

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Democrat Jerri Simmons-Amussen wants to work for the farmer in Congress

Jerri Simmons-Amussen is running as a Democrat to replace Larry Combest in the 19th Congressional District. Combest has resigned and his seat will be filled in a special election on May 3.



Simmons-Amussen

According to a Simmons-Amussen press release, she was born in O'Donnell, Texas and grew up on a cotton farm in the Lamesa area.

Her platform is, according to published information "providing relief for farmers and the agricultural industry, becoming less dependent on foreign oil and increasing drilling oil and gas in the United States." Simmons-Amussen also wants to provide the "best possible healthcare at the least possible cost" and "improve our public schools."

She also stated in her press packet, "One of my highest priorities will be to obtain a seat on the Agriculture Committee in the House as soon as possible."

### School election cancelled

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

There will not be a school board election on May 3. The school board passed a resolution canceling the election after no one filed for Precinct 1 or precinct 4 besides Thurman Myers in 1 and Curtis Shelburne in 4.

Texas allows the board to declare the candidates elected if there is no opposition.

Myers and Shelburne will be sworn into office at the regular board meeting on May 12.



Drawing date: Saturday, April 12  
Winning numbers: 9-6-22-26-27-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million  
Winners: 0  
Next drawing: Wednesday, April 16  
Estimated jackpot: \$25 million

## LOCAL WEATHER

Expect partial sunshine for Thursday. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s. More sun than clouds on Friday. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s. Saturday will be windy with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy on Sunday with 73° for the highs and 33° for the lows. Mostly sunny on Monday, 79 for the highs and 42 for the lows. Expect Tuesday and Wednesday to be partly cloudy with highs averaging 80-81 and lows averaging 41-44.

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## Community pays tribute to fallen Marine

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

While other communities across America were celebrating the release of the seven POWs Sunday, the people of Muleshoe gathered to say a final goodbye to Pfc. Chad Eric Bales.

A memorial service was planned by the community in Benny Douglass Stadium to pay tribute to the 20-year-old Marine killed on April 3 in Iraq. Hundreds came and were touched and saddened during the part civilian and part military service.

The Marines turned out in force, complete with a Color Guard and Honor Guard of seven riflemen to fire a twenty-one gun salute to honor one of their own.

The family and close friends sat in chairs on the grass in



Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Marine Captain Kraig Smith of Lubbock presents Kem Bales an American flag.

front of the stage borrowed from Joe's Boot Shop and the rest of the community sat in the bleachers.

Special music was provided by Rev. Jack Stone and the local 184 Christ band. The band brought the crowd to their feet

with "I'm Proud To Be An American".

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## Shriner sidles into city to raise money for kids

By VANETA GREGORY  
Journal staff

Bob Gacke, a 25 year member of the Masonic Lodge, rode into Muleshoe last Friday on his horse, Bud, with two mules, Rooster and Miss Maddie, trailing behind. Gacke left Port LaVaca, Texas on March 1, headed for the Montana/Canadian border which he hopes to reach by the end of August.

Gacke told the *Journal* in an interview, "there are three purposes for my trip — to raise a half million dollars for the Shriner's Hospital, to raise awareness for Masonic Lodges, and to show that we still live in the best country on the planet with the best people."

Gacke is depending on people to help him along the way since he travels alone. He said that the trip has exceeded his expectations because "American people are incredible... remarkable" in their willingness to

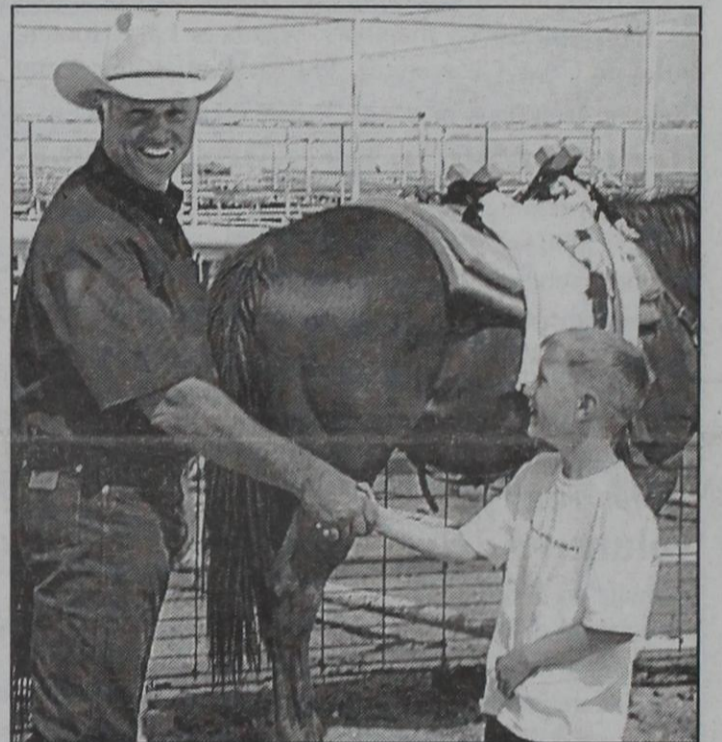
help a stranger traveling through their communities. According to Gacke, he's been so well fed he thinks he will have to go on a diet when he gets home.

Phil Garrett of Muleshoe is putting up the team while Gacke is in town. Garrett is a Master Mason, but the two men had never met before last Friday when Gacke arrived.

Gacke has a website [www.wherisbob.com](http://www.wherisbob.com) where he posts a daily diary and photos from his trip. Donation information for the Shriner's Hospital can also be found on the website.

The Shriner's Hospital provides absolutely free medical care for children 18 and under who have a need for care. The hospitals do not determine the need of the children based on the family's income, just on the medical necessity. They are not supported by government funds, so they

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Journal photo: Vaneta Gregory

Garrison Myers, at right, welcomes Bob Gacke to Muleshoe. Gacke made a stop at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction on April 11. He is making his way to the Montana/Canada border by horse.

## Commissioners ask for program cuts review

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

The Bailey County Commissioners Court agreed to send letters to the governor, speaker of the Texas house, the Lt. governor and area legislators including Sen. Teel Bivins and

Rep. Warren Chisum during their monthly meeting Monday. The letter is in response to the "drastic" cuts that have passed the Texas house and senate in probation, healthcare, education and other programs.

The legislators are trying to

make up a 9.5 billion dollar shortfall projected in state revenues without raising taxes.

Their letter reads:

We as a Commissioners Court are urging you to reconsider the decision to cut all programs and pass the cost to lo-

cal governments.

County government is by far the most frugal level of government. We have no place to cut our budgets. Bailey County did not give raises to any employee

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## Suspect caught in theft

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

Ernest Lee Gibson temporarily slipped through the court system in Bailey County Tuesday.

Gibson, 67, was released from the Bailey County Jail and walked to First Bank to try out a gray Lincoln, supposedly to consider purchasing it. Gibson told the bank he would drive out to the airport and back.

According to Department of Public Safety Officer Lacie Kirk, the bank employees realized Gibson had not returned in a timely manner and called the sheriff. The sheriff's office put out an all points bulletin.

Kirk spotted the car headed

west near Progress. When he stopped the car, he checked Gibson out on the computer. In the mean time, Gibson had given Kirk an expired driver's license.

When the report came back, Kirk found out Gibson had traffic warrants out in Yoakum County and was wanted for theft in Fort Worth.

The order to release Gibson from Bailey County Jail for theft by check stated "due to insufficient evidence, a chronic medical condition of the defendant and in the interest of justice." The order had been signed by the district attorney and was awaiting Judge Green's signature.

Gibson is now in custody.

## Officer arrests wife

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

Saturday night, Muleshoe policeman Rodney Stevens arrested his wife for running a stop sign and failing to stop for a patrol car.

After running the stop sign, Jennifer Stevens went home

followed by Stevens and fellow officer, Johnny Bermea. Stevens proceeded to handcuff his wife and bring her to the Bailey County Jail.

Officer Bermea issued Jennifer a citation for the stop sign violation and she was released.

## MHS to offer fall tennis

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

Beginning this fall, the Muleshoe Independent School District will offer fall tennis. Currently, tennis is only offered in the spring.

At the Monday night board meeting, Superintendent

Gene Sheets told the board only a few of the tennis players play other fall sports and to be competitive with other 3-A schools who have fall and spring tennis, Muleshoe needs to add tennis to its fall

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# AROUND MULESHOE

## Mayor to host prayer luncheon

Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal will be hosting a Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on Thursday, May 1 in recognition of National Day of Prayer. The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Keynote speaker for the event is Major Richard Hall, Wing Chaplain of the 27th Fighter Wing Combat Command at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis. Hall is an ordained minister of the United Pentecostal Church and has served five USAF Commands, including deployment in support of Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch.

Scheduled events include recognition of all military personnel, and prayers and readings by local pastors. The event is free, but a free-will donation will be taken to defray catering costs.

## Rotary Club to host street party

Muleshoe Rotary Club is hosting a street dance on Saturday, May 3 in an effort to raise funds for "PolioPlus," a pet project of Rotary International.

The dance will take place from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the east end of West Avenue J in Muleshoe. Rotarians are seeking donations of \$25 per person for the benefit. Hamburgers, soft drinks and homemade ice cream will be served. MHS choir members will entertain along with a disc jockey who will be providing the music for the event. Those contributing will be entered into a drawing to receive the door prize which is a portable VCR player for an automobile.

Rotary International has been involved in the efforts to eradicate polio since 1985. Since that time, over \$500 million has been raised by Rotarians to stamp out the crippling disease. It is estimated that the world is 99 percent polio-free. Muleshoe Rotarians are going after that last one percent of the population.

For more information about the dance, contact any of the following Rotary members: Wanda or Lary Hooten, Mike or Criss Cleavenger, Phil or Patti Kent, Janet Claborn, Jean Petty or Sandy Vandevender.

## Heritage Church presents crucifixion

A live presentation of Jesus on the cross will be held April 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Church, 8001 Upland Avenue in Lubbock. Following the portrayal of Jesus on the cross, everyone is invited to view a short movie in the Worship Center. Each family will receive a free Easter Scripture Scroll. Easter Sunday services: 10:30 a.m., fellowship. 10:45 a.m., morning worship. There will not be an evening service. For further information call, 806-798-2430.

## Volunteer drivers needed

Meals on Wheels is in need of immediate help. Volunteer route drivers are needed desperately at this time to deliver hot meals to the elderly and disabled in Muleshoe. There is a need for volunteers to deliver one hour per day, one day per week. Volunteers who are available to substitute and deliver meals once in a while are also needed.

If available to drive and deliver meals from 11:15 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., please contact the Meals on Wheels Program Director, Rita Morris at 806-272-3647 or Evelyn Ellington at 806-272-5402.

## First Assembly to present musical

First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe will present "It Will Happen," an Easter musical/drama on Saturday, April 19 at 7 p.m. and again Sunday, April 20 at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The public is invited, 521 S. First Street.

## Raffle to benefit Welfare Board

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring

a playground equipment raffle to promote child abuse prevention awareness. Tickets are \$5. The raffle will take place Wednesday, April 30 and tickets can be purchased until April 26. The equipment is on display at Country Junction, located at the intersection of Hwys. 84 and 214. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 272-4139 and leave a message.

## Todd to hold revival in Lazbuddie

Evangelist Tim Todd will be conducting revival services at Lazbuddie United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 27 through Wednesday, April 30. Sunday's revival service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and each evening revival begins at 7:30 p.m. Ministry for the entire family will be provided at these services. Todd incorporates ventriloquism for the children, comics and "The Truth for Youth" bibles for teens, and a powerful, life-changing message for adults. According to his news release, Todd assisted in providing the New Testament as a textbook in Russian schools and delivered prayer petitions to Supreme Court Justices calling on them to reverse their decision on abortion. For more information on the revival, contact Pastor Randy Thomas at the church 965-2121.



