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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Punished by country music

Henry Nelson Jr., 20, and Jon Driggers, 26, both of Alexandria, La., pleaded guilty to violating Rapides Parish's ordinance prohibiting "loud and offensive noise" by playing loud music in their cars.

They were fined, given a suspended jail sentence and probation — and ordered to attend a three-hour "music appreciation" session.

"I thought if they had to listen to stuff they hate, it would teach them to respect other people's rights," state District Judge Tom Yeager said. So he made them listen to country music, which they said they hated.

Taking a bite out of crime

A drug-sniffing police dog in Roanoke, Va., detected a package of cocaine and got a buzz for his trouble.

Blitz, a 3-year-old German shepherd, wound up with a mouth full of the drug after biting into the plastic bag at a Greyhound bus station.

The dog's handler quickly washed the powder from Blitz's mouth and took the dog to a veterinarian for a checkup.

Blitz was credited with a personal-best discovery of 24.2 ounces, worth about \$100,000 on the street. Police arrested two men on charges of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, they said.

Firefighters told to cut hair

The 27 female firefighters of Orlando, Fla., are criticizing an order to cut their hair, saying it harkens back to the days when women were not welcome in the fire department.

Fire Chief Charlie Walker, who took office in November, issued the order, saying he was enforcing existing policy and would not allow firefighters to merely pin their hair up.

The head of the city's labor relations bureau said the rules — that female firefighters' hair cannot extend more than 4 inches below the collar and men's hair cannot extend below the collar at all — were made for appearance and safety reasons.



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On this date in history

April 1 — Santa Anna is inaugurated as president of Mexico and Texans hold their Second Convention to petition the Mexican government for separate statehood (both in 1833).

April 2 — Most of the nation returns to Daylight Saving Time.

April 6 — Mexico bans further colonization of Texas from the United States (1830).

LOCAL WEATHER

The area can look forward to partly cloudy weather through Thursday, according to the experts. Temperatures should reach the low 60s Sunday and Monday, upper 60s Tuesday, near 80 Wednesday and about 78 Thursday. Mornings should be mild except for Monday, near freezing.

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D.C. newspaper notes Muleshoe favorably

By RONN SMITH
Editor

One of the nation's major newspapers, the *Washington Post*, reported last week on the economic and population crisis facing Muleshoe and other small West Texas towns, and Muleshoe was portrayed as one of those aggressively fighting for

survival.

Already riding the crest of a mini-boom on the heels of the arrival of United Supermarkets, Muleshoe and Bailey County drew attention for the current effort to attract a prison project and for Muleshoe Pea and Bean's work to market black-eyed peas internationally.

City Manager Rick Hanna said Friday that Muleshoe's sales-tax collections are running 11 percent above this time a year ago.

Muleshoe was contrasted with Earth. Esther Bauer, the article's author, said of Earth, "More than half of this city's 1,200 residents are older than 60. Many residents who want to sell their homes

and move away can't — there aren't any buyers."

The article also quotes Noel Pittman, Earth city secretary and municipal judge, as saying, "We have nothing to offer companies to lure them here. Our work force isn't skilled enough; all we have are residences and vacant retail shops."

City plans to replace water lines

By RONN SMITH
Editor

The city of Muleshoe has scheduled a public hearing for 5:05 p.m. April 10 to gather input on a proposed water-line improvement project for parts of both the east and west sides.

Most of the cost would be paid by a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant the city got approved.

City Manager Rick Hanna said Friday the estimated cost of the water-line project is about \$287,500. Some of the city's original 2-inch lines would be replaced with 6-inch lines.

Hanna described the scope of the project as including lines between Third and Fourth streets from about Avenue B to Avenue G; between First and Main streets from Avenue E to Avenue J; and between 17th and 18th streets from Avenue E to Avenue H.

According to the city's early public notice about the open hearing, "The project will provide improved water conditions for 328 low- and moderate-income families."

The notice also points out that part of the project is in the 100-year flood plain. The city is "interested in discussing alternatives to this project" as well as learning of possible adverse effects and how to deal with them, the notice states.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Honoring the leader

School Superintendent David Hutton (left) presents a plaque of appreciation from Muleshoe Independent School District to Hubert Kidd during a reception Thursday honoring Kidd on his retirement as the longtime head of Five Area Telephone Cooperative and Plateau Telecommunications. The school district honored Kidd for his contribution to bringing the area education by interactive television; he also received other honors as well as an outpouring of community affection for his years of leadership.

Texas Farmers Union opposes 'terminator gene'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Texas Farmers Union joined its national counterpart Friday in speaking out against the so-called "terminator gene," designed to make cotton produce only infertile seeds.

"Texas cotton farmers usually catch much of their own seed to use for planting seed," said Ray Sav-

age, membership coordinator for the state organization.

"The terminator gene threatens this," Savage added. "Genetic material in the field is transferred via cross-pollination. This makes it possible to have all sterile seed, even in cotton not from this technology."

Savage spoke up after the Na-

tional Farmers Union issued a statement expressing encouragement that U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman had asked the newly formed Biotechnology Advisory Committee to review terminator seed technology.

The committee has begun a two-year project to "discuss the ethical as well as the technical implica-

tions of the developing terminator technology."

While acknowledging that research is vital, "We do not support research that aims to enable private seed companies to increase their profits at the expense of farmers worldwide," National Farmers Union president Leland Swenson said.

Ruthardt says school Green Thumb job is beyond her dreams

By RONN SMITH
Editor

Betty Ruthardt of Muleshoe says she's held a lot of different types of jobs, but the one she has now is beyond anything she expected for herself.

Ruthardt works part-time in the Muleshoe Independent School District's technology lab. She got the job through a program called Green Thumb, which seeks to find positions for older citizens.

She is high on both the district and the program. "It's the most fantastic family I have ever been asked to join," she said. "To be part of this, to be involved with the Muleshoe school district, it is be-

yond my imagination."

Ruthardt's job involves purchasing and other services for the six school districts in the consortium that operates interactive television classes in cooperation with South Plains College, plus she works with Muleshoe's Cisco class that trains young people to take on technology jobs right out of high school.

And all around her is the latest, state-of-the-art technology. "People of my education, shall we say, didn't even have this kind of vision," she said.

It isn't as if she came to the job with a lot of computer knowledge. She said

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Betty Ruthardt greets visitors entering the technology lab.

AROUND MULESHOE

Little League tryouts are Thursday

Muleshoe Little League tryouts are scheduled for April 6 at Roger Miller Park.

Eight- and 9-year-old Minor League tryouts are set for 5:30 p.m., while 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds who were not on a Major League team last year will try out at 7 p.m.

Eleven- and 12-year-olds will be eligible only for Major League play. Ten-year-olds will be placed in either league as needed to fill out rosters.

Applications will be available until April 6 at Williams Athletics, and applications for late signup will be available at tryouts.

'Greater Tuna' returns April 8

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a performance of the two-man show "Greater Tuna" at 8 p.m. April 8 in the Muleshoe High School auditorium.

The production stars Roger Sowder and Kimble Kearns.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the chamber office and United Supermarkets.

Early voting in runoff ends Friday

Voters have until April 7 to participate in early voting in the Democratic and Republican runoffs to select candidates for the November general election.

All voting in the runoffs will be conducted at the Bailey County courthouse. For voters who do not participate in early voting, election day is April 11.

Democrats will be choosing between Charles Gandy and Gene

Kelly for the U.S. Senate race to oppose incumbent Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Republicans will be selecting candidates in three races for seats on the state Court of Criminal Appeals.

The pollings will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Women's retreat set at Coliseum

The annual Eastern New Mexico and West Texas Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat is scheduled for April 7-8 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The speaker for this year's event will be Margaret Thirkleson of Lexington, Ky., a speaker and teacher on prayer and the spiritual life. She is the author of *Realizing the Presence of the Spirit* and *The Love Exchange*.

Registration forms are at Master's Books and Gifts in Clovis.

