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News Briefs

Alaman sworn in as Muleshoe Postmaster

A ceremony was held for Patty Alaman, Muleshoe's new postmaster on Sunday,



March 14 by Postmaster General, Don Jones at

the Muleshoe office. Alaman was officially sworn in back in October.

Alaman's family attended the celebration including her mother, father, her two daughters and her husband, Wayne.

She has been in the postal service for 22 years and makes a daily drive from her home in Sundown to her new job. Alaman said this is her first time serving as postmaster and is "very excited about this opportunity."

Guzman announced District 1 Councilman

A special city council meeting was held Tuesday morning to induct Daniel



Guzman as District 1 Councilman.

The returns of the

city run off election held on March 6 declared Guzman District I City Councilman. Guzman won with one point over opponent Richard Guzman (26-25 votes).

After taking the oath of office, Guzman said he was ready to work and thanks his family and friends for all their sup-

Local Weather

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Mules and Cowboys in double header; everyone wins

By Delton Wilhite
SPORTSWRITER

The Mule baseball team split a double header with the highly ranked class A Plains Cowboys on Monday. The Mules scattered 11 hits and scored 12 runs and held the Cowboys to one run on one hit to take the first game. Plains scrambled back from a three run deficit to take the second game 7-3.

The Cowboys broke the ice in the first game with one run in the first inning but Robby Bomer walked to lead off the Mules half of the inning and a balk sent him to second. Landon Wilson hit a ground ball to third to sacrifice Bomer to third.

Ryan Marricle blasted a double to the left to bring in Bomer and tie the game. A sky-high pop fly to second was hard to judge in the wind; Arium Perez missed the ball. Brian King picked off the only base runner the Cowboys had in the second inning at second base.

Juan Nunez broke the tie with a line drive single past third and moved to third on Geoff Sirkles hard-hit ball to third. The third baseman was handcuffed by the ball and made a poor throw to first while Sirkle moved to second on the throw.

Nunez scored on a called ball and Sirkle was awarded third. Brant Hamilton and Bomer drew back to back walks before Wilson hit a high fly to left field that got lost in the sun and scored Sirkle and Hamilton.

Brian King helped his own cause with a fly to short center that no one could get to and scored Bomer. Jarad Flores ground ball to short

forced King at second, but the Cowboys went to sleep and allowed Wilson and Marricle to cross the plate. The Mules scored six runs on four hits and collected three walks to take a 7-1 lead.

Nunez chased down a high fly in center field in the third inning and doubled the base runner off second to stop Plains from scoring in

the third inning. Tyrel Gear scored the Mules eighth run in the bottom of third. Sirkle grabbed a line drive to shut out the Cowboys in the fourth. King and Flores score in the fourth to push the Mules lead to 10-1. King struck out the first two batters in the fifth and Gear gathered in a ground ball for an unassisted putout at first.

King jerked the first pitch over the left field fence to score Wilson and 10 run the Cowboys.

The Mules were 6-0 on season going into the second game of the day with Plains. The game remained scoreless until the third inning when Flores drove in King with a line drive to center.

The Mules added two runs in fourth on throwing errors. Marricle and King both scored on back to back throwing errors on a Nunez grounder to short. The Mules led 3-0 after four full innings.

The wheels began to come off for the Mules in the fifth inning as Plains picked up two runs on two hits and two Mule errors. The Mules were held scoreless in the fifth.

The Cowboys added three more runs in the sixth on just one hit and the Mules made three errors. The Mules could not regroup and gave up their final two runs in the seventh.

The Mules returned to the diamond on Tuesday to face the Denver City Mustangs and host the Muleshoe Invitational on Thursday. Abernathy and Dimmitt open the tournament at 9 AM and the Mules play Olton at 5 PM and Friona at 7 PM.



Journal photo: Leslie Radford

Warming up

Several fans enjoyed the sun as they gathered at the Rocky Flores Baseball Field Monday afternoon to watch the Mule's baseball team warm-up for a game that had been put off last week due to bad weather.

Hometown girl becomes managing editor of Journal



Call it fate, destiny, luck of the Irish, if you will. Anyway you look at it, I think I was born to work at the *Muleshoe Journal*.

I got my first start at writing here almost 10 years ago. It all began in high school when I finally decided I was going to be a writer.

Actually, I had known for quite sometime, that was just the time I decided to let my parents in on what their daughter was going to be when she grew up: poor.

At anyrate, I entered this program in high school called Distributive Educational Clubs of America and got a job at the *Muleshoe Journal*. Boy, was my dad happy I had a job that gave me more hours. At that

time I was working at the Muleshoe Livestock Auction on Saturdays and mooching off of him the rest of the week.

Then a Mr. Rick White came to town and took over as editor of the *Journal*. He taught me everything I know, so, if you don't like how I do something, take it up with him.

Don't judge me by my age, either, that'll get you into trouble. I'm young, but I have what it takes to bring you the news, and hopefully everything will be spelled right. If not, you can blame that on my Muleshoe schooling. (Ha!)

I graduated Eastern New Mexico University a few years ago.

Now I know what those who know how Texan I really am are thinking: "New Mexico, Leslie?"

Yeah. But trust me, I'll never leave Texas again!

Something else you ought to know about me: The author of my existence was Blane Radford, custom farmer in Muleshoe for as long as I have been alive. He passed on a few years ago. He taught me work ethics and probably the only

place I truly applied them was working here at the *Journal*.

My younger brother, Cody, took over our family farm. And Randall, the youngest, is still in high school. They've taught me patience and responsibility. Go figure.

And here's something everybody looks at me funny when I say: "My mother (Terry Richards) is a trucker." She taught me to stand up for what I believe in. We both developed the philosophy over time "Don't tell me I can't because I'll prove to you I can." Hence, her job... and mine, too.

And my job now is Superwoman: Editor. I hope everyone is pleased with the changes we will be making here a the paper over the next few weeks. Suggestions are welcome. You can send comments, hate mail, love letters, and, of course, news to me at editor@muleshojournal.com. I like to have fun, so send me your jokes as well.

Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

— by Leslie Radford
Managing Editor



Journal photo: Leslie Radford

Oath of Office

Rhonda Calvery swears in Daniel Guzman Tuesday morning as District I City Councilman.

Producers watching late emerging wheat

AMARILLO - Recent rains have helped green up much of the drought-stressed Texas Panhandle wheat, said Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist at Amarillo.

Now, back in the sunshine, area farmers are wondering about yield.

"If good moisture continues, wheat here may well make a comeback," said Bean. "Yield, however, is dependent on crop conditions before the rains."

What's in store weather-wise during March and April will make a huge differ

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Motorcycle rally planned

The 22nd annual motorcycle rally is scheduled for Friday and Saturday March 26-27 at the Bailey County Colliseum in Muleshoe. Registration through March 17 will be \$10 for singles and \$20 per couple. Registration will be \$12 and \$24 the day of the event. There are \$1 discounts for TMRA and AMA members. For information call 272-4465, 2724841 or 272-5741.

Breast Cancer Screening

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South 1st Street, in Muleshoe on April 5 & 20, 2004.

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) 365-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

M.O.S.T. scholarship funds needed

As graduation nears, Muleshoe Independent School District (MISD) reminds community members that the school is offering every 2004 graduate a scholarship through the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust (M.O.S.T.) program.

This year's goal is to raise \$20,000 by May 28. According to school officials, every Muleshoe High School graduate should have the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. The M.O.S.T. scholarship fund is designed to help make that possible through the generosity of the people of Muleshoe whose honorariums, gifts and memorials fund this trust for graduates who have not received at least \$250 in other scholarships. M.O.S.T. funds may be applied to any college or trade school.

MISD also reminds everyone that even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference. All donations will be appreciated and acknowledged in a published thank-you.

Send your fully tax deductible donations to M.O.S.T., c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Scholarships for education majors available to MHS grads

Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association will be awarding two scholarships: one for a 2004 graduating MHS senior planning to major in education and one for a former MHS graduate who is majoring in education and is classified a junior or senior at their respective college. Applications for both scholarships may be picked up at Muleshoe High School from Gayla Gear and need to be returned to her by March 26. Contact Gayla Gear, 272-730.; Terri Bohler, 965-2322; or Alice Liles, 272-5200 for further information.

Cardiology Clinic in Clovis

The Covenant Heart Institute will sponsor a cardiology clinic in Clovis, N.M. on Tuesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 25, at the Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 912 West 21st St.

Tuesday's clinic is at 9:30 a.m. and conducted by cardiologist James B. Moss, III, M.D. For an appointment or more information, call 1-800-692-4313. Thursday's clinic is at 9 a.m. and conducted by cardiologist Guy A. Wells, M.D. For an appointment or more information, call 1-877-604-3278.

The purpose of the clinics is to cut down on travel for Covenant's regional cardiac patients.

Hodge in NAIA Golf tourney

Last season the Wayland Baptist University golf team played in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) National Championship Tournament for the first time in its history, placing 14th in a field of 52 teams.

