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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Dillman students

#### surpass fund-raiser goal

Over the past three weeks, Dillman Elementary students have been collecting money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the "Pennies for Patients" program.

Dillman students set a goal of 500 dollars to be collected over a three week period of time. School staff members announced that the goal has been not only met, but surpassed by \$261.64, which brings the total to \$761.64.

The students and parents of Dillman Elementary should be commended for their efforts to raise money for the patients inflicted with Leukemia, especially children.

School staff members appreciate the students' efforts and the community's continued support of all Dillman Elementary programs.

### National Wildlife Refuge

#### to celebrate centennial

As the National Wildlife Refuge System prepares to celebrate a century of conservation on March 14, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and over one hundred other National Wildlife Refuges are preparing commemorative time capsules, making this the largest dedication of time capsules in the new millennium. Across the country, wildlife refuges will host time capsule ceremonies, which will be open to the public and will showcase the unique artifacts that will be preserved for the next 100 years.

The Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge will have the general refuge brochure and the bird list in the time capsule ceremony taking place at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Austwell, Texas on March 14, 2003.



Drawing date: Saturday, Mar. 8  
Winning numbers: 14-24-29-30-35-47  
Estimated jackpot: \$19 million  
Winners: 0  
Next drawing: Wednesday, Mar. 12  
Estimated jackpot: \$23 million

## LOCAL WEATHER

More sun than clouds for Thursday. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 30s. Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm for Friday. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s. Partial sunshine for Saturday. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 30s. Isolated thunderstorms on Sunday. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast. Partly cloudy skies expected for next week through Wednesday with highs ranging from 67-77F and lows ranging from 28-34F.

General Manager Marshall Stinnett can be reached at 272-4536 or ctyankee@fivearea.com

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## Commissioners approve resolutions

By MARSHALL STINNETT  
Journal writer

The Bailey County Commissioners Court took a tour of the Bailey County Jail Complex during their regular meeting Monday. The Court was trying to determine how much of the present upstairs would properly house the Adult and Juvenile Probation offices plus the State Department of Public Services.

The question put to the Commissioners by County Judge Marilyn Cox was "do you want to include the remodeling in the cost of the new jail complex?" Commissioner C.E. Grant said, "Lets get an estimate. If we don't like it we don't have to take it."

Judge Cox then asked for a motion to get the estimates. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Joey Kindle was not in attendance because of an illness.

The Court approved two resolutions. The first is to establish a County Emergency Management Program. The second is to establish an Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program with the City of Muleshoe.

The Court received a clean audit from Certified Public Accountant Sandra Johnson who was hired to do the audit.

They also reviewed and approved the Sheriff's Department "racial profiling law" annual report. The report states that there were no complaints filed with the Bailey County Sheriff's Department where a deputy engaged in racial profiling.

The report also states that six Bailey County Deputies have completed their racial profiling report, one has not.

The Sheriff's Department stopped 119 Whites, 63 Hispanics and 12 Blacks.

## Randy Neugebauer names Bailey County campaign chairman

Randy Neugebauer, Republican candidate in the 19th District of Texas Congressional election, is proud to announce his campaign chairman for Bailey County.

Buck Campbell, a long-time community leader in Bailey County, will help coordinate Neugebauer's campaign efforts in the area.

"I am very pleased with the strong grass-roots response that my campaign has received," Neugebauer said.

"I believe that Neugebauer will be a great voice for all of our district's concerns in Congress and I look forward to helping bring his message to Bailey County residents," Campbell said.

Courtesy photo: Dan Throckmorton



### Historical move

The Figure 4 Ranch House made its way to Muleshoe's Heritage Center last Monday. The house, which was located south of Goodland, was donated by Alta Cates who also donated \$10,000 to help move the structure. The newest addition to the Heritage Center will eventually become a certified museum for Bailey County.

## Creator of Muleshoe memorial dies in Alpine

*Editor's note: Ronnie Dent was in San Diego for a John Deere convention when he stumbled across this obituary with ties to Muleshoe. The following obituary was written by Jack Williams for the San Diego Union-Tribune. It appeared in the Tribune on March 3, 2003. Dent shared it with the Journal. It's being reprinted by the Journal with grateful acknowledgment to and permission from Williams and the Tribune.*

### RORIE

The idea was to create animals and action figures from fi-

berglass molds. Some would be life-size logos, the better to promote a sports team, advertise a business or reflect the theme of a museum. For Mildred Rorie and her husband, Jim, it meant recasting a career.

Neither had done anything remotely like it when they joined Hazen Alkire in opening the Fiberglass Menagerie in Alpine in 1962.

Over the next 23 years, the company grew to be international, with Mrs. Rorie managing the Alpine Boulevard office and her husband showcasing their work on the road.

Among their most notable creations: a 13-foot-high white horse that adorned the scoreboard of the former Mile High Stadium, once home of the National Football League Denver Broncos.

Mrs. Rorie, who carried on the business for eight years after the death of her husband in 1977, died Jan. 29 at her home in Alpine. She was 83.

The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, said daughter Jerry Lynn Hanenburg.

In 1965, Mrs. Rorie and her husband became sole owners of

the Fiberglass Menagerie, which originated in a garage next to a service station, Flying A, that they operated for 12 years.

"Their first special order was a mule for a memorial in Muleshoe, Texas," Hanenburg said. "It was unveiled on the Fourth of July 1965 before more than 10,000 people."

In 1967, the Rories built a replica of Roy Rogers' horse, Trigger, which was mounted in front of the original Roy Rogers Museum in Apple Val-

see RORIE on page 2

## Lady Mules outrun Morton and Odessa in track

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mules track team ran away with the Morton Last Frontier Relays by racking up 145 points. They defeated Springlake-Earth with 128 points, Sundown 83, Littlefield 58, Friona 56 and Dimmitt 26.

Minerva Martinez placed sixth in the shot with a toss of 29 feet, one inch and Madison Smith finished third in the discus with a throw of 89' 8". Jessica Withrow and Sara Benham placed first and second

in the high jump by clearing 5'4" and Brandi Wood was third with a 4'10".

Withrow took the long jump with a leap of 17'5 1/4" and Benham was first in the triple jump with a 34'6" leap. Lindsey Wood placed fifth in the triple jump with distance of 30'2". Ashley Dickson cleared 7'7" to place first in the pole vault.

Ashley Gutierrez was second in the 800 meter run with a time of two minutes 40.6 seconds and Sarah Sexton was fifth with a 2:48.7. Mitci Hawkins placed fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:29.0.

Withrow took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a :48.68 and ran second in the 100-meter hurdles with a :16.64. Charissa Conner was third with a time of :18.14.

B. Wood, Benham, L. Wood and Jamie Carpenter placed first in the 400-meter relay with a :52.96. In the 1600-meter relay Benham, Withrow, B. Wood and L. Wood placed third with a time of 4:30.9.

The West Texas Relays in Odessa pro-

see LADY MULES on page 2

## FCCLA competes at regional meet in Amarillo

This past weekend, the Muleshoe High School Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization, which is advised by Mrs. Brenda Guzman, went to compete in Amarillo at the annual FCCLA Region I meeting.

Several participants of the organization including Cecilia Reyes, Keri Copley, Alex Agundis, Cassandra Martinez and Virginia

Estrada attended the meeting.

