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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS
81-year-old takes liar title
Maxine Christensen was lying when she said her car was so old the state issued upper and lower plates.
But the fib about her old beater's dentures earned her the dubious distinction of being named the World Champion Liar for 2001
"I'm81 years old. I'm old enough I should know better," Christensen said afterward from her home in Exira, Iowa.
John Soeth, president of the Burlington Liars Club in Wisconsin, awards the honor each year after sifting through hundreds of entries. The club received 384 entries this year, up from last year's total of about 280 .

The contest was open to anyone who wasn't a politician - club members say it isn't fair to let professional liars compete. Those who enter must send the club a dollar for an honorary membership.
Christensen received a letter and a certificate from the club last week telling her she'd won the contest.
"The only thing that would be better would be if there were a monetary award to it," she added. The club awarded eight honorable mentions, including one to Kenneth Hunter of Dallas, Pa., who claimed that a town beekeeper had the world's most productive insects because he'd crossed honeybees with lightning bugs so they could work at night


Drawing date: Saturday, Jan. 5 Winning numbers: $1-3-31-41-51-54$ Estimated jackpot: \$9 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Jan. 9 Estimated jackpot: \$12 million

On this date in history Jan. $\mathbf{1 0}$ - The Lucas gusher comes in at Spindletop, setting off the Texas oil boom 1901).

Jan. 11 - Legislation is passed creating the Texas State Military Board (1862). Also on Jan. 11 - The Confederacy's CS Alabama sinks the USS Hatteras off Galveston (1862).
Jan. 14 - Charles Lallemand arrives at Galveston and attempts to establish a French military colony in Texas (1811).

## Hox y1 Wh: VIER

The National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast called for scattered showers on Thursday, with continuing mild temperatures into next week. Expect daytime highs to range from about 54 to 56 , with partly cloudy skies. Morning lows should be about 28 for Friday and Sunday, 27 Saturday and 26 Sunday.

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Annie Cox wrestles a Roosevelt Lady Eagle for the ball as teammate Tori Barton looks on


Lady Mule Mindy Locker takes a shot against Lubboc Roosevelt last Friday in Muleshoe. Her team soared, 66

## Girls disable Roosevelt in district opener <br> By DELTON WILHITE

Journal sportswriter
The name of the game is basketball not "pretty." The way to tell if a high school team had a good game is to look at the scorboard after 32 minutes: The team with the large number on its end had a good night.
The Lady Mules proved to be more than equal to the task Friday night when Lubbock Roosevelt's Lady Eagles came Lubbock Roosevelt's Lady Eagles came
to town, outdistancing Roosevelt 66-36.

## Nursing home

 faces another
## state inspection

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
Park View, Muleshoe's new nursing home, will face at least one more visit from state inspectors before it's allowed to open. Jim Bone, administrator of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, said Tuesday that the Jan. 2 inspection uncovered some more problems that were being addressed by the builder. There was some hope the latest problems might be corrected by Wednesday, he said, and added that the work is certainly not expected to take beyond the end of the week.
Despite the frustration, Bone added, it's good that the problems were discovered now while the contractor, rather than the district, has to pay for them.
Farmers keeping up pressure on Congress to pass new farm bill By SHAWN WADE Plains Cotton Growers
With 2002 financing arrangements hanging in the balance, High Plains cotton producers are making it clear that the top priority for Senate leaders returning to work Jan. 23 needs to be the completion of a farm bill that will be implemented to protect 2002 crops
Producers say the final year of the 1996 Freedom To Farm program is woefully inadequate and will not come close to bridging the gap between moldering commodity prices and cost of production.
Ag lenders know that even if supplesee FARM BILL on page 2
it is our bench," Lady Mule coach Shana added.
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Simms said. "We're solid all the way up simms said. "We re solid all the way up and down. It doesn't matter who we have on the floor; they are going to get after you. One of their kids was sick tonight, and we will have to be ready when we visit them."
"We handled their physicalness as best we could, and we need to work on that for next time. We could have rebounded bet-

The Lady Mules could be most difficult team to get because everyone gets in the score. Simms has the luxury
to substitute often on the floor. Statistics demonstrate tha Mules make the extra pass to see GIRLS

## Board backs financial help for dairy-supply business

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Members of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. board of directors voted Monday night to recommend a $\$ 50,000$ loan to help a dairy-supply business locate in Muleshoe.