Among the members of the Pioneer golf team is Muleshoe native Ryan Hodge, a junior.

The team will have four more tournaments to help them prepare for the Region VI Championships. Four schools from within the region are currently ranked in the NAIA's top 10 including defending national champion Oklahoma City which is No. 1.

Hodge and the other Pioneer golf team's schedule is as follows:
 March 14-16: Texas Wesleyan Classic, Tierra Verde Golf Club
 March 27-29: Oklahoma

Team roping competition at hand

Headers and healers are reminded that CLT Roping Production is once again sponsoring the annual Lazbuddie Sr. Class Team Roping competition Sunday, March 28 at Dusty Rhodes Arena, just east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84. Books will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the roping competition will follow at 1 p.m. This year's competition will cost #10, #8 and #6 teams \$40 for four rounds. A concession stand will be available. For more information, call Thurman Myers at 272-3598 or 946-9208.

Tractor show plows into Plainview

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 12th annual tractor show at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview March 27-28. Antique tractors of various makes along with antique engines and equipment will be on display Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9-4. There will be a parade of tractors at 2:30 p.m. and a children's pedal tractor pull along with other activities both days. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Concessions will be provided by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum. For more information, contact Paul Sarchet at 744-4457.

MHS conducting GED test

The General Educational Development (GED) Test will be given in Muleshoe on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26 at Muleshoe High School. Registration will be Monday, March 22 at 4 p.m. Individuals must register prior to the testing date. Those interested in testing for a certificate of high school equivalency will need to be present to take the required five (5) tests. Testing will begin promptly at 4 p.m. both days. The fee is \$20 per test to be paid at the time of registration. Requirements to take the test are as follows: must be a Texas resident, individuals who are 17 years old must have officially withdrawn from high school and have the Eligibility Verification/Parental Approval form signed by a parent or guardian (individuals 17 years of age should contact MHS prior to their testing date), and finally, all individuals must be officially withdrawn from school and must not have received a high school diploma from an accredited high school in the US. For more information concerning registration, contact Gayla Gear, GED test administrator, at the high school, 272-7304.

BIRTHS

HAGAN BENNETT

Bryan and Krystal Bennett of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Hagan D'Nae Sharee Bennett.

Hagan was born February 26, 2004 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long.

Hagan has two sisters, Morgan, 6, and Logan, 2.

Grandparents are Tub and Pat Angeley of Muleshoe and Wyletta Bennett of Lubbock.

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Please fill out nominations and mail or drop off at the Chamber office.

Hurry, nominations are due in by April 2nd!

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MHS FCCLA competes in STAR Events in Midland

The Muleshoe chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the Region I FCCLA meeting March 5-6 in Midland.

Twenty six delegates attended this meeting from Muleshoe High with 7 teams competing in the STAR Events competition and one student ran for a regional office.

Vanessa Lopez and Lucy Ortega competed in applied technology with a project dealing with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Erin Hancock and Celeste Hernandez competed in Entrepreneurship where they created a business from the ground up.

Judy Olguin, Rosa Adrade and Moriama Tomero competed in Illustrated Talk informing students about abortion.

Jimmy Franco and Felipe Nunez competed in the same event informing students about teen violence.

Jennifer Heredia was elected Region I Vice President of STAR Events for the 2004-2005 school year. One



Journal photo: Leslie Radford

of Heredia's responsibilities as VP will be to plan the 14 different events that schools can compete in.

This chapter also received the Treasurer's Attendance Award for having the largest attendance for a 3-A school district.

Students that attended the meeting were: Yuri Aguirre, Chris Ambriz, Zannia Aliva, Rosa Andrade, Raul Campos, Gina Estrada, Jimmy Franco, Tosha Gomez, Samantha Gonzalez, Jessica Hall, Erin Hancock,

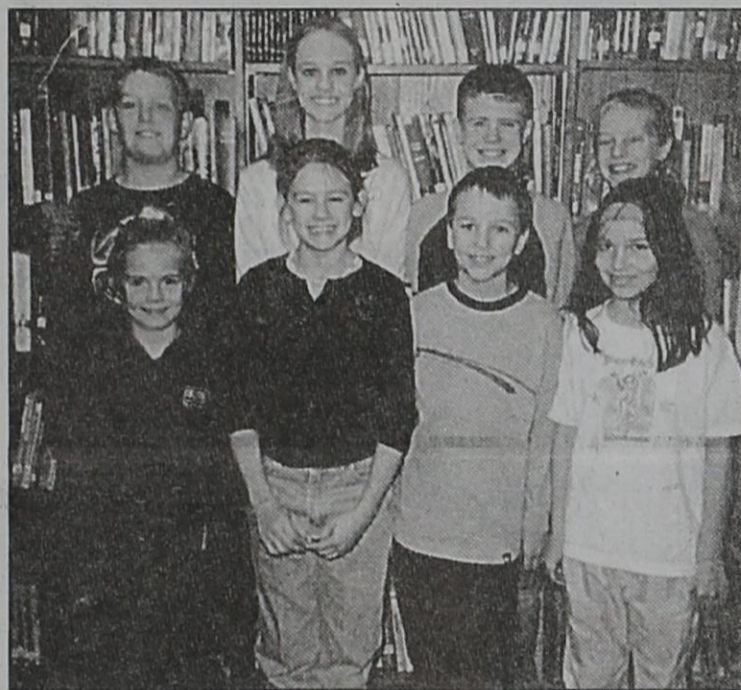
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The state qualifiers (picture below) will compete at the state meeting in Houston, April 14-17.

—Courtesy of Brenda Guzman, FCCLA Advisor

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LISD holds Amarillo Globe Spelling Bee



The Amarillo Globe News Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February, 25, 2004, in Lazbuddie High School Auditorium.

Winners in the Junior Bee were: **First** – Joseline Garcia; **Second** – Kolten Morris; **Third** – Chandler Barnes; **Alternate** – Lakota

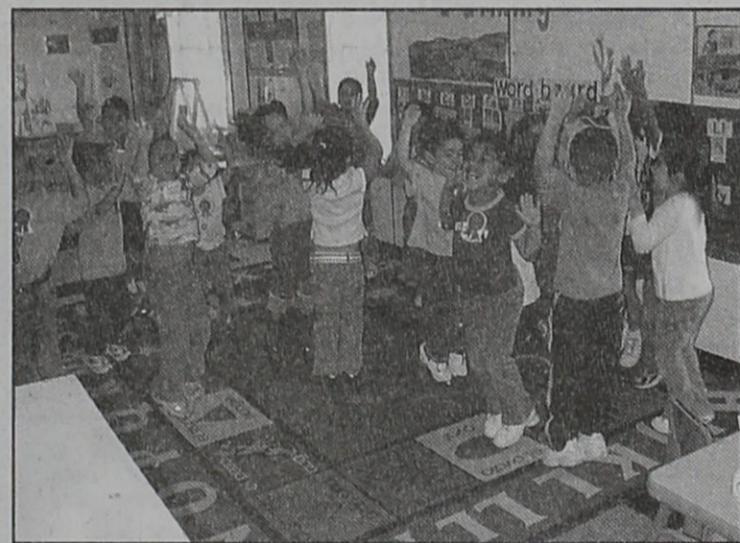
Spelling Bee
(Left) Front row: Chandler Barnes, Lakota Goe, Kolten Morris and Joseline Garcia. Back row: Kayle Jesko, Brittney Schacher, Chase Timms and Kinzi Schacher.

Woe. Winners of the Senior Bee were: **First** – Brittney Schacher; **Second** – Kayle Jesko; **Third** – Chase Timms; **Alternate** – Kinzi Schacher.

Other participants in the Bee were: Shea Scott, Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Todd Nichols, Jordan Hernandez, Leticia Mendoza, Mari Beliz, Katie Chavez and Regina Mata.

Hoppin' for the cause

(Left) Kinder Steps was bouncing Wednesday, March 10 as students hopped to music in the "Hop-a-thon," a fund-raising event for the Muscular Distrophy Association (MDA). The kids collected flat donations for two weeks raising \$551.81 and enjoyed some exercise and fun in the process.



Journal photo: Leah Bell

Bailey County commended by Republican Chairman

Dear Editor, I would like to publicly acknowledge all the people who made the Republican Primary Election on March 9 a huge success in Bailey County. They were extremely conscientious, dedicated and hard working. Everyone even kept their sense of humor during a very busy day. Without people giving of their time and energy, it would be impossible to hold an election.

Those I'd like to acknowledge are: Ramona Lopez, Charles Flowers, Bill and Alice Liles, Christy Macias, Cindy Barrett, Rita Hawkins, Jo Ellen Cowart, James Roy Jones, Beau Beaty, Frank McCamish,

Mark Morton, Debbie Hutto, Ann Mount and Bruce Barrett. They all did a super job under pretty intense conditions with the heavy voter turnout.

