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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Romeo & Juliette united

JULIETTE, Ga. — In February — when thoughts turn to romance — post offices in the Valentines, Lovings, and Cupids of the country stack up with mail from people who want those postmarks on their heartfelt greetings.

Juliette, Ga., and Romeo, Mich., have added another twist. For the third year now, they are offering matching postmarks. When a Valentine is mailed from one, it is forwarded to the other at no extra charge. Juliette has a postmark in the form of a female silhouette, while Romeo uses a male figure.

It was begun by Romeo Postmaster Alex Stubbs, who was pleased when a clerk discovered America's only Juliette, an unincorporated burg northwest of Macon. Stubbs contacted Molton, and the 48865 ZIP code began a steady correspondence with Georgia's 31046.

### MAHD boss guest speaker

Muleshoe hospital district administrator Jim Bone will be the guest speaker Thursday at the 16th & D Church of Christ's monthly Soup & Salad luncheon.

Bone is expected to talk about the future of health care and what lies ahead for the hospital district.

The luncheon is held from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall of the church. They are open to the public on a free-will donation basis.

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### MHS hosts Dimmitt in scrimmage

Muleshoe is scheduled to host Dimmitt in a baseball scrimmage at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the city park baseball field.

### MEETINGS

Thursday — Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation Board, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall. The board will discuss a policy statement for economic development incentive packages, the 1999 Quest for Cash program and promotion budget plus two other items.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Feb. 3  
Winning numbers: 10-25-33-46-48-49  
Estimated jackpot: \$7 million  
Winners: none  
Next drawing: Saturday, Feb. 6  
Estimated jackpot: \$10 million

### On this date in history

Feb. 11 — The Yalta Conference in Crimea between Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill concluded (1945).

Feb. 12 — China becomes a republic when the Manchu Dynasty is overthrown by Chinese Nationalists led by Sun Yat-sen (1912).

Feb. 13 — The oldest public school in America, Boston Latin, is established in Boston, Massachusetts (1635).

### LOCAL WEATHER

	High	low	Pre.
Friday	62	37	—
Saturday	61	46	—
Sunday	70	38	—
Monday	70	37	—

### EXTENDED FORECAST

Mostly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of light snow in the morning. Sunny and warmer Friday with highs in the 50s. Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with highs 60-70.

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## County requests state aid in covering cost of trials

By PATTI DRIVER  
Journal staff writer

The Bailey County Commissioners Court approved a proposal asking for assistance from the state to offset the high cost of capital murder trials Monday during a regular monthly meeting.

The Court passed a "capital murder trial" resolution that requests the State Legislature provide assis-

tance to limit county liability for capital murder trials. The resolution will now be sent to Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney, who represents Bailey County.

Lavaca County originated and passed a capital murder trial resolution in January of 1999. The county sent letters to all 254 counties in Texas of which 169 have a population less than 25,000. Lavaca

County Commissioner Glen Blundell said the proposal was drafted following the capital murder trial of a man accused of murdering a state trooper in neighboring Jackson county. The trial cost the county more than \$1 million.

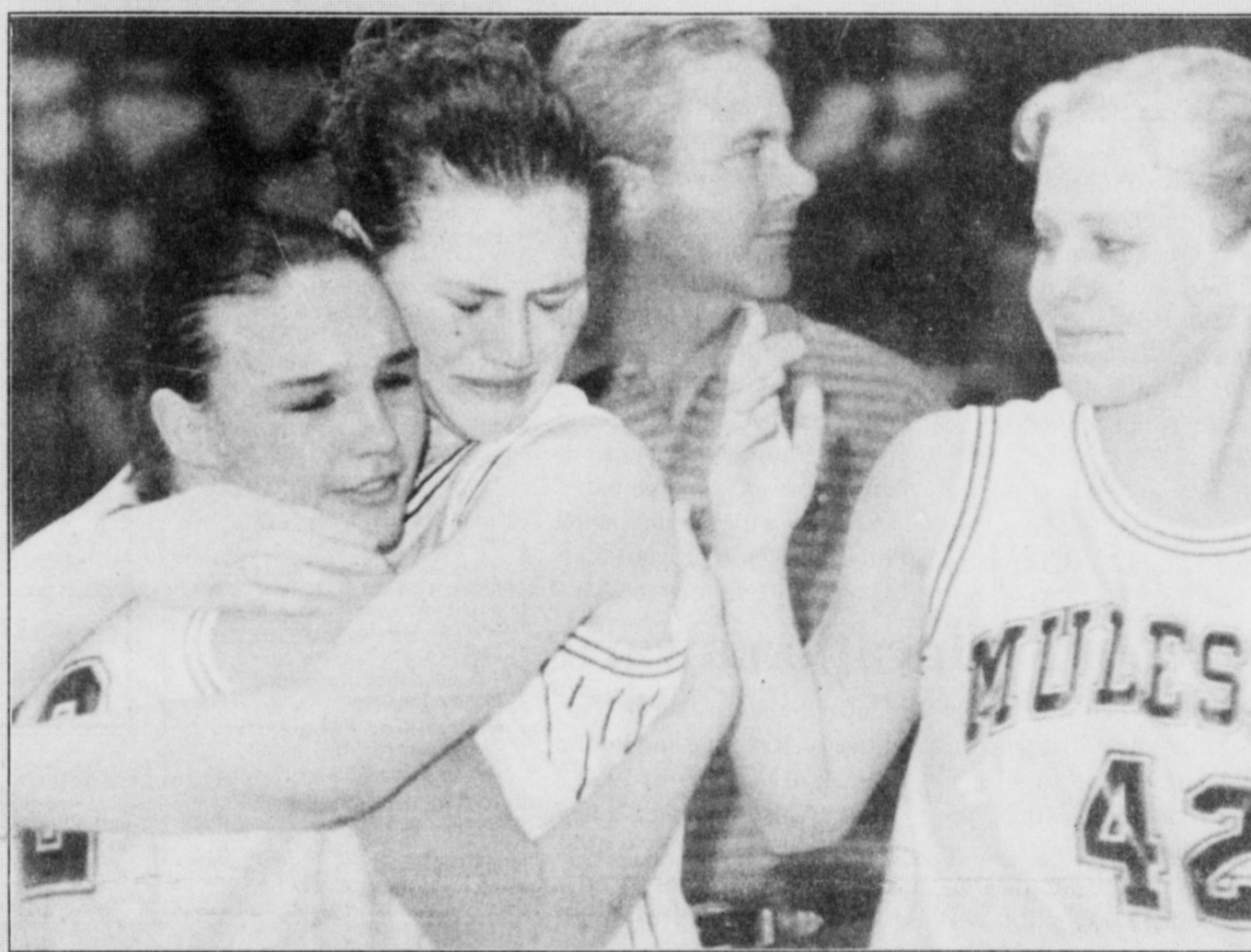
As of now, the entire cost of capital murder trials is born by the county. The cost of one capital

murder trial can devastate the budget of a small or medium county and a county is unable to adjust their budgets during a fiscal year to absorb the large expense, the resolution stated.

Bailey County learned first-hand in the Joseph Carpenter capital murder trial of October of 1998.

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## Senior sendoff



Junior Lysie Black gives senior Erin Wilhite a hug on Friday during a Senior's Night ceremony at WJHS gym. Senior Ellen Wood is looking on. All senior cheerleaders and basketball players were introduced along with their parents between games of a doubleheader with Shallowater.

JOURNAL PHOTO BY RICK WHITE

## A long time coming

### It's been 42 years since Muleshoe's last boys' district title

Some of the parents of current players were probably still in diapers — or not even born yet — the last time Muleshoe won a boys district basketball title.

The Mules held off determined Shallowater 65-50 Friday and captured their first league title since 1957.

Most of the players on the 1956-57 team have long since moved or passed away in the 42 years since winning the district title.

"We had a string of pretty decent athletes in that time period," remembered Darrell Oliver, a freshman reserve on the team. "We weren't really big — we were all about six foot — but we could run and shoot

the ball pretty well."

The team was coached by legendary disciplinarian Wayne Mantooh, who to this day Oliver still calls "probably the meanest man I ever met."

Oliver, director of sales and service with Lubbock Power & Light said he read about this year's district-winning team and still hopes to catch one of their games.

After capturing the District 1-AA title with an 8-2 record in 1957, Muleshoe won two playoff games before being eliminated by Seminole 72-59 in the Region I championship game held at Lubbock Memorial Coliseum.

The Mules finished the season at

23-8.

Black scored a season-high 32 points and Charles Jennings added 10 in a 62-58 bi-district win against Floydada. Muleshoe then upset the Wellington Skyrockets 52-48 in the first round of the regional tournament as Jennings scored 19, Eddie Wilt added 12 and center Don "Okie" Alexander finished with 11.

Black, who passed away in April, scored 18 points in the championship game loss to Seminole with Wilt adding 13.

Black averaged 12.8 points per game. Jennings joined him in double figures at 12.3. Wilt and Bob Sand-

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## Mules clinch crown

Every night it seems to be someone different making the big play for Muleshoe.

It was Mitch Mason's turn Friday in a 65-60 against Shallowater Friday in a District 2-3A boys games at WJHS gym

The junior guard buried a wide-open 3-pointer from the corner to help thwart a late Shallowater rally and wrap up the Mules' first district title since 1957. MHS had already clinched a playoff berth.

"I've been telling the kids all year that we have a chance to do something that hasn't been done in a long, long time," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said. "But we still need to take it one game at a time and not be looking ahead to the playoffs."

Muleshoe (20-7 overall, 8-0 in district) still has road games left against Friona and Lubbock Cooper.

Mitch Mason's 3-pointer gave Muleshoe a 60-55 advantage with 1:30 left after Shallowater twice had crept within a point.

Coach Mason has praised his team all season for its ability to find a way to win the close games.

"We don't push the panic button like we might have in the past," the coach said. "We just take what's there. The kids really don't care who takes the last shot and that's been a big part of our success."

Ten 3-pointers combined with the strong inside game of senior post Dustin Cleavinger,

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## MHS art students shine at events

Two Muleshoe High School students will be sending their artwork to the Visual Arts Scholastic event at the University of Texas, Arlington in April.

Paul Rodriguez, freshman, will have his scratch board titled "Table Service" entered in the statewide competition. Roxanne Garcia, sophomore, will take her collage titled "Wynonna." Rodriguez and Garcia placed in the top 10 percent of those entrants who received a superior rating in the Division 1 contest held Feb. 6 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Twenty one art students from Muleshoe High School entered the competition sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association. Judging consists of an evaluation of the artwork

concerning art elements and principles and an interview with the student. All Muleshoe entries received an excellent rating or above. Eighteen received a superior rating. The superior ratings were then rejudged and the top 10 percent were chosen for further competition at the state level.

Students receiving a "4" rating and medals for their work include: Robert Hasley, Jessica Carpenter, Robin Cowart (2), John Ellis (2), Bryce Embry, Carmen Flores, Jonathan Garcia, Phillip Hardt, Ryan Hodge (2), Joey Mata, Kyle McDaniel (2), and Iesha Norman.

