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News Briefs

Jones runs for City Council



JONES

James Roy Jones has submitted his candidacy for City Council District 2. Jones served on the City Council board from 1989-93 and has owned a local business. He worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, retiring last year.

"I have enjoyed serving [Muleshoe] before and would like to serve again," said Jones.

Jones has lived in Muleshoe for over 50 years and graduated from Muleshoe High School. He is married to Theresa Toth and has two children, Jana and James.

The candidates for the May General Election are: District #1: Daniel Guzman (incumbent), Richard Orozco, and Freddy Santos.

District #2: James Roy Jones, Cyndi Parker, and Kristy Price.

The candidate for the May Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor is Cliff Black.

Early voting for the elections begins on Wednesday, April 28 and runs through Tuesday, May 11 at City Hall. Election day is Saturday, May 15 at City Hall.

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Give It A Thought

"Dawn" - So peaceful and wondrous! Mourning Doves calling. Birds singing and chirping. Willows gently swaying in the morning breeze.

Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

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Tourism program; happy trails to Muleshoe

By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor
editor@muleshoejournal.com

Muleshoe's most famous tourist attraction very well could be the Mule Memorial, locally known as "Ol Pete." Some could argue that it's the National Wildlife Refuge. One could contest by saying the ever-growing Heritage Center is gaining more popularity than anything in this area.

Well, someone out there agrees that all of these things plus a few more sites in this region are well worth the attraction.

Muleshoe is no Route 66, but it has the potential

to become a great place for tourists to get their kicks.

A tourist program funded through the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be conducting site evaluations throughout the Panhandle and West Texas, it's new region, over the next few months. The Texas Plains Trails Region held a board meeting April 15 at the Heritage Center's Depot to discuss this topic.

Amber Nuñez, Heritage Tourism program specialist, said the purpose of the program is "tourism development" as well as to help the THC identify historical heritage resources in the area.

Nuñez said the sites will

be randomly chosen to evaluate and certain ones will be highlighted in a brochure. "These are sites that outside people would stop at," she said. "Someone who is passing through the town or on a trip to visit historical sites."

She, along with a group of site evaluators consisting of an architect, a museum specialist and tourist marketers, will tour the Bailey County area in July.

The team of evaluators will assess each site and make recommendations as to what can be improved upon.

"We're trying to experience what a tourist would

experience," said Nuñez.

The findings will be given in a report to the operators of the sites with their suggestions. "The report will offer professional recommendations and valuable resources for the development and improvement of the site."

She said this will help make the site ready for tourism and help the community better prepare the site for tourists.

The expected dates are July 19-23 to evaluate the Muleshoe area. Nuñez said this is a tentative schedule because a regional director

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Chamber Banquet a "night to remember"



Business of the Year— Terral King (right) presented Burton Service Center with the Business of the Year award from the Chamber of Commerce at the banquet last weekend. Alton Burton (middle) founded the business and passed it down to his son, Terry (left).



Employee of the Year— Ronnie Dent (right) presented the Employee of the Year award to James "Granny" Elder, one of his employees at Dent & Co., at Saturday's Chamber of Commerce banquet.



Man of the Year— Mike Cleavinger (right) presented the Business of the Year award to David Tipps at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Tipps owns and operates Hereford Feed Ingredients in Muleshoe.

Most would agree the shrimp was delectable, the steak was savory, and, of course, everybody made room for the cheesecake at the annual Chamber Banquet Saturday night. It was just what the Chamber set out to do—make it a "night to remember."

Approximately 250 tickets were sold, according to Jan Thompson, Chamber manager.

"We have been very excited about the community's response to our annual banquet," Thompson said. "Everyone had a great time and seemed to enjoy the steak and shrimp again this year."

After Chamber members and their teenaged helpers scurried about making sure everyone's glasses and bel-

lies were full, Chamber President Terral King introduced the guest speaker for the event, Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

Neugebauer spoke on the importance of small-town America and said he and his wife, who was unable to join him that evening, make it a point to attend Chamber functions as they are "what a community is built on."

A silent auction was also held during the dinner. Many local businesses donated items auctioned off to the highest bidder. The event raised over \$12,000 for the Chamber of Commerce.

This fund-raiser was a first at the Banquet for the Chamber. "The silent auc-

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Teen takes it to the sky; follows childhood dream



Sky high—Cory Hunt, 19, of Muleshoe is living his dream of becoming a pilot. He is a cropduster for a local company and couldn't be having any more fun.

By Leah Bell
General Manager

Taking to the skies is something 19-year-old Cory Hunt has always dreamed about—at least since fourth grade. Now that dream is a reality and he's flying high over West Texas.

"Getting my cropduster's license has far exceeded my expectations," Hunt

said. "I've always had a passion for agriculture and flying so I wanted a career that incorporated both. Cropdusting was a natural choice."

To follow his dreams, Hunt had to acquire not only his private pilot's license, but a commercial and Texas Aerial Applicator's License as well. No problem for a young man deter-

mined to fly.

While in high school, he received 20 hours of flight training in a Cessna before he took off to the Billy Howell Flight Academy in Bainbridge, Ga. and enrolled in cropdusting school. Once Hunt started the program, he scratched those 20 hours and started

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Winkler signs with Howard College



WINKLER

Chase Winkler, a senior at Muleshoe High School, signed on with Howard College as of April 5. Winkler, 18, will attend Howard this fall on a rodeo scholarship and focus on team roping. He has rodeoed for only three years. The proud parents are Larry and Paula Winkler. He is the grandson of MaryLou Gamblin and the late L.C. Winkler of Dickens, and Celeste Yanzer and the late Walter Perry, Jr. of Lubbock.

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Regional Round-up

Dillman Elementary Spring Round Up

Dillman Elementary will register children for pre-k and kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year on May 7 from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pre-k children must be four years of age before Sept. 1 and must be eligible for the bilingual program or free/reduced lunches. Kindergartners must be five years of age before Sept. 1. Parents are required to bring an updated shot record for their child, their birth certificate and the child's Social Security card in order to register. For more information, call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at 272-7382.

Therapy for breast cancer survivors

The Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Education Center (JACC) will offer a new movement therapy for breast cancer survivors class beginning Tuesday, May 4, from noon to 1 p.m. held in the Joe Arrington Cancer Center chapel, located at 4101 22nd Place.

The class will help survivors regain and maintain full range of motion and reduce the risk of lymphedema. The instructor is Suzanne Aker and clinical direction is provided by Catherine Ronaghan, M.D., F.A.C.S., surgeon at Covenant Health System. Join the class at anytime. Classes are offered each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Maxey Community Center located at 30th St. and Oxford Ave. For more information or to register, call (806) 725-6879.

Senior celebration 2004

Parents of the MHS Senior class of 2004 need the community's help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for MHS seniors. Donations will help to offset expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo for the Seniors. Donations or questions may be addressed to: Lisa Whalin at 272-7411 or 272-5313 and Bernita Sheets at 272-7722.

"Ring Around the Moon" to Fair Theatre

The cast of Texas-Express will be back on stage at Historic Fair Theatre in Plainview, on Saturday, May 1, at 7 p.m., with ragtime music and the premier of a musical play about the "mightiest horse," Steel Dust. Many of the musicians are regular cast members who perform at Palo Duro Canyon. For more information, call the Theatre at 806-293-4000, Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30 from 1-5 p.m., or tickets will be available for purchase the day of the performance from 2-7 p.m.

Girl Scouts Host tour at Camp Rio Blanco

Girls ages 6-17 and their families are invited to attend an open house at Camp Rio Blanco, in Crosbyton, on May 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open house provides an opportunity for families to get a "sneak peek" of Camp Rio Blanco. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet camp staff, tour the campgrounds and ask questions about the summer program. For more information, please contact Summer Littlejohn at (806)745-2855 or (800) 530-4957.

Adult Education Center enrolling in May

The Adult Education Center of Muleshoe at 804 W. American Blvd. will be enrolling students for the Spring/Summer sessions starting in May. The Center offers college prep classes, GED prep, ESL, and other educational resources. The Center is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766.

Muleshoe Athletic Banquet

The annual Muleshoe Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$10. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call David Marricle at 272-4504 or David Tipps at 272-5871.

Breast cancer screening in Muleshoe

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Compre-

hensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First St. in Muleshoe on May 3 and 20. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Morton

The third annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration sponsored by the Morton Chamber of Commerce is Saturday, May 1, on the courthouse square in downtown Morton. Booths open at 10 a.m. with live music and prize drawings throughout the day. The 2004 Cinco de Mayo King and Queen will be crowned late afternoon. This contest is open to children age 12 and under, and the winners are determined by which contestants sell the most tickets on a drawing for a new gas grill provided by Morton's Lewis Farm and Ranch.

Persons interested in having a booth at the event can contact the Chamber of Commerce at (806) 266-5200. Local bands will perform at the dance at 7:30 p.m. at Sabala's Ballroom.

Agriculture museum party on the prairie

Join the American Museum of Agriculture for a "Party on the Prairie" at Dan and Linda Taylor's barn near Ropesville at 7 p.m. April 30. Dress casually for an evening of food, fun, games, cowboy poetry, music and s'mores over the campfire. There is a fee per person. For directions or to RSVP, call Angela Beesley at (806) 239-5796.

All proceeds will benefit the American Museum of Agriculture, which is located at the corner of Canyon Lake Drive and East Broadway in Lubbock. The museum is on the same property as the American Wind Power Center, and is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Certified nurse aide class

A Certified Nurse Aide class begins May 10 at South Plains College. Enrollment is limited to 14 students. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 8.4 continuing education units. For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Comedy night at CCC

Clovis Community College is holding a Comedy/Improv Night on Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in CCC's Town Hall. All comedy performers are CCC students. Lots of door prizes and audience participation. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased at the door.

Atlatl throw at Blackwater Draw

Eastern New Mexico University's Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology and Mu Alpha Nu Anthropology Club are sponsoring the Fourth Annual Blackwater Draw Atlatl Throw on Saturday, May 1. The competition will be held at the Blackwater Draw Museum, US Hwy. 70, seven miles northeast of Portales, near the Greyhound Football Stadium. Registration and practice will start at 9 a.m., with the Target Round beginning at 10 a.m. The ISAC round will take place in the afternoon.

There will be categories for men, women, and children, and prizes for the top finishers in each category. Experience not necessary. For more information, contact David C. Batten, Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology at (505) 562-2750, or e-mail david.batten@enmu.edu.

Teachers workshop at ENMU

Extended Learning will offer a workshop on "Teachers, the Law, and Public Schools for college credit from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on two Saturdays, May 1 and 8. For more information, call (505) 562-2165.

Trails, from front page

has not been hired.

Jean Allison, with the Heritage Foundation in Muleshoe, said the regional director will be chosen at the Trails' next board meeting in Floydada May 20.

The Regional Coordinator, who will be headquartered in Borger, will promote the region's tour.

The Panhandle Trails route consists of 52 counties and over 100 sites. There are 10 regions in the state of Texas.

"We are really excited they (the Texas Trail Region) is interested in Bailey County," said Allison.

Not only does this bring new people through the area, but new money as well. Nuñez explained that people passing through Muleshoe stopping to see the attractions will more than likely "fuel their cars, feed their families, stay in your hotels and generate new money into the community."

The program is possible through state funded grants,

according to Nuñez. The program received about \$50,000 in grant money to be disbursed among the regions that need improvements from the THC. They are to fund heritage and tourism-oriented projects such as interpretation, signage, communication materials and exhibits, as

well as training.

The Texas Historical Commission is headquartered in Austin and "works to protect, preserve and promote the historic and cultural resources throughout the state by providing tourists with opportunities to learn about Texas' rich heritage."

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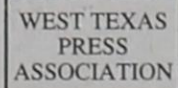
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Talent show results

The results from the talent show held at the Muleshoe High School auditorium Thursday night are in: first place- Ballet Folklorico Guadalupeño; second place- Anna Symm; third place- Cedric Castorena.

**Gordon, Actkinson
recognized by the College of the State Bar**

The College of the State Bar of Texas Recognized 4211 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon on March 27 in Dallas. Gordon H. Green of Muleshoe and Johnny Wayne Actkinson of Farwell were among those recognized. Only six percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members.

**Stenholm leads in
19th Congressional District race**

Congressman Charlie Stenholm has a four-point lead over Randy Neugebauer (48 percent to 44 percent) in the newly configured 19th District. The recent poll results are based on 800 completed interviews conducted at the beginning of the month with a random sample of likely 2004 voters in the new 19th Congressional District of Texas.

Texans Recognize Arbor Day on April 30

April 30 marks the 115th official Texas Arbor Day celebration and will see statewide events that recognize the way trees enrich and stabilize the environment. Texas Arbor Day aligns with national Arbor Day, traditionally observed on the last Friday in April, but Texans are encouraged to conduct local ceremonies anytime from November.

During the ceremony, a pecan tree will be planted in honor of Fort Worth citizens Mary Louise Michie and Isaac Johnson for their substantial contributions to urban forestry. "Fort Worth was selected because of its long-standing commitment to urban forestry," Hull said, "and to recognize its 25th consecutive year as a Tree City USA."