I would also like to mention Sherri Harrison and the staff at the County Clerk's office who answered many questions during the day. The people of Bailey County can be very proud of these people and should give them a pat on the back.

Last, but by no means least, the voters of Bailey County should be recognized. This was a very large turnout for a Primary Election.

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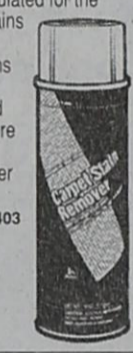
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LISD Elementary Students of the Month

The students of the month for January have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary. 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: Jordan Marquez, daughter of Zulema Marquez; **Kindergarten:** Dylan Miller, son of Kurt and Valinda Miller;

First Grade: Natalee Olivarez, daughter of Jr. Olivarez and Kendra Fisher; **Second Grade:** Austin Mason, son of Sean and Julie Mason; **Third Grade:** Juan Pablo Lule, son of Jose and Rosalva Lule; and Keena Diaz, daughter of Milton Diaz and Esmeralda Estrada; **Fourth Grade:** Veronica Mireles, daughter of Fred and Estella Mireles; and Paola Estrada, daughter of Guillermo Vallejo and Maria Estrada; **Fifth Grade:** Tina Suderman, daughter of Peter and Aganetha Suderman.



Courtesy photo

LISD Elem. Students of the Month
Front row: Jordan Marquez, Dylan Miller, Natalie Olivarez, Austin Mason and Juan Pablo Lule. **Back row:** Tina Suderman, Paola Estrada, Veronica Mireles and Keena Diaz.

LISD Jr. High, H.S. Students of Month

Adam Pierce is the son of Pablo Gonzales and Patricia Kanmore. He is a Junior at Lazbuddie High. His favorite change from last year is an earlier lunch. The funniest part of his day is having class with Mrs. Martinez. His favorite subject is science. He sees himself working as a nuclear engineer in the next five years. The best advice from his parents is to keep focused on school. His favorite line is "You're wasting my time." The worst part of his day: getting into trouble.

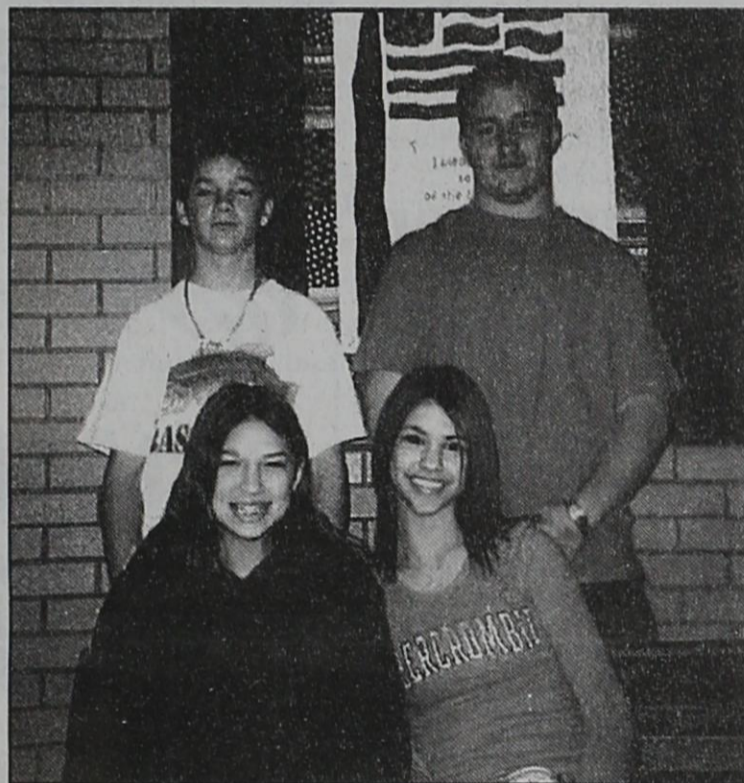
Kyra Kimbrough is a freshman at Lazbuddie High. Her parents are Kyle and Kim Kimbrough. Her least favorite change from last year is no more food or drinks in the classroom. The funniest part of her day is when schoolmate, Aaron, gets in trouble. The worst part of her day is just when she doesn't know what she's doing. Her favorite subject is Spanish. In the next five years she will be attending

the college of her choice. The best advice from her parents is to be yourself and don't let others change you. Her favorite Shakespearean quote is "A rose by any other name would still smell as

sweet." Trevor Coker is the seventh grade son of Roy Don and April Coker. His favorite change from last year is not having an activity period. The best part of his day

is when he gets to go home. The worst part of his day is going to school. His favorite subject in school is history. He sees himself hunting and fishing in five years. The best advice his parents have given him is don't smoke and don't drink. His favorite movie line is "I stand alone."

Brianna Sanchez is classified as an eighth grader at Lazbuddie Jr. High. She is the daughter of Jr. and Chandra Sanchez. Her favorite change from last year is getting out of school thirty minutes earlier. Her favorite subject is athletics. She hopes to be cheering in a college in five years. The best advice from her parents is just be yourself and treat others as you would want to be treated. The worst part of her day is getting out of bed in the morning.



Lazbuddie Junior High and High School Students of the Month
Back row: Adam Pierce and Trevor Coker. **Front row:** Kyra Kimbrough and Brianna Sanchez

*The family of Daniel Navejar
 Would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, prayers, support and friendship during our time of great loss. Special thanks to Muleshoe ISD, the Muleshoe Police Department, Bailey County EMS, the entire staff at Muleshoe Area Medical Center and all the ladies at the Catholic church for everything they did for our family.*
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 SAT., MARCH 13, 2004

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Efren Azate, Friona	1	Hol. bull	265 lbs.	at \$97.00
B&D Dairy, Plains	3	Hol. str	593 lbs.	at \$71.00
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	5	Hol. bulls	212 lbs.	at \$116.00
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	6	Hol. bulls	263 lbs.	at \$102.50
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque, NM	7	Hol. bulls	265 lbs.	at \$109.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	1	Blk. hfr	555 lbs.	at \$93.00
Sherril Denby, Andrews	1	WF hfr	570 lbs.	at \$99.00
Conard Delagarza, Idalou	5	Mxd. hfrs	658 lbs.	at \$89.00
Chico Cattle Co., Abernathy	2	Blk. hfrs	933 lbs.	at \$77.00
C.E. Grant, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. hfrs	540 lbs.	at \$95.00
Clay Grant, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. hfrs	578 lbs.	at \$95.00
Edgar Larra, Denver City	3	Red hfrs	323 lbs.	at \$121.00
John Wieler, Jr., Seminole	2	Red hfrs	520 lbs.	at \$92.50
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	4	Mxd. hfrs	371 lbs.	at \$110.00
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	5	Blk. hfrs	319 lbs.	at \$123.00
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	3	Mxd. hfrs	342 lbs.	at \$123.00
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	2	Blk. str	540 lbs.	at \$104.00
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	13	Mxd. str	388 lbs.	at \$116.00
N.M. Ranch/Cattle	11	Mxd. str	340 lbs.	at \$129.00
John Hill, Abernathy	5	Blk. hfrs	851 lbs.	at \$80.50
Terry Jesko, Muleshoe	31	Mxd. hfrs	572 lbs.	at \$96.75
Terry Jesko, Muleshoe	19	Mxd. hfrs	687 lbs.	at \$87.50
Terry Jesko, Muleshoe	20	Mxd. hfrs	576 lbs.	at \$93.00
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John Hill, Abernathy	1	Brang. bull	1525 lbs.	at \$64.00
Bill Bradley, Amherst	1	Blk. bull	1890 lbs.	at \$62.50
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Gray bull	1830 lbs.	at \$66.00
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Char. bull	1625 lbs.	at \$64.00
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	1	WF bull	1745 lbs.	at \$57.50
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. cows	1208 lbs.	at \$48.50
CM Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow	1705 lbs.	at \$49.50
Rosa Diaz, Seminole	1	Char. cow	1215 lbs.	at \$51.00
Mandy Myers, Muleshoe	2	BMF cows bred		\$670.00
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Haymaker, Inc., Olton	10	Blk. cows/clves		\$800.00
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Enter any child born in 2003 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

This year's contestant will appear in the April 8 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2003 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 12, 2004. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2003's Cutest Baby!

ENTRY DEADLINE
Wed., March 31 at 5 pm

Baby's Name: _____

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Contact Info: _____

From the Stands

The 2003-04 Lady Mules allowed us all to grab on to their shirt tails while they carried us to new highs in basketball. Individual and team records fell like spring rain as you ran through the season.

Thirty-one wins in a single season raised the bar for all teams that will follow you. A huge reason for those wins was the stingy defense you played.

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Tori Barton,s six treys against Brownfield were phenomenal. She set a single game record for 3-pointers that night and made six of seven attempts.

