without his permission.

Q. Is it legal for a landlord to charge a larger pet deposit for a dog than a cat? It seems to me a cat can do more damage to an apartment.

A. Basically, there is no law protecting either dogs or cats from discrimination. A landlord can charge whatever amount he wants for a deposit, and can discriminate between species. In fact, if the landlord wanted to, he could allow dogs and prohibit cats.

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Agricultural News

USDA-NRCS seeking comments on Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking comments from Texas landowners and organizations on its flagship conservation costshare program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, is launching a comment period to allow public input on EQIP through March 15.

"NRCS periodically reviews and updates the EQIP priorities, with input from the public, to ensure the program continues to address the most important resource needs as well as any emerging resource issues," says Dr. Butler. The program originated in the 1996 Farm Bill and was re-authorized in 2002. "Updating the national priorities will help us prepare for the 2006 program year and for the next Farm Bill reauthorization in 2007."

Public listening sessions will be held in each State in coordination with the State Technical Committee. NRCS is looking for a wide array of public and stakeholder input from these sessions. Feedback from agricultural organizations, environmental groups, commodity organizations, agencies, individuals and others is encouraged.

A listening session will be held on March 1, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Del Valle Room, in Austin. In addition to State listening sessions, the Federal Register and the NRCS national website, www.nrcs.usda.gov, can be used to submit written comments. The culmination of the State listening sessions will be a national public listening session scheduled for the spring of 2005.

"These listening sessions are not exclusive to EQIP," adds Dr. Butler. "We also invite comments on our other programs, such as the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Wetlands Re-

serve Program, and Conservation Technical Assistance Program." NRCS will be providing updates on all Farm Bill program activities in Texas as a part of the listening session.

All comments received will be recorded and forwarded for national review and consideration in developing the 2006 EQIP and beyond. EQIP's national priorities, which NRCS uses to guide which producers will be selected for program funding, are:

1. Water Quality: Reductions of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDLs where available, as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination and the conservation of ground and surface water resources;

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3. Soil Erosion: Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and

4. Wildlife Habitat: Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation.

The following questions will be used to guide comments on the EQIP national priority portion of the session:

1) What emerging natural resource issues are not addressed by the current national EQIP priorities? Identify the nature of the concern and its extent or significance within Texas.

2) What modifications, if any, are needed to the four existing National priorities? Do these existing priorities continue to reflect the critical national resource needs and concerns?

A compilation of inputs from the States will be presented at the National Listening Session tentatively scheduled for this spring. Further details on the National Listening Session will be forthcoming.

Comments can be faxed to 254-742-9819, emailed to norman.bade@tx.usda.gov or sent by U.S. mail to Norman P. Bade, Assistant

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Commentary

Managing diabetes by reading nutrition labels

By Mandi Seaton,
Bailey County Agent-FCS

One of the best tools to use for establishing healthy eating habits is reading nutrition labels.

People with diabetes especially should read the fat, fiber, sodium, and carbohydrate content of their packaged foods. In particular, they should look for "hidden sugars," which are added to foods but not labeled as "sugar." Some of these ingredients are sucrose, fructose (and many other words that end with "ose"), corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup, dextrin, sugar alcohols, molasses, sorghum, honey, brown sugar and invert sugar.

But that's not the only information to be found by reading labels. The fat, fiber, and sodium content of foods are also listed.

People with diabetes can eat healthier if they limit total fat intake to 30 percent or less of their daily calories; 10 percent or less should be saturated fats.

If a food is labeled "fat-free," that means it has less than 0.5 grams of fat. Other definitions are:

- * Low-fat: contains three grams of fat or less;
- * Reduced fat: has at least 25 percent less fat than similar foods that are not reduced fat;
- * Cholesterol-free: contains less than two milligrams cholesterol and two grams or less saturated fat;
- * Low cholesterol: has 20 milligrams or less cholesterol and two grams saturated fat;
- * Reduced cholesterol: has at least 25 percent less cholesterol and two grams or less saturated fat.

While decreasing fat intake, people with diabetes and anyone else who wants to eat healthier should increase fiber intake to help lower levels of glucose and fat in the blood. In a healthful meal plan, about 25 to 30 grams of fiber should be consumed each day.

