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## News Briefs

### Kirk makes National Honor Society

West Texas A&M University's Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 114 students during a ceremony Sunday, March 28. Among the students inducted was Stephanie Kirk of Muleshoe, a senior biology major.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

### Mall Amber Alert site

North Plains Mall announced last Friday it will serve as a local Amber Alert posting site. Approximately one million people pass through North Plains Mall in a year. These numbers are crucial when it comes to the search for missing children.

Upon notification of a missing child, local law enforcement agencies or BeyondMissing.com will issue a broadcast statement to the participating mall. The mall's public safety team will post the alert in a high-traffic area within the mall, such as all the entrances and the customer service center. North Plains Mall will implement the Amber Alert program within the next three months.

The Amber Alert System began in 1996 when nine-year old Amber Hagerman turned up missing from her Arlington neighborhood. Dallas-Fort Worth broadcasters teamed up with local police to develop the system. Amber is an acronym for America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response.

### Give It A Thought

Those who are honestly mistaken will do one of two things when faced with the truth. They will either cease to be mistaken or they will cease to be honest.

Words to ponder from an anonymous reader.

## Local Weather

Thu .. MS .... 78/43

Fri .... Rain .. 59/35

Sat ... MS .... 69/39

Sun .. Iso. T-storms 74/44

Mon .. Iso. T-storms 73/41

Tue ... PC ..... 73/44

Wed . MS .... 77/45

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Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536 during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Long distance relationships really do work

By Leslie Radford  
Managing Editor  
editor@muleshojournal.com

An 11-hour flight, a two hour drive in a rental car, a night in a hotel in Central Texas and a five hour trip the following day is what it took for the Essers to see a daughter they haven't seen in almost a year.

Muleshoe High School's foreign exchange student, Stefanie Esser, was excited to see her family who visited Muleshoe last week.

Esser's father Elmar, mother Gisela, and 13-year-old brother Benni, flew into Dallas from Germany on April 5. They stayed at their daughter's host family's home in Muleshoe.

David Gray, Esser's host, said he has had fun visiting with her family. "We [with his wife, Kay] took them shopping for boots

and hats," he said. "She'll have something to take back as a reminder of Muleshoe."

That, along with her newfound words of "ya'll" and "fixin'."

"She picked up on those very quickly," Gray said.

When Stefanie found out she was coming to Muleshoe one day before she left, her parents were nervous, of course.

Gisela said the family would receive e-mails from Stefanie with nothing negative to say about her host family or the school she attended.

After visiting with the host family once or twice on the phone and after receiving e-mails from their happy daughter, "we knew it was going to be OK," said mom.

Gray said Stefanie did not have a hard time adjust-

ing to Muleshoe. "She didn't seem to get homesick," he said. "She's just having a good time while she's here."

Her brother didn't mind that she was away from home, either; Elmar said it was because he doesn't have to share the computer with her.

Stefanie and her family come from the small village Flacht. Gisela said the

population is around 1,000 people.

Stefanie's mom is a teacher, her father is a journalist/ spokesperson for a pharmaceutical company, and her brother attends the equivalent of America's junior high school.

During their interview with the *Journal* and Channel 6 last week, the Essers discussed American food,

world economics, politics and the differences in school systems between the States and their home country.

For instance, Germany does not put an emphasis on athletics like America does. Academics are their priority.

Patriotism isn't ex-

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Leslie Radford

Visitors from home— Exchange student Stefanie Esser was recently visited by her parents from Germany. Pictured (l-r) are Gisela, mother; Stefanie; Benni, brother; and Elmar, father. Esser's family stayed for approximately one week putting in a lot of flying and driving hours to see their daughter.

## Mayor Pro Tem signs proclamation about child abuse in April

WHEREAS: The City of Muleshoe prides itself of giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Great Plains CASA for Kids, Inc., in association with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts; and

WHEREAS: Many children in the Muleshoe area suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS: Through a national effort, Muleshoe community members are encouraged to join together to raise awareness for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect throughout the month of April; and

WHEREAS: This effort will give abused and neglected children in our community, and around the country, a chance for a safe

and positive future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cliff Black, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Muleshoe, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as Muleshoe Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in this city, and in doing so, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.



Child Abuse Prevention Month in Muleshoe— Mayor Pro Tem Cliff Black signs a Proclamation last week declaring April declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in Muleshoe. The proclamation was initiated by CASA.

## Westin Price named WTAMU Student Employee of the Year

Westin Price, a senior speech communication major from Muleshoe, has been named Student Employee of the Year at West Texas A&M University.

Price, the son of Arnold and Kristi Price, is a 2001 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He works for the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, having joined the department almost three years ago as student director of University Interscholastic League

events on campus. He also directs the University's summertime Speech and Theatre Camp.

In his nomination letter,



Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, assistant professor of speech communication, wrote: "Westin is the most creative, influential and important person associated with our camp, and the results of his efforts have been obvious. Our camp has grown from 115 students to 236 students in two years. Westin Price is the best student I have ever worked with."

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## Benham signs with Colorado

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

Sara Benham signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Denver on April 19 in the library of Muleshoe High School.

Benham was a three-year stand-out for the Lady Mules.

"I am glad to have finally decided on a place to play," said Benham. "It is going to be sad to leave here, but I am excited about going to Denver. It is a small Division I school with about a 1:20 teacher to student ratio."

Her list of awards and



High Hoops— Her father, Jack, and teammates watch intently as Sara Benham signs a letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Denver.

honors include being named first team All-District playing as the sixth man her sophomore year. That same year, the *Ama-*

*rillo Globe News* named her to their Golden Spread Super Team. She

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## Board considers upgrades

The Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District was pleased to hear that March 2004 was one of the highest collection months in years. The hospi-

tal received high payout from Medicare and Medicaid claims that month. Expenses were on target. However a concern in the billing department was brought up by several Board members. It was noted that many of the kinks in billing have already been worked out but the financial dept. is looking into the software used for billing purposes as well as how claims are being filled out for insurance, Medicaid, and other forms of payment as a way to solve future problems with the delay of and overbilling issues.

The District met in regular session on Thursday, April 15 at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Candidates for board of director positions were elected. The incumbents are: Place 1- Lary Hooten, place 3 - Ronnie Dent, and

place 5 - Mike Miller. This allowed them to cancel the May 15 scheduled election.

Quarterly reports were then given from strategic planning committees. Justin Novak discussed the customer service dept. and how they could better customer care at the hospital. One way would be to implement brochures containing a map of the hospital and directions with a map to MAMC and Park View Nursing Home. They will be distributed strategically at the hospital, nursing home and clinics in the town. Another way of bettering customer service is through proper training of employees. Novak said currently, during orientation, new employees watch videos on topics such as customer loyalty and handling

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# Regional Round-up

## MHS talent show and dinner

The Ballet Folklorico in collaboration with the sophomore class will have a talent show tonight at 7:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

For additional information, call Santi Gayton at Muleshoe High School at 272-7303.

Before the talent show will be a soup and sandwich dinner at the high school cafeteria. The sophomore class will serve homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert.

## Garage Sale and Krispy Kreme fund-raiser

The Lady Mules Summer Basketball Team is having a Garage Sale on Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the United Supermarket Parking Lot. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will also be on sale and pre-ordered doughnuts will be available for pickup.

## Muleshoe Athletic Banquet

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

## Senior Center garage sale

Friday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Oneita Wagon Senior Center will hold a garage sale fund-raiser. There will be items left over from last weekend's sale such as clothes, shoes, and household items at half price.

## Free International Adoption Seminar

Little Miracles International, a nonprofit organization located in Amarillo, is holding a free seminar for prospective parents interested in learning about international adoption Saturday, May 1 from 1-4 p.m. Little Miracles specializes in placing children from 10 countries including China, Russia, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria and Ukraine. The seminar will be held at MORE church in Amarillo, 1619 S Kentucky in the Wellington Square Center. For directions and to sign up for the seminar call Little Miracles at (806) 351-1100 and look at our website at [www.littlemiracles.org](http://www.littlemiracles.org) for e-mail contact information.

## Private applicator training and testing

There will be a Texas private applicator training and testing program April 27 at the Farwell Community Center in Farwell. The training will begin at 9 a.m. and testing should conclude by 2 p.m. (No Lunch Break). Cody Hill, CEA Parmer County, will provide the training, and Levon Harmon, TDA Inspector, will be administering the test.

Individuals who want a Texas private applicator license must attend a private applicator training program offered by Texas Cooperative Extension, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and purchase a license. The private applicator license fee is \$60. Private applicator licenses expire on the last day of February, five years after the year issued.

If you need study materials or have any questions contact the Parmer County Extension office at 806-481-3619.

Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance to participate in the programs or who need this program in an alternative format should contact the Parmer County Extension Office at (806)481-3619.

## Youth League Baseball Clinic

A Youth League Baseball Clinic will be conducted Saturday, May 8, for baseball players ages 7-14 in Denver City. The Clinic is presented by Mickey Owen Baseball School in cooperation with the Denver City youth Baseball league, and takes place at Nolan Smiley Baseball Field which is located on Highway 214 just 2 miles N. of Denver City. Two sessions are available: Session 1- 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and session 2- 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Register by April 30. Player enrollment is limited. For more information and registration form call 800-999-8369 or 417-882-2799.