Lindsey Wood has turned into a premier point guard and recorded 148 assists to break the old record by 27. Jamie Carpenter broke Tori Barton,s free throw shooting percentage record of 70.8% by making 80% of her charity tosses.

Sara Benham led the team by breaking her own records in her final season for the Lady Mules. Benham scored 703 points during the season to break her old record of 606. She made 146 free throws to break Lindsey Fields record of 136. Benham scored 1615 points in her three years on the Lady Mule varsity.

Benham pulled down 331 rebounds to break her record set last year by 61 and shattered Shani Rasco's record of 99 blocked shots with 122. She also broke Rasco,s defensive assist record of 112 by recording 157.

But it was more than the records and the wins that made this season so special. It was the chemistry you had as a team. Your fans began to understand how good you could be when you took Seagraves to overtime in the Caprock Tournament. You went on to reach the finals after Carpenter had been literally knocked out of the game.

Barton's three-pointer from the corner with Darchelle Griffin flying toward her was her best trey of all. L. Wood's half court and longer passes to a running Lady Mule on a fast break were strokes of genius and beauty.

When the opposition's fans began to yell "Get her off!" always brought a smile to Carpenter's face and that seemed to really fuel her fire. Kelsy

Friskup's head fake that was followed by an eight to 12 foot jump shot over her defender was a thing

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Lady Mules host softball game

By Delton Wilhite
SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Mules hosted their first invitational softball tournament this past weekend. Rain forced the rescheduling of the second portion of the tournament for Saturday, March 20th; the top half of the bracket was completed on Thursday before the rains came.

The New Deal Lady Lions disposed of the Plainview JV 11-2 in the opening game and the Lady Mules handed the Seminole Maidens JV a 14-4 loss. The Seminole JV moved on to the consolation game by dropping the Plainview JV.

New Deal brought their hot bats to the nightcap and blasted the Lady Mules 24-5 to reach the championship

game. The Lady Lions scattered 18 hits and cashed in on 11 Lady Mule errors.

The Lady Mules held Seminole to a single unearned run in the first inning as Deanna Cody struck out three of the first five batters she faced. Keri Copley took one for the team as the lead-off batter for the Lady Mules and scored on a hard hit ball by Jamie Carpenter.

Carpenter lined a ball to short and reached on a throwing error that scored Copley. Carpenter put the Lady Mules on top to stay when she scored on Ashley Dickson,s single to right field.

Dickson reached second on a fielder's choice, stole second and scored the Lady Mules third run on a passed ball. Minerva Martinez,

Kyla Ellis and Sarah Dominguez drew three straight walks. Martinez scored the Lady Mules fourth run on a passed ball before Sarah Sexton was called out on strikes.

The Maidens went in order in the top half of the second with Martinez making back to back unassisted plays at first and Carpenter grabbed a high fly in center field. Carpenter blasted a line drive double to right field and scored on an infield hit. The Lady Mules led 5-1 after two innings.

The Lady Mules gave up two runs in the top half of the third but sent 11 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning. The Lady Mules

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—SOFTBALL

Mules last in West Texas Relays

By Delton Wilhite
SPORTSWRITER

Odessa College hosts one of the oldest track meets in west Texas. The West Texas Relays celebrated its 60th anniversary on Saturday.

Two Mules scored in the meet with Robby Bomer clearing six feet to take fourth in the high jump. Juan Reyes finished sixth in the long jump with a leap of 19

feet 7 1/2 inches. The Mules compete in back to back Wildcat Relays March 26 and April 2. The meets will be held in Littlefield an Idalou, respectively.

Track event affected by weather

By Delton Wilhite
SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Mule's track team finished third in division I of the 60th Annual West Texas Relays in Odessa this past Saturday. The weather forced the event to all be crammed into just one day.

Canyon won the division I meet with 149 points, Crane had 122 and the Lady Mules scored 88. There were 13 teams that scored points in the meet.

Jessica Withrow set a new meet record for all divisions in the high jump by clearing five feet eight

inches and set a division I meet record in the 300-meter hurdles with time of 46.51 seconds.

Withrow also picked up the gold in the long jump with a leap of 16, 7 1/2%. Sara Benham took the gold in the triple jump with a distance of 35, 2 1/2% and the bronze in the high jump by clearing 5, 4%.

Amber Cowart cleared 9, 0% for the silver medal in the pole vault. The 4x100-relay team of Benham, Brandi Wood, Lindsey Wood and Jamie Carpenter placed sixth with a time of 53.22. Ashley Gutierrez won the

silver medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:33.81 and Kate Lepard placed fourth with a 2:42.52. Withrow took the bronze in the 100-meter hurdles with a 16.51.

B. Wood, L. Wood, Carpenter and Benham finished the 4x200 relay in sixth place with a time of 1:53.20. In the final event of the day the 4x400-meter team of Gutierrez, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow claimed the bronze medal with a 4:21.64.

The Lady Mules go to Littlefield March 26 and Idalou April 2.

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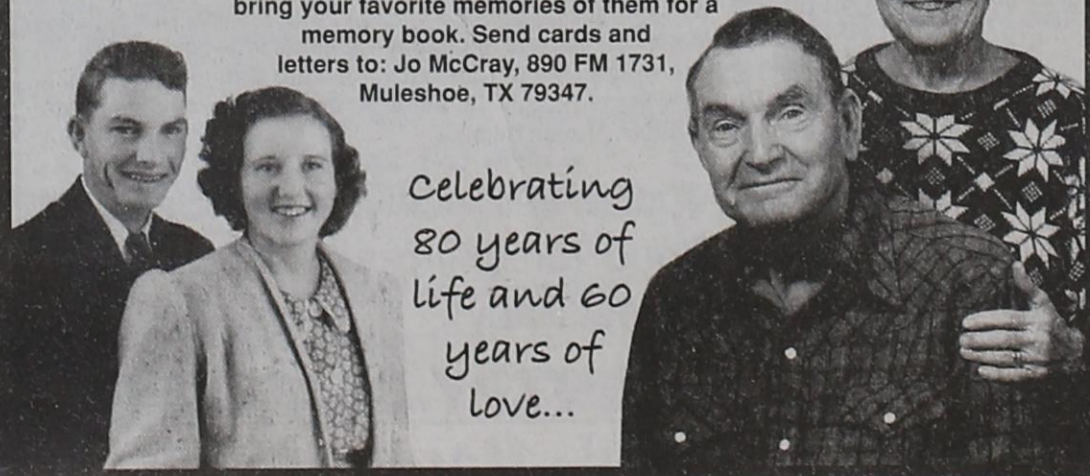
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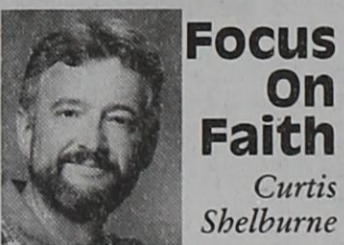
I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who cast their vote for me in the Republican Primary for County Commissioner Precinct 1. For those who lent a helping hand or gave an encouraging word — Thank you. I would really appreciate your continued support in the November General Election.
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It Pays To Keep Hyphens in Perspective

The hyphen is in its own way a noble and exceedingly useful mark of punctuation, but it pays, I think, to keep hyphens in perspective. In our present age and culture, the hyphen is all too often seen as a mark of division when it serves just as well and far more nobly as a mark of unity, all the more noble because that unity occurs in the richness of genuine and joyful diversity (as opposed to



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

the insipid and sterile "politically correct" kind).

Here's what I mean. I suppose that almost all of us in America can justly lay claim in one way or another to a hyphen. And though most of us whose families have been in America for generations now are likely so mixed up genetically that our hyphens might actually extend for paragraphs, many of us still have an idea basically from whence an idea of our ancestors hailed.

My particular hyphen firmly links British with American. British-American. I've never understood why we rarely, if ever, hear that particular hyphenated term of ancestral description. Prejudice? I don't know. We hear of Italian-Americans, Spanish-Americans, Mexican-Americans, African-Americans, etc. Why don't we hear of British-Americans?

No kidding. I really wonder.

In any case, in my case, the Shelburne & Caudle, Shropshire & Key blood mingling in my veins points back to merry old England. And, for what it's worth, though I had nothing to do with my birth, I am absolutely okay with that. When I read the words of my personal heroes, like the man singly most responsible for leading in the defeat of Hitler in World War II, Winston Churchill (whose mother, by the way, was American and who himself near the end of his life received honorary American citizenship), I look back on the long history of British-American relations and am thankful for the exceptionally warm ties of friendship and, for most of their histories, faith, that have long bound England and America wonderfully and almost always together.

But what about your own hyphen and your own heroes? I can be happy with mine and at the same time be completely happy that you're happy with yours. I guarantee you, I'm richer (and fatter) for having feasted on the food, enjoyed the flair, and learned to love a bunch of the customs that have come with your particular hyphen to the nation that nurtures us—first and foremost simply Americans—all.