Seven teams were registered to compete in the S.T.A.R. Events competition. The teams consisted of Patricia Martinez and Laura Vasquez, who competed in Sr. Division Illustrated Talk; Laura Gonzales and Monique Rodriguez, who competed in Sr. Division Entrepreneurship; Mary Ester Heredia and Michelle

Metcalfe, who competed in Sr. Division Applied Technology; Jennifer Heredia and Veronica Eubanks, who competed in Sr. Division Chapter Service; Marisela Silva and Jennifer Kirby, who competed in Sr. Division Focus on Children; and Sergio Silva, who competed in Jr. Division Illustrated Talk.

Patricia Martinez and Laura Vasquez placed 2nd; Laura Gonzales and

Monique Rodriguez placed 3rd; Marisela Silva and Jennifer Kirby placed 4th; and Sergio Silva placed 3rd. All four teams have advanced to compete at the FCCLA State meeting which will be held in Fort Worth from May 7-9.

The Muleshoe FCCLA Chapter was also awarded the Treasurers Award for having the most participants attend the meeting for 3-A schools.



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## AROUND MULESHOE

### Parents to discuss upcoming event

Parents of band, choir, speech and art students are asked to attend a meeting Thursday, March 13 to discuss the upcoming Fine Arts Night To Shine. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room at Muleshoe High School. For more information, contact Beverly Beggs at 272-3864.

### Addresses for charitable giving listed

Anyone wishing to send a donation to a local charity may mail contributions to:

- Hope Chest, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347; and
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.
- Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, Box 125, Lazbuddie 79053.

### Public calendar

March 12 and 19 — Babe Ruth baseball signups will

## Former Muleshoe Mule remembers yesterday

By Kelli Dunbar  
Guest writer

With his cleats pressed firmly into the grass, he stepped onto the field awaiting the team's entrance. His uniform was a rich black, the stadium lights illuminated his helmet which was covered with stickers signifying the many Friday nights before.

His alma mater's banner stretched across in front of him and a chant could be heard from the other side. Soon smoke formed around the banner and Justin Matthew Turney, surrounded by his fellow Mules, burst through the banner, splitting it in two as he ran onto the field with sounds of the band and fans rang in his ears.

Turney, a 1999 Muleshoe graduate, keeps this scene vivid in his memory as he has just finished his final year in Division I-A football

at the University of North Texas in Denton. His college career was a successful one — consecutive conference championships, two bowl game appearances and one New Orleans Bowl championship.

He still recognizes how Muleshoe sports prepared him for all that was to come.

"I never could have accomplished the goals I set for myself without the support of the coaches and the community back home," Turney said. "All the coaches in Muleshoe helped me develop both on and off the field. They helped me develop a good work ethic and a desire to succeed," he added.



Turney

take place at Muleshoe State Bank from 5-6:30 p.m. both days. Kids age 13-15 as of August 1, 2003 are eligible to play.

**March 20** — 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., United Blood Services is conducting a blood drive at the First Assembly of God Church, 512 S. First, Muleshoe. For an appointment please contact UBS at 806-741-1752. Identification is required along with a list of medications and travel. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

**March 18** — 7 p.m. Hub Cowboy Fellowship services at the Hub Community Center, 1 1/2 mile south of intersection FM 214 and Hwy 86. Speaker will be Rick Beard and music will be provided by Kingswood Methodist Praise Team from Clovis. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering.

### Corrections

In the March 6 issue of the *Muleshoe Journal*, L.G. Layman was incorrectly identified during the Five Area annual meeting as L.B. Layman. The *Journal* regrets the error.

While in high school, Turney played on both the defensive and offensive lines. David Wood, current head football coach and athletic director in Muleshoe, said Turney's size and quickness helped him move from junior varsity to the varsity level in football his sophomore year.

"I fought a week for a chance to move up to varsity," said Turney. "I was able to start against Portales and several of the other linemen told me they were going to talk to Coach Wood to see if he would let me stay on varsity. And I did."

Once he reached varsity, Turney continued to progress in his abilities.

Turney said he didn't just play the game but really enjoyed it and Coach Wood took notice.

Wood recalls how easy it was to read what Turney

was thinking on the field.

"Matt would always put one leg back when he was

see **TURNEY** on page 2

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### RORIE

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ley.

With Rogers' permission, the Rories used the same mold to create a 1,300-pound bronco in 1975 for Mile High Stadium, which was the home of the Broncos through the 2001 season. The fiberglass bronco then was moved to the Broncos' new Invesco Field at Mile High.

Mrs. Rorie was born in Woolsey, Ark.. At 16, she moved with her family to Yuma, where she worked during the Depression at a Coronet's five-and-dime.

In 1937, while employed at the Double Dip ice cream parlor in downtown Yuma, she encountered a young man who told her he hadn't eaten in three days.

"She made him a large malt — on the house," Hanenburg said.

A relationship developed out of that kindness, and she married James H. Rorie on June 22, 1938.

The Rories moved in 1947 to Alpine. In addition to helping her husband operate the Flying A, Mrs. Rorie worked at a variety of venues, ranging from clothing and hardware stores to a market and a restaurant.

Once the Fiberglass Menagerie caught on, it began shipping fiberglass animals and other mascot figures around the world. Locally, mascots were created for the Granite Hills and El Cajon Valley high school campuses.

Mrs. Rorie's business

also supplied a likeness of a gorilla to the Alpine Museum and an elk replica to the El Cajon Elks Lodge.

She closed the business in 1985, selling the molds used to create the fiberglass figures to various buyers.

Survivors include her daughter, Jerry Lynn Hanenburg of El Cajon; son, Roger Rorie of El Cajon; sister, Blanche Qualls of El Centro; brother, Elmer Garrett of Yuma, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 4 at First Baptist Church of the Willows, Alpine. Donations are suggested to the Mildred L. Rorie memorial fund, in care of Jerry Hanenburg, California Trust Bank.

### LADY MULES

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vided the Lady Mules with more competition and the results were in doubt until the 1600-meter relay. Going into the final event of the meet, the Lady Mules knew they had to take one of the top two places to win the meet.

Benham, Withrow, Eva Pylant and B. Wood finished second with a time of 4:20.0 to give the Lady Mules first place in Division I and edge out the Canyon Lady Eagles by eight points.

Shani Rasco placed third in the discus with a toss of 111'8 1/2" and Withrow was second in the long jump with a leap of 16'8 1/2". Benham placed first in the triple jump with total jumps of 35'9".

Withrow, Benham and B. Wood took first, second and third in the high jump with leaps of 5' 3", 4'10" and 4'10" respectively. Gutierrez took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.76.

Withrow set a new Muleshoe record in the 100-

meter hurdles and placed second with a :15.62 and Amber Cowart placed sixth with a :16.85. Withrow took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of :47.72.

The team of Pylant, Carpenter, L. Wood and Benham placed third in the 800-meter relay with a 1:56.30.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Whiteface Relays March 14-15 in Hereford and will run on their home track in the Muleshoe Relays March 28.

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### Grandparent Appreciation

Family and friends gathered Saturday, March 8 to honor Shirley and Jim Hartline with an appreciation luncheon held at the Bailey County meeting room. Also pictured with the Hartlines is their great-granddaughter, Abrie "Littlebird."

### NURSING HOME NEWS

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class Thursday morning. Residents participating were Aline Locke, Delphine Gruda, Clota Belle Kelly, Gladys Wilson, Mary Johnson, Mary Manriquez and Ruby Clark.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Cowley directed a music program Thursday morning in the day room as well as the special care unit. Zona played the residents' old favorite fun songs as well as hymns and praise songs.