The matter now goes before the city council for approval.
Janet Claborn, the city's economic development officer, said the business, known as The Quality Guys, is expected to locate in the vacant part of the building housing the Dollar Store
The Quality guys is owned by dairy developers Stanley and Johnny Jones and has operated in Littlefield for a
short time, Claborn said. The equipment.
equipment.
Claborn also said she had be tacted by another dairy-supply from Stephenville, Texas, th ested in moving part of its operat Muleshoe. That one dealership for Beco dairy equipm Claborn said the owner of th business expressed his intent Muleshoe in the next few mont added that he did not see the prese another dairy supply as an obstac the High Plains, she said


## Making a name

The eighth-grade Mules saw plenty of action en route to beating Nazareth in the championship game of the Lazbuddie Tournament on Saturday. At left, Brady Black (No. 34) finds himself in an interesting position as Nazareth's Charlie Rundell tries to get the ball. Myles James (No. 10) watches the action for Muleshoe. At right, Jarad Flores (No. 22) goes up for a shot as Rundell and Clifford Gerber (No. 15) await the rebound for Nazareth.
shot and to trap on defense to create turnovers and sco ing opportunities for all. The full-court press forced the Lady Eagles' limited staff to play the full 94 feet on offense and the many fast-break opportu nities forced them to run on defense.
Roosevelt was able to stay close during the firs eight minutes, with the Lady Mules leading only 11-6 af ter a quarter.
The steady stream of fresh legs and lungs that Simms continued to send into the game began to wear down the Lady Eagles in the second frame as seven Lady Mules poured in 19 points to take a 30-14 advantage at intermission.
Muleshoe relaxed some defensively in the final period and the Lady Eagles scored 14 points. But Muleshoe had its largest offensive output ( 23 points) in the final frame because Roosevelt was not able to get back quickly on defense.

Around Muleshoe
Extension annual meeting scheduled The Bailey County office of Texas Cooperative Exten-
sion has scheduled its annual meeting for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room.
Janet Claborn, the city of Muleshoe's economic development director, will be the speaker
The public is invited. More information is available by calling the Extension office at 272-4583
Jan. 18 is crop disaster deadline
Bailey County farmers have until Jan. 18 to file applications for the Crop Disaster Program or for Quality Loss for the 2000 crop year, according to an announcement from the local Farm Service Agency office
An appointment is required in order to file either appliPublic calendar

Jan. $10-10$ a.m. to noon. Free child safety-seat checkup at United Supermarket, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Department of Transportation.
Also on Jan. $10-6: 30$ p.m. to 8 p.m. Boys' signup for Muleshoe Youth Basketball at Muleshoe State Bank. Cost is $\$ 35$
Jan. 11 - Mammograms at South Plains Health Providers, Muleshoe. Reservations required: (800) 377-4673. Jan. 12 - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Pandas," the weekly Storytime feature at Muleshoe Area Public Library. It will be preceded by "Ready for Life" (for newborns to age 2 , with parents) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and followed by "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" (for all elementary students) from $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 1:45 p.m.
Also on Jan. 12 - 12:30 p.m. for third- and fourth graders, 2 p.m. for fifth- and sixth-graders. Final signup andevaluation for boys in Muleshoe Youth Basketball, in the junior high gymnasium. Cost is $\$ 35$; attendance at this session is mandatory in order to play in the league.
Also on Jan. 12 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Reception honoring Ina Wilemon's 75 th birthday, in the Rebekahs Hall at 308 W. Second. Family requests no gifts.