God, the Father of us all, hates divisiveness. He paid the highest price to unite his children. But he loves, celebrates, and makes possible genuine and joyful diversity of the very best and richest sort. If you doubt that, just visit a zoo.

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

OBITUARIES

OLIN NIX, JR.

A church service for Olin Nix, Jr., 83, of Sudan was held Friday, March 12, 2004 at First United Methodist Church of Sudan. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mr. Nix was born March 17, 1920 in Dawson County and died March 10, 2004 in Muleshoe. He married Dorothy Burlison in Lamesa on September 12, 1952.

Mr. Nix served in the US Army in WWII from 1940-1945. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 83rd Medical Battalion, Company "C" where he was also a certified surgical technician. His tour was through France, Germany and Austria. He farmed and ranched in Artesia, NM and Gaines County and then moved to Sudan in 1965 where he owned and operated Olin Nix Implement Co. and later farmed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, J.D. Nix.

He is survived by his wife of Sudan; a son, Mike Nix and his wife, Shawni, of Tyler; two daughters, Pam Humphreys and her husband, Rick, of Sudan, and Ann Gaston of Littlefield;

two brothers, Garland Nix of Lamesa and Dennis Nix of Amarillo; two sisters, Hazel Braswell of Lamesa and Ernestine Carmichael of Andrews; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Sudan EMS.

DANIEL NAVEJAR

A church service for Daniel L. Navejar, 56, of Muleshoe was held Saturday, March 13, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Joe Augustine officiating. A rosary was said March 11 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

Mr. Navejar was born December 6, 1947 in Menard. He died March 9, 2004 in Muleshoe. He married Sandra Bustamante in Muleshoe October 31, 1964.

Mr. Navejar was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe where he lived since 1955 moving from Menard. He worked for maintenance at Muleshoe Independent School District.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonardo Navejar.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons, Jesse and Daniel Navejar, Jr., both of Muleshoe; two daughters, Maggie Mendoza of Hale Center and Leticia Cruz of Littlefield; his mother, Trinidad Navejar of Muleshoe; two sisters, Olga Briseno of Muleshoe and Maggie Flores of Lubbock; four brothers, Mike of Shallowater, Alex of Lubbock, Mario and David Navejar, both of Muleshoe; and nine grandchildren.

ANDREA PAEZ

A church service for Andrea Paez, 67, of Lubbock was held March 13, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe with Father Joe Augustine officiating. A rosary was said March 12 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled all arrangements.

Mrs. Paez was born November 10, 1936 in Nazas, Durango, Mexico. She died March 10, 2004 in Lubbock. She married Rafael Paez in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico on November 21, 1957.

Mrs. Paez was a previous member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe and was also a

member of the Guadalupanas. She had lived in Lubbock for the past two years, moving from Muleshoe. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Alfredo Paez in 1987, and two brothers, Isidro and Gabriel Paez.

Mrs. Paez is survived by her husband of Lubbock; four sons, Rafael Paez, Jr. and Ernest Paez of San Angelo, Emilio of Kyle, and Alejandro of Christoval; two daughters, Ana Morales of Lubbock, and Olga Telles of Garland; four sisters, Maria Jesus Ortega of Juarez, Mexico, Cristine Garcia, Eufemia Vega and Maria de los Angeles Ortega, all of Torreon, Mexico; 22 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

EDWINA CAMPBELL

Funeral services for Edwina Campbell, 89, of Lubbock were held March 11, 2004 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Dr. Will Cotton officiating and Dr. Stacy Conner assisting. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.



Campbell

Arrangements were handled by Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Campbell was born to Thomas and Pearl McPeck January 11, 1915 in Breckenridge, MO. She married Paul C. Campbell on December 31, 1936 in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Campbell worked for Latham's from 1968-1985 and for Lena Stephens from 1985-1993. She made quilts for children's hospitals for the past five years. She was a member of the John Wesley Sunday School Class at St. Luke's United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Eastern

Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband June 21, 1985; her parents; two brothers, Earnest and Earl; a grandson, Craig James Holt; a great-grandson, Connor Thomas Cogdill; and a son-in-law, Cecil James Holt.

She is survived by two adopted daughters, Charlotte Holt of Muleshoe, and Linda Long and husband, Jim, of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Charla Cogdill, Eric Stephens and Christy Kendall; and two great-grandchildren, Kyle Stephens and Christopher Cogdill.

The family suggests memorials to the Building Fund at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

LILLIAN SILVERS

A church service for Lillian Silvers, 89, of Morton was held Monday, March 15 at First Baptist Church in Morton with Revs. Dale Cain and Paul Lively officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Silvers was born February 26, 1915 in Blanco County. She died March 12 as a custodial patient in Cochran Memorial Hospital. She married M.A. "But-ton" Silvers in Lubbock October 26, 1940.

Mrs. Silvers moved to Morton in 1931 from Dougherty. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Morton since that time. She had attended Texas Tech and served as president of L'Allegro Study Club. She was also a member of the Morton and Alto, NM country clubs, where she excelled in golf. She had worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture in Cochran County, and while in Las Cruces, NM, she was an assistant to the director at Federal Crop Insurance. She

was an active partner and president of Silvers Butane Company, Inc. of Morton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Veta Holleyman; and two brothers, Cecil and H.G. Barker.

Mrs. Silvers is survived by her husband of Morton; a brother, H.B. Barker of Morton; several nieces and nephews who she loved dearly; and employees of Silvers Butane, who Mrs. Silvers considered extended family.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 202 S.E. First Street, Morton, Texas 79346.

TRUMAN GLEASON

Funeral services for Truman Lee Gleason, 92, of Lubbock were held March 17, 2004 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Elder George Johnson of Lubbock officiating. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery in Lazbuddie.



Gleason

Arrangements were handled by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Gleason died March 14 in Lubbock. He was born May 2, 1911 in Eastland County to Lee F. and Myrtle Gleason. He married Nancy Mayfield in Jones County on Nov. 29, 1935.

Gleason was in the grocery business in Anson before moving from Jones County to Progress 1942. In 1943 he moved to Lazbuddie and farmed for 35 years. He and Nancy enjoyed fishing and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Oct. 11, 1997.

He is survived by his children Jerry and Margaret Gleason of Levelland, Jerry and Linda Gilbreath of Flower Mound, Bobby and Debbie Gleason of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

Report says Texas onions fairing well

Texas' onion crop will soon be available in the state's grocery stores, Texas Cooperative Extension reports. According to Joe Pena of Uvalde, Extension economist, the harvesting of spring onions has barely begun, but already, producers are anticipating sweet rewards.

The onion crop is making excellent progress. Early estimates indicate that about 12,900 acres will be harvested in Texas this spring and summer compared to 11,000 acres that was harvested last year," Pena said. Approximately 390 million pounds of onions will be harvested in Texas this season.

"There are three types of onions: spring onions, summer storage/non-storage onions, and storage onions," Pena said

In Texas, producers mainly grow spring onions, with only a few summer storage onions grown in the High Plains. Texas annually produces 35 percent to 40 percent of the nation's spring onions harvested from April to July.

"Texas leads as the single highest onion-producing state," Pena said.

According to Timoeto Betancourt of Weslaco, Extension associate, competition from Mexico shouldn't affect Texas' onion crop because of late planting dates.

"Producers weren't able to plant until October because of wet fields or other problems," Betancourt said. "The general rule is if you plant in September, you get onions in March; or if you plant in October, you get onions in April."

"For the most part, everyone is sitting OK,"

Betancourt said. "We should have a successful yield."

Pena said consumers should be able to tell the difference between a storage onion and sweet onion. "A synonym for spring onion is a sweet onion."

The difference between spring and summer onions is the amount of solids they contain. "A larger concentration of solids in storage onions means more pungency, aftertaste, and less water," said Pena. "Storage onions are great for cooking because they have a stronger taste and have more solids, while sweet onions are delicious fresh."

Tanya Fell, director of Public and Industry Relations for the National Onion Association, said onions don't just play a key role in diets and economies; they also supply antioxidants, sulfur and quercetin.

Antioxidants help fight disease and destruction to cells in the body.

"The big thing drawing people to onions right now is the fact they are low in carbohydrates," Fell said. "Approximately 10 percent of the US population is either on the Atkins or Southbeach diet." One serving, or one-half cup, of onions has only 7 grams of carbohydrates. "Even on a restrictive Atkins, you can have 20 grams of carbohydrates. The fact that onions give a lot of flavor with such a low amount of carbohydrates is huge!"

To reduce the tear-inducing fumes, the National Onion Association suggests cutting the onion towards the root. According to Fell, eyes tear up when an onion is cut, because cutting releases a strong sulfuric com-

pound into the air, which gets in the eyes. The highest concentration of sulfur is held in the root.

"If you begin your slicing at the top of an onion, once you get to the root, you're finished. You get to leave the sulfur encased in the root."