Todd

## Public calendar

**April 17** — 7 p.m., Holy Week Maundy Thursday services at First United Methodist Church.

**April 20** — 8:30 a.m., Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 117 E. Birch, Easter Sunday morning worship. Contact Steve Friskup at 272-5199 for more info.

**April 26** — 7:00 p.m., The monthly Roxy Singers Showcase will be held at the Roxy Theater in Olton. Deadline to enter is April 24. If interested in performing, please contact Olton City Hall at 806-285-2611. The show is open to all singers.

**May 5 and 20** — Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe. 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 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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must rely solely on donations.

The Shriner's hospitals have special centers for childhood learning or language disorders, orthopedics, neurology, and burns.

For children who need care, parents should contact any Mason in their area. Locally contact Muleshoe Masonic Lodge, 124 W. Ave C, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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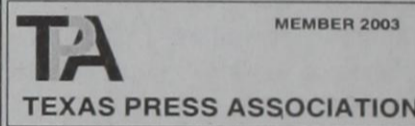
En el anuncio de la semana pasada, hubo una equivocación de fecha en el aviso de elección especial. Lo siguiente es lo correcto:

*Note, por lo presente, esta dado que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el tres de mayo de 2003, para votar en la elección especial para elegir U.S. el Representante para el distrito 19 para servir el tiempo que no esta vencido para el Honrado Larry Combest.*

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program.

Sheets said the fall program would only last six weeks and would require only a small stipend for the coach, some extra tennis balls and some travel money.

In other business, the board renewed their contract with ARAMARK to provide food service for the school system.

On the recommendation of Business Manager Trae McNeill, the board approved a contract with Benchmark of Lubbock to provide copiers for the school system. Hogland of Lubbock was the previous copier provider.

McNeill said, "We have suffered with poor service from our copy machine service provider and I don't

mean that lightly."

"She also said Benchmark had been selected to fill the State of Texas lease contract bid for copiers. This means the State has done the bidding to secure the best prices and best equipment for the school.

The school system currently has 16 copiers and will spend about \$6,000 a month to lease the copiers.

The board also extended the contract to First Bank of Muleshoe for a depository contract on McNeill's recommendation.

Teachers who have exceeded the highest state pay-step were granted a \$500 raise.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Cathern Myrlene Read, an eighth grade reading teacher. She plans to retire.

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# Mayor and councilmen differ over patriotic resolution

By **MARSHALL STINNETT**  
Journal writer

A difference of opinion developed between Mayor Victor Leal, Councilman Clifford Black and Councilman Juan Chavez over a resolution before the City Council Tuesday morning.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, we are indeed

blessed to live in the free, democratic country of the United States of America, and;

Whereas, the war on terrorism has resulted in our government and President George W. Bush having to determine that the country of Iraq presents a threat to the security of our country and other countries around the

world, and;

Whereas, we acknowledge that while no one in this country wanted war with Iraq, the United States will act to protect itself from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, and;

Whereas, members of the Armed Forces of the United States are deployed to the Middle East to serve in a con-

flict with Iraq, and;

Whereas, our friends, neighbors, family members and fellow citizens have left their homes and families to serve their country and go in harms way

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Muleshoe, Texas:

That we support and hereby urge all citizens of the

City of Muleshoe to support those that serve as members of the United States military and wish them a safe return home. We further resolve that as citizens of the United States of America, we will demonstrate our patriotism and pride in the great nation where we are privileged to live.

Chavez said he agreed with paragraphs one, four and five. He said, "I don't agree with Bush taking us to war." He added, "Iraq didn't have anything to do with terrorism. I didn't think of Iraq as a threat. We had them contained with the no fly zones." Chavez said he didn't think Saddam had any weapons of mass destruction.

Mayor Leal made a motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Black. They both voted "yes," Chavez voted "no." Councilwoman Sharon Grant was not present.

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The welcome eulogy was given by Stacy Conner, a prayer by Russ Byard and a special poem by Dakota Pitcock. The message was delivered by Curtis Shelburne. All but Pitcock, who is a family member, were local pastors.

The formal military honors were delivered by Marine Captain Kraig Smith of Lub-

bock. He talked about Chad's dad, Kem, telling him about the proudest day in Chad's life was when he became a Marine. Smith said he never met Chad but could tell when he put on the Marine uniform, "he was a patriot, he was brave and he was cocky."

Capt. Smith's remarks were followed by the 21 gun salute by the Marine Honor

Guard.

The Marines folded an American flag and Capt. Smith presented it to Chad's father "from a grateful nation."

A special bible was presented to Kem by the Commander of the VFW Post 8570, Jose Ambriz.

There were few dry eyes in the crowd after Andy Ramirez and Alberto Daniel

closed the service by playing "Tapps."

The family greeted friends at the Bailey County Coliseum after the service.

In his remarks, Capt. Smith said, "I am proud to be an American. I am proud to be a Marine and I am proud of being a Texan the way this community has rallied to support Chad's family during their grief."

Chad was buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery Tuesday in Dallas.

A complete obituary can be found on page 10.

## REVIEW

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including elected officials, for the fiscal year 2003. When we have given raises, salaries are usually raised by \$600 a year.

We are mandated to provide many services and, as you know all too well, the cost to provide services is growing.

Please look at what the proposed cuts would do to counties across Texas, as well as school districts, cities and hospitals. We believe counties and hospitals in the majority of Texas

cannot survive the cuts you are proposing.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

The letter is signed by Judge Cox and all the commissioners.

There had been an ongoing fight between local governments and Gov. Rick Perry as well as the Republican controlled Texas Legislature.

The proposed cuts have even caused a rift between Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Dewhurst thinks the cuts are too drastic on higher education,

prisons, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The *Journal* has heard the same concern as the Commissioners Court from Dr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent of Muleshoe Independent School District, and Jim Bone, Hospital Administrator. All fear the legislature will balance the state budget on the backs of local governments, forcing local governments to raise taxes to provide necessary services because the legislators shrank from their duty.

## Council hears financial support request

By **MARSHALL STINNETT**  
Journal writer

The City Council again heard a request for financial support for the new Oneita Wagon Senior Citizen Center Tuesday morning.

Nelda Merriott representing the Center, asked the Council to consider paying the utility bills on the building on South Main for the first year of operation.

Merriott told the Council that other communities support senior citizen centers from \$2,400 in Levelland to \$40,000 in Denver City a year. She said that she realized the

senior citizens are asking for taxpayer's money, but she reminded the council that seniors had been paying taxes for years.

Merriott also told the Council there are 900 senior citizens in Muleshoe and when the rest of Bailey County's population is added there is about 1,000.

Merriott said she would come back one more time with the full board from the Center.

In other business, the council agreed to purchase a used John Deere loader for the landfill. City Manager David Brunson told the

Council the present loader is being used at the landfill and on other projects in the city. He said there was a need for a loader full-time at the landfill.

The Council agreed to purchase the loader for \$65,895 under an emergency order which would not require advertising for bids. The loader has 8,000 hours on it. Brunson said it should be good for another 8,000 hours.

Brunson also informed the Council that Classic Cable had notified the city there would be a \$1.80 or a 9 percent cable rate increase.

## COUNTY COURT NEWS

Joseph E. Fahnrapp III, charged with violation of protective order, was granted a waiver of hearing.

Joseph E. Fahnrapp, charged with possession of marijuana, had his hearing waived.

Rafael Cabbrera, charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, had his hearing placed on the May 29 docket.

Elvira Cervantes, charged with displaying a fictitious

registration, was arraigned and placed for hearing on the May 29 docket.

Ronnie Garcia, charged with driving while intoxicated second offense, had his hearing set for the May 29 docket.

Valerie Rodriguez, charged with possession of marijuana, pled guilty and was fined \$450 plus \$211 in fines and was sentenced to 45 days probated for one

year.

Steven Sandoval, charged with driving while intoxicated, had his hearing set for April 14.

Jesus Reyes paid a combined court cost and restitution of \$452 for theft by check and must pay an additional \$568.57 by May 29.

Ricky Lee Vaughn was given a notice to appear for a motion to revoke his probation on April 15.

## Students to compete in State Bowl

Hilda Rascon, Wes Wood, Janae Pyle, and Blake O'Hare of Watson Jr. High School have been selected from among 1,000 groups of students statewide to compete at the Texas Future Problem Solving State Bowl.

On Friday, April 25, these students along with approximately 142 other teams will convene in Austin for the state bowl.

During a team creative problem solving competition Saturday morning, April 26, these groups of fourth through twelfth graders will attempt to generate solutions to problems related to DNA Identification in the twenty-first century. Each four-member team of students will spend two hours completing a written booklet that combines research with creative ap-

proaches to solving problems related to the state bowl topic.

Winning teams will advance to the International Future Problem Solving (FPS) Conference in Storrs, Connecticut, June 5 through 8. Qualifying teams from every state in the United States, Canada, and other foreign countries will be invited to attend the international conference.

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## ★ FARMERS FOR ★ Neugebauer

Dear Friend,

As the attacks on the Farm Bill grow, the significance of losing a trusted friend and effective leader in the United States Congress cannot be overstated. It is imperative that we pick an effective leader to succeed Larry Combest.

Since Larry announced his resignation, we have been evaluating each of his potential successors' credentials, and specifically their i) commitment to agriculture; ii) ability to quickly gain influence in Washington; iii) electability; and iv) stances on the other key issues impacting our region and country.

So after careful consideration, we strongly believe Randy Neugebauer is the candidate that will best serve our region in the U.S. Congress. We ask each of you to thoughtfully consider his substantial qualifications.

**Randy and his family have an extensive history of commitment to agriculture, and will continue to work vigorously to ensure Ag's long-term health.** Randy and his wife Dana's families have been farming in this region for close to a century. Dana was raised on a cotton farm near Ropesville in Hockley County and Randy's mother owns a cotton farm in Crosby County.

Randy developed the work ethic that has allowed him to be a successful small businessman while working for his grandfather on his cattle ranch in Cochran County. Furthermore, Randy spent each summer in high school for DeKalb as a field worker.

Randy's family will continue to be active and work in the agriculture business for the next century. His two grandsons, Nathan and Noah, will continue his family's agriculture heritage by participating in their mother's family cattle business in Shackelford County and farming the Red River bottoms of Texarkana.

*Randy understands that every West Texan's job depends on agriculture. To keep our region's economy strong, Randy will fight to keep the Farm Bill intact and to implement a national energy policy. The Farm Bill enables our farmers to plan for the future and an energy policy can stabilize fuel prices and lower the rising cost of fertilizer.*

Due to his family's significant ongoing investment in agriculture, we know we will have an ally serving our industry in Washington.

**Randy has the best track record of getting things done in Washington.** Working with Larry Combest, Randy serves as the Chairman of Ports-to-Plains Coalition. Through Randy's leadership, West Texas is moving to the forefront of trade and transportation – critical issues for our most precious commodities. In fact, Randy fought for and recently won President George W. Bush's approval of the 26% increase in financial support for this project, making it one of only two highway projects to receive a funding increase.

Randy is the only candidate to have had the President enact three major pieces of legislation. Both he and Larry Combest fought the Clinton – Gore Administration by supporting our national defense during the base closure process and he has successfully fought against burdensome governmental regulations that have made housing less affordable.

Randy has earned the respect and endorsement of more than 14 Mayors and a growing number of community leaders across District 19 and throughout the state, a testament to his ability to get things done in Washington.