More information is available by calling (800) 452-6818 or contacting Rachel Clark at (806) 295-6811.

Roping to help Lazbuddie seniors

A team-roping event to benefit the Lazbuddie High School senior class has been scheduled for April 16 at Dusty Rhodes Arena in Muleshoe.

Entries will be taken at 12:30 p.m. and roping begins at 1 p.m. Top-quality Corriente cattle are to be used.

All average winners will receive jackets, and there will be full concession-stand service on the grounds.

More information is available by calling Thurman Myers at 272-3598.

Lazbuddie teams perform well at Loop track meet

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several Lazbuddie students placed well at the March 25 Loop Longhorn Relays, held at Loop High School.

Scottie Brown brought home two first-place finishes — in the 1,600-meter run and the 800-meter run — for the high school girls' team.

Moi García of the Lazbuddie JV took first in the 800-meter run in the high school boys' division, while Landon Parham contributed yet another first place in the pole vault.

Other Lazbuddie finishers included:

- High school girls — discuss, Laura Jo Via second with a toss of 79'5" (winner 103'0"); shot put, Laura Jo Via second with 30'1 1/2" (winner 30'5 1/4"); 400-meter relay, Lazbuddie fourth; 100-meter hurdles, Savannah Black sixth 21:09; and 200-meter dash, Kayla Kimbrough fifth 30.56.

- High school boys — discuss, Jake Louder second with 102'9" (winner 120'1"); 800-meter run, fourth, Monse

Meléndez fourth 2:16.16; 400-meter dash, Landon Parham sixth 58:00; and 1,600-meter run, Moi García (JV) 5:18.60.

- Junior high girls — high jump, Kati Louder third 4'2"; shot put, Susie Juárez fourth 22'9"; discuss, Kati Louder fourth 56'7"; 800-meter run, Kaylee Burnett fifth 3:00.10; and 100-meter hurdles, Amanda Martínez fifth 21.72;

Also 200-meter dash, Shonah Black third 31.72; 400-meter relay, Lazbuddie fifth 1:00.75; 800-meter

run, Lazbuddie sixth 2:25.76; 400-meter dash, Amanda Martínez third, 1:15:47; 1,600-meter run, Miriam Hernández second 6:45.95 and Violet Aguilar fourth 7:36.56; and 1,600-meter relay, Lazbuddie fourth 5:31.00.

- Junior high boys — shot put, Danny Bonilla second 37'2 1/2"; 2,400-meter run, Casey Divin sixth 10:05.87; 110-meter hurdles, Tanner Gartin sixth 22.10; and 1,600-meter run, Garrett Scisson fourth 6:30.20. (Casey Divin ran a 6:33.44.)

WHEAT

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dition, and these bugs certainly don't help.

"Aphids and drought go hand in hand," he said. "Both the greenbug and the Russian wheat aphid are exasperated by the wheat season."

Miller said some regions are seeing more invasion by the bug than others.

"The numbers are still low in regions like the Rolling Plains," he said. "But areas like the High Plains have a lot of bug injury."

Miller said both of the insects contribute to the demise of a wheat crop, and there is very little that can be done during a drought.

"Entomologists don't recommend treatment," he said. "Wheat yield is so low that producers would lose more money spraying the pest than they would earn from the crop."

Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick of Amarillo said when this pest arrives, producers should know the signs.

"The Russian wheat aphid is the same size as the greenbug, but it is more of a lime green, and its body is oval," he said. "This pest's toxin leaves purple and chloric stripes on the plant, which eventually leads to death of the leaf."

Patrick agreed that spraying would not be economical during a drought, but he gave a solution that might work instead.

"Beneficial insect populations like parasitic wasps and ladybugs will help take care of the detrimental pests," he said. "A lot of greenbugs have been

treated already this year, and the populations may be able to transfer over to the incoming aphid populations."

Pests can be the determining factor during a drought, and many producers choose to graze in hopes of a better spring crop.

For those who are still not sure which way to get rid of these pests, Patrick said the Extension Service can help.

"The Extension Service has an economic threshold table," he said. "If a grower is finding Russian wheat aphids in his field, they can tell him how to sample it and give him the best economical solution to his problem."

District Extension director Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton said the 3 to 4 inches of rain that fell across Far West Texas will help with spring planting season but may not help cattle.

"Pastures received some much needed rain," he said. "However, cattlemen are continuing to cull herds in anticipation of the long, hot summer."

District Extension director Randy Upshaw of Dallas said most crops in the district are ready to be planted, and most others are faring well.

"Land preparation has increased in the past week," he said. "Although planting of corn and grain sorghum are being delayed by wet weather."

Upshaw said top soil has decent moisture, but subsoil moisture is lacking. Despite this, pastures are looking good.

"Livestock are in good con-

dition," he said. "Prices are strong, and ponds are beginning to fill."

With scattered showers and warm temperatures, Upshaw

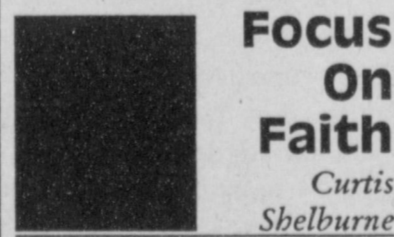
said wheat has a good yield potential, and other crops are likely to prosper.

"Forage crops are loving this," he said.

Guess What? We're in the Same Boat as Peter!

Simon Peter was heartsick. The whole evening had been most perplexing. Jesus and his apostles had gathered to eat the Passover meal. From the very first, the meal had been full of surprises.

Jesus had shocked them all by saying, "My betrayer is here, his hand with mine on the table"



(Luke 22:21). Later, he had looked straight at Peter and said sadly, "Simon, Simon, do you know that Satan has asked to have you all to sift like wheat?"

Peter was aghast. His horror increased as Jesus went on, "But I have prayed for you that you may not lose your faith." And then He said, "When you are converted, strengthen your brethren."

Then Peter could bear no more. He screamed inside and then aloud, "Lord, I would go to prison for you! I would die for you!"

He meant it. Had he not been willing to forsake his boat, to leave his livelihood, for Jesus? Had he not confessed powerfully that Jesus was the very Son of God? Would his sword not be the

first drawn to defend his Lord? Was not his very name proof of his rock-hard faith?

"When you are converted..." Jesus had not spoken accusingly. His words were not malicious or unkind. His face was filled with a pain almost beyond sorrow. Those eyes! Those sad eyes. They seemed to read in Peter some weakness hidden, as yet, even to Peter.

"When you are converted..." Converted?! Him? What could Jesus mean? Later that very night, Peter would know.

We know now, not just because we've read the story but because we've seen the same thing happen in our own lives. Like Peter, most of us can point to an initial conversion, but we don't follow Christ very long before we realize, often painfully, that conversion is not a one-time thing.

In reality, conversion, turning away from the dark dead end of self toward the light of the Son, is something we experience daily as we make choices, large and small, that confirm or deny the confession of faith we made at the beginning of the journey. With our lives each day we underline, or we mock, the confession of our lips.

We understand Peter! What Simon says is not always what Simon does. Yes, we understand Peter. Our best, our only, hope is in the grace of the Son. Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & Avenue D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

More burning due on refuge

The Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge will be conducting more prescribed burns during the month of April.

At times, large amounts of smoke may be visible on Texas 214 or even from the cities of Muleshoe and Morton.

The fires will be conducted during daylight hours, but some smoke and flames may be visible after dark.

Contingency plans will be used regarding additional firefighting equipment and personnel relating to any wildfires that may develop as a result of the controlled burn.

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Golf teams in third midway through district

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Both the Mule and Lady Mule golf teams stood at third in their district standings after last week's second round of the district tournament.

The girls held the same position they'd had after the first round, but the boys dropped from their first-place finish in the initial round.

The boys' second round was played Monday at Muleshoe Country Club, and the Mules shot a team 351 to finish behind Lubbock Cooper (334)

and Friona (335).