According to Betancourt, Texas' sweet onions should be available by the second or third week of April.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is mostly adequate. Early-week temperatures were above normal but dropped below normal with the passage of a cold front. Rain amounts ranged from a trace to 1/2 inch. Land preparation for spring planting resumed. Wheat is rated poor to excellent. The crop responded well to the warmer temperatures and good soil moisture; however, the rain was too late for some fields that had already succumbed to the extreme dry conditions and insects. Greenbugs and army cutworm problems continue to be reported. Rangeland conditions are rated mostly poor to fair. Cattle are in fair condition. Hay supplies are adequate; supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Recent rains have made soil conditions for pre-planting excellent. Land preparation will continue when fields dry out. Wheat is in fair condition and continues to improve with the recent moisture. Ranges and pastures are in poor to fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

Harold, Mary Jo Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell served Coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning.

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

Jack and Debbie Stone directed a gospel song and music session Wednesday afternoon.

Gerry and Jan Pierce come to see Jan's Dad Jim Kee Monday.

Nan Gatlin was visited by Rose Sain Tuesday.

Vere Fox's son Stanley Fox visited her over the weekend.

Billie Powell visited the residents at Park View on Friday.

Among those visiting Bill Lambert were Sandra Numm and Terey.

Congratulations to Clara Coffman on the birth of a new great granddaughter Lacie Marie.

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons brought ceramics for the residents to paint. Residents participating were: Gladys Wilson, Aline Locke, Delphine Gruda, Jim Kee, Ruby Riley, Diane Copley, Helen Tally, Juanita Teague and Alliene Lasiter.

Aline Locke, Alliene Lasiter, Gladys Wilson, Jim Kee, Hattie Heathington, George and Clydetta Mitchell, Ruby Riley and Diane Copley played several games of Skip-Bo and dominoes Thursday afternoon.

Harold and Avis Carpenter gave great entertainment, playing songs that bring back fun and nice memories of yester year on Friday afternoon.

Bill Lambert's family gathered together Saturday afternoon for a cake and punch, in celebration of Bill's 99th birthday. Bill attended services at the First Assembly of God, Sunday, with his family.

Ruby Green delivered a donation from the First Baptist Church Followers Sunday school class last week.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin visits the residents every Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Stacy Conner visits the residents weekly.

Andy Hernandez's birthday was Friday. Andy re-

ceived a birthday cup cake, balloons and was sung the birthday song by friends.

Freida Locker's son, Don Locker, visits her most evenings after supper.

Alta Gore is visited often by June Gore, Robin Gore and Dorothy Turner.

The Trinity Baptist Church came Sunday afternoon for church services.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth, directed a memorial service for Alda Odom Tuesday morning. Anita Johnson, Johnnie Parker, Jo Ellen Cowart,

Rose Sain, Frankie Carpenter, attended and participated in the service.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagnon, Pat Watson, Beckye Conklin, Eva Nell Dale and Mary Jo Burge came to shampoo, set and comb out the ladies hair.

ENGAGEMENTS

SMITH — ONICA

Lidia Onica and Timmie Gene Smith both of College

Station, Texas announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

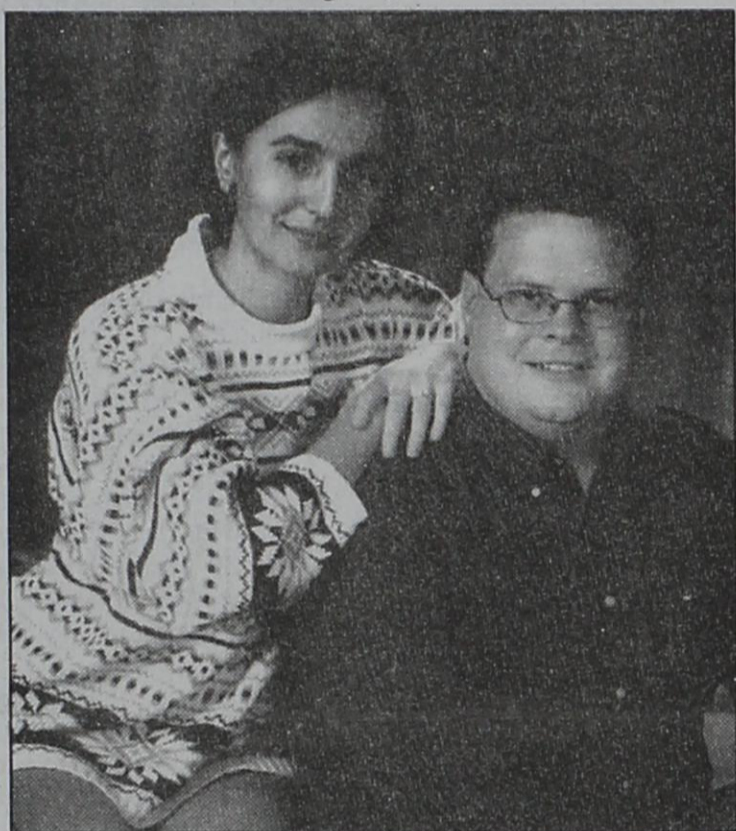
Lidia and Timmie are both Ph.D. students in Computer Science at Texas A&M University.

Lidia received Bachelor's Degrees in both Mathematics and Law in Romania. She has also received a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Texas A&M University.

Timmie graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1996 and has received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Computer Science from Texas A&M.

He is the son of Debbie and Dale Gallman of Bovina, Texas.

The couple will wed in a private ceremony on May 29, 2004. Family and friends of the couple are invited to the reception.



FLYNN — BARBER

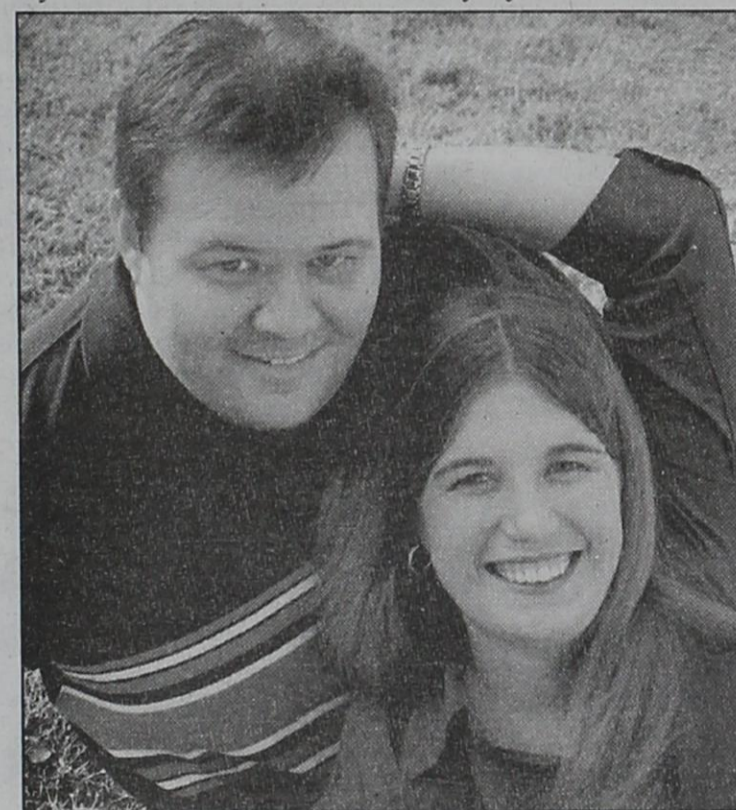
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Flynn of Azle announce the

engagement of their daughter, Karen Ranea Flynn, to Stacey Lynn Barber, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barber of Lazbuddie. The couple will marry July 10 at Lakeridge Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Azle High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, is employed by Abemathy Independent School District. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and Texas Tech University, is employed by Shallowater Independent School District.

Grandparents of the bride are Charlotte Lively of Clifton and Doris Flynn of Azle. Grandparents of the bridegroom are Mrs. Juanita Wenner of Muleshoe, and Mrs. Alice Barber of Amarillo.