**Randy has the relationships with key leaders in the House and Senate** that will allow him to "hit the ground running" working on our behalf. This is critical with the loss of Congressman Combest's 20 years of seniority. With the Republicans in control, we must elect the candidate that is welcomed with open arms not treated with skepticism by the Republican leadership.

Randy is the proven leader and the only candidate who has successfully worked at the Federal level to get three pieces of legislation signed into law by the President. He's worked with President Bush, Senators Hutchison and Cornyn and was tapped by Larry Combest to lead critical District programs. He's known and respected as a "doer" by our Republican leaders in Washington and Austin. His integrity and proven ability allow him to have an immediate impact on our issues.

**Leaders are lining up with Randy.** It is imperative that our community supports a candidate that is dedicated to our interests, who can also win the election and get results. Randy has a broad base of support across the district. If our community will unite and support him, we can ensure we elect a Congressman that will be a true champion of our causes. If we fail to do so, we will dilute our strength and the importance of our issues.

**Randy is Right on the Other Issues.**

- Randy will be a strong supporter of the President's efforts to strengthen our military
- Randy will honor our commitment to our seniors by protecting social security and improving Medicare, while aiding the President's prescription drug plan
- Randy is committed to expanding our region's leadership in higher education, energy and medicine
- Randy will fight to limit the role of government and have key local decisions made by those who are impacted most
- Randy will protect our property rights and rights under the second amendment

This election is critical. With a large number of candidates, if we do not turn out and vote for the best candidate we might not be satisfied with the ultimate outcome and our industry will suffer. Please join us in electing a servant of West Texas Randy Neugebauer.

Sincerely,

Rickey Bearden

Ron Craft

Ronnie Holt

Mark Williams

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For more information please call (806) 687-5086, e-mail [john@neugebauerforcongress.com](mailto:john@neugebauerforcongress.com) or log on to [www.randyforcongress.com](http://www.randyforcongress.com).

**TOPS NEWS**

The fortieth anniversary of Tops No.34 was held April 10 at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, with nine members present. Special guests were all former members and included: Betty Jo Davis, Lucille Hark, Lorna Mosley, Jewel Peeler and Ruth Clements, who was a charter member. Thirty ladies were present at the first meeting in 1963.

A cake baked by Ruby Ward was decorated in Tops No. 34's chosen colors of red and gold. Also on the serving table was the 1964 scrapbook.

Mosley, a charter member and also the first six month's queen, gave the formula for her successful weight loss. Mosley said that until she reached her "weight goal" she never gained a pound! She just slowly and steadily lost weight until she reached her goal.

She told the group that she did this mainly due to a small

plate that she used all those Tops No. 34 years when she was still a member, which she still used! Her plate is larger than a saucer but smaller than a dinner plate. These sensible but filling-sized portions served in this particular and "treasured" plate helped her reach her goal and keep it all off all these years.

The April 10 meeting was presided over by Laverne James, leader, who also led the prayer and pledge. Songs were led by Linda White.

Elaine Coburne, secretary, gave the previous week's minutes which were accepted as read.

Weight-recorders White and Alene Bryant conducted the weigh-in.

Results of the weigh-in were: Rose Sain, best loser, Retha Knowles, first runner-up and Coburn, second runner-up.

Molly Davis was presented a "white elephant" gift for los-

ing weight two weeks in a row. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Joline Franklin, who also received a present.

Current Tops No. 34 officers are James, leader; Sain, co-leader; Polly Otwell, treasurer; Davis, hospitality; Alma

Robertson, song leader; Coburn, secretary, and Franklin, reporter for the *Muleshoe Journal* and Channel 6.

The next Tops No. 34 meeting will be April 17 at 4 p.m. at the usual site.

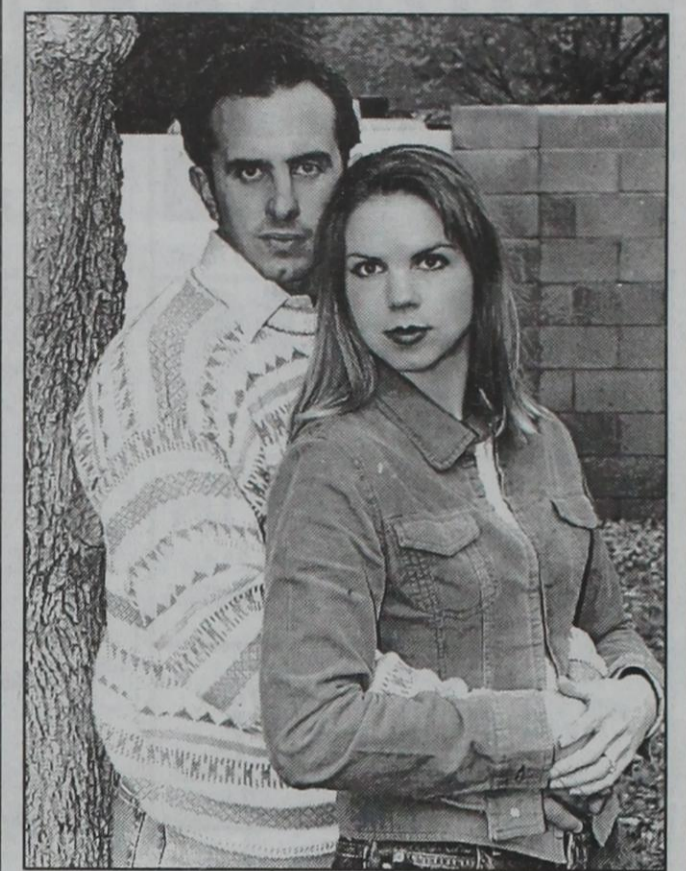
**ENGAGEMENT**



**ALMANZA-SALAZAR**

Jose and Carlota Almanza announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Maria Almanza, of Austin, Texas, to Adrian Salazar, son of the late Antonio and Josefina Estrada. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University where she obtained a bachelor's degree. She then received an MBA in 2002. The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by the Univision Corporation in their marketing department in Austin. The couple will exchange vows June 14, 2003 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe. A reception will immediately follow at the Catholic Center.

**ENGAGEMENT**



**ALLISON-DIPARDO**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allison of Lamesa announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth Allison, to Jason Robert DiPardo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DiPardo of Lake Wales, Fla. and Joy Anderson of Farmington, N.M. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Lamesa High School and a 1998 graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo, where she obtained a degree in communications. She is currently employed as a sales and event coordinator with Teleflora, LLC in West Los Angeles, Calif. She is the granddaughter of the late Gerald Allison and Ethel Allison of Muleshoe. The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Hanks High School in El Paso and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he majored in finance. He is a business analyst for American Honda Finance Corporation at its corporate office in Torrance, Calif. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on June 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa. They will continue to reside in California.

**HONORS**

**NATIONAL HONORS**

This year, three students from the Muleshoe region qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll. They are Lucinda Guzman and Kelli Harris of Lazbuddie High School and Timothy Villa, a student at Muleshoe High School.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. Inductees also receive an application for one of the twenty-five \$1,000 Community Contributions Scholarships which are awarded annually by the Educational Research Center of America.

**RODRIGUEZ**

Lazbuddie resident Rachel Rodriguez, a senior marketing

major at West Texas A&M University, is a member of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team from the Pickens College of Business at WTAMU.

The SIFE team is headed to national competition May 11-13 in Kansas City, Mo. thanks to a regional championship earned April 1 in Memphis, Tenn.

Winners at nationals will compete in the SIFE World Cup this October in Frankfurt, Germany.

Active on more than 1,400 college and university campuses in 33 countries, SIFE is a student organization which focuses on teaching entrepreneurship and the free market system.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of the City of Muleshoe, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Muleshoe, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 for voting in a general election to:

Mayor

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el May 3, 2003 para votar en la Eleccion General para:)

Mayor

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas

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(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en:)

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(Entre las 8:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el April 16, 2003)

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada)  
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**Muleshoe, TX** **79347**  
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**April 25, 2003.**  
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Issued this the 18th day of February, 2003.  
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*Victor E. Lopez*  
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 for voting in a general election to:

Fill the unexpired term of Councilman District #3

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(Llenar el lugar vacante de el consejo de la ciudad de Muleshoe del distrito #3)

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...AND THE WOMAN OF GREAT WEALTH LOOKS UPON ELISHA WITH KINDNESS IN HER HEART...

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## Whitt feted with bridal shower

A bridal shower was held for Keisha Whitt, daughter of Rusty and Christie Whitt, in the home of Peggy Dent on April 6, 2003. The prospective groom is Morgan Stickler, son of Michael and Maureen Stickler of Genoa City, Wisconsin.

The couple received cookware, a lamp, and bedding as a hostess' gift.

Hostesses were Peggy Dent, Staci Burris, Kay Moncrief, Nancy Benham, Jan King, Shelly Tumbow, Donna Locker, Pat King, Debbi Hutto, Lindy Schuster, Marilyn Riley, Lana Gartin, Patti Kent, Connie Kenmore, Diane Brown, Susan Sudduth, Jamie Myers, Norma Prather, Glenda Copley, Debbie Kemp, Paulette Foster, Barbara Finney, Hollye Hooten, and Cindy Purdy.

Special guests who attended were Keisha's sister, Brandy of Lubbock; Joy Whitt, her grandmother; Jan Kuehler, her aunt; her cousin, Whitney of Lub-



Keisha Whitt

bock; Beth Higgins, her aunt from Hereford; Letha Gammon, her great-aunt from Lazbuddie; and her cousins, Sarah Black of Lazbuddie and Cindy King of Friona.

The couple invites friends and family to the wedding on Saturday, April 19, 2003 at the Church of Christ in Muleshoe at 6 p.m.

## Volunteer program to help children

Texans can boast about remarkable growth in this past decade as we became the second most populated state in the country. As such we also carry the dubious distinction of being one of the highest child abuse/child neglect populations in the country.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a program that can help. In 1971, a remarkable community action initiative called CASA was developed to help communities respond on a personal level to abused children.

A community-wide information/organizational meeting for the CASA program will be held on May 1, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Muleshoe Civic Center. Any adult who wishes to volunteer should attend.

In fiscal year 2002, based on the latest statistical report from the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 184,924 abuse and neglect allegations were

made in Texas on behalf of our children; 47,409 children were confirmed victims based on those allegations; and 30,167 children spent some time in the foster care system.

Children hurt by those they trust are marked for life. They carry this burden into their adult lives and deal with the memory on a recurring basis.

All too often they rely on those same negative parenting skills and pass on the harsh lessons of their childhood to yet another generation. These children all too often move from unstable childhood into troubled adolescence, have a higher risk of becoming juvenile offenders and may eventually populate our nation's prisons.

One trained person with a heart and a willingness to serve a child can be a beginning to an end to child abuse in a child's life. That positive contact by a caring adult may help break the

cycle. In Texas, there are currently 59 CASA programs, located in approximately 155 counties, who are supporting the work of more than 3,400 volunteer advocates serving more than 13,000 children.

It is important to understand that helping these children is partly an enterprise of self-interest for each of us, because by helping them, we help our communities become those safe havens we all long to dwell in. We secure our neighborhoods for our families by helping other families heal.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Jennifer G. Paul, CASA Expansion and Development, Texas CASA, Inc., 1145 West 5th, Ste 300, Austin, Texas 78703, 512-473-2627, jpaul@texascasa.org or Jan Weishaar, CASA Steering Committee Chairman, 102 Rio Vista, Hereford, Texas 79045, 806-364-4290, jweishaar@amaonline.com

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I had an incident happen here recently that my family and I feel was very inhumane.