Students receiving a "3" rating and certificates of merit were Dusty Kidd,

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Top talent  
Muleshoe High art students Roxanne Garcia and Paul Rodriguez recently qualified for a state-level art competition in Austin this spring sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association.

## AROUND MULESHOE

### Internet workshops offered by MISD

Two Internet workshops conducted by Muleshoe Independent School District technology coordinator Don McElroy are being offered February.

The hands-on workshops, which will use Netscape Navigator, are open to the public and free of charge. The classes will be held in the computer lab at DeShazo Elementary.

The first two-day workshop is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22-23. The second is Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24-25.

Reservations are suggested for the classes because computer space is limited.

To register call 272-7318. The registration deadline is Feb. 19.

### Caswell makes president's list at Tech

Samantha Anne Caswell, daughter of Pete and Belinda Caswell of Needmore, has been named to the president's list at Texas Tech University for fall semester 1998.

Samantha, a junior, earned a 4.0 grade point average last semester.

### St. Ann's holding sausage dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their

annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, February 14.

Dinner will be served from 11:30-2:00 in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts, tea, and coffee.

Donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 8-and-under. Take out plates will be available at no extra charge. Sausages will be available by the pound the day of the dinner.

### Lazbuddie 3-on-3 hoop tournament

The Lazbuddie Shoot-Out 3-on-3 Basketball Festival, sponsored by the Lazbuddie senior class, is scheduled for April 22-24 at the Lazbuddie High School gym.

The entry fee is \$40 per team with divisions consisting of Elementary, Junior High, High School, Adult, and Coed (2 men, 2 women). The entry deadline is April 16. For additional information contact: Lazbuddie High School, PO Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053 or 806-965-2152, Debbie Weir at 806-965-2302, or Sarah Black at 806-965-2149.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items can be mailed (PO Box 449), called in (272-4536) or faxed (272-3567).

## Animal group protests Groundhog Day

What groundhog in America wouldn't be envious of the attention heaped on Punxsutawney Phil each year on Groundhog Day?

After all, Phil finds himself the center of attention every Feb. 2 during Groundhog Day ceremonies in Pennsylvania. (By the way, Phil didn't see his shadow this morning, meaning an early spring.)

It appears someone wants to take Phil's fun away. The People for the Ethical Treat-

ment of Animals is trying to get organizers of the annual festival to leave Phil alone. They claim Groundhog Day festivities are cruel to him.

PETA has even tried to recruit actor Bill Murray, star of the movie, "Groundhog Day" to help it in the campaign. Murray has not replied to the request.

"Someone's got to speak for the groundhogs," PETA's Dan Matthews told Neal Travis of the New York Post. "This poor

creature is dragged into the daylight with people screaming at him. You only have to look into his eyes to see how bewildered he is by the whole thing."

Mike Johnston, the Groundhog Day festival organizer, disputes Matthews' claims. He says Phil is a treasured rodent who lives the "Life of Riley." He says Phil's safety and well-being are always monitored.

Let's hope the fat-and-happy Phil is correct in prognosticating an early end to winter.

## Laney receives teacher's education award

AUSTIN—James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, has been selected as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 1998-1999 Friend of Education in the public official category.

TCTA presents the award annually to honor a statewide elected official who has shown extraordinary commitment to public education in Texas.

Laney will be honored on Feb. 5 in Austin at the opening session of TCTA's annual convention. He will be recognized with Retired Col. William H. Casper of Mineral Wells, selected as Friend of Education in the private citizen category.

Some 600 educators from across the state will attend the TCTA convention to discuss current education issues, including the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature. Delegates to the convention will elect the Association's 1999-2000 statewide officers and district directors, and they will make policy decisions for the 40,000-member nonprofit organization.

Laney has served as a state Representative since 1972, and has been House speaker since 1993. He was re-elected to his fourth term as speaker on Jan. 12, making him the top-ranking Democrat in state government. As speaker, Laney is responsible for all House committee assignments and has tremendous influence on the day-to-day workings of the House and its committees.

Laney was named TCTA Friend of Education because of his long history of support for Texas public schools, said TCTA President Sue Barker of Whitesboro.

"During his terms as Speaker, Laney has placed the highest priority on education, with a particular emphasis on ensuring the equitable distribution of education funding," Barker said. "Education had been the focus of the House under his leadership, from the creation of a constitutional school finance system in 1993, to the rewrite of the Education Code in 1995 and the appoint-

ment of the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding in 1997." Laney also has been a key figure in the House of Representatives opposing the diversion of funding from public schools to private schools, Barker added.

TCTA has presented Friend of Education awards since 1976. Nominees are evaluated according to their leadership roles, actions and support that have benefited public education.

In addition to honoring the Friend of Education recipients, TCTA will present 1998-1999 awards to Tom Miller of Midland, Administrator of the Year in the elementary school category, Joanne Rice of San Angelo, Administrator of the Year in the middle/secondary school category, and Richard Rivera of Weslaco, Administrator of the Year in the central office category; Paul Douglas Belton of Borger, School Board Trustee of the Year; Juanita Fleming Harman, long-time Midland ISD teacher now residing in Granbury, Retiree of the Year; and media award winners Michelle Melendez of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Staci Semrad of the Wichita Fall Times Record News, and Doug Wilson of WFAA-TV in Dallas.

TCTA is a nonprofit, non-union professional association that was founded in 1927.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Muleshoe will hold a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at City Hall, in regard to the Texas Community Development Program project that has recently been completed.

The TCDP project involved water and sewer improvements for the City of Muleshoe. This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of the water and sewer improvement project and to receive citizen comment.

Citizens who wish to comment but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to City Secretary Mary Highs at 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. 79347. Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Tommie Evans at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721.

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Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking. —H.L. Mencken

### Sandhill cranes getting ready to leave Refuge

Thousands of lesser sandhill cranes are presently roosting nightly on Paul's Lake at the northeast side of the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

They will soon be leaving the South Plains on their annual northward spring migration.

The spring migration normally occurs between mid-January and mid-February. The largest number of cranes observed this year was 17,000 on Feb. 3.

The migrating cranes will spend a few weeks along the North Platte River Valley in Nebraska before continuing toward nesting sites in northern Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

Sunset is the best time to observe the cranes at the refuge when they are returning to Paul's Lake to roost. Most will be gone after the first week in March, according to refuge manager Don Clapp.

eye on Texas

### Income tax refunds

More than 1.8 million Texans applied for income tax refunds under the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 1998. EITC refunds may be sent to:

- Families with two or more children, and a gross income of no more than \$30,095. The maximum refund could be \$3,756 in this category.
- Families with one child, and a gross income of no more than \$26,473. Maximum refund: \$2,271.
- Families consisting of adults between the age of 25 and 64 with no children, and a gross income of less than \$10,030. Maximum refund: \$341.

To inquire about the Earned Income Tax Credit:

- Visit your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center
- Call IRS toll-free: 1-800-829-1040
- Call the Texas Comptroller's EITC hotline: 1-800-277-8363.

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**Art exhibitors**

Mulshoe High students who took part in art competitions were (back, from left) Phillip Hardt, Michelle Lopez, Ryan Hodge, Matt Conklin, Joey Mata, Alfredo Ortega, Carmen Flores and Jean Lewis. (Middle) Melissa Aguirre, Roxanne Garcia, Paul Rodriguez, Jessica Carpenter, Kayla Crawford, Dusty Kidd, Bryce Embry and John Ellis. (Front) Randy Bohler, Jonathan Garcia, Robert Hasley, Kyle McDaniel and Jonathan Ruiz. Not pictured: Robin Cowart and Blake Mount.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**A great neighbor in Progress**

Dear editor

We who live in or on the edge of Progress know one of the best and finest neighbors around is our Randol Copley!

Most were "drifted" in from the snow storm Friday (Jan. 30) and would still be at home behind the huge drifts were it not for his thoughtfulness in going around with his huge front-end loader and digging out our roads and drives.

We appreciate it more than you could even guess.

Thank you from S & D Jones and all the people of Progress he helped.

Sonny Jones  
Progress

**ART**

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Kayla Claybrook, Jonathan Ruiz, Alfredo Ortega, Jean Lewis and Blake Mount.

In January, Mulshoe High School sent entries to the Scholastic Arts Competition held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. This competition involved more than 1,300 works of which 100 received

gold keys, 100 received silver keys and 100 received honorable mention.

These 300 works will be exhibited at the Mabee Library until March. Mulshoe has four artists hanging five works in this prestigious show. They are Randy Bohler (2), Joey Mata, Melissa Aguirre and Michelle Lopez.

**COUNTY**

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According to county treasurer Donna Kirk, the county has paid \$38,326 to date for various expenses incurred during the trial. Some of these expenses include court reporting services, interpreters, private investigator services, expert witnesses, translators and transcription services, hotel bills for out of town witnesses, juror expenses and postage for jury notices.

Bailey County could face the expense of another big trial involving capital murder suspect Gilberto "Tito" Reyes.

In other business, Randy Field of Sudduth Field & Co. reviewed the county audit report for fiscal year 1998.

He said there were no problems with the audit. He also pointed out expenditures from the general fund were lower because of lower revenues. Of other interest was the large amount of insurance claims

paid during FY 98. The county paid \$255,790 in health claims in FY 98. This amount is more than \$200,000 greater than was paid in FY 97.

The county pays the insurance premium for approximately 50 employees who have the option to pay a premium to cover their dependents. The money is put into an account and is administered by a third party that pays the health claims, administrative costs, and re-insurance premiums from these funds. Fiscal year 1998 was especially tough on the county. There were several employees that incurred large expenses.

Normal business was completed without much discussion. This included reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting, approving the payroll, reviewing and approving the county treasurer's report for December 1998, and

reviewing, approving and ordering payment of County bills.

Commissioner Jerry Damron was appointed as the Loss Control Coordinator for Bailey County and also the Bailey County Voting Delegate for Wes-Tex RC&D. The registrar of birth and death records will be changed from the justice of the peace to the county clerk. This will eliminate redundancy in the filing and keeping of these records.

The Court also approved the use of county road hands to install the 911 rural addressing road signs, authorized the County Judge to approve payments on state reports that come due between court meetings, approved soil conservation worksheets, and approved Budget Amendment No. 4 which authorized the purchase of seven "nesting" ballot boxes from Parmer County at \$100 per set.

**LONG TIME**

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Oliver averaged 9.3 points each. Oliver said Jennings was a good player but remembers him more for the ratty pair of sneakers he wore during games.

"They looked like they were going to fall apart, but boy could he play," Oliver said.

The Mules scored 55.2 points a game and allowed 45.6 that season.

Lyndal Black, younger brother of Bill Black and a reserve on the team, remembers his brother as a good medium range shooter.

He too recalls the hard-nose antics of Mantooth, who doubled as the football coach.

"He was a blood and guts coach," Black said. "If you didn't like sports, you couldn't play for him. I'll guarantee you we were in shape."

While the group gained notoriety for winning the basketball crown, it was on the football field were many of them truly excelled, although the Mules never did win a district title.

Oliver was one of five players from the team that went on to play college football.

A linebacker and fullback in the days of two-way football, Oliver lettered as a sophomore at Texas under Darrell Royal before a knee injury ended his career.