## Girl Scouts to Hold Camp Fair

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council are holding "Camp Fair 2004" on April 24, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lubbock Service Center, 2567 74th Street. All interested girls ages 6-17 are invited to attend. Participants will be able to ask and find information on all area day camps and resident camp programs while enjoying a hot dog and playing games. They will also be able to meet the camp directors, camp staff and register for camp sessions. Girls do not have to be in a Girl Scout troop in order to attend camp. For more information, please contact Summer Littlejohn at 806-745-2855 or 800-530-4957.

## CCC to hold first annual flea market and craft sale

Clovis Community College will hold its first annual Flea Market and Craft Sale on April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the East parking lot across from the new W.D. Dabbs Library.

There will be crafts, barbed wire art, candles, machine-made quilts, gem stone bead jewelry, carved walking canes, and old wood furniture. A CCC instructor and local artist will be selling some of their hand-blown glass items and will do live demonstrations, along with Mendhi Body Art booth. Admission is free.

## National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April as part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for

America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple and Red Maple.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

## Adult Education Center enrolling in May

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

## Gem, mineral, fossil, jewelry show

The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society presents its 46th annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show this weekend, Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Civic Center. Admission is \$2 for Adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12; Children under six years of age get in free with an adult.

## Cinco de Mayo Softball Tournament

Registration is now being taken for the Budweiser Cinco de Mayo Softball Tournament to be held in Lubbock this year on May 1 and 2 at the Berl Huffman Complex. More than 50 men, women and co-ed teams from throughout Texas are expected to participate this year bring an estimated 1,500 players to the Hub City. They will compete for over \$1,500 in prizes. Teams can register over the Internet at [www.texasupercup.com](http://www.texasupercup.com) or by calling 806-763-3841.

## Annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride

The annual Muleshoe Heritage Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 beginning at the Bailey County Civic Center at 8:30 a.m. There will be prizes given by local businesses, entertainment and a free lunch for bike riders.

## Breast cancer screening in Muleshoe

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First St. in Muleshoe on May 3 and 20. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an

appointment.

## Roxy Singer's Showcase in Olton

Roxy Singer's Showcase featuring local and area singers is Saturday, April 24 in Olton. Anyone that would like to perform or needs more information can contact Martin Hernandez at (806) 285-2611 or e-mail at [oltonpwd@amaonline.com](mailto:oltonpwd@amaonline.com). Deadline to enter is April 22. This is a monthly show. Competition months are in July and August.

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## Lazbuddie track results

The following Lazbuddie High School athletes competed at the district track meet at Silverton on Tuesday, April 6.

**For the Longhorns:** Jesse Gomez - Pole vault - 3rd.

**For the Lady Horns:** Ana Hernandez, Bethenie Sanchez, Kyra Kimbrough and Melanie Winders - Sprint Relay - 3rd; Ana Hernandez, Miriam

Hernandez, Kyra Kimbrough and Melaine Winders - 800 meter relay - 4th; Kyra Kimbrough - 100M Hurdles - 4th; Miriam Hernandez - 800M Run - 5th, alternate.

**In the field events:** Kyra Kimbrough - pole vault - 1st, triple jump - 4th; Melaine Winders - High Jump - 3rd; Bethenie Sanchez - Long jump - 5th, alternate; Shawndee Nichols - Discus - 1st.



**Lazbuddie High School district track participants**— These athletes finished in the top four of their event and have qualified for the area track meet to be held Friday, April 16 at Frenship High School.

## Births

Lucas Daniel Bradshaw announces the birth of his little brother, Barrett Charles Bradshaw, born Friday, April 9, 2004 at 1:24 p.m. in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Casey and Cara Bradshaw of Canyon. Grandparents are Lloyd and Janice Bradshaw of Lazbuddie, and Charles and Jeanie Bahlman of Winters. His great-grandmother is Joyce Bahlman of Winters.

## Police Report

Muleshoe Police Department Incident Reports:

**April 12**— complaint came in to the Police Department in reference to a mother attempting to strike her daughter and pull her hair at 200 W. 11 St. The mother is being charged with assault.

A non-injury accident occurred in the 100 block of East Avenue C.

An adult female was assaulted at a residence in the 200 block of West Eleventh Street.

**April 11**— MPD received call of masked man at door of the residence at 1802 W. American Blvd. Upon arrival the officer observed a vehicle leaving area. The vehicle was stopped and searched. The male subject matched description of suspect but no

evidence was located.

An adult male was arrested and charged with criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia at 324 W. 10th St.

**April 10**— A female subject called the PD to report that her two juvenile children were just returning home at 3:30 AM. She wished for an officer to come and speak to them. The incident occurred at 406 E. Austin St.

The police department received a complaint of a possible employee theft between \$500 and \$1,500. The report was cleared as unfounded. The incident occurred at 107 E. American Blvd.

MPD responded to a minor traffic accident in the 900 block of West American. No injuries.

A subject was stopped for

equipment violation. The subject had a warrant for their arrest. While taking the subject into custody, Marijuana was found in subjects pocket. The incident occurred at 107 E. American Blvd. The subject is charged with possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.

**April 9**— A suspect was arrested on a blue warrant from the Bailey County Parole Office at 124 Reno.

**April 8**— A complaint came in to the Police Department in reference to a woman's ex-husband calling and harassing her on the telephone. The call came from 201 E. Fir St.

A citizen reported that she lost her cellular telephone.

An officer took a hit and run report from a man at a local grocery store.

An officer arrested a man for local warrants at 104 W. 9th St.

Officer Bermea responded to a possible domestic dispute at 503 E. 3rd St. The subject is charged with assault on a family member two or more times.

**April 7**— An officer arrested a woman for a local warrant at 200 W. 11th St.

### Hospital from front page

customer problematic situations. He also brought to the Board's attention a desire to implement a phone system that included voicemail. The system would cost an estimated \$65,000 and is in consideration. Grants are being looked into to pay for the system.

The capitol improvement dept. expressed a need for new hospital beds. Approximately 25 beds need to be replaced. A substantial amount of money is needed for this project. Grants are a possibility and the project is being considered by the board.

Item #7 on the agenda concerned copier replacement proposals. MAMC and Park View have the option of staying on with their current company or switching to a new provider. Both op-

tions will upgrade them into the digital age as they are currently using older model analog copiers. The Board will make a decision at a later date after all options have been weighed.

The district quarterly investment report was given by Sharon Novack, MAMC Chief Financial Officer. The hospital is in the negative numbers due to a loan to Park View to get things running for the new administrator, Deevea Johnson. Park View will return the loan as funds become available bringing the hospital back to zero debt.

Johnson gave the administrative report for Park View. She stated that the nursing home currently houses 67 residents. There have been two discharges, one admittance and several inquiries have been made

since she has been on board.

A new smoking policy was put into effect. Residents are allowed seven scheduled smoke breaks under the supervision of an employee. There are currently only four residents that will be affected.

A central supply system was implemented at the home. This should make it easier to track the use of supplies and equipment.

A parking issue was resolved when the Board agreed to paint specified curves at the entrances of Park View red so visitors and those loading and unloading patients in these areas will not disturb EMS vehicles and deter congestion around those entrances.

### Price from front page

Price received two plaques-one for his home and one to be displayed in the Office of Student Employment Services-and a \$50 gift certificate for the University Bookstore.

"I am truly honored by this," Price said. "I am so fortunate to have a job that I love and an employer who trusts me and my abilities. To have my work appreciated as both a co-worker

and as a student is really an honor."

A five-person selection committee used the following criteria to analyze the nominees: reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism.

"Another big thing we look at, maybe the biggest thing, is the uniqueness of their contributions to the departments they work in,"

Yvonne Wieck, campus coordinator of Student Employment Services, said. "They also had to be employed at the same department for at least three months full time or six months part time."

Price's name and his letter of nomination have been forwarded to a regional Student Employee of the Year competition, Wieck said.

### Esser from front page

pressed like it is in America, according to Elmar.

Stefanie was overwhelmed with the acts of kindness she received upon coming to Muleshoe, as were her parents.

She said it takes a while to befriend someone in Germany. "Here, everyone is your friend," Stefanie said—and mom and dad agree.

Esser took a small vacation with her family while they were visiting. They traveled through New

Mexico hoping to see some sun and warm weather; instead, they received cloudy skies and rain— out of the ordinary for the Muleshoe area, but a familiar climate to the Essers.

Stefanie, a senior at MHS, saw her first American football game from the band section of the stands at the MHS football field.

Band is her favorite subject and said she will miss it when she goes back to her all-girls private school in Germany.

Gray said she will also miss Leal's.

"Our Mexican food back home isn't as good as it is here," Stefanie said. But most of all, she said she would miss the friendly town of Muleshoe and especially her host parents.

"She's been a delight," said Gray. "I don't think I could have another exchange student in my home—they just wouldn't measure up to her standards."

Esser will rejoin her fam-

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## Education

# Sixth graders take field trip to learn about Holocaust

Watson Junior High School's sixth grade class took a field trip to the Texas Tech International Cultural Center on April 7 as part of their study of Europe and World War II in Donna Green's social studies class.