A dog that I have had for six years suffered a painful death due to an unjust decision. I had trained this dog for years so he would become the hunting dog any man would want by his side. Anyway, I was cutting some limbs off a tree by my house when one fell on the fence in the backyard. Not knowing the real damage caused (by the falling limb), the dogs got out of the yard.

The dog catcher saw the two dogs and attempted to catch them. When he realized he needed some help to catch them because they would not come to him, he called for another City employee to come and help him. Well, instead of waiting for that help, he decided to shoot the dogs with a tranquilizer dart.

He made a good shot on Jake, the second dog, but Tucker was hit at a forward angle in front of the leg that left a hole the size of a quar-

ter. We were told that because the dart went in so far, it was thought that it punctured one of his organs (possibly the intestines).

When my wife returned to the house, she noticed the dog catcher a few houses down and confronted him to see if he had picked up the dogs. He told her that the dart went into Tucker further than it should have, and that some dogs don't react well with the tranquilizing medicine. In my opinion, this means I shouldn't shoot a dog with one if there is a possibility of ending in death.

The truth be told, he knew he made a bad shot and hit the dog in the wrong area. Instead of telling us we should take him to the vet and have him checked out, he told us he should "come to" in about three hours to cover up his mistake.

He did come by and check on him a few hours later. At the time, he was still alive, but the whole time our dog was suffering. He was having a hard time breathing and started throw-

ing up. Later that night he really started having a hard time breathing and he started convulsing for about 10 minutes. He died seconds later in my arms. This is one of the worst ways for any animal to die.

The next day, I took Tucker's lifeless body and showed him to the City Manager to show him the mistake his employee had made. He informed me that he would look into it, but there is nothing to look into because my dog was laying lifeless in the back of my truck because of a misplaced dart from an unprofessional, lazy coward.

We really need to ask ourselves if this is the kind of person we need working for the Muleshoe community. As for my family and I, we think not. Anyway, we wanted to publish this story so that something like this might be prevented in the future. I also feel that the city should be held responsible for their employees' actions. Thanks.

**TONY FULLEN AND FAMILY**  
Muleshoe

## County to receive food funds

Bailey County has been chosen to receive \$4,025 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of area representatives will determine how the funds awarded to Bailey County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private volun-

tary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in apply-

ing for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Gary Sirkel at 272-4710 for an application. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

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# Lazbuddie choir rates 'Superior'

The Lazbuddie choir, under the direction of Adeana Carlyle, continued their success by competing in The Texas Federation of Music Clubs competition and returning home with four superior ratings overall.

Shannah Black received superior ratings on her solos "Do Not Go My Love," by Richard Hageman and "When I Have Sung My Songs," by Ernest Charles.

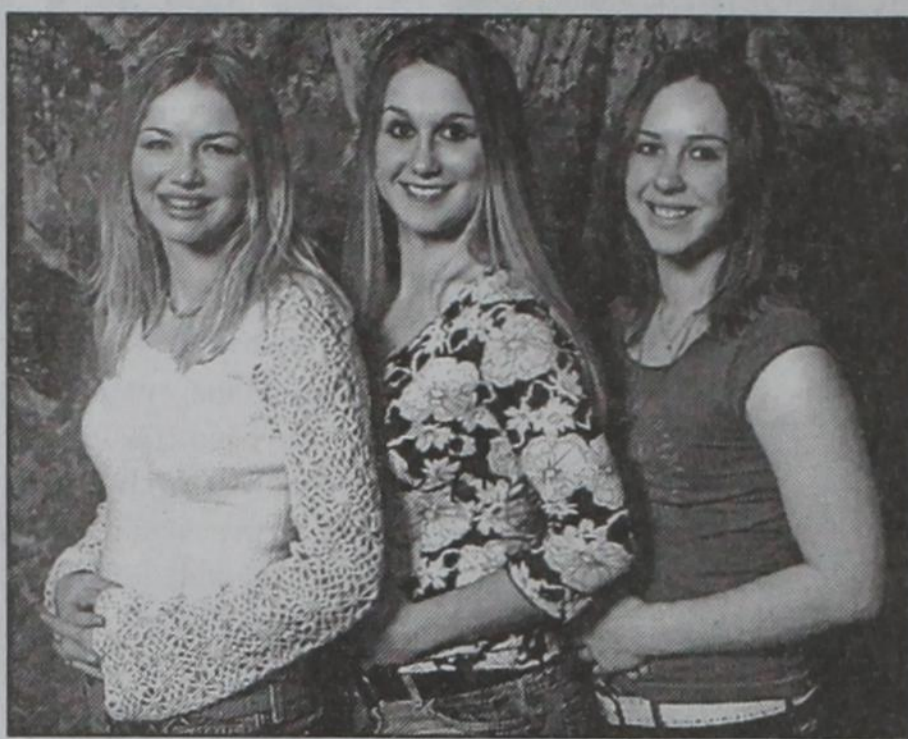
Michelle Scott received superior ratings on her solos "Cabin," by Paul Bowles and "How Are

Things in Glocca Morra?" by Burton Lane.

Katy Loudder received superior ratings on her solos "Sure on This Shinning Night," by Samuel Barber and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," by H.T. Burleigh.

The girls also earned a superior rating on their trios "If It Be Love," by John Hilton and "Things That Never Die," by Lee Dengler.

The Lazbuddie choir will be advancing to state and would appreciate the continued support of the community.



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## A chorus of praise!

Pictured are Lazbuddie choir members Michelle Scott, Katy Loudder and Shannah Black.



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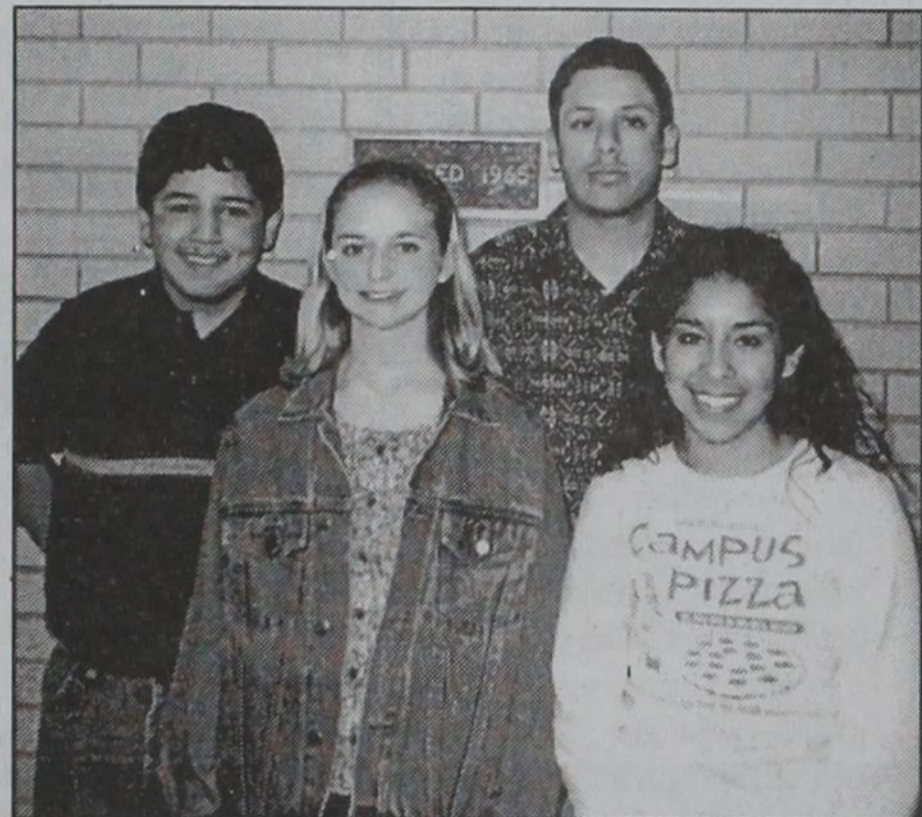
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# Lazbuddie names students of month

Lazbuddie High School students of the month are Omar Lopez and Ana Hernandez.

Omar Lopez is the 18-year-old son of Jose Abel and Connie Lopez. He was born March 16. His family and friends are very important to him. To him, September 11 meant someone trying to steal our freedom, but not being able to complete it. His goal is to graduate in May, and his favorite movie line is "Bring it on." He would buy a house and a car with a million dollars. *Korn* is his favorite CD; chili relleños, his favorite meal; dog, animal; Jean Claude Van Damme or Robert Deniro, favorite actor; Aquamarine, color; and Cancun, favorite vacation destination. Death is his fear factor.

Ana Hernandez is the 16-year-old daughter of Ramon and Carmela Hernandez. She was born April 16. Her friends and family are important to her. September 11



Courtesy photo

Lazbuddie students of the month for February are (back row, from left) Robert Marrufo and Omar Lopez; and (front, from left) Amanda Hefner and Ana Hernandez.

made her want to do the things she's never done because things happen and she might never get another chance like the families of all who were lost. She wants to have good grades and finish high school. If she had a million dollars, she would buy herself a big house and give to the poor. Her favor-

ites list includes: *Sheryl Crow*, chicken, Brad Pitt, diamonds, and a visit to New York. Her fear factor is snakes.

Lazbuddie Jr. High students of the month are Robert Marrufo and Amanda Hefner.

Robert Marrufo is the 13-year-old son of Robert and

Maria Marrufo. He was born November 11. He would buy everything he wanted with a million dollars. He wants to learn everything and graduate. September 11 meant an emergency. His favorites list is 50 percent *Get Rich or Die Trying* CD, pizza, tigers, Jet Li, diamonds, and a vacation to Carlsbad, New Mexico. His fear factor is getting lost in a foreign country.

Amanda Hefner is the 14-year-old daughter of Brett, Lori, and Will, her step-dad. People and animals are important things to her. September 11 meant how far people will go to harm us. She wants to make straight 'A's. If she won a million dollars, she would spend it on her family. Her favorites are *Now 11* CD, anything from Krispy Kreme or Red Lobster, koalas, Lisa Kudrow and Jennifer Aniston, sapphires, and a trip to Australia. Her fear factor is dark alleys and manholes.

# Master Sergeant Bryce Holmes retires from military after 20 years

Master Sergeant Bryce A. Holmes of the United States Air Force was honored with a retirement ceremony on April 2, 2003 at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska after having served over 20 years. He is the son of John and Joyce Grippando of Eagle River, Alaska, formerly of Muleshoe.

Holmes is the Superintendent, 3rd MOS Plans and Scheduling in Elmendorf Air Force Base. He is 39 years old.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio on April 15, 1963. He attended Muleshoe High School, graduating as a member of the National Honor Society in May 1981.

Sergeant Holmes enlisted in the Air Force and arrived at Lackland AFB, Texas, in June 1981 for basic training. Upon graduation, he received a direct duty assignment to the 611 Tactical Control Flight in Alzey, Germany, arriving in January 1982. Upon arrival

Sergeant Holmes assumed the duties of a wideband communications technician for the units Forward Air Control Post.

His next duty assignment took him to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. to the 73rd Tactical Control Flight. In 1985, Sergeant Holmes retrained to the Aircraft Avionics career field. His first assignment as an EF-111A avionics specialist was to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho where he was assigned to the 390th AMU. While stationed here he graduated from the NCO Leadership School with the distinctive John Levitow Award. It was also from Mountain Home AFB that he served his country in Operations Desert Shield/Storm in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Operation Provide Comfort in Incirlik Turkey. With the planned retirement of the EF-111A, Sergeant Holmes opted to retrain to the aircraft maintenance scheduling ca-

reer field and in July 1993 was assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri. Upon arrival, he assisted in the set up of the first Air Force B-2 Bomber unit. In 1996, he was assigned to the 3 OSS Plans and Scheduling, Elmendorf AFB and finished his Air Force career as 3 MOS Plans and Scheduling Superintendent.