Jan. 13 - 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 6 p.m. Lubbock Christian University President L. Ken Jones speaks on "Personal Leadership" at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.


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New species of salvia introduced to gardeners

By RONN SMITH Editor
salview species of dryland salvia is being introduced in America this year. High Country Gardens of Santa Fe will be offering the plant via mail-order in its new catalog
Being marketed as dwarf silver-leaf sage, Salvia daghestanica (how's that for a name?) likes full sun, welldrained soil, doesn't need much water, and is deer and rabbit "resistant."
I put "resistant" in quotation marks because I don't know exactly how resistant the species is supposed to

I suspect that, as a salvia, the plant has a scent and flavor that animals will avoid as long as there's something more palatable to chew on. As I've said many times, though, I have known cottontails to leave things alone ery last stalk to chew every last stalk to the ground. But at least, if you live
where deer or rabbits make where deer or rabbits make ing "resistant" plants is better than planting "main course" staples.
Dwarf silver-leaf sage produces rosettes of silvery foliage, 1
monly known as scarlet hedgenettle although I seldom hear anyone use that grown on the High Plains and I don't know why. If you have driven in Central Texas and admired the meadows of spectacular red wildflowers, it could well have been this species you were seeing.
Anyway, one new form of it called 'Hot Spot Coral' (I've said it before: I don't make this stuff up) offers a coral-red shade, maybe a little more subdued than the red-red of the species.
This one does require more water than the salvia or the stachys, but not more than it takes to maintain a high-quality lawn. Despite coming from downstate, there is no problem with its hardiness on the High Plains. on the High Plains. Anew cultivar that doesn't need much water is Shasta Sulfur' buckwheat. The flowering buckwheat (Eriogonum umbeilatum) is another greatly underrated plant that should be more popular than it is.
The big crops of sulfur yellow flowers open in late pring and last up to math pring and last up to a month and a half.
ering buckwheat you may know about-18 inches high be 2 feet across.

Looks as if hummingbirds are not going to leave the High Plains at all this winter if they can keep finding something to eat.
The weekend of Jan. 5-6,
an Anna's hummingbird was photographed at a feeder in Amarillo.
I find it unbelievable that those little guys can survive the temperatures we've been having, but apparently their migration to the tropics is based only on the need for food, not any lack of hardiness on their part. I haven't talked to any of these people who still have heir hummingbird feeders out, but I'm guessing the must bring the feeders indoors at night to keep nectar from freezing. experiment at this time of year, remember that there is no point in filling the feede more than a quarter full. Happy planting! Questions and Can besent to Garden Writer 571 County Road 1018 Muleshoe, Texas 79347 Muleshoe,
e-mailed e-mailed to

## Mineral supplement

## 'Woody's Jewelry <br> 프 117 W. 2nd, Portales, 356-5641 문

## Research could lead Valley into cut-flower business

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL WESLACO - The area's strong winds have alGrande Valley nursery growers out of the lucrative cut-flower business. But scientific research and the bird of paradise, a common landscape plant that thrives
in South Texas, could change that scenario. Yin-Tung Wang, a horticulturist at the Texas A\&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at
Weslaco, said growers could make up to $\$ 50,000$ per acre per year selling bird-of-paradise cut flowers plants to retailers Roat the country Right now, the only U.S. producers of bird of paraCalifornia and Hawaii, but they can't keep up with the demand," Wang said. "Flowers have to be imported from South America and Europe."
Bird of paradise produces long stems that bend at the top to produce brilliant, pointed yellow flowers that resemble a bird's beak. This is a subtropical plant that is ideally suited to Valley growing conditions," Wang said. "It stands up to Valley winds, it's cold tolerant, its flower stems are so stiff and erect they don't need staking. And once a field is established, these plants will produce flowers