The class heard testimonies of Eva Hance, a Dachau concentration camp survivor, along with Mark Geeslin, a liberator of Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

Hance, a native of Budapest, Hungary, told the students that her family never believed Hitler would ever bother the Jews in Hungary and that children who were her friends one day, became her persecutors the next day.

Hance was 11 years old

when she, her brother, and her mother were imprisoned in Dachau. Her father, at the time, had been away serving in the Hungarian Army and was later a prisoner of Mauthausen.

*"I learned to appreciate the things I have."*

—Xavier Mora

After being imprisoned, she suffered from Typhus, was shot in her leg, made soap out of dead bodies, and weighed only 23 pounds.

She was finally free at age 24. During her presentation, she told the audi-

ence to never "hate."

Geeslin said he was a member of the 11th Armored Division of the United States Army when he was 19 years old. He and fellow soldiers liberated the camp of Mauthausen, including Hance's father who was still alive and found on a pile of dead bodies at the camp.

Geeslin spoke of finding these piles of bodies outside the barracks among "trophy" rooms containing skulls and lampshades made from human skin. He had taken pictures of things he saw at the camp and showed the students a slide show of his findings. He shared other stories of survivors and talked about the Holocaust Center in Dallas.

Hance and Geeslin tried to impress upon the students how fortunate and blessed this country is.

Green said the presen-

tation was "very patriotic and spiritually uplifting."

After the field trip, some of the students told their teacher of their learning experience:

"I learned that you should be happy and

thankful, because we are in a free country," MacKenzie Elledge said.

Melissa Mendoza said she learned to appreciate everything she has and "not take it for granted."



**History lesson**—WJHS's sixth grade class took a field trip to hear testimonies from Eva Hance (left), a Dachau concentration camp survivor, and Mark Geeslin (right), a liberator of Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria.

## Guzman recives scholarships at ENMU

Fabian Guzman was awarded three scholarships from the Eastern New Mexico University in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the 2004-05 academic year.

For the third consecutive year he has been awarded the Navin Sinha Memorial Scholarship and the Political Science Merit Scholarship from the Political Science Department at ENMU. In order to qualify for both scholarships, a student must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, be a political science major, and submit an essay on

a topic chosen by the Political Science Department.

From the History Department he has been awarded the J.K. and Jane Hilliard Undergraduate Award in history. To be

eligible for the scholarship, a student must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, be a history major, and demonstrate leadership.

Guzman is currently a junior at ENMU, and is a

double major in political science and history with an emphasis in pre-law. He is the son of Gloria and Filemon Guzman Sr. of Lazbuddie and a 2001 graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

## Springlake-Earth Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

**Freshmen:** Logan McCurry

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**Senior:** Dinora Aguilar, Alyssa Davis, Daniel Ibarra, Tisha Marquez, Heather Moore, Rosemary Salazar, Ricky Ibarra, Larry Rosalez and Chasity Spencer

## Muleshoe H.S. in SSAC competition

These two student teams competed at the Regional Small Schools Academic Competition (SSAC) in February at South Plains College in Levelland.

The team of Tyler Wood, junior, Kelsey Beggs, junior, and Anthony Merino, senior, placed second at Regional competition and earned \$905.82 in scholarship money.

The team of Christy Morgan, senior, Nick Ballenger,

senior, and Stacey Mata, senior, placed fourth at Regional competition and earned \$543.49 in scholarship money.

The competition involves four rounds of questions. Each individual team member is asked five questions each round in the areas of English, math, science and social studies. The team receives one point for each correctly answered question.

Both teams advanced to the State SSAC in Belton on March 27.

Teacher April Smith said unfortunately, the teams did not place in the top five at Belton for scholarships, however, they did receive ranking in the top ten. They competed with approximately 40 other teams from 1-A, 2-A and 3-A schools across the state.

"They competed very well and represented Mule-

shoe High school in a great manner," Smith said.

Tyler is the son of David and Jody Wood; Kelsey is the daughter of Beverly Beggs; Stacey is the daughter of Joe and Patricia Mata; Nick is the son of Stephen and Lisa Ballenger; Christy is the daughter of Ron and Janet Morgan; and Anthony is the son of Elida Gonzales.



**SSAC Scholarship recipients**—Stacey Mata, Christy Morgan, and Nick Ballenger placed fourth at Regional competition and earned \$543.49 in scholarship money.



**SSAC scholarship winners**—Anthony Merino, Tyler Wood and Kelsey Beggs placed second at Regional competition and earned \$905.82 in scholarship money.

## Richards places 16th at state science competition

Steven Richards, sixth grader at Watson Junior High School, competed Saturday in the state round of testing for the Texas Math and Science Coaches' Association (TMSCA).

The state round of competition took place on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio. Richards qualified for state competition

in science and placed 16th in the state on the science test Saturday. He was awarded a medal for his achievement.

Principal David Dominguez said he and the school are "proud of Steven's efforts."

Richards said he had fun at San Antonio and looks forward to next year's competition. He is the son of Mike and Maria Richards.



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## WJHS participates in Double Helix Championship

Nine students at Watson Junior High School decided to take the challenge of competing with other classrooms and schools in the second annual Double Helix Championship, sponsored by Texas Tech University and Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Center for the Integration of Science Education and Research.

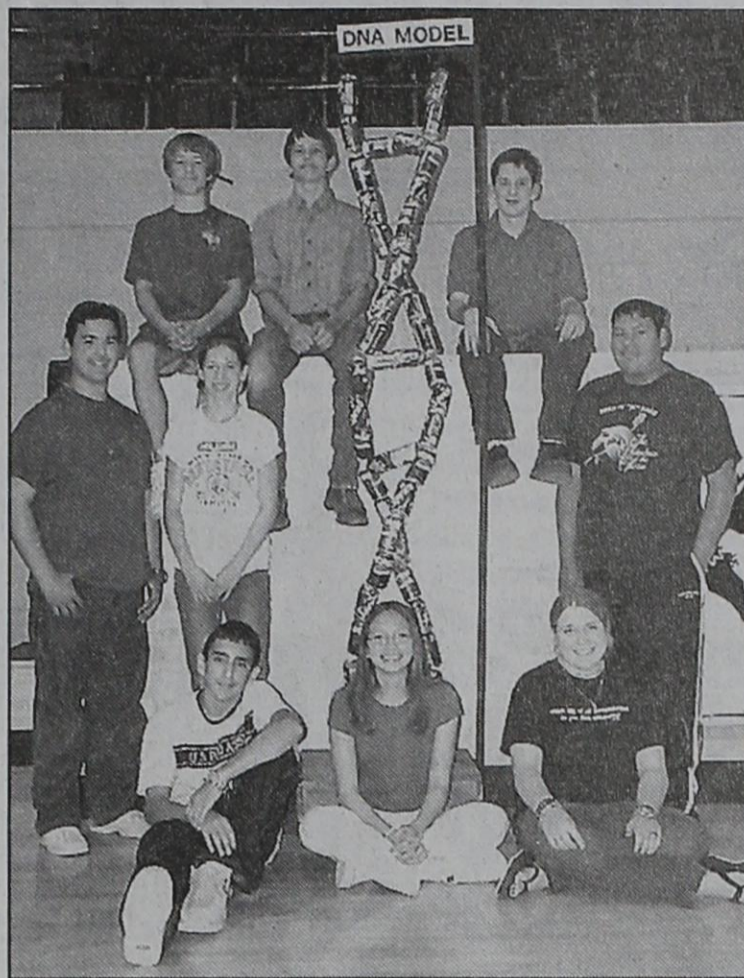
Kelsey Tipps, Courtney Mardis, Sara Cisneros, Franklin Piland, Eli Symm, Angel Daniel, Adam Zamora, Colton Heinrich and Dusty Clayton formed the team to design and build a model of DNA. The students had to use recycled materials, be cost effective, and scientifically correct.

The group used recycled cans contributed by the WJHS student body. Left-

over cans will be donated to the local EMS. Each can in the model represents a different part of the DNA strip which is documented in a journal they have kept of the project.

Teacher Sandy Chitwood said they missed the opportunity to participate in last year's competition but look forward to next year's. "The students have had so much fun with the project," said Chitwood.

The celebration of DNA Day will be April 30, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the famous publication of James Watson and Francis Crick's Nobel Prize winning description of the DNA double helix. Now each year, the week of April 25 will be celebrated around the world as "DNA Day."