Tech gets new Masked Rider

Texas Tech University announced the Masked Rider for 2004-2005 at the University's annual Transfer of Reins ceremony held April 23. Stacy Stockard, a senior agricultural communications major from Sanger, the daughter of Joe and Mary Stockard, is the new masked rider.

Cinco de Mayo celebration set

By Leslie Radford
Managing Editor

Comite Patriotico hosts this year's Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the New City Park in Muleshoe on May 2.

Noe Anzaldua, committee member, said everyone is invited for music, fun and food; it's sure to be a family affair.

This year's highlight of the event will be the live mariachi band and the Ballet Folklorico dancers. The band will perform between 3 and 6 p.m.

"There will be live music, games and piñatas for the kids," Anzaldua said.

Anzaldua said Cinco de Mayo is celebrated all over the United States.

Noe Torres will be the guest speaker. His topic:

"Why we celebrate Cinco de Mayo in America."

Anzaldua began to explain the importance of Cinco de Mayo as being an independence day from the French army who invaded Mexico in 1862.

Cincodemayo.net explains the history of the holiday beginning in the City of Puebla. "It was taken in 1811 by Independence forces. It was soon retaken by Spanish loyalists and it wasn't until 1821 when it came to rebel hands again, just before the Independence Treaty in Mexico City."

Generals appointed by President Benito Juarez to defend Puebla fortified the Hill of Guadalupe north of the city. On the Fifth of May,

2,001 military men and Puebla citizens, armed with home and farm tools, defeated a frontal attack by 6,000 men of the best trained army of the time.

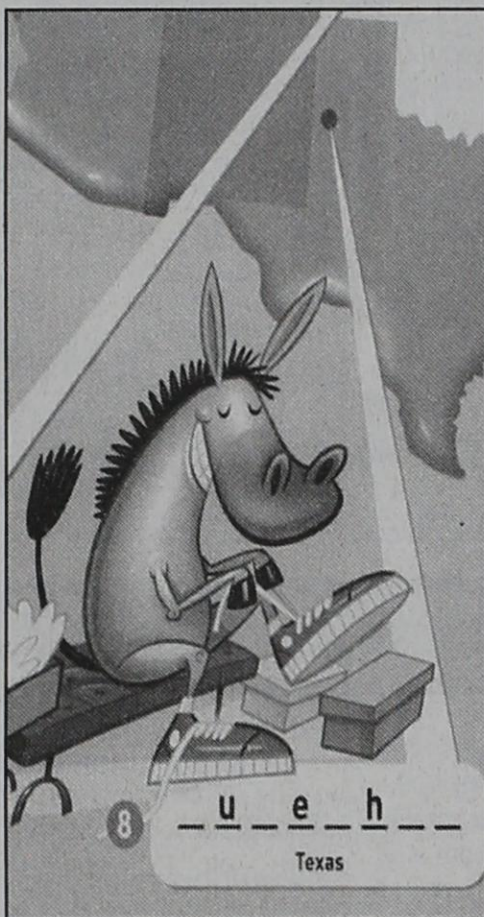
"The celebration of the Cinco de Mayo is the third in importance in Mexico after Independence Day on Sept. 16, and the Nov. 20 Revolution Day. The Cinco de Mayo, however, is the biggest Mexican celebration in the United States."

For more history on the holiday, visit <http://www.cincodemayo.net>.

"It gets bigger and bigger every year," said Anzaldua, who has been a member of

Comite Patriotico for four years. "We expect more fun and more talent than ever this year."

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M.I.S.D. School Board discusses code of conduct, hires elementary teacher

By Leslie Radford
 Managing Editor

The Muleshoe I.S.D met in regular session Monday to discuss a number of items.

The meeting opened by recognizing Lisa Whalin, administrative secretary, with a certificate. She received the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) "Above and Beyond" Award. The award is given to those members who demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond their normal job responsibilities on behalf of their school district, their community or TASBO, and who exhibit an ability to work cooperatively with fellow employees and TASBO members.

She was recognized for this award because of her community service and ability to assist co-workers with their responsibilities.

M.I.S.D has hired Desirae Gallman as elementary teacher. She is currently doing her student teaching at DeShazo Elementary and will graduate from Texas Tech this May.

The Board approved the Pay for Performance Plan for all faculty and staff with the same guidelines as in the past. A stipend of \$500 will go to special education aides. A salary scale for administrative secretaries was agreed upon.

The enrollment report was given. The Board looked at prospective growth with the new dairies moving into the area. Gene

Sheets, superintendent, expects 20-25 new students for the 2004-2005 school year due to economic growth in the community.

The Food Service Department celebrated National School Breakfast Week March 8-12 by giving lunchroom mascot "Spike" a cereal bowl from the elementary students. The junior high and high school students were given "lucky" trays that won some students mini-radios, frisbees, CD holders and other prizes.

March 3, Dr. Suess turned 100 and Dillman celebrated with birthday cake and green eggs. Prizes were given to "lucky" trays.

The new Texas Department of Agriculture's nutrition program is being implemented as staff receives training on the new standards.

The Board approved to renew their contract with Aramark, the current food service provider.

Assistant Superintendent David Wood updated the Board with the new State approved Student Code of Conduct. Most standards were recommended to remain the same, but be re-worded in the student handbook, which will be up for approval next month.

Wood explained the State bases these guidelines on more urban school systems and some conduct codes should be taken into consideration for our rural school system.

Most changes concern consequences dealing with the consistency of enforcement and punishment of misconduct such as the use of cell phones during school, the carrying of pocketknives, AEP consequences and if the school system would still treat behaviors on a case by case basis.

The Board will consider the recommendations made by Wood and make a decision on the revisions at a later date.

It was approved that the M.O.S.T Scholarship be given to every graduating senior that chooses to pursue a higher education in the amount of \$250 to each student. The fund currently has \$55,292.74 and the Board felt like there was enough money to cover each graduating senior this year. The Board eventually would like to see the account become an endowment fund.

The Board also approved an agreement with West Texas Educational Purchasing Cooperative with Lubbock ISD, as well as the district's Regional Advisory Representative for Region 17 Educational Service Center.

They also agreed upon turning in actual receipts instead of per diem amount on the district's Travel Reimbursement Policy.

A quarterly evaluation of Superintendent Gene Sheets was taken at the end of the meeting.

SCAC honors Graves as April Citizen of the Month

The Student Community Action Club (SCAC) met April 19 in the home of President Elida Diaz. Diaz called the meeting to order and asked the chaplain, Landon Sheets, to give the opening invocation. Christy Morgan read the minutes.

The Citizen of the Month for April is Kay Graves. Her work in the community was acknowledged by SCAC. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the meeting.

Old business discussed:

Region 1-A UIL

South Plains College announced the results of the Region 1-A University Interscholastic League academic contest Friday, April 23.

The top three individuals and top first place team will advance to state; fourth place in individuals and second place teams will serve as alternates to state competition.

Results are as follows:
Number Sense: first, Russell Miller, Springlake High School; third, Tisha Marquez, Springlake High

Number Sense teams: first, Springlake High School
Current Issues and Events: fifth, Robbie Tabb, Farwell High School

Current Issues and Events Teams: alternate, Farwell High School

Accounting: first,

SCAC's help at the food pantry; club member Christy Morgan read a thank you note from SCAC's Citizen of the Month for March, Georgia Pena.

New business discussed: helping at the food pantry, voting on new members, donating money to the

Heritage Center, and helping with the June 19 Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride. SCAC also formed two committees to help with the May cook-out and the upcoming luncheon.

The next meeting will be May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of club member Charissa Conner.

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Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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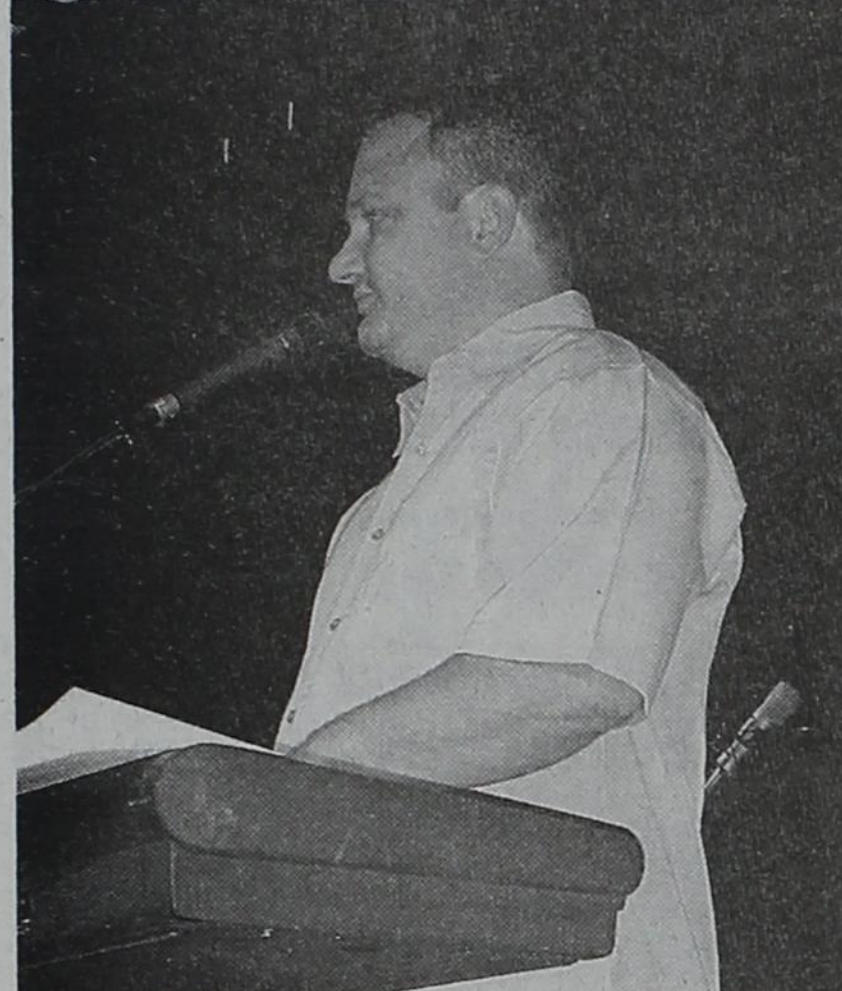
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Scenes from the 54th Annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet held Saturday, April 24, 2004



Johnny be good — But Charlie be smokin'! Charles Schovajsa wowed the crowd with every type of music from Elvis to Garth Brooks. He even through in a few of his own.

The "Hostess with the Mostest" — Carolyn Johnson is all smiles as she sits with Congressman Randy Neugebauer at the after-dinner concert up on by Rockin' Country. Neugebauer (next to Johnson) addressed the crowd after dinner was served.

Chamber Banquet, from front page

tion was a big success and I think everyone enjoyed it," Thompson said.