A good source of fiber provides three to five grams or 10 percent to 19 percent of the daily value of fiber. High fiber sources provide five grams, or 20 percent or more. Whole-grain products are a good source of dietary fiber.

People with diabetes often need to watch their salt intake

too, and label information can help there. When checking for salt content, watch for words "salt," "sodium," or "soda."

Helpful definitions regarding sodium content of foods include:

- * Sodium-free: contains less than 5 milligrams of sodium;
 - * Very low sodium: contains 35 milligrams of sodium or less;
 - * Low sodium: contains 140 milligrams or less;
 - * Reduced sodium: contains 25 percent less sodium.
- Calorie count is also an important aspect of label-reading. Watch for these terms:
- * Calorie-free: contains less than 5 calories per serving;
 - * Low-calorie: contains 40 calories or less per serving;
 - * Sugar-free: contains less than 1 gram of sugar per serving;
 - * Reduced sugar: contains at least 25 percent less sugar;
 - * Artificially sweetened: contains artificial sweetener;
 - * Juice-packed: packed in natural fruit juice;
 - * Water-packed: packed in water.

If a label claims a food is "Lite" or "Light," use caution. No federal regulations define these terms so read the label carefully.

When it comes to reading labels, remember the first ingredient listed is the one the product contains the most of, by weight. Ingredients are listed in descending order by weight, greatest to least, on labels, so if sugar is listed at the top of the list, the food probably contains too much sugar.

Because more and more people those with diabetes and many without are interested in eating healthier, many food manufacturers are producing more and more healthful foods. Knowing how to interpret food labels can help with meal planning and food enjoyment.

For more information on living with diabetes * especially type 2 - plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program in Muleshoe. It will be hosted by the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition and Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX. 79347, 806-272-4583.

