

NEWS BRIEFS

West Nile count up to 22

By VANETA GREGORY
Journal writer

Bruce Hinchey, laboratory manager at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, reports this week that the total count of West Nile cases they have confirmed this season is up to 22. Two cases of meningitis and/or encephalitis have been confirmed through cerebral spinal fluid samples.

"It seems to be slowing down," said Hinchey. "We haven't done as many tests lately. We are still getting a few positives back but not as many."

Ramon Sanchez-Mora, Jr., city employee, said the last time the city sprayed for mosquitos was Thursday morning (September 11). He was unsure when they would be spraying again.

City Councilman Black explains "nay" vote

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

City Councilman Clifford Black explained his votes against the city budget and the sewer and water rate increases to the *Journal* after Tuesday's city council meeting.

Black told the *Journal* his "basic reason" for opposing the budget was the additional police officer.

Black said, "With the problems we currently have with that department [the police department] I don't feel an additional officer is the answer."

Black told the *Journal* he voted against the water and sewer increases because the increases will be used to fund the additional officer.

On this date in history

September 18—Treaty with the Netherlands signed by Republic of Texas (1840). Dawson Massacre took place near the Salado Creek in Bexar County (1842).

September 20—Hurricane Beulah caused extensive damage to the Rio Grande Valley (1967).



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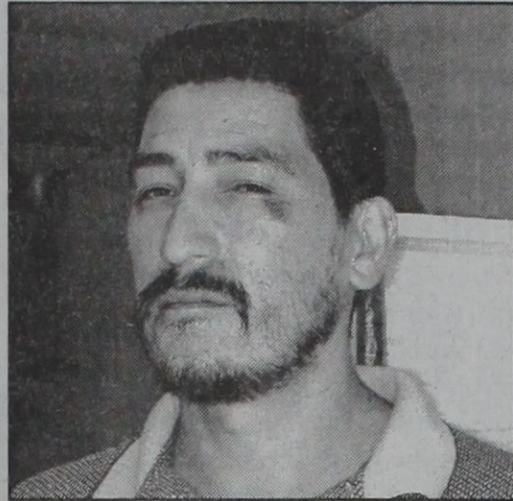
LOCAL WEATHER

Thursday should be windy with a mix of sun and clouds with highs in the lower 70s and lows in the upper 40s. On Friday, there is chance of showers with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s. On Saturday, expect a mix of sun and clouds with highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s, according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast.

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

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Couple complains about police brutality



Luis Daniel

By SCOT STINNETT
Journal writer

A complaint has been made by a Muleshoe couple against the Muleshoe Police Department, following an incident at their

home September 11.

Luis and MaryAnn Daniel filed the complaint with City Manager David Brunson, accusing the police department of police brutality.

The Daniels are protesting their treatment after Officer Rodney Stevens told them he was pursuing Javier Daniel to arrest him on an outstanding warrant.

Luis and MaryAnn Daniel are Javier Daniel's brother and sister-in-law.

The Daniels told the *Journal* that Officer Stevens was driving by the home of Luis Daniel's mother at 411 E. Ave. C when Stevens apparently saw Javier Daniel coming out of the home and stopped to arrest him on the warrant.

Javier Daniel's vehicle was parked in front of the home at the time of the incident.

Luis and MaryAnn said they saw Stevens running from the back of the house to the front and asked him what was going on.

The Daniels told the *Journal* that Stevens said he had seen Javier go inside the house. While Luis and MaryAnn were walking toward the house, Officer Johnny Bermea arrived at the scene. The couple said Bermea told them, "Ya'll tell him to get out of the house... But knowing ya'll, you're going to say he's not in there."

The Daniels said they went inside the house to see if Javier was inside, but did not find him.

"He wasn't inside," said Luis.

The couple exited the house and told Stevens that Javier was not inside. They

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City Council adopts budget for 2003-2004

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

By a 4-to-1 vote, the Muleshoe City Council passed a new budget for 2003-2004 and increased water and garbage rates Tuesday morning. Councilman Cliff Black voted against the budget and the utility increases.

The budget was passed after a long closed session during which the council did the annual evaluation of City Manager David Brunson. The council seemed pleased with Brunson's performance.

The council voted to raise the water and garbage rates for the first time since 1997. Both the new water and garbage are "weighted," increasing the most on high users according to Brunson.

The average water rates will increase per month as follows:

Low users.....\$1.39
Medium users.....1.87
High users.....7.61

The monthly sewer rate will increase:

Residential.....\$1.93
Commerical..... 3.14

The new budget calls for the hiring of a new patrolman for \$35,600 including fringe benefits.

Each city employee will receive a \$50 monthly salary increase in the new budget.

Capital outlay includes a city administration software update for \$3,600.

The police department will get a new backup power supply and two new patrol cars which will be financed for two years.

The department has a \$26,000 truck lease payment in the budget and a 10 percent match for a Forestry Service truck.

In the solid waste department, the city budgeted \$66,960 for equipment lease, \$5,000 for alley cleanup equipment and \$25,000 lease payment for a dozer.

The city also budgeted \$15,000 for restrooms for the east side park.

In other business, the council agreed to continue

to use Muleshoe State Bank as a depository and approved an Interlock Agree-

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Five Muleshoe youth charged in burglary

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Muleshoe police have charged five young men—two adults and three juveniles—with breaking into Muleshoe High School on September 8.

The five climbed on the roof of the building and tore down five new video cameras, then went down into the courtyard and burglarized the snack bar.

The two adults are

Fernando Romero, Jr. and Jose Luis Linares, Jr. Both have been indicted by the grand jury. The minors and Romero have been arrested. The police are still looking for Linares.

Office Benny Parker and Chief Carter told the *Journal* although the video cameras were damaged they still helped identify the thieves. The officers estimate the damages at \$3,500 to \$4,000.

Mustangs outrun Mules; Queen selected



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

2003 Homecoming Court

Queen candidates Kelsy Friskup, Amber Cowart, Tori Barton and Megan Mason surround Marlie Black (center), who was crowned homecoming queen before Friday's game against Shallowater.

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The homecoming celebration came to a halt for the Mules when the game started Friday night. A high snap from center on the first play of the game cost the Mules a safety and gave the Shallowater Mustangs a two-point head start with only nine ticks off the clock.

The Mustangs grabbed the momentum and raced away from the Mules 52-29 while racking up 543 total yards of offense. They rushed for 270 yards and passed for 273 more.

Eric Morris completed 14 of 22 passes and back-up quarterback Tyler Dippery completed six of nine. Eric Von Berg, Dakota Smith, and Josh Ramirez each caught a touchdown pass from Morris. Taylor Stoker was the Mustangs leading rusher with seven carries for 101 yards.

Not all the highlights belonged to the Mustangs as Landon Sheets completed 12 of 18 passes for 217 yards, two TDs and rushed for a third. Brian King plunged over from the three-yard line for the Mules' final touchdown.

Juan Nuñez nailed one extra point kick and missed one. Sheets ran over a two-point conversion from the swinging gate formation and threw a second to Tatom Heathington.

Juan Reyes was on the receiving end of five of Sheets' passes for 151 yards and two TDs. The first TD toss covered 60 yards and the second went 70 yards.

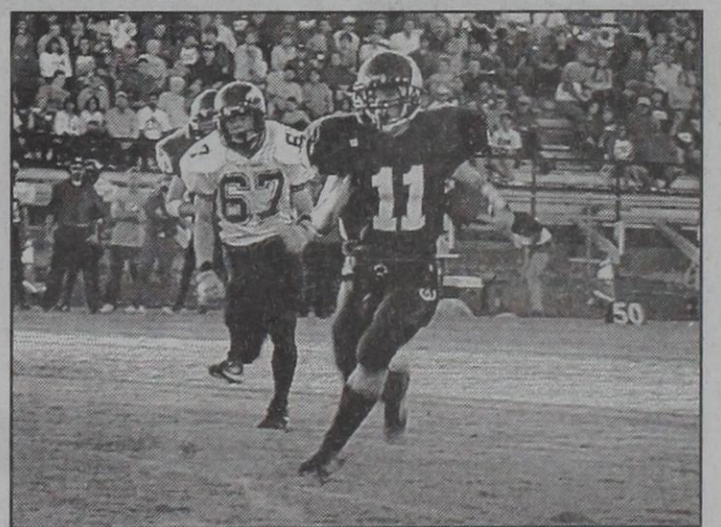
"The Shallowater game really prepared us for the future," said Mule coach David Wood. "We learned a lot from the game and we will not meet up with a team that has as much

talent as Shallowater until we get two or three games deep in the playoffs.

"The kids executed our game plan to perfection. We just didn't think Morris would be able to find receivers like he did. Our gameplan was to stop him from running and we did that. We got them out of their game plan.... We just didn't expect him to be able to throw that well."

Wood continued, "They had some holes in their defense and we exploited them. They will

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Mustangs beat Mules

Landon Sheets scrambles to avoid Shallowater's number 67 during the homecoming game last Friday. The final score was 52-29 in favor of Shallowater.