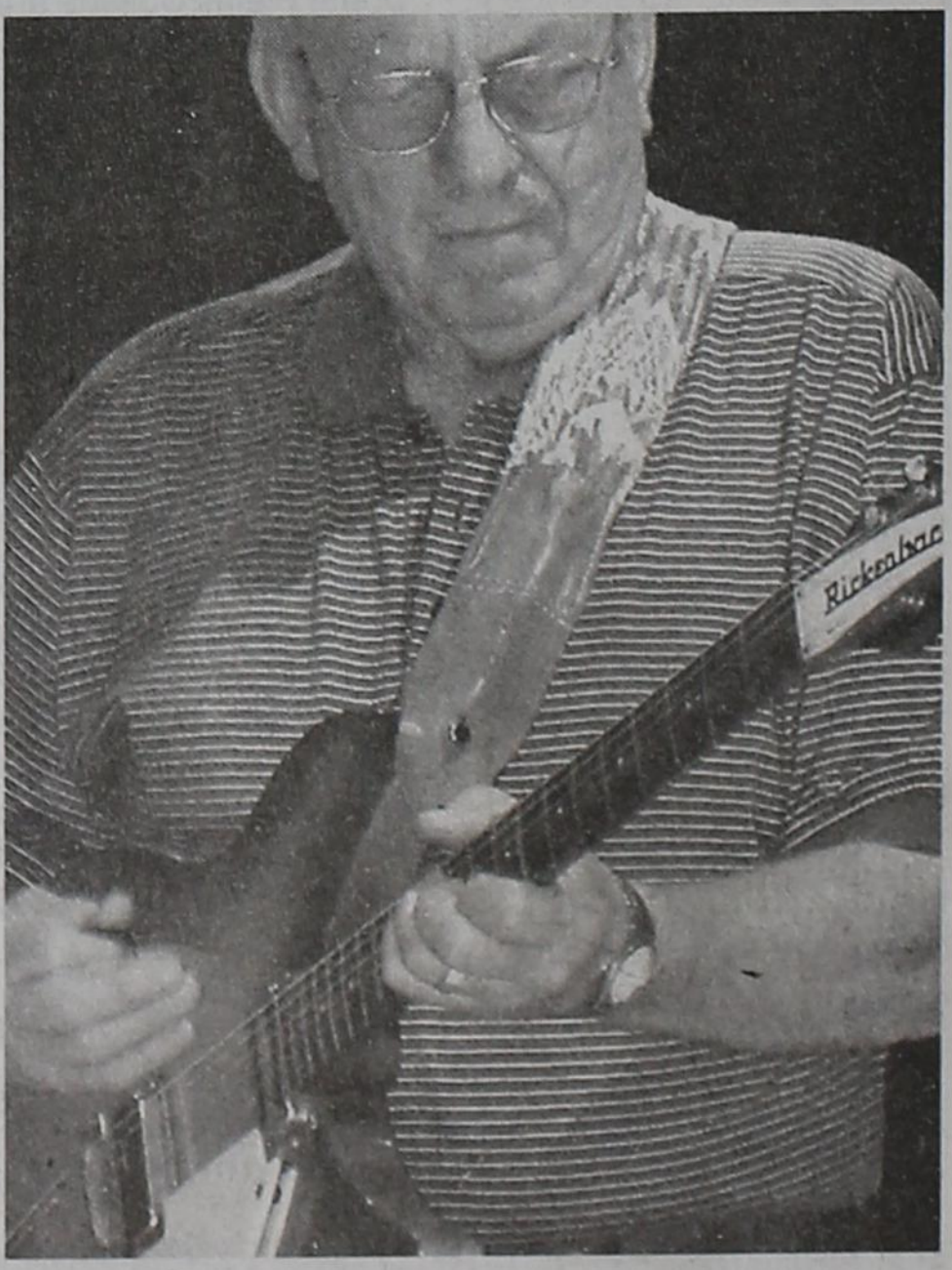
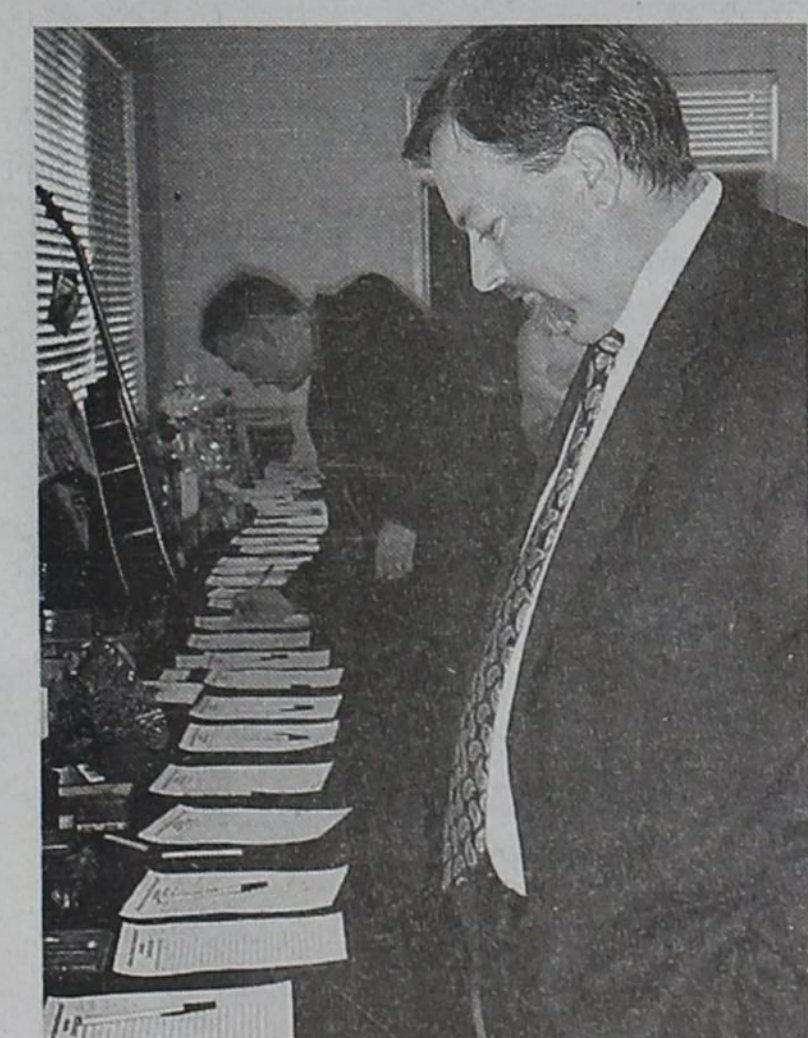
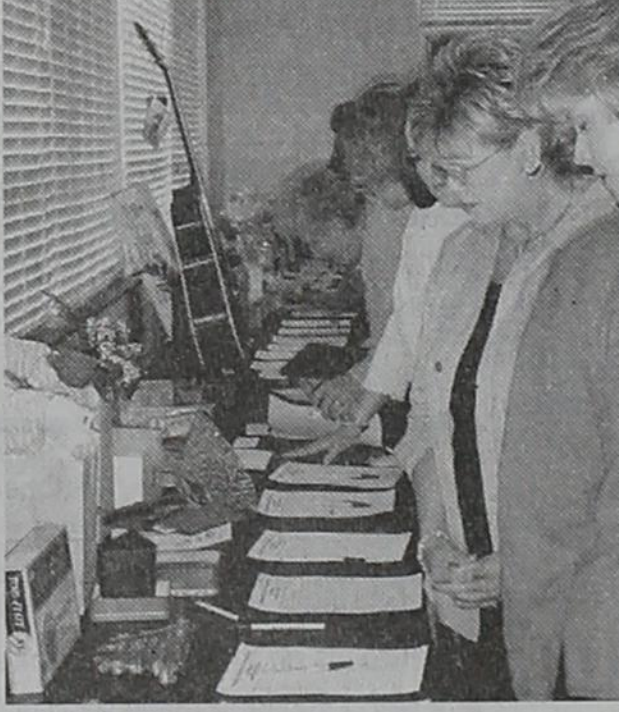
Participants joined in the auditorium after dinner to find out who would be honored with the evening's awards.

Farm Family of the Year went to the James L. Wedel family. Woman of the Year was Kay Mardis. David Tipps was awarded Man of the Year and James

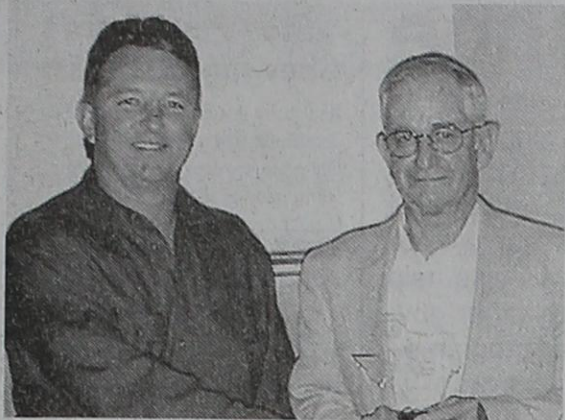
"Granny" Elder was the Employee of the Year. Business of the Year went to Burton Service Center.

Business and Employee of the Year awards go to a business or employee previously selected for the monthly recognition throughout the year. Farm Family, Woman, and Man of the Year awards are nominated by the community. After honoring stories

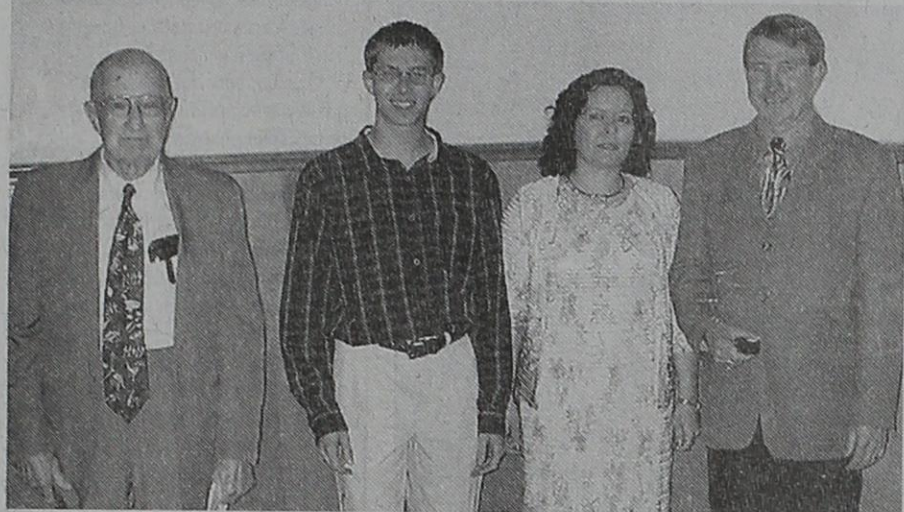
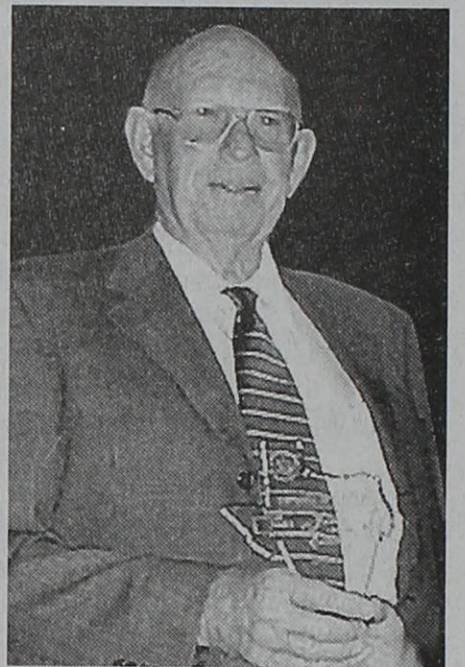
were told about the award recipients, Rockin' Country entertained the stage with music from the good 'ol days, including memories from Waylon and Johnny Cash, fiery keyboard tunes from Jerry Lee Lewis and a drum montage "Wipe Out" by band member Cory Hunt. Thompson and the Chamber look forward to another successful year in the Muleshoe community.



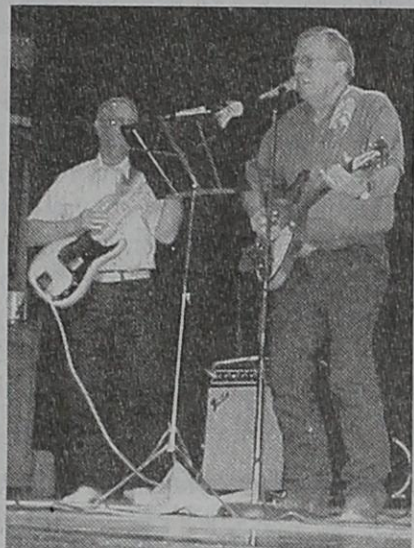
The "eyes" have it— Kent Bradley looks at various items up for auction, all donated by area businesses to help raise money for the yearly operation of the Chamber.



And the winners are....
Burton Service Center
David Tipps
Kay Mardis
The Wedel Family
James "Granny" Elder



Taking a break— Servers at the banquet Joe Bollinger and Bryan and Angela Morris take a well-deserved break after the frenzy of serving calmed down.



Hero recognized — Congressman Randy Neugebauer recognized Kem and Lori Bales after the meal. Kem's son, Chad, was killed while serving in the U.S. military in Iraq.

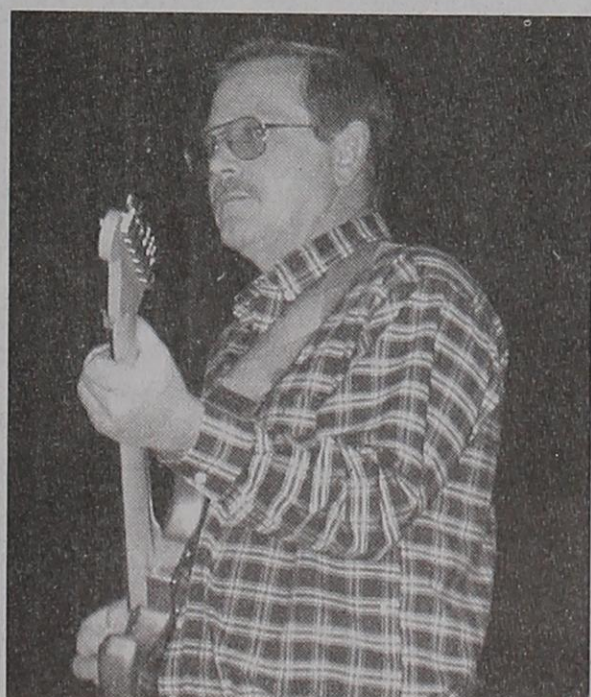


Lucky duck— Janice Bradshaw was the winner of free tickets to next year's banquet, courtesy of the Chamber.



A lot at "steak"— Bryan Morris not only served the steaks, but was in charge of grilling them. Only one other server knew the secret to his marinade, and Morris swore him to secrecy. Come on, let us in on it....please...

Journal photos by Leah Bell and Leslie Radford



Thank You!

The 54th Annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet was such fun and a tremendous success because of the support of the community and members of the Chamber themselves. We thank everyone who had any part in making this night so wonderful. We can't wait for next year!

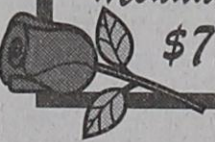
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Couple's pictures for "Date Night" taken at the banquet will be available at the Chamber office starting Monday, May 3 for \$7.50 each!