## TODAY'S RECIPE

## STEAK JAMAICAN

6 Tbsp. honey
$1 / 3$ cup lime juice
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil 2Tbsp.prepared mustard 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 tsp. grated lime peel $1 / 2$ tsp. salt
$1 / 2$ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

2 lbs. lean top round steak Lime wedges
Whisk together all ingredi-
ents except the steak and lime
the need to replant,
Wang said bird. dise is native to South Africa and would thrive in the Valley's sizzling sun. But it would also tolerate the cold temperatures earlier this month that threatened the Rio Grande Valley's traditional crops of vegetables, sugarcane and citrus.
"The freeze of December 1983 killed leaves of the bird of paradise here, ut plants recovered well and then bloomed quickly. Light freeze and frost do not appear to harm this crop," he said.
Wang envisio Warch project to dens a reearch projecto determine he establishment, growth and flower production of bird of paradise (Strelitzia reginae Ait.) and has submitted a $\$ 50,000$ grant proposal to the Texas Department of Agriculture's new Specialty Crop Research and Product Development Grant Pro Develo
gram.
"This research would last for several years and would determine how best to es tablishplants under partially shaded and non-shaded field conditions, optimal spacing for best flower production, leaf and flower production per plant and per are and economical turn," he said
Much as his research did for the moth orchid nursery
wedges in a small bowl
Score steak across the top and place in a shallow baking pan. Pour the marinade ove the steak, turning to coat al sides.
Refrigerate six to eight hours, turning occasionally. Broil four to six inches from heat for three minutes for me dium rare, or as desired. Slice thinly on diagonal; serve with lime wedges. Makes 6 servings.
similar research on the bird f pardise cold ted bird of paradise could lead to or wh priable busines for the ailing agricultural community and provide added income and jobs for the local economy
"This is a high-yielding, high-value crop that has a huge potential here, especially in light of the fact that growers have been having such a tough time economially with our traditional crops of vegetables, sugarcane and tropical foliage, he said.

## "It could also lead to the

production of other suitable cut flowers



## THREE WAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001 DataControl
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# You snooze, you lose! Read the news! 

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Just say 'Chuckie cheese’
Using cotton for the details, these Watson Junior High seventh-graders created "Chuckie" as their project last semester learning teamwork in the Character Counts! program.

## Fantasy can be a good way to cope

## designershave joined together

 in a conspiracy againstall who just want to feel good when shopping, against everyone who just wants to look nice and against anyone who wants a shirt for under $\$ 20$.A shirt, a simple little shirt is all I wanted - elegant but simple. I ended up with a $\$ 26$ shirt and a scarring memory,
I felt like an elephant, no matter what I tried on. Be cause of that, I made a decision: I'm going to learn sew.

I will write a book on the evils of designer clothing, or any clothing sold in stores, and make enough money to

## KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

 By Katye Cookbuy designercloth
day of the year.
That clothing burn a piece of big platform in my day on a big platform in my big front yard while wearing my homemade clothes.
My kids, however, will be free to wear as much designer clothing as they want. They can shop to their heart's content, but their mother will not buy her clothes.
I'll admit my plan is a bit outlandish, but that's not

Eventualy, I will open my
own clothing store. The clothes at my store will not be bought with money, but with material. Instead of a price such as $\$ 20$ on the tags, it will be how many yards of material it took to make that dress. In my store, there will be "sew-in sizing." Once a customer finds their size, they can pay with their material, can pay with their material, take it to the back of the store and "be" any size they want to be: We will sew in any size
wanted. wanted.
Everyone could be a size

## T

Ten members of TOPS No loser in the weekly report, with 34 attended the Jan. 3 meeting Polly Otwell as first runnerat Muleshoe Church of Christ, atMutOPS song christ. Both at the meeting.
Leader Laverne James presided and led the prayer and pledge.
The weekly, monthly and six-months reports were presented.
Elaine Coburn was the best
up. Knowles was the best, Retha Knowles was the best loser, with Alene Bryant as first run-ner-up and Rose Sain as second runner-up.
Bryant was the best loser in the six-months report, and Molly Davis was first runnerup.