Bill Black and Sanders played a season or two at Texas Tech while Alexander and Dick Johnson suited up at Eastern New Mexico.

Reserve center Bob Camp, who up until two years ago held Mulshoe's shot put record, earned a track scholarship at Lubbock Christian.

Wilt played college basketball in Oklahoma and later

coached at Lazbuddie.

Former Watson Junior High principal Bill Taylor served as an assistant to Mantooth.

Other members on the district championship team were Don Copley, Roger Mitchell, Red Morrison, James Williams, Donnie Shafer, LeRoy Corralez, and Wink Thompson according to a 1957 edition of the Mulshoe Journal.

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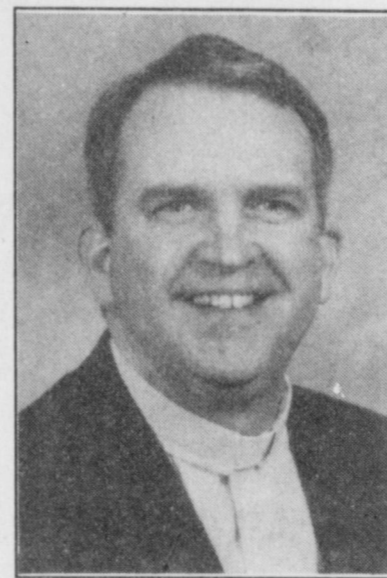
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 coming Class 3A playoffs



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**BEALLS**

## Lady Mules still in control despite defeat

### Can clinch No. 2 seed by beating Friona

Muleshoe didn't waste any time hashing over what went wrong in Friday's 47-34 loss to state-ranked Shallowater.

The thoughts of the playoff-bound Lady Mules turned immediately to Tuesday's game at Friona.

"In the lockerroom we talked about Friona," Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey said. "It's a huge game with huge playoff implications."

"We also need to get back on the winning track," Gruhlkey added.

Muleshoe (12-16 overall, 7-2 in district) holds a one-game lead over third-place Friona (19-8, 6-3) and a win Tuesday would wrap up the district's second seed. Otherwise, the teams will meet later this week in a seeding playoff game.

This is the first season that three teams in each district in Class 3A qualify for the play-

offs.

Muleshoe had a chance to make No. 4 Shallowater sweat in Friday's District 2-3A clash, but the Fillies got hot in the third quarter and ran away with a decisive win on Senior's Night at WJHS gym.

With the victory, Shallowater (27-4, 9-0) claimed its third-straight district title.

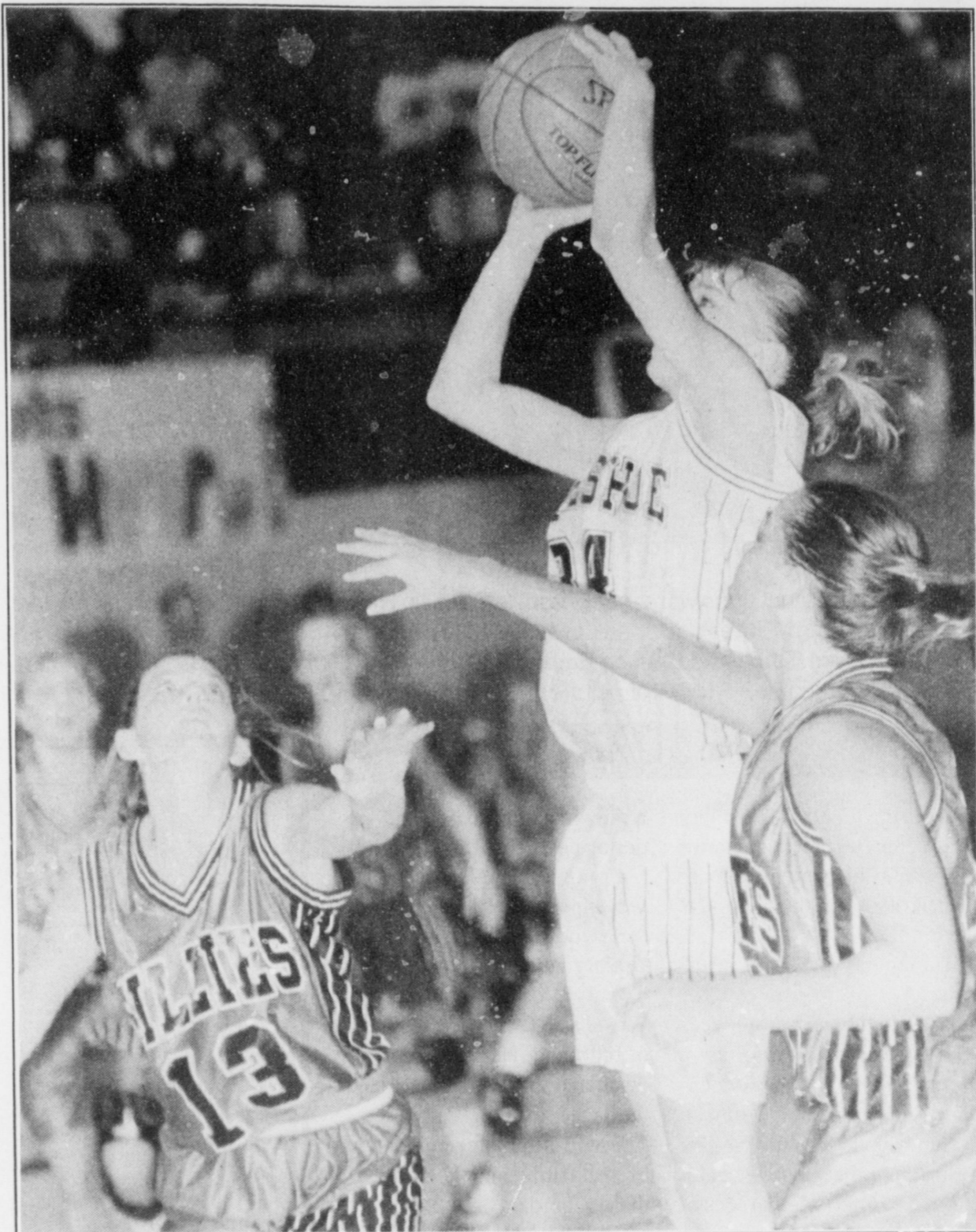
Leading 18-13 at halftime, Shallowater took control in the third quarter behind post Keli Cox and a trio of back-breaking 3-pointers.

Ferretting out holes in Muleshoe's zone, Cox pumped in three mid-range jumpers to stretch Shallowater's advantage to 29-18 with 3:37 left in the third quarter.

Shannon Corkery, Shelly Yarber and Kristol Mullins hit consecutive 3-pointers to end the quarter.

The Fillies also forced several turnovers — Muleshoe finished with 21 for the game — early in the second half to help turn the tide.

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### Fillie sandwich

Muleshoe freshman Britni Gartin squeezes off a shot in the lane between two Shallowater defenders Friday during a 47-34 loss to the fourth-ranked Fillies.

## Three Way remains in playoff hunt

MEADOW — Alberto Valderas scored 17 points and Gerald Perez collected 11 points and 11 rebounds as Three Way edged Meadow 52-47 Friday in District 13-1A boys.

The win keeps the Eagles (12-12 overall, 3-2) in control of their own destiny for a playoff berth.

If Three Way beats Whitharral Tuesday in its final regular-season game, the teams will finish tied for first. If the Eagles lose and Ropes wins, then both teams will finish tied for second and a one-game

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### District 13-1A

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	All
x-Meadow	5-0	21-7
Whitharral	3-2	17-9
Ropes	2-3	6-21
Three Way	0-5	3-19
Friday's games		
Meadow 84, Three Way 20		
Whitharral 40, Ropes 29		
BOYS		
y-Whitharral	4-1	11-12
Three Way	3-2	12-12
Ropes	2-3	12-15
Meadow	1-4	13-14
Friday's games		
Three Way 52, Meadow 47		
Whitharral 64, Ropes 62		
x-clinched district title		
y-clinched playoff berth		

## Lady 'Horns spank Spade

SPADE — Laura Jo Via scored 15 points and Kia Morris added 14 as Lazbuddie continued adding to its school-record win total by rolling past Spade 68-35 Friday in a District 11-1A mismatch.

"The starters played well when they were out there," Lazbuddie coach Carey Sudduth said. "We did what we had to do."

Winners of six straight, the Lady Longhorns appear headed for a playoff game against co-leader Happy for the district's No. 1.

Lazbuddie (22-4 overall, 6-1 in district) finished its regular season Tuesday by hosting Cotton Center. LHS topped Cotton Center 70-38 in the first meeting.

If both Happy and Lazbuddie win Tuesday, they'll meet in a playoff game tentatively

set for Friday at Olton.

"We can't afford to look too far ahead," Sudduth said. "We still need to take care of business Tuesday."

Lazbuddie took a 55-23 lead into the fourth quarter against Spade (3-21, 0-8) before letting up.

Staci Foster and Holly Engelking each added two 3-pointers and eight points for the Lady Longhorns.

Nicole Trotter netted three 3-pointers and a game-high 17

points for Spade.

Lazbuddie (65) — Foster 3 0-0 8, Kimbrough 2 0-0 4, Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Engelking 2 2-2 8, Brown 1 0-2 2, Gallman 0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 3 0-0 6, Black 0 0-0 0, Turner 0 0-0 0, Via 7 1-2 15, Morris 6 2-2 14, DeLeon 1 0-0 2, Sharp 2 0-0 4. Totals 28 5-8 65.

Spade (38) — Cordao 3 2-4 8, Hill 1 0-0 2, A. Trotter 1 0-0 3, McGaa 1 4-6 6, Stiel 1 0-0 2, N. Trotter 6 2-2 17. Totals 13 8-12 38.

Lazbuddie 17 2018 10 65  
Spade 5 7 11 15 38  
3-pointers — Lazbuddie 4 (Foster 2, Engelking 2), Spade 4 (N. Trotter 3, A. Trotter). Records: Lazbuddie 22-4, 6-1; Spade 2-19, 0-8.

### 'Horns keep pace with 68-39 win

SPADE — After a slow start, Lazbuddie put away Spade 68-39 Friday in a District 11-1A boys game.

The win keeps the Longhorns (20-8, 6-1) tied atop the district standings with one regular-season game left. Lazbuddie, which has already sewn up a playoff berth, hosts Cotton Center Tuesday.

If both Lazbuddie and Happy win Tuesday, the teams will meet in a playoff game to determine the district's top seed. The game is tentatively set for Friday at Olton.

Brandon Foster scored all of his team-high 13 points in the second and third quarters as

Lazbuddie pulled away. Spade took a 18-16 lead into the second quarter.

Cade Morris added 12 points for the Longhorns and Seth Black finished with 10.

Scott Gray led Spade (9-17, 1-7) with 13 points.

Lazbuddie (68) — Foster 5-2-2 13, St. Clair 2 2-3 6, J. Morris 1 0-0 2, Black 3 3-4 10, Ronek 4 1-4 9, Seaton 2 3-6 7, C. Morris 6 0-0 12, Gartin 4 1-2 9. Totals 27 12-21 68.