Thursday afternoon the residents met Eileen Morton, our new Director of Nursing, in the resident's council meeting.

The residents who had a birthday in February were honored with a party Thursday afternoon. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a Ty Beanie Baby attached to a balloon. Decorators Floral & Gifts gave each resident born in February a corsage for the ladies and a boutonniere for the men. Volunteers Plus and the activity department hosted the party and provided cake and punch for everyone attending as well as residents in their rooms. Rev. Jack and Debbie Stone entertained for the event.

Friday afternoon, Roland and Martha McCormick took the residents on an "arm chair" trip all across Canada. The McCormicks made comments and told of special events and landmarks as they made their film presentation.

Roma Davis' granddaughter, Denise Music from Florida, visited all of last week. Roma's daughter, Jane Reeder, also visited several times during the week.

The First United Methodist Church directed a Communion service and church services Sunday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directs a Communion service each Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell and

Harold Burge teach Bible study each Sunday morning.

Beverly Wagon, Beckye Conklin, Lanell Stancell, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson and Doloras Garrett shampooed and set hair on thirty-two ladies. Beverly Wagon gave hair cuts.

Guy Kendall was visited by his wife, Elsie Kendall, and Lewis Scoggin this week.

J.C. Shanks received several visits this week from his son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks.

Joe Embry, Glenda and Gary Dale, and Harold Burge were among our visitors Tuesday.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed the devotional and praise time Tuesday morning.

Students in Mrs. Guzman's class came Monday afternoon to direct and play bingo with the residents. They were Amy Burris, Maria Hernandez, Isela Flores, Jenny Toscano, Felisha Costilla, Kayla Spradling and Jenny Bush.

Muleshoe Senior Citizens gave a donation to Park View this week. Buster Kittrell delivered the check.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time. Mr. Burge read words of wisdom and things to make you chuckle while the residents had their refreshments. Cody Favor, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster directed the devotional/singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin came Wednesday afternoon to direct a sing-along in the day room as well as the special care unit.

Thursday, Helen Hall visited Jewell Peeler, Rick Hunter and Don Bruns.

Bill Lambert's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vandergrift from Cheyenne, Wyo., and his granddaughter, Debbie Truelocke, were here vis-

## Muleshoe golf teams to start district games

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mules took ninth with a total score of 352 in the 24-team Seminole Invitational March 5th on the Gaines County Golf Course. Ariel Flores set the pace for the Mules with a score of 80 and tied for sixth place individually.

Kory Atwood followed with an 86, Trevor Turnbow 90, Myles James 96 and Trent Black completed the round with 100. The Mules travel to Olton March 12 and begin district play March 24 in Slaton.

At the Friona Invitational, the Lady Mules placed fourth with tournament total of 470. Hillary Tipps tied for fifth individual to lead the team with a 106 and was fol-

lowed by Morgan Burton's twelfth place round with a 111.

Traci Chapman shot a 126, Mandy Brantley 127 and Bailey Barrier completed the round with a 136. The Lady Mules competed in Olton March 11 and open district play in Brownfield March 27.

The junior varsity Mules grabbed fourth in the Friona Varsity Invitational and were led by Tyler Sheets, first place 86. Landon Sheets followed with a 98 with a 15th place individual score.

Layne Sheets fired a 100, Tatom Heathington finished with a 105 and Caleb Heinrich completed the round with a 114. The J.V. Mules open district in Slaton March 24.

iting with him in his home. At this writing, Bill's family was planning a birthday party for him at the First Assembly of God Church. His birthday is March 9.

Residents having birthdays in March are Robbie Nowlin (March 5); Bill Lambert (March 9); Andy Hernandez (March 6); Dovie Matthews (March 30); Ruby Riley (March

15); and Audrey Magby (March 17). Happy Birthday to all!

Employees having March birthdays are Billie Rodriguez (March 1); Ruth Kitchens (March 3); Marie Hernandez; Lisa Johnson (March 19); and Patricia Flores (March 20).

Andy Hernandez celebrated his birthday Thursday, March 6.

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### Art students excel in V.A.S.E.

MHS art students winning honors at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (V.A.S.E.) competition in Lubbock and the Scholastic Arts Competition (S.A.) in Plainview are pictured (back row, from left) Jonathan Ayala, S.A. honorable mention; Andy Dale, excellent (2) V.A.S.E.; Chris Almanza, superior V.A.S.E.; Landon Wilson, S.A. honorable mention; Louis Simpson, S.A. portfolio sent to New York for national judging, (2) superior V.A.S.E.; Luis Sanchez, (2) excellent V.A.S.E.; Eric Villa, superior V.A.S.E.; Brandon Martinez, S.A. honorable mention; (middle row, from left) Judy Olguin, Jessica Hall, (2) superior V.A.S.E.; Christy Morgan, (2) superior, V.A.S.E., work chosen to go to V.A.S.E. State in Houston this April; Mayra Segura, superior V.A.S.E.; Baldamar Torres, excellent V.A.S.E.; (front row, from left) Summer Daniel, superior V.A.S.E.; Gradee Adrian, (2) S.A. Silver Keys, (2) superior V.A.S.E. Not pictured are Eva Pylant, superior V.A.S.E.; and Andrew Padilla, (2) superior V.A.S.E., work to go to V.A.S.E. State in April.

### COUNTY COURT NEWS

John Eric Embry was charged with driving while intoxicated. The case is set for the April 24 docket.

Joshua Brent Kitchens was charged with driving while intoxicated. The case is set for the April 24 docket.

Anthony Gilbert Buenrostro was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense. The case is set for the April 24 docket.

Cheryl Joyce Feagley was charged with driving while intoxicated second offense. Feagley was fined \$1,300 plus \$236 in court costs and given a sentence of 120 days

probated for two years.

Adam Anglin was charged with theft. Attorney status hearing is set for April 1.

Anthony Sanchez, who charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, failed to appear in court. Judge Cox ordered that a surety bond be released.

Joe Robert Rodriguez was charged with assault. The case is set for the April 24 docket.

Rolando Martinez was charged with theft by check. Martinez was sent a notice to get in touch with the county attorney immediately.

### HONORS

#### PACHECO

The West Texas A&M University Speech Team will close out its 2002-2003 season when it travels to Oxford, Miss., April 4-7 for the American Forensic Association (AFA) Nationals at the University of Mississippi. Thirteen students will represent WTAMU in 52 events.

Qualifying from Muleshoe was Louis Pacheco, sophomore speech communication major. Pacheco will represent WTAMU in prose, duo interpretation, dramatic interpretation, program oral interpretation and poetry.

#### NAVARRO

Ernest Navarro from Maple has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no

failing grades.

"It's always a pleasure to recognize the students who have been named to our honor lists," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for

academic affairs. "They have worked hard and demonstrated excellent study habits in order to maintain high grades and SPC is very proud of them."

### Tolerance as the Highest Virtue Is Way Over-Rated

That virtue our society speaks of as "tolerance" is, I think, vastly over-rated these days.

As a virtue, "tolerance" didn't make the list of the four "Cardinal Virtues" which were written about by Aristotle and Plato. According to my "research," those four were justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

A few hundred years later, writers, thinkers, and theologians like Augustine and Ambrose were talking about "seven" great virtues. To the four "cardinal" virtues just mentioned, they added three

written an article in *Touchstone* journal along these lines that I found interesting. He writes that, sadly, what the ancients thought of as virtues our modern society often looks at as just the opposite.