Sergeant Holmes is an active member of the Independent Baptist Church of Anchorage where he serves as deacon, dean of Independent Baptist Bible College of Alaska, and adult Sunday school teacher.

Military awards include two Air Force Commendation Medals, Air Force Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He has earned a BSOE in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University and two CCAF degrees in Production management and Avionics Technology.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

April 3-Laverna Brewer, Carolyn Burch, Roberto Jaramillo, Trinidad Navejar, and Bill Saxton

April 4-Elizabeth Galaviz, Ramona Munoz, and Bill Saxton

April 5-Arberto Mendoza, Virginia Merrell, Sandra Meza, Matt Moseley, Ramona

Munoz, Clay Pena, and Bill Saxton

April 6-Arberto Mendoza, Virginia Merrell, Sandra Meza, Roberta Moore, Matt Moseley, Clay Pena, Bill Saxton, and Jesus Valdez

April 7-Chase Chisman, Maria Jasso, Virginia Merrell, Roberta Moore, Matt Moseley, Bill Saxton, and Jesus Valdez

April 8-Chase Chisman,

Carmen Escalante, Maria Jasso, Virginia Merrell, Roberta Moore, Matt Moseley, John Nance, Adelina Rodriguez, Mary Terral, Jesus Valdez, and Juanita Vargas

April 9-Chase Chisman, Rubie Craft, Carmen Escalante, Virginia Merrell, Nadine Mims, John Nance, Girl Vargas, and Juanita Vargas



**Muleshoe Cattle Market**  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2003

**REPRESENTATIVE SALES**

1,202 head of cattle, 176 hogs and 575 sheep and goats for a total of 1,953 animals were sold at the April 12th sale. Market steady on all stocker calves 350 lbs. and under; 400-550 lb. stockers 1-2 lower. Feeder cattle 6-800 lbs. steady to a dollar higher. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 dollars better.

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

**FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201**

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Manuela Gonzales, Sudan	4	Hol. bulls	168 lbs.	at \$105.00
Enrique Fierro, Plains	2	Hol. bulls	245 lbs.	at \$101.00
Charles Waggoner, Muleshoe	Blk.	bull calf	145 lbs.	at \$245.00
Mike Beauchamp, Bovina	Char.	bull calf	230 lbs.	at \$134.00
Terome Clemmons, Muleshoe	BMF	bull	300 lbs.	at \$120.00
Daybreak Farms, Bovina	3	Char. bulls	390 lbs.	at \$103.00
Terry Lassiter, Lubbock	14	Red str	491 lbs.	at \$97.00
Terry Lassiter, Lubbock	3	Blk. str	495 lbs.	at \$100.00
John Hall, Seminole	3	Blk. str	575 lbs.	at \$85.50
B&H Farms, Seminole	3	Red str	628 lbs.	at \$84.50
B&H Farms, Seminole	2	Blk. str	675 lbs.	at \$82.00
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	5	Red str	666 lbs.	at \$82.75
Davis & Powell, Dora, NM	5	Char. str	696 lbs.	at \$81.00
D.C. Pearson, Ropesville	2	Blk. str	800 lbs.	at \$75.00
NM Christian Children's Home	3	Red str	945 lbs.	at \$70.00
B&P Farms, Lubbock	Char.	hfr	120 lbs.	at \$215.00
Greg Young, Muleshoe	3	Blk. hfr	405 lbs.	at \$98.00
Kari Ellis, Anton	Char.	hfr	410 lbs.	at \$92.00
Daybreak Farms, Bovina	4	Char. hfr	414 lbs.	at \$95.00
Alan Belcher, Pep, NM	BMF	hfr	480 lbs.	at \$86.00
Alan Belcher, Pep, NM	2	Red hfr	600 lbs.	at \$76.25
FM Farms, Brownfield	5	Mxd. hfr	585 lbs.	at \$77.50
John Hall, Seminole	3	Mxd. hfr	623 lbs.	at \$77.75
D.C. Pearson, Ropesville	17	Mxd. hfr	676 lbs.	at \$75.25
Rex Black, Muleshoe	6	Char. hfr	691 lbs.	at \$75.00
Rex Black, Muleshoe	4	Char. hfr	730 lbs.	at \$73.00
James Simpson, Dimmitt	RMF	Pair		\$675.00
Tommy Tatum, Friona	Blk.	cow P7		\$650.00
A&H Cattle, Tatum, NM	5	Blk. cows P8		\$530.00
John Hall, Seminole	Brin.	cow P7		\$530.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	WF	cow P6		\$520.00
Wade Hawkins, Friona	Blk.	cow	1415 lbs.	at \$44.00
Johann Teichroeb, Seminole	Blk.	cow	1355 lbs.	at \$46.25
James Simpson, Dimmitt	Blk.	cow	1675 lbs.	at \$44.50
Birdwell Cattle, Hereford	Blk.	cow	1385 lbs.	at \$44.50
Rocking J Ranch, Whiteface	Red	cow	1285 lbs.	at \$44.00
Red Rock Dairy, Amherst	Hol.	cow	1510 lbs.	at \$42.50
E.T. Dairy	4	Hol. cows	1483 lbs.	at \$43.00
Brian Boehning, Earth	Hol.	bull	1600 lbs.	at \$54.00



## HERITAGE BOARD NEWS

A large volume of business kept Mulshoe Heritage Board members busy at the regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 7 at the Mulshoe Santa Fe Depot.

Board members present were President Dan Throckmorton and members, Jim Allison, Sammie Simpson, Dianne Brown, Lonnie Adrian, Dustin Wilhite, Jean Allison, Lavon McKillip, Vivian White, Gene Rogers, Keith Hawkins and Center Hostess Dolores Harvey.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jenne McVicker were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by White and members approved the report.

Adrian reported that the two websites, one for the Heritage Center and one for the Tour de Mulshoe Bike Ride, are both up and running. These may be found at [www.tourdemulshoe.com](http://www.tourdemulshoe.com) and [mulshoeheritagefoundation.org](http://mulshoeheritagefoundation.org).

Adrian also reported that the brochures advertising the annual Tour de Mulshoe Bike Ride are ready to sent out. He asked board members to take some brochures and enroll interested bikers and non-bikers.

To win the airplane tickets, those enrolling must do so before June 9. They do not have to be present to win. To win the other door prizes, enrollees must be present. He noted that due to the road construction, new routes will be assigned.

Adrian volunteered to go to businesses asking for door prizes to give the bikers who come from other towns and even different states. The bike ride this year will be held on Saturday, June 14.

Rest stops promised this year will be manned by the Jennyslippers and the Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) students. Several other rest stops will be manned by other organizations.

McKillip has offered the freedom to have more histories of Bailey County books copied and sold by the Heritage Center. These histories were compiled by her students when she taught at Mulshoe Junior High School in 1976.

Phillip Hall of Stovall Printing came to the board meeting to discuss the cost of having these books copied. Further action will be taken on this next meeting.

The next discussion was conducted about lighting the new sign located on the new highway frontage. Hawkins has been working on this and he presented a cost estimate.

Hawkins noted that he is working on the cost of a sprinkler system for this new property in order to have the area landscaped, making the Center pleasing to travelers. His final report will be presented at the next meeting.

Roofing for the old Figure 4 Ranch House was then discussed. The president listed the four bids which have been received thus far. Vice President Ji. Allison made the motion that Throckmorton be given the authority to choose the best bid for the roofing. The motion was approved.

Wilhite gave a report about the collection policy which he and the executive committee have compiled. He asked each board member to take a copy in order to make any suggestions at the next meet-

ing. He stressed that this document is very important and should be studied carefully. Wilhite is working on the procedure in order for the Heritage Center to be certified as a museum.

White reported on the plans for a new ceiling in the Heritage Thrift Shop but noted that the work has not been done. Members voted that the needed sheet-rock be purchased locally.

Je. Allison gave a report on the annual bake-auction over Channel 6 by the SCAC. She noted that the bake-auction made over \$1,000, which will be donated to the Heritage Center as usual.

Ji. Allison said it is time to apply for the grant given each year by RC&D. This grant is for \$500 and needs to be earmarked. Members voted to ask for money to landscape the new highway frontage property. He also said that he will soon go before the City Council to ask for money to be used for the new projects recently begun.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

Debbie Kemp's third, fourth and fifth grade art class made Easter decorations for nursing home halls one and two. Debbie Kemp, Tammy Black and Lula Maye Shanks displayed the decorations Wednesday afternoon.

Bro. Bennie Wright directed the devotional service and the Wednesday morning service.

Upcoming events: an Easter Party is scheduled for Friday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m.; April Birthday Party is on Thursday, April 24 at 3 p.m.; Pie Party will be hosted by the 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ on Thursday, April 17 at 2:30 p.m.; and the Easter Cookery will be hosted by Marquita Adamson.

Rex Steinbock visited Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. Templar and Don Bruns as well as others.

The Christmas Project ladies decorated the beauty shop for Easter.

Norma Eaves came Wednesday and gave nail care to the residents.

Thursday morning, Anita Johnson and Frankie Carpenter directed a craft class. The residents made an Easter cross hanging.

Thursday evening, Gerald Shanks, Jack Henderson and Terry Kemp entertained the residents and visitors. The group played a variety of music and Jack sang.

Friday afternoon, Harold and Avis Carpenter directed a sing-along and a "name that tune" session.

United Methodist Church came for church services and communion was served on Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from Earth directed a devotional service Tuesday morning.

Beverly Wagnon, Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Dolores Garrett, Lanell Stancell, Becky Conklin, Mary Jo Burge and Eva Nell Dale shampooed and set the ladies' hair Tuesday.

## JENNYSLIPPER NEWS

The Jennyslippers met at noon on Tues., April 8 at the Girl Scout Hut. Lunch was provided for \$5.00 per person which included sandwiches, veggies, broccoli salad, fruit, and dump cake. The group missed Ruby Green's homemade lunch as she is recovering from knee surgery. The Jennyslippers wish her a speedy recovery.

The group had a very special presentation by R. C. Allen from United Supermarkets. He and the other Managers, Joe Bollinger and Jake Davis, have offered the services of their "U-Crew" to clean up and maintain our Mule-Putt Golf Course. What a wonderful community service this will provide. The course will be ready to open on Friday, May 2. The Jennyslippers appreciate the services from United Supermarket.

The Military and Patriotic Badges are selling great, due to the work of

Sylvia Lira. She has been flooding the group with orders for personalized military badges from families in Mulshoe and Clovis areas. The Jennyslippers appreciate her hard work and dedication! The proceeds from these sales will be given to various projects for the benefit of our troops in Iraq. The group will contribute funds to help send the donated items collected by the City to send to the troops. They will also display yellow ribbons throughout the city.

The Jennyslippers' first Garden Spot this year was presented to Officer Steve Clifton for his lilac hedge at 702 W. 2nd Street.

The Jennyslippers' next meeting is a quarterly night meeting. It will be held on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 P.M. at the Girl Scout Hut. The group will have a Pot Luck Salad Supper. All are invited to come and be a guest.



Chosen by the Jennyslippers as the first garden spot of the week this season is this already lush lilac bush at the home of Steve Clifton. A beautiful oasis will be chosen each week by the Jennyslippers. The honor includes a sign placed in the owner's yard.

By Joy Stancell

Guy Kendall was visited Sunday by Bobby and Darla Hoyl. Tammie, Dillion and Elsie had lunch with him.

Elsie Damron went out to visit with her daughter over the week.

Buster and Wanda

Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents.