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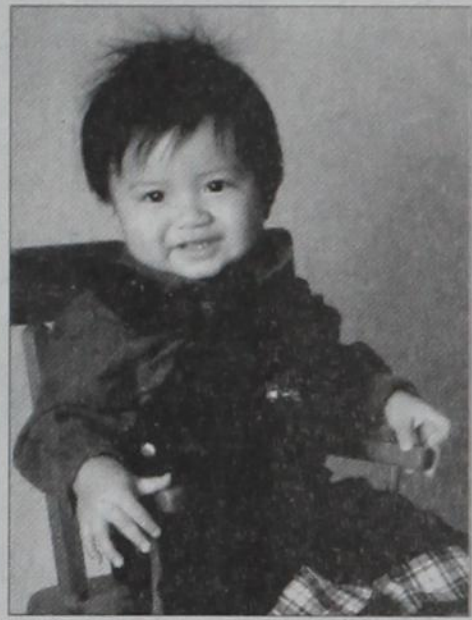
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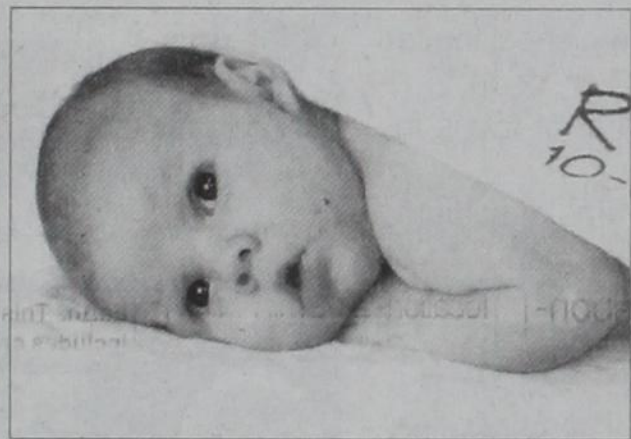
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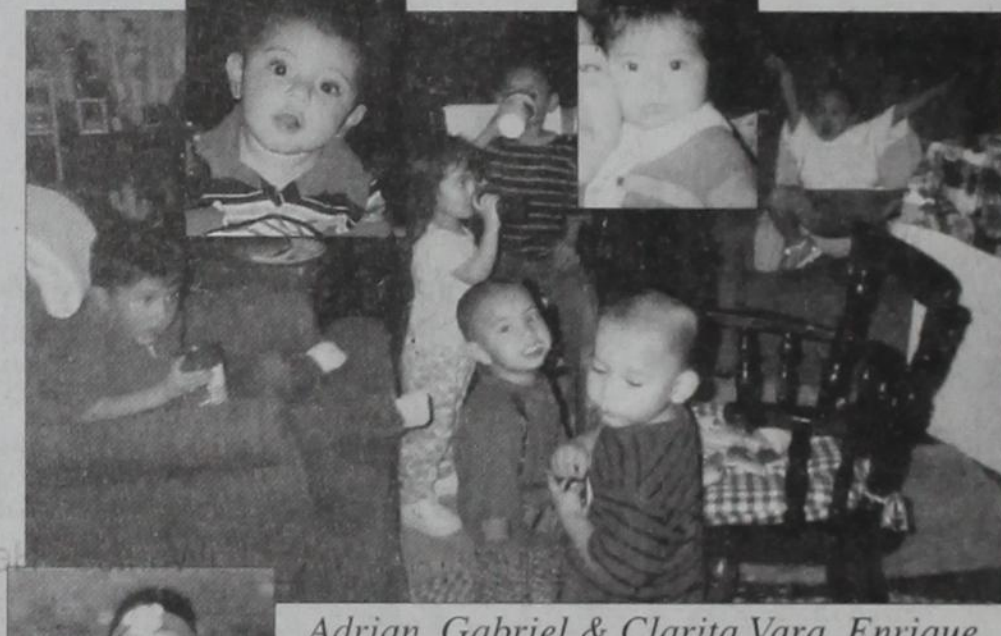
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Saturday, February 19, 2005 Sale Time 9:37 A.M.
Located: Morton, Texas, 2 Miles north on Texas Hwy 214, then 1/4 mile east on F.M. Hwy. 597 to first sale site 1/2 miles east to second sale site. (Auction will start at 9:37 a.m. at sale site #1, after completion at sale site #1 approximately 2 hours, we will move to sale site #2.) Kenneth Egger & Others --- OWNERS For More Information Call: (806) 296-5050
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1-1976 Freightliner Conventional Truck Tractor 400 Cummins Eng. - 13 Sp. R.R. Trans. - Twin Screw - 11R - 24.5 Rubber - Small Sleeper
1-1995 Chevrolet 1500 Chevy Pick-up - Ext. Cab - SWB 350 Engine - AT - O/D - R - H - A/C - Cassette - P/S - P/S - 152,000 miles
1-1989 Ford F-750 Big Job Grain Truck S.A. - 1/8 Eng. - 4sp. - 2sp. - Grain Bed & Host
1-John Deere Cotton Module Builder - 32' Stripper Model - Cab
1-1989 Willys 400 Bushel 2 Wheel Grain Cart
1-United Farm Tool 400 Bushel - 2 Wheel Grain Cart
1-1968 Ford F-600 S.A. Grain Truck V8 Eng. - 4sp. - Zap. - Factory Bed & Host (Has not run in several years)

EQUIPMENT

1-Kruse Model 1407-25 Hyd. F/W Tandem Disc Plow
1-Sam Stearns 3pt. 12 Row, 40' Row, Crisp Knifing Row - 4'x6' Bar
1-John Deere 3pt. 12 Row, 40' Row, Crisp Knifing Row - 4'x6' Bar
1-Case 12 Row, 40' Row Knifing Culti- vator DSB - GW - Guide Cone Gauge Wheels
1-Custom Built 3pt. 12 Row, 40' Row, Hyd. Drive Roadwrecker, Hyd. F/W DSB Roadwrecker
1-RAC 3pt. 6 Row Ripper - Roper TSB, LTM
1-John Deere 8 Row, 3pt. 7 1/2 Flex Planter on Double 2 1/4' Rows - F/G Boxes
1-Sam Stearns 8 Row 3pt. Crisp Knifing Row - 4'x4' Bar
1-RAC 8 Row, 3pt. Fertilizer Rig w/ Shanks
1-Tandem Plow
1-Case 12 Row D. Shredder
1-Hampson 20' Chisel-Sweep plow TSB, LTM - Gwy. - Hyd.
1-Hampson 12 Row Rotary Hoe - 4'x7' Hyd. F/W Bar