ROBINSON — TOUPS

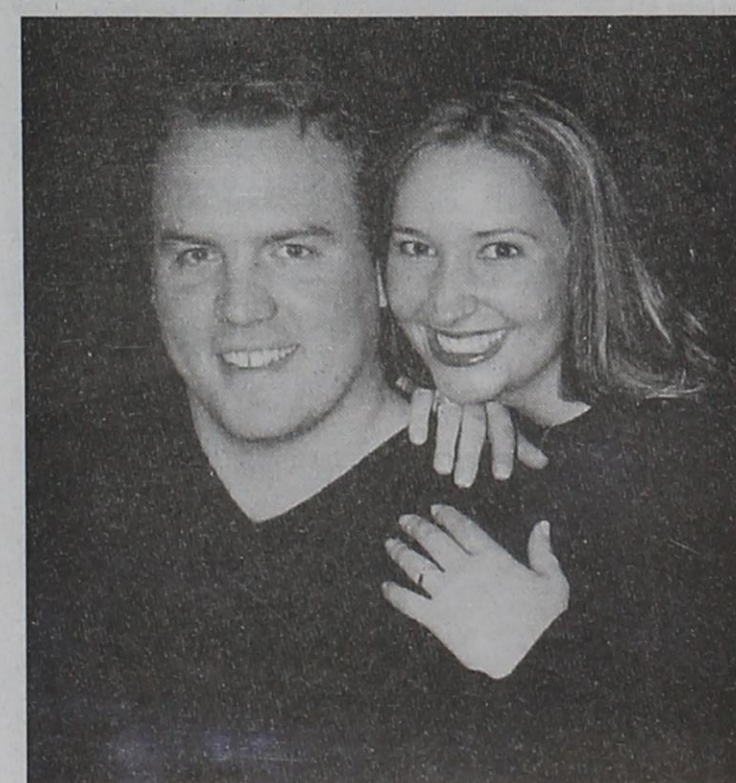
Mr. and Mrs. Don McElroy announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Stephanie Lee

Robinson, daughter of Ann McElroy, to James Thaddeus Toups, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Toups of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Stephanie and Thad are both graduates of Texas A&M University, Stephanie graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting and a Master's Degree in finance. She is currently manager of accounting at a private power trading company in Arlington, TX.

Thad graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in chemical engineering. He is a process engineer at Citgo in Corpus Christi. After the wedding, Thad will join a petroleum engineering firm in Dallas.

Stephanie and Thad will be married on Saturday, March 27 at The Fountains at Avanti in Dallas. They plan to make their home in the Dallas area.



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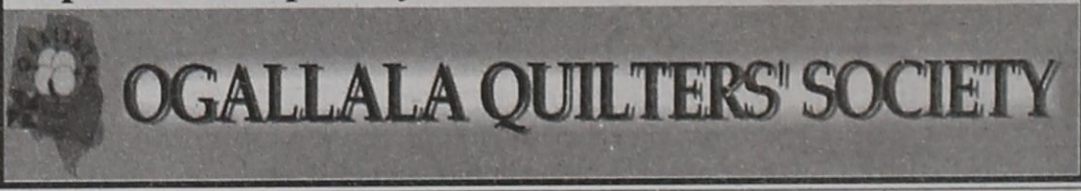
Biographical Information

Ricky Tims, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, recently moved to Arvada, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. He has been designing and making quilts since 1991. His quilts are typically contemporary or artistic and have been exhibited world-wide. His most recent quilt, *Songe d'Automne*, has received numerous awards including the \$5000 Master Award for Machine Artistry at the year 2000 International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX. Ricky teaches an exciting variety of workshops and is much sought after for his multimedia presentations that combine narrative, images of quilts, and live music. He maintains an extensive international schedule of engagements. Ricky is passionate about quilting and is delighted to share his experience and enthusiasm with quilters at every level of expertise. Ricky is challenged by creativity in all forms and encourage individuals to cultivate self-expression.

Quilting is a relatively new interest compared to Ricky's lifelong passion for music. He began formal music lessons at the age of three. He is a conductor, composer, arranger, music producer and performing artist. Ricky is proud to have implemented and conducted the 1998 concert *When We No Longer Touch* featuring the St. Louis Voices United Chorus and members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. *Passage*, the CD recording of this unique concert, was released in December of 1998. He has recently recorded two more CD's. *Heart and Soul* features solo piano, the other is a recording of his presentation, *Celebrate the Century: A Historic Perspective of Music and Quilts*.

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FROM FRONT PAGE — WHEAT

ence, Bean said. Good yield depends upon many factors including the number of heads, seed per head and weight of each seed. Seeding rates and tillering are equally as important. Healthy plants also must have three to five tillers.

Bean advises farmers to check their stands during and after flowering.

When plants change from a vegetative to reproductive state, the potential for seed production is set. In the High Plains, the big switch takes place from March 4-24.

Moisture stimulates more seed per head, but only in later growth stages.

The seed weight will be determined during grain fill. Wet, moderate temperatures are key promoters of weight gain. For any field with a reasonably good start, High Plains wheat still has excellent potential, even if some leaves were burned by the

January cold. This can be true even when some primary tillers abort due to months of drought, Bean said. Late winter and spring tillers can make up for some of this loss.

"All we need for good spring tiller production is a cool, wet March," Bean explained.

"Wheat is extremely resilient. Fields that looked like they might not make it back in January show potential for an average yield," said Dr. Jackie Rudd, wheat breeder with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Amarillo and Vernon.

But where plants have recently emerged, a "normal" yield is most unlikely, even under the best conditions, the agronomist said.

Don't count that field completely out, Bean said.

"Clearly the yield potential for newly-emerged wheat has been significantly

been reduced. But even the best of spring conditions will mean seed numbers per head and weights cannot make up for less-than-adequate tillering," Bean said.

Bean's rule of thumb for estimating yield potential: Count the number of plants, or better yet, the number of tillers per square foot.

"The closer to actual harvest, the more accurate the estimate," Bean said. Two publications will help farmers wanting to estimate

yield. Each method requires that certain assumptions, or guesses, about seed number and seed weight. One guide is from Texas and the other from Oklahoma, and are available online:

<http://soilcrop.tamu.edu/publications/pubs/scs1999-21.pdf> and <http://www.agr.okstate.edu/plantsoilsci/extension/publications/wheat/pt-01-10/pt2001-10.htm>

"This recent moisture at least has given us a fighting

chance," Bean said. For fields having a decent potential now, farmers should consider weed control and

possibly a nitrogen application, which needs to be completed before jointing to do much good.

FROM PAGE 6 — SOFTBALL

collected only two hits but drew six walks they converted to eight runs.

The Maidens final run came in the fourth inning on two Lady Mule errors.

Erica Sanchez hit a slow roller to second she beat out for an infield hit. She stole second and third on consecutive pitches and scored the Lady Mules final run on Sarah Dominguez ground ball to the pitcher.

New Deal won the toss to become the home team in the final game of the day.

The Lady Mules scored three runs on four hits and two Lady Lion errors. New Deal came out swinging in the bottom of the first to score six runs on four hits and two Muleshoe miscues.

The wheels came off for the Lady Mules in the second inning as New Deal scored 13 runs on eight hits and seven errors to take a 19-3

lead. Dickson and Madison Smith each scored in the third inning but the Lady Mules could not catch the Lady Lions.

The Lady Mules traveled to Lubbock Estacado Monday and downed the Lady Matadors. The Lady Mules trailed 8-4 after four innings but chipped three runs off Estacado's lead in their next two at bats.

The Lady Mules put on their rally caps in the top half of the seventh and scored six runs to over take and pass the Lady Mats. Estacado could only answer two of those runs in the seventh.

Dickson recorded a double and Cecelia Reyna blasted a double and a triple in the come back.

The Lady Mules and JV Lady Mules finish their tournament on Saturday and open district in Dimmitt March 23 with games at 4:30 and 6:30.

FROM PG. 6 — FROM THE STANDS

of beauty.

Brandi Wood got better with each game and gained the confidence to play every position. She really paid attention in her geometry class because she always seemed to be in the right place for the rebound.

When Ashley Gutierrez and Amber Cowart checked into the game the speed of the game accelerated for the opposition. If their defender gave them some space they would either drive the lane or put up a 3-pointer.

Kasey Wood joined the varsity after Carpenter was injured at Littlefield. K. Wood assumed the role as the smallest player on the court and made the defense pay from the arc. She also had the knack of swooping

in on the ball handler and taking away the ball.

Lady Mules, you made us all proud to be your fans and really made it a special season for me. The opportunity to help broadcast your games from two of the areas finest facilities was a real honor for me.

I will always keep the VIP pass that Texas Tech gave me for the Region I Tournament. Tori Barton and Sara Benham will be missed next year, but you will always be remembered. I look forward to seeing you at future Lady Mule playoff games.

As a prediction, when the Lady Mules return to the floor next season they will have reinvented themselves and be ready for their seventh post-season run.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Over 100 people attended the St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck luncheon last Thursday.

Guest, Jan Thompson, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce spoke on the many new businesses and expansions which have come to Muleshoe. All enjoyed the beautiful music provided by the Sorleys and, of course, the great food.

Each morning, Monday through Friday, the Center is open for walkers and exercisers at 8:00 a.m. Coffee is also available.

On Tuesdays, forty or so gather in the morning at 9:00 a.m. for "42", dominoes and other games. Our March hostesses, Helen Schmitz and Barbara Marlow have been providing great refreshments for this fun morning.

On Thursdays, everyone is invited to join the Shanghai players at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Come and learn this exciting game.

A garage sale fundraiser is planned for April 16 and 17. Doing your spring cleaning? Bring it to the Senior Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

We appreciate the two very nice couches which have been donated to the Center. Mr. and Mrs. George Washington donated a tan one and Ed and Donna Nickels donated a lovely blue one.