That let Friona slip into the lead after two rounds, at 691 over Cooper's 694 and Muleshoe's 703.

For the girls, the Lady Mules' 442 for the second round was third behind Littlefield (393) and Friona (427). The standings after the second round are in the same order, with Littlefield at 784, Friona at 850 and Muleshoe at 872.

Individually, Ryan Hodge shot a 77 to remain at the top of the district standings by three

strokes after two rounds. A.J. Buhrmann (84 on Monday) remains tied for sixth.

Finishing out the varsity boys' scoring Monday were Jordan Pool with 93, David Morris 97 and Kole Magby 100.

Junior varsity players included Kyle Atwood with 96, Andy Domínguez 96, T.J. Hutto 115, Sammy Baeza 119 and Chance Turney 123.

Muleshoe also had two other medalists, Bryce Embry at 117 and Joel Cowart at 135.

Girls' individual scoring

March 30 at Lubbock's Meadowbrook Country Club) included Rendi Hodge (sixth place in district standings) with 105, Candace Hutto (seventh in district) with 111, Ashley May 112, Kristen Magby 114 and Amanda Bell (ninth in district) 115.

Girls' JV players included Jennifer Rempe shooting 135 and Angela Allen 156.

The third and final district rounds are scheduled for Monday in Friona (girls) and Thursday in Littlefield (boys).

Baseball team wins first two district games

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

With a new coach and several new starters, the Mules baseball team has edged its way to a 2-0 start in district play.

The two district wins are part of a four-game winning streak that has pulled the Mules to 7-7 on the season.

In their first district match, the Mules held off a Littlefield rally in the seventh for a 5-4 win. Cameron Nix took the complete game victory for Muleshoe. The Mules won despite striking out 14 times.

Against Lubbock Roosevelt, the Mules score four runs in the sixth for a 9-8 win. D.J. Domínguez picked up the victory in relief, striking out four in just two innings of work. Nix, also playing designated hitter, retired the Eagles in the seventh for a save.

The Mules' third district game — against Shallowater — would have happened Friday night, until 4 p.m. Monday.

The rescheduling makes this

week the toughest time of the season for the Mules — they will play three games in just five days. On Tuesday, the Mules head to Friona for a 5:30 p.m. match with the Chieftains; Friday will see the Mules travel to Lubbock Cooper.

"It will be like playing in a tournament," said Mules head coach Donnie Scott. "We've got enough pitchers that it won't be a big deal."

In addition to Nix and Domínguez, the Mule pitching staff includes Rhett Kerby, Kyle Hahn and James Barrett.

The Friday game against Cooper may prove the most difficult, as the Pirates are the strongest team in the district. They return all of their starters from last year's playoff squad.

The Mules don't have as many returnees, but new players have been a huge benefit.

Chris Barrera, the starting shortstop, comes from Levelland and has been great in the leadoff spot. Barrera scored three runs in Tuesday's

win over Roosevelt.

Outfielder T-Bird Cox, who was at Andrews last year, leads the team with four home runs.

This week will play a large role in determining the Mule playoff hopes. The top three teams advance to the playoffs in late April. A key factor, Scott said, will be the Mules' execution, especially on defense.

"If we don't make mistakes, we're generally competitive," Scott said.

MULES	AB	R	H	RBI
Barrera ss	3	1	1	0
Barrett 1b	4	3	2	0
Mason c	4	1	2	1
Cox lf	4	0	1	0
Nix p	4	0	1	1
Ramirez cf	4	0	0	0
Domínguez lf	2	0	0	0
Black dh	3	0	0	0
Warren 2b	3	0	0	0
Otwell 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	7	2

LITTLEFIELD	AB	R	H	RBI
Walker 2b	4	2	2	0
Miller 3b	4	1	0	0
Hatt 1b	2	0	1	0
Kirby lf	3	0	0	0
DeLos Santos c	4	0	0	0
Allen p	3	1	0	0
Matt dh	2	0	0	1
Campbell cf	3	0	0	0
Lopez rf	3	0	0	0
Kevin ss	0	0	0	0

Totals 28 4 3 1

MULESHOE	IP	R	H	ER	BB	K
Nix (W)	7	4	3	1	3	5

LITTLEFIELD Allen (L) 7 5 7 3 2 14

MULES	AB	R	H	RBI
Barrera ss	4	3	2	0
Barrett 1b	3	1	1	0
Mason c	2	0	1	1
Cox lf	3	1	1	1
Nix dh-p	4	1	1	1
Black rf	3	1	1	0
Ramirez cf	2	1	1	0
Rudd 3b	2	0	0	0
Warren 2b	1	1	0	0
Soto ph	1	0	0	0
Norman 2b	2	0	1	0
Totals	27	9	9	4

ROOSEVELT	AB	R	H	RBI
Zuniga p-3b	4	0	0	0
Rocha 3b-p-lf	3	2	1	0
Hardy c	3	2	2	0
Flowers cf	2	2	2	2
Haden ss	3	1	0	0
Schulein 1b	1	0	0	0
Zaragoza 2b	2	1	0	0
Escobedo rf	4	0	1	0
Walker lf	3	0	1	0
Smith 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	8	7	2

ROOSEVELT	IP	R	H	ER	BB	K
Zuniga	1.3	3	4	1	1	0
Rocha (L) 4.3	6	3	8			
Haralson	0.3	0	1	0	1	1
Totals	6.0	9	9	7	5	9

MULESHOE	IP	R	H	ER	BB	K
Kerby	4	4	4	2	5	4
Domínguez (W)	2	4	3	3	2	4
Nix (S)	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	7	8	7	5	7	10

Mule tennis teams facing district tournaments

By KEVIN WILSON
Writer

While most people will be grumbling about how the week has just started, several Muleshoe tennis players will try to make sure their season doesn't end.

At 9 a.m. Monday, the Mules tennis team will be in Plainview to begin the district tournament. Only the top two competitors

in singles and doubles advance to the regional tournament.

The championship matches, along with those for third place, will be played in Hart on Tuesday. The second-day matches are on different courts because Plainview starts its Class 4A district tournament Tuesday.

Last season, Muleshoe sent eight players to regional tournaments. Matching last year is possible, but first-year coach Shana Simms knows there are many obstacles.

First, several of the girls have additional work. The doubles team of Bobbie Benham and Britni Gartin, along with singles player Megan Tipps and doubles player Gradee Adrian, all compete in track during tennis season. Jami Wedel, Adrian's doubles partner, and Christi Adrian are the only varsity members not competing in

track.

Muleshoe's main competitors, the teams from Friona and Shallowater, compete only in tennis.

The boys team doesn't face that situation, however. Delwyn Latham takes a No. 1 seed into the district tournament while Jeff Bruns has the third seed.

The tournament is seeded such that teammates won't eliminate each other from competition. If Bruns and Latham face each other, it will be in either the finals or the consolation game.

The doubles team of Eric Posadas and Chris Vaughn has a great chance of advancing, but Simms is also pretty high on Jason Riggs and Josh Hall.

"I wouldn't count them out, although they have a tough road (to the finals)," Simms

said.

Benham and Gartin are seeded second for the girls, but the rest of the girls also will have tougher routes to the final game.

The boys' junior varsity team includes doubles partners Matt Luna and Brandon Mount for the boys. The girls' JV team includes singles player Michelle Martínez and a doubles team of Laura Wood and Megan Barrett.

Clements' all-star times are released

Muleshoe's Bret Clements, selected to play in the Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games at Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo, will play in his first game at 8 p.m. April 6.

If he and his West teammates win that game, they will play again at 8 p.m. April 8. If they lose the first game, they play at 3 p.m. April 8.

The event also will feature competitions in three-point shooting and slam-dunking. Any area senior girl or boy, regardless of whether they were selected for the all-star games, is eligible for those competitions.

Entries for the three-point and slam-dunk competitions should be submitted to Brent Sherrod by calling (806) 352-7348.

Clements and fellow Mule Mitch Mason were named second team all-regional and Clements also was named All-South Plains.