Also in the six-month report, Joline Franklin was second runner-up, Knowles third runner-up and Jewel Peeler fourth runner-up. Otwell and Coburn tied for fifth runner-up in the sixmonth report.
The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 10 at the usual site. Visitors are welcome.

## JUST FOR FMN



## Horse breeder to donate to victims

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL challenge to the equine inHOUSTON - In an effort to involve the equine industry in making a charitable difference, champion horse owner Terry Owens will pledge $\$ 500$ fromevery breeding sale in 2002 to the United Way September 11th Fund and is challenging horse breeders across the country to join her.
"I've never felt so much emotion and so proud to be an American as I do now," she said. "I just had to find a way to do my part. That's when I came up with the idea of donating a portion of each breeding sale." This one "star" from the Lone Star State issued a with reality
try with this pan carry through with this plan its been good way to vent. N'Il go back to the mall or local clothing store, go through torture and rehash my plan to bring down the clothing embring.

It's hard to remember when I am shopping that size is not important. Looks aren't im portant, how big your thighs are doesn't matter
It's all about your outlook on life and not losing yourself in material things.
Katye Cook, a former student at Three Way High School, writes this column for the Journal.
stud at Green Valley Farms in Aubrey, Texas, has proceeded to be the year's leading winner in reining.
With the success that Owens' horse has enjoyed, most recently winning the junior reining at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, calls for breeding are pouring in, she said.
Owens will make all donations in the name of the mare owner to show shared support of the United States.
The equine industry rep resents more than $\$ 112$ billion in its total impact on the U.S. gross domes tic product and provides more than 338,000 jo

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION CONSOLIDACION )
To the Registered Voters of Three Way ISD , Texas; Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on February 2 , 20 02, for voting in a consolidation election, to Vote for or against the proposition: Consolidation of Three Way ISD and Sudan ISD into a single district
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(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillaselectorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las
 votar a favor o en contra de: La consolidación del Three Way ISD y Sudan ISD en un solo distrito. LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
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## Junior varsity girls singe Roosevelt Eagles 62-32

Journal correspondent Showing nosigns of rust from the holiday break the junior varsity Lady Mules cranked up their high-octane offense and stingy defense Jan. 4 for their first district opponent, taking a 62-32 victory.
The Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles seemed in total shock during the first four minutes of the game. Midway through the firs quarter, Mitci Hawkin
a pass as she cut to the lane for a layup to give the Lady Mules a 14-2 lead.

Roosevelt beat the buzzer to cut the Lady Mule lead to 20-10 at the end of the first period. Lindsey Wood turned the key on the Muleshoe offense by driving the lane for a layup. After a Lady Eagle turnover, she sank a 20 -foot shot from the corner.
was converted to a fast to extend their halftime break opportunity for the Lady Mules and Wood hit Gradee Adrian for the layup to complete the break and push the Muleshoe lead to $30-10$ with only three minutes gone in the second period.
The Lady Eagles could muster only four points in the second period while Muleshoe poured in 17 points to take a 37-14 advantage by intermission.
break through the third period, scoring only six points while Roosevelt put in seven.
After the quarter break, Adrian hit a 12 -foot baseline jumper and completed a fast break to get the Lady Mule scoring train back on track. Megan Mason put back an offenive rebound and Jami Carpenter finished a Muleshoe fast break to complete
the Lady Eagles could get started in the final frage Wood completed anoldfashioned three-point play by sinking the free throw after tipping a Lady Eagle pass to Hawkins. Hawkins rabbed the loose ball and gave the ball back to Wood to complete the fast break despite being fouled during the shot.
Wood led the Lady Mule ffense with 20 points, fol
penter eight, Tabath Obenhaus seven, Mason ix and Hawkins two for the Lady Mules.
The Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates will try to raid the Lady Mules on Jan. 8. Cooper dropped its district opener to Shallowater 42-39 and needs a win to climb back into the district race. Dim mitt defeated Littlefiel 43-36 for an early share o irst place

## Eradication producing notable returns to Texas cotton producers

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL Boll-weevil eradication
produces significant returns to cotton growers,
according to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.
This impact has been well documented in cot-ton-growing states that have eradicated the weevil, the foundation stated in a press release this week, but the effect in Texas is just becoming clear. Two recent studies draw a stark contrast between areas in eradication and those still struggling with the damage caused by cotton's most consistent enemy.