EQUIPMENT-CONTINUED

1-Johnson 3pt. 12 Row Hyd. F/W Bar w/ Handy Rotary Hoop
1-Tye 3 pt. Series W Grain Drill - 30 - 10" Spaced Big Box D.D. - P.W.
1-John Deere DR - 16x10 Grain Drill - Levers
1-Disc w/ Legume Planting Attach
1-Servis 1310 - 4 Row D.T. Shredder
1-SAS, 43, D.T. Field Cultivators - F/W - Incorporators
1-Olive In Turnow, Semi Mount 6'x16' Moleboard Plow
1-Scotiab 6 Bottom Clobuster Packer
1-Bigham Bros., 6 Bottom Clobuster Packer
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1-Sam Stearns, 25 Row, D.T. Sand Fighter
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1-IHC, 6Fl., D.T. One-way
1-John Deere, 3pt., 7' Slickie Mower
1-Phares Willys D.T. 4 Row Fall Shredder
1-Kruse 411 - 14' Tandem Disc Plow
1-3pt. L/R Arm Crane 1 - 7FL, 3pt. Blade
1-3pt. 2 Prong Forklift Hay Bale Mover
TANKS-TRAILERS-SPRAYERS-BOOMS
1-7,000 Gallon Metal Fuel Storage Tank on Short Stand w/ 220 Volt Pump (This Tank Located at Sale Site #1 and will sell probably within 2 hours of starting time.)
1-1,000 Gallon 2008 W.P. Propane Tank
1-500 Gallon 2508 W.P. Propane Tank - 4 Wheel Trailer
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1-550 Gallon Metal Fuel Nurse Tank
1-TA - 12 Vol Pump - Bumper Pull
1-John Deere, 4 Wheel Water Nurse Trailer w/ 1,000 Gal. Tank - 5 HP Pump - Mixing Tank
1-Sam Stearns 3pt. 24 Row (40 Row) Hyd. F/W Spray Boom
1-12 Row, 3pt. Spray Rig - Drop Nozzles - Hyd. F/W 4'x4' Bar
1-Wylie Twin 250 Gallon Side Mount Spray Tanks Case I.H. Quick Tach Brackets
1-200 Gallon, 3pt. Sprayer w/ Hi Volume Broadcast Nozzle
1-1100 Gallon Water Nurse Tank Trailer - 4 Wheel
2-PMC 8 Row F.M. Popewick Herbicide Applicators
1-4 Seal Front Mount Spot Sprayer Bracket
3-Cobey 4 Wheel Wide Track Trailer Chassis
1-16 Ft. Utility Trailer - T.A. - w/Rails - Bumper Pull
1-Set 250 Gallon Side Mount Tractor Spray Rig - w/ Pump
12-Max Electric Eye Herbicide Units
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1-Sig 12 - 4 Wheel, 24' Flatbed Trailer
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50-Round Bales Wheat Hay
1-Railroad Box Car (To Be Moved) Located From Bledsoe Texas 5 miles North on F.M. 959 to C.R. 110 Then 2 mile East, then 100 yds. South in Field