Spade (39) — S. Gray 5 0-0 13, Favor 4 0-0 9, J. Gray 1 0-0 2, Peralez 3 2-2 9, Hagler 3 0-0 6. Totals 16 2-2 39.

Lazbuddie 16 2014 18 68  
Spade 18 6 7 8 39  
3-pointers — Lazbuddie 2 (Foster, Black), Spade 5 (S. Gray 3, Favor, Peralez). Records: Lazbuddie 20-8, 6-1; Spade 9-17, 1-9.

### TABC BASKETBALL POLL

WACO (AP) — The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches top 10 poll, with records through Saturday:

**BOYS**  
Class 3A  
1. Seminole (28-2), 2. Clarksville (21-5), 3. Kountze (26-3), 4. Glen Rose (24-2), 5. Mexia (23-5), 6. Clyde (25-4), 7. Waco La Vega (20-4), 8. Rusk (22-2), 9. La Vernia (23-3), 10. Tulia (25-2).

**Class 1A**  
1. Brookeland (28-0), 2. Lipan (28-2), 3. Moulton (26-3), 4. Evadale (24-4), 5. Itasca (23-1), 6. Goodrich (24-3), 7. Paducah (20-2), 8. Laneville (24-3), 9. Borden County (13-3), 10. Quinlan Boles

(23-4).

**GIRLS**  
Class 3A  
1. Winnsboro (32-2), 2. Lufkin Hudson (28-2), 3. Bowie (26-2), 4. Shallowater (26-4), 5. Sweeny (24-5), 6. Gladewater (29-0), 7. Crandall (27-3), 8. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (25-6), 9. Quinlan Ford (27-3), 10. Crockett (22-6).

**Class 1A**  
1. Valley View (28-2), 2. Moulton (27-3), 3. Sudan (25-2), 4. Grady (24-2), 5. Corsicana Mildred (26-1), 6. Karnack (22-3), 7. Borden County (21-4), 8. Dime Box (25-1), 9. (tie) Whiteface (23-6), Vega (18-10).

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District 11-1A		
GIRLS		
Team	Dist	All
y-Lazbuddie	6-1	22-4
y-Happy	6-1	9-17
Amherst	4-3	17-10
Cotton Center	2-5	11-14
Spade	0-8	2-19
Friday's results		
Lazbuddie 65, Spade 38		
Amherst 39, Cotton Center 38		
Tuesday's games		
Cotton Center at Lazbuddie,		
Happy at Amherst		
end of regular season		
BOYS		
y-Lazbuddie	6-1	20-8
y-Happy	6-1	17-6
Cotton Center	4-3	17-10
Amherst	1-6	9-16
Spade	1-7	9-17
Friday's results		
Lazbuddie 68, Spade 39		
Cotton Center 80, Amherst 65		
Tuesday's games		
Cotton Center at Lazbuddie,		
Happy at Amherst		
end of regular season		
y-clinched playoff berth		

**MULES**

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who had four 3s and 28 points, kept Muleshoe perfect in district play while Shallowater 18-11, 4-4) had its winning streak snapped at four.

"We knew they were going to come in here fired up because they have their backs up against the wall fighting for a playoff spot," Coach Mason said.

Muleshoe took a 41-35 lead into the fourth quarter and built it to 52-44 with 4:49 left on a Cleavinger 3-pointer.

But the Mustangs fought their way back to within a point twice, including 54-53 on Dustin Hill's bucket with 2:59 remaining.

Two free throws by Cleavinger and one by Carlton Lewis built the Mules' lead back to four. Max Dreasher hit two free throws to get Shallowater back to within 57-55 with 1:51 to go.

But Mitch Mason answered with the game's biggest bucket and Muleshoe hung on for its 20th win despite making just 5 of 10 free throws in the last two minutes. Mason finished with 15 points, including four 3s, and added eight rebounds

"We weren't at the top of our game emotionally, but we played with a sense of purpose to win," Coach Mason said.

Muleshoe came out hot early, connecting on five 3-pointers while taking a 21-16 lead after the first quarter. Cleavinger scored 13 points in the opening quarter and 16 in the first half as the Mules led 32-25 at halftime.

Slippery senior guard D' Hudson snaked through and shot over Muleshoe's 1-3-1 zone for a game-high 25 points

**District 2-3A**

**GIRLS**

Team	Dist	All
x-Shallowater	9-0	26-4
y-Muleshoe	7-2	12-16
y-Friona	6-3	19-8
Littlefield	3-6	11-16
Cooper	2-7	9-18
Roosevelt	0-9	5-21

**Friday's results**

Shallowater 47, Muleshoe 34  
Cooper 51, Roosevelt 47  
Friona 57, Littlefield 30

**Tuesday's games**

Muleshoe at Friona, Roosevelt at Shallowater, Littlefield at Cooper

**end of regular season**

**BOYS**

Team	Dist	All
x-Muleshoe	8-0	20-7
Friona	5-3	15-11
Littlefield	4-4	19-9
Shallowater	4-4	18-11
Cooper	2-6	4-24
Roosevelt	1-7	11-15

**Friday's results**

Muleshoe 65, Shallowater 60  
Cooper 51, Roosevelt 47  
Littlefield 56, Friona 46

**Tuesday's games**

Muleshoe at Friona, Roosevelt at Shallowater, Littlefield at Cooper

**Friday's games**

Muleshoe at Cooper,  
Shallowater at Friona,  
Littlefield at Roosevelt

**end of regular season**

x-clinched title  
y-clinched playoff berth

with Hill adding 15.

**Shallowater (60)** — Hudson 10 3-7 25, Kitchens 2 0-0 5, Morris 0 0-0 0, Shannon 2 0-0 5, Wade 2 0-0 4, Luck 1 0-0 2, Dreasher 1 2-2 4, Hill 6 3-3 15. Totals 24 8-12 60.

**Muleshoe (65)** — Lewis 2 3-8 8, Bruns 00-00, Sinclair 20-05, Mason 43-415, Clements 3 1-27, Cleavinger 10 4-6 28, Turney 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 11-20 65.

**Shallowater 16 9 10 25 60**  
**Muleshoe 21 11 9 24 65**

3-pointers — Shallowater 4 (Hudson 2, Kitchens, Shannon); Muleshoe 10 (Mason 4, Cleavinger 4, Lewis, Sinclair). Records: Shallowater 18-11, 4-4; Muleshoe 20-7, 8-0.

**LADY MULES**

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"They're so quick," Gruhley said. "They seem to get their hands on everything."

Cox led Shallowater with 12 points and Yarber added 10. Senior post Erin Wilhite topped Muleshoe with 13 points with sophomore guard Chyla Torres adding 10.

The Fillies jumped on Muleshoe early, forcing nine turnovers in the first quarter while building an 11-2 lead. They increased their lead to 18-8 on Meg Darden's putback midway through the second quarter.

But the Lady Mules scrapped their way back into the game, scoring the last five points of the first half.

**Shallowater (47)** — Mullins 1 0-1 3, Corkery 20-05, Warren 3 2-4 8, Martin 1 1-3 3, Darden 3 0-0 6, Yarber 3 0-1 10, Rackler 0 0-0 0, Cox 6 0-0 12. Totals 20 3-9 47.

**Muleshoe (34)** — Black 0 0-1 0, Field 1 1-4 3, Torres 4 2-2 10, Heathington 0 0-1 0, Gartin 1 1-2 3, Williams 1 1-2 3, Wood 1 0-0 2, Wilhite 4 5-6 13. Totals 12 10-18 34.

**Shallowater 11 7 20 9 47**  
**Muleshoe 2 11 9 12 34**

3-pointers — Shallowater 4 (Yarber 2, Mullins, Corkery). Records: Shallowater 27-4, 9-0; MHS 12-16, 7-2.

**JV HIGHLIGHTS**

■ Darrell Lewis and Jeff Shelburne provided the inside punch to go along with 8 three-pointers as Muleshoe drilled Shallowater 76-45 Friday in a boys junior varsity tilt.

Lewis scored 14 points while Shelburne and guard Dan Williams added 12 each for the Mules, who moved to 7-1 in district and 13-7 overall.

■ Shallowater jumped out to a big halftime lead en route to a 53-39 win against Muleshoe Friday in a girls junior varsity game. Megan Tipps led Muleshoe (13-9 overall, 6-3 in district) with 12 points while Michelle Toscano finished with 7.

**BOX SCORES**

**Friday**

**Shallowater (45)** — DeLeon 2 0-0 5, Reeves 0 0-2 0, Nowlin 4 2-4 12, Moses 00-00, Casarez 42-211, Stone 1 0-2 2, Janssen 4 1-2 9, Broome 1 0-1 2, Cates 1 2-2 4. Totals 17 7-15 45.

**Muleshoe (76)** — Williams 2 7-8 12, Posadas 2 0-0 6, Barrett 3 1-2 9, Baeza 4 0-0 9, Latham 1 0-0 2, Black 0 0-0 4, Garcia 2 0-0 5, Vaughn 0 0-0 0, Vela 0 0-0 0, Woodard 0 0-0 0, Lewis 6 2-5 14, Shelburne 5 2-3 12, Nichols 3 0-0 7. Totals 28 12-22 76.

**Shallowater 8 11 15 10 45**  
**Muleshoe 22 13 18 13 76**

3-pointers — Shallowater 4 (Nowlin 2, DeLeon, Casarez); Muleshoe 8 (Posadas 2, Barrett 2, Williams, Baeza, Garcia, Nichols). Records: Muleshoe

13-7, 7-1.