WORKER

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she had taken a class in MS DOS (a computer language) at South Plains College in 1992, but it didn't include anything about operating computers.

"The computers were on when we got there — I had never even turned one on when I started here," she said.

Now she's not only at home on the computer and the Internet, but she's learned a little about how to program computers to make them work for her. She credits the school district work environment for much of that, saying the district encourages its employees to grow as much as they can.

Ruthardt is a wife and great-

grandmother (she has a daughter living in Wamego, Kan., a son in Lubbock, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild), but she encourages people to keep a positive attitude about aging.

"This has been the most wonderful time of my life," she said. "Don't dread the coming years — look forward to them. I wish this had happened to me years ago. There's no telling what I could have achieved."

More information about the Green Thumb program is available by contacting Faye Martin, the program's field operations assistant for the area, at (505) 763-6603.

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A&M forest science alums provide bonfire memorial trees

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION — Forest science alumni from Texas A&M University didn't have to think long and hard. When the question was asked of them by retired Texas Forest Service director Bruce Miles, the answer was immediate.

Yes, they would pull together to pay for 12 landscaped live oak trees to memorialize 12 fallen Aggies who died in the bonfire tragedy Nov. 18.

In fact, more than enough money was raised in one week to purchase the trees, which were in 45-gallon containers; they were planted March 4.

"When I was contacted by

Aggie Replant about getting some trees for a ceremony to honor their memory, the first ones I thought about for this project were the forest science alums," said Miles, who graduated with a degree in forestry in 1957.

Miles said he felt the amount could have easily been donated by one person or even by his classmates from 1957, but said it was more meaningful to spread the gift amongst as many foresters as possible.

The association had asked for \$20 per person, but many people sent more than that.

Forestry Alumni Association president Nes Tesno of Conroe

agreed.

"I think it was important that a bunch of us did it," Tesno said. "One person could have easily have written a check for the full amount, but this was people from all economic levels giving a little bit that will be there for a long time. And their children can come see the trees one day and know that we helped plant them."

Tesno said the effort was very gratifying. "Everyone thought it was a great idea, especially because we are foresters, so it is appropriate that we help plant the trees," she added. "Some people had not had a chance or were too far

away to be a part of other efforts relating to the bonfire tragedy."

The group originally set out to provide \$2,080 for the 12 trees and delivery to the planting site on Polo Drive, a street adjacent to the bonfire site.

But within seven days, the association already had collected about \$2,500.

Tesno said the trees — pro-

vided at the wholesale price — and delivery were paid for and the remainder of the funds will be used toward the memorial plaques in the name of each of the 12 students who died.

An irrigation system to assure that the trees are adequately cared for as they develop was donated by Prince Irrigation, a local company, Miles noted.

Texans set their priorities when it comes to tax cuts

As is usually the case, Texans were not shy about offering comments on the taxes they pay. In my annual questionnaire, published last December, I asked you to rank the importance of three potential ways to lower federal taxes: eliminating the marriage tax penalty, abolishing the inheritance or death tax, or giving all taxpayers an across-the-board 1 percent tax cut.

The mail really rolled in on this one, with 72 percent of you indicating your top priority would be a 1 percent, across-the-board tax cut. The remaining 28 percent of you split evenly between doing away with the inheritance tax or ending the marriage tax penalty.

Here are some of your comments on this question:

- From San Antonio: "We need some across-the-board tax relief. We are lucky enough to make more than the average family, but we don't make enough to have any significant tax shelters or loopholes. We've worked hard and saved to get what we have. We gave up boats, RVs and other pleasures to put our kids through college without a single dollar of financial aid or tax break."
- Cleburne: "Give every working American a tax cut. The surplus was made possible by government taxing us more than necessary. Let working people keep their money instead of sending it to Washington."
- Dickinson: "Any tax relief would be welcome. The 1 percent could make a real difference for us. We feel the marriage tax penalty the most — when it means the difference between just scraping by and actually being able to enjoy the fruits of all our hard work."
- Tomball: "The 'death tax' taxes both the living and the dead. Please do away with the inheritance tax first, and stop the double taxation of the same money."

- Santa Fe: "The marriage tax and the inheritance tax should both be abolished. The income tax should be reduced by 5 percent."
- Seguin: "Doing away with the inheritance tax is the most important. It forces couples (who may live another 20 years) to give away their prosperity so the IRS can't take it. My husband, who is 75 years old, is active in our small business and doesn't want to give it away and retire."

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married and in the \$60,000 range, all three of these tax-cut questions affect me. The inheritance tax is probably the most unfair tax there is. It should have never been enacted. The marriage penalty is just another blow against the sanctity of marriage. In most couples today, one partner works just to pay their income taxes. Why does the government penalize success in the middle-income bracket?"

- Dumas: "The 'death tax' is unjust. Why is it taking so long to phase it out? It should be abolished now. It has already destroyed more family farms and ranches than all the bad bank loans ever did."
- Eagle Pass: "Doing away with the marriage tax penalty is first on our list. We are a working-class family. Please keep this in mind when decisions that affect us must be made."

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OBITUARIES

CLAUDIA MILLSAP

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Muleshoe Memorial Park for Claudia "Sadie" Millsap, 89, of Bowie, Texas. The Rev. H.D. Hunter officiated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mrs. Millsap was born Nov. 4, 1910, at Center Point, Ark. She died March 25 at Bowie Memorial Hospital.

She married Charles Homer Millsap on Oct. 4, 1936, in Clovis. He died April 27, 1994.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Bowie since 1983, when she moved there from Muleshoe.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Holly Millsap of Muleshoe; a sister, Mary Katherine Robertson of Bowie; a granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Rex Millsap, on Dec. 31, 1969.

MANUEL VENEGAS

Services were held Thursday at Muleshoe's Church of God of the Firstborn for Manuel S. "Stimpy" Venegas, 21, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Raymond Mendoza officiated. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock handled arrangements.

Mr. Venegas was born July 12, 1978, in Lubbock. He died

March 26, also in Lubbock.

He is survived by his mother, Viola Sigala Catano of Muleshoe; his father, Eleuterio Venegas Sr. of Lubbock; two brothers, Eleuterio Venegas Jr. and Miguel Angel Venegas, both of Muleshoe; five sisters, Guadalupe Venegas, Norma Lee Venegas, Janet Venegas, Michelle Catano and Melissa Catano, all of Muleshoe; and his grandparents, Juan and Maria DeJesus Sigala of Muleshoe and Antonio and Maria Venegas of Fort Stockton.

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Navigator Bowen Weisheit flew the waters of the South Pacific during WWII and studied at the Weem Schools of Aerial Navigation: the same school that Amelia's navigator, Fred Noonan, attended. Weisheit offers his theory about what went wrong on their last flight — a theory validated by interviews with experts from the National Air and Space Museum. Weisheit's theory hinges upon a fundamental disagreement between Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan.

The Final Hours: Amelia Earhart's Last Flight will be broadcast Sunday, April 2nd at 11:00 p.m. It repeats Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m.

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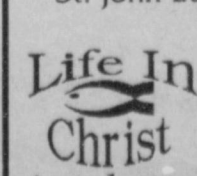
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Public holds key on genetic engineering

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

LUBBOCK — Global consumer attitudes and pure economics will decide the fate of genetically modified organisms in the food and fiber marketplace, an Iowa State University economist said at the Southwest Crops Production Conference and Exposition in Lubbock last month.

Neil Harl, professor of ag economics, was one of three panelists addressing the future of genetically modified organisms. Other panelists were John Abernathy, dean of agricultural sciences and natural resources at Texas Tech University, and James Willeke, vice president of sales and marketing for Delta and Pine Land Co.

Genetically modified organisms are agricultural and other products — seeds, plants, pharmaceuticals — derived by scientists from high-tech genetic manipulation at the molecular level.

Environmental and some consumer groups have questioned GMOs as a potential threat to human health and the biological ecosystems in which they are produced.