Buchanan talks about "prudence," for example.

Prudence, he says, is "the wisdom to discern right from wrong." It is also "showing sound judgment in practical affairs." At its heart, he writes, it is "the ability to discriminate good from bad or good from mediocre, or, better yet, good from very near good."

But, Buchanan writes, to be "discriminating," even in the very best sense of the word, is not considered virtuous at all these days. To the leaders of the Boy Scouts, it doesn't seem right, not prudent at all, to allow homosexual men to be the leaders and role models and camp directors of young boys. Or, to change the example, a prudent person might say that it doesn't seem, well, prudent, to "put men and women in close quarters on naval vessels." But both of those views seem a tad intolerant, our society says, and in a land where tolerance has trumped prudence, prudence is very little appreciated. It seems so moldy and old-fashioned. And so we tolerate just about everything from reality TV to the "behinds and belly buttons" styles for our daughters to same-sex marriages to abortion on demand to . . . and it's all very tolerant. Just not very prudent. But prudence is out and tolerance is in.

I think tolerance is way over-rated. If you'll be tolerant, next week I'll tell you why.



#### Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

"theological" virtues: faith, hope, and charity.

So, you see, "tolerance" doesn't specifically make it into the list of the four, the three, or the seven. Nor does "tolerance" show up on the Apostle Paul's list of the nine "fruits of the spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

But "tolerance" is still very big on our society's list, and since we as a society tend to be almost as contemptuous as we are ignorant of the wisdom of the past regarding "the virtues," I suppose we should be happy that anyone ever talks or thinks about "virtue" any more at all.

Thomas S. Buchanan has

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

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## TURNEY

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serious about getting to the ball carrier," Wood said. "Once, when he recovered a ball against Friona, he jumped up and nearly slipped to the ground he was so excited."

During Turney's final year of high school, the varsity team went undefeated in their district and defeated the Sanford Fritch Eagles in overtime in the bi-district round during the 1998 season. The season was over following one more play-off game at the area level.

Basketball and recruiting began for Turney, as he searched for the venue to begin the next chapter in his life.

Turney's father, Kenneth, knew it was time for his son to take the skills and opportunities he found playing football in Muleshoe and continue on to the next level. He helped Turney [Matt] meet his goals.

"I always kind of gave Matt challenges," Turney said. "His sophomore year I told him if he made varsity I'd paint a big 'M' on the field. He did and I did. Then when his senior year came around, I told him if he got a chance to play Division I-A football I'd buy him a new truck. I always gave him a challenge and he always met it," he said.

Wood commented that Turney possessed the qualities that would help him gain further success in football.

"Matt always worked hard playing football and he really had the size to go on and play at the college level," Wood said.

During his senior year, Turney made many recruiting trips and visited several colleges. West Texas A&M was the spot for Turney, until a cold day in January when he de-

cidated to make one more trip — this time to the University of North Texas (UNT).

Following the visit, Turney decided he wanted to be a part of the Mean Green Eagles.

"When I visited UNT, I was amazed at the small-town atmosphere and how welcome I felt there," Turney said. "This feeling and the chance to play Division I-A football were too good to pass up."

UNT's head football coach, Darrell Dickey, was not about to let Turney pass up the opportunity either. Dickey noticed several things about Turney that he felt made him an asset to the Mean Green.

"We liked Matt's character, academic and athletic ability," Dickey said. "This is what we look for in all our recruits," he added.

This one visit put UNT at the top of Turney's list and he soon signed a full scholarship.

Turney began his college years with many hours of intense workouts in the hot and humid Denton air before classroom doors were even open. In August, preparation for the Mean Green's coming season began with two-a-day workouts.

During his first season as an Eagle, Turney took the field for five games before injuring his knee during the sixth game against the Boise State Broncos. Disappointed, Turney remained on crutches for eight weeks.

"That injury was the most painful experience I've had in my life," Turney said. "Everything happens for a reason. I knew, the good Lord willing, things would work out for the best."

Turney was not about to let the injury hurt his career. Shortly afterwards, he became

a part of the offensive line where he would remain as the starting left tackle for the next three years.

Each year brought a routine of early morning workouts, classes during the day, late-night meetings and tough Saturday game nights. However, the hard hours Turney dedicated brought success.

Turney was awarded second team All-Sun Belt conference for his performances during the 2001 and 2002 seasons. He also had the opportunity to become a part of UNT history when the Mean Green went to the New Orleans Bowl two years in a row.

The Mean Green fell to the Colorado State Rams in 2001, but they returned to the 'Big Easy' in 2002 following a second conference title and this time defeated the Cincinnati Bearcats to win it all.

"New Orleans is one of the most exciting cities in the world," Turney said. "I was fortunate enough to visit the 'Big Easy' twice and end my collegiate career with a victory."

Turney finished his college football career with two bowl rings and priceless memories.

His father followed him through each season and witnessed each success, large and small.

"You can't put into words how proud I am of Matt," commented his dad. "It's one of those things you have to experience for yourself. People still

ask me about him and how he's doing. It really makes you feel good to be able to tell everybody about his success."

Football isn't all Turney has been dedicated to at UNT. He will graduate in May 2003 with a bachelor of applied arts and sciences in applied technology training and development and a minor in computer education cognitive systems.

Though his playing time has come to an end, Turney is not about to say goodbye to the game. He plans to continue by coaching football and other sports at the high school level. Currently, Turney is applying at various schools around the state of Texas.

Turney believes that no matter who or where they are, everyone should have a chance to pursue their goals just as he did.

"I feel very blessed to have had the opportunities I did in Muleshoe," Turney said. "Now my goal in life is to try and provide kids with chances to both academically and athletically better their lives."

Coach Dickey is confident Turney has what it takes. "Matt is a student of the game and has great people skills which will help him in coaching," Dickey said. "All he has to do is work hard and stay focused."

In just a matter of time Turney hopes to step out onto a high school field, this time leaving his cleats behind. He will walk toward the team

benches as his team plows through the banner. Though he has yet to discover what color their helmets will be, what the

alma mater is or even the number of players, Turney said he knows "the best is yet to come."

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### ARIES – March 21/April 20

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### TAURUS – April 21/May 21

Feeling adventurous, Taurus? Now's the time to follow your dream. Even if you like to stay close to home, you'll yearn for faraway places. Get on a plane and go.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Like it or not, you may have to rein in your impulses this week, Gemini, especially when it comes to shopping. Put yourself on a budget, and stick to it as best you can.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

It's time to take personal and professional relationships more seriously, Cancer. Swallow your pride and treat everyone as equals — even those who have treated you poorly in the past.