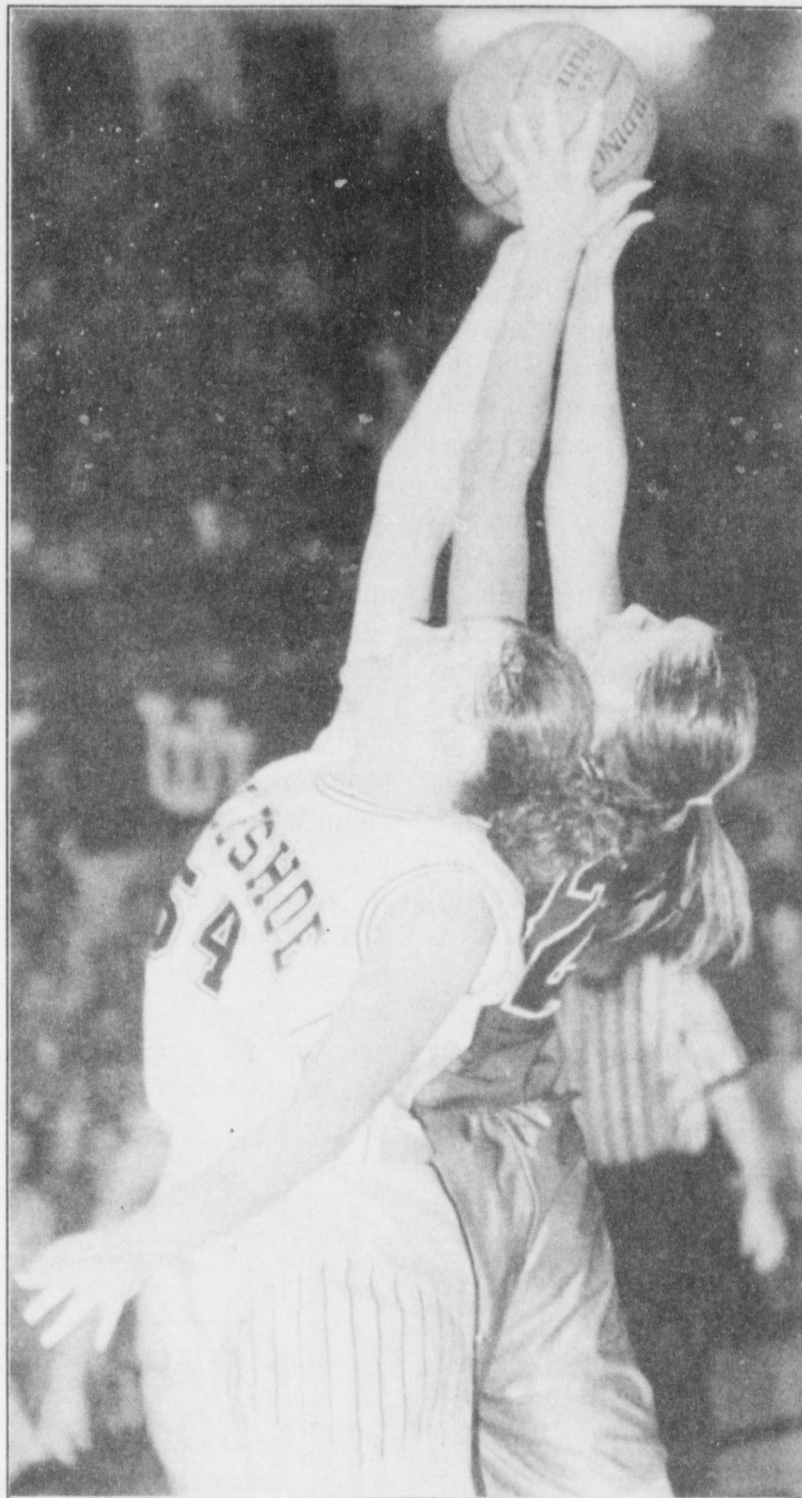
**GIRLS**

**Shallowater (53)** — Lomas 00-00, Fuentes 0 0-0 0, Wright 3 0-0 7, Corkery 2 0-2 4, Branum 2 3-4 7, Saldiver 00-00, Bixler 10-02, Cowart 61-213, Parmenter 81-217. Totals 23 5-10 53.

**Muleshoe (39)** — Flores 0 0-0 0, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Benham 1 0-1 2, Robertson 0 0-0 0, Gonzales 0 0-0 0, Locker 20-05, Garcia 00-00, Hancock 2 0-0 4, Tipps 5 2-5 12, Scott 2 1-4 5, Toscano 2 3-5 7, Hernandez 0 3-6 3. Totals 15 8-20 39.

**Shallowater 11 18 3 6 53**  
**Muleshoe 22 13 18 13 76**

3-pointers — Shallowater 2 (Wright, Bixler); Muleshoe 1 (Locker). Records: Muleshoe 13-9, 6-3.



**Sky high**

Muleshoe senior Erin Wilhite battles Keli Cox of Shallowater for a rebound Friday during a District 2-3A game.

**THREE WAY**

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playoff will decide the district's second seed in the state playoff.

Valderas connected on 8 of 8 free throws in the second half to help the Eagles hold off Meadow (13-14, 1-4).

Michael Soliz added 10 points for the Eagles.

**Three Way (52)** — Perez 4 2-8 11, Kindle 1 3-9 5, Valderas 4 8-8 17, Daniel Reeves 1 3-11 5, Pollard 1 0-0 2, Kirby 0 0-0 0, Soliz 3 2-2 10, McCaul 1 0-2 2. Totals 15 19-40 53.

**Meadow (47)** — Davis 5 0-2 12, Wilkes 1 0-2 2, Carroll 0 0-0 0, Sanchez 2 0-0 4, Andrews 5 0-1 10, Gonzales 1 0-0 2, Ingram 4 8-9 16, Cellar 0 1-3 1. Totals 18 9-17 47.

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**Meadow 8 10 12 17 47**  
3-pointers — Three Way 3 (Soliz 2, Valderas), Meadow 2 (Davis 2). Records: Three Way 12-12, 3-2; Meadow 13-14, 1-4.

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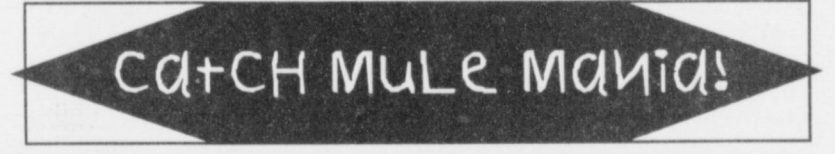
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# Senate Finance Committee measure assists state oil and gas producers

AUSTIN — Texas crude oil prices have sunk from about \$18 per barrel two years ago to \$11 now, threatening to put thousands of producers out of business and cap low-yield wells.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee approved a measure to end the 4.6 percent severance tax on oil wells that produce no more than 15 barrels a day and the 7.5 percent tax on natural gas wells that produce 90,000 cubic feet or less per day.

The tax break may cost the state \$45 million, but its effects will do more than keep pumpjacks pumping:

In areas where oil and gas reserves comprise more than 20 percent of school districts' property value, the districts could lose as much as \$160 million in tax revenue, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said that once small wells are capped, they are too expensive to reopen.

"It's so expensive to go back in and reopen those wells that it's not economical to do so. If we allow these wells to shut down, we're not going to get any severance tax anyway," he was quoted by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

The tax break could take effect immediately if it is approved by a two-thirds majority of both Houses. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said the Senate will consider the bill as soon as possible.

### Bush backers take to Internet

A group wanting Gov. Bush to run for president next year is building an online network and



collecting e-mail addresses of like-minded people, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported last week.

Bush 2000 Network, started last September, has 275 members.

The governor, who said he is considering a run for the White House, is likely to form an exploratory committee in March and announce his decision after the Texas Legislature adjourns on Memorial Day.

Meanwhile, the governor won't have to worry about opposition to his candidacy from first lady Laura Bush.

Last week, in a widely published interview Mrs. Bush said, "He knows I'm not going to veto it because I would never veto anything he really wanted to do. Just like he wouldn't veto anything I wanted to do."

### Other Highlights

■The 18-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles last week considered revamping its rules for governing clemency applications from death row during a public hearing in Huntsville. One of the rule changes discussed was whether to require condemned inmates to apply for clemency no later than 25 days before their scheduled execution date.

■The Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the University of Texas last week signed a memorandum promising the Mexican American Chambers of Commerce and the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce that they will offer more state contracting for minority- and women-owned businesses.

■Former Texas Supreme Court Justice Rose Spector has joined the Austin-based law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, where she plans to launch a mediation practice. Spector, a Democrat, was unseated in the 1998 Republican sweep that claimed all statewide elected offices.

■Capitol police arrested for criminal trespass more than a dozen disability rights advocates last week at the Governor's mansion. They were protesting a decision by Attorney General John Cornyn to seek a reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court in a federal case that held that a state can be required to provide disabled people treatment other than in an institution.

■The Texas Campaign for Women's Health last week asked a legislative budget committee to earmark \$40 million annually to be used in early diagnosis and preventive measures such as mammograms, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, birth control and education on osteoporosis prevention for low-income women between the ages of 19 and 64.

■Gov. Bush's schedule includes a Feb. 11 meeting with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and a Feb. 12 visit with William Hague, leader of Britain's Tory Party.

■In a poll published in this month's *Texas Highways* magazine, respondents voted San Antonio's River Walk the state's most romantic spot.

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## BIRTHS

### ETHAN DANIEL TAYLOR

Jennifer Taylor-Welch of Hereford and Quentin Murray of Amarillo announce the birth of a son, Ethan Daniel Taylor.

Ethan was born at 9:49 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999 at Hereford Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Greg and Sheryl Welch of Earth, Kelley Taylor of Lovell, Wyo. and Donna Snyder of Amarillo.

Great grandparents are J.M. "Murrell" and the late Doris Brown, formerly of Muleshoe and now of Hereford, the late Fred and Florence Welch of Earth, Faye Taylor of Aberdeen, Miss, Eurskine and Eulene Taylor of Hamilton, Ala., and Donna Becker of Tucson, Ariz.

### TREG J. BOX

Jason and Ronda Box of Muleshoe announce the birth of a son, Treg J. Box.

Treg was born at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, 1999 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He has a brother Jason Cade.

Grandparents are Ken and Lynne Box and Ronald and Joyce Scott, all of Muleshoe.

Great grandparents are Stan and Rheba Barrett, R.L. and Doris Scott, and Myrtle Scott, all of Muleshoe, and Cathryn Box of Borger.

## Ethan Taylor to be honored Sunday with baby shower

A baby shower for Ethan Daniel Taylor is being held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21 at the First United Bank Community Room in Earth.

Ethan is the son of Jennifer Taylor-Welch of Hereford and the grandson of Greg and Sheryl Welch of Earth.

Anyone interested in being a hostess can contact Cindy Pena at 272-3658, Sheri Elkins at 965-2785 or Christy Embry at 227-2217.

Selections were made at Something Special in Muleshoe plus Tuffin II and Garden Gate, both of Earth.

# Bull testing takes hands on experience

One of the enduring mystical corners of the commercial cow business is that procedure we loosely call 'semen testing'.

This is the time of the year many cattlemen start thinking about it. It's after all works, before calving and before the spring bull sales. Just a word about the procedure from a vet's point of view; it's one giant pain in the patooski! Even if you enjoy getting hurt, it's never easy.

Imagine taking a 2-blade Sikorsky helicopter into the shop and asking the mechanic to check the propeller bolt, "I kin set it down, but I won't be able to shut off the engine." If you've ever tried to give a grizzly bear a haircut, you might be able to relate.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

palpate the testicles. Remember where they are? Between two of those lightening quick slashing hooves. It's always struck me as odd, that if people can invent window squeegees that can reach the second story, submersible robots that can photograph the Titanic and machines that can shake the nuts out of a pecan tree, they could dang sure invent a tool that could palpate a bull's pecans. But no, we reach in a grab them.

I have mashed many a finger, but broken no wrists or arms. However, I have suffered several scalp lacerations from the side bars comin' loose and bangin' me on the head. I actually wore a hard hat often but they were not fool proof. Some of those squeeze chutes had the side bars

attached by a short chain. The bull would rattle the cage, the bars would blow out and swing in a wide arc cracking my eyebrow or bloodying my ear.

Once you have the probe inserted and held by an officially appointed "Plunger", the delicate dance begins. I can say that achieving a satisfactory deposit on the microscope slide requires considerable experience. It is more akin to calling coyotes than putting three quarters in a Dr. Pepper machine.