"GMOs already have a dramatic impact on agriculture worldwide, but their continuation requires tremendous development resources from the scientific sector," Abernathy said.

"Improved crops, seeds, feeds and food products resulting from genetic modification are helping us feed a growing

world population, at a lower cost for the producer, processor and food retailer.

"The question is can we afford to let opposition to GMOs, as presently seen in some European nations, derail the overall benefits of these products?"

Harl said agriculture worldwide now faces more uncertainty than at any time in the 20th century because of new technologies such as genetic modification; vertical integration, consolidation and concentration in agribusiness; and changes in price, income and trade policy for producers.

"Proponents say this technology will help world food production keep pace with a growing global population, and allow producers and retailers to match crops-products to specific consumer needs. At the same time, genetic modification helps researchers and scientists create beneficial new pharmaceutical and industrial products."

Even though production of genetically modified crops often requires fewer chemicals, thereby lessening farming's environmental impact, some unanswered questions remain, the economist said.

"Are GMOs environmentally sound? Do they have the potential to change the genetic makeup of natural, biological ecosystems? Is there a hidden health risk in consuming food and fiber products from genetically modified crops?" Harl

asked.

There are also some ethical questions at hand.

"If this technology continues to expand, who will eventually own the world's food supply — nations, producers or the companies who hold GMO patents? And finally, is life-form ownership by corporations, governments or individuals morally ethical? The answers to these questions, and pure economics, will affect the future of GMOs and how we use them."

Wider world use of genetically modified products, based on consumer acceptance, may dictate creation of a costly two-tier marketing system that separates GMO and non-GMO products. At least seven nations already use product-identity labels for this purpose, he added.

"Implementation of a two-tier marketing system will depend on product demand, as seen by processors, and on supply, as seen by producers. If consumers eventually accept genetically modified products, but want them kept separate and clearly labeled, then processors, producers and consumers will have to share the cost of product segregation," Harl said.

"In short, consumer acceptance and its ability to fuel demand and generate supply at a reasonable cost will determine the future of GMO technology and products in the years ahead," he said.

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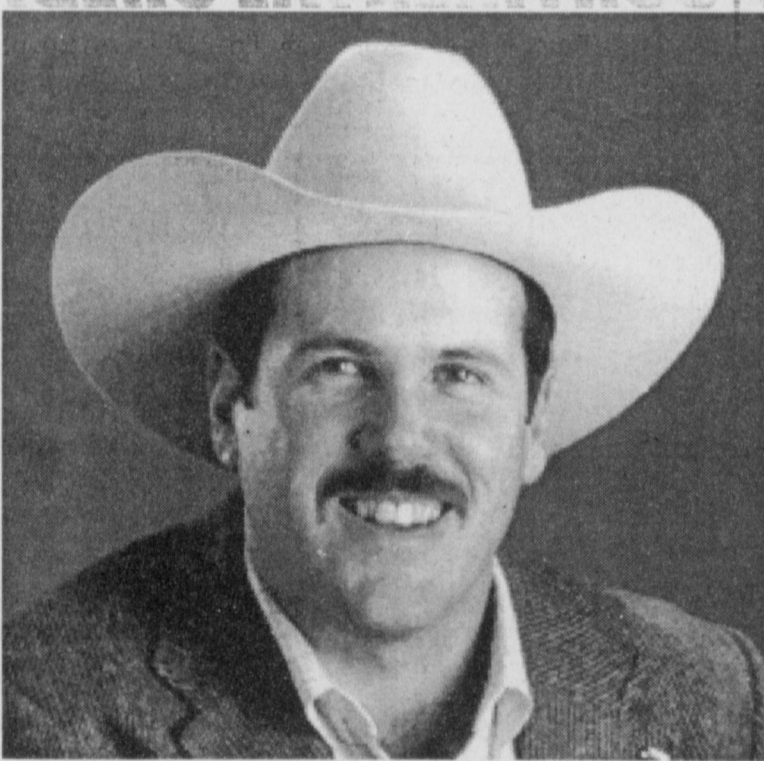
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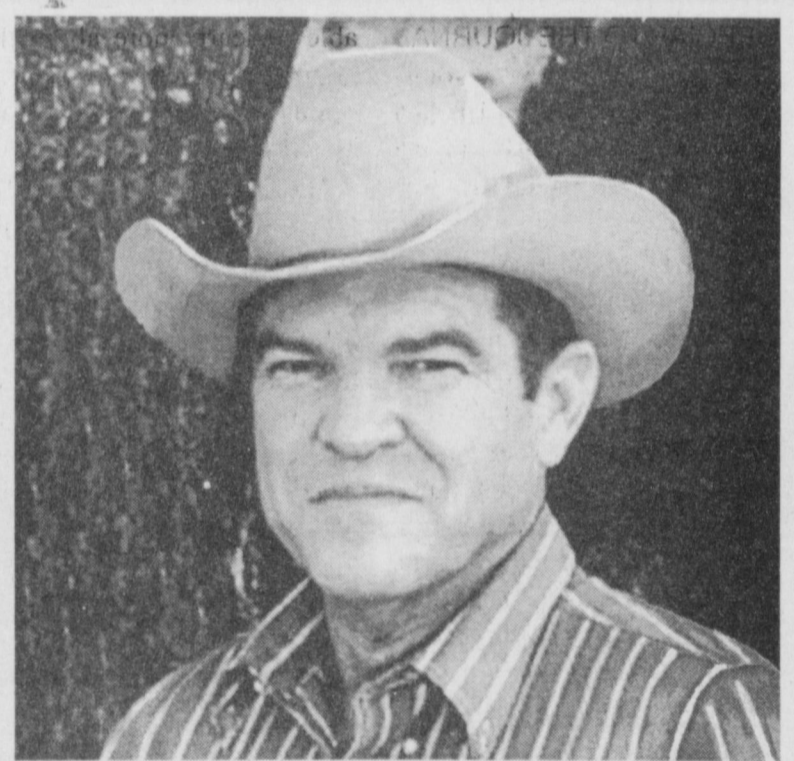
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Lazbuddie honors four students

Lazbuddie High School and junior high students named as students of the month for February included 17-year-olds Omar López and Elizabeth Thomas, 15-year-old Kevin Williams and 14-year-old Katy Loudder.

López, son of Abel and Connie López and grandson of Cecilia Moncada, expects to graduate with honors and attend college.

A Pisces, born March 16, he likes algebra, Selma Hayak, cheesecake, pizza, Levi's and Certs.

As for Lazbuddie High School, he says he likes everything about it.

Thomas is the daughter of Randy and Brenda Thomas and granddaughter of C.S. Thomas.

She is a Sagittarius (born Nov. 28) and likes Harrison Ford among actors, chocolate-chip cookies as a snack, chickens strips as her favorite menu item, and Big Red gum. She says she likes the small size of Lazbuddie High School.

Thomas plans to "attend college, get a job and marry."

Williams is the son of Howard and Tracey Williams. His grandparents are Claude



Selected as Lazbuddie High School and junior high students of the month for February are (from left) Omar López, Katy Loudder, Elizabeth Thomas and Kevin Williams.

and Dorris McDowell and H.E. and Oma Williams. He was born a Pisces on Feb. 23.

His favorite book is *Smoky* and he enjoys listening to George Strait, eating chips, ordering steak and baked potato, wearing Wrangler jeans and chewing Juicy Fruit gum.

He likes the fact that Lazbuddie has no gangs, and his pet peeve is people who sing with the radio.

He says his plans include "going to college and getting a rodeo scholarship."

Loudder also says she plans to attend college, but in the meantime her high school ambition is to make the all-state

and Dorris McDowell and H.E. and Oma Williams. He was born a Pisces on Feb. 23.

Her parents are Lance and Terri Loudder and her grandparents are Roxie Loudder and Bill and Idalo Fleming. She was born on Oct. 16, a Libra.