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AROUND MULESHOE

Concert to benefit welfare board

A dinner and free gospel concert will be held September 27 at the Bailey County Coliseum to benefit the Bailey County Child Welfare Board. There will be a charge for the meal with prices varying but the concert is free to the public. Food will be served at 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 7 p.m.

"Taste of Texas" Dinner to be held

A "Taste of Texas" dinner will be held Saturday, September 20 at the Littlefield Ag Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Brisket, ribs, chicken, beans and potato salad will be served for \$8 a plate. All proceeds will benefit the youth of Lamb County.

Juniors conduct cookie dough sale

Muleshoe High School Junior class is currently conducting a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Cheesecake fundraiser. The cookie dough comes in nine delicious flavors: Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Macadamia, Sugar, Brownie Peanut Butter Chip, Coconut Macaroon and M & M and a new flavor, Apple Berry. The cookie dough is packaged in 3 pound tubs. Each tub will make approximately 100 two-inch cookies or 48 one-ounce (huge) cookies. The dough will stay fresh up to two months in the refrigerator or six months in the freezer. You can scoop out and make as many or as few cookies as you want. Each tub sells for \$10. The cheesecake is seven inches in diameter and one and a half pounds. It comes in Cherry Jubilee, Triple Chocolate, Key Lime, Tortoise, Cookies & Cream and Manhattan flavors. Each cheesecake is \$10. To order your cookie dough, contact any Junior Class member or sponsor. The phone number at the High School is 272-7303. The sale will end September 29. Cookie dough and cheesecakes will be delivered approximately two weeks after the end of the sale. Class sponsors are Debbie Connor, Kimberly

Beard, John Gulley and April Smith. The Junior Class thanks everyone in advance for their support.

Athletic Booster Club to meet weekly

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Muleshoe High School Science Lab. Those interested in attending these meetings are encouraged to do so. Each week there is a business meeting and a short recap of the game by one of the coaches followed by the presentation of videotaped highlights of the game. Questions about the Athletic Booster Club may be directed to President David Marricle who can be reached at 272-4863.

Adult Learning enrollment begins

The Adult Learning Center is now enrolling for the fall semester. Enrollment will be held during the first and third week of every month. Walk-in enrollment will not be accepted at any other time. Participants are asked to commit to at least 6 hours a week. The center is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of every week. The center is located at 804 W. American Boulevard. For more information, contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766.

Public Calendar

September 18—South Plains Community Action Association is hosting orientation for Bailey County Citizens from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Muleshoe State Bank. The orientation is to explain the details of their homebuyer program, which assists low-income families with home purchase. Call Leonor or Janie at 272-7537 for more information.

September 21—A Blood Drive will be held at the Catholic Center of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donors should bring a list of current medications and a picture ID. All donors will receive a t-shirt. For an appointment contact Alex Garcia at 272-3549.

Muleshoe to celebrate 90th birthday

Muleshoe will be celebrating its 90th birthday and Muleshoe Heritage Center will be celebrating its 20th on Saturday, September 27, 2003.

The day's events will begin with a parade down Main Street starting at 10 a.m. followed with special activities and lunch at the Muleshoe Memorial

Afterwards, citizens can enjoy the afternoon visiting the Heritage Center Open House. The center is located on the north side of 21st block of American Blvd.,

Events at the center will include Jack Stone and group at 2 p.m. The group will play western as well as religious music.

All afternoon, children can enjoy the mule rides and everyone can enjoy viewing pictures of "old Muleshoe" which will be on special display at the center.

The center will also have a viewing of classic cars and vintage tractors. At 3 p.m., Jack Henderson and group will perform western swing music, followed by the judging of the classic cars

and tractors. Winners will receive trophies and mule bucks.

At 4 p.m., Mart Long, Rodney Russell and group will play a variety of music including golden oldies, western and religious. Jack Henderson and group will perform at 5:30 p.m., playing western and oldies.

Refreshments at the center will include tractor-made ice cream by Mike Slayden, brownies and cowboy coffee.

An annual membership meeting will be held at 6

p.m. with an update on the Heritage Center as well as special recognitions and special presentations. The meeting will also include an election of Heritage Board members for the coming year.

Tours of the Heritage Center will be given all afternoon by guides dressed in vintage clothing.

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ment with Bailey County to help L&L Pallet expand.

The council also agreed to a 10 percent match to a \$340,000 grant from the federally assisted Airport Development Grant for the Muleshoe Airport.

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said Stevens refused to believe them, saying, "I saw him go in there."

The Daniels told the *Journal* that Stevens told them to go inside again and get Javier out. Luis said he refused because "there was no one in there" and told Stevens he needed a search warrant to go inside. Luis said Stevens responded to the comment about the search warrant by saying he "didn't need one," at which time he threatened to arrest Luis for hindering his investigation.

Luis said he told Stevens he couldn't be arrested for hindering. He said Stevens responded that he could "do anything" and grabbed Luis by the arm.

Daniel said Bermea assisted by turning him around and telling him he was being arrested for hin-

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be working this week to get themselves better also. We executed on both sides of the ball and I was very pleased with that.

"I am never pleased with a score like that and our kids can never accept

dering.

Luis told the *Journal* the officers threw him to the ground, causing him to land face first. He said Officer Bermea then placed his knee on Luis' face.

He was handcuffed and placed in a patrol unit.

After his arrest, Luis said other officers arrived, including Benny Parker, Otis Carpenter and Shane Kirk. Leonor Arrieta, Luis' sister, had also arrived at the scene and was asked by the officers if they could enter her mother's home.

Luis and MaryAnn said Stevens was told by fellow officers that Javier was not inside the home, but Stevens insisted on an-

something like that. They are hungry and want to get better and never allow a game like that to happen again," concluded Wood.

The Mules travel to Friona next Friday to meet the Chieftains at 7:30 p.m.

other search. Parker, Carpenter, Kirk, Arrieta and MaryAnn all went back into the home, but found nothing.

The Daniels said Parker told Stevens he had to release Luis because he had told the truth about Javier not being in the home. Luis said Parker approached him and told him that if the officers wanted to they could arrest him, but did not state what he could be arrested for. Luis was then released, he said.

"This is what you call 'good cops' in Muleshoe," Luis said.

City Manager David Brunson and Chief of Police Don Carter said they could not comment because they are conducting a formal investigation concerning this incident.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Us!

90th Birthday Bash For Muleshoe

September 27, 2003

Parade..... 10:00 A.M.
There is no particular theme for this celebration parade...anything goes! Line up at the south end of Main about 9:15 A.M. on Saturday morning. Old cars, trucks and vintage tractors are welcome and will be judged at 3 P.M. on the Heritage Center parking lot located on the 2100 block of American Blvd.

Lunch..... Following Parade
Join us on the Chamber deck for a meal of cornbread and beans being sold as a fund-raiser by the WJHS cheerleaders. Then there will be birthday cake and ice cream for everyone. Ice cream will be sold by the Boy Scouts and the cake will be free. If you would like to make a cake for the "Birthday Bash," call the Chamber office at 272-4248 or 272-4071. Eight by eight inch layer cakes are needed. Bring your unfrosted cakes to the Chamber on Friday by 8:00 P.M.

Recognition Plaque Presentation..... 11:30 A.M.
The presentation will be made on the deck of the Chamber of Commerce office where "Ole Pete" stands.

Heritage Center Tours..... All Afternoon
Annual public meeting begins at the Heritage Center at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Vintage Car Judging..... 3:00-3:30 P.M.
(Heritage Center parking lot) Winners will be awarded MULEBUCKS.

FREE Putt-Putt Golf... 1:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Play putt-putt golf at the Muleshoe Putt-Putt Golf Course located just west of (and adjacent to) the Heritage Center courtesy of the Muleshoe Jennyslippers.

Music at the Heritage Center..... All Afternoon

Oneita Wagon Senior Center..... Main St.
Stop by the senior center to rest and tour the new facility all afternoon.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Ronnie Garcia pled guilty to a second offense of driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$1,300 plus \$236 in costs and sentenced to 120 days probated for two years. Garcia lost his driver's license for one year.

Russell Neal Warren pled guilty to evading arrest. He was fined \$400 plus \$236 in costs and sentenced to 90 days probated for one year.

Reynaldo Carranza was found guilty by the court of assault on a family member. He was sentenced to 120 days to serve and fined \$1,000 plus \$236 in costs.

Floyd Shane Burris was charged with a motion to revoke probation. Probation was continued until May 19, 2003. He was fined \$211 in costs.

Luis Iparreia failed to appear to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Rodrigo Mendoza pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$236 in costs and sentenced to 90 days probated for one year.

Rogelio Trevizo Terrazas pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 90 days to serve and fined \$650 plus \$201 in costs.

Chad D. James is charged with driving while intoxicated. He was sent a notice to appear on September 30.

Esteban Junior Torres, III, is charged with driving while intoxicated. He was sent a notice to appear on October 7.

Martin Sigala was sent a notice to appear on October 30 to answer a charge of theft.

Rotarians continue tree project

Members of the Muleshoe Rotary Club planted 30 more trees in the Muleshoe City Park last May. The club is currently applying for another grant from the Chapman Forestry Foundation.