Gladys Wilson went out to be with her family over the weekend. She received many gifts, cards, and visits on her birthday.

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**OBITUARIES**

**LAVERNE FENNELL**

Church services were held for Laverne Fennell, 62, of Springlake at 2:00 p.m., April 12, 2003 at First Baptist Church in Springlake. Rev. Glen Harlin officiated. Burial



Fennell

was at the Springlake Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements. Mrs. Fennell was born July 3, 1940 in Littlefield. She married Dolan T. Fennell in Springlake on January 3, 1959. She died April 9, 2003 in Springlake.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Springlake and was Postmaster at the Springlake Post Office. She was a member of the Postmaster's Association.

Mrs. Fennell is survived by her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law: Lexie and his wife, Kelley, and Rex and his wife, Rhonda, all of Springlake; her father, C.O. Bibby of Springlake; a sister, Kathy, and her husband, Mike West, of Springlake; five grandchildren, Amy, Heath, Blake and Brandi Fennell and Cliff Parker; and one great-grandson, Jacob Parker.

The family requests memorials be made to: Springlake Cemetery Memorial Fund, HC 1 Box 20, Springlake, Texas 79082.

**CHAD ERIC BALES**

Memorial services were held Sunday, April 13 at Benny Douglas Stadium on the campus of Muleshoe High School for Pfc. Chad Eric Bales (Metcalf), 20, of Coahoma, formerly of Muleshoe. Dr. Stacy Conner, Curtis Shelburne, Rev. Jack Stone and Rev. Russ Byard officiated. Funeral services were also held on Monday, April 14 at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Elder David Machiavello of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church of Big Spring and Elder Jeff Harris of Georgia, officiated. Military graveside rites were held Wednesday at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Bales was born October 16, 1982 in Lubbock. He died Thursday, April 3, 2003,

while on active duty with the United States Marine Corps in Ash Shahin, Iraq.

He grew up in Coahoma and attended Coahoma schools until his junior year when he attended Muleshoe High School. He returned to Coahoma for his senior year and graduated with the class of 2001. He was active in FFA and loved showing livestock. He was a member of the football team and powerlifting team, and he loved to hunt, farm and enjoy the outdoors.

He was a member of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church. He had joined the United States Marine Corps on March 18, 2002 after being denied twice due to injury. He was deployed to Kuwait City on January 18, 2003 and into the Iraqi desert on February 7. He served with the First Transportation Support Battalion, First Force Service Support Group in the war in Iraq. He was a dedicated and motivated Marine and loved God and country enough to make the ultimate sacrifice.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Kem and Lori Bales of Muleshoe; his mother and step-father, Ginger and John Wayne Metcalf of Coahoma, Texas; two sisters, Bailey Bales of Muleshoe and Ginni Metcalf of Coahoma; two brothers, Tanner Bales of Muleshoe and Joshua Metcalf of Coahoma; his grandparents, Doug and Anna Bales, and Ike and Gail Wilcox, all of Muleshoe; his step-grandparents, Dick and Mary Richards of Mayhill, N.M., and Helen Metcalf of Coahoma; his great-grandmother, Lela Clay of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Eunice Bales of Muleshoe. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Pallbearers were SSgt. Frank Ramirez, SSgt. Max Canales, SMSN Roy L. "Tuff" Metcalf, Jr., LCpl. Arthur Reyes, SSgt. Allen Lipson and MSgt. Brett Strickland. Honorary pallbearers were the Coahoma class of 2001, Commander and Chief President George W. Bush and the 1st Marine Expedition Unit/1st FSSG. The family suggests me-

morials be made to the Chad Bales Memorial Fund, C/O First Bank, P.O. Box 565, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

**TY McCURRY**

Church services were held April 11, 2003 at the Springlake-Earth High School Auditorium for Ty McCurry, 16, of Earth. Rev. Glen Harlin officiating. Burial was at Earth Memorial Cemetery in Earth.

Mr. McCurry was born October 21, 1986 in Lubbock. He died April 9, 2003 in Lamb County.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Springlake where he played the guitar for his youth group. He was a student at Springlake-Earth High School, a member of F.F.A. and was the drum major for the high school. Mr. McCurry participated on the Wolverine football team and its track team, throwing the shot-put and discus. He was a student of Harold Dean Carson, piano instructor, and was also a member of the Student Council. He also loved to farm.

He is survived by his parents, Jimmy and Betty McCurry; one sister, Baley Marie McCurry; one brother, James Logan McCurry, all of Earth; and his grandparents, Robert and Annie McCurry of Springlake.

**MARGARET E. NEILL**

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 16 at the Lane Cemetery in Lane, Kansas for Margaret E. Neill, 92, of Abilene, Kan., formerly of Lane. The Rev. Carson Johnson officiated.

Danner Funeral Home in Abilene, Kansas, handled arrangements. Mrs. Neill was born March 8, 1911, at Hollow, Oklahoma to Elzy and Pearl Mae Whitney Davis. She married Alva Mount in 1929. They divorced in 1933.

In 1939, she married W.A. Neill. They made their home in Lane, Kansas until retiring, when in 1977 they moved to Ottawa, Kansas. Mr. Neill died in February 1993.

Mrs. Neill came to Abilene in 1995 to make her home at Sterling House and Frontier Estates. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star

at Lane.

She is survived by her son, Gene Mount of Abilene, Kan.; a granddaughter, Patricia Copeland of Dodge City, Kan.; two grandsons, Allen Mount of Muleshoe and David Mount of Clovis; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Era Fugate of Emporia, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters and one brother.

The family suggests memorial contributions in her memory be given to the Frontier Estates. They may be sent in care of Danner Funeral Home, P.O. Box 758, Abilene, Kansas 67410.

**LEOLA (REED) RANDOLPH**

Funeral services were held at Wheeler Mortuary Chapel in Portales on April 14, 2003 for Leola (Reed) Randolph, 92, of Portales. Dr. Herbert Bergstrom officiated. Burial was at Portales Cemetery.

Mrs. Randolph was born on January 27, 1911 in Abilene, Texas. She died April 11 at the Bender Terrace Nursing Home in Lubbock.

Randolph's family moved to Aspermont, Texas, when she was two years old. She graduated from Aspermont High School in 1929 and went on to attend Randolph Junior College in Cisco, Texas.

She was one of the first women broadcasters in New Mexico and was employed by a radio station in Clovis in 1936. She then worked for KENM radio in Portales, eventually becoming a partner.

She extended her business interest to include radio stations in Farmington, N.M. and Muleshoe. She owned the station in Muleshoe until only a few years ago. She also had a daily radio talk show on KENM.

She married Joseph W. Randolph on June 15, 1940 and traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad. After the death of her husband in 1983, she continued to travel.

Randolph was a member of the First Baptist Church in Portales, a member of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), Chapter R PEO Sisterhood, the Portales Women's Club, and the Garden Club. She was active in the Ellen Jones Chap-

ter of the UDC (United Daughters of the Confederacy), served as President of Chapter R PEO in 1974-75. She was the President of the Women's Club in 1965-66, and she also served as Regent of El Portal Chapter of DAR in 1979-81.

Pallbearers were Grady Jenkins, Dewey Langston, David Stone, Stuart Ingle, Gayle Ferguson and Gordon

Hatch.

She is survived by her sister, Lois Alexander of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband on December 18, 1983; her parents, Sarah Jane and Garner Reed; four sisters, Belle Jasper, Una Prescott, Ellen Stewart, and Lola Myers; and two brothers, Dee and Fred Reed.

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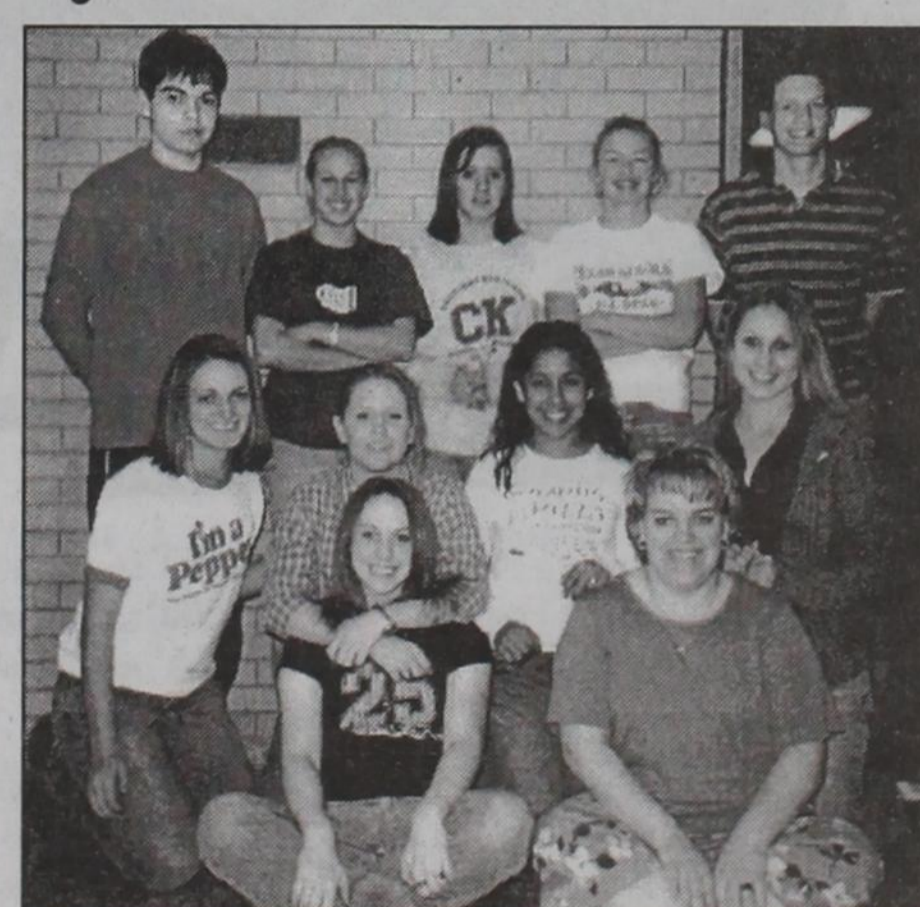
The Lazbuddie High School One Act Play, "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward, was performed by Shonnah Black as Ruth, Tobin Redwine as Charles, Kayla Parham as Edith, Kelli Harris as Mrs. Bradman, Chris DeLeon as Mr. Bradman, and Katy Loudder as Elvira. The crew was Ana Hernandez-sound, Mandy Haney-lights, Amanda Schaeffer-make-up, and Melanie Winders-stage manager.

The play received awards for Zone Advancing Play and District Advancing Play.

The individual awards were: Tobin Redwine, Zone Best Actor and District All-

Star Cast; Shonnah Black, Zone and District All-Star Cast; Katy Loudder, Zone and District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; Kayla Parham, Zone Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; Michelle Scott, District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. The play was directed by Rebecca Kerr and Sarah Black.

Kerr stated, "I have been amazed by the progress the students have made. The cast is excellent and the crew deserves a huge amount of praise for their hard work. It has been a great year and we hope to continue the success. I am very proud of them."



Lazbuddie One Act Play cast members

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE NEWS**

Bailey County Justice of the Peace Herman Morrison collected \$22,230.20 in fines during March according to the monthly report.

The office handled 269 traffic misdemeanors, two non-traffic misdemeanors and four small claims suits in March.

Of the 269 traffic tickets, 234 resulted in fines, 12 were

dismissed after driver safety courses, 25 were deferred dispositions and 30 were dismissed after proof of financial responsibility.

One defendant was found guilty after trial by jury. That case has been appealed to the County Court.

