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Muleshoe ISD Dist. 3 school board candidates speak out

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's effort to educate its readers about the upcoming Muleshoe ISD election, the candidates for the position have provided information about themselves and responded to a series of questions related to issues involving the school district.

There are three candidates for the District 3 seat — Daniel Guzman, Mary Toscano and Rene Torres.

Daniel Guzman moved to Muleshoe from Farwell with his family in 1967, attending school at MISD from 6th grade until he graduated in 1974. He attended West Texas State University and Graduate Banking School at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.

Guzman was employed by the Texas Department of Banking from 1978 until



DANIEL GUZMAN

1987 as a senior state bank examiner.

In 1987, he returned to Muleshoe to raise his family. He farmed until 1993, when he started his trucking business.

Guzman has a son who attends Dillman Elementary, and has several family members residing in the Muleshoe area.

Mary Toscano is a 40-year resident of Muleshoe, and a mother of two. She is a former employee of the



MARY TOSCANO

school district, and is currently working for the Texas Migrant Council.

Rene Torres, the Dist. 3 incumbent and has been serving on the school board for the past three years. He is a graduate of Muleshoe Schools, and works as a service advisor for Muleshoe Motor Company, and serves on the Bailey County Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors. He also works part time for the Muleshoe Golf course.



RENE TORRES

Torres served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1976 until 1983, when he was honorably discharged.

He also enjoys a variety of sports, from T-ball to professional sports. He is the parent of two daughters and has one granddaughter.

What is the biggest problem facing the school district?

Guzman: "I believe the biggest problem is the significant increase in the student population and

aging buildings. The increase in student enrollment, to me is a good thing; however, the current school buildings are mostly outdated and building new facilities for our students within the near future is needed."

Toscano: "Funding... because of legislation and how the money is being distributed."

Torres: "Besides the state funding issue, locally the biggest problem the school district faces at this time is our facility needs. With the population growth in our community, our elementary schools are becoming crowded. It is important that we provide adequate space for out technology classes, AP and honor courses, and regular classrooms, for all of the grade levels. We must be able to feed our children in a timely fashion, and we

must continue to have the safe and secure buildings and grounds for our students."

What are the possible solutions to this problem?

Guzman: "There are only a few possible solutions to this which is going to require the help and commitment not only of the school board, but from the entire community. I think a long-term renovation plan needs to be developed. With this in mind, the campus with the most need should be updated first. Presently, I think that our primary schools are overcrowded, beginning with Dillman. I believe the best solution is the input and help of the entire community in solving our situation."

Toscano: "I favor more lobbying with area and state

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Local business leader mourned

Business owners and area residents are mourning this week with the passing of Gladys Myers, 76, of Muleshoe on Saturday, April 2.

"She was a blessing in our lives," the Rev. Steve Friskup of the Cowboy Fellowship, Muleshoe, said Tuesday. Friskup, along with Dr. Stacy Connor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, officiated at Myers' funeral service Monday, April 4.

Along with her husband of



GLADYS MYERS

58 years, Clayton, Myers — affectionately known as "Meme," has operated the Muleshoe Livestock Auction, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004.

Friskup said most of his conversations with Myers centered around her family and God.

"She was excited about her son and grandson getting plugged into Cowboy Church," Friskup said.

Friskup said the verses he read from