Rotary member Wanda Hooten said, "As we beautify the park, we apply for more grants. That money plus the money donated for memorial plaques is used to keep planting more trees in the park."

Persons who wish to have a tree planted in the memory of a loved one can pay \$100 to purchase the tree and the memorial plaque which will be set in concrete by the tree. On their workdays in July, August and September, rotary members set out all of the memorial plaques which have been received.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a tree may do so by calling Mark Morton at 272-7519, Sandy Vandevender at 272-5533, Phil Kent at 272-4515 or any rotary member.



Journal photo: Vaneta Gregory

Business of the month

Five Area Telecommunications, Inc., was selected as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for September. Pictured are (from left) Felicia Mumau, Paulette Foster, Danna Perez, Cieta Robertson, Sharla Saylor, Sandy Vandevender, Heather Foley and Jan Thompson.



Journal photo: Vaneta Gregory

Employee of the month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce has selected Jimmie Kay Moore (holding certificate) as the employee of the month for September. Moore works at Mohawk Auto Parts. Pictured are (from left) Dewey and Judy Moore, Jimmie and Lynn Moore, Heather Foley and Jan Thompson.

Seventh grade Mules brand Mustangs 12-0

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules pitched a shutout against the Shallowater Mustangs last Thursday in their season opener. The young Mules scored in the first and final quarters to brand the Mustangs 12-0.

Shallowater could not move the ball against the Mules and were forced to punt. Victor Vasquez returned the punt 10 yards to the Mustang 45. Vasquez and Lane Wood combined to march the Mules to the 28 on five plays.

Vasquez took a pitch wide and scurried the final 28 yards to paydirt with 18 seconds remaining in the first frame. The two-point conversion failed and the Mules led 6-0 through the next two periods.

Roman Martinez kicked off for the Mules following the TD. The ball came off the side of his foot and spun like a top on the Shallowater 48 before a Mule was able to beat the Mustangs to the ball.

Wes Wood connected with Austin Wright for a 23-yard gain and moved the Mules to the 25. A motion penalty and a sack moved the Mules back to the 44 to force the Mules to punt.

Neither team could mount a sustained drive for the balance of the first half.

Jackson Meyers returned the

opening kick of the second half to the Mule 39. The Mules drove from the 39 to the Shallowater 18 and held the ball the entire third period.

Vasquez again took a pitch wide around the right side of the Mule line from the 12 and cut back against the grain picking up off side blockers and scampered into the end zone for the Mules second and final tally.

A Mule miscue gave the Mustangs a scoring opportunity late in the final period. Illegal procedure penalties moved Shallowater back and the Mules held their ground as time expired.

The Mules travel to Friona Thursday September 18 to face the Braves at 5:30.

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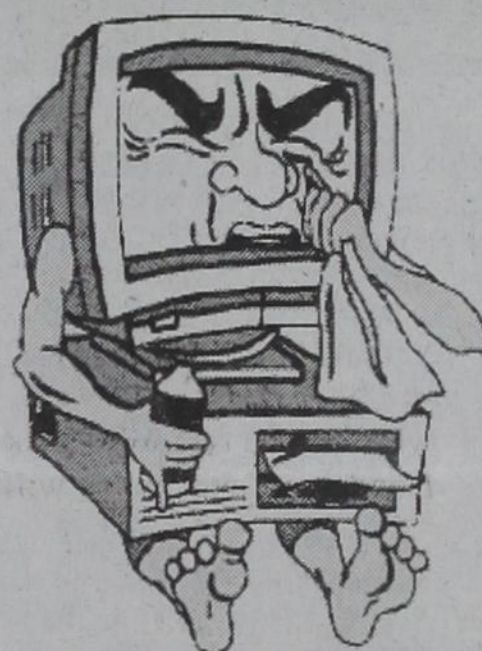
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NURSING HOME NEWS

Bertie Purcell and Pat Young visited Juanita Teague and Mollie Johnston recently.

Christine Newsom was visited by her daughters. Minnie Newsom was one

of her daughters who visited.

Rose Sain and Velma Jones visited Nan Gatlin this week.

Mable Regel was visited by her son, Rick Regel, and

her sister, Brownie Wiseman. Elsie Damon was also visited by Wiseman and other friends and family members.

Janice Bradshaw came to see Marie Lane this week. Woody Lambert and Frieda Foss visited Marie and Bill Lambert this week.

Monday morning, Rev. Jack and Debbie Stone directed a memorial service for Mrs. Magby.

The Ladies Circle from United Methodist Church met in Park View's sun room on hall three Monday afternoon. Clydetta Mitchell, Vere Fox and Jack Graves met with the ladies.

Mrs. Guzman's class came Monday from M.H.S. to decorate the halls for homecoming. The students also hosted the bingo bash.

Jim Kee's family honored him on his birthday Saturday. Mr. Kee had birthday cake, opened gifts, cards and spent time with his family.

"We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Riehl Williams. He shall be missed."

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a praise and worship service Tuesday morning.

Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale, Linda Nowell, Beverly Wagnon, Claudine Embry and the activity department shampooed and set the ladies hair. Beverly and Pat Clark gave hair cuts and Linda Nowell gave manicures Tuesday afternoon.

Joe Embry and Harold Burge were among our visi-

tors Tuesday afternoon.

Ed and Donna Nickels visit Johnnie Kimbrough daily.

The Followers Sunday school class of First Baptist Church gave a donation to Park View.

Ruby Riley was visited by her daughter-in-law, Carolyn Riley, Tuesday afternoon.

Howard Awbrey was visited by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Awbrey Monday.

"Happy birthday" to all the residents having a birthday in September, including Jim Kee (Sept. 6), Aliene Locke (Sept. 10) and Alda Odom (Sept. 6).

The September birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, September 25 at 3 p.m.

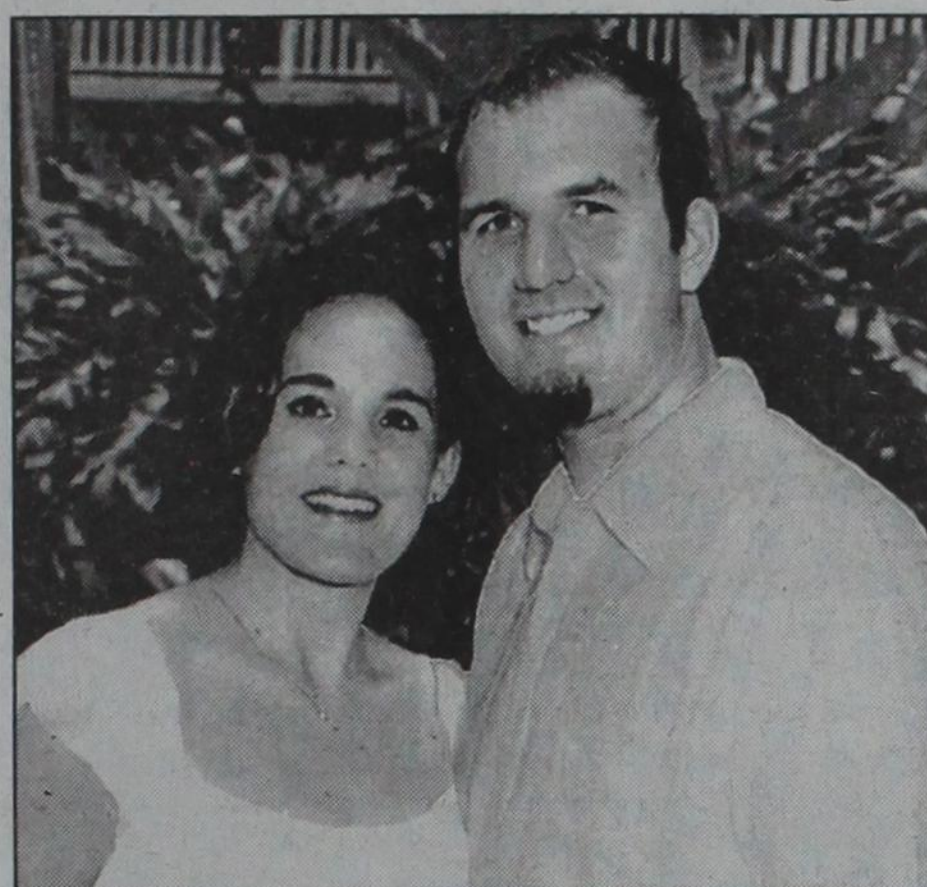
Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Buster Kittrell served

coffee and donuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Harold read to the group and directed a discussion. Mr. Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed our sing-along.

Glenda Jennings brought a guest to the sing-along puppet show Wednesday afternoon. We welcome Joyce Bristoe from the Lazbuddie community.

Aliene Locke had dinner with her daughter, Donna Locker, Wednesday in celebration of Mrs. Locke's 88th birthday. She received many gifts, cards and visits on "her" day. She received a visit from her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wittenburg of Levelland, and Marquita Adamson of Muleshoe. Locke was sweetheart of the week on Channel 6.