Special thanks to Ruby Green for miles of help and for being such a sweet lady! Special thanks to Rockin' Country for the fine entertainment we all enjoyed. Very special thanks to Congressman Randy Neugebauer for visiting with us and sharing his time. The Chamber just can't function without the help of many fine volunteers. We want to recognize these folks whose terms have just expired: David Marrielle, Sam Whalin, Sherri Harrison and Gail Hargrove. Thank you for your service to Muleshoe!



Housing survey being conducted in Muleshoe

By Leslie Radford
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A housing marketing survey is being done in Muleshoe according to City Manager David Brunson.

The survey, conducted by Ed Epser of Itser and Associates out of Ft. Worth, will assess the need for Farm Labor Housing, moderate-income housing and afford-

able housing projects. "We believe there is a need for these housing projects," said Brunson.

Brunson also said this information will be useful to contractors that are currently looking to develop in Muleshoe.

He said one of the areas contractors are looking at is located on Hwy. 70 where the old airport used to be. "This survey will help these

contractors develop a marketing/business plan and provide a tool to help them move forward with such a project."

The population rising due to new dairies moving into the area and the construction of the new jail will probably bring new people to the community and a need for extra rental properties, according to the City Manager.

Itser and Associates will talk to local landlords, housing officials and members of the community over the next few weeks to record necessary information on the interest of housing projects in the area. The survey will also look into future growth of the area.

The City is currently looking into several programs to develop Muleshoe. The program is available to communities that show a need for

such housing units such as multi-unit and single-family units, according to Brunson.

"In order to show that need," he said, "surveys are conducted. It will also help the city access other government funded programs."

One such program is called HOME. Brunson said the purpose of the HOME program is to provide grant

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Blackwater SWCD celebrates Stewardship Week

Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (Blackwater SWCD) is joining other conservation districts in celebrating Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 25- May 2. The theme of this year's Stewardship Week is "The Living Soil."

In accordance with the objective of Blackwater SWCD, about 60 shrubs were donated to the Muleshoe Heritage Center this month.

The windbreak, which will serve for esthetic/wildlife purposes, consists of lilac and nanking cherry shrubs and can be seen in its infancy off of American Boulevard. Along with the shrubs the SWCD donated drip irrigation supplies and weed barrier fabric. Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS provided the technical assistance.

The drip will provide efficient watering and the weed barrier fabric will prevent weedy competition and help retain moisture around the shrubs.

For assistance in planning windbreaks, community members should con-

tact your local NRCS office located at 105 E. Ave. D or by phone at 272-5124 ext. 3.

The following is from a conservation district press release: "In generation after generation, it is important to bring attention back to a central theme — the living soil sustains all life on earth," said John F. Furgeson, Jr., chairperson of the Blackwater Valley SWCD. "Without the soil, nothing lives. Our conservation district works to protect healthy soils that in turn support a healthy environment, and healthy environments support healthy life," he added.

Modern farmers and ranchers who practice soil conservation are doing their part to keep the living soil alive. Lessons from the past, such as the catastrophic "Dust Bowl" of the 1930s, have shown what can happen when the topsoil is not protected from wind and water erosion. Today, private land managers employ a host of conservation practices to protect the topsoil that feeds the nation. Locally, Blackwater Valley

SWCD is currently sponsoring a poster contest for Stewardship Week at DeScho Elementary and Watson Jr. High School.

The children are giving life through art to the idea that soil health becomes more important when you learn that millions of beneficial organisms are going through their daily routine of eating, breathing, living and dying in the soil. One cup of fertile soil may contain as many bacteria as there are people on Earth. In one acre, an area about the size of a football field, there may be a ton or more of microscopic bacteria.

The local district has suggested three things each of us can do in our own backyards to be better stewards of our soil resources: Protect the soil from wind or water erosion by keeping healthy plants growing on the surface; Restore and maintain organic matter in the soil, such as grass clippings or tree leaves (compost); Protect soil life by using the least amounts and least toxic materials to control pest problems.

— courtesy of Manuel DeLeon, District Conservationist

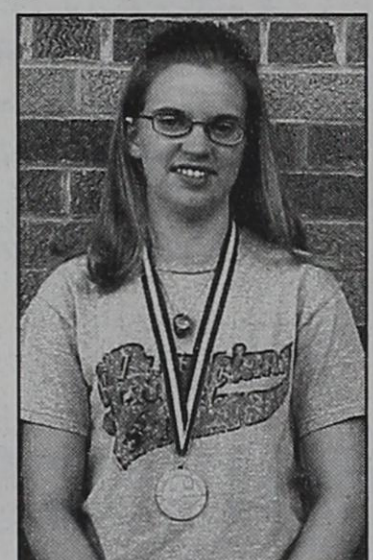
MHS competes at Regional UIL

The following students traveled to Odessa College to compete in Regional UIL Academic Competition on April 23 and 24:

Bradley Henry — Computer Science; Jordan Bonds — Computer Science; Nic Green — Computer Science; Anna Symm — Ready Writing and Science; Amberlee Steinbock — Calculator Applications; Cory Ruthardt — Current Events; Christy Morgan — Literary Criticism; Jason Beard — Prose; Jessica Hall — Prose; Whitney Moulton

— Social Studies; Elizabeth Symm — Social Studies; Brittni Carter — Social Studies; Jamie Hall — Social Studies; and Ashley Beggs — Headline Writing and Interpretative Speaking.

Anna Symm placed first in Ready Writing and will advance to the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin on May 8. The Computer Science team composed of Bradley Henry, Jordan Bonds and Nic Green placed second and are alternates to the State Meet.



UIL Ready Writing— Anna Symm placed first in Regional UIL Ready Writing.

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Robbie Martin, Lazbuddie High School; second, Shawndee Nichols, Lazbuddie High School; sixth, Shonnah Black, Lazbuddie

Accounting Teams: first, Lazbuddie High School

Ready Writing: first, Chasity Spencer, Springlake High School; second, Robby Martin, Lazbuddie High School

Computer Applications: third, Shawndee Nichols, Lazbuddie High School; fourth, Danielle Cargile, Farwell High School

Mathematics: second, Russell Miller, Springlake

Feature Writing: third, J. Alexandra Loucks, Springlake

Science: first, Russell Miller, Springlake

Computer Science: first, Russell Miller, Springlake

Computer Science Teams: first, Plains; alternate, Springlake.



UIL Competitors— Nic Green, Computer Science; Bradley Henry, Computer Science; Jordan Bonds, Computer Science

Domestic Violence: Its impact on children

- Children of all ages, including infants, are aware when domestic violence happens.
- More than 3.3 million children witness physical and verbal domestic abuse each year, and they are 15 times more likely to be maltreated than in homes without domestic violence.
- Children exposed to domestic violence: most are younger than age 5.
- Children exposed to family violence are at increased risk for low self-esteem, depression, eating and sleeping disorders, poor concentration, substance abuse, violence, and poor coping skills.
- Teens witnessing domestic violence are more likely to engage in activities that include running away, abusing drugs and alcohol, prostitution, suicide, violence, and sexual assaults.
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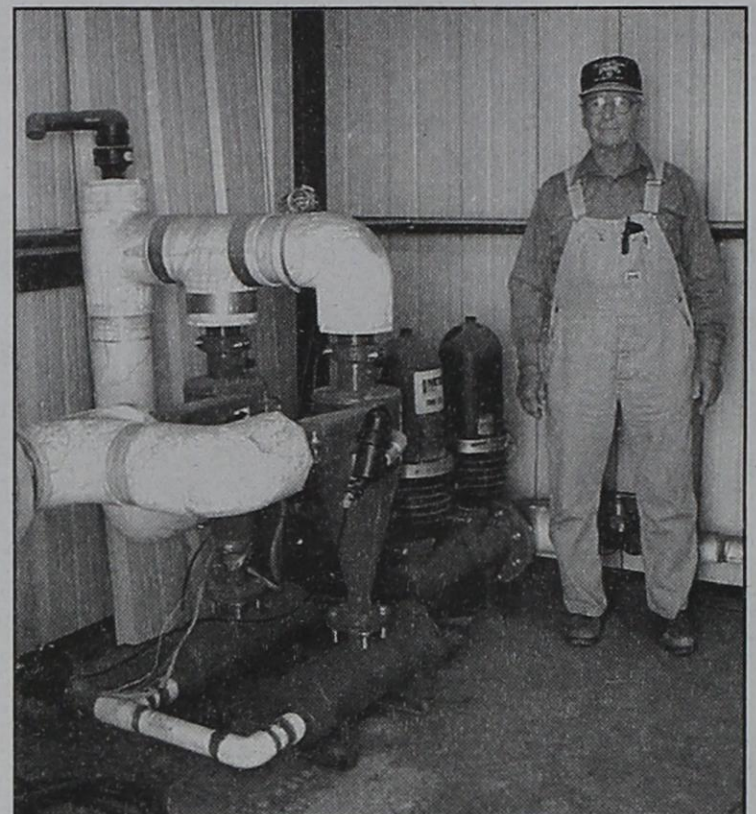
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Leah Bell

The name of the game is conservation — Ernest Ramm received a drip irrigation system cost shared through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (USDA-NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). According to Ramm, the system has increased his water efficiency from about 50 percent to over 95 percent. His well pumps 210 gallons per minute now as opposed to over 500 gallons per minute without the drip system. Ramm said the system saves him time, money and labor. He can water about .4 inch at the root in a 24-hour period.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Bailey Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 20, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. at 302 Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$248,650

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$3,100.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3 full time and 2 part time.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3 full time and 2 part time.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by a majority of the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Obituaries

DEE BROWN

Church services for Dee Brown, 90, of Muleshoe were held April 23, 2004 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Jimmy McGuire of Lubbock officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery with Barry Wiseman officiating.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled the arrangements.

Mr. Brown was born Oct. 26, 1913 in McMinn County, Tenn. He died April 20, 2004 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He married Dorothy Harris in Clovis on August 15, 1937. She preceded him in death April 8, 1990. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Mr. Brown lived in the Muleshoe area since 1930, moving from Vernon. He attended the Methodist Church and was a 32nd Degree Mason in the Valley of Lubbock Orient of Texas where he was a charter member and received a 50-year pin. He was also a charter member and served on the board of Muleshoe Country Club. Mr. Brown was a sponsor of 4-H and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, James and Dianne Brown, and Mac Brown, all of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Wright, Russell, Brandon and B.J. Brown, Courtney Ware, Jana Finke and Debbie Schulze; 11 great-grandchildren, one stepbrother, Carl Deaton of Clovis; three step-sisters, Betty Johnson of Idaho, and Dorothy Baldridge and Elsie Van Zee, both of California.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-9411.

WILBUR LEE McNABB

Graveside services for Wilbur Lee McNabb, 86, of Clarendon and formerly of Sudan was held April 22, 2004 at Sudan Cemetery with family members officiating.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled the arrangements.

Mr. McNabb was born March 6, 1918 in Carnegie,

Oklahoma. He died April 19, 2004 in Clarendon. He married Elwanda Williams in El Paso on Jan. 23, 1943.

He moved to Canadian from Water Valley in 1999. He had been a longtime resident of Sudan and was a farmer and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. McNabb was a veteran of WWII.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Phebe Elane McNabb; two sisters, Ruby Nixon and Nellie Pelzer; and three brothers, Charles, Mac and Jim McNabb.

He is survived by his wife of Clarendon; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chester McNabb and wife Naomi of Bedford, and Gregory McNabb and wife Teresa of Amherst; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita Samantha Lee Davis and husband Lonnie of Clarendon, Rose Deupree and husband Joel of Buchanan Dam, and Wibalene Remick and husband Paul of Danville, Vt.; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Alma Guberman of Illinois and Jo Boyles of Sudan.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-9411 or to Girlstown USA, P.O. Box 135, Whiteface, Texas 79339.

DELBERT PARSONS

Church services for Delbert Parsons, 84, of Las Vegas, Nev. and formerly of Muleshoe were held Friday, March 5, 2004 in Las Vegas.

Palm Mortuary of Las Vegas handled arrangements.

Mr. Parsons was born January 1, 1920 in Alanreed, to Clyde and Henry Parsons.

He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1938 where he played for the Yellow Jackets. After graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was in the Pacific Ocean Islands during WWII.

He then moved to Las Vegas and worked at the Nevada Test Site. Mr. Parsons later became a heavy equipment operator, building dams in California. He returned to Las Vegas for health care needs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Elton Parsons of Nevada.

Mr. Parsons is survived by his wife, Doris Parsons of

Las Vegas; two stepsons, Michael Palis and Patrick Parsons, both of Las Vegas; one sister, Wanda Lou and her husband Biff Barrett of San Marcus, Calif.; cousins Doyle King of Muleshoe and Ruby Muriel King Dorsey of Alanreed; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

WINNIE WALKER

Graveside services for Winnie Walker, 87, of Glendora, Calif. and formerly of Earth, were Saturday, April 24, 2004 at Earth Memorial Cemetery with Dianne Walker officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died Friday, April 16, 2004 in a nursing home in Glendora. She was born February 14, 1917 in Afton and married John Marion Walker in Floydada in 1933. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Mrs. Walker moved from Earth to San Dimas, Calif. in 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Faith.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar Lewis and Rose Williams; and a son, Gene Walker in 2003.