### LEO – July 23/August 23

If you've been thinking about making changes in your diet or exercise regimen, now's your chance. No matter how strong you are, it still pays to treat your body with respect.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Believe it or not, the good times are about to get better, this week. You're feeling confident and for once, you won't be afraid to take the kinds of risks that make things happen.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You've been moving so fast in recent weeks that you may not notice just how lucky you are. It's high time you slow down and count your blessings.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

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### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

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### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

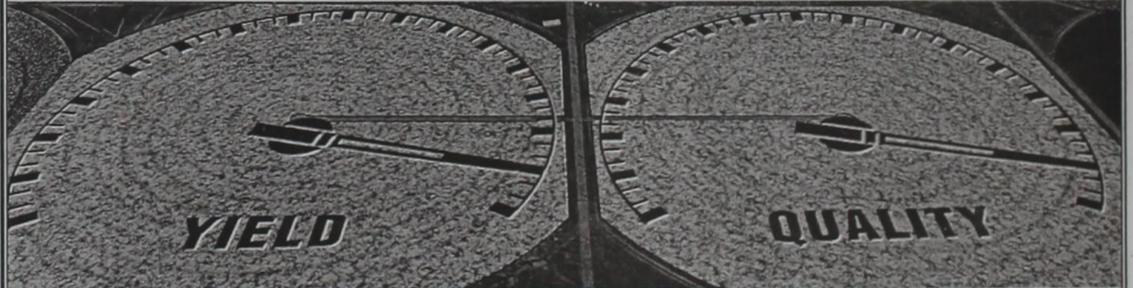
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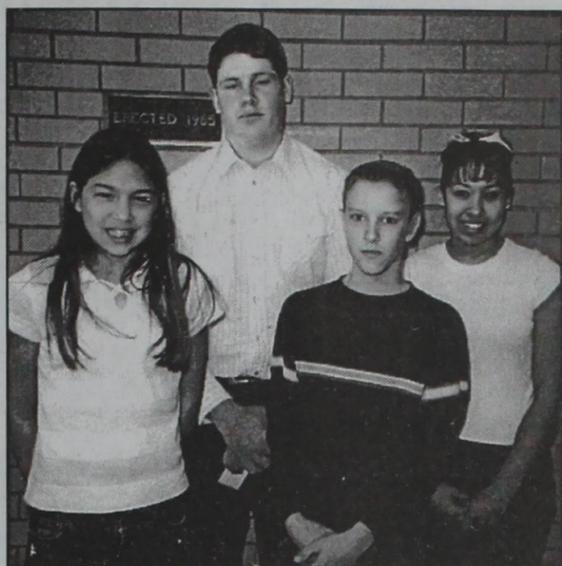
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# Lazbuddie honors students of the month for January

Important things to Brady Mimms are graduating, family and friends. Mimms is the 18-year-old son of Clay and Reta Mimms. His birthday is October 24. Brady feels September 11 (9-11) brought America together. Brady's favorite movie line is "Are you going to pull those pistols or whistle Dixie?" With a million dollars, Brady would buy a ranch. His favorites include hamburgers with fries, a horse and a trip to Taos, New Mexico. His fear factor is being left with no horse.

Miriam Hernandez is the 18-year-old daughter of Ramon and Carmella Hernandez. Important things to her are family and friends. Her birthday is



Pictured are (from left) Brianna Sanchez, Brady Mimms, Miriam Hernandez and Bryce Haney.

January 27. September 11 means she doesn't feel as safe as she used to. She plans to graduate from high school. Her favorite line from a movie was said by

Lonny in *Orange County*, "Dude, face your fear." With a million dollars, she would share with everyone. She likes all CDs, a hamburger and fries, dogs, rubies and a visit to Hawaii. Her fear factor is heights.

Bryce Haney is the son of Greg and Nedda Haney. His birthday is June 2. Friends, family, and food are very important to him. September 11 means we should know each other better and come together. Bryce plans to win the district track meet every year. His favorite movie line is from *Friday* when this guy De De wrecks on his skateboard and keeps getting into more trouble. A million dollars would buy stuff for him and his friends. His favorites are

*Linkin Park Reanimation* CD, spaghetti and meatballs, a white tiger, Chris Tucker, sapphires and a visit to Australia. His fear factor is spiders.

Brianna Sanchez is the daughter of Jr. and Chandra Sanchez. Her birthday is January 15. Family and friends are important things to her. September 11 means to her that no matter how hard the terrorists try, they can't take away our freedom. Her favorite movie line is from *Blue Crush*, "Don't spend your life not knowing what you could have done." If she won a million dollars, she would buy a Mustang convertible. Her favorites are Rick Springfield's CD *Jessie's Girl*, macaroni and cheese,

cheetahs, Julia Roberts, garnets and a vacation spot in Hawaii. Her fear factor is riding in an airplane.



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Fourth Grade — Jordan Hernandez and Colton Weaver.

Fifth Grade — Dylan Haney, Kayle Jesko and Kinzi Schacher.

Sixth Grade — Jacob Schacher, Brock Steinbock and Chase Timms.

Seventh Grade — Chelsea Nichols and Brittney Schacher.

Eighth Grade — Amberlee Steinbock.

Eleventh Grade — Shonnah Black, Katy Loudder, Robby Martin, Shawndee Nichols, Michelle Scott and Stephen Thomas.

Twelfth Grade — Dustin Bartlett, Andy Martin, Brady Mimms and Tobin Redwine.

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Seventh Grade — Laura Beliz, Regina Mata, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith and Dakota Williams.

Eighth Grade — Erica Derma, Amanda Harris, Kyra Kimbrough and Stephanie Williams.

Ninth Grade — Daniel Hefner and Dakota Pitcock.

Tenth Grade — Chris DeLeon, Mandy Haney, Ana Hernandez, Brett Mimms, Kayla Parham, Adam Pierce and Melanie Winders.

Eleventh Grade — Violet Aguilar, Thomas Garcia, Kelli Harris, Miriam Hernandez, Kera Lewandowski, Raul Mata, Bethenie Sanchez, Sterling Via and Kolby Wilkerson.

Twelfth Grade — Brittany Brakebili and Michelle Puckett.



Courtesy photo

### Spelling winners

The Amarillo Globe News Spelling Bee was held on Monday, March 3, 2003 in the Lazbuddie High School Auditorium. Winners in the Junior Bee were Kayle Jesko, first; Darin Ivy, second; Todd Nichols, third; and Savannah Sain, alternate. Winners of the Senior Bee were Darin Ivy, first; Brittney Schacher, second; Kayle Jesko, third; and Bryce Haney, alternate. Other participants in the Bee were Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Colton Weaver, Jordan Hernandez, Kinzi Schacher, Brock Steinbock, Ryan Mason, Leticia Mendoza, Mari Beliz, Francisco Tafoya and Amanda Hefner.



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Muleshoe ISD is very interested in the community's opinions on educational issues. Listed below are the Campus and District Forum members. The following people are the contacts for their respective campuses.

Muleshoe ISD invites you to share your ideas and concerns with these representatives and they will, in turn, bring these issues to their forums. We want your input!

### Dillman Elementary Campus Forum Members

Todd Newberry, principal  
Lenda Trussell, student services  
Priscilla Mestas, district administrator  
Sue Durham, teacher  
Kathy Ambriz, teacher  
Kim Berry, teacher  
Kimberly Nickels, teacher  
Dani Heathington, spec. edu. teacher  
Donna Mason, teacher assistant  
Donna Burton, non-teaching professional  
Frances Recio, parent  
Shonne Geissler, parent  
Norma Prather, community  
Joe Bollinger, business  
Noemi Mora, PTA representative

Stacy Conner, community  
Sandy Buenrostro, community  
Sheree Hunt, business  
Marta Ruis, parent  
Marilyn Riley, parent

### Muleshoe High School Campus Forum Members

Linda Flores, parent  
John Gulley, teacher  
Brenda Guzman, teacher  
Cindy Harrison, parent  
Bea Padilla, professional  
John Jones, teacher  
Alice Liles, teacher  
Victor Leal, business  
Diane Saylor, community  
Linda Wood, business

### Muleshoe ISD District Forum Members

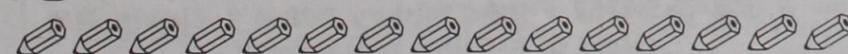
Kim Berry, teacher  
Lenda Trussell, non-teaching professional  
Dani Heathington, teacher  
Peggy Burnett, non-teaching professional  
Brenda Lackey, teacher  
Tonda Wood, teacher  
Barbara Turner, teacher  
Sandi Chitwood, teacher  
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David Keller, teacher  
Leslie Crane, teacher  
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## HERITAGE FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

Excitement could be felt at the monthly Heritage Foundation Board meeting Monday night, March 3 at the old Santa Fe Depot.