Chitwood-Duncan united in marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Hal Duncan

Kristin Chitwood and Hal Duncan were united in marriage Saturday, August 30, 2003 on a white sand beach at the Radisson Resort in Marco Island, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Sandi Chitwood of Muleshoe. The groom is the son of Dr. Harold and Joy Duncan of

Dallas and Don and Rachel Scott of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The bride is employed by Harris HEB Hospital and the groom by Panavision of Dallas. The couple will reside in Euless, Texas.

A reception to be held on February 21, 2004 will be hosted by the bride's parents in Fort Worth.

HERITAGE BOARD NEWS

Excitement about the open house to be held at the Heritage Center all afternoon on September 27 in conjunction with Muleshoe's "90th Birthday Bash" was the main agenda for the regular board meeting of the Heritage Foundation on Monday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

Board members present were Dan Throckmorton, president; Jim Allison, vice president; Vivian White, treasurer; Jean Allison, publicity chairwoman; and members Larry Nickels, Dustin Wilhite, Lonnie Adrian, Ladene Spears, and Sammie Simpson, and center hostess Dolores Harvey along with guest Phillip Hall.

Members first viewed a video made by guest Phillip Hall which he made at the Heritage Center for a class he is taking at ENMU. Phillip made an "A" on this project.

The business meeting was conducted by the president and the opening prayer was given by Wilhite. Minutes submitted by the secretary McVicker were read and approved as was the treasurer's report given by White.

A discussion followed about insurance for the center and members voted to continue the insurance. The Heritage Foundation is in the process of buying the Muleplex building located near the recently located Figure 4 Ranch House. Members voted for Throckmorton to act as Heritage representative in this process.

The Figure 4 Ranch House now has a new roof and is in the process of getting a paint job. Throckmorton reported that windows and doors are currently being repaired and all of the boards of the house have been nailed down. Hopefully, painting will be completed before September 27.

Members then gave re-

ports about the open house and annual membership meeting to be held at the center on September 27. Ji. Allison reported that membership letters will soon be sent out and Je. Allison told of some of the entertainment expected for this afternoon and night.

The Jack Henderson group will be playing through the afternoon and night. Jack Stone and his group will sing and play at 3 p.m.

Classic cars and vintage tractors will be on display after the parade at the center for public viewing and judging at 3 p.m.

It was noted that mules with a cart hopefully for rides will also be at the center on this afternoon. The president reported that Mike Slayden will again furnish tractor-made ice cream (a unique novelty) to be served immediately before the annual membership meeting which will begin at 6 p.m. Cookies, punch and brownies will be served throughout the afternoon and evening. Je. Allison noted that Student-Community Action Club members will be making a presentation as well as helping with all activities on this special day.

Nickels gave a report about the windmill which he had made and is now at the center. It was made as a model of the Eclipse Windmill which was popular from 1880-1920 and later the Standard, an exact copy of the Eclipse. Members decided to have a "windmill raising" later as a money-making project.

White resigned from going to the Heritage Thrift Shop on Friday and Saturdays due to health problems. She agreed to continue keeping the books of the Thrift Shop as well as being treasurer of the board. Spears will take over this position as she has been a valuable worker there for a number of years.

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FINE ARTS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

M.H.S. Fine Arts Booster Club Public Relations Officer Gilbert Baca dropped by the office last week to let the *Journal* in on some of the projects the club is currently working on and to inform the people of Muleshoe about where club money comes from and what it supports.

The Fine Arts Boosters support the junior high and high school band, choir, speech and art programs by "doing what it takes when it takes it" according to Baca.

"We help buy uniforms and supplies, rent vans to take students to various competitions and whatever else the kids need throughout the year," said Baca.

It's both the responsibility of the club and school officials to know just when and where the club's help is needed according to Baca.

"It's a combination of looking ahead to upcoming events and hearing school officials' requests," he said.

The school district provides "core" supplies — a place to practice, teachers, etc. "It's our commitment as an organization to help supply the things that, financially, the school district just can't supply," Baca said.

He added, "I believe that it's the responsibility of the community to help educate our children and to make programs like these available to them."

Baca "guesstimates" that the Fine Arts Booster Club supports about 450 students per school year. And between the club and efforts on the part of students in the programs, about five to twelve thousand dollars are raised each year.

"It's because of the generous donations of the community and parents that the kids benefit from the club. It wouldn't be possible without the people of Muleshoe," he said.

Each organization raises funds in various ways. "The band sells products. The choir sings at various events and does a special fund-raising effort around Valentine's Day. Fund-raising varies from year to year and from program to program," Baca said. "And we want the community to know that their time is as important to our organization and to school pro-

grams as their financial support is."

According to Baca, students themselves raise approximately 35 to 50 percent of the money they need for various activities, including trips.

The concession stand at home football games is run by volunteer Booster members and students to benefit fine arts programs.

"If anyone is interested in helping work the stand, we would gladly welcome the help. Parent volunteers are always needed," he said. "Financial support is what keeps the new uniforms and supplies bought, but time is what keeps the Fine Arts Boosters going."

"We just changed officers and are working out details such as regular meeting times and places," Baca said.

M.H.S. Fine Arts Booster Club officers for 2003-2004 are Richard Orozco, president; David Dominguez, vice president; Jenny Railsback, second vice president; Mary Jane DeHoyos, secretary/treasurer; and Gilbert Baca, public relations officer.

Currently, the Booster Club is working on helping the band purchase a new trailer to carry instruments to out-of-town events.

Baca said, "The instrument bus they have right now is always breaking down. It's become dangerous in my opinion."

According to Baca, the instruments have had to be placed on the same bus as the students, which makes the bus very slow due to the extra weight.

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The total cost of the trailer, according to Baca, will be around four thousand dollars and the band has been able to put a one thousand dollar deposit down while the Booster Club chipped in \$500 toward the purchase.

"We'd love to give the kids more and that's where Muleshoe can help," Baca said. "These programs are a wonderful asset to Muleshoe schools and the students are wonderful assets to this community."

Character Counts class set

A free Character Counts training class will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2003 from 3:45-5:30 p.m. at the high school library.

Training will highlight the six pillars of character: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring

and citizenship.

Anyone interested in making Muleshoe a CHARACTER COUNTS Community is welcome.

For more information, call Ruth Locker at 272-7350 or Dana Wright at 272-7333.

PUBLIC RECORD

MULESHOE POLICE

August 31

Johnathan Zapata, 18, no insurance and no driver's license.

Moises Z. Hernandez, 21, DWI, third offense, and driving while license suspended.

Rodrigo Medoza, 45, DWI.

September 4

Martin Gabriel Rangel, 21, theft (possession of stolen property).

September 5

Jose Ramirez Tofolla, 45, warrant of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Americo Perez Barraza, 43, public intoxication.

September 7

Francisco Zubia, 35, driv-

ing while license suspended.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

September 2

Alvaro Ontiveroz, 42, burglary of a habitat.

September 6

Martin Machado, 22, no driver's license.

STATE POLICE

September 2

Jeremy Olin O'Neal, 25, possession of controlled substance and possession of chemical with intent to manufacture.

Charles L. Bannister, 21, possession of controlled substance and possession of chemical with intent to manufacture.

September 6

Esteban Junior Torres, III, 20, DWI.

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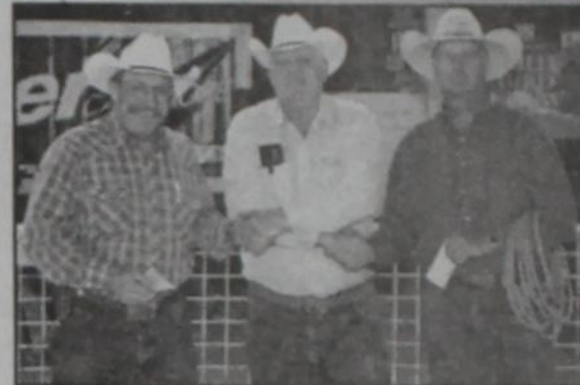
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Reserve World Champions — John Walker of Portales, NM & Ken Winn of Nephi, UT were 2nd in the Shootout with a 4.19.



Third in the World — Freddy Ortiz of Tucumcari, NM and Eddy Roby of Rotan, TX were third in the Shootout with a 4.37.



Fourth Place — Terry Leatherwood of Clovis and Guy Walt Via of Muleshoe, TX were fourth in the Shootout with a 4.45.



Fifth — Mike Muniz of Santa Rosa, NM, and Eddy Roby of Rotan, TX were fifth in the Shootout with a 4.79.



Sixth — Tyson Bare of Clovis, NM and Coy Speer of Clovis, NM were sixth in the Shootout with a 5.03.



Seventh — Bill Herring, Clovis and Coli Hunt, Muleshoe, TX were seventh in the Shootout in a time of 6.58.



Eighth — Bobby Lee of House, NM and Roy Hampton of Quay, NM, were eighth in the Shootout with a 6.87.