Mrs. Walker is survived by a son, Ken Walker of Apple Valley, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Walker of Lubbock; a sister, Nell Dial of Grant Pass, Ore.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

JENDA SEAN BRUNS

A private memorial and cremation service was held for Jenda Sean Bruns, 54, of Muleshoe.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Bruns was born Sept. 3, 1949 in Muleshoe. She died at home April 22, 2004. She married Jerry Bruns May 31, 1969 in Muleshoe.

She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe and was a certified financial planner and stock broker.

She was preceded in death by her father, J.A. Nickels; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nickels and Mr. and Mrs. Ophel N. Jennings; a nephew, John Glenn Henry; and a brother-in-law, Bobby Don Henry.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Jeremy and his wife Kathy of Boston; a grandson, Brady McCullough of Ann Arbor, Mich.; her mother, Pat Nick-

els of Lubbock; two sisters, Kerma McGuire and husband Gene of Lubbock, and Belinda Head and husband David of Muleshoe; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, Hospice of Lubbock or to one's favorite charity.

LURLENE "BOOTIE" GILREATH TILLER

Chapel services for Lurlene "Bootie" Gilreath Tiller, 79, of Muleshoe were Monday, April 25, 2004 at the Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe with Rev. Bennie Wright officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Tiller died April 24, 2004 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born August 28, 1924 in Lakeview. She married Charlie J. Tiller in Needmore on February 10, 1946.

She lived most of her life in Bailey County. She attended Sudan High School and was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and was preceded in death by three brothers, Marvin Curtis, and Boyd and Loyd Gilreath.

Mrs. Tiller is survived by a daughter, Sharon Smith and her husband Don of Hughes Springs; one brother, Donald Gilreath and his wife Jean of Lazbuddie; and two grandchildren, Rodney and Dana McNatt.

The family suggests memorials to Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J. Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

PAULA WISEMAN SHAW

Church services for Paula Wiseman Shaw, 67, of Amarillo were Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at Sudan Church of Christ with Barry Wiseman

and Jeff Procter officiating. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mrs. Shaw died April 24, 2004. She was a 1954 graduate of Sudan High School and a 1959 graduate of Abilene Christian College. She was a school teacher and taught in Amarillo public schools, as well as in River Road, Plainview, Sundown and Marfa schools. She was employed by Region 16 as a vocational supervisor for 26 counties when she first came to Amarillo. She was a member of the San Jacinto Church of Christ and the Rolling Hills Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Shaw was preceded in death by a son, Ted Scott Shaw, in 1996.

Mrs. Shaw is survived by her husband, Donald R Shaw; a step-son, Donald R Shaw Jr. and wife Roni of Amarillo; a step-daughter, Valerie Lesly of Wimberley; two sisters, Charlene Griffin of Lubbock and Frances Sisco and husband Leroy of Southlake; two brothers, T.C. Wiseman of Clovis, and Buddy Wiseman and wife Betty of Friona; and seven step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice, 200 NW 7th St., Amarillo, Texas 79107.

INA MARDEE GRISSOM WOOD

Church services for Ina Mardee Grissom Wood, 74, of Farwell will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Farwell Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Moore of Hoffman Town Baptist Church of Albuquerque and Rev. Randy Mullin of First Baptist Church of Farwell to officiate. Burial will be in Bovina Cemetery.

Mrs. Wood died April 25, 2004 after a battle with cancer. She was born in Tullia on Sept. 23, 1929, to

Windsor and Ina Laceywell.

She attended school in Rosedale, N.M. and studied cosmetology in Clovis.

She married Herman Grissom Dec. 25, 1949. The couple had four sons, Larry, Royce, Don and Chip. The

family farmed in the Rhea Community north of Bovina after moving from Artesia in 1965. They

moved to Farwell in 1984. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Farwell and worked as a beautician until her retirement in 1991.

Mr. Grissom preceded her in death July 22, 1988. She wed again Nov. 13, 1994 to A.V. "Woody" Wood of Muleshoe. The Woods continued to make their home in Farwell.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband; four sons and their families, Larry, Justin, Brandon and Reagan Grissom of Friendswood; Royce, Karen, Cody, Capi and husband Bill Baker, their son Shandon of Grand Junction, Colo.; Don and Doris Grissom of Grand Prairie, their son David and his wife Judith Sorley of Houston; Faron "Chip," Rhonda, Calley and Callen of Loveland, Colo.; a step-son, Gary and wife Sue Wood, their son Michael of Midland; two sisters, Ruddene Crowley of Farwell, and Billie Francis Parten of Hereford; and two brothers, Dale Laceywell of Bryan, and Windsor "Lace" Laceywell of Ruidoso.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be sent to the American Cancer Society.



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WARREN—ST. CLAIR

Engagement

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Phil and Gwen Warren of Shallowater are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Roxann, to Justin Ryan St. Clair, son of Tommy and Jana St. Clair of Lazbuddie.

Warren, a 1998 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed by Lubbock Independent School District as a fourth grade teacher at Hodges Elementary School.

She is the granddaughter of Blondie Self of Crosbyton, and the late Dub Self and Roy and Ruby Warren.

St. Clair, a 1997 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, attended Midwestern State University and graduated from Texas Tech in 2002. He is currently employed by Lufkin Industries in Breckenridge.

He is the grandson of

Betty Bruns of Muleshoe, and the late Jack Bruns and Bill Jim and Marlene St. Clair.

The couple will marry May

29 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock and will make their home in Breckenridge.

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Sports

High School qualifying track meet at R.P. Fuller Stadium in Lubbock, April 21

The results for the Muleshoe High School girls and boys track teams are as follows:

Girls track team
 100-meter dash: 15. Danica Savage, 13.52
 400-meter run: 15. Kate Leopard, 1:05.08; 19. Amy Seery, 1:06.83; 27. Ahsley Allison, 1:12.73
 800-meter run: 3. Ashley Gutierrez, 2:24.60; 8. Melody Paton, 2:28.40; 9. Krystal Hunt, 2:28.90
 1600-meter run: 12. Chelsi Hawkins, 6:08.70
 100-meter hurdles: 1. Jessica Withrow, 14.59; Erin Ashley, 17.68; 18. Casey Stevens, 18.64
 300-meter hurdles: 1. Jessica Withrow, 45.69
 4x100-meter relay: 6. MHS—Sara Benham, Jamie Carpenter, Brandi Wood and Lindsey Wood, 50.89
 4x200-meter relay: 7. MHS—Sara Benham, Jamie Carpenter, Brandi Wood and Lindsey Wood, 1:49.83
 4x400-meter relay: 7. MHS—Sara Benham, Ashley Gutierrez, Brandi Wood and Lindsey Wood, 4:11.51
 High jump: 1. Jessica Withrow, 1.73m; 3. Sara Benham, 1.68m; 8. Amy Seery, 1.43m
 Pole vault: 5. Amber Cowart, 2.75m; 7. Jordan Medius, 2.44m; 16. Kasey Wood, 2.14m
 Triple jump: Sara Benham, 35-11 (10.94m)

Boys track team
 100-meter dash: 8. Paul Honesto, 11.12; 10. Richard Covington, 11.15; 21. Griffin Ice, 12.09
 200-meter dash: 19. Rudy Gonzales, 23.51; 25. Josh Rodriguez, 24.08
 400-meter run: 1. Tyaualy Fletcher, 49.72; 9. Ronnie Morales, 52.07
 1600-meter run: 8. Chris Collins, 4:58.90
 3200-meter run: 16. Chino Ariaga, 11:52.10
 110-meter hurdles: 6. Eric Marquez, 15.76; 15. Mason Sharp, 17.08
 4x100 meter relay: 9. MHS—Daniel Campalla, Rudy Gonzales, Anthony Merino, Juan Reyes, 44.49
 4x200 meter relay: 7. MHS—Daniel Campalla, Rudy Gonzales, Brant Hamilton, Anthony Merino, 1:33.88
 4x400 meter relay: 7. MHS—Brant Hamilton, Anthony Merino, Joel Salcido, Ely Villa, 3:31.76
 High jump: 8. Stoney Streety, 1.83
 Pole Vault: 2. Joseph Gutierrez, 3.97
 Long jump: 2. Paul Honesto, 21-02.5; 8. Brandon Eubanks, 20-03.50
 Shot put: 12. Tyson Willmon, 46-06 (14.17m); 17. Calvin Johnson, 43-07 (13.28m)
 Discus throw: 1. Andrew Mooney, 169-03 (51.58m)

Mules track team places third in district; two meets left

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

The Mules placed third in the district track meet held in Muleshoe April 16. The Mules scored 124 points and qualified all three relay teams to the Region I Meet in Odessa April 30 and May 1.

Lubbock Cooper won the meet with 191.5 and Littlefield was second (134.5); Dimmitt (54), Brownfield (45) and Slaton (41) rounded out the district meet.

In addition to the relay teams, Layne Sheets took the gold medal in the pole vault by clearing 13'6" to tie his best performance. Robby Bomer had his best day by clearing 6' 4" in the

high jump for the gold medal.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Anthony Merino, Rudy Gonzales, Daniel Campolla and Juan Reyes earned the silver medals with a time of 44.27 seconds. Reyes just edged past the team from Cooper with a lean into the finish line.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Merino, Gonzales, Campolla and Brant Hamilton took silver with a 1:33.93.

Josh Shelburne was sixth in the shot put with a toss of 36' 1" and Jason Hartline was fifth in the pole vault with a height of 10' 6".

Kory Atwood placed third in the discus with a toss of 123' 3 1/2". Landon Wilson

and Campolla were third and fourth in the long jump with leaps of 19' 10 3/4" and 19' 8 1/2". Wilson and Gonzales placed third and fourth in the triple jump with distances of 40' 4 1/2" and 39' 3 1/2"

Sam Regalado took fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:50.61 and Ely Villa place fourth in the 800-meter run with a 2:12.31. Tyler Wood was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a 17.47.

Gonzales and Hamilton placed third and fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 23.11 and 23.44 respectively. Joel Salcido finished fifth in the 400-meter run with a 56.16 and Regalado ran sixth in the 1600-meter run with a

5:29.32. In the final event of the day, the Mule 1600-meter relay team of Merino, Villa, Salcido and Hamilton refused to lose and took the

gold medal with a time of 3:34.88.

The Mules will prepare for the regional meet with a qualifiers meet at Texas Tech April 22 at 3 p.m.

Softball team keeps clean record

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

The Lady Mules completed their regular season on the road with big wins over both the Dimmitt Bobbies and Littlefield Lady Cats. The two wins kept the Lady Mules' district record perfect at 6-0.

On April 15, the Lady Mules scored 13 runs in the top of the seventh inning to pound the Bobbies 24-7. In Littlefield on April 20 the Lady Mules brought 15 runs across the plate in the fifth inning to drop the Lady Cats 25-7.

Deanna Cody gave up three walks and seven runs on nine hits. The Lady Mules committed only three errors and Cody struck out two in seven innings.

The Lady Mules took hot

bats to Dimmitt and scattered 25 hits to score 24 runs on 18 Bobbie errors. Sarah Sexton doubled twice, singled twice, had one RBI and scored four times.

Cecelia Reyna had five hits on six plate appearances that included three doubles and two singles. She picked up four RBIs and scored five runs. Madison Smith singled three times and had one double in her five trips to the plate. She scored three runs and picked up one RBI.

The Lady Mules final regular season game was in Littlefield and they jumped in front early 5-2. The Lady Cats caught the Lady Mules in the bottom of the second inning with three runs.

The Lady Mules answered with two runs in the third and three in the fourth

inning while shutting down the Lady Cat's bats. The Lady Mules exploded in the fifth with 15 runs and the Lady Cats were only able to add two.

Cody struck out nine Lady Cats in seven innings and gave up seven runs on five hits.

The Lady Mules are scheduled for practice game in Sanford-Fritch April 30 and return home May 1 to face Stinnett at 1 PM.

The Lady Mules are entering their first playoff tournament with a team batting average of .420 with 193 hits in 439 at bats. Reyna leads the Lady Mules with a .697 average and Sexton follows with a .550.

Dickson in batting .519 and Brantley and Carpenter each sport a .464. Cody has held opponents to a .255 batting average and set down 82 on strikes.

"We are working hard to get ready for the playoffs," said Lady Mule coach Steve Dunn.

Cubs take Mules 11-10

By Delton Wilhite
 Sportswriter

On Senior Night, April 20 the Mules failed to take sole possession of second place and fell victim to the Brownfield Cubs 11-10.

Jarad Flores was on the mound for the Mules and after getting the first two Cubs out gave up a walk and hit a batsman.

An error loaded the bases and a Cub single scored two runs and a throwing error gave the Cubs a third. A double to left scored a fourth run before Arium Perez drifted back into shallow right field for a high fly for the third out.

Robby Bomer doubled down the right field line to score Hamilton and give the Mules a 7-4 lead at the end of one inning.

The Mules allowed the

Cubs to tie the game at 7-7 with three runs on three hits. The Mules could not answer in the bottom of the second and held the Cubs scoreless in the top of the third.

Bomer drove a two RBI double down the left field line to score two Mules in the bottom of the third.

The Mules gave up four runs on two hits and three errors in the fourth to put the Cubs on top to stay. The Mules had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the sixth with Bomer on third and two outs.

The Cubs awarded King first base without a pitch being thrown and Landon Wilson grounded out to first to end the threat.

The Mules will face Lubbock Cooper and Littlefield in the final two games of the season.