This shadowy ritual continues at 100x power under a microscope where the diviner of fertility seeks to find some signs of life in a penny size droplet collected at great expense and extreme risk from a bull you bough as cheap as you could.

And when you ask the doc if the bull's okay, he'll say yep.

"How do you know?" you ask.

"Oh," he'll say with an inscrutable look in his eye," It's a combination of things. But you can rest assured his gun is loaded."

## Number of farms in United States drops

The Agriculture Department reported this week that the number of farms in the United States had dropped to their lowest level since before the Civil War.

According to USDA, there were 1.912 million farms in 1997, down slightly from when the last Census of Agriculture was conducted in 1992. The number is the lowest it has been since 1850, when 1.4 million U.S. farms were recorded. Analysts contribute the downward trend in the number of farms to consolidation and technology.

Although the number of farms fell, those farms earning more than \$100,000 in sales were up 4 percent since 1992 to 346,000.

The census also revealed that the amount of farmland fell from 946 million acres in 1992 to 932 million acres in 1997. The average farm size declined from 491 acres in 1992 to 487 acres in 1997. And average farm expenses increased, from \$68,000 in 1992 to \$79,000 in 1997.

## Q & A about guaranteed loan program

**Q.** What changes are being made to the USDA guaranteed loan program?

**A.** USDA's Farm Service Agency has completely revised the guaranteed loan regulations to streamline the procedures and make them more consistent with standard lending procedures in the industry. The new regulations are more flexible and will strengthen the partnership the Agency has built with commercial agricultural lenders. This will encourage more lenders to use the program and increase the availability of credit for family size farmers. A new Preferred Lender Program is also being introduced that will radically reduce the amount of time and effort lenders must spend in obtaining an FSA guarantee.

**Q.** How did the guaranteed loan program changes come about?

**A.** USDA brought a group of stakeholders, including lenders, FSA field personnel, and other interested parties together to discuss how to improve the guaranteed loan program. The suggestions from that meeting formed a nucleus of needed changes. Additional changes resulting from recent legislation, reviews of the program, and a general need to bring the regulations up to date were also

incorporated into the revised regulations.

**Q.** What was the Agency trying to accomplish with the changes?

**A.** FSA wants to make the guaranteed loan program more responsive to the needs of the lenders and their customers, the farmers and ranchers. FSA's involvement in the management of individual guaranteed loans will be lessened as the Agency moves more to an oversight and advice role. FSA currently guarantees repayment on approximately 65,000 farm loans to 40,000 farmers and ranchers. Each year, FSA receives approximately 15,000 requests for new loans. By reducing the application burden on lenders, the Agency expect lenders will increase requests for loan guarantees and an additional 3000 farmers will be able to receive credit.

**Q.** What are the advantages of the changes for the lenders?

**A.** The program has been simplified in many areas and the lender is allowed to follow the normal practices that they use with their nonguaranteed loans in more respects. FSA forms are generally not required if lender's forms contain the same information

and the forms we do require have been consolidated and simplified.

**Q.** What is the Preferred Lender Program (PLP)?

The PLP allows the elite lenders the maximum authority possible to make and service guaranteed loans. Lenders who meet the experience and performance criteria will be granted PLP status. When requesting PLP status, the lender will tell FSA how they intend to process and service loans. When approved for PLP status the lenders will file minimum information with FSA to request a guarantee.

**Q.** What are the criteria to become a PLP lender?

**A.** To obtain PLP status, a lender must have made a minimum number of FSA guaranteed loans, have a low loss rate on the FSA guaranteed loans, and demonstrate proficiency in making and servicing loans.

**Q.** What is the maximum loan size?

**A.** FSA has increased its total loan limit to \$700,000 and removed the individual limits of \$300,000 for real estate purposes and \$400,000 for operating purposes. This will assist farmers faced with escalating costs of purchasing and operating farms and ranches.

## Study provides vital data for agencies

What impact did the drought of 1998 have on the financial health of Texas farms and ranches?

How are the current market conditions and changes in farm programs affecting the financial health of agriculture?

What does it cost to produce wheat? To gather reliable, objective information to address these and other issues, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will conduct the Agricultural Resource Management Study.

Agricultural income and expenses, assets and liabilities, costs of producing various commodities, and operation characteristics are some of the topics to be measured during February, March and April 1999.

Fewer than 20,000 of the nation's two million farm and ranch operators will be asked to participate in the study, so every response is critical. Approximately 1,100 operators in Texas will be included in this important study.

The agricultural producers selected to participate in the Agricultural Resource Management Study will be making an important contribution to the overall welfare of the U.S. agricultural community. This is the study which objectively measures the current financial situation of our farms and ranches.

The study will examine the changing role of farm and off-farm employment and management practices and will evaluate the effects of adverse weather in 1998 on producers' net income and cash flow.

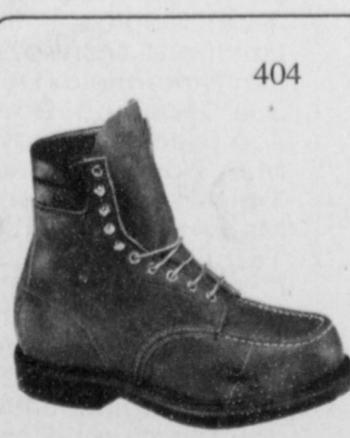
Additionally, selected participants will be asked to provide detailed cost of production information on wheat to help analyze this important commodity.

Texas producers selected to participate in this year's Agricultural Resource Management Study are being notified by letter, and interviewers will visit them personally to complete the report. Individual producer data is protected by law from

disclosure.

USDA will publish the results of this study later this year in a series of reports on the farm financial situation.

The study results will be used by commodity analysts, producer organizations, government policymaker and others to benefit farmers and the rural community.



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# Thank You!

We wish to extend our sincerest, heartfelt gratitude to all of you who participated and made this year's Angel Tree Project such a success. To those of you who helped compile our list, to those who helped distribute and of course, to the ones who provided so eagerly the great gifts, let us say Thank You and God Bless You. Your incredible generosity provided gifts to over two hundred children this year.

We find this time every year that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive, and we are happy to live in a community that is so giving. May God richly bless you and yours!

**Victor and Debbie Leal  
& the Staff at Leal's**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! THANK YOU! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

## Lazbuddie names January students of the month

### High school students of the month

Josh Morris plans to attend college at WTAMU or WTC at Snyder. He is ready to be out of high school. Melvin and Vicki Morris are his parents. Arnis and Irene Morris and Sallie Robinson are his grandparents. Josh is 17 and was born on March 7. He enjoys *The Hobbit* as his favorite reading selection, Bill Cosby is his top celebrity pick, and chocolate chip granola bars are a snack he enjoys. Things he likes about Lazbuddie are that it is small, and everyone knows everyone else. Leal's Special is his top menu item. He likes any gum. People who expect to get something for nothing is his pet peeve.

Desirae Brakebill wants to become an architect and plans to attend the University of Advancing Computer Technology in Phoenix, AZ, to pursue a degree as a drafting engineer. She intends to graduate with distinguished merit. David and Dayna Pitcock and Rocky Brakebill of Portales are her

parents. Norman and Gwen Nesser of Ruidoso, Warren Brakebill and Carrol Jones of Portales, and Jimmie and Allene Pitcock of Muleshoe, are her grandparents. Desirae is 17 and was born on September 26, 1984 by Orwell is the book she is reading. George Clooney is her top choice as celebrity. Nilla Wafers and Dr. Pepper are what she likes as a snack. Her best menu item is a cheeseburger, mustard only. Tommy Hilfiger is the brand she prefers and she likes Big Red gum. People who are neat, organized, and on time are irritating to her.

### Jr. High students of the month

Raul Mata plans on further studies after high school. His goal is to be in the National Honor Society. His parents are Valentina and Eraul Mata. His grandparents are Felipe and Maria Zavala and Benjamin and Juana Mata. He is 12 and was born June 20. *Dark Hearts: Tear of Blood* is his favorite literary selection. He likes New Years in Mexico, Wrangler



Shown at left are the Lazbuddie's January Students of the Month. Pictured clockwise from top left are: Josh Morris, Raul Mata, Desirae Brakebill, and Kelli Harris.

Jeans, and Wrigley's Winterfresh gum. Twix is his favorite candy and nachos are his favorite food. He enjoys the internet computers at Lazbuddie School, and his pet peeve is when his little sister is a smart aleck.

Kelli Harris intends to go to college at Angelo State University and major in education. She also wants to make a "1" rating at UIL Piano competition. Charlotte and Kenneth Harris are her parents. Her grandparents are Bob and

Wanda Templar and Evelene Harris. Kelli was born on Jan. 8 and is 13. She enjoys reading *Somewhere Between Life and Death* by Lurlene McDaniel, and her favorite star is Ben Affleck. Her favorite snack is popcorn. She likes Lazbuddie because it's small and you know everyone. Bryant's Special with a 7-Up is her favorite menu item. She wears Lucky Brand jeans, chews Big Red gum, and her pet peeve is dealing with conceited people.

## BIRTHS

### CALEB HARRISON JONES

Carey and Tonda Jones of Lubbock, announce the birth of a son, Caleb Harrison Jones, who is their first child.

He was born Jan. 23, 1999 at 10:40 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital of Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 ounces.

He was welcomed by his maternal grandparents Pete and Tommie Fulcher, Uncle Paul and Aunt Aloha Fulcher, cousins Roper, Haylee, and Laramie, all of Farwell; maternal great-grandmother Zora Smallwood, of Lubbock; paternal grandparents Jeff and Sissy Jones, of Big Spring, Texas; Aunt Chrissi Jones of Lubbock; paternal great-grandmothers Mildred Smith and Doris Jones, of Big Spring.



Gonzalo & Rebeca Lozano will celebrate their 25th Anniversary by renewing both their love & wedding vows

You are cordially invited to attend this joyous occasion at 4 pm on February 13, 1999 at the Iglesia Metodista Unida Ministeria Hispano in Muleshoe. A reception will follow at the Legion Hall. The couple plans a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas in June.

## OBITUARIES

### OLA MAE WILLIAMS

ELKCITY, Okla.—Ola Mae Neel Williams, 82, of Elk City died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

A chapel service was held Feb. 10 at Ellis Funeral Home, Muleshoe, with Rev. Glen Williams officiating. Burial was held in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Whinery-Savage Funeral Service of Elk City.

Mrs. Williams was born on Oct. 10, 1916 in Tahlequah, Okla. and married Scott D. Williams on Nov. 6, 1939 in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1970. She was born to Matilda and

Charles Alva Neel. She moved with her parents to Bula and graduated from Littlefield High School.