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1-Set Sam Stearns 13 Row, Row Markers
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1-Case IH 6 Row Early Riser Planter Units on 8 Row Bar - Double Bases - For Parts
1-Set 18.4x38 Tires & Wheels
1-RAC 3pt., 28 DSB Tool Carrier - LTM
1-Lot 1'x3' Shanks & Clamps
2-Sets 40' Row Wheel Spreader Spools - (Rear Axle 7140)
1-3pt., 2 Row, 4'x7' Toolbar
1-Demco 12 Tube Liquid Squeeze Pump
1-CDS 8 Tube Liquid Squeeze Pump
1-Lot Trees & Wheels - Tractor & Implement - Automotive
10-Inch, Row Diker Units
1-Lot Ace Pumps
1-Lot Hyd. Cylinders
1-Lot Toolbar Stabilizer Couplers
1-Lot John Deere Lister Beams & Bottoms
1-Lot Planter Plates - Parts 1H.C. & J.D.
1-Lot Plow Parts - Rotary Hoe Wheels
12-John Deere Rotary Fenders
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1-PI Bull D/A Electric Grinder
1-Air Power Manual Tire Changer
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1-Portable Gas Powered Air Compressor
2-Wheel Bote Cart
1-Aluminum Extension Ladder
1-Radiator Tester
1-Lot Power Tools - Electric & Air
1-Lot Manual Hand Tools - Sockets - Etc.
2-Bulane Shop Heaters
2-Portable Air Tanks
1-Lot Bolt & Parts Bins - Shelves - Cabinets
1-Lot Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Screws, Nails, Etc.
4-Metal Parts Bins 3 - Sweep Racks
2-Tire Racks 3 - Wooden Bolt & Parts Bins
1-Shop Grease
1-Lot Items too Numerous to Mention

NON-CLASSIFIED

1-Lot 4 Chain Link Fence, Wire Post, Rails
2-Barrel Stands
1-Mayrath 4" Drill Fill Auger, 12 Volt
1-Lot Assorted Farm Chemicals
1-Lot Chains, Booms - Come-A-Longs
2-Kawasaki 4 Wheel Sprayers (For work & Parts)
1-Ford 460 Engine (For Parts)
5-Bags Confectionary Sun Flower Seed
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1-Lot Oil & Grease
1-Lot Scrap Iron
1-Lot Items too Numerous to Mention

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Lamb County - 1077 acres, 13 wells, 9 center pivots, soils suitable for peanuts and potatoes. Nice home, shop and other out buildings.

Earth - 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 bath, double garage, shop/storage building. Very affordable.

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HIGHLAND AREA
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LENEXA - COUNTRY CLUB AREA
•2-1-2 carport Home, floor furn, heat, win. evap. air, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$33.5K!! L-1

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•VERY NICE 3-3-2 + 2 carport Brnk Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2394' Lv. area, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$84K!! HS-5
•3-1-1 carport home, crn lot, cent. A&H, therm win & drs, metal trim. More!! \$47K!! HS-8

VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brnk corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, spkfr. sys., cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd., 2350'lv. area!! \$75K

COMMERCIAL
•525' frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop,

24' x 30' office, chain link fence!! \$21K!
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RURAL
•S. OF FARWELL - 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built - ins, 4560' lv. area, 350' basement w/ vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6' well, barns, & corral!! MORE!! \$339K!!

• PARMER CO. - 340 ac. tract & 163 ac. tract, good soil, allotments, & yields, lays good, 2 wells & 2 circle spkfr. on 340 & 2 wells & 1 circle spkfr. on 163!! PRICED TO SELL!!

•PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' off area, 16,900' comm bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!

VLB from front page

veterans," Patterson said. "No other state can match what the VLB offers: low-cost home, land and home improvement loans, nursing homes and cemeteries — all exclusively for Texas veterans or their spouses. And all of our programs are self-funding, which is good news for Texas taxpayers."

Information on Veterans Land Board loans for land, home purchases and home improvement is available at 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387) and the agency's Web site at www.texasveterans.com. Information is also available on Texas State Veterans Homes for veterans or their spouses who need affordable, skilled nursing care. In late 2005, the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery near Killeen will provide an honored place of rest for veterans and their spouses.

Marine from front page

Francis said he and his outfit asked for toys to be sent to them. On each patrol, Francis and his fellow Marines take as many toys as they can fit in their pockets. They hand the toys out to Iraqi children, who take the toy and run away, beaming with joy, showing the gift to everyone they know.

Francis said the Marines like handing out the toys to the children. They are the truly innocent bystanders of the war. Francis said most of them have no idea what's going on around them.

One day in December, Francis said his unit was on patrol when the lead security vehicle stopped in the middle of the street.

"That is not normal and is very unsafe," Francis told his wife.

Francis said the other vehicles immediately radioed ahead to find out what was going on. They learned a little girl was sitting in the middle of the road and refused to budge from the spot.