A report prepared by John Robinson, an agricultural economist for Texas A\&M, compared cotton production in the South

EradicationZone with proEradication Zone with production in nearby counties
that are not conducting eradication activities. His report, taken from data provided by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, shows the South Texas zone greatly outperformed the counties not in eradication

The zone showed an average production of 119 pounds per acre, a 24 percent gain from 1997-2000 compared with the four previous years. Fort Bend, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties, which are not in eradication, posted an average loss of 38 pounds of cotton per acre, or a 7 percent decrease, over the same time span.
difference other than the gram," Robinson said at a recent meeting with'growBend Eradication Zone. The zone is composed of the four counties in Robinson's study, along with Austin, Colorado and Brazoria counties and part of Waller County.
Growers in the zone will vote this month on beginning eradication activities. The economist said the yield increase translates to a benefit to South Texas cotton growers of $\$ 75$ per acre, or a return of $\$ 6.40$ for every dollar spent on eradication.
"Any region that does not eradicate the boll weecompetitive disa in competitive disadvan
tage," Robinson said in
recent Southwest Farm
Press article. "It's a good Press artic
investment
The South Texas/Winter Garden zone began eradication in 1996 and recently reaffirmed its commitment to eradication when almost 88 percent of growers in the region approved a meaeradication.
Another study confirms the benefits of eradication The 2000 "Cotton Insec Losses" report, prepared for the 2001 Beltwide Cotton Conference, showed dramatic differences beGrande Valley and Upper Grande Valley and Upper Coastal Bend areas of
Texas compared with the South Texas/Winter Garden.

During the 2000 grow ing season, South Texas
showed no losses because showed no losses because of boll-weevil damage, but more than 37,000 bales of cotton were lost to boll weevils in the Upper Valley, whichencompasses the southernmost counties at southernmost counties than 15,000 bales.
From a dollars and cents perspective, boll weevils perspective, boll weevils
cost the Upper Coastal Bend more than $\$ 10.8 \mathrm{mil}$ lion, or $\$ 42$ an acre, and the Lower Valley almos $\$ 4.5$ million, or $\$ 18.22$ an acre. Add the expense of insecticides growers of insecticides growers app!ied to control boll weevils, and the cost in the Upper Bend increases to
$\$ 78.36$ per acre and $\$ 69.29$
per acre in the Lower Val-
ley.
South Texas growers pay South Texas growers pay an assessment of $\$ 23.14$ per acre for eradication.
"From the experience in ther states, we' known that eradication benefited cotton growers, said Lindy Patton, execufoundation. "Now dat from Texas cotton fields show that Texas producers can reap the same results.' The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initi ated and -funded organization dedicated to the elimination of the cot ton boll weevil in the state in the most cost-effectiv and environmentally re sponsible way possible


## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

997 head of cattle, 157 hogs and 173 sheep and goats for a total of 1,327 animals were sold at the Jan. 5 th sale. overall, there was a good selection of cattle tor the first of 2001 on all classes of cattle, with good demand.