Genuine Worship Is Not a Matter of Externals

Most of us know that our lives are not made up of continuous "mountain top" spiritual experiences. We have valleys, plateaus, and lots of days when we are called simply to hike onward and just put one foot in front of the other, when the order of the day is simply, "March on." That's not only okay, it is more than okay. It is as it should be. Life was not meant to be lived always on the mountain, and it is neither realistic, healthy, or

removal rat lurking in the background). But we had a great day! We worshiped (God seemed not to mind our blue jeans at all) and we ate (which we do well) and we moved out the pews in record time with wonderful help, and it turned out that Sunday—Bible Study, worship, lunch, pew removal, and all—was a wonderful day. As I write on Monday, I'm still basking in the glow of yesterday—and this morning.

I worshiped this morning, too. Up here alone. I've preached to the pews early on Sunday mornings—pews with no members in them—many times. It helps to take a swing or two before I'm really up to bat.

But this morning, with a new sound system and with no pews or carpet in the sanctuary at all—and, consequently, with FANTASTIC acoustics, I sang a praise song or two in an empty sanctuary—empty except for me and God. Not at all a bad worship experience itself! In fact, I intend to bask in its glow all day long.

Not often, but too many times, I've heard someone say, "I just can't worship there," or "with that," or "when..." Forgive me for being harsh, but, phooey! If we think we can't worship God when the externals are not just as we'd like, I doubt we'll do a very good job of truly worshipping God when they are.

Worship was easy for me yesterday and this morning, and I'm thankful for that. But if our hearts are right, worship can happen any place, any time, and anywhere. And that's yet another reason to worship and praise God!

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

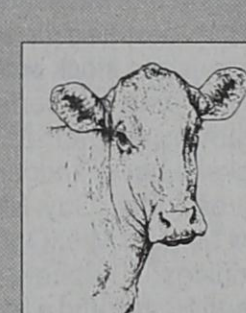


Focus On Faith
 Curtis Shelburne

genuinely faithful, to think it is otherwise or to desperately need it to be.

Ah, but when the mountain tops come, isn't the view wonderful? I love what happens in worship and whenever people who love the Lord get together. I hope last Sunday with your church family was a great one; I know it was with us.

I don't mean to sound surprised by that. Never in my life have I looked forward to being with my church family on Sunday mornings as right now. But you see, I knew that yesterday I'd be preaching in blue jeans and tennis shoes, which I like. I also knew that following worship we would be unbolting and moving out 24 very heavy pews (for upcoming carpet & video system installation) which I was afraid I might not like. Nobody I invited to visit church Sunday took me up on it (once they smelled the pew



Muleshoe Cattle Market
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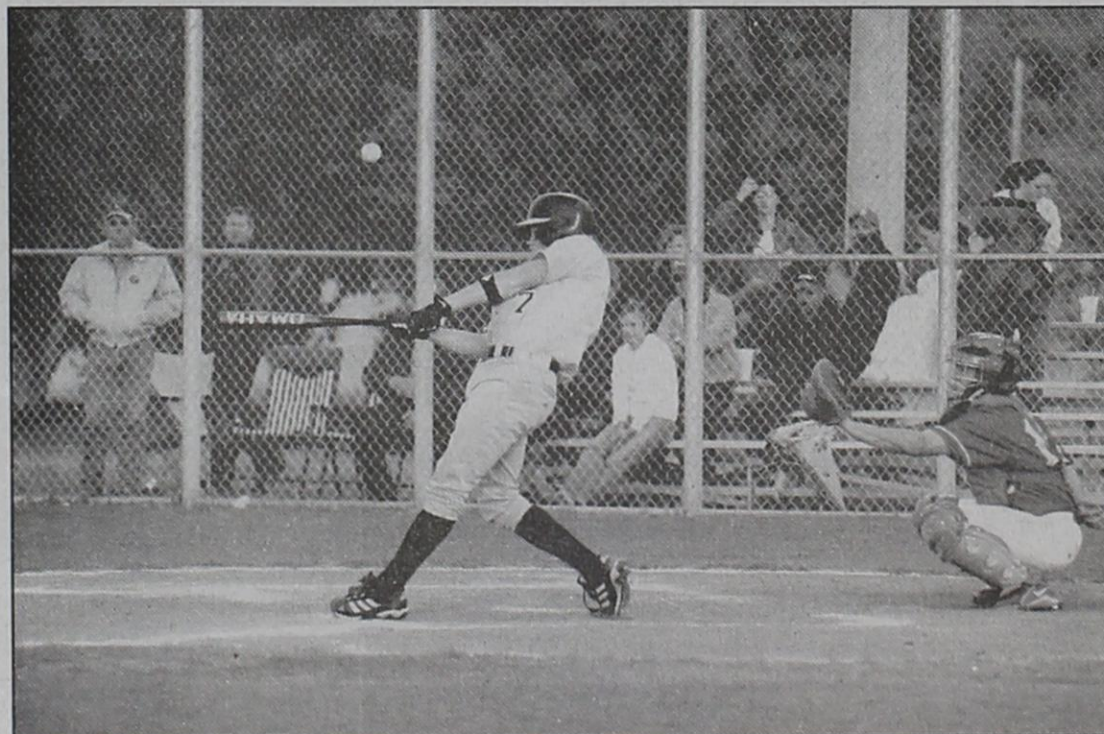
REPRESENTATIVE SALES

818 head of cattle, 252 hogs and 354 sheep and goats for a total of 1,424 animals were sold at the April 24th sale. Market steady on all classes of stocker cattle with good demand. Not enough feeder cattle to truly test the market.

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 noon.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Manuel Gutierrez, Clovis, NM	Hol. str	250 lbs.	at \$127.00
KP Farms, Lubbock	.....	Blk. str	220 lbs.	at \$160.00
KP Farms, Lubbock	.....	Blk. str	440 lbs.	at \$121.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	Blk. B clf.	210 lbs.	at \$167.50
Mike Crupe, Plainview	.....	RMF bull	340 lbs.	at \$128.00
Greg Young, Muleshoe	.....	12 Blk. str	310 lbs.	at \$137.50
Greg Young, Muleshoe	.....	9 Blk. str	398 lbs.	at \$135.00
Greg Young, Muleshoe	.....	17 Blk. str	461 lbs.	at \$129.00
Gilbert Demel, Sudan	.....	Blk. str	485 lbs.	at \$110.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	5 Blk. str	738 lbs.	at \$92.50
Ryan McNabb, Amherst	.....	2 Char. hfrs	325 lbs.	at \$119.00
Greg Young, Muleshoe	.....	8 Mxd. hfrs	346 lbs.	at \$121.00
Greg Young, Muleshoe	.....	11 Blk. hfrs	423 lbs.	at \$114.00
Darrell Mutschler, Muleshoe	.....	Red hfr	375 lbs.	at \$116.00
Darrell Mutschler, Muleshoe	.....	7 Mxd. hfrs	500 lbs.	at \$109.00
Justin Mullins, Portales, NM	.....	Blk. cow	438 lbs.	at \$103.00
Willie Hudson, Lubbock	.....	Yell. hfr	430 lbs.	at \$114.00
Glenn Hoffaker, Denver City	.....	5 Char. hfrs	638 lbs.	at \$90.00
Birdwell Cattle, Hereford	.....	2 Blk. hfrs	633 lbs.	at \$90.00
R&B Livestock, Clovis, NM	.....	16 Mxd. hfrs	702 lbs.	at \$87.25
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	5 Blk. pair	.....	\$880.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	Blk. cow P8	.....	\$790.00
Tim Addison, Plains	.....	4 Brang. pair	.....	\$860.00
H&W Cattle, Abernathy	.....	Roan cow P8	.....	\$810.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	.....	4 Red cows	996 lbs.	at \$55.50
Tim Addison, Plains	.....	2 Blk. cows	1110 lbs.	at \$55.00
Birdwell Cattle, Hereford	.....	Blk. cow	1230 lbs.	at \$54.50
Jack Douglas, Littlefield	.....	Blk. cow	1430 lbs.	at \$51.75
Beggs Cattle, Ft. Worth	.....	2 WF cows	1060 lbs.	at \$51.75
Alex Aguirre, Muleshoe	.....	Red bull	1650 lbs.	at \$67.75



The hit—Muleshoe Mules' Bryan King takes a swing at the ball at Tuesday night's game last week in Brownfield.

Agricultural News

Bailey County Farm Service Agency News

Sign up for the 2004 DCP will continue through June 1. Producers must apply for DCP annually. Producers who enroll between June 2 and Sept. 30 are required to pay a user fee. There are no provisions for contracts after Sept. 30. Call the Bailey County office at 272-4538 to schedule an appointment to sign up for the program.

On March 22, Bailey County was named a contiguous disaster county. This action is based on damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from June 30, 2003, and continuing. This designation makes farm operators eligible for consideration of low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency. Applicants must meet requirements. Emergency loan applications will be accepted through Nov. 22 for production losses.

In 2005, FSA borrowers can use the new Internet-based Farm Business Plan. This program replaces the Farm and Home Plan and allows the

Agency to provide faster, more efficient service to producers. Alternatives will be made available to those who do not have Internet access.

Sept. 1 is the final date to purchase NAP coverage on wheat; Dec. 1 for grass; March 1, 2005 to purchase NAP coverage on alfalfa; and March 15, 2005 for hay grazer.

In other news, producers not actively engaged in farming are not eligible for USDA payments. For information on violations of swamp buster provisions of the Clean Water Act, contact the Bailey County office. BCFA reminds producers to check the conservation plan agreed to with the NRCS before plowing as it may affect eligibility for federal farm programs. Producers who have had changes in farming operations need to report the changes to the office as soon as possible.

Information on FSA and the programs offered to farmers and ranchers can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach>.

Cotton News

Legislature began special session April 20

This week Texas Governor Rick Perry confirmed what most people had already penciled in their April calendars the start of another special session of the Texas Legislature. It will be the fourth special session called by the governor since the end of the 2003 legislative session.

The 30-day session began April 20. It focused on the issue of school finance. Perry is calling on members of the Texas Legislature to get to work and develop a plan to reform the current education funding system.

Agriculture groups have expressed lots of mixed feelings about the funding concepts that the Governor and others have put forth to date. Tempering enthusiasm for a significant property tax decrease is the potential for adverse impacts to important agriculture programs and tax benefits.

TXDOT Makes Cotton License Plates Available

The Texas Department of Transportation has now made available a special cotton boll license plate for anyone who wants to identify their participation in the cotton industry.

The new cotton license plates are a great way for cotton people to show the pride they have in working in one of the states oldest and most respected industries.

To request a set of Cotton Boll license plates use TXDOT Form VTR-999 (Click link to download a copy of the form), "Application For A Specialty License Plate." Get a copy of the application form from the

TXDOT website (www.dot.state.tx.us).

Perry proposes property tax cap

Agricultural sales tax exemptions on goods and services, as well as state franchise taxes on businesses, could be at the top of the reform list as the Legislature attempts to develop a new system.

Perry's plan, which he put forth as a starting point for the debate, suggests significant changes in property taxes, introduces additional "sin" taxes on items like cigarettes, and closes loopholes in franchise and auto sales tax rules.

Perry proposes capping the maximum residential property tax rate at \$1.25 per \$100 of valuation and limiting the amount that a property's appraised value could be increased from year to year to 3 percent.

Business owners would see business property tax rates capped at \$1.40 per \$100 of valuation with all business property taxes collected and held by the state.

Perry also proposes a constitutionally based dedication of future surplus state revenues so that residential and business property owners receive proportional reductions in property tax rates until both reach a minimum of 75 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Agriculture groups are expected to be highly visible during the special session. Their goal will be to reiterate the importance of the agriculture industry to the state's economy and to encourage the continuation of important programs beneficial to agriculture.

With no clear idea of what direction the Legislature will jump in the reform effort, a constant watch will

be necessary to prevent adverse outcomes for the agriculture industry.

Clearly, efforts to bring agriculture into the debate and calls for everyone to do their fair share will be heard repeatedly over the next few weeks.

Considerable effort will also be dedicated to carefully going over each and every proposal to prevent potentially adverse consequences for agriculture.

NCC seeking 2004-05 cotton leadership class applicants

The National Cotton Council is accepting applications for the 2004-05 NCC Cotton Leadership Class. Applications will be accepted from qualified U.S. industry members through July 1.

Those interested in applying can visit the Cotton Leadership Program's web site at <http://leadership.cotton.org> to review the program curriculum, eligibility requirements and download the application. The site also includes a contact form that allows users to submit questions, request information and schedule a personal visit with local program alumni.

During five sessions of activity across the Cotton Belt, participants visit with industry leaders and observe production, process-

ing and research. They meet with lawmakers and government agency representatives during a visit to Washington, DC, and attend the NCC's annual meeting and its mid-year board of directors meeting.

The 2004-05 class will be announced in August by the NCC's Cotton Leadership Development Committee.