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May we be wise enough to realize that knowing God's word and knowing the Author are not necessarily the same thing. May we be wise enough to avoid those who only know the former and not the latter. May we be gentle enough to share the Author as we share the word.

May we be wise enough to know that God's grace is no license for loose living. May we be gentle enough to live lives that are quietly strong at the same time as they are filled with His grace richly received and then mercifully and freely shared with others.

May we be wise enough to recognize sin but gentle enough to love sinners.

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realize that the God of the universe has standards that are as real as the law of gravity and, like that law, can only be broken at the risk of great pain.

May we be wise enough to realize that every one of God's precepts and commands is given to bless us and allow us to be genuinely and deeply happy.

May we be wise enough to know that even the best and most committed of God's children often falls short of His standards, and may that realization make us gentle ourselves toward those who fall short of ours.

May we be wise enough to realize that God through the

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

**BIRTH**

**KELLEY**

John Chester and Belle Kelley of Earth are the parents of a daughter, Katelyn Nicole Kelley, born at 5:30 p.m., March 24, 2003 at University Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Tracy and

Patricia Angeley of Muleshoe and John and Vickie Kelley of Earth. Great-grandparents are Dora Belle Angeley and the late Jarvis Angeley of Earth, and Bill and Wilma Eubanks of Lubbock and the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kelley of Earth. Great-great-grandparent is Madge Cantrell of Seattle, Washington.

## Baseball team faces ups and downs

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mules began the second round of district much like they did the first with an impressive win over Slaton and a disappointing loss to Dimmitt. The Mules scattered 18 hits in the 10-3 trounce of the Tigers.

"When we're on, we're on," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "We, as a coaching staff, felt Slaton would throw a slow and junk ball pitcher at us. So yesterday we worked on soft toss and staying back and hitting off the back foot."

He continued, "Every one of the kids did it and we had 18 hits today. In the past, that type of pitcher would have hurt us. The kids are learning the game and all the credit goes to the kids."

Brian King pitched a complete game and recorded seven strike outs in seven innings, issued two walks and gave up seven hits. Juan Nuñez went four-for-four at the plate with three singles and a double.

"We came out and played well and stayed back on the ball today," said King. "We got 18 hits today and they backed me up in the field today. I was throwing mostly fast balls, curves and a few sliders."

Nuñez said, "Coach Ramirez just threw us slow balls in practice yesterday and I just tried to do in the game what he told me to do in practice yesterday. It turned out to be a good day for us."

Miguel Castorena blasted his fourth home run of the year and Geoff Sirkel and King each went three-for-four. Slaton jumped on top in the first inning but the Mules struck back in the second after King singled to left, stole second base and moved to third on an error.

Nuñez scored King with a high chopper that drove the Tiger shortstop too deep to make a play. Castorena blasted the first pitch of the second inning over the center field fence to put the Mules on top to stay.

Ariam Perez, Jarad Flores, and King scored three more runs in the second inning as the Mules scored four runs on four hits and the Tigers committed one error. The Mules held a 5-1 advantage through the fourth stanza.

In the top of the fifth, Muleshoe batted around and scattered nine hits to score four runs and left three men on base. Slaton picked up his final two runs in the bottom of the fifth with four hits.

Tyrel Gear scored the final run for the Mules in the seventh inning. Gear singled to

right field and Castorena's ground rule double moved him to third. Ryan Marricle sent a hard hit ground ball to third and a throwing error to first allowed Gear to score.

On Saturday, the Dimmitt Bobcats struck together back-to-back two-out rallies in the third and fourth innings to out last the Mules 10-7.

Flores struggled in the first inning as seven Dimmitt batters came to the plate but only scored one run. Barry Morris chased down a fly ball to right field to end the inning with three Bobcats left on base.

Perez tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the first after drawing a walk to lead off the Mules and stealing second base. Perez scored when Nuñez line a single down the third base line.

Dimmitt scored three runs in the third on a two-out rally and the Mules could only pick up two runs in the bottom of the inning to fall behind 4-3.

Dimmitt picked up four more runs in the fourth and the Mules were able to only answer with two.

King came on in relief in the fifth and set the Bobcats down in order with the help of Marricle's pick-off throw from home to first after a walk to begin the inning.

King led off the Mule's half of the fifth with a home

run blast over the fence in left center and Nuñez beat out a slow roller to third for a single. He moved to third on back-to-back wild pitches and scored on a sacrifice fly by Robby Bomer.

The two runs cut the Bobcat's advantage to 8-7 after five innings. The Bobcats were downed order in the sixth but the Mules could gain no ground.

Dimmitt doubled to right to start the final inning and drew a walk. A single to right scored one and a sacrifice fly scored the second and final run of the game.

The Dimmitt win put the Mules and the Bobcats in a tie for third place in the district with identical 3-4 records.

Lubbock Cooper continues to lead and has clinched at least a tie for the district crown with a perfect 7-0 record. Brownfield is in second place with a 4-3 record while Slaton and Littlefield are tied in the cellar with records of 2-5.

The Mules traveled to Brownfield on Tuesday to take on the Cubs and play at Cooper on Friday, April 18. The Mules' final regular season game is at home against the Wildcats of Littlefield April 18 at 7 p.m.

## Wood advances to Region I tennis tournament in Odessa

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Slaton hosted the District 2-3A tennis tournament April 9 and 10. Lindsey Wood took second in girl's singles by defeating the number one tournament seed, Kassadie Farrar of Brownfield.

Wood lost in the finals to Elizabeth Dominguez of

Slaton. She will play in the Region I tournament in Odessa April 23 and 24.

The doubles team of Summer Daniel and April Morgan advanced past the first round but lost in the quarterfinals. Timothy Villa and Eli Villa finished third in the boy's doubles.

Andrew Padilla finished fourth in the boy's singles and Tyler Wood dropped his first round match.

## Lady Mules recognized

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Individual honors for members of the 2003 Lady Mule basketball team continue to arrive. Mindy Locker and Shani Rasco recently participated in the Golden Spread All-Star games in Canyon.

Sara Benham was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Association All-State team and to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's second team All-State. Locker was named to both the TABC and TGCA Academic All-State teams.

Rasco has been chosen to participate in the TGCA All-Star game to be held in Austin in July.

Benham was chosen as a member of the first team All-Region team and Locker was named to the second team. Rasco was recently chosen to the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal's* All-South Plains team and Locker was named as Honorable Mention.

Benham was selected Player of the Year in class 3A and Lady Mule coach Shana Simms was named as 3A Coach of the Year. The *Amarillo Globe News* selected Benham to their Super Team in class 3A.

## Lady Mule grab fifth district track title

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mules ran away with their fifth district title in track by scoring 223 points during the meet held in Littlefield April 10. Muleshoe qualified 22 girls for the regional meet in Odessa April 25 and 26 by finishing first of second in an event.

Lubbock Cooper placed second with 130.3 points and was followed by Littlefield (69.6), Brownfield (62), Dimmitt (57) and Slaton (57).

The Lady Mules jump started their victory by taking the gold, silver and bronze in the high jump and pole vault in their 'Run for the Thumb.' They clinched the 5-peat win with first place finishes by the 800- and 1600-meter relay teams.

Shani Rasco and Madison Smith placed first and fourth in the discus with tosses of 108 feet, three inches and 89' 2". Jessica Withrow, Sara Benham and Brandi Wood took first, second and third in the high jump by clearing 5' 6", 5' 6" and 5' 0" respectively.

Withrow and Amber Cowart placed first and second in the long jump with

leaps of 17' 9 1/2" and 16' 3 1/4". Ashley Dickson, Cowart and Kasey Wood took first, second and third in the pole vault by clearing 8' 4", 7' 6" and 6' 0".

Smith and Rasco were fifth and sixth in the shot put with tosses of 29' 2 1/2" and 28' 7 1/2" and Lindsey Wood placed fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 32' 7".

Hillary Tipps and Mitci Hawkins finished third and fourth in the 3200-meter run with times of 13 minutes 36.15 seconds and 13:54.44. Ashley Gutierrez took first in the 800-meter run.

Withrow, Cowart and Charissa Conner placed first, third and fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with times of 15.68, 16.68 and 17.6. Jamie Carpenter finished second in the 100-meter dash with a 12.65.

The 800-meter relay team of Eva Pylant, B. Wood, K. Wood and Benham took the gold medal with a time of 1:51.16. Dickson finished third in the 400-meter dash with a 1:09.38. Withrow, Pylant and Cowart took first, second and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 48.29, 48.78 and 56.14.

Gutierrez, Hawkins and



Journal photo: Delton Wilhite

### High five!

Members of the district champion girls varsity track team give the camera a wave as they celebrate winning a district title for a fifth time in school history. The meet was held April 10.

Tipps finished first, second and fourth in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:03.38, 6:07.08 and 6:24.36 respectively. Pylant, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow took first in the 1600-meter relay with a 4:17.16.

The Lady Mules will participate in a regional qualifiers meet in Abernathy or Lamesa, April 17, before traveling to Odessa.

## Mule golf team qualifies for regionals

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mule golf team hung on to second place to qualify for the Region I tournament on the Ratliff Ranch Golf Course in Odessa April 21 and 22. Dimmitt hosted the final round of District 2-3A boy's golf April 7.

The Mules shot a team total of 327 to place second in tourney behind Slaton (305) and ahead of Littlefield (344). Ariel Flores tied for second low individual with a 75 and Trevor Turnbow tied for sixth with an 80.

Myles James followed with an 84, Trent Black an 88 and Kory Atwood finished

the course with a 94. Tatom Heathington was the Mules only junior varsity player in the tournament and finished the round with a 90.

Slaton took the district championship with a three-tournament total of 910 shots. The Mules followed with a 968 and Littlefield finished third with a 995.

As individuals, Flores finished in a tie for third with a 54-hole total of 226 and Turnbow was fifth with a 229. James was 18th with a 256, Black finished 19th with a 259 and Atwood was 23rd with a 264. Heathington finished in third in the junior varsity division with a 271.

Muleshoe golf coach Kodi Crane said, "These boys have worked really hard and I am happy they qualified for the regional tournament. We are trying to get in a tournament before we go to Odessa."

The Lady Mules were one member short of a team for the final tournament held in Littlefield April 9. Morgan Burton led the Lady Mules with a 106, Hillary Tipps followed with a 111 and Mandy Brantly finished with a 126.

Burton finished as 14th low individual with a three-tournament total of 330. Tipps finished 15th with a 332 and Brantly was 26th with a 400.

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# MHS students compete in UIL academic meet at home

Muleshoe High School hosted the District 2-AAA UIL Academic Meet March 28-29. Muleshoe competed against five other schools in the district, including Littlefield, Slaton, Brownfield, Lubbock-Cooper and Dimmitt.

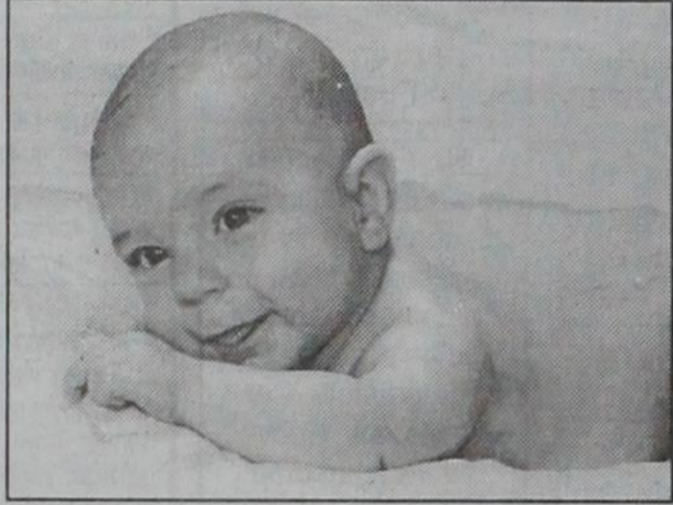
Muleshoe High School was the district meet academic champion with a total of 382 points. Lubbock-Cooper placed second with 282 points and Littlefield placed third with 265 points.