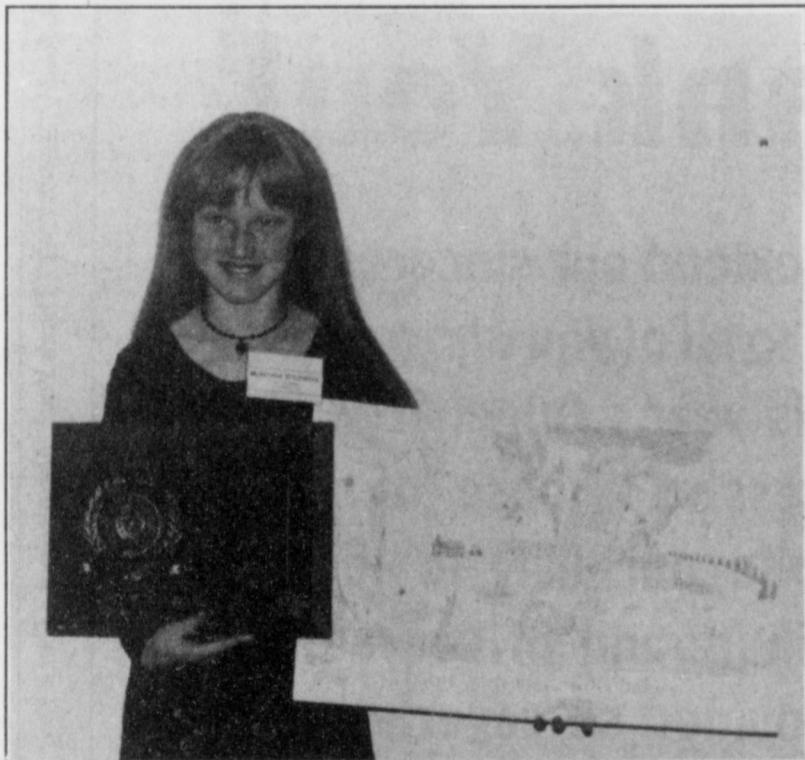
She and her husband moved to Stegall, where he farmed. During World War II they moved to California to work in the defense plants. She worked for Hughes Aircraft until Scott entered the military. She moved to Muleshoe to be closer to her parents and worked at Ladd Lumber Co. After her husband returned from the military, she returned to being a full-time homemaker and mother.

She later moved to Petersburg and began working in the school lunch room as a cook to help

send her daughters to college.

The Williams moved to Seagraves where he operated a lumber yard. She then moved to Clinton, Okla. and worked as a nurses aide at Methodist Nursing Center. In October of 1995 she moved to Elk City to make her home. She was a flower gardener, loved to read, and painted in her retirement years. She was a member of the Clinton First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Williams is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Sybil and Doug Hillcock of Elk City and La Nell and Joe Frisse of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; a sister, Lola Latimer of Midwest, Okla.; a brother, Otis Neel of Friona; four grandchildren, Brian and Jesse Frisse, Scott Hillcock and wife Marina; Amber Hillcock Speaks and husband Todd; one great granddaughter, Faith Speaks; several nieces, nephews and other family members.



Montana Steinbock is shown with her winning poster

## Steinbock's poster wins second at national contest

Montana Steinbock, daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock and fourth grade student at Lazbuddie, has been recognized as the second place winner in the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) poster contest.

Her poster started out winning the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District's contest in January 1998, then took first place in the Texas Soil & Conservation Board's regional contest last April where she was honored at the annual awards banquet in Plainview. The banquet was hosted by Texas Speaker of the House, Pete Laney.

The Texas regional poster winners were then judged and Montana's entry won first place. She was honored with a plaque and was presented with the award at the Texas Soil & Conservation District's annual meeting held in Corpus Christi last October.

The poster was entered in the National Association of Conservation Districts' contest and once again came out a winner. The poster is to be displayed at the annual NACD convention to be held in San Diego the first week of February.

She will receive a savings bond from the NACD for her accomplishments.

**ENTER TODAY!**

**The Muleshoe Journal's 5th Annual Cutest Baby Contest**

Enter any child born in 1998 who is special to you—children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

This year's contestants will appear in the Easter (April 11th) issue of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 1998 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite child's photo along with \$10 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd St., Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or mail the coupon below with your child's photo and \$10 to Cutest Baby 1998, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 12, 1999. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail!

**Winner Will Receive a \$50 Savings Bond For Being Selected 1998'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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Length at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mom & Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grandparent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 6, 1999 AT 5 P.M.**

**Muleshoe Cattle Market**

SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 1999

890 cattle, 383 hogs and 304 sheep & goats for a total of 1577 livestock.

Market very good on stocker culls, showing a little condition. Bulk of Feeder cattle were 6-725 wt. cattle and showed good demand. Very few pairs to offer. Several Bred cows consigned & sold steady to weaker from 2 weeks ago. Packer cows sold 3-4 dollars better.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately 12 noon.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Fausto Duque, Hereford	.....	Hol. Hfr	..... per hd. 385 lbs.	at \$100.00
David Cordova, Clovis, NM	.....	Hol. Hfr	..... 410 lbs.	at \$89.00
Jose Martos, Dell City	.....	2 Mxd. Strs	..... 317 lbs.	at \$97.00
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	.....	Char. Str	..... 330 lbs.	at \$101.00
Byron West, Brownfield	.....	10 Mxd. Strs	..... 335 lbs.	at \$106.80
Byron West, Brownfield	.....	6 Mxd. Strs	..... 409 lbs.	at \$94.00
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	Char. Str	..... 335 lbs.	at \$104.00
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	3 Char. Strs	..... 442 lbs.	at \$96.50
KP Farms, Lubbock	.....	3 Blk. Strs	..... 390 lbs.	at \$98.00
Robert Glumpler, Littlefield	.....	BWF Bull	..... 425 lbs.	at \$87.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	.....	2 Limo. Strs	..... 430 lbs.	at \$88.00
C&J Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	9 Mxd. Strs	..... 500 lbs.	at \$84.50
Raymond Mendoza, Muleshoe	.....	16 Mxd. Strs	..... 504 lbs.	at \$85.00
Raymond Mendoza, Muleshoe	.....	25 Mxd. Strs	..... 588 lbs.	at \$79.50
Riney Cattle, Olton	.....	Red Bull	..... 555 lbs.	at \$86.00
Harvey Patterson, Amherst	.....	3 Red Bulls	..... 623 lbs.	at \$68.50
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	4 Mxd. Strs	..... 696 lbs.	at \$72.25
Raymond Mendoza, Muleshoe	.....	4 Red Strs	..... 719 lbs.	at \$72.00
Harvey Patterson, Amherst	.....	Red Hfr	..... 305 lbs.	at \$80.00
Jose Salas, Bula	.....	2 Mxd. Hfrs	..... 403 lbs.	at \$79.00
Jack Douglas, Littlefield	.....	3 Blk. Hfrs	..... 433 lbs.	at \$79.00
Raymond Mendoza, Muleshoe	.....	12 Mxd. Hfrs	..... 493 lbs.	at \$77.50
Jim Birkenfield, Denver City	.....	Red Hfr	..... 505 lbs.	at \$74.00
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	2 Char. Hfrs	..... 535 lbs.	at \$74.00
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	3 Mxd. Hfrs	..... 707 lbs.	at \$67.50
M.E. Edwards, Sudan	.....	5 Mxd. Hfrs	..... 587 lbs.	at \$69.00
Tim Addison, Plains	.....	7 Mxd. Hfrs	..... 603 lbs.	at \$69.50
Marcos Lopez, Littlefield	.....	Brown Pair	.....	\$540.00
Terry Rowland, Morton	.....	Char. Cow P7	.....	\$430.00
C.J. Robinson, Ballinger	.....	Hol. Hfr	.....	\$500.00
B.J. Gully, Levelland	.....	3 Brang. Cows P7	.....	\$410.00
Owens Cattle, Denver City	.....	7 Brang. Cow P	.....	\$415.00
Jim Birkenfield, Denver City	.....	Char. Cow	..... 895 lbs.	at \$37.75
Jack Douglas, Littlefield	.....	Blk. Cow	..... 1220 lbs.	at \$36.75
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	RMF Cow	..... 1205 lbs.	at \$36.75
Alma Rodriguez, Bula	.....	Red Cow	..... 1105 lbs.	at \$41.00
Otis Ray King, Springlake	.....	Blk. Cow	..... 1115 lbs.	at \$37.75
James Jennings, Littlefield	.....	BMF Cow	..... 1095 lbs.	at \$35.25
James Futch, Denver City	.....	Gray Cow	..... 1190 lbs.	at \$35.00
Cage Ranch, Muleshoe	.....	WF Cow	..... 960 lbs.	at \$37.75
ACU, Morton	.....	WF Cow	..... 1025 lbs.	at \$36.75
Prairie View Dairy, Muleshoe	.....	3 Hol. Cows	..... 1260 lbs.	at \$38.50
Prairie View Dairy, Muleshoe	.....	3 Hol. Cows	..... 1338 lbs.	at \$38.25
John Devay, Clovis, NM	.....	Hol. Bull	..... 1570 lbs.	at \$50.25
Joe Steelman, Bovina	.....	Spot Bull	..... 1780 lbs.	at \$49.00



## Finley, Young wed Jan. 9 in double ring ceremony

Angela Kay Finley of Beaumont and John Christopher Young of Lubbock were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on Jan. 9, 1999 at Cathedral In the Pines Christian Center in Beaumont.

Officiating the ceremony were Pastor Everett Forner of Beaumont and Rev. Brock Sanders of Lorena, Texas. Musical selections were provided by the Cathedral Orchestra ensemble, and vocalists included Pam Diamond, and Jason and Tracey Parnell.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Finley of Beaumont. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of Muleshoe.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride chose a gown of imported silk designed by Demetrios. The gown was fashioned with a halter neckline and featured delicate crisscross straps in the back. The empire bodice featured designs of embroidery which was heavily strewn with hand beaded pearls. The sheath skirt

fell to slipper length. A detachable silk train also featured hand beaded pearls along the edge.

Maid of honor was Andrea Finley of Grapevine, sister of the bride and the bride's aunt Shirley Watts of Marble Falls, Texas, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Christy Beal and April Morreal, both of Beaumont, Julie Barnhill of Lubbock, Holly Cole of San Angelo, and Kendra Wells of Seguine, Texas.

Serving as best man was Greg Young of Muleshoe, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jeff Hicks of New York, N.Y., Jerry Bob Graves of Wink, Texas, Gant Barnhill, Blair Brown, and Todd Finley, brother of the bride, all of Lubbock, Ware Brown of Sweetwater, Texas, and Scott Miller of Lazbuddie.

Ushers were Daniel Lacy of Odessa, Shannon Ridgway of Amarillo, Jeff Actkinson of Farwell, Wade Windom of Austin, and Lance Nelson of Grapevine.

An elegant reception was



Angela Kay Finley and John Christopher Young were married Jan. 9

held following the wedding at the Beaumont Country Club with music provided by Stereo Band.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University and is employed by Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University and is General Manager of World Gym Aerobic and Fitness Center in Lubbock.

Following their honeymoon in Nassau, Bahamas, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Pamela Counterman was honored with a baby shower on Feb. 6

## Counterman honored with shower

Pamela Counterman of Muleshoe was honored with a baby shower on Feb. 6 in the home of Peggy Dent.

Hostesses for the shower were Jean Richardson, Dianne Brown, Lenda Trussell, Diane Saylor, Lyn Vandiver, Kay Lepard, Lela Ann Smith, Paula Benton, Jo Ella Flowers, Kerma McGuire, Druscilla Hutton, and Peggy Dent. Special guest was

Jean Woodson, Pamela's mother-in-law.