She said she doesn't have one favorite book, but her favorite actress is Sandra Bullock, favorite snack is strawberries, favorite menu item is Leal's chicken enchiladas, favorite jeans are Mudd and favorite gum is Bubble Yum Cotton Candy.

Her pet peeve is people who don't let other people express their opinions, and she said she likes everything about Lazbuddie High School.

Home-buying errors can be avoided

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
Anyone can fall in love with a home when the chemistry is right. The more they see of the house, the more they're taken over by the feeling of discovering their dream home.

Suddenly, the interest shifts away from taking any more home tours. The only question is "How soon can we pick up the keys?"

"A good gut feeling is always a good sign, but don't let emotions or excitement cloud your better judgment," said Richard Roll of American Homeowners Association.

"Your first priorities should always be getting the best value and avoiding financial headaches," he added.

Here are a few of the questions that should be asked, and mistakes to avoid before rushing into a commitment to buy.

- Will the budget handle it comfortably? A home should be an investment, not a financial burden that sacrifices peace of mind. Don't stretch loan-qualification limits or borrow too heavily. Is the down payment within the family's means? Will their be enough cash to pay transaction costs and moving expenses?

- Is the home in good condition? Does it need a new roof? What about the home's electrical, plumbing and heating and air-conditioning systems? Extensive upgrading of these systems or structural repairs will put pressure on the household's finances, and create mess and inconvenience while the home is being brought up to standards.

- Did you get a home inspection? It's far better to pay about \$300 on a professional home inspection than to gamble on unseen defects and hidden repair costs. A qualified inspector will uncover any conditions that might cause you to reconsider the purchase. Make sure your sales contract is contingent on a home inspection.

- Does the home have strong resale potential? Moving out may not be the current plan but should always be in the background of a home-buying decision. If a household member is forced

by a job change to move, for example, how difficult would it be to find a buyer? Ask the real estate agent what the home's resale value is likely to be in a few years.

Purchasing the right home is really a mixture of listening to emotions, trusting instincts, and asking your-

self these practical questions to ensure that you're making the right financial decision.

More information on any aspect of buying or selling a home is available at <http://www.ahahome.com>, the web site for American Homeowners Association.

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Researchers believe songbird offers clues to help stutterers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Tiny songbirds known as zebra finches might help researchers better understand stuttering in humans.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston are using the zebra finch as an animal model for stuttering to learn more about how speech disorders develop in the brain. They hope to apply their findings to treatments for pediatric and adult patients at The Stuttering Center at Baylor and Methodist.

"Zebra finches have a very distinctive song, and some of these birds repeat certain sounds just like someone who stutters repeats parts of words," said Dr. David Rosenfield, director of The Stuttering Center.

"If we can determine whether the problem is inherited or acquired, we should be

able to learn more about the neurological changes in the brain that cause stuttering," he added.

By recording the zebra finches' song and analyzing segments of sounds, Rosenfield and his colleagues can identify repetitions that correspond to stuttering.

After a stuttering bird is identified, the researchers can test whether its offspring produce the same repetition of sounds innately when raised in isolation from the parent.

"This will show whether there's a genetic component to stuttering," said Rosenfield, a Baylor professor of neurology and a neurologist at Methodist.

The researchers are also raising non-stuttering zebra finches in the presence of stuttering songbirds to see whether they acquire the repetition of sounds just from hearing them.

Likewise, they are raising some stuttering baby finches in the presence of normal finches to see whether the young songbirds learn to sing without stuttering.

Rosenfield, working with Dr. Santosh Helekar, Baylor assistant professor of neurology, will study brain cells in the stuttering and non-stuttering zebra finches. How cells respond when the finch is learning a song, how abnormal song patterns are represented in the brain, and how the cells change when a stuttering finch adapts to singing without repetition could offer clues on how to produce changes in the behavior of human stutterers.

"Stuttering is a complex behavior linked to how the brain controls the output of sound," Rosenfield said. "It is not a psychological problem, nor is it a problem with the larynx or voice box."

TOPS NEWS

Tops No. 34 officer installation was held March 30 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Tommie Fulcher presided over the ceremony installing Laverne James, leader; Polly Otwell, co-leader; Ruth Clements, treasurer; Janie Hughes, secretary; and Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant, weight recorders.

James led a discussion of the Tops No. 34 constitution and bylaws.

There were 21 members who weighed in; Bryant and Davis gave the results.

Lucretia Roland was the best loser and also tied for last week's best loser. She was given a gift. Brenda

Young was first runner-up and Fulcher was second runner-up.

James and Joline Franklin had March birthdays and also received gifts.

Franklin was appointed as TOPS hostess and also will continue writing the TOPS news for the *Muleshoe Journal* and Channel 17.

Linda White was appointed to assist contest chair person Jewel Peeler.

Mollie Davis was appointed to oversee the points contest and Lucille Harp to the get-well card ministry. Photographer and song leader is Noemí Sánchez.

Our next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 6.

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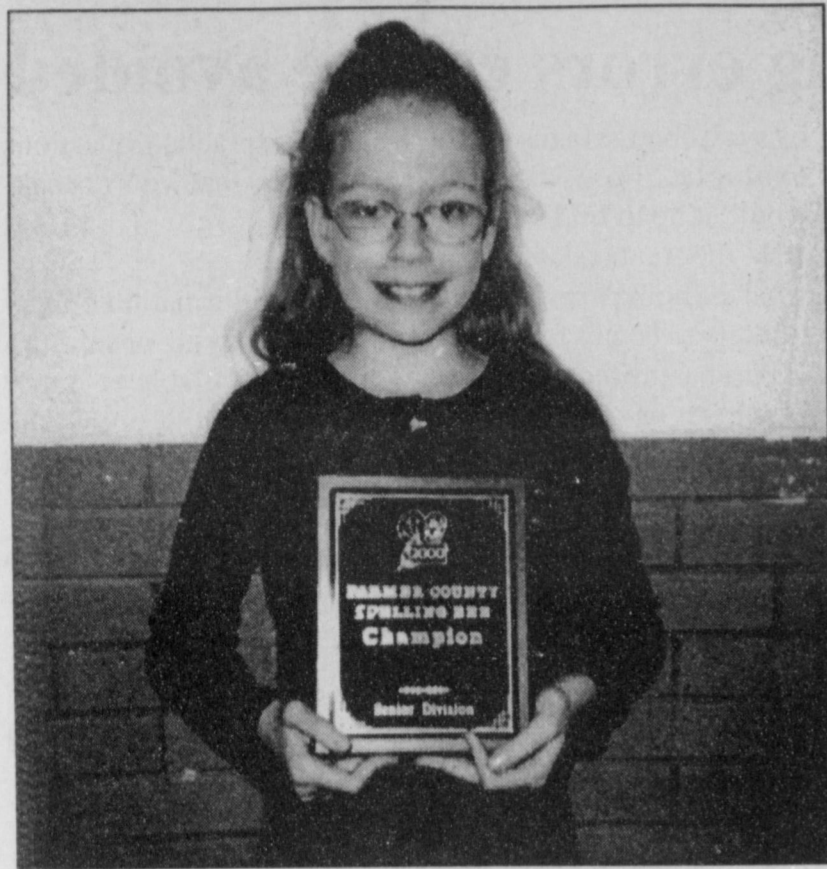
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County spelling champion

Castle Crawford, a fifth-grader at Lazbuddie Elementary School, became the reigning champion of the Parmer County Spelling Bee last month after she had no trouble spelling the word "troublesome." After spelling down 13 opponents ranging from third grade to eighth grade during the March 8 bee, Castle spelled "perseverance" before advancing to troublesome. She is the daughter of Nathan and Sharli Crawford of Lazbuddie.

REBEKAH NEWS

Noble Grand Thursie Reid called the lodge to order with 13 members present.

There was a draping ceremony for Ona Berry with her son, Allen, and granddaughter present.

Members voted in a new member, Cassie Crandell. She will be initiated later.

We want to thank the Muleshoe Roadriders for letting us have the food booth at their rally. The attendance was great, and the booth sold out of everything.