The order was to be kind to the little girl and drive around her. Francis said that particular street was wide enough to go around the girl without going off the street.

The Marines waved to the little girl as they drove around her. The girl sat there, clutching a stuffed bear the Marines gave her on a previous patrol.

When Francis spotted the girl, he said he felt an immediate connection with the child. Francis radioed the other vehicles and told them to stop.

"I got out to make sure she was OK," Francis said in his letter. "The little girl looked scared and concerned, but there was a warmth in her eyes toward me. As I knelt down to talk to her, she moved over and pointed to a mine in the road."

Francis said it was a mine his convoy would have hit. He realized the girl was sitting in the street in an effort to save their lives.

The area was blocked off. Francis said the mine was detonated. No one was injured.

Francis said the people in America who sent the toy to Iraq to give to a child and American Marines who gave the bear to the girl, created a connection that motivated the girl to sit in the street and save their lives.

Francis said politics aside, if the U.S. continues to support this girl and her new government, she will know what it is to be free, to have a future to believe in.

Francis said all the Americans who are backing the effort by sending toys and other items are also a vital part of that mission.

Cotton conference slated

The Hale/Swisher Counties Cotton Conference is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11, at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$10 at the door. This will include lunch and program materials.

The conference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in the cotton production industry.

Key speakers will include: Jay Yates, Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Jim Leser, Deana Sageser, Dr. Ted McCollum, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Gerald McMasters, Greg Cronholm, Michael Clawson and Michael Dolle.

This event is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension - Hale County, Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank, Great Plains Ag Credit and Hale County Farm Bureau.

Five continuing education units will be available by attending the conference.

The agenda and registration information may be obtained through the Hale County Extension office at 806/291-5267 or Swisher County Extension office at 806/995-3726.

Addresses for charitable giving

- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Hope Chest, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe, TX 79347; or call 965-2619; or drop by the Muleshoe State Bank to talk with Janice
- Bailey County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Meals on Wheels, 300 1st St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053
- Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411
- Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727

For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.

If you would like to be added to this published list, please contact the Journal with your mailing address and phone number at 272-4536.

Seniors from pg. 14

mission is \$4.00 per person. The DJ's will be Clovis favorites, Daryle and Bobbie Stephens.

Mandi Seaton, our County Extension Agent will be bringing a Nutrition program to the Seniors at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 15. She will explain how our senior meals are chosen and prepared to provide optimum nutritional value to our seniors.

Mandi is also preparing other programs, such as health, educational and crafts for the Senior Citizens.

On Monday, Feb. 28, Kathy Payne, LVN, of Calvert Home Health Care, Inc. of Littlefield is bringing a foot care program and assessing foot care needs.

Birthdays will be recognized on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 12 noon.

On Monday, Feb. 14, at noon, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day with a special program.

The menu for next week is:

Monday, Feb. 14: Polish sausage, baked beans, okra, coleslaw, cornbread and sugar cookies.

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Ham and beans, rice, spinach, biscuit and banana pudding

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, cornbread and fruit salad

Thursday, Feb. 17: Beef tips with gravy, new potatoes in sauce, broccoli, pickles, hot roll, brownies

Friday, Feb. 18: Chili, noodles, peas and carrots, wheat roll, oranges and bananas

Honors

GALLMAN

Kendra Donette Gallman, daughter of Robert and Ellen Gallman of Lazbuddie, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

Gallman is a 2001 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and is a senior at Texas Tech, majoring in interior design.

LOPEZ

Matthew James Lopez, the son of Mike and Rachel Lopez of Muleshoe was named to the President's Honor List for the 2004 Fall Semester at Texas Tech University. That honor is awarded only to students who have attained a GPA of 4.0 during the semester. A sophomore at Tech, he is seeking a degree in criminal justice and is a 2002 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

It's Time for the Muleshoe Journal's 11TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST

Enter any child born in 2004 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the March 24 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2004 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 28, 2005. NOTE: Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Friday, March 18 at 5 pm

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2004's Cutest Baby!

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

Baby's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Weight at Birth: _____

Length at Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Mom & Dad's Name: _____

Grandparent's Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

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