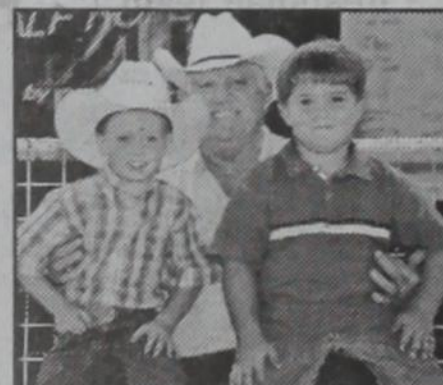
Ninth — Coli Hunt of Muleshoe, TX and Blain Parrish of Clovis finished ninth in the Shootout with a time of 7.26.



Tenth — Bill Herring of Clovis and J.W. Mead of Portales were tenth in the Shootout with an 8.07.



6-Under — (Left Photo) Devyn Montaño and Cutter McClain (not pictured) were first in the prelims in 41.45. At right are Brady Field and Brett Marshall, who placed second in 42.98.



7-9 — (Left Photo) Cody Roby and Brandon Muniz were first in the prelims in 15.05. At right are Cody Roby and Quay Hampton, who placed second in 15.41.



30-29 — Scott Marshall and Cary Crist (not pictured) were first in the prelims in 2.85, the fastest time of the entire day.



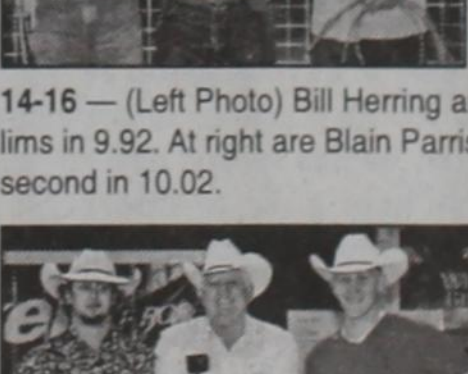
30-29 — Freddy Ortiz (left) and Eddy Roby were second in the prelims in 2.96, the second fastest time of the entire day.



10-13 — (Left Photo) Cameron Simmons and Roy Hampton were first in the prelims in 13.29. At right are Ryan Best and Austin Gibson, who placed second in 21.12.



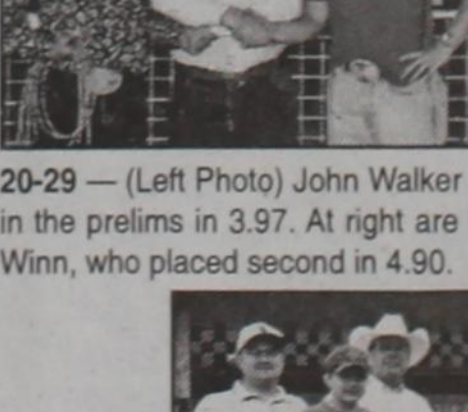
17-19 — Tyson Bare (left) and Chance Daniel were second in the prelims in 11.38. Daniel and Cody Altman (not pictured) were first in 3.64.



14-16 — (Left Photo) Bill Herring and G.W. Mead were first in the prelims in 9.92. At right are Blain Parrish and William Klebold, who placed second in 10.02.



50-over — Dan Kelly (right) and David Orton (not pictured) won the 50-over Prelims with an 18.02, the only time registered in the 50-over division.



20-29 — (Left Photo) John Walker and Ken Winn were first in the prelims in 3.97. At right are Houston Smith and Ken Winn, who placed second in 4.90.

Bankers' Match Competitors

Competing in the Bankers' Match Roping were (from left) Cary Crist and Casey Crist of Farm Credit, Richard Hadley and Eddie Stanfield of Citizens' Bank, Ryan Best and Kent Best of Clovis National Bank and Russell Riley and Cage Riley of New Mexico Bank and Trust. The Clovis National Team finished first, while Farm Credit was second in the two-head match.





Courtesy photo

Selected as the Jennyslipper's garden spot of the week was this arrangement of caladiums, daisys, dusty miller, diathus and other flowers located at the home of Donald and Bobbie Harrison, on the corner of east Fir and Joilet.

Eighth grade Mules outscore Shallowater

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules out ran, out passed, out tackled and out scored the Shallowater Mustangs 30-8 in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Mules kicked off to open the game and after allowing the Mustangs to gain a first down the defense closed the door. Juan Salcido, Richard Rojas and Jared Mendoza teamed up on back to back plays to force the Mustangs to punt.

Garrett Riley returned the Shallowater punt to the

Mule's 38-yard line. Riley and J.J. Mendoza picked up yardage in 14-yard chunks as the Mules marched toward the Mustang end zone.

Riley connected with Richard Rojas on an 11-yard pass and run for a TD with 54 seconds left in the first period. Riley and Rojas teamed up for the two-point conversion.

Riley picked off a Mustang pass near mid-field and returned it to the Shallowater 38. Rojas was pressuring the Mustang quarterback and caused him to hurry his throw.

Riley again connected with Rojas on a slant pattern for a 15-yard gain and J.J. Mendoza gained 20 more on a sweep. Riley kept on an option play and ran over from one yard out. Jared Mendoza went wide left for the two-point conversion to give the Mules a 16-0 lead.

The Mustangs scored just before intermission and the Mules led at intermission 16-8. The teams exchanged punts to begin the second half. J.J. Mendoza moved the Mules from the Mustang 41 to the 12 on four consecutive carries.

Riley kept on an option play up the middle and was stripped of the ball near the five. The ball skipped into the end zone and was covered by Patrick Precure for the Mules third TD. J.J. Mendoza dozed his way in for the two-point conversion and a 24-8 Mule lead.

Dusty Clayton covered a

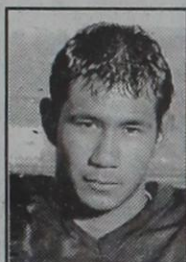
Mustang fumble on the Shallowater 44 for the Mules as the third period ended. On the third play of the final period Riley rolled to his right on an option play and rambled 15 yards for the final tally of the night.

Luis Ramirez dashed the

Mustangs hopes of a come back with a line backer blitz that cost the Mustangs six yards and stalled their drive on the Mule's 20.

The Mules travel to Friona Thursday September 18 to tangle with the Braves at 7:30.

Players of the Week



Campolla



L. Sheets



Nuñez



Reyes



Heathington



Black



Scott

Selected by the Muleshoe Athletic Boosters as "Players of the Week" for their performance against Caprock were Juan Reyes, offensive player with nine carries for 88 yards, two TDs and two receptions for 38 yards; Juan Nuñez, defensive player with 10 tackles, four solo tackles with one for a loss and one quarterback pressure; Tatom Heathington, player of the game with two receptions for 17 yards, one

TD, one interception on defense, and five solo tackles with one for a loss; Brady Black, special teams player with three tackles on special teams and a fumble recovery; and Glenn Scott, selected for the "Slobberknocker" award for hardest hit.

Selected as "Players of the Week" for their performance against Shallowater were Daniel Campolla, defensive player with 6 solo tackles and one pass broken up; Landon Sheets, defensive player, completed 12 of 17 passes for 218 yards and two TDs; Cobey Branscum (not pictured), Slobberknocker and special team player, two special team tackles; Juan Reyes, MVP with five receptions for 151 yards and two TDs. Time changes to 5:30 p.m. for the JV game this coming Thursday. The game will be in Muleshoe. The freshman team travels to Idalou. Game starts at 5 p.m.

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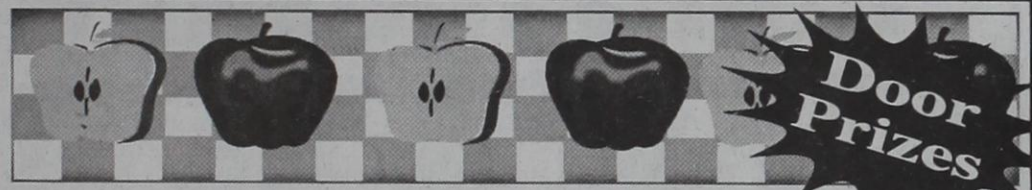
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Jr. high Mules suffer defeat

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Muleshoe junior high white team dropped their season opener to a similar team from Shallowater 24-8.

David Caraveo kicked off for the Mules to start the game, bringing down the Mustang return man on the Shallowater 30.

The Mustangs jumped out to an 8-0 lead on their second play of the game with a 59-yard scamper up the middle.

Diego Del Toro covered the subsequent kickoff on the Mules' 38. A miscue in the Mule backfield gave Shallowater a second scoring opportunity on the Mule 38. The Mules quickly recovered from their first game jitters with Julian Pena sacking the quarterback for a six-yard loss.

Stephen Dominguez made a TD-saving tackle on the six-yard line and Austin Thomas shot the gap to push the Mustangs back a yard. A motion penalty moved Shallowater back to the 12.

On fourth down and goal to go from the nine, Jon Orozco broke through the Mustang line and sacked the quarterback for a nine-yard loss. The Mules took over on their own 18 but a procedure penalty stopped the Mule drive before it could get started.

After four downs Shallowater again had the ball on the Mule 16. A 16-yard sweep around the end gave the Mustangs a 16-0 lead at intermission.

The opening kick of the second half got past the Mules and Pena covered the ball on the Mule's eight-yard line. Caraveo broke through the line and cut back behind his offside blockers and raced 92 yards to put the Mules on the board.