Yes, excitement! The Heritage Center is on the move again and something is going on in Muleshoe and Bailey County.

On February 28, the Figure 4 Ranch House from south Bailey County was set down at the Heritage Center. This large ranch house with a vital and interesting history will eventually become a certified museum for Bailey County. The house needs many repairs. So did the other old structures at the Center, but that didn't daunt this going community.

Heritage Board members are confident that area residents will be here to support this new venture.

Just look at the support the community offered in moving the Figure 4 Ranch House to the Center. Under the direction of Dan Throckmorton, president of the board, the Figure 4 Ranch House made slow progress to the Center leaving the Maple community about 9:30 a.m., arriving at the Center at 2:30 p.m. Bailey County Electric Co-op representatives were there to help raise wires and assist as needed. Getting closer to Muleshoe, representatives from Southwestern Public Service (SPS) and Five Area Telephone Cooperative were there to move poles and again assist as needed. Can everyone see why board members are optimistic about community support and cooperation? Representatives from these corporations and community residents understand how tremendously valuable the Heritage Center is to this area. Guests visiting the Heritage Center are often amazed that this small community has accomplished such a difficult feat.

Board members now ask for the community's continued support for the Center. Donations are appreciated and can be made to honor someone special, as a gift in memory of someone or perhaps just because the center is so unique for this area. Send your memorials and donations to the board secretary, Jenne McVicker, in care of the Heritage Foundation Board, Rt. 2 Box 369, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Board members present at the monthly meeting Monday night were McVicker, Throckmorton, Jim Allison, Ladene Spears, Sammie Simpson, Dianne Brown, Lonnie Adrian, Gene Rogers, Dustin Wilhite, Vivian White, Jean Allison, Larry Nickels and Center Hostess Dolores Harvey.

At the monthly meeting Throckmorton conducted the business meeting with Wilhite giving the opening prayer, McVicker read the minutes which were approved and the treasurer, White, made the financial statement which was also approved. Adrian, coordinator of the Tour de Muleshoe bike ride, gave an update for this event which will take place this year on June 14. He noted that sponsors have been obtained, including First Bank, Muleshoe State Bank, Leal's Restaurant, United Supermarket, Five Area Telephone Cooperative and Teletrust, Inc. of Lubbock. Adrian said that pamphlets about the bike ride are completed and have been sent out for advertising. Board members voted to buy tickets on Southwest Airlines to be given away at the drawing on the day of the ride.

Rogers gave a report about getting the service pole moved on the Center property in order to more easily see the new Heritage sign. He reported that SPS has agreed to move this pole at no cost to the Cen-

ter. Wilhite gave a report on his efforts to get the Center certified as a museum. He has done a great deal of work on this project and he read the new Mission Statement for the Center. This was approved by board members. He discussed the collection policy which will be established soon, and he will be meeting with the executive committee to finalize the policy soon. He assured the board that all of these steps are necessary in order for the Center to be certified as a museum. The executive committee will consist of Wilhite, chairperson, Throckmorton, president, Jim Allison, vice president, McVicker, secretary, White, treasurer, and Jean Allison, publicity chairperson.

Discussion was held on the roofing of the Figure 4 Ranch House and names were given of possible roofers. Roofing must be done soon in order to protect the inside of the house. White reported that Jerry Bruton will soon be ready to put a ceiling in the back of the Heritage Thrift Shop. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. If anyone would like to help with this

project, call White at 272-3370.

Wilhite reported that LaVonne McKillip suggested that the student history book done in her classes a number of years ago be used as a project for the Center. Further action will be taken on this matter later. Nickels reported that work is being done on the wooden windmill at the Center and will soon be completed. The meeting adjourned.



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**March 15, 1973** — Sharon Kelton was named as the 1973 FFA Princess at the Southwest Junior Livestock Show in Lubbock.  
Annie Porras was seriously injured when the car she was driving was hit by a truck driven by Willie Padilla. Porras' husband, Armando was a passenger in the car but was not injured.

Vickie L. Freeman was engaged to Ronnie G. Garner. The couple married March 16.  
Four young men were arrested in connection of a robbery and beating death of a 71-year-old Sudan man, John Everett Knox.  
Heavy clouds rolled across the plains bringing rain, followed by a tornado which left two inches of hail. The same storm brought ground fog and later in the evening brought high winds and snow which caused drifting up to 4 feet in the immediate area.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**March 14, 1963** — Fire destroyed the Vernon Puckett home, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Muleshoe, while the family was away. Mickey Merriott, then 3 years old and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Merriott, suffered a broken ankle when a girl backed up her car over the boy as he rode his tricycle across her driveway.

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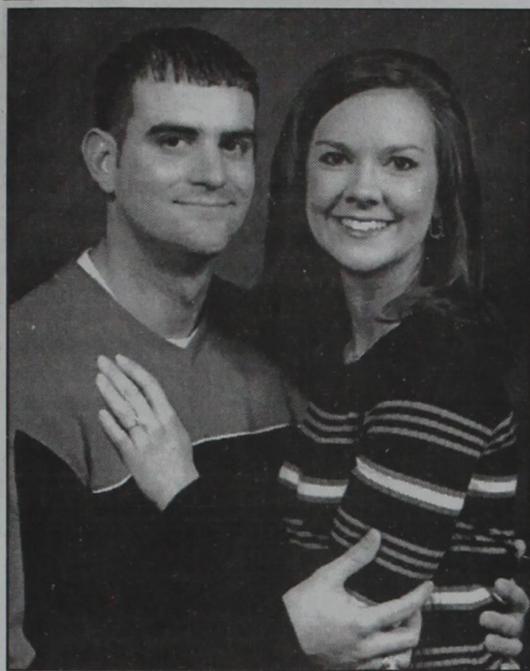
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# ENGAGEMENT



## BRUTON-BRISTOW

Jim and Linda Bruton of Eastland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cebia Lynn Bruton, to Bryan David Bristow, son of David and Paula Bristow of Covington, Texas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ancel Ashford of Muleshoe, the late Dorris Ashford, and John and Jewel Bruton. She is a graduate of Eastland High School and Tarleton State University with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is a third grade teacher at Coleman Elementary School in Cleburne, Texas. The prospective groom is a graduate of Itasca High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree. His is a coach and teacher at Covington ISD. The couple will wed on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Eastland.

# HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Feb. 27 — Benjamin Bradley, Bryan Diaz, Jesus Esparza, Marie Lane and Jewell B. Strong.

Feb. 29 — Celia Cardenas, Bryan Diaz, Jesus Esparza, Joseph H. Harbin, Ada L. Murrah and Jewell B. Strong.