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Texas crop and weather report

COLLEGE STATION — The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture adequate. Early week overnight temperatures were below freezing. Warmer conditions prevailed the remainder of the week. Planting and land preparation was delayed by rain and snow but was active again by the week's end. Wheat continues to make excellent growth. Freezing temperatures early in the week likely caused some damage. Corn planting is making good progress. Rangeland green-up continues. Cattle are rated in fair condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Some

vegetation was nipped by a light frost. Most of the wheat was planted late and not damaged. Producers were able to get back into fields after the soil dried. Corn planting should begin next week. Wheat is in fair to good condition. Peanut planting should begin soon. Ranges and pastures are in fair condition. Cattle should continue to improve as supplemental feeding continues.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. The area is having moderate to warm temperatures, with cooler evenings due to moisture. Cotton and winter wheat conditions are rated fair to good. Pastures are rated fair to good. Some perennial grasses are beginning to show.

Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

Unwarranted, Unscientific BSE Testing: Members of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association have spent a lifetime working to produce the safest beef in the world for U.S. consumers. For decades, U.S. cattle producers and the USDA have led prevention and surveillance programs for BSE with the utmost dedication. The question of using 100 percent testing as a private company's marketing tool continues to disrupt government-to-government discussions on restoring trade for U.S. beef, and imposes economic stress on all U.S. cattle producers.


All cattle producers are suffering loss from closed export markets, but we cannot solve this by erroneously caving to unscientific trade barriers. Testing of all cattle is not scientifically justified and the U.S. cannot compromise the science that serves as the basis for food safety and global trade of safe food. The world's leading experts in animal

health and risk analysis have agreed that testing all cattle does not provide additional protection for consumers.

Animal ID: NCBA staff continued to meet with Congressional staff members on the issue of Animal Identification this week. Also this week, NCBA attended a press event where Agriculture Department Chief Economist Keith Collins addressed questions about a voluntary Animal ID system. Collins was quoted as saying the USDA will implement a voluntary system of national animal identification this summer. According to press reports, Collins said the USDA estimates the program will cost \$550 million over five years. Collins noted that there would be various ways for producers to provide identification information to the government, from a paper document to a scanning device. He also addressed concerns about

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Nursing Home News

David Sudduth and Jim Foster from the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

Brenda Glover donated many useful items to Park View.

Pauline Guinn is hospitalized in Lubbock. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Cari Kidd is back doing volunteering. Cari had been vacationing with her parents for the last five weeks. Welcome back Cari. We missed you!

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a praise and worship time Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Clark, Beverly Wagnon,

Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale, Beckye Conklin and Dolores Garrett came to give the ladies fresh hairdos. Pat Clark gave several hair cuts.

Johnnie Broughton is visited by her daughter and son-in-law Donna and Ed Nickels daily.

Rick Hunter and his mom Joyce Hunter had supper at Leal's Monday night with Morris and Robbie Nowlin.

Hattie Heathington, her son Aubrey Heathington and Dimples, visit other residents when Aubrey comes. The Heathingtons visited Marie Lane and Pauline Chappel and others on Tuesday morning. Wednesday morning,

Buster and Wanda Kittrell, and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and sweet rolls at coffee time, Wednesday morning. Harold directed the "around the table" discussion.

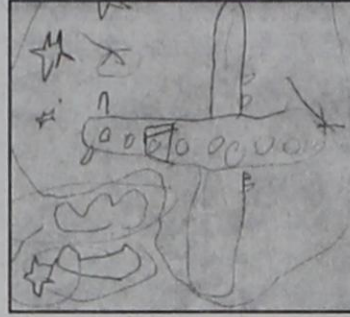
Buster, Loyce Killingsworth and Glen Williams directed the devotional singspiration time.

Geneva and JoAnn Huckleberry from Oklahoma are here visiting Geneva's mother and JoAnn's grandmother, Aline Locke. Geneva and JoAnn participated in the Wednesday afternoon sing-a-long with Mrs. Locke and the other residents.

Sharry Jenkins visits her mother Delphine Gruda every afternoon after school. Steve, Joyce and Steven Van Vleet and Lois Fannin visited Elzie Darland Saturday, April

18th. Vada Alexander is visited by daughter Sharon Dale every afternoon. The Red Hat ladies will visit Park View Saturday around 1:30 p.m.

Hunt, from front page



A picture says... — Even at age six, Cory Hunt dreamed of the clear blue skies. Just 13 years later, his dream has come true.

over from the beginning.

On average, the cropdusting program takes about six months to complete, but Hunt finished in five. He got his private and commercial license to fly a cropduster, or "tail dragger."

After returning to Texas, he set his sights on the applicator's license, which he achieved four weeks ago through the Texas Agricultural Extension Agency.

With nothing left to do but start his new career, the 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School, is Fred Locker's newest protege at Ag Aviation, Inc., a thriving cropdusting business north of Muleshoe on Hwy. 214, open since 1976.

Locker is pleased with Hunt's progress. "Cory is impressive. He has good coordination which should help him succeed in the long

run." "He's really, really mature for his age. This should help him through the early stages of the job which are the most dangerous," Locker said.

Locker also said it is his job to keep Hunt from becoming "too wild, too fast," something young pilots are prone to do, adding that he doesn't "think he's going that direction."

According to Locker, his new pilot is a very focused individual.

"I'm blessed to be living my dream at such a young age," said Hunt. "And I appreciate Fred for the opportunity he's given me."

Cory is the son of Curtis and Lavon Hunt. He has a 17-year-old brother, Coli.

In a phone interview with the *Journal*, his mother recalls an eighth grade party where all the kids wrote down career choices, placed them in a hat, drew and tried to guess who chose which career.

When it came to doctors, lawyers and other careers, most struggled to guess who had written it down, but when cropduster popped up, "every person there knew it was Cory," she said. "He never even considered another job. I'm so proud of him. It's awesome to see your child fulfill his dream."

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

April 15 — Antonia Alfaro, Virginia L Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, Manuel Daniel, Hyrum Orcutt, Wanell Stanley and Jayton Zimmerman.

April 16 — Antonia Alfaro, Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, Manuel Daniel, Floyd Dyer, Thomas Gregory and Jayton Zimmerman.

April 17 — Virginia Barrett, Maria Bonilla, El Brown, Celia Cardenas, Joshua Curtis, Yuri Olguin, S. Sims, Mildred Tiller, Jose Villarreal and Manuela Villarreal.

April 18 — Virginia Barrett, Maria Bonilla, El

Brown, Celia Cardenas, Joshua Curtis, Yuri Olguin, S. Sims, Mildred Tiller, Jose Villarreal and Manuela Villarreal.

April 19 — Virginia Barrett, Maria Bonilla, El Brown, Celia Cardenas, Joshua Curtis, Yuri Olguin, S. Sims, Mildred Tiller, Jose Villarreal and Manuela Villarreal.

April 20 — Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Celia Cardenas, Yuri Marquez, S. Sims, Mildred Tiller, Jose Villarreal and Manuela Villarreal.

April 21 — Virginia Barrett, Miranda Garner, Yuri Marquez, S. Sims, John Soto, Mildred Tiller and Jose Villarreal.



courtesy photo

Library Family of the Year— Robert Orozco, secretary of the Friends of the Library presented the Muleshoe Area Public Library's Family of the Year with gifts last week. Reese, Annette and Rudy Orozco are active patrons of the library. Reese participates in storytime every Tuesday.



Grand opening— Body and More celebrated their grand opening on Monday, March 15 with a ribbon cutting done by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce. Owners are Keith and D'Anne Kegley. Pictured (from left) are: Terral King, D'Anne Kegley, Derek (baby), Keith Kegley, Logan (daughter), and Jan Thompson.

Births

GARRETT RAY CARPENTER

Toby and Andrea Carpenter of Rockwall announce the birth of a son, Garrett Ray Carpenter, born at 12:25 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2004 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. at birth and was 19 1/4 inches long.

He has an older brother, Preston, 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Alton and Rhonda Carpenter of Horseshoe Bend, Ark., formerly of Muleshoe, Grace Baker of Paragold, Ark. and Mike Ward of Dallas.

JOSHUA MIRAMONTES


Isaac and Amy Miramontes announce the birth of their son, Joshua Isaac Miramontes, at Scentic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring on April 5, 2004 at 10:37 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 and 1/2 inches long at birth.

He has an older brother, three-year-old Jason Anthony Miramontes.

Grandparents are Felipe and Frances Miramontes of Muleshoe, Henery and Lenor Dominguez of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Maria and the late Juan Gutierrez.



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Corrections

In last week's issue of the *Journal*, David Wyrer's name was misspelled in the Bailey County Cemetery article. In the SCAA article, Ashley Beggs was mis-identified as Kelsey Beggs. The *Journal* apologizes for these errors.

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Commentary

Whoopee! and Big Whoop

By Leah Bell
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Does anyone remember *TV Guide's* "Cheers and Jeers" section? Do they even do that anymore?

I haven't picked up a copy of the *Guide* for many years, but I always enjoyed this particular section.

Basically, the concept is simple — cheers went to those people, places and things, etc. that the writers at *TV Guide* liked, and jeers went to those things they found less than desirable.

I will, in the next few paragraphs, throw my two cents in on things I've seen around town in a similar manner to "Cheers and Jeers."

However, I'm calling mine "Whoopee! and Big Whoop."

Whoopee! - For the add-

on being built at Earl Ladd & Sons, Inc. and the demolition of the corrugated tin "barn" located next to Kuka's Burritos. This shows Muleshoe is on the go and ready to grow. Who says small town America is dying?

Big Whoop - To the folks who always seem to speed in front of my car and then throw out their garbage. Not only is it illegal, it's disgusting. Plenty of gas stations give out free vehicle trash bags. Why mess with Texas? By the way, folks who pick up soda cans should take a trip out on Peanut Road (FM 1760) toward Portales—there must be a hundred cans along the highway just past Wes Tex Feedyards.

Whoopee! - To the folks at Zack's Target and Cathy in particular. In my travels

while delivering newspapers on Wednesdays, I make a stop at Zack's. Every customer who walks through the door while I'm there is greeted by name and with a smile. I appreciate that, don't you? Plus, this place has an incredible "knack" for producing quick-pick lottery winners. If you haven't seen the wall of monthly lotto winners' tickets, go see them. It's amazing.

Big Whoop - For the lack of rental properties in Muleshoe. Boy, I miss Buck Johnson being in the business.

Whoopee! - To David Brunson for addressing the lack of rental property in Muleshoe. He has Ed Epser (who stopped by the *Journal* office last Wednesday) conducting an informal survey on the need for rental property in Muleshoe. Ed

helped convince Jim Hartline to build the Harmon Elliott Senior Housing Complex on Ave. K, and, as Martha Stewart might say, that's a "good thing."

Big Whoop - To people who water while it's raining. During this last downpour, I caught (but won't mention names) businesses running their sprinklers full blast while the heavens were opened wide and blessing Muleshoe with moisture. I know it wasn't intentional, but take a look outside next time. Timers can be switched off and water is too precious to waste.

Whoopee! - To folks who know what they want and go for it. Like Cory Hunt, 19, who recently received his pilot's license and is working for his mentor, Fred Locker at Ag Aviation. A second "Whoopee!" to Cory for coming home again. Young folks are too often in a big hurry to leave Muleshoe.

Look for his story in the pages of the *Journal*!

By the way, if you didn't make the list this time, I

hope to continue doing "Whoopee! and Big Whoop." That is, unless you give it a "Big Whoop."

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Letter to the Editor

Perry's finance reform

Dear Editor,

I find Governor Perry's school finance reform proposals inane. I had rather be taxed on going to church and the money be used for educating our children than to depend upon the lottery, other forms of gambling and other sin taxes to do the job of public education. Public education is the public's job.

Taxing for going to church would probably improve the quality of some of our worship and it would cause Church People to become involved in and supportive of the public education of America's children which we should have been deeply involved with all long.

"Important projects should be paid for with important money." Educating our children is one of our most important projects. Sin tax money is derived from socially destructive forms.

That cannot be important money. Important money can only come from people who care.

A state income tax to fund what is needed for the good of Texas' future is quite acceptable to me. It would not be the end of the world.

I pray for all Texans to attain the social and political courage to consider this or some other responsible solution for providing a good future for Texas. Ethical behavior is acting now to provide a great state for our great-grandchildren.

As a citizen, I call for someone in authority to initiate an investigation into Governor Perry's relationship with gambling interests. I think it imperative to fully know what all that relationship is.

Sincerely,
Rev. Alvin Petty

Protect our children

Dear Editor,

All the articles and let-

ters regarding child abuse this month in your paper have been wonderful. I believe, as may others, that citizens need to be aware of the statistics of abuse.

Although we all know it exists, it is frightening to see the numbers in black and white.

My husband and I are foster parents and personally see the outcomes of the abuse these children are put through.

Many don't realize that for many children these events will forever effect their lives. They struggle wondering why—and why wasn't someone there to save them? Children should never have to fight for survival, but everyday, they do.

In 2002, an estimated 2.6 million referrals concerning the welfare of approximately 4.5 million children were made to CPS agencies through the United States.

Of those, approximately two-thirds (1.8 million) were accepted for investigation. One-thousand-four-hundred children died due to abuse or neglect; three-quarters of those were younger than four years of age.

As you've read in Mrs. Sowder's letter (*Muleshoe Journal*, April 22) she noted 203 deaths in Texas in 2002. With 1,400 nationwide, it seems that Texas is leading in the death of children due to abuse. Sadly, we all know of the case of Jesus Haro who was abused right here and died as a result of that abuse. He is one of those 203.