The following students competed and placed at the district meet:

Ashley Beggs, second in calculator applications; Ashley Beggs, first in calculator applications team; Kelsey Beggs, first in calculator applications team; Andrew Reeves, first in calculator applications team; Cami Jo Vandiver, first in calculator applications team; Gradee Adrian, third in computer applications; Jami Wedel, first in computer science; Andrew Reeves, second in computer science; Brant Wedel, third in computer science; Jami Wedel, first in computer science team; Andrew Reeves, first in computer science team; Brant Wedel, first in computer science team; Erica Whalin, first in computer science team; Louis Simpson, third in current events and issues; Jenny Hall, first in editorial writing; Timothy Villa, first in informative speaking; Ashley Beggs, third in informative speaking; Kelsey Beggs, third in Lincoln Douglas Debate; Timothy Villa, third in mathematics; Cory Ruthardt, first in persuasive speaking; Nick Ballanger, second poetry interpretation; Jason Beard, first in prose interpretation; Timothy Villa, second in prose interpretation; Gradee Adrian, first in science; Jami Wedel, third in science; Jami Wedel, top scorer in science/biology; Gradee Adrian, top scorer in science/chemistry; Gradee Adrian, first in science team; Jami Wedel, first in science team;

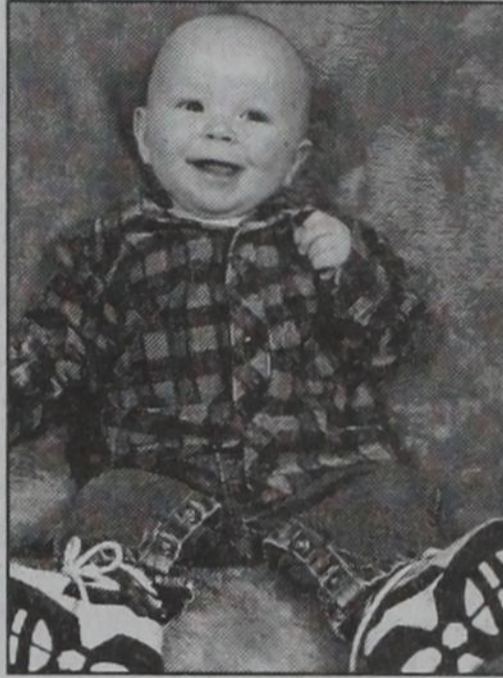
Tyler Wood, first in science team; Charissa Conner, first in science team; Andrew Reeves, fifth in calculator applications; Kelsey Beggs, sixth in calculator applications; Monica Posadas, fifth in computer applications; Shalisa Ladd, fifth in informative speaking; Cydni Vandiver, fifth in literary criticism; Erica Whalin, sixth in literary criticism; Cydni Vandiver, second in literary criticism team; Erica Whalin, second in literary criticism team; Jodi Hawkins, second in literary criticism team; Eva Pylant, second in literary criticism team; Gradee Adrian, fifth in mathematics; Kelsey Beggs fourth in news writing; Jason Beard, fourth in persuasive speaking; Stacy Mata, sixth in persuasive speaking; and Jami Wedel, sixth in ready writing.

Students advancing to 2003 Regionals are Gradee Adrian, Jami Wedel, Tyler Wood, Louis Simpson, Jason Beard, Timothy Villa, Nick Ballanger, Ashley Beggs, Kelsey Beggs, Andrew Reeves, Brant Wedel, Corey Ruthardt, Jenny Hall, Cami Jo Vandiver, Erica Whalin and Charissa Conner.



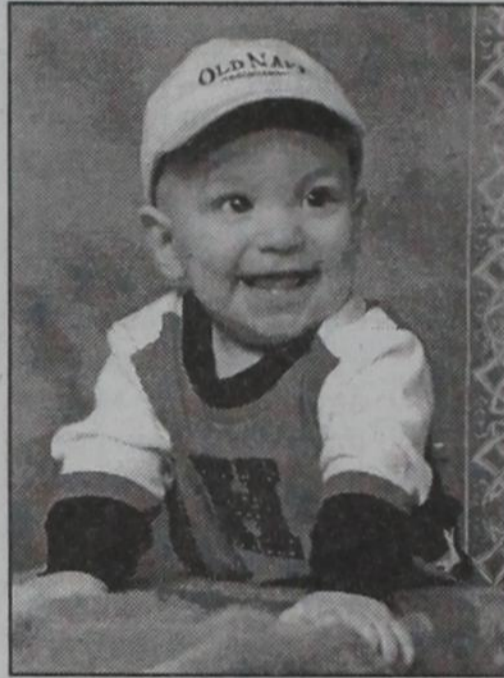
**Leefe Bryant Actkinson**

Born November 23, 2002 at Covenant in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 14 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Jeff and Robbi Actkinson. Grandparents are Johnny and Diane Actkinson and Gary and Joey Fly.



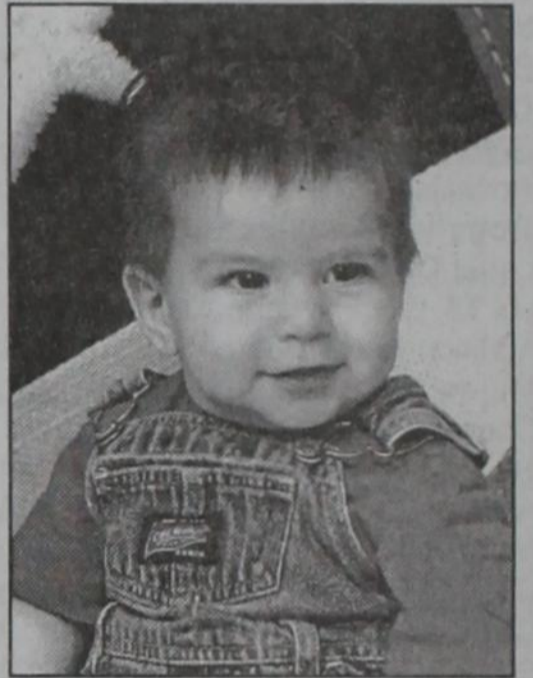
**Ethan Berry**

Born June 29, 2002 in Clovis, New Mexico. Weight at birth was 5 lbs. 15.8 oz., length 20". The proud parents are Jimmy and Rhonda Berry. Grandparents are Nelda Crawford and Barbara Berry.



**Garison Lane Bohler**

Born October 21, 2002 at Covenant in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 14 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Matt and Tina Bohler of Muleshoe. Grandparents are Jim and Terri Bohler and Tommy and Elaine Walker.



**Nolan Richard Flores**

Born September 2, 2002 in Pensacola, Florida. Weight at birth was 10 lbs. 8 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Rick and Erin Flores. Grandparents are "Shorty" Flores and John and Becky Jones, all of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Flo Jones of Muleshoe, and Jim and Nona Milner of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe.



**William Griffin Harlan**

Born October 17, 2002 in Lubbock. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 13 oz., length 22". The proud parents are Barak and Sarah Harlan. Grandparents are Sam and Jean Harlan.



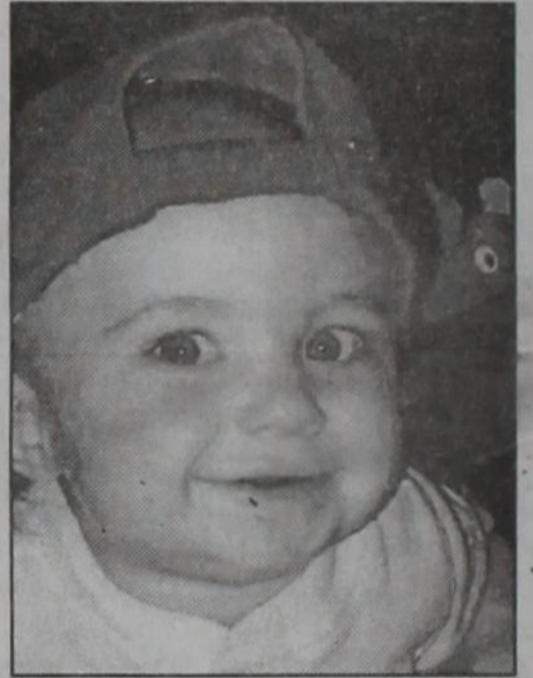
**Tatum Leyan Hasley**

Born November 7, 2002 in Muleshoe. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 3 oz., length 19 1/2". The proud parents are Robert and Cynthia Hasley. Grandparents are Charlie and Lela Villarreal and Theresa Hasley.



**Darrell Lewis**

Born November 1, 2002 in Clovis, New Mexico. Weight at birth was 8 lbs. 6.5 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Carlton Lewis and Sarah Gonzales. Grandparents are Clarence and Sadie Lewis.



**Brevin Luke McCool**

Born August 6, 2002 at in Hobbs, New Mexico. Weight at birth was 7 lbs. 10 oz., length 20". The proud parents are Jeff and Kristin McCool. Grandparents are Tony and LaDonna Holmans of Muleshoe and Gerald and Arlene McCool of Gulf Shore, Alabama.



**Hannah Marie Kay**

Born November 12, 2002 in Round Rock, Texas. Weight at birth was 8 lbs. 3 oz., length 20 1/4". The proud parents are John and Linda Kay. Grandparents are Pudd and Kay Wiseman and Ann Kay.

*Here are all the adorable 2002 Cutest Baby Contestants. Thanks to all for entering!*

**Judge's Choice for 2002 Muleshoe Journal Cutest Baby is....  
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**Reyneldo Alejandro Villarreal**

Born November 22, 2002 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Weight at birth was 6 lbs. 2 oz., length 19". The proud parents are Charles and Rosabelle Villarreal. Grandparents are Charlie and Lela Villarreal and Dalia Ortiz.



**Cheyayne Wilcox**

Born February 1, 2002 in Muleshoe. Weight at birth was 8 lbs. 15 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Dink and Barbra Wilcox. Grandparents are Richard and Beth Ellis of Wellington; Sheila Pitcock of Lazbuddie; and David Pitcock of Muleshoe.

**Congrats Hannah Marie!**  
*You've won a \$50 Savings Bond from 1st Bank of Muleshoe courtesy of the Muleshoe Journal!*



**Seth Allen Williams**

Born March 14, 2002 in San Antonio. Weight at birth was 8 lbs. 6 oz., length 21". The proud parents are Jason and Katy Williams of Pleasanton, Texas. Grandparents are John and Becky Jones of Muleshoe, and Jerry and Nona Williams of Water Valley, Texas. Great-grandparents are Flo Jones of Muleshoe and Jim and Nona Milner of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe.

## Cotton Counts scholarships are announced

College-bound high school seniors of US cotton producers can apply for three \$2,000 scholarships under the new Cotton Counts Scholarship Program.

Students must have a B average and plan to enroll in a 4-year ag-related curriculum in fall 2003. Applicants are asked to write an essay on the importance of cotton to US agriculture and provide a transcript and recommendation letter.

Applications, which will be available April 15, must be submitted by August 1, and a panel consisting of National Cotton Women's Committee (NCWC) and industry representatives will choose finalists. Winners will be announced in September, with funds distributed in October.

Applications are available from local Bayer and NCWC representatives or by contacting Cotton Counts Scholarship Headquarters at (630) 505-1100. More information is available at the NCC web site, <http://www.cotton.org>.