March 1 — Dora Andrade, Gilbert Baca, Celia Cardenas, Bryan Diaz, Joline Franklin, Joseph H. Harbin, Jared Mendoza, Jewell B. Strong, Retha K. Tigue and Manuela M. Villarreal.

March 2 — Dora Andrade, Gilbert Baca, Celia Cardenas, Joline Franklin, Joseph H. Harbin, Jared Mendoza, Jewell B. Strong and Retha K. Tigue.

March 3 — None reported.

March 4 — Celia Cardenas, Mary Crane, Eloisa DeLaCruz, Camila M. Gonzales, Bobby Moore, Ruby Riley, Oddie L. Smith and Charles E. Teague.

March 5 — Celia Cardenas, Mary Crane, Deisy E. Estrada, Camila M. Gonzalez, Bobby Moore, Ruby Riley, Harry L. Sheets and Charles E. Teague.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Hello. My name is Tony Scolley. I work for Minsa Corporation east of town and have been an employee of the facility for the past 14 years. I also work as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Bailey County.

I write this letter to say "thank you" to the citizens of Bailey County who I have either helped or met because of my past three years as an officer of Bailey County.

Thank you Raul Ayala, Jim Barnes and Minsa Corporation for giving me the time off to perform some of the duties of reserve deputy. If it were not for my bosses letting me take vacation time to do various things required by my position, I would be unable to serve the citizens of Bailey County as they should be served.

Your "thank you" I received in the past was the best pay a person could ask for. I could not have picked a better county to volunteer my time in than Bailey County. Now, I feel that I should write this letter to return those two kind words back to you.

Thank you for calling on me when you needed a hand when your vehicle broke

down on the side of the road. Thank you for calling on me when your livestock ran away and needed finding.

Thank you for believing in my abilities to assist you in an accident.

Thank you for believing in my abilities when something you owned disappeared and I tried to recover it.

Thank you for letting me patrol your streets in an effort to keep the "bad guys" away.

Thank you for letting me be a part of what I feel is the best place for me to raise my children.

Thank you for letting me move here from the northeast without calling me those names "yankees" get called for not going back home.

Although I am considered a "yankee," I have lived here in Muleshoe since 1989 and have never regretted the move. Thank you citizens of Muleshoe and Bailey County for a wonderful living arrangement I could never have expected.

I say these things for this reason — I have made the decision to resign my position as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Bailey County. It's not something I wanted to do, but something I have

# TOPS NEWS

TOPS Club No. 34 met Thursday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. at their usual place in the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

Laverne James, leader called the meeting to order with the TOPS pledge and a prayer. Alma Robertson, song leader, led the group in singing the "Fellowship" song. Elaine Coburn, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Polly Otwell gave the treasurers report. Alene Bryant called the roll with eight members answering with the weight they had lost or gained.

Get well cards were signed by members to send to Jolene Franklin and Cheryl DeGraffenreid.

Laverne James read a letter from Ann Vinson, a former member, that had been received by Jewel Peeler.

An election of officers for the new year was held and they are Laverne James, leader; Rose Sain, co-leader; Polly Otwell, treasurer; and Elaine Coburn, secretary. Other officers were appointed by Laverne James, leader, were Linda White and Alene Bryant, weight recorder; Alma Robertson, song leader; Molly Davis, hospitality; and Retha Knowles, card sender.

The best loser for the week was Linda White, first runner-up was Rose Sain and second runner-up was Alma Robertson.

Best loser for the month of February was Jolene Franklin, first runner-up was Cheryl DeGraffenreid and Alene Bryant and Laverne James tied for second.

KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) best loser was Alma Robertson.

In the previous meeting, held February 27, Rose Sain brought a TOPS friendship quilt that had been made and quilted by Mae Provence and Nan Gatlin, former members of TOPS. Polly Otwell celebrated a birthday and the

"money" contest was started. Rose Sain and Polly Otwell tied for best loser and

Alene Bryant was first runner-up. Both meetings were

closed with the singing of the "Goodnight" song. Visitors are welcome!

By ROSE SAIN

# Thank You!

Life In Christ Academy would like to thank these businesses for donating items to our silent auction in February. And a big "thank you" goes to all who came and enjoyed dinner with us and to those who participated in different ways to make our event successful.

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# May honored with shower

Ashley May of Levelland was honored with a bridal shower Feb. 22 in the home of Sally Messenger.

The honoree is the daughter of Vicki Baker of Clovis and Danny May of Muleshoe, and the bride-elect of Landon Kerby of Levelland, son of Leslie and Susan Kerby of Muleshoe.

Special guests included the bride-elect's mother; her maternal grandmother, Jackie Denham; the prospective groom's mother; his maternal grandmother, Oecia Pointer, and his paternal grandmother, Olene Kerby; the bride-elect's aunts, Melinda Riley and Lynn Campbell; the prospective groom's aunts, Kay McCrary and Brenda Kelton; and his sister-in-law, Kylee Kerby.

Hostesses were Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Sandi Chitwood, Belinda



Ashley May poses at her bridal shower

Head, JoAnne Head, Kim Henry, Debbi Hutto, Georgette Isaac, Ricki Kelley, Patti Kent, Cindy Magby, Sally Messenger, Danna Perez, Della Puckett, Jo Rempe, Amanda Shelton, Diane Skipworth

and Wilma Smith. The hostesses gift was an outdoor grill.

The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe.

# Boll weevil program stays

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
The Texas Department of Agriculture announced today that cotton producers in the six counties of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted by almost a 5-to-1 margin to continue a boll weevil eradication program. Final results were 1,398 voting "for" and 280 voting "against" continuing an eradication program.

TDA issued 3,048 ballots to cotton producers in the zone who were eligible to vote in the referendum. A total of 1,678 ballots were postmarked by the Feb. 21 deadline and counted.

Cotton producers also elected John Saylor of Bailey County to represent the Northwest Plains Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Saylor is a cotton producer who has farmed in Bailey County since 1979.

Growers in the Northwest Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil

eradication program in March 1999 and a maximum assessment of \$12 per irrigated land acres and \$5 per dryland land acres to fund it. With producers voting to continue the program, the current assessment rate

was not affected. The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of approximately 500,000 acres in six counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Parmer and part of Randall.

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# Local baseball tourney starts Thursday

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Baseball teams from Abernathy, Friona, Lubbock Roosevelt, Denver City, Tahoka, Post, Dimmitt and Lockney will join the Mules to compete in the 1st Annual Muleshoe Invitational Tournament March 13-15.

The teams will compete in pool play on Thursday and Friday and then will be seeded in a single elimination bracket for Saturday. Games begin at 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The tournament is made up of some very strong area teams. Post is a strong team, Roosevelt is cur-

rently 9-1 and Denver City just won the Roosevelt tournament. Lockney was a playoff team last year, Friona made the playoffs and Tahoka was a regional finalist.

"We are a very young team and started two freshmen and four sophomores last weekend in the Lubbock Roosevelt Tournament," said Muleshoe baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez. "But they are working very hard and even after a very disappointing loss at Roosevelt, I had to run them off the field at 8:30 because we were leaving a nine the next morning."

He added, "By district we hope to have all the pieces

of the puzzle put together. Our pitching is coming along, if you had seen these kids throw the first day or two of practice and watch them now the difference is dramatic. But they still have a lot to learn."