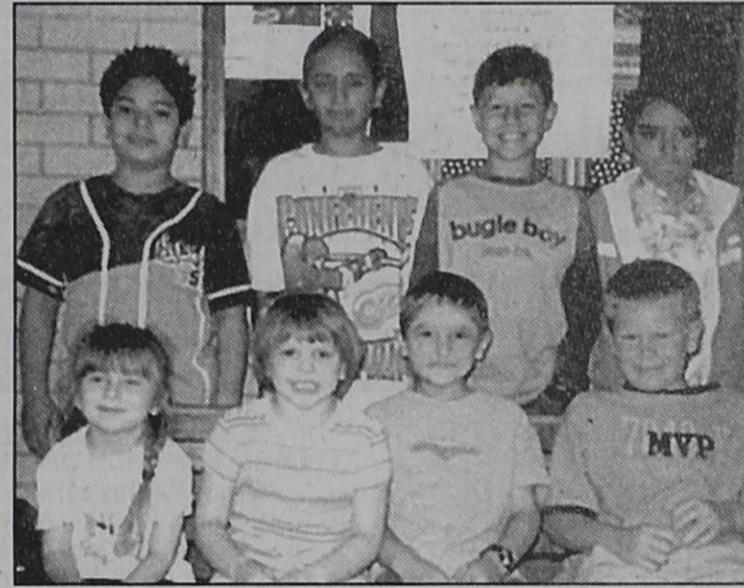


Leslie Radford

**Double Helix Competition**—Sandy Chitwood's science class at WJHS designed a model of human DNA to take to the Double Helix Competition in Lubbock. The students who worked on the project are: (front, l-r) Adam Zamora, Sara Cisneros, and Courtney Mardis; (middle) Franklin Piland, Kelsey Tipps, and Angel Daniel; (back) Dusty Clayton, Colton Heinrich and Eli Symm.



**Laz. March Students of the Month**—(Front, l-r) Lydia Campos and Kyler Steinbock; (back) Thomas Garcia and Miriam Hernandez.



**Laz. Elem. March Students of the Month**—(Front, l-r) Ashley Scott, Abigail Jesko, Zach Backman and Cutter Glover; (back) Arthur Gomez, Mario Galvan, Alfredo Chavira and Criselda Galvan.

## LISD Students of the Month

The March Students of the Month have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership. They have proven to be an asset to their class and to their school.

Each student was presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts. They are the following:

**Pre-kindergarten:** Ashley Scott, daughter of Lee and Carolyn Scott.

**Kindergarten:** Abigail Jesko, daughter of Dustan and Stephanie Jesko.

**First grade:** Zach Bachman, son of Candis Butler.

**Second grade:** Cutter Glover, son of Brian and Shanna Glover.

**Third grade:** Alfredo

Chavira, son of Carmen Derma.

**Fourth grade:** Mario Galvan, son of Hector and Rosario Galvan.

**Fifth grade:** Arthur Gomez, son of Jesus and Maria Gomez.

Lazbuddie March **High School** Students of the Month are Thomas Garcia and Miriam Hernandez.

Thomas Garcia a senior and is the son of Esequiel and Rosa Garcia. His favorite change from last year is he grew about an inch taller. The funniest part of his day is throwing stuff at people. Lunch is his favorite school subject. His favorite line is "shake it like a salt shaker." The worst part of his day is art, because he can't draw.

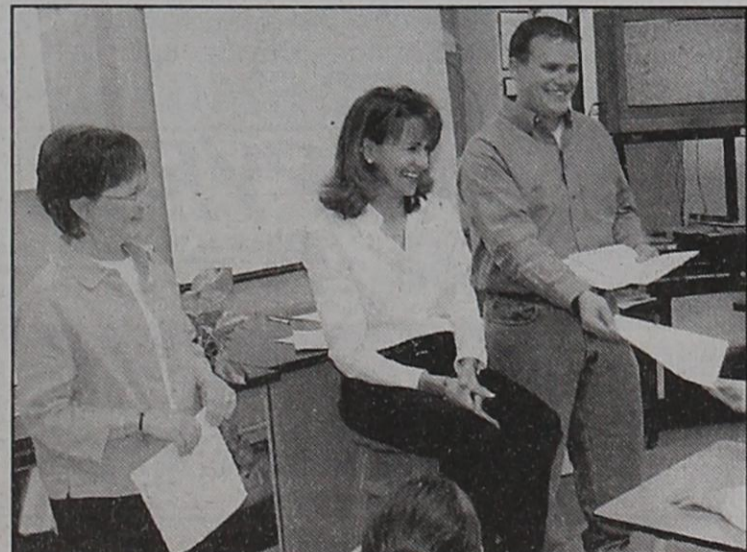
Miriam Hernandez a senior and is the daughter of

Ramon and Enriqueta Hernandez. Her favorite change from last year is that she is a senior. The funniest part of her day is Michelle Scott. Her favorite subject in school is English. She sees herself graduating from college in the next five years. The best advice her parents have given her is to do what you think is right. Her favorite line is "so I'll try to sleep, dreaming of sadness and of the day that held all this badness." The worst part of her day is having to wake up in the mornings.

Lazbuddie **Jr. High** March Students of the Month are Kyler Steinbock and Lydia Campos.

Kyler Steinbock is classified as a sixth grade student from Lazbuddie. His parents are Dennis and Tanya Steinbock. Athletics is his favorite part of the day. His favorite subject is wood-working. He sees himself riding dirt bikes in the next five years. His favorite line from a tune is "party all day." The worst part of his day is when he has math.

Lydia Campos is the sixth grade daughter of Johnny and Sylvia Garcia. The funniest part of her school day is when Dennis or Mrs. Randolph subs for Gillit. Keyboarding is her favorite subject in school. In the next five years, she will be in high school. The best advice her parents have given her is to not do drugs. Her favorite line from a song is como la flor, como la flor, con tanto amor distes tu.



**Character Counts at WJHS**—Watson Junior High School is fortunate to have a large group of community volunteers who have trained to teach the Character Counts course to students. Pictured (l-r) are: Melody Sheets, Kay Leopard and Brady Mason. This group brought a lesson to the eighth grade class on Wednesday, April 14. Their focus was on making ethical decisions. Several more groups are scheduled to present lessons about respect and responsibility over the next few weeks.

## Time Marches On, and Clutter Takes a Toll

Our church is in the midst of some very serious renovation and general "upgrading" of facilities, and that's exciting! It's also interesting.

Since my office/study is one of the areas being renovated, I have spent more time than I care to admit cleaning out one closet and one desk. It just seemed important that the old floor be found before the new one could be installed.

Here's a list of just a few of



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

the things I've found:

A wall mounting bracket for a telephone that has long since expired.

A cassette tape for a telephone answering machine that has long since quit answering.

One househoe (I believe in comfort in the sermon factory, and why not?) whose partner I threw away a year or a few ago since I couldn't find this one.

Five rubber postage rate stamps (not the kind you used to lick; the WHOMP! stamp kind) not self-inking and three of which refer to rates that no longer exist, but they come complete with stamp pads and bottles of various colors of valuable stamp pad ink.

A ton of keys to a ton of locks, most of whom are now in the bottom of a landfill somewhere and no longer much in need of keys.

Three pitch pipes. (This desk

has Church of Christ roots.) Why three? Well, you never know when you'll need one. But I'm now ready to play a pitch pipe symphony in one man Campbellite band fashion if I'm ever called to do so.

A dental appointment card for Thursday, April 14, at 3:00. Fine. I'm just not sure what year. According to my computer clock & date information, it could have been 1994 or maybe 1988. April 14 in 2005 will also be on a Thursday, which is about the right length away for me to feel really good about a dental appointment, but I don't think they book that far ahead. I'm guessing it was 1994. I hope I went. (On the back of that appointment card are some notes about battery sizes for a watch that ran down and died long ago and which no battery will now help.)

Various notes about stuff I really needed to do and people I really needed to see. I found enough now-stickyless Post It notes (now growing lint like hair where their sticky stuff used to be) to paper the office wall. I'm bad about writing "To Do" notes to me that get buried under other "To Do" notes to me—all of which may point to too much to do.

An old 1985 "Prayer Chain" list with 41 names. Seven of those folks have moved, 8 have died, 2 are in the nursing home, and a few have been AWOL from church for years, and . . .

Time marches on, doesn't it? I'm so glad we have a Father whose loving care and mercy is eternal.

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

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# Obituaries

## JOE C. ROARK

Funeral services for Joe C. Roark, 65, of Clovis were April 17, 2004 at Kingswood United Methodist Church with Rev. Brad Reeves and Rev. Glen Harlin officiating. Burial was at Texico Cemetery. Pallbearers were Michael Chavez, L.C. Gonser, Joe Ward, Delbert Kuhn, Chester Harth and Gary Tate. Honorary pallbearers were Boyd Trull, Antique Tractor Buddies and the Methodist Men's Group. Muffley Funeral Home, Inc. of Clovis handled arrangements.

Mr. Roark was born Oct. 24, 1938 at the Baptist Hospital in Clovis to Charles Everett and Ada Louise Nichols Roark. He died April 14, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Quineil Elliott April 5, 1958 in Muleshoe. The couple moved to Clovis in 1964 from the West Camp Community. At the time of his death, he was a mechanic for Safe Ride. Mr. Roark was a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church where he was on the Board of Trustees,

Church Council, the head usher, taught the three-year-old's Sunday school class and was active in the Emmaus.

He was heavily involved with his family. He farmed 19 years in Texico and Clovis, loved to square dance and cook, was a member of the Two Cylinder Tractor Club, owner of Clovis Diesel Injection for 13 years and was a car salesman for local dealerships.

Mr. Roark was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Lola Donaldson; and a brother, Roy Roark.