The serving table was covered with an ecru linen cloth, a centerpiece of pastel silk flowers, stuffed animals, and baby items. Pastel thumb print cookies, raspberry sherbert punch, nuts and coffee were served from brass appointments. Hostesses gifts were a 3 in 1 stroller, an infant seat, and a car seat.

## TOPS NEWS

TOPS #34 Leader, Laverne James opened the Feb. 4 meeting held at the Muleshoe Church of Christ on American

Boulevard. Alma Robertson led the opening song and minutes were read by Janie Hughes.

Neomi Sanchez and Alene Bryant were the weight recorders. Fifteen members weighed in at the meeting.

The best loser for the week was Polly Otwell. First runner-up was Teresa Stone and second runner up was Lucille Harp.

Best loser for the month was Aurora Mata with Molly Davis as first runner -up. The second runner-up was Teresa Stone.

TOPS will present "The Short Branch Saloon" skit at 6 p.m. during the open house at the next meeting on Feb. 11.

## HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported admitting the following patients:

**Jan. 28** — Marivel Barron, Eula Dale, Cristian Flores, Pete Fulcher, Joe Garcia, Patricia Garcia, Lois Harmon, William Harmon, Fernando Herlin, Caleb Huddleston, Theola Hulcy, Ambrosia Nelson, Lori Stormes, Martha Tucker, Adrian Vara, Jessica Vara, James Wingo, Candy

Hernandez, Brooklyn Beall  
**Jan. 29** — Brooklyn Beall, Cristian Flores, Lois Harmon, Fernando Herlin, Theola Hulcy, Don McDonald, Ambrosia Nelson, Anita Rudd, Ellis Sterling, Martha Tucker, James Wingo

**Jan. 30** — Brooklyn Beall, Baby Carrol, Edna Corral, Luciano Daniel, Carloz Duran, Cristian Flores, Lawrence

Fluellen, Linda Griswold, Lois Harmon, Fernando Herlin, Moises Hernandez, Theola Hulcy, Delphia Lawson, Heather Mendoza, Ambrosia Nelson, Anita Rudd, Maria Sanchez, Ellis Sterling

**Jan. 31** — Baby Carrol, Edna Corral, Luciano Daniel, Boy Duran, Carloz Duran, Linda Griswold, Lois Harmon, Moises Hernandez, Theola Hulcy,

Delphia Lawson, Heather Mendoza, Kaylie Morris, Anita Rudd, Maria Sanchez, Ellis Sterling, Debbie Stone

**Feb. 1** — Boy Duran, Lois Harmon, Theola Hulcy, Delphia Lawson, Heather Mendoza, Kaylie Morris, Maria Sanchez, Ellis Sterling, Carl Ellington

**Feb. 2** — Boy Duran, Carl Ellington, Delphia Lawson, Kaylie Morris, Maria Sanchez,

Ellis Sterling, Susan Sudduth  
**Feb. 3** — Carl Ellington, Maria Gauna, Brian Johnson, Delphia Lawson, Margarita Martinez, Ellis Sterling, Susan Sudduth, Ricky Riley

**Feb. 4** — Carl Ellington, Maria Gauna, Delphia Lawson, Brooke Lunsford, Maria Ortega, Ricky Riley, Eddie Steelman, Ellis Sterling

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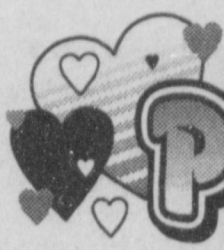
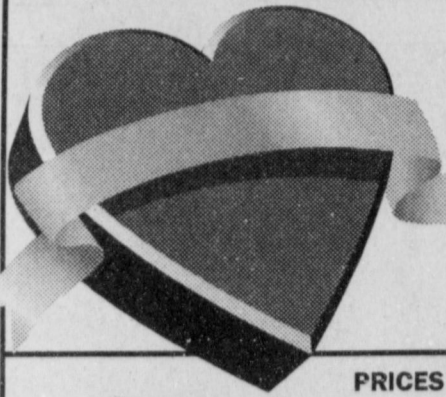
**RICHLAND HILLS — PARK RIDGE**  
• We have several single and multi-family lots in this area!!!  
• NICE 3 bdrm. 2 bath w/3 car detached garage/workshop-storage, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 2,380' lv. area, auto. splkr., fenced yd., MORE!!! RH-2  
• NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2100' lv. area, storage, fenced yd., MORE!!! RH-1  
**HIGHLAND AREA**  
• 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, fenced yd., stor. bldg., MORE!!! Price Reduced!! HL-5  
• 2-1-1 carport home, wall furnace heat, evap. air, DW, 5 fans, cov. patio, gas grill, fenced yd., MAKE OFFER!!!  
• 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, wall furnace heat, Cent. Evap. Air, fenced yd., stor. bldgs., MORE!!! HL-4  
**LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA**  
• PRICE REDUCED 2-1-1 Carport Home, wall furnace, nice carpet, storm shelter, stor. bldg., fenced yd. \$19K!!! CC-3  
• 2-1-1 Home, floor furnace, win. ref. air, fenced yd, stor. bldg., \$18,500 !! L-1  
• 3-2-2 Carport Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice yd., pecan & fruit trees!! \$16K!!

• 3-1/2-1 Home on corner lot, fenced yd., storage bldg., MORE!!! \$20's!!! HS-9  
• NEWLY REMODELED 3-1-1 Home, cent. A & H, new carpet & vinyl, fenced yd., MORE !! \$30's !!! HS-2  
• VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$30's !!! HS-1  
• NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Heat Pump, nice carpets, well insulated, storm windows & doors. \$30's!!! HS-6  
• VERY NICE 3-1-1 Home, nice carpets and vinyl, heat pump, fans, fenced yd., stor. bldgs., MORE!!! \$30's!!! HS-5  
• PRICE REDUCED!!! 3-2-1 Brick, Heat Pump, built-ins, fans, screened porch!!! \$30's!!! HS-7  
• JUST LISTED- 2-1-2 CP Home, corner lot, metal siding, storm win. & doors, stor. bldg. \$20K!! HS-8  
• 1-14' x 60' and 1-12' x 40' Mobile Home on a 98' x 75' lot, both have cent. heat, evap. air, stove, & ref., cov. patios, fenced yd.!!! \$20k!!!  
• 3-2-2 Home, corner lot, floor furnace heat, Cent. Air, auto. splkr., stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$50's!!! HS-10

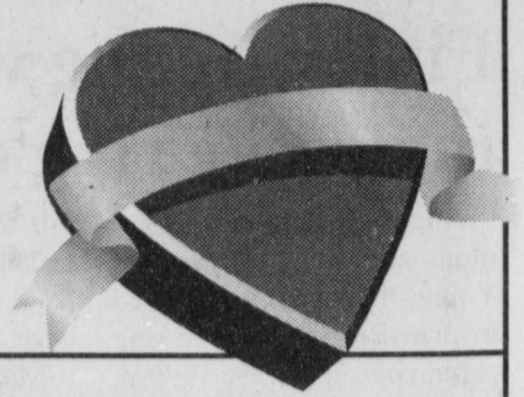
**COMMERCIAL**  
• Six Unit Apartment Complex (4-2bdrm. & 2-1 bdrm. units)!!!  
• 100' x 140' tract, approx. 7,400' business & warehouse building on American Blvd., PRICED TO SELL!!!  
• Established Business: Land, Bldg. & Equip., \$75K!!  
• 56' x 140' tract, approx. 4700' bldg., \$35K!!!  
• NICE R.V. STORAGE, 14' X 40' metal bldg. 12' doors, 50X140 corner lot!  
• SNACK SHACK - Lot, Buildings, furniture & fixtures!!!  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
• Nice 3-2-2 Brick, built-ins, heat pump, 5 fans, nice carpet, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$60's!!! HS-3  
• 2-2-2 BRICK, Cent. A&H, built-ins, corner lot, approx. 1800' lv. area!!! PRICE REDUCED! MAKE OFFER!!! HS-4

**RURAL**  
• PRICE REDUCED- NICE 3-2 home, 40 acre tract, Geo. Heat Pump, built-ins, 5" irrig. well, Hi-Pres. lines, sprinkler pipe, barn, pens, tractor & equip!!! \$69K!!!  
• W. OF SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!!! \$95K!!!  
• 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town!  
• LAZBUDDIE-PRICE REDUCED-NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home on pavement, 2200' Lv. area, Cent. A & H, built-ins. FP, large sunroom!! \$70's!!  
• Approx. 108 acres on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' of commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' ware-house!! 2,800' runway!!  
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 ANY SIZE PACK  
**GROUND CHUCK** .....LB **\$1<sup>69</sup>**  
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 ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**LIT'L SMOKIES** ..... **2/\$5**  
 HILLSHIRE FARM  
 ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**SMOKED SAUSAGE** .....1 LB. PKG **\$1<sup>89</sup>**  
 HILLSHIRE FARM  
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**DELI SELECT MEATS** .....6 OZ. PKGS **2/\$3**  
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**OSCAR MAYER HAM**.....6 OZ. PKG **\$1<sup>39</sup>**  
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**WHOLE HAM** .....5 LB **\$5<sup>95</sup>**  
 ASSORTED VARIETIES  
**OWENS SAUSAGE** .....2 LB. ROLL **\$3<sup>78</sup>**  
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## PRODUCE

- RED RIPE  
**TOMATOES** .....LB **85¢**  
 CELLO WRAPPED  
**ICEBERG LETTUCE** ..... **2/\$1**  
 CELLO PACK SLICED  
**MUSHROOMS** .....8 OZ. **99¢**  
 FRESH  
**GREEN BEANS** .....LB **\$1<sup>19</sup>**  
 RED RIPE  
**STRAWBERRIES** .....PINT **\$1<sup>88</sup>**  
 FRESH  
**GREEN ONIONS** .....BUNCHES **4/\$1**  
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- WASHINGTON RED RIND LONGHORN  
**CHEDDAR CHEESE** .....LB **\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
 REGULAR OR NONFAT  
**BLUE BUNNY**  
**ICE CREAM** .....1/2 GAL. SQUARE **2/\$5**  
 ASSORTED  
**JENO'S PIZZA** .....7.2 TO 8.1 OZ. **78¢**  
 ASSORTED PREMIUM CHOICE  
**MINUTE MAID**  
**ORANGE JUICE** .....96 OZ. JUG **2/\$6**  
 FRENCH ONION OR GREEN CHILI  
**PLAINS DIP** .....8 OZ. **89¢**  
 TEXAS STYLE BUTTER FLAVOR  
**MERICO BISCUITS** .....6 OZ. CAN **2/\$1**  
 CREAMY  
**BLUE BONNET**  
**QUARTERS** .....16 OZ. PKG **58¢**  
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 ORE-IDA  
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 ALL TYPES  
**PEPSI COLA** .....6 PK.-12 OZ. CANS **\$1<sup>39</sup>**  
 ALL TYPES  
**PEPSI COLA** .....3 LITER BTL. **\$1<sup>19</sup>**

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