What many don't know is that also another child known to Muleshoe was brutally murdered. He had tiny little hands and beautiful smile. I talked to his local foster parent, this was a child she wanted to adopt but he was released back to a relative. A short time later he died in Lubbock as a result of abuse.

Since becoming a foster parent, my husband and I have been lucky enough for God to allow us to love and care for 17 beautiful children with our own statistics. Only one set of perpetra-

tors were charged with any crime; both only received probation through a plea bargain.

While CPS, Law Enforcement, and CASA are wonderful allies for these children, we must be certain DA's are prosecuting these cases.

It is difficult to explain to a child that he will get in trouble for hitting when he knows he was abused and nothing happened to his perpetrators. It is hard to tell them it is not their fault when they see no one being punished.

We are sending a terrifying message to these children.

I ask each of you to advocate for these children. See that their perpetrators are held accountable for their actions.

I ask that you pray for these children daily. I ask that we honor child advocates in our area who through God's hands, are making a difference in my children's and other needy children's lives—I'm certain there are many, and I only wish I could thank each of them.

I would like to share a poem that deeply effected me when I read it the first time and still does. It is a pledge that we all should make:

"A pledge of responsibility to children"

We accept responsibility for children who sneak popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, and who never find their shoes.

And we accept responsibility for those who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers, who were born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, who have never gone to the circus and live in an x-rated world.

We accept responsibility for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who hug us in a hurry, and forget their lunch money.

And we accept responsibility for those who never get dessert, who have no safe-blanket to drag behind them, who can't find any bread to steal, whose pictures aren't on anyone's dressers, and whose monsters are real.

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Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association met Wednesday, April 21 for their monthly luncheon and business meeting.

The ladies brought canned goods to be given to the food bank. Laverne Winn, president, presided over the meeting. Deborah Noble gave the opening prayer. Birthday for April was Pamela Miller. All

committees made their reports.

The Municipal Golf Club in Clovis was at the Hi-Plains Playday in April. Six ladies from Muleshoe played with Winn winning low net in her flight. The next Hi-Plains Playday will be May 11 in Hereford.

As Playday chairwoman, Helen Templeton reported the annual Me-

memorial Tournament will be held next month, May 19, at the monthly meeting. Players must have an established handicap. Handicap play is where the winner will be the lady with the low net of the field. Her name will be placed on a memorial plaque in the ladies locker room.

Helen gave playday awards to: March 24-Longest drive on #6 - Analita Haley, March 31-low putts - Pat Kirk, April 7 - best on all odd holes - Helen Templeton. Jeri Flowers won the door prize.

After lunch, the golfers divided into teams and played a scramble. The

winning team was Deborah Noble, Laverne Winn, Neats Foster and Helen Templeton.

Those attending the luncheon were: Laverne Winn, Elinor Yerby, Kay Field, Claudine Elliott, Jeri Flowers, Deborah Noble, Jo Rempe, Judy Wilbanks, Neats Foster and Helen Templeton.



Ladies Golf Association— The winning team in the Ladies Golf Association golf scramble on April 21 were Deborah Noble, Laverne Winn, Neats Foster and Helen Templeton.

Sheriff's Report

The Bailey County Sheriff's office reports the following incidents:

April 6— Juan Carlos Lozano, 24, identity theft

April 8— Israel Reyna, Jr., 38, blue warrant, assault

April 9— Michael Ray Bara, blue warrant

April 12— Vista Miller Jupe, 52, motion to revoke probation

April 13— Hilberto Herrera, 29, blue warrant

Cattlemen's concerns, from pg. 11

producer confidentiality.

Nutrition Labeling Policy: Members of NCBA's nutrition team were in Washington D.C. this week for meetings with industry to prepare for the final rule on nutrition labeling for meat. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it is extending for 60 days the comment period for an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) from July 11, 2003 on trans fat. This ANPR was published to solicit information and data on trans fatty acids (trans fat) in order to help draft a proposed rule on trans fat. FDA has scheduled a Food Advisory Committee (FAC) Nutrition Subcommittee meeting for April 27 and 28. The outcome of this meeting may help determine the course of action for trans fat labeling. FDA is extending the comment period to receive comments that consider the information resulting from this upcoming meeting specific to this ANPRM and trans fat labeling. NCBA will submit comments by the deadline, June 18.

Feedlot Tour for Congress: This Friday, NCBA and members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) will be conducting a feedlot and plant tour for the

Congressional Food Safety Caucus and U.S. Representatives Neugebauer (R-TX), Stenholm (D-TX), and DeLauro (D-CT). The tour will take place in Hale Center and Plainview. The bipartisan Congressional Food Safety Caucus provides a forum for Members of Congress to address the issue of foodborne illness and the emerging challenges in food safety, such as globalization and the susceptibility of our food supply to a bioterrorist attack. This tour is an educational opportunity conducted by cattle producers and members to better educate Members of Congress on the food production system and livestock operations.

Death Tax: NCBA met with fellow members of the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition (FBETC) this week to discuss strategies for the continued fight for permanent repeal of the onerous Death Tax. Lisa Wolski, Tax Counsel for Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ) spoke to the coalition on the status of the Death Tax and plans to move repeal of the Death Tax closer by one year to 2009 continuing into 2010. Cattlemen have long supported full repeal of the Death Tax which has his-

torically prevented many ranching families from passing their operations on to the next generation.

Air Quality: NCBA continues to meet with the Environmental Protection Agency and others in Washington D.C. to discuss air quality concerns for cattle producers, and is setting up meetings with the Administration to discuss particulate matter.

Tax Relief Facts from USDA: Secretary Veneman has released an analysis illustrating the benefits received by America's farmers and ranchers from the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 and additional Bush Administration tax policies. According to Veneman, the tax relief continues to yield enormous benefits for farm and ranch families across the country. USDA economists calculate that the changes have provided about \$4 billion in tax reductions for farms and ranches in 2003. USDA predicts that an additional \$4 billion will be saved in 2004. When releasing the analysis, Veneman highlighted the need for repeal of the Death Tax, in order to provide long-term stability for operations. For a copy of the USDA economic analysis, go to www.usda.gov.

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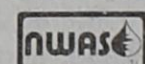
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High School boys runner-up: Nimrods— Garrett Riley, Landon Sheets, Tyler Sheets and Brady Black.

Women: Weird Women— Debbie Weir, Shawndee Nichols, Holly Engelking and Kristi Ramaekers.

Men champs: Crocodiles— Bryon Braddock and Jake Hoelting.

Runner-up: Game Over— Jesse Reyes, Brett Clemons, Bryon Samuel and Manuel Granados.

Co-ed champs: Nail— Robert Nail, Buddy Brown

and Natalee Brown.

Runner-up: Lady Bugs— Bryon Braddock, Holly Engelking and Kristi Ramaekers.

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Three-point champs: Bryon Braddock- Adult, Daniel Campolla-High School, Chelsee Nichols - Jr. High and Kayle Jesko - Elementary.

Pee Wee Shoot-out Champ: Ashton Mason



Leah Bell

DeShazo Elementary TAKS pep rally— Teachers and staff pumped students up Monday at a special pep rally. This is a mime skit performed by special guest and mime, Toni King. Teachers and staff performed skits for the students relating to taking the test. Students are taking the State assessment test this week.

Muleshoe tennis team loses in open

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The deeper in the playoffs, the tougher the competition is, according to Muleshoe tennis coach Shana Simms.

The Muleshoe tennis team did not get past the opening round of the regional tournament in Odessa April 21 and 22.

Lindsey Wood lost her opening round match 6-3 and 6-1 to Jaclyn Gage of Perryton. Andrew Padilla

dropped his singles match 6-1 and 6-0 to the number two seed in tournament Trent Graham of Pecos.

The doubles team of Tyler Wood and Ely Villa dropped their opening round match 6-3 and 6-2 to the team of Arteaga and Matchen of Sweetwater.

"The kids competed hard," said . "I was proud of their efforts. We did great at the district and regional tournaments. The competition was excellent this year in our region."

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Beware of bogus grants

—A Consumer Report from the Attorney General

A consumer recently contacted the Attorney General of Texas inquiring about a so-called government grant that she was supposedly getting. This consumer had not applied for a grant of any kind.

She explained she had received an unsolicited phone call from someone

who told her that a friend had applied for a government grant in her name—that was supposedly how the caller had gotten her phone number.

The caller did not identify himself or the type of government grant. He asked her several questions, including how would she use the grant money. She told the caller she would improve the accommodations for her handicapped daughter.

The caller also asked for

her bank account number, saying there was a processing fee of \$269. He asked her to have the money in her account by April 24th. If the money was in her account by then, and her "eligibility matched up," the caller said, the \$25,000 government grant would be deposited directly into her account.

The consumer called her loan officer who wanted to see the paperwork the caller said he was going to mail her on the 24th. The Attorney General's office told the consumer to call her bank back and say that the "grant" is nothing more than a scam, and to request that the \$269 charge be denied. According to a press release from the Attorney General's office, the 37-year-old consumer was so excited about the money and hopeful about the help she was going to get for her daughter.

"We hated to dash her hopes, but we would have hated more to see her \$269 stolen," said Greg Abbott, Attorney General.

He advises consumers to be aware of calls of this nature. "Remember, government grants are not awarded to people who have not applied for them. You cannot get a grant because a friend has applied for you. If you get a call like this, just hang up."

Abbott said anytime someone holds out the hope that you are going to receive a large windfall of money, you should beware. "When they next ask you to give them money, you know it is a scam. It is a dead give-away. Don't be robbed."

Religious News

Guest preacher at Trinity Baptist

Dr. George Ray, former Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Lubbock and of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Rochester, Minn. will be a guest preacher will speak at Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday, May 2 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Dr. Ray retired from active pastoral ministry in September 2003, after 42 years of service. He has served in a variety of positions in State convention in Texas, Colorado and Minnesota.

Marriage and Family Healing Seminar

On Saturday, May 1, there will be a free seminar providing help for those who are in single-parent situations, blended families or otherwise struggling with the aftermath of divorce. The seminar, hosted by the Muleshoe Church of Christ, 2201 W. American Blvd. in Muleshoe, will be conducted by Paul "Bud" Richardson of Forever Family Ministries in Chickasha, Okla.

Mr. Richardson speaks from experience in addressing these issues. He is raising five teenagers and received a masters of arts in ministry. He has 26 years of experience in youth and family and has specialized in these areas for the last 14 years. He has lived what he preaches and knows what is successful in dealing with the trials and devastation of divorce in the family.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Muleshoe Church of Christ. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available. For more information, call the church at 272-4256.

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funds to income qualified households for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of owner occupied substandard homes.

The program is designed to bring existing substandard homes to meet the requirements of the Texas Minimum Construction Standards. The households will be qualified through an inspection and interview process and will not be dependent on the findings of the survey.

The city intends for these funds to be used for reconstruction of substandard homes. The city has applied for \$220,000 in HOME program funds. The maximum amount for each household addressed is \$55,000. This is a grant program awarded to qualifying households and is not dependent on the results of

the housing survey.

Other programs that are available and will depend on the results of the housing survey include: USDA Guaranteed Loan Program, USDA Direct Loans, USDA Farm Labor Housing Loan and Grant Programs, and rental assistance programs.

The survey will also help the city in planning a formal Program Design. "The city does not currently have a formal Program Design; however, the city is in the process of developing long range plans to address housing issues (this survey is certainly related to this issue), subdivision development, zoning, park master plan, infrastructure expansion and maintenance, public building development and maintenance, street improvements, and

other activities," Brunson said.

Funds for these long-range plans were received from a Building Capacity Planning Grant from the Texas Department of Community Affairs. The city council has been very proactive and determined to be prepared for next year and the next decade.

"I believe this is evident in the authorization of this housing study, the securing of the Building Capacity Planning Grant, the commitment to economic development, the prudence in securing a long range supply of water, the development of a Type I landfill, and the council's investment in employee training and development," Brunson said.

The survey began April 21 and will continue through May.

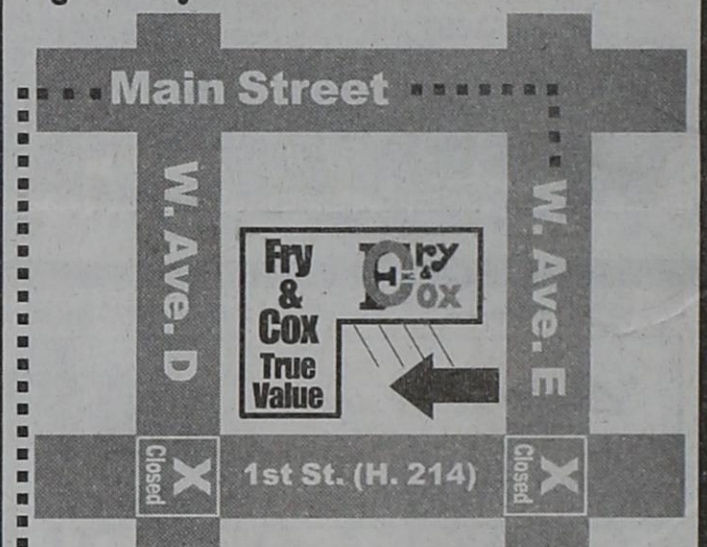
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