Caraveo added the two-point conversion to cut the Shallowater advantage to 16-8. The Mustangs returned the ensuing kickoff 67 yards for the final TD of the game. Neither team threatened in the final period.

German exchange student attends MHS



Stefanie Esser

David and Kay Gray are the host family of Stefanie Margret-Maria Esser, a 17-year-old senior at Muleshoe. Esser is an exchange student from Flacht, Germany.

Esser has visited the United States on two previous occasions. Youth For Understanding (YFU) is sponsoring her during her stay this time. YFU expects any student accepted into its foreign exchange student program to blend into his/her host family's routine of daily chores around the house.

"YFU's reasoning is that the foreign exchange student not be treated as a guest," said David, "but rather as a newly adopted son/daughter of the host family, subject to the same rules and regulations as the children of the host family."

The students in the YFU program are allowed to work, but only up to 10 hours per week.

The emphasis of the exchange is meant to be a year of gathering new cultural experiences while sharing his/her culture with the host family.

Esser's father is a journalist and her mother is a teacher. She has a younger brother, Benedikt, 12.

The Grays have reared five children and thought their experience in rearing them would help in sponsoring an exchange student.

They also desire to learn more about the culture of Germany and some of the cultural differences between the United States' way of living versus the German way of living.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for Stefanie to experience the West Texas way of doing things," said David.

The family plans to visit

places such as Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Carlsbad Caverns, the history museum in Canyon, a local saddle-maker's shop, the Ranch and Heritage Center in Lubbock, the San Luis Valley in Southern Colorado and the Great Sand Dunes near Alamosa, Colorado, among other places.

Esser will also be privileged to eat at several Mexican, Chinese and American based food restaurants in and around this area. She will introduce some of the cuisine of her native Germany to the family also.

Since soccer is a major sport in Germany, she is familiar with it and she will get to compare it to our American football games (she saw her first one when Muleshoe High School played Caprock High) which "hold many people in West Texas in awe and reverence," said David.

Even though Esser has played the clarinet for some time, she is currently learning to march and play in the MHS Mighty "M" Marching Band. She comments that "it's confusing."

"She is very dedicated to doing well in her academic subjects and never has to be told to do her homework before she does anything else when she gets off the school bus on school days," said David.

Esser is willing to sacrifice a school year's time away from her biological family in order to share a little over ten months time with a new and adopted host family. Esser will return to her native home in July 2004.

Esser enjoys playing the clarinet, practicing taekwon do, gardening, reading and writing.

She is currently enrolled in Government, U.S. History, English 4, Band, Pre-Calculus, Spanish 2 and BCIS 1. She must maintain a minimum of the grade of 'C' in all of her subjects in order to remain in the YFU program.

She and the Grays attend mandatory monthly meetings with the local field representative of YFU, Roy Willingham who is a counselor at Sudan High School, to check on her progress as a foreign exchange student.

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Coleman donates Bailey County map

By VANETA GREGORY
Journal writer

Last week Mary Sue Coleman of Amarillo donated her copy of a 1913 map of Bailey County to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. Board members present at the time of the donation were Dan Throckmorton, Jean Allison, Vivian White and Jenne McVicker.

Coleman's daughter, Susan, had made arrangements for the original to be restored through the *Adopt-A-Map* program in her mother's name as a birthday gift in November 2001. The process has taken this long to complete.

The original map is stored at the Texas General Land Office headquarters in Austin. The map was cleaned, mended and re-backed by professional conservators according to a press release



Receiving a copy of a 1931 map of Bailey County are Heritage Center Board members (from left) Vivian White, Mary Sue Coleman of Amarillo (who donated the map), Dan Throckmorton, Jean Allison and Jenne McVicker.

Journal photo: Vaneta Gregory

from the Land Office. It was also encapsulated in acid-free Mylar, scanned and then its image was placed on the Land Office's website.

Mary Sue moved to Mule-

shoe with her parents, Jesse and Grace Osborn, in 1931. She graduated from Muleshoe in 1942. Her father was an area representative in the Texas State House of Repre-

sentatives from 1952-1962. He was also the president of Muleshoe State Bank and he served on the Texas Board of Mental Health and Retarda-

Group hosts contractor awareness program

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education—Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2003, at the Bailey County Exhibition Center & Coliseum, 2206 W. American Boulevard. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered by Lavonne Henderson for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Bailey, Castro, Lamb and Parmer counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

The FBI has been invited to make a brief presentation on the possibilities of terrorist attacks on pipelines and underground utilities; and answer questions regarding the role of our guests within the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

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Cross Country teams earn medals

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Muleshoe Jr. High Cross-Country teams competed in meets in Plainview and Abernathy September 6th and 13th. About 200 girls ran the course at Plainview and fifty boys competed. Medals were presented to those finishing in the top twenty in each division.

At Plainview Gabby Agundis, Maria Andrade and Amy Withrow medaled. Vanity Garcia, Maria Quantanilla Gizell Vasquez also ran for the seventh grade Lady Mules.

Ashley Grumbles ran second and Gini Sheets placed eighth for the eighth grade Lady Mules. Crescent Crawford, Natasia Daniel, Jacy Lawrence, Kelsey Tipps and Caitlin Wills ran also.

Ray Ramirez and John Micheal Salinas took medals for the seventh grade Mules. Lane Wood rounded out the

team. Rodolfo Silva and Joaquin Ruvalcaba placed in the top twenty and Colby Carpenter ran for the eighth grade Mules.

In Abernathy 175 girls competed and 40 boys ran. Top 10 finishers were presented medals. Amy Withrow, Gabby Agundis and Maria Andrade each brought home medals in times of 15 minutes and 17 seconds, 15:25 and 15:30 respectively for the seventh grade Lady Mules.

Maria Quantanilla ran a 16:58, Vanity Garcia had a 17:15 and Gizell Vasquez finished in 17:25. April Gardea recorded a 17:45, Morgan Smith had an 18:37 and Karina Avila followed with an 18:53.

Brandi Hamilton finished with a time of 20:16, Amelia Clemmons ran a 20:29 and Andriana Toscano completed the course in 24:27.

John Michael Salinas finished second with a 13:51 for

the seventh grade Mules and Ray Ramirez and Wes Wood meddled with times of 14:56 and 15:32 respectively. Lane Wood ran a 17:00.

First place medallist Ashley Grumbles led the eighth grade Lady Mules with a time of 14:16. Samantha Toscano ran a 16:50, Kelsey Tipps followed with a 16:56 and Jacy Lawrence had a 17:40.

Natasia Daniel completed the course in 17:59, Crescent Crawford ran an 18:26 and Caitlin Wills finished with an 18:34.

Joaquin Ruvalcaba and Rodolfo Silva brought home medals with times of 15:17 and 15:50. Colby Carpenter ran a 16:43.

The District 2-3A meet is scheduled for October 27 in Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The teams will run in Friona October 4th and run in two meets in Dimmitt but dates had not been determined at press time.