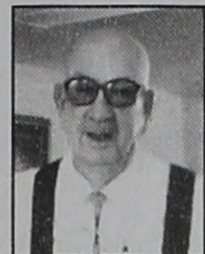
He is survived by his wife of the home; two sons, Rob K. and wife Darla Roark of Clovis and Mike and wife Becky Roark of Midland; a daughter Rhonda and husband Chris Pierce of Clovis; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Roark of Amarillo; and his mother of Friona.

The family suggests memorials to Kingswood United Methodist Church.

## PETE TARLTON

Chapel services for Pete Tarlton, 83, of Maple were

Monday, April 19, 2004 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Metzger of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park



TARLTON

Cemetery, Muleshoe.

Mr. Tarlton died April 15, 2004 in the Covenant-Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. He was born February 1, 1921 in Blanket. He married Chloris Irene Gandy in Lubbock on November 6, 1940. Chloris preceded him in death on February 1, 2004.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Morton. He was a charter member of the Lions Club in Maple. He had moved to the Goodland Community in 1929 from Blanket.

Mr. Tarlton is survived by a son, James and wife Geraldine Tarlton of Roswell; a daughter, Glenda and husband Gary Clark of Dallas; two sisters, Nina

Brown of Ropesville, and Irene Harth of Portales; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

## FRANKIE DANIELL

Chapel services for Frankie M. Daniell, 86, of Dimmitt were Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Daniell died April 18, 2004 in Dimmitt. She was born March 3, 1918 in Alpena Pass, Ark. She married John Williams in Flagstaff, Ariz. in 1934. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1970. She married William M. Daniell in Muleshoe on Sept. 4, 1984. He preceded her in death in 1999. Mrs. Daniell was also preceded in death by a son, Johnny, in 2002, and two brothers, Lawrence and Francis Edwards.

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# Bridal Showers

## WILLIAMS

A bridal shower honoring Bobbi Williams, bride-elect of Brandon Foster, was held April 18 in the home of Melvin and Vicki Morris of Lazbuddie.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rodney and Tana Williams of Texico.

The prospective groom is the son of D.H. Foster of Lazbuddie and Kathy Vanclave of Tijeras, NM.

Special guests of the bride-to-be were Tana Williams, Jenni Williams, LaMicah Drager, Lindy Payne, Allsion Maggio and Amy Hartley.

Special guests of the prospective groom were Shanna Vinson and Brennan, Stephanie and Staci Foster, Nedda Travis, Brea Barner, Marcia Bell, Jill Denton, Carolyn Foster,



WILLIAMS

Chelsea Amarai and Hyland.

The hostesses were Marca Morris, Jana St.Clair, Joann McDonald, Sheryl Engelking, Terry Thomas, Vickie Burch, Ellen Gallman, Mandi Seaton, Debbie Gallman, Sarah Black, Debbie Weir and Vicki Morris.

Hostesses gifts were a

set of cookware, dishes, rustic wall mirror and a broom.

The wedding will be Saturday, May 22, 2004 at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Texico.

## CASTORENA

A bridal shower honoring Jennifer Castorena, bride-elect of Robert Castillo, was held on April 18 at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room in Muleshoe.

Special guests were Sylvia Castorena, grandmother of the bride-elect, Angela Arreola, sister of the bride-elect, Melissa Cordova, sister of the prospective groom, and Leticia Castorena, sister of the bride-elect.

The hostesses were Angela Arreola, April Castillo, Elizabeth Castorena, Denise Esparza, Mary Ann



CASTORENA

Flores, Diana Gonzales, Stella Gonzales, Amy Melendez, Gloria Mendoza, Melissa Moran, Aundra Mostenbocker, Annette Orozco, Theresa Orozco, Diana Pacheco, Elizabeth Ramirez, Marisela Silva, Cynthia Villarreal and Lela Villarreal.

The hostess gift was a 32-inch flat screen TV.

# Marricle plays fastball for Mules

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules took their game out of town on April 13 and 17 and came home with two wins to clinch at least a tie for the second spot in the district race. The Mules have three games remaining in their regular season and need just one win to take sole possession of second place.

The Mules went to Slaton on Tuesday and shut out the Tigers 10-0. Jarad Flores gave up two hits and no runs. Flores struck out seven Tigers in the seven-inning performance.

Saturday afternoon the Mules were in Dimmitt and Bryan King gave up only three hits and one run to the Bobcats while the Mules put five runs in the visitor's column. King recorded 10 Ks in seven innings.

Brant Hamilton walked in the first inning against

Slaton and scored on Ryan Marricle's single to left field. King followed Marricle with a double to left center that scored Marricle.

Marricle added a run for the Mules in the fourth and Alvarado crossed the plate in the fifth. Geoff Sirkel and Hamilton scored the Mule's final two runs in the seventh on a Marricle line drive double down the left field line.

Marricle singled to left to score Bomer and Wilson went home on a sacrifice by Juan Nunez. King walked two in the bottom of the third after getting the first batter to ground out to Hamilton at short.

King slipped to the turf fielding a tap back to the mound and made the throw to first from the sitting position. King struck out the next batter on three pitches. Marricle led

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# Sports

## Lady Mules get sixth straight win at district track

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Lady Mules won an unprecedented sixth district championship in track April 16. They successfully defended their championship and home track against all the other district teams with 211 total points.

The Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates appeared to be ready to challenge the Lady Mule's supremacy in track. The Lady Pirates placed second with 167 points and Slaton finished third with 88. Brownfield (68), Littlefield (56) and Dimmitt (10) rounded out the scoring in the meet.

Eleven Lady Mules qualified for the regional meet in Odessa in 14 events. The meet will be at Ratliff Field April 30 and May 1.

Jessica Withrow led the Lady Mules by taking four individual medals and anchored the gold medal 4x400-meter relay. Sara Benham picked up two individual silver medals and ran a leg on all three qualifying relay teams.

Withrow won the long jump with a leap of 16 feet

10 and three-quarter inches. Minerva Martinez earned the silver medal in the discus with a toss of 92' 10" and placed sixth in the shot put with a heave of 30' 6 1/4. Madison Smith placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 89' 8 and fifth in the shot put with a 31' 4 3/4.

Benham took silver in the triple jump with a distance on 34' 6 3/4 and Ashley Gutierrez was third with a 32' 11 1/4". Lindsey Wood placed sixth with a 31' 10 1/2".

Mitci Hawkins took the silver medal in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes 5.52 seconds and Hillary Tipps ran sixth with a 14:24.76.

Withrow, Benham and Brandi Wood won the gold, silver and bronze in the high jump with leaps of 5'8", 5'4" and 5'0" respectively. Amber Cowart and Kasey Wood took the gold and silver in pole vault, clearing 9'6" and 8'0".

A gold medal went to Withrow in the 100-meter hurdles with a 15.35 and Cowart and Charissa Conner placed third and

fourth with times of 17.30 and 17.35. The Lady Mule 4x100-meter relay team of B.Wood, Benham, L. Wood and Jamie Carpenter took silver with a time of 51.23.

Gutierrez won the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:28.81 and Kate Leopard placed fourth with a

2:45.21. Carpenter placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a 13.26.

The 4x200-meter team of B.Wood, L. Wood, Carpenter and Benham won the silver with a 1:49.18. Leopard took silver in the 400-meter dash with a 65.52 and Kelsey Friskup placed sixth with a

69.28. Withrow dominated the 300-meter hurdles with a 47.62 and L.Wood placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 28.60.

Hawkins' second silver medal of the day came in the 1600-meter run with a 6:07.98 and Cowart ran fourth with a 6:19.22.

In the final event of the day, the 1600-meter relay team of Gutierrez, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow won the gold and got it with a time of 4:11.40.

The Lady Mules will participate in a qualifiers-meet at Texas Tech, April 22 at 3 p.m.



**We are the Champions**— Lady Mules hold their title as District Champs. Pictured on tier one (front-back): Kasey Wood, Jessica Withrow, Sara Benham, Brandi Wood and Kelsey Friskup. Tier two: Lindsey Wood, Chelsey Hamilton, Hillary Tipps, Kate Leopard and Ashley Gutierrez. Tier three: Amber Cowart, Charissa Conner, Jaime Carpenter and Madison Smith.



**Puttin' heat on it**—Bryan King gets ready to pitch Saturday afternoon at Dimmitt.

### Mules baseball, from pg. 7

off for the Mules in the fifth and drove the second pitch he saw over the center field fence for a home run.

"I did not have my hard stuff today," said King. "Fortunately my off-speed pitches were working and they could not hit them very well. I did give up one fast ball. We really hit the ball well today and played good defense."

London Wilson made back-to-back catches in left field and the final out came on a pop fly to Alvarado at third. The Mules final run came in the fifth when Alvarado scored on

Hamilton's single to center. Wilson had a single and two doubles against Dimmitt.

"I had sort of been in a slump at the plate," said Wilson. "Today I just tried to stay back and hit the ball. Finally I got lucky and hit the ball."

Dimmitt's only run came on a lead off homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.

"Our pitching and defense have really come a long way this season," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "These last two games were big wins for us to clinch our first playoff spot since 2001."

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# Letter to the Editor

## Being a good citizen

To the editor of the Muleshoe Journal:

Your April 1st 2004 headline really grabbed my attention. It's good to know that you will be focusing on this during the month.