We discussed the April 8 luncheon for the D.A.R. and the April 15 South Plains Association meeting.

Ruby Green gave a report on Schuyler Colfax. Berni Marts will give her report on the Rebekah Assembly this week.

Members were glad to see Bonita Rainey back in lodge.

There were no reports of illness or distress last week, and that was gratifying to members.

Hunting, fishing fees furnish \$21 million for conservation

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — Texas anglers and hunters paid \$21 million in federal excise taxes on equipment purchases to fund state conservation and research through this year's Federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program.

According to a final apportionment report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released March 10, the \$21,121,301 represents Texas' share of \$434 million divided among all states.

State fish and wildlife agencies such as Texas Parks and Wildlife use the money for land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education and other programs. The money pays up to 75 percent of fish and wildlife project costs in accordance with legislation and associated regulations.

The state share must come from a non-federal source such as license fees.

Parks and Wildlife will receive an estimated \$12.046 million from the Sport Fish Restoration Program to be used for fisheries programs and boating access.

The agency also will receive \$8.198 million for wildlife restoration, which will be used for

projects from the Wildlife Restoration Program.

Another \$876,000 was appropriated to fund hunter education programs in Texas.

The apportionment to states for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs is derived from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment.

The apportionment for sport fish restoration comes from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3 percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders.

Legislation in 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the federal fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Since its inception, the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program has provided more than \$3.2 billion that states have used for restoration projects. The money is distributed to the states for projects proposed by the states and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In Texas, wildlife restoration funds are used for restoration, conservation, manage-

ment and enhancement of wild birds and mammals. Funds also support hunter education and public target ranges.

About 200,000 acres of Texas' wildlife management areas were purchased and operated under the restoration program.

Hunter education annually trains about 30,000 Texas hunters to be safe, knowledgeable and responsible.

Parks and Wildlife's public hunting program provides access to more than 1 million acres each year.

Sport Fish Restoration projects include surveys and management of sport fishes on 1.7 million acres of streams and reservoirs as well as 3.4 million acres of coastal waters.

More than 300 million sport fishes are produced and stocked annually from state hatcheries with Sport Fish Restoration funding.

Ninety-two boat ramps are constructed or repaired using these funds to increase boater and angler access to waterways.

More information is available by contacting Texas Parks and Wildlife federal aid coordinators at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or (800) 792-1112.

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MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF MAINTENANCE TAX AND BOND ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS; COUNTIES OF BAILEY AND PARMER; MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT
TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT: TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT on the 6th day of May, 2000, in accordance with an order adopted by the Board of Directors which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows: AN ORDER calling a maintenance tax and bond election to be held in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether the maximum tax rate for the District should be increased and to issue bonds of said District in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter identified now, therefore, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 6th day of May, 2000 in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, which date is not less than forty-five (45) and not more than sixty (60) days from the date of the adoption hereof, and is a uniform election date pursuant to V.T.C.A. Election Code, Section 41.001, for the purpose of submitting the following measures:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 "SHALL the maximum annual tax rate for hospital purposes be increased by 15 cents to authorize the Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District to levy annual taxes for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 40 cents on each \$100 valuation on all taxable property in said District subject to hospital district taxation, as authorized by the District's enabling act?"

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 "SHALL the Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District be authorized to issue bonds upon the faith and credit of the District in the principal amount of \$3,225,000 to construct, furnish, improve and equip buildings for hospital purposes (new nursing home); such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed FORTY (40) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Directors at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2: Paper ballots shall be used for said election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.T.C.A. Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measures which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows: **PROPOSITION NUMBER 1** "THE LEVY OF ANNUAL TAXES BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 40 CENTS ON EACH \$100 VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO HOSPITAL DISTRICT TAXATION" **PROPOSITION NUMBER 2** "THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,225,000 TAX BONDS UPON THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE MULESHOE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, FURNISH, IMPROVE AND EQUIP BUILDINGS FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES (NEW NURSING HOME)"

SECTION 3: The District shall be divided into two (2) election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks. On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Jean Richardson is hereby appointed the Clerk for early voting for said election, and the Muleshoe ISD Administrative Office, 514 W. Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 is hereby designated the place for early voting. A branch office for early voting by personal appearance shall also be maintained at the Lazbuddie ISD

Administration Office, Lazbuddie, Texas, and Sheryl Morris is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk at such branch office. Early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting place and at the branch office, shall begin Wednesday, April 19, 2000 and end Tuesday, May 2, 2000, and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays. For purposes of processing ballots cast in absentee voting, the precinct election officers of Election Precinct No. 1 shall also serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board for this election.

SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the Hospital District Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with provisions of V.T.C.A., Election Code, except as modified by the Chapter 45, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989, and as may be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the District and on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meeting at the Administrative Office of the District not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the first of said publications to appear in said newspaper not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the day of the election. **PASSED AND APPROVED,** this March 8, 2000. Signed: Tim Campbell, President, Board of Directors, Muleshoe Area Hospital District. Signed: Arline Phelps, Secretary, Board of Directors, Muleshoe Area Hospital District. **EXHIBIT A** Hospital District Election Precinct 1 (consisting of all or part of Bailey County located in the District) Muleshoe, Texas. **Polling Place** Watson Junior High School, Gymnasium Foyer, 400 West Avenue G. **Presiding Judge:** Ruby Green. **Alternate Presiding Judge:** Darlene Henry. 2 (consisting of all or part of Parmer County located in the District). **Polling place** Lazbuddie High School Auditorium. **Presiding Judge:** Elfreeda McGehee. **Alternate Presiding Judge:** Sheryl Morris. Published in the Bailey County Journal April 2, 2000 and April 9, 2000.

SECTION 6: The Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District shall have the authority to amend or repeal this order at any time.

SECTION 7: The Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District shall have the authority to amend or repeal this order at any time.

MANTENIMIENTO Y PARA BONOS
EL ESTADO DE TEXAS, CONDADOS DE BAILEY Y PARMER, AREA DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DE MULESHOE. A LOS RESIDENTES CON DERECHO DE VOTAR DEL AREA DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DE MULESHOE: AVISO de que una elección tendrá lugar en AREA DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DE MULESHOE el día 6 de Mayo de 2000, de acuerdo con una resolución aprobada por la Junta Directiva la cual es parte de este Aviso para todo objeto práctico y se lee como sigue: UNA RESOLUCION ordenando una elección para impuestos de mantenimiento y para bonos a tener lugar dentro del Area del Distrito de Hospital de Muleshoe, estableciendo medidas para dirigir la elección y resolviendo otros asuntos incidentes y pertinentes a dicha elección. VISTO QUE, la Junta Directiva del Area Distrito de Hospital de Muleshoe, por este medio llega a saber que se debe llevar a cabo una elección para determinar si se debe aumentar la tasa de impuesto máximo para el Distrito y a emitir bonos de dicho Distrito por un total y con el fin identificados más adelante; por consiguiente, ES RESUELTO POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO DEL AREA DEL HOSPITAL DE MULESHOE: SECCION 1: Una elección tendrá lugar el día 6 de Mayo de 2000, en el Area del Distrito De Hospital de Muleshoe cuya fecha sea cuarenta y cinco (45) o más días después de la fecha de aprobar esto, y que sea fecha regular para elecciones de acuerdo con el Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A., Sección 41.001 con el fin de presentar las siguientes medidas: **PROPOSICION NUMERO 1** ¿SE DEBERA aumentar la tasa máxima anual para propósito de hospital por 15 centavos para autorizar a la Junta Directiva del AREA del DISTRITO de HOSPITAL de MULESHOE, a recaudar impuestos anuales para propósito de hospital a la tasa no sobrepasando 40 centavos por cada \$100 de evaluación de todo bien imponible en dicho distrito sujeto a impuestos de distrito de hospital, como sea autorizado por la ley de capacitar del Distrito? **PROPOSICION NUMERO 2** "¿ SE DEBERA autorizar a la Junta Directiva del AREA del DISTRITO de HOSPITAL de MULESHOE, a emitir bonos sobre la fidelidad y crédito de dicho Distrito por la cantidad principal de \$3,225,000 para construir, amueblar, mejorar y equipar edificios para propósito de hospital (nuevo hospicio para ancianos); dichos bonos a vencer en serie o de otro modo, por un período a no sobrepasar CUARENTA(40) años a

NURSING HOME NEWS

Thursday morning, David McIntyre, Zona Gatewood and Joline Franklin directed the center's weekly devotional and reflection time.