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## Former 4-H'er delivers red, white and blue message

SPECIALTOTHEJOURNAL COLLEGE STATION - When Jennifer Roberson joined $4-\mathrm{H}$ as a third-grader, she didn't realize how lifechanging the experience would be.
The leadership skills she learned from her years in 4H , a youth development program that stresses leadership and community service,
helped her make a difference after Sept. 11 - and lead her to New York City.
Now a junior at Texas A\&M University (Class of 2003, she said), and a student employee of the 4 -HFoundation office, Roberson laughed when she explained she has been involved in 4-H "for a while!
All those years in $4-\mathrm{H}$ in Vernon (third grade through high school) even influenced her choice of major, An agriculture development major, Roberson is also the recipient of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.
But it's not so much what she did while she was a member of $4-\mathrm{H}$, but what she has done with what she learned there that has made a difference in lives other than her own. Roberson is one of the Aggies who worked with the Red, White and Blue Committee, raising about $\$ 180,000$ for the rescue workers' funds in New York City. She was alsoone of a dozen
who traveled to New York in November to present the checks to two charitable or-ganizations- $\$ 90,000$ to the Patrolmans' Benevolent As sociation Widows and Children's Fund, and $\$ 90,000$ to the UniformedFirefighters Association's Widows and Children's Fund
Roberson credits her year in 4-H in helping her develop skills as a team member and as a leader. She took part in lot of projects during those years - as she laughingly said, "What were not my projects?" - including food and nutrition, method dem onstration, record book, sheep
and of course, leadership. Roberson was involved in
leadership in $4-\mathrm{H}$ on the county and district levels, and in 1999, as a member of the state council. And in the summer of 2000 , she worked a the Texas $4-\mathrm{H}$ Center in Brownwood.
She also served on an ex change group, with othe
4-H'ers in both Missouri and Washington, D.C., and she was a leader/mentor for younger 4-H'ers in her area "I had a great county Ex ension agent" to work with as a 4 -H'er, she said. Mozelle Montaño was county Exten sion agent for $4-\mathrm{H}$ and family and consumer science in Roberson was a 4-H'er there, she said
he said
many other
thing to support both the vic tims of the Sept. 11 attacks and the rescue workers who ushed to the scene
"My boyfriend and I are both involved in student activities, but in different organizations," she said. One night shortly after Sept. 11 he called "and told me about the red, white and blue $T$ shirts" and the movement to get the T-shirts made, sold and worn at the Sept. 22 foot ball game between Texas A\&M and Oklahoma State University.
Robersonimmediately vol unteered. The plan was for fans attending the game to dress in red, white and blue to show support for the country and for the victims of the Sep 11 attack, Roberson said.

Through the efforts of nizers and 20 to 30 volunteers who sold the shirts for \$5 each - and the overwhelming support people who bought the shirts, sometimes by the dozens - the commit tee was able toraise thousands of dollars in support of those directly affected by Sept. 11
"It's hard to describe be cause ... I have a theory, Roberson said. "People jus wanted to help and didn know what to do. We pro vided an outlet for A\&M. I feel like we helped in a small way."
And when she actually saw the stands at Kyle Field on game day, with fans in the bottom tier dressed in blue Tshirts, fans in the cent
the upper tier in red "It was incredible", she red, "It was ally happened!
Roberson was one of about 10 of the students on the committee who went to New York City in November to present the checks. She said three things from that trip stand out most for her:
One was when she and a couple of other committee members came upon a funeral service at St. Patrick's
Cathedral for one of the firefighters who died because of the attacks. "A bagpipe was playing 'Amazing Grace,'" she said. "It was
beautiful."
Another was the check pre-
sentation itself, along with seeing New York City sights
" 42 nd Street" on Broadwate "42nd Street" on Broadway
And the third wasavisit Ground Zero. "I was righty front of the site," Robersol said. She had a difficult time describingit. "It's sa yery vivid picture of the most horribly imagine. It looked like ashes imagine. It looked like ashes
still in the shape of the build ing, yet it's twisted beams o steel. ... I couldn't believe it." She was surprised to learn
hat many of the New Yor ers they met considered aggies to be heroes for the Blue Committee.
'I don't feel like we're any did was give people an id
of a way to help," Robers

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