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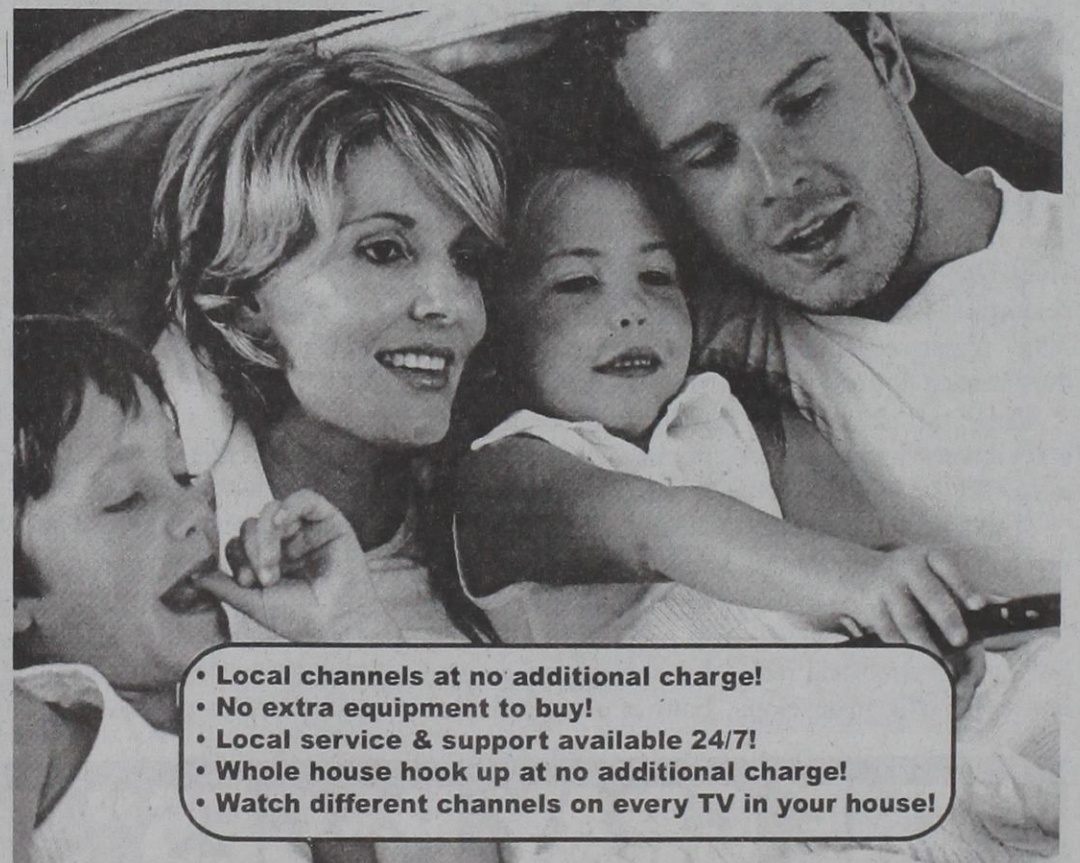
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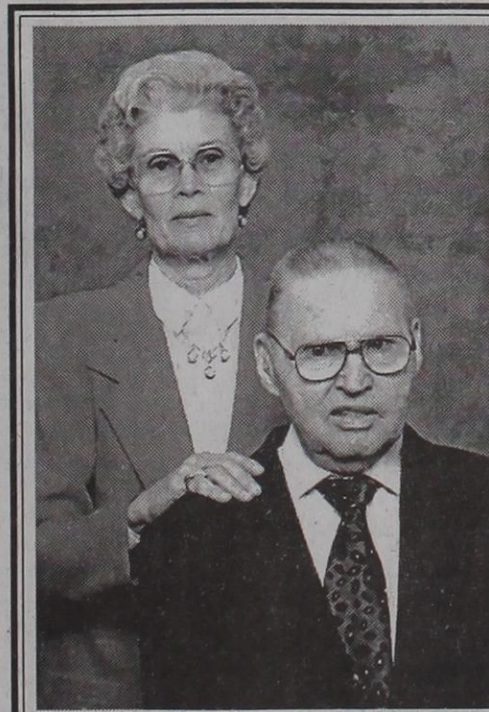
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The celebration is being hosted by their children, Eldon Embry of Oklahoma Lane, Weldon and Sherry Embry of Farwell and Brian and Estelle Eckstein of Bloomfield, N.M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I have been trying to find out if Jefferson G. Maner is the only person that is a Pearl Harbor survivor from Bailey County, Texas.

I was on the U.S.S. Dobbin [AD-3] anchored in the harbor.

We lost three men on our ship. One of our men was lost on U.S.S. Pennsylvania, BB38.

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Whatever you can do to verify this fact would be most appreciated.

JEFFERSON G. MANER
3039 Via Vista St., Unit O
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Dear Editor,
As many things are said about our police department, it is still hard to understand how things can be the way they are.

On May 11, 2003, a police report was taken by officer Johnny Bermea, stating that I, Leroy Flores, allegedly tried to ram Jesus Sanchez with my car and tried to hit him with a bat.

Well two weeks later, officer Rodney Stevens came to my house telling me I had a warrant out for my arrest. He had no warrant nor did he know what my charges were. I first told him he was crazy if he thought I was going with him without knowing for what reason. My kids started crying so I agreed to go.

My rights were never read to me. I was released the next morning after spending

the night in the drunk tank, and I don't even drink!

It was only when my bond was set that my family and I found out what my charges were. I've had to pay my bond and get a lawyer. And for what? Because our police department or investigators did not do their job.

Needless to say, the day all this happened I was in Clovis. I had check stubs, witnesses and a videotape with the time and date on it. What did that prove? It proved it [the charge] was a lie. But have charges been filed on Jesus Sanchez and his wife for writing a false statement? "No!" But who is to blame? Jesus Sanchez for lying or the police department for not doing their job before anything was filed? I blame all of them.

My kids were really hurt seeing their dad get put in a police car. I blame you [police].

I've had to waste over \$2,500 for nothing. Plus endure the embarrassment I went through of being thrown in jail and reading my name in the paper. But will the names of the people who didn't do their jobs be printed? "No!" When should we embarrass them?

Well, I don't go to your church. I don't live in your neighborhood. So, I'm not afraid to tell our police department to do their jobs. To the judge who signs the warrants and doesn't know the story — "Do your job!" To the district attorney and his assistant — "Do your job!" To the city council and the mayor who are in a position

to do something — "Do your job!"

Having to hear that if I lost this case, I was facing three years in prison and over \$5,000 in fines, could you imagine what that was like? Thank God the judge refused to take this to trial after seeing the evidence. Thank God my family and friends supported and believed me from the beginning.

LEROY FLORES
Muleshoe

(Editor's note: Muleshoe Police Chief Don Carter told the Journal Tuesday that whoever it was that charged Flores may have misidentified him. The matter is still under investigation.)

Dear Editor,
I've held my tongue long enough and now I need to weigh in on Muleshoe's police department and in particular, Rodney Stevens.

First of all let me say that I personally have nothing against officer Stevens. I've never had a "run-in" with him and he has always been polite to me when we've met on the street.

However, he has quickly gained a reputation as being a hothead, know-it-all cop who can't seem to stay out of the limelight. The old Hollywood saying goes something like this: Even bad publicity is good publicity. Wrong. His antics, whether over exaggerated or not, are making a mockery of an otherwise fine police department. Enough is enough. Cut him loose on some other town! Save your reputation Muleshoe P.D.!

As a lifelong resident of Muleshoe, I am close to lots of town folks and business owners in particular. This makes me privy to "coffee shop" talk around town. The consensus seems to be the same — he's an embarrassment to the force.

Killing his canine partner (not just a dog), arresting his wife, wrecking a brand new police car in a supposed police chase in a residential area...how many more of his embarrassing antics does the department plan to endure before they take ac-

tion? How many more TV news crews need to show up in Muleshoe?

As an animal lover, I won't even mention what I think about him not facing any criminal charges for letting his partner die in the heat. Take the dog inside! As citizens, we're ticketed and jailed every day for leaving animals or children in unattended vehicles. Why is officer Stevens exempt from this law?

Another case in point, a complaint reported in the Journal from the Daniel family that details officer Stevens' bravado while searching for a bond jumper at their home.

According to the Daniels, officer Stevens told them he could do "anything he wanted to" which I assume is because he's a cop.

Again, I wasn't there and don't know both sides of the story, but the stink of bad publicity is still in the air. Bad publicity isn't "good" for the force even if the stories are untrue or overexaggerated.

In my opinion, officer Stevens is the "Barney Fife" of the Muleshoe P.D. Don't give him more than one bullet or we're all in trouble. Not only are his antics overly ridiculous, but they're getting more dangerous as time passes.

There are plenty of people graduating from the police academy who are ready to take on the job without becoming "hungry for power." There are plenty of existing officers who would step in and provide real justice and security for Muleshoe. Give one of them a chance.

Muleshoe P.D., ask officer Stevens to leave while you still have some dignity.

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Muleshoe

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While all 22 of the amendments passed statewide, Bailey voters voted "no" on four of the amendments, number 4, 5, 20 and 21.

Amendment 4 would allow conservation and reclamation district to develop

and finance certain parks and recreation facilities.

Amendment 5 would allow the legislature to exempt travel trailers not used for production of income from valorem taxes.

Amendment no. 20 would authorize general obligation bonds for economic development of defense-related communities.

Amendment no. 21 would allow compensation for retired faculty members of a college or university for serving on governing body of a water district.

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 •3-1-1 carport home on one acre, wall heat, evap. air!! \$12K!!
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 •GOOD 160 acre farm, fully allotted, 2 wells, valley circle!!
 •Maple Hill, 160 acres in CRP!!

OBITUARIES

W.O. "BUBBO" STACY

A funeral service for W.O. "Bubbo" Stacy, 76, of Brownwood was held Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel. Joe Cox and David Harris officiated. Burial was in Greenleaf Cemetery under the direction of the Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Mr. Stacy was born October 4, 1926 in Spur, Texas, to Will and Pearl Hill Stacy. He passed away Sunday, September 7, 2003 at his residence in Brownwood.

He married Joyce Williams on December 17, 1947.

He was a farmer, rancher and former owner of Cove Blind and Drapery in Copperas Cove. He served his country as a Marine in World War II. He had lived the past two years in Brownwood and was a member of the Fourth and Stewart Street Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Lynn Maxwell of Crosbyton and Kelly and Lupe Barrera of Brownwood; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; a granddaughter-in-law; a grandson-in-law; a sister, LaNelle Stancell of Muleshoe; and a brother, D.R. Stacy of El Paso.

Mr. Stacy was preceded in death by a son, Bryan Stacy, in 1998. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Wil and Pearl Stacy, of Lubbock; and three brothers, D.D. of Carrizo Springs, Leonard of Granbury and J.T. of Spur.

The family suggests memo-

rials be made to a local hospice.