Pat Watson came by Friday morning for an hour session of music therapy.

Friday afternoon, Marquita Adamson demonstrated a stir fry and a request was also made by two ladies from the residence that she cook beans and cornbread. Everyone got to sample the meal.

Later that Friday afternoon, the children from the Lariat Church of Christ came to visit, sing and quote Scripture for the residents. Elaine Stancell and Mollie Stancell directed the group.

Saturday afternoon, Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge assisted in the Bingo Bonanza. Elzie Darland was visited

Tuesday by her daughter Berta Combs and her grandson, Ricky Nesbett.

Sunday afternoon, the Progress Baptist Church came for church services.

Billie Downing and Frances Ramos directed the activities Monday morning.

Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Beverly Wagnon, Lanell Stancell, Dorothy Turner, Mary Jo Burge and the activity department shampooed and set the ladies' hair. Joylene Costen came by and took off nail polish for the ladies.

Also among the visitors this week were Joe Embry, Elsie Damron, Marilyn Wilson, Norma Eves and Clara Lou Jones.

Andy Hernández was visited by Maria Franco this week. On Wednesday the St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat de-

livered several issues of large-print Portals of Prayer, daily devotions, to the residents.

Guy Kendall was visited by Lewis Scoggins last week.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time.

Brother Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the weekly devotional and singspiration.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins were at the center for a sing-along and puppet show on Wednesday afternoon.

Mary Holt returned to the center Wednesday after being hospitalized.

Happy April birthdays to Kenneth Martin, Minnie Underdown, Guy Kendall, Pearl Helmer, Elzie Darland and Jeff Peeler.

by Joy Stancell

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partir de la fecha, a ser emitidos y vendidos en una o más series al precio o precios y a devengar interés a la tasa o tasas (fija, flotante, variable o de otro modo a no sobrepasar la tasa máxima permitida por ley al emitir los bonos) como sea determinado a voluntad de la Junta Directiva al emitir o vender los bonos; y si se recaudarán, suficientes impuestos ad valorem a todo bien imponible en el Distrito, para pagar el interés anual y establecer fondos de amortización para pagar los bonos al vencer?"

SECCION 2: Se emplearán balotas electorales de papel en dicha elección y se prepararán cuyas balotas de acuerdo con el Código de Elecciones, V.T.C.A. de manera de permitir a los electores votar "EN PRO" o "EN CONTRA" a las antedichas medidas que se presentarán básicamente de la siguiente forma en la balota: **PROPOSICION NUMERO 1** "EL GRAVAV DE IMPUESTOS ANUALES POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL AREA DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DE MULESHOE PARA PROPOSITO DE HOSPITAL A LA TASA NO SOBREPASANDO 40 CENTAVOS POR CADA \$100 DE EVALUACION DE TODO BIEN IMPONIBLE EN DICHO DISTRITO SUJETO A IMPUESTOS DE DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL" **PROPOSICION NUMERO 2** "LA EMISION DE BONOS DE IMPUESTOS POR UN TOTAL DE \$3,225,000 SOBRE LA FIDELIDAD Y CREDITO DE DICHO DISTRITO PARA CONSTRUIR, AMUEBLAR, MEJORAR Y EQUIPAR EDIFICIOS PARA PROPOSITO DE HOSPITAL (NUEVO HOSPICO PARA ANCIANOS)" **SECCION 3:** Se dividirá el Distrito en dos (2) recintos electorales para esta elección y se mostrarán los lugares para votar de cada recinto electoral y las personas nombradas a servir de juez actuante y juez actuante suplente en la Exhibición A añadida a esto e incorporada aquí dentro por referencia como parte de esto para todo objeto práctico. Cada juez actuante nombrará no menos que dos (2) ni más que tres (3) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en llevar a cabo dicha elección; con tal que si el juez actuante particular aquí dentro nombrado desempeñe sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente será uno de los oficiales. Durante el día de elección, los lugares para votar estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la noche. Se nombra Jean Richardson escribiendo para los primeros votos para esta elección y la Oficina de Administración de Muleshoe ISD, 514 W. Avenue G., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, se designa por este medio lugar para registrar los primeros votos. Además se tendrá un sucursal provisional

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para los primeros votos dados en persona en la Oficina de Administración de Lazbuddie, Lazbuddie, Texas y se nombra a Sheryl Morris escribiendo suplente para dicho sucursal provisional. Los primeros votos dados en persona en el lugar principal para los primeros votos y en el sucursal provisional empezarán el miércoles, 19 de Abril de 2000 y terminarán el martes, 2 de Mayo de 2000, y las horas nombradas para registrar los votos en los primeros votos dados en persona serán desde las 8:30 de la mañana hasta las 4:30 de la tarde todos los días con la excepción de los sábados, domingos y los feriados del Estado. Con el fin de revisar las balotas hechas en los primeros votos, los oficiales de elección del recinto Electoral Número 1 también servirán de junta para los primeros votos de esta elección. **SECCION 4:** Se permitira votar a todo los residentes con el derecho de votar del Distrito en dicha elección y el día de la elección, dichos electores votarán en el lugar de votar nombrado recinto electoral del Distrito de Hospital en donde ellos tienen su domicilio. Se llevará a cabo esta y tendrá lugar elección de acuerdo con las estipulaciones en el Capítulo 45, Actas de la Legislatura 71, sesión regular, 1989, y como sea requerido por la ley, se imprimirán los materiales de la elección y los procedimientos para esta elección tanto en inglés como en español. **SECCION 5:** Una copia fidedigna de esta ordenanza servirá de aviso adecuado de dicha elección. Se fijará dicho aviso, incluyendo una traducción al español de esto, en tres (3) lugares públicos dentro del Distrito y en el tablón donde se colocan anuncios de reuniones en la oficina de administración del Distrito no menos que catorce (14) días antes de la fecha establecida para dicha elección, y se publicará el mismo día de dos semanas sucesivas, en un periódico de circulación general en dicho Distrito, se hará la primera de dichas publicaciones de esto en dicho periódico no más que treinta y cinco (35) días antes del día de elección. **ACEPTADA Y APROBADA**, este día 8 de Marzo de 2000. **Firmado: Tim Campbell**, Presidente, Junta Directiva, Area del Distrito de Hospital de Muleshoe. **Firmado: Arline Phelps**, Secretaria, Junta Directiva, Area del Distrito de Hospital de Muleshoe. **EXHIBICION A** Recinto Electoral Del Distrito De Hospital. **Numero 1** (consta de todo o parte del Condado de Bailey situado dentro del Distrito). Lugar Para Votar; La escuela intermedia Watson, Vestíbulo de gimnasio, 400 West Avenue G., Muleshoe, Texas. Juez Actuante; Ruby Green, Juez Actuante Suplente; Darlene Henry. **Numero 2** (consta de todo o parte del condado de Parmer situado dentro del

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Votar; Auditorio de la escuela secundaria Lazbuddie. Juez Actuante; Elfreda McGehee. Juez Actuante Suplente; Sheryl Morris. Publicado en el Bailey County Journal 2 de Abril de 2000 y 9 de Abril de 2000.

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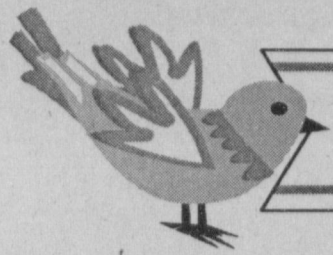
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