On March 22, at 6:00 P.M., how would you like to go out to "dinner and the theater?" Mark your calendar. We plan to have Pot Luck and a general meeting of ALL senior citizens (60 & plus). We want your ideas and input. Then we'll see a movie if we have our big-screen T.V. by then. We plan to show the very funny movie, "Grumpy Old Men" with Walter Mathou.

We also plan a weekly matinee and low-impact exercise videos, as well as informative programs.

On March 23, at 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., Julia Cage and Marilyn Riley have scrapbooking and help you put together creative ideas to help you get started on your scrapbook. Bring your scrapbook, pictures, (any memorabilia you wish to add) and scissors.

Other materials will be

furnished. You will finish a page or a collage for your wall. It's free to senior citizens. Others may come to the class also and the fee is \$10.00 for those under sixty.

Have you seen our Senior Center website? Go to muleshooseniors.org This site was designed by Ann McElroy's daughter, Casey Harrington, a graduate student at Saddleback College, San Clemente, C.A. She has created it for her internship in a web design class. She is enrolled in Technology Certification.

South Plains Association of Governments has donated four computers. We plan to install games and invite all seniors to come and play. Zel Roberson has offered to help you learn the basics. Thank you, Zel. This is a great addition to our Senior Center.

—courtesy of
Nelda Merriott



Courtesy photo

Dominoes anyone?
Several seniors gather to play dominoes at the Senior Center last week.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 4 - Wade Angeley, Elmer Anglin Jr., Dolores Harvey, Kelly Inman, Herman Morrison, Michael Olivias, Cecilia Reyes, Kayla Reyes, Dudley Roach and Edward Zeigenfuss.

March 5 - Procord Jaurez, Dudley Roach and Edward Zeigenfuss.

March 6 - Guy Austin, Mary Johnson, Enrique Lopez, Peggy McGee, Miguel Medina Jr., Velma Milligan, Matilda Montoya, Olin Nix and Mable Riegel.

March 7 - Guy Austin, Mary Johnson, Enrique Lopez, Peggy McGee, Miguel Medina Jr., Velma Milligan, Matilda Montoya, Olin Nix and Mable Riegel.

March 8 - Guy Austin, Mary Johnson, Enrique

Lopez, Peggy McGee, Miguel Medina Jr., Velma Milligan, Matilda Montoya, Olin Nix and Mable Riegel.

March 9 - Jose Fernandez, Mary Johnson, Clara Jones, Valinda Miller, Olin Nix and Mable Riegel.

March 10 - Jose Fernandez, Maria S. Garcia, Mary Johnson, Valinda Miller, Elizabeth Mudgett, Olin Nix, Mildred Ray and Mable Riegel.

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Tuesday, March 23, 2004 – Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.

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PERMIT NO. WQ0010049001

APPLICATION. City of Muleshoe, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0010049001 to authorize a decrease in the irrigation site acreage. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and southern disposal site are located approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas. The northern disposal site is located approximately 1 mile northeast of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 27, 2004. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting 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. **Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.**

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission

will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may be obtained from City of Muleshoe at the address stated above or by calling David Brunson at (806) 272-4528. Issued: March 3, 2004. Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 18, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Muleshoe will accept sealed bids for a USED TRACT DOZER until Friday, April 9, 2004. For information and a bid packet, contact the City of Muleshoe, Attn: David Brunson, 215 S. 1st, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. 806-272-4528.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract: 0905-00-036 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION IN LUBBOCK COUNTY, etc. will be opened on April 07, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12520

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY. The City of Muleshoe is offering for sale by sealed bids the following surplus property: Center Pivot Sprinkler System: 8-span Center Pivot Sprinkler System, Electric Drive, Drop Nozzles. Property may be examined from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by contacting City Hall. **Real Estate:** The list of lots and/or tracts of city owned real estate for sale by sealed bid can be viewed at the City Hall located at 215 S. 1st Street in Muleshoe, Texas. The city is accepting bids for each lot and/or tract individually. Bids should be placed in sealed envelope and should be clearly marked "Surplus Property Bid" on the outside of the envelope. Bids must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2004 to the Muleshoe City hall. The bids will be opened and publicly read at that time and date. The city may hold

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The April 1-2 workshop in Graham and Throckmorton Counties will include classroom instruction, field tours, a social event and visits to the Hawkins, Spade and R.A. Brown ranches. Sponsors are Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association.

Dale Rollins, Extension

wildlife specialist, will kick off the program at 12:30 p.m. on April 1 with a presentation entitled "In Search of Camouflage Cowboy Hats." His talk will be followed by "Important Plants for Cattle and Wildlife" and "Test Your Plant IQ" presented by specialists from the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

A visit to the Hawkins Ranch begins at 1:30 p.m. and will feature presentations on cattle and wildlife anatomy and diet, and the

role these animals play in a landscape. Subsequent presentations will focus on important plants for food and cover, and how to manage range land for native plant species.

An evening chuckwagon dinner will include a landowner's panel discussion of "What Works and What Doesn't" when managing land for multiple enterprises. The panel will include comments from Rod Hawkins, Dub Waldrip, Rob Brown and others.

On April 2, the workshop

will move to the Spade Ranch near Throckmorton for a field tour. Morning presentations will cover brush sculpting and "how to read the land" when evaluating range habitats.

Lunch will be at the R.A. Brown Ranch. During the meal, Rollins and J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range specialist, will discuss the "Prickly Pear-adigm" of cactus, followed by a presentation on plant cover and

quail survival by Texas Bobwhite Brigade cadets.

The field tour resumes after lunch with presentations on prescribed burning, grass sculpting through grazing management, and the economics of integrating cattle and wildlife management in a range environment.

Registration costs \$40 per person and includes meals, the evening social and refreshments. The deadline for registration is March 23.

Participants can earn continuing education units (CEU's) for pesticide application, range management and beef quality assurance.

To register, contact the Extension office in Young County at (940) 549-0737; the Texas Wildlife Association at (972) 681-1701; or the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association at (800) 242-7820, extension 118.

Peanut farming workshop

LUBBOCK— Farmers and agribusiness representatives can update their knowledge of peanut production at a March 26 peanut production workshop in Brownfield.

"We will present the latest research information and Extension recommendations for peanut production on the Texas South Plains," said Calvin Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist based at Lubbock. "This event is designed to help producers make better peanut management decisions."

The workshop is sponsored by Extension, the Texas Peanut Producers Board and Western Peanut Growers Association. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nikki Vinson Youth Center, at the northwest corner of Main Street and U.S. Hwy. 62/82 in Brownfield.

The workshop program begins at 8:30 a.m. Topics

Groundwater conference set

Groundwater leasing, marketing and sales will be the focus of a conference series set for April 1 in San Antonio, July 29 in Alpine and Sept. 14 in Nacogdoches.

Dates and conference locations are April 1 at the San Antonio Garden Center in San Antonio, July 29 at the Espino Conference Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, and Sept. 14 at the College of Forestry Conference Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Registration is \$55 for each conference and includes written materials and lunch. To register, call Kathryn Nachlinger at (979) 845-5419 or register online at <http://texaswater.tamu.edu>. For additional information, contact Val Silvy at (979) 845-2027 or vasilvy@ag.tamu.edu. Conference cooperators include the Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Texas Farm Bureau, Environmental Defense, Sierra Club, Sul Ross State University department of natural resources, College of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin State University, and City of San Antonio.

and speakers will include:

- "How a Peanut Plant Grows," Mike Schubert, Experiment Station peanut physiologist.

- "Row Spacing, Seeding Rates and Other Planting Tips," Jerry Warren, Extension agent in Terry County.

- "Update From Texas Peanut Producers Board and National Peanut Board," Ted Higginbottom, board member from Seminole.

- "Plant Disease," Terry Wheeler, Experiment Station plant pathologist, and Chip Lee, Extension plant pathologist at Stephenville.

- "Peanut Varieties ^ Field Performance and Resistance Traits," Mark Burow, Experiment Station peanut breeder.

- "Weed Control for Peanuts," Peter Dotray, Extension weed specialist.

- "Peanut Irrigation, PET and Water Considerations," Dana Porter, Extension irrigation specialist.

- "Fertility and Inoculants," Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist.

Lunch will be provided by the Western Peanut Growers Association and the Texas Peanut Producers Board. A producers' question and answer session will conclude the workshop. Those who attend can earn up to five continuing education units.

Preregistration by March

23 will help us plan the noon meal and ensure that we have enough printed handouts for everyone who attends," Trostle said.

For more information or to preregister for this workshop, contact Trostle at (806) 746-6101 or call one of these Extension offices: Terry County, (806) 637-4060; Gaines County, (432) 758-4006; Dawson County, (806) 872-7539; Lamb County, (806) 385-4222; Yoakum County, (806) 456-2263; Cochran County, (806) 266-5215; or Hockley County, (806) 894-3159.

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