National Child Abuse Month is a time when communities throughout the country focus on the plight of neglected and tortured children. While many of the children will die from their ill treatment, most of those kids will suffer in silence and live with the pain for the rest of their lives. This is because good people and good neighbors do not speak up.

Dave Pelzer, the best-selling author of three books detailing his sadistic treatment at the hands of his mother, found release from eight years of horror when an attentive teacher noticed what was happening and chose not to mind her own business. He was one of the lucky ones.

Eric Patterson ended his tormented life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His parents of-

ral Kansas noticed their son was behaving oddly, but they assumed his moods were a normal part of being a teenager. It was only in 1999, as 29-year-old Eric lay on his hospital bed, under treatment for depression, that he admitted he had been molested as a child by his parish priest. After his death, it was learned that the suicides of five young men were traceable to the same molester priest, who now is in jail. They also learned that church authorities knew what kind of man the priest was but did nothing.

Three month old little Tyreona Mabry's suffered 40 breaks in her ribs, three fractures in her legs, brain hemorrhages, bruised organs and a broken back before she died. Neighbors knew something was wrong, because they'd heard the child screaming behind closed doors. But they never called the authorities.

Every one of us must be on the outlook for child abuse. If you know or suspect you know a child suffering, report it. Good intentions won't help those children. Only action will. Could you be a little boy

or girl's rescuer? If not you, who? If not now, when?

If you need help dealing with abuse issues, call the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD. To report child abuse or neglect here in Texas, call the state hotline at 1-800-252-5400.

It's not meddling, it's being a good citizen.

**Kay Cole  
Maple Community**

## Raising awareness

Dear Editor,

I speak for the entire membership of the Bailey County Child Welfare Board when I say, "Thank you and congratulations on a job well done!" for the coverage on Child Abuse Prevention.

We focus on this issue now as April is the statewide Child Abuse Preventing Month - but our overall focus is to raise awareness throughout the year and stop child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place, sparing children and families emotional and physical trauma, and decreasing the need for costly intervention and treatment services.

Your accurate and complete reporting should have a positive impact.

We also appreciate the many supportive individuals and businesses in Bailey County - an we ask

continued support. We have a fund-raiser planned for this next month and there is a gift shower scheduled for the Rainbow Room, the local site provided for immediate care for children in need.

Information on volunteering will be available at these events and we encourage those interested in taking an active part in these activities to contact a member of the Board.

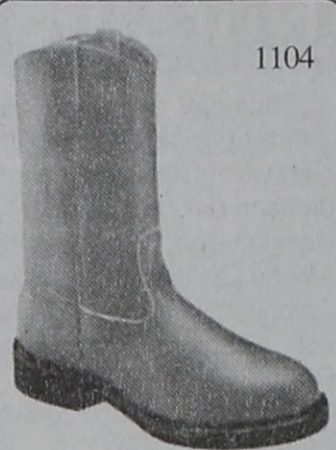
The website [www.itsuptoyou.com](http://www.itsuptoyou.com) contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse and what to do if you suspect a child in danger. If you are not on-line at home, the Mule-

shoe Public Library provides free internet access.

Every 11 seconds in America a child is reported abused or neglected and every 24 hours four children die from child abuse. Texas statistics show 203 children died from abuse or neglect in 2002 and there were 55,841 confirmed abuse victims.

The Child Welfare Board asks help from every resident in Bailey County in protecting our children and preventing abuse.

Sincerely,  
**Ann Sowder  
Bailey County Child Welfare Board**



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## Democratic Party to attend state convention in June

The Bailey County Democratic Party Convention was held at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room on March 27 at 10 a.m. Chairperson Linda McGonagill announced that 376 persons voted in the democratic primary and that the majority preference for a presidential candidate was John Kerry, with John Edwards and Howard Dean running in second and third place respectively.

There is a new law that provides for a candidate unopposed to be automatically considered elected. The following local candidates were elected by Democrats to run in November 2004: Precinct 1 County Commissioner, Rodney Baker; Precinct 4 County Commissioner, Juan Chavez;

Tax Assessor-Collector, Berta Combs; Democratic Chairperson, Linda McGonagill; Precinct Chair, Pct. 1, Nelda Merriott; Precinct Chair, Pct. 2, Joyeline Costen; Precinct Chair, Pct. 3, Kay Cole; Precinct Chair, Pct. 3, Box 4, Noe Anzaldua; Precinct Chair, Pct. 4, Box 5-6, Ana Mendoza Cadena.

The number of voters indicated that Bailey County Democrats could send two Delegates and two Alternates to the State Convention being held in Houston

at the George Brown Convention Center on June 18-19.

Delegates from the Precinct Conventions after the Primary elected the following persons to be Delegates to the convention: Noe Anzaldua and Alberto Daniel; Alternates chosen were Patsy Chance and Juan Chavez.

The County Chair can also attend the convention as a Delegate-at-Large. However, it was discovered Noe Anzaldua will not be able to attend the State Convention. Therefore, one of the alternates will go in his place.

Delegates later met to discuss a fund-raiser to be held on May 15 at the City Park, and will later be announced. Kay Cole was elected publicity chairperson and chair of the committee for the event. Funds raised will be used to pay travel and hotel expenses for the delegates to attend the Convention and represent our county in voting for the presidential candidate, and resolutions for the platform of the Texas Democratic Party.

A report on the 2002 Convention in El Paso was given by Linda McGonagill and the convention adjourned.

## Clovis Community College to celebrate Cinco de Mayo early

Clovis Community College will hold their second annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta on Saturday, April 24. It starts at 6 p.m. and features some of Clovis' best Mexican restaurants, a cash bar, music from the Mariachi Cordova, the Nata-Raja Dancers, and dancing to the music of Zumbale. Door prizes will be available, as well as a piñata for the kids. The scene of this great party is at the American Legion Post 25 at 2400 West 7th St. in Clovis.

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#### Are there other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (Starting this year, the county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2004 taxes as the highest amount for over-65 or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 or disabled homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. These homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

#### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2003, you won't need to reapply for 2004 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2004. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

#### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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#### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (Comenzando este año, el condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2004 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o están incapacitados y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de tope máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio anterior.

#### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

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## Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Anita Johnson directed a craft class. Anita assisted the residents in painting a butterfly. Residents participating were: Alliene Lasiter, Alene Locke, Delphine Gruda, Letha Pateron, Diane Copley, Ruby Riley, Winnie Jacobs, Clydetta Mitchell and Juanita Teague.

Pastor Randy and Brenda Thomas of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church and Pastor Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church directed a special Maundy service, Thursday morning.

The Resident Council met Thursday afternoon in the Day room.

Friday afternoon the Senior Citizens kitchen band from Clovis entertained at the resident's Easter party. A Easter egg hunt took place on the lawn at the back of Park View. Marilyn Wilson and Dianne Brown not only made special desserts for the party, but also helped with the serving. Refreshments of "Oreo

dirty" and peach tea were served. Volunteers Plus gave each resident ceramic rabbit.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the communion service Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Budge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

The 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ directed church services Sunday afternoon.

We do appreciate all the Volunteers and families for helping make the Easter season a very special time for the residents of Parkview.

The Farwell Church of God in Christ (Mennonites) youth came to sing to the residents Friday night.

Tuesday morning Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of directed a memorial service for Andy Hernandez. Andy's family and the residents attended the service.

Tuesday afternoon was beauty shop day. Volunteers came to shampoo, set and comb out the ladies hair. Vol-

unteers that helped were Pat Watson, Beverly Wagnon, Beckye Conklin, Pat Clark, Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale. Pat Clark gave hair cuts. Beverly Wagnon and Beckye Conklin baked special delectables that were served after the work was all done.

Erma Templar's family met together over the weekend, which made five generations of Templars coming together.

Ruby Riley went out to be with her family during Easter weekend.

Laverne James visited Jewel Peeler, Clifton Finley and others Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning, Harold and Mary Jo Burge, and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and sweet rolls to the residents at coffee time. Harold directed the conversation and offered words of wisdom.

Elliott's son from Amarillo, visited him Friday.

Ardith Long's daughter-in-law visited her Sunday after-

noon. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Curtis Daniell. He will be missed by many.

Gladys Wilson attended services at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with her family Sunday.

Diane Copley was given a perm by Jeanette Kube from Honey Comb Tuesday morning.

Bro. Bennie Wright, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed the devotional/"singspiration" time Wednesday morning.

Rita Thomas and Cathy Wilson visited Gladys Wilson Sunday.

J. C. and Maria Snitker visited Park View Thursday. The Snitkers plan to be back and to entertain at the April birthday party, Thursday, April 22.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin stopped by to visit last week. Melvin brought his latest pet to entertain.

Summer Lowe and Cassidy Lowe, Elizabeth

DePalma, and Rosemary Lowe were among our visitors Friday.

Gerry and Jan Pierce visited Jim Kee Tuesday. Congratulations to Mary Frances Holt, who was chosen "Sweetheart of the Week" on Channel 6 T.V.

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**Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month**—Veronica Gomez (right, center) of RadioShack was voted the Employee of the Month by locals. Gomez was presented the Chamber award by Helen Cook (left), Terral King (left, center) and Jan Thompson (right).



**Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month Award**—Lambert Cleaners' Jim Ella Clemmons (middle right) and her daughter Amelia were presented with the C of C Business of the Month award. Jan Thompson (left) and Terral King (right) with the Chamber presented the award last week.

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## Senior Citizen News

The Seniors haven't stopped to catch their breath since the Oneita Wagnon Center opened last October.

In the first month of operation, over 400 seniors signed the guestbook. Last month, more than 600 signed in (an increase of 50 percent).

The Center has a tireless group of volunteers who've done a magnificent job of helping to renovate the Center and organize fund-raising activities. In just six short months, the seniors have held two garage sales, a soup and cornbread supper, a tamale sale and a bake sale. There's no lack of energy or creativity among this group of go-getters.

The garage sale held April 16-17 will be held again the weekend of April 23-24 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on April 23 and 9:00 a.m. to noon on

April 24. Donations may be brought to the Center during the week.

Physical fitness continues to be a top priority of many seniors. Walkers come early in the morning and continue throughout the day.

The monthly potluck supper and movie will be held Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and sit back and watch one of your old favorites on the new big screen television.

The seniors of the month are Helen and Marshall Cook who are regulars at the Center. They come early to walk and stay late to participate in activities and volunteer their talents. Marshall serves as chairman of the Center's Advisory Committee.

This committee is responsible for advising the Board on a variety of issues and is

currently working on recommendations to reduce the Center's operating expenses. In addition to his duties with the Advisory Committee, Marshall helped renovate the restroom and is currently building an island in our new kitchen. Helen and Marshall will be featured on our web site [www.muleshooseniors.org](http://www.muleshooseniors.org).

Our computers are getting quite a workout as a number of seniors hone their skills with a variety of games. Olan Clements, Wesley Hawkins, and Salomon Madrid are among the most avid computer users.

There's always something to do at the Center: play cards, put a puzzle together, read something from the library, chat with friends, and volunteer your time and talent.

## Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Hospital reports the following patients:

**April 8** - Nacole Aarsted, Juan Banelos Virginia Barrett, Blanca Beltran, Justin Brown, Maria DeLaCruz, Baby Gonzales, Baby girl Mares, Maurice Royal, Amalia Ruiz, S. Sims and Alice Warner.

**April 9** - Nacole Aarsted, Juan Banelos, Virginia Barrett, Blanca Beltran, Nora Burch, Maria DeLaCruz, Baby

Gonzales, Tommy King, Alexa Mares, Leonardo Ovalle, Loretta Roland, Amalia Ruiz, S. Sims and Alice Warner.

**April 10** - Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, Pete Fulcher, Gwendol Lasiter, Hyrum Orcutt, S. Sims, Wanell Stanley, Enrique Toscano and Alice Warner.

**April 11** - Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, Pete Fulcher, Gwendol Lasiter, Hyrum Orcutt, S. Sims, Wanell

Stanley, Enrique Toscano and Alice Warner.

**April 12** - Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, Pete Fulcher, Gwendol Lasiter, Hyrum Orcutt, S. Sims, Wanell Stanley, Enrique Toscano and Alice Warner.

**April 13** - Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch, S. Sims and Wanell Stanley.

**April 14** - Virginia Barrett, El Brown, Nora Burch and Wanell Stanley.

## EMS Report

Members of the Bailey County Emergency Medical Services Organization acknowledge Five Area Telephone and Dent and Company for their donations toward CPR training equipment.

This equipment will be used for training within the organization and for upcoming CPR classes offered by the Bailey County EMS organization.

EMS would also like to acknowledge Alco for donating

plants for our flower beds and the Muleshoe Journal for donating the weekly paper.

Bailey County EMS is a volunteer service and all donations are greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to make a donation to our volunteer service, please contact our office at 272-4390, or mail your donation to: Bailey County EMS Organization, 715 W. 2nd St., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

March marked a new begin-

ning for the Bailey County EMS organization with the election of a new executive board. Board members are elected for a three-year term during the BCEMS organizational meeting March 10.

They include: Bryan Morris, president; Alex Garcia, vice-president; Charlotte Harris, secretary/treasurer; Chris Thompson, training officer; Sharon Yohner-Taylor, historian/reporter; and Kem Bales, past president/advisor.

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## Agricultural News

### Boll weevil ballots in

Ballots in the Panhandle Boll Weevil Zone Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum were canvassed and certified by Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin April 8.

One-hundred-forty-seven ballots had been mailed out, of which 102 were returned. The Canvassing Committee determined that 98 of the returned ballots were valid.

The results of the referendum were as follows: Voting to establish a boll weevil eradication zone: 91 ballots in favor— This represents 92.86% of those voting; 18,500 acres in favor— This represents 73.93% of the acres in the

zone. Voting on a \$4 per acre assessment: 91 ballots in favor— This represents 94.85% of those voting; 18,502 acres in favor— This represents 73.94% of the acres in the zone.

Keith Watson, of Dumas, was overwhelmingly elected as the director to represent the new zone on the Board of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs, certified the results confirming the establishment of an eradication zone in the thirteen counties of Texas that comprise the Panhandle Zone.

### Cow-calf producers workshop

Drought, record cattle prices and a national "Mad Cow" scare made 2003 an interesting year to say the least for cow-calf producers. To survive in this environment, cow-calf producers need to know how their operations are performing, from a production standpoint and from a financial standpoint, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Cow-calf producers can learn how to gauge their operation's economic health at a May 5 Standardized Performance Analysis workshop at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Cen-

ter here.

"The goal of this workshop is to help cow-calf operators determine their current financial and production benchmarks," said Stan Bevers, Extension economist based at Vernon. "This is a working workshop. We will help participants generate and complete their own performance analyses."

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration costs \$100 per ranch or operation, and includes educational materials, software, lunch and refreshments.

To register or to obtain more information, contact Bevers at (940) 552-9941.

## Boll Weevils suppressed locally

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today officially declared seven Boll Weevil Eradication Zones as "suppressed," comprising 59 counties and more than 4 million acres in the Panhandle and western parts of the state.

The suppressed Boll Weevil Eradication Zones are Southern High Plains Caprock around Lubbock; Northern High Plains around Plainview; Western High Plains around Seminole; Permian Basin around Midland-Odessa; Northern Rolling Plains around Childress; Northwest Plains around Hereford; and El Paso/Trans-Pecos around El Paso.

"Suppressed" means that less than 0.025 boll weevils were found per trap per week during the cotton growing season.

"This is a great milestone in Texas' fight against boll weevils, a destructive pest that has plagued our state's cotton industry for more than a century," Combs said. "The determination and hard work of cotton growers in each zone, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation helped us reach this goal."

### Texas' Beef Council active

The Texas Beef Council will help Texans receive the latest information on smart ways to save both time and money this spring and summer while enjoying beef's unique package of natural nutrition. In partnership with Texas foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, chefs, fast-food chains and supermarkets, TBC will promote innovative new cuts, provide smart shopping tips, and suggest delicious new recipes on television talk shows.

"Boll weevils cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas every year, so obviously our ultimate goal is to completely eradicate this pest in Texas. Today we are much closer to that day," Combs said.

"It is indeed a proud moment for our producers when we can claim a region

## Extension touches the lives of Texans through volunteers

Last year, more than 150,000 Texas Cooperative Extension volunteers touched the lives of nearly 5.5 million people. It's a service valued at more than \$420 million per year, according to Extension estimates.

"Four-H leaders mentor children, gardeners beautify communities, and family and consumer science volunteers help build strong families," said John Cooper, Extension horticulturist in Denton County and chair of the North Texas Extension Volunteer Committee. "So as we near National Volunteer Week, we are thankful for our wonderful volunteers who are improving the lives of Texans."

Continuing a 31-year tradition that celebrates the efforts of volunteers throughout the United States, President George Bush has declared April 18-24 as National Volunteer Week.

Beth Lamb, a volunteer with the Wellness in the City Master Volunteer Association in Dallas County, became an Extension volunteer to learn more about nutrition and to give back to the community.

"I think our program helps the public by providing information on health and

## Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns report

The CCC is a weekly report from Washington D.C. giving an up-to-date summary of top policy initiatives concerning the cattle industry; direct from National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Mexico: Mexico reopened its border this week to U.S. beef variety meat products, including trimmings, liver, tongue, lips, heart and kidneys. According to the USDA, the newly allowed cuts will have to come from meat packing plants approved by Mexican authorities, and will have to come from cattle under 30 months of age who have never been exposed to ruminant-derived feed. A ban still applies to live animals. Mexico is historically the second-largest foreign market for U.S. beef, and our top market for variety meats. In 2003, the Mexican beef export market was worth \$818 million and the beef variety meat markets accounted for \$271 million in value.