Ramirez continued, "We are trying to set a new tradition of winning in a program that has not won much in recent years. The attitude of the kids has changed and if we can get our play to match our attitude we are going to be hard to beat."

"We held Denver City to only seven runs, which was the least of anyone in the tournament, but in each game we had a bad inning

that got us beat. We hope to have it together by district and compete for a playoff spot.

"We have no seniors this year and our junior varsity is made up of mostly freshman so we should really be strong next year and in the race for a district championship. Once we get the tradition started we will be able to keep it going," concluded Ramirez.

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## OBITUARIES

### ENGRAM

Church services were held Thursday, March 6, 2003 at First United Methodist Church for Millard C. "Jack" Engram, 92, of Sudan. The Rev. Monte Wike officiated. Burial with a Masonic graveside service was in the Sudan Cemetery in Sudan, Texas.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Engram was born September 10, 1910 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died March 4 at the Littlefield Hospitality House in Littlefield, Texas.

He married Ramona Mae Robinson in Clovis on January 13, 1932.

Mr. Engram farmed in the Texico and Farwell area and at one time he lived in Bovina. He worked for the Shamrock Oil and Gas Company for twelve years in the Dumas area. He moved to Sudan in 1952 from Sunray. He worked for Southwestern Public Service as a welder and a mechanic, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1944 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sudan.

He is survived by his

wife; two sons, Roy Engram of Canyon, Texas and Kim Engram of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Rena Popejoy of Sunray and Eloise McGalliard of Madisonville; twelve grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dr. Karen Rich, on October 4, 2002, and two grandsons, Terry Rich and Scot Baccus.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 4314 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas 79413.

### ONTIVEROZ

Church services were held Saturday, March 8, 2003 at the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe for Delores C. "Lola" Ontiveroz, 37, of Muleshoe. Rev. Jack Stone officiated. Rosary was said Friday, March 7 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Ontiveroz was born June 19, 1965 in Muleshoe. She died March 4, 2003 in Muleshoe Area Medical

Center.

She married Alvaro Ontiveroz in Muleshoe on March 23, 1996.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe where she had lived all her life. She worked as a bookkeeper for a retail store and later became a massage therapist.

Mrs. Ontiveroz is survived by her husband; three sons, Juan Ismael Olguin, Alvaro Ontiveroz Jr. and Alex Ray Villalobos, all of Muleshoe; one daughter, Felisha Nicole Costilla of Muleshoe; seven sisters, Rosario Garcia of Hondo, Texas, Luisa Porras of Big Spring, Margaret Villareal of Abilene, Ofilia Costilla of Dallas, Anita Flores and Valentina Costilla, both of Muleshoe, and Alice Gutierrez of Killeen, Texas; five brothers, Ysidro Costilla Jr. of Amarillo, Marcos Costilla of San Angelo, Joe Costilla of Anton, Gilbert Costilla of Lubbock, and Mario Costilla of Muleshoe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ysidro and Amelia Costilla, and two sisters, Audelia "Lela" Leal and Gloria Castorena.



# MULESHOE JOURNAL'S 9TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST

Enter any child born in 2002 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the April 17 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2002 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$12 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$12 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 21, 2003. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

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# Mule track team places third in Morton relays

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mules and J.V. Mules have competed in the Randall Relays in Canyon and the Last Frontier Relays in Morton this season. At Randall, A.J. Flores took second in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet nine and half inches.

Rey Martinez took fifth in the shot put with a toss of 43'2" and Tatom Heathington tied for sixth in the high jump by clearing 5' 8". Flores took third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11 minutes and 35 seconds.

Kory Atwood placed fifth in the discus for the J.V. Mules with a toss of 111'11" and Myles James and Jasson Hartline tied for fourth in the pole vault by clearing 9'0". Federico Arzola completed the 3200-meter run in 12:07.51 to finish in fifth place.

Eli Villa took fifth in the

800-meter run with a time of 2:17.58 and Eric Sanchez placed third in the 100-meter dash with a :12.29. The Mules tied for fourth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:43.41.

Arzola ran fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:35.09 and the J.V. Mules 1600-meter relay team placed fifth with a time of 4:03.36.

The Mules ran third in Morton with 81 points behind Friona with 128 and Littlefield's 105 and ahead of Springlake-Earth 55, Sundown 45 and Bovina with 39.5. Martinez took first in the shot put with a toss of 46' 1/2" and Heathington cleared 5'8" to take fifth in the high jump.

Rudy Gonzales tied for sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 38' 10" and Flores placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of :11.29. Daniel Campolla ran third in the 200-meter

dash with a :24.35.

Juan Reyes placed sixth in the 400-meter run and Gonzales was fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:34.0. Brady Black ran sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a :43.82.

The Mules 400-meter relay team of Reyes, Cobey Branscum, Campolla and Flores placed second with a time of :46.51. The 1600-meter relay team of Flores, Anthony Merino, Reyes and Landon Sheets placed first with a 3:46.6.

The J.V. Mules placed first at Morton with 118 points just ahead of Bovina with 117, Sundown 102, Friona 93, Littlefield 76 and Sudan with 52. Landon Wilson was fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17'7 1/2".

James and Hartline were second and third in the pole vault by clearing 9' and 8'6" respectively. Sanchez took fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of

:12.28 and Freddy Tovar, Trent Black and Edwardo Pulido took fourth, fifth and sixth in the 200-meter dash with times of :26.21, :26.47 and :26.54 respectively.

Wilson ran second in the 400-meter run with a :57.15 and Glen Scott and Villa were fourth and fifth

in the 800-meter run with times of 2:27.7 and 2:28.0 respectively. Arzola placed first in the 1600-meter run finishing with a 5:31.3.

Arzola, Daniel Caraveo and Ariel Flores ran second, third and fourth in the 3200-meter run with times of 11:55.7, 12:09.1 and 12:25.2 respectively.

James was sixth in the 300-hurdles with a :51.64.

The 400 and 1600-meter relay teams place first recording times of :48.23 and 3:56.8. The Mules will travel to Shallowater to run in the Mustang Relays March 14 and will defend their home track March 28 in the Muleshoe Relays.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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There were 142 fines. Six tickets were dismissed after driver's safety courses, 12 were deferred disposition and nine were dismissed af-

ter proof of insurance.

Fines totaled \$15,906.50 as compared with January's total of \$5,367.75. Bailey County keeps 60-percent of all fines according to last year's county records.

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Bailey County Commissioners Court appointed members to the Bailey County Historical Commission Monday.

Appointed were Vivian White, Julie Cagé, Tom Boutell, Maurine Hooten, Anne Camp, Jean Allison and Sammie Simpson.

Simpson and Allison are new members. The others are presently serving on the commission.

The commission members will serve for two years.

## BIRTH

### CHABOT

Rickey and Raygena Barrett of Muleshoe proudly announce the birth of a granddaughter, Haylee Brook Chabot, born at 5:15 p.m., March 10, 2003 in Lubbock.

She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Haylee has a big brother, Hunter Brock.

Her parents are Bill and Becky Chabot of Lubbock.

## EMS NEWS

In February, the Bailey County EMS was dispatched to 50 calls and treated 52 patients according to the monthly report given to the Bailey County Commissioners Court.

The County EMS handled 16 emergencies, 22 transfers and had 14 non-transports.

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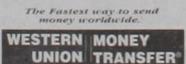
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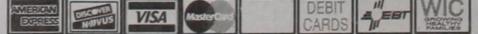
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