JOE GARRISON

Funeral services were held Monday, September 15, 2003 at First Baptist Church of Vernon for Joe Garrison, 74, of Vernon. The Rev. John Klappenbach and Dr. Tom Harrison officiated. Burial was in Wilbarger Memorial Park in Vernon under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Garrison was born February 7, 1929 in Levelland to the late Earl and Odalene Messick Garrison. He died Saturday, September 13, 2003 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He married Dottie Salters on July 9, 1952 at Fort Worth. He was a retired broadcaster and owner of radio stations in West Texas. He had been a resident of Vernon since 1956. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Vernon and served in the U.S. Marines as a sergeant during the Korean Conflict. He was past president of Rotary Club and United Way. He was past director of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and director of Boys and Girls Club of Vernon. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University. He was past president of Texas Tech Ex-students Associations and he served on the Board of Regents and the Steering Committee of Vernon Regional Junior College. He was a director of the Texas Tech Foundation. He was a member of the Greenbelt Boys Quartet and was the voice of the Vernon Lions from 1956

until 1990.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Rhonda Klappenbach of Vernon, Jan King of Muleshoe and Cindy Harrison of Shreveport, La; a brother, Jerry Garrison of Marlin, Texas; a sister, Joan Akey of Austin; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Garrison.

Pallbearers were Rance Adkins, Tom Elliott, Jim Gunn, Dr. Mark Reynolds, Jim Spears and James Streit. Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Garrison's grandsons and the regents of Vernon College.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vernon College, American Diabetes Foundation or American Heart Association.

PETRA LOPEZ

Services were held Monday, September 15, 2003 at San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford for Petra Lopez, 63, of Hereford. Monsignor Arturo Meza officiated. Burial was in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mrs. Lopez was born April 29, 1940 in Matehuala, Mexico to Reyes and Martina Oliva. She died Friday, September 12, 2003 in Littlefield.

She married Luis Lopez on December 28, 1957 in Mexico.

Mrs. Lopez was a homemaker and a member of the San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Herman and

Claudio, both of Hereford and Luis, Jr. of Las Cruces, N.M.; two daughters, Cecilia Oliva of Houston and Lupe Pina of Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to San Jose Catholic Church, 709 Brevard St., Hereford, Texas 79045.

KATHLEEN COLE

Services were held Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at First Baptist Church for Kathleen Cole, 85, of Earth. The Rev. Donnie Brown officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mrs. Cole was born July 10, 1918 in LaDonia, Texas. She died Sunday, September 14, 2003 at Runningwater Draw Care Center.

She married Raemon S. Cole in Olton on December 14, 1935. He preceded her in death June 23, 2002.

She moved to the Earth Community in 1951 from Springlake. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth. She was emeritus member of the Mission Service Corporation of Texas.

She is survived by three sons, Wayne of Clarendon, Carol of Denver City and Jessy of Arlington; three daughters; Loretta Bills of Earth, Francis Watkins of Lubbock and Regina Meeks of Canadian; a sister, Ella Unatek of Houston; five brothers, Thomas Martin of Beverly Hills, Fla, J.B. Mar-

tin of Sulphur Springs, James Martin of Goodman, Mo., Kenneth Martin of Lubbock and Ralph Martin of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-

great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to VistaCare Hospice, 4418 Olton Rd., Plainview, Texas 79072.



Words are not adequate to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during the loss of Gloria, our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, daughter and friend.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the food, flowers, prayers, visits, cards, donations and just for thinking of us during this difficult time. A special "thank you" to the Muleshoe and Lazbuddie ambulance services.

The Gloria Guillen-Rowand Family

Muleshoe to face Friona Chieftains

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Chieftains of Friona return 10 lettermen from a year ago with four starters returning on offense and three on defense. Friona has been to the state play-offs seven consecutive times and have their sights set on number eight.

This is the second year for head coach Bob Ferguson in Friona and he prefers to run the ball from the Wishbone formation. Brock Field returns at quar-

terback along with big Pedro Ramos at full back along with Rubean Alverado and Sergio Saene at the running back positions.

"We are short on skilled players but our line is bigger and faster and will have to carry us until our skill players come around," said Ferguson. Friona dropped Dimmitt and Tulia in their first two outings.

Both the Mules and Chieftains are recovering from big losses this past week. Friona

traveled to Post and the Antelopes ran away from the Chieftains 39-7 while the Mules dropped their homecoming to Shallowater 52-29.

"Friona is an extremely aggressive football team," said Mule coach David Wood. "Maybe not as much talent as they have had in the past but they have constructed their offense around their quarterback, Brock Field, and 240 pound full back, Pedro Ramos."

"At this stage they prefer the

diver to Ramos and the keep by Field on the option. They do not pitch the ball much but they will pitch it at times. We have to have people responsible for each part of the option as it unfolds."

"This is a typical Friona team in that they play hard between the whistles. You can make a lot of things happen when you play hard. I have a lot of respect for what they do over there in Friona," concluded Wood.

Friday is the culmination of Friona's homecoming week.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

September 4—Eloisa Anguino, Lulu J. Crown, Rayford R. Daniel, John Hadley, Sharron M. Hughes, Johnny King, Rodrigo C. Mendoza, Roger R. Menning,

and Riehl Williams

September 5—Eloisa Anguino, Lulu J. Crown, Sharron M. Hughes, Roger R. Menning, Morris Nowlin, Darrel Virden, and Riehl Williams

September 6-7 — None reported.

September 8—Eloisa Anguino, Celia Cardenas, Ruby Cox, Lulu J. Crown, Tony Guzman, Stephanie D. Jesko, Jenne McVicker, Petrolino Quintana, Jr., Maurice K. Royal, William T. Smith, and Margaret A. Williamson

September 9—Celia Cardenas, Ruby Cox, Sam Damron, Tony Guzman, Jenne McVicker, Maria T. Orozco, Petrolino Quintana, Jr., Arlie W. Rials, Maurice K. Royal, Quinn Weaver, and Margaret A. Williamson

September 10—Celia Cardenas, Ruby Cox, Sam Damron, Kathleen L. Loniewski, Maria T. Orozco, Petrolino Quintana, Jr., Arlie W. Rials, Marice K. Royal, Isidro A. Tafoyasr, Quinn Weaver, and Margaret A. Williamson.



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Lazbuddie homecoming court

Lazbuddie's 2003 Homecoming Court are (back row, from left) Sergio Cuevas, a sophomore, son of Nicholas and Rosario Cuevas; Kolby Wilkerson, a senior, son of Ronnie and Gina Wilkerson; Robby Martin, a senior, son of Thomas and Linda Martin; Raul Mata, a senior, son of Eraul and Valentina Mata; (front row, from left) Katy Loudder, a senior, daughter of Lance and Terri Loudder; Shonnah Black, a senior, daughter of Ricky and Sarah Black; Miriam Hernandez, a senior, daughter of Ramon and Eriqueta Hernandez; and Kelli Harris, a senior, daughter of Kenneth and Charlotte Harris. The Lazbuddie Longhorns will take on Meadow.

Frank Poynor's Story Is a Story of God's Love & Grace

If you've lived around Muleshoe or this area long, you know the name Poynor. Though it's a part of past history now, Poynor's Home & Auto was a Main Street fixture for more years than not of Muleshoe's entire history. It was for us what Sears was for big cities. You could walk in and talk to brothers Haney & Paul and feel like you'd had a great visit with good friends—and you'd be right about that—while you were getting tires put on your truck or buying ammo for your dove

some of the most gracious, gentle, and loving people I've ever met. Haney is the guy who called me 18 years ago and said, "Come to Muleshoe!" But once, I'm told, long before I came on the scene, our larger family and their larger family didn't see eye to eye. We were all painfully religious, you see, and somewhere in the midst of a church fuss or two in which grave doctrinal matters were concerned (yeah, right!), there'd been a bit of a rift.

And then things changed.

Paul tells me that when his dad died, my dad came to their house. Paul's mother opened the door and just said, warmly, as in a heartbeat any past negative history melted away, "Oh, G.B.!" Christian love conquered "theology" and things began to change. I know that when my own mother was dying with a brain tumor, it was Frank Poynor whose comfort was among the most deeply and faithfully given. And I could easily fill a book with examples of the kindnesses the Poyhors have done my family. I'm here because of them. I know of few closer families than the Poyhors and the Shelburnes, and I know that was a source of deepest joy to my father.



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hunt. I don't think they'd mind my saying that, while they both were good in both areas, Haney was the brains behind the business and Paul was his heart. Paul did more Christian counseling in a week at Poynor's than most practicing Christian counselors do in a month. And both brothers were always willing to help their friends and their community.

What Haney & Paul had in Muleshoe, two other brothers, Frank & Marlin, had in Portales. Poyhors there was also a very big part of that community for many, many years. When the oldest brother, Frank, moved to Granbury a few months ago, along with Haney, Portales hated to let him go, and when, just a few weeks ago, Frank died in a biking accident in Granbury, Portales mourned and his picture showed up on the front page of their newspaper.

The Poyhors, as a family, are

You see, somewhere along the line, many years ago now, Frank, who had known a lot of Scripture, came to know, really know, the God behind Scripture. Tables of stone gave way to a warm heart full of God's love. He was healed (literally; that's another amazing story) and just being around him was itself refreshing and healing. He'd left the Pharisees long ago. He'd followed Jesus. And to be around Frank Poynor was to be bathed in Christ's deepest joy.

Lots of us will miss him.

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