DeHaven Announcement: USDA Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced last Friday that Ron DeHaven will succeed Bobby Acord as administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Since April 2002, DeHaven has served as deputy administrator of APHIS for Veterinary Services, where he provided leadership in safeguarding animal health, most notably managing the detection and investigation of the December

23 BSE case in Washington State.

Johnes Research: USDA Secretary Ann Veneman announced Wednesday that USDA will contribute \$8.8 million to two international research collaboratives seeking to control and eliminate Johnes disease in cattle, sheep and goats and porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, or PRRS, in swine. Johnes disease is a chronic, infectious, wasting disease of cattle. Symptoms include chronic diarrhea and weight loss, decreased milk production, reduced fertility, and eventually death. An estimated 22 percent of all U.S. dairy herds are infected with Johnes disease. The USDA will be partnering with the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine on these projects. Funding for the research was provided by USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA's leading research and education funding agency.

Sage Grouse: Key members of the Senate are sending letters to Appropriations Committee leadership and USDA requesting funding be set aside within the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) program for efforts related to sage grouse in the eleven affected states (California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.) The letter, currently signed by

Senators Allard (R-CO), Baucus (D-MT), Burns (R-MT), Craig (R-ID), Crapo (R-ID), Ensign (R-NV), Enzi (R-WY), Hatch (R-UT), Reid (D-NV), G. Smith (R-OR), Thomas (R-WY), and Wyden (D-OR) asks for \$5 million for Sage Grouse conservation

projects. NCBA and the Public Lands Council are working to illustrate that positive steps are being taken to conserve the bird and show the ESA listed is not needed.

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is nearing a weevil-free status," said Sen. Robert Duncan from Lubbock. "This spirit of hard work and cooperation for a common goal is commendable, and I hope it will continue as we face other challenges in rural Texas."

The seven "suppressed" zones join two Texas zones that have been declared weevil free. The Southern

Rolling Plains Zone around San Angelo was declared weevil free in 2000 and the Rolling Plains Central Zone around Abilene in 2002.

The state's current boll weevil eradication program was signed into law in 1997. There are currently 12 active boll weevil eradication zones in Texas covering more than 6 million acres.

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# Baby Showers

## GILLIAM

Lissa Gilliam is due in June with twin boys Tyler Wyatt and Garrett Cole Gilliam. They were honored with a baby shower on April 17 at the First Assembly of God Family Life Center in Muleshoe.

Special guests were Lissa's mother Rama Smalling of Muleshoe, her mother-in-law Glenda Gilliam of Ropesville, grandmother Ella Copley of Muleshoe, her aunts Johnnie Parker of Fritch, Vicki Welch of Levelland, and Margaret Copley, Diane Copley and Myra Copley all of Muleshoe, her cousin Tonya Ruthardt



GILLIAM

and Christy Copley from Muleshoe and Gail Owen of Tucumcari.

Hostesses were Jamie Bohler, Terri Bohler, Elaine Walker, Tina Bohler, Katrina Scott, Sandy Nash, Sharon

Berry, Yaunda Martin, Deb Stone, Shelly Turnbow, Diane Orr, Lanelle Skaggs, Janice Morrison, Darlene Ruthardt, Lena Gartin, Jacki Jean Whatley and Janice Bradshaw.

The hostess gift was a Texas Tech themed centerpiece gift basket with assorted bath supplies, feeding supplies and baby toys and a gift card to Toys-R-Us.

Lissa is married to Dustin Gilliam and they reside in Ropesville.

## SORENSEN

Jennifer (Hill) Sorenson was honored with a baby shower February 21, 2004.

Her daughter, Lexie Kay Sorenson, was born April 15, 2004.

Special guests were Sorenson's mother, Dayna Kinard; grandmothers, Hattie Kinard and Alice Barber; and Aunt Dee Grumbles.

Refreshments served were a Noah's Ark chocolate cake and punch.

The centerpiece was a decorated white basket that held a *Baby Einstein* movie, washcloths and other various baby items.

The hostesses were: Jaime Smyer, Tina Bohler, Keisha Russell, Connie



SORENSEN

Kemp, Terri Bohler, Clair Brown, Jamie Bohler, Shana Vinson, Mandy Hursh, Rita Mimms, Elaine Walker, Jamie Bohler and Debbie Magby.

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# Engagements



TORRES — WILLIAMS

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Stephanie Torres and Billy Williams announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. Bob Alexander of Friona, Ester Alexander of Austin, Loida Soto of Friona and Vincente Soto of Amarillo. Her grandparents are Claudio and Lupe Vela of Clovis and Natalia Soto of Mexico. She graduated from Friona High School and is employed by Bi-Wize Drug as a pharmacy technician.

The groom is the son of the late Weldon Williams and Glenda and Glen Stevens of Muleshoe. His grandparents are Claude and Doris McDowell of Muleshoe, Theda Bloxom of Friona and the late Lester Williams. He is a Muleshoe High School and South Plains College Police Academy graduate and is employed as a deputy by the Parmer County Sheriff's Department.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 10, 2004 at the Union Congregational Church in Friona.



WINN — JOHNSON

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Reggie and Sue Johnson of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son, Chad Johnson of Cherokee, to Laura Winn Lometa, daughter of Clarice Pittman and Joe Winn of Llano.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Tarleton State University and is employed as a Wildlife Manager at Barnes-Keith Ranch in Cherokee.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Angelo State University and teaches at Lometa ISD.

The wedding will be June 12 in New Braunfels.

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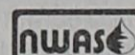
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Lance Jones Construction, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, permit No. 55567L002, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located on the east side of County Road 113 approximately .5 miles east of the intersection of County Road 113 and Highway 84, Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 19, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, the TCEQ Public Library, 322 West 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical re-

view, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.**

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**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facil-**

**ity in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.** If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. **INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Further information may also be obtained from Lance Jones Construction, Inc., 419 West Commercial, Portales, New Mexico 88130 or by calling Mr. Brad Wieck, P.E., Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123. Issuance Date: April 8, 2004. Published in the *Muleshoe Journal* Thursday, April 22, 2004.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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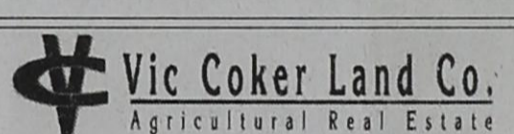
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**Benham, from front page**

was also named Honorable Mention All-South Plains by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal (A-J)*. As a junior, Benham was the Most Valuable



**Diggin' a ditch**— David Brunson and Don Sharp (pictured respectively) along with other Rotary members dug a ditch for a drip irrigation system at the City Park Saturday morning. The Rotary Club plans to plant shade trees at a later date as a community service project. Other members helping that weekend were George Nieman, Lary and Wanda Hooten, and Mike and Chris Cleavinger.

Player of District 2-3A and named to the first team All-Region and All-State by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The Texas Girl Coaches Association also named her to their All-State Team.

The A-J named her as Player of the Year on the All-South Plains Team and the *Globe News* again, named her to the Golden Spread Super Team.

Benham earned all tournament honors in the Caprock Christmas Tournament.

As a senior, Benham was named to the pre-season All-State Team by the *Texas Basketball Magazine* and the All-Panhandle Plains Super

Team. She was the MVP of the Caprock Tournament.

She made the Region I All-Tournament team and was named MVP of District 2-3A and earned first team All-Region, All-State and Academic All-State honors by the TABC.

The TGCA named her to the All-State Team as well as the Academic All-State Team.

Benham was again chosen as Player of the Year and All South Plains by the A-J and made the Golden Spread Super Team once again.

TABC and TGCA picked her as an All-Star. Benham has been chosen as one of 12 players in Texas to play in the Texas-Oklahoma All-Star game.

"Sara was a pleasure to coach," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "I really do not believe the University Of Denver knows what kind of gem they signed here today."

Benham's parents Jack and Nancy Benham watched as their signed on the dotted line. Her teammates, coaches, students, friends and fans were there to support her.

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**Heavy rain takes toll on Bailey County Cemetery**



**Sunken graves**— Severe rain caused approximately 55 graves in the Bailey County Cemetery to cave in. Members of the Cemetery Association spent their weekend restoring graves such as this one.

By Leslie Radford  
Managing editor

This is not the first time that rain has wreaked havoc on the Bailey County Cemetery northeast of town.

"This happened several years ago," said David Weir, president of the Cemetery Association. Weir said while retrieving a sunken headstone a few years back after a severe flood, the pickup truck that was pulling it out of a sunken grave fell into and stuck in an adjacent grave.

"It's just something that happens to older cemeteries because they were not required to have concrete vaults," Weir said.

Several members of the Cemetery Association helped restore the graves over the weekend, filling sunken graves with dirt, re-aligning headstones, and ultimately putting the cemetery back together. David Weir, Marshal Head, Paul Poyner and Ansel Ashford volunteered their time Saturday and Monday mornings to get the job done.

"This is everybody's cemetery," Weir said.

The Association does what it can when it can to maintain the burial grounds, according to Head.

Weir said 57 graves had been fixed including graves in Hilltop, the newer section of the old cemetery. This was 27 more sites than they had originally estimated.



**Graves restored**— Marshal Head (left), Paul Poyner (right) and David Weir (middle) were among the Cemetery Association Board members helping restore grave sites this weekend after rains hit the area, destructing several sites at the old cemetery.



**Jennyslippers Garden Spot**— Joy Whitt is the season's first awardee of the Jennyslipper's garden spot. She is pictured here with her photinia bushes to her left and a purple plum tree on her right. The garden spot can be seen at 1828 W. Ave. E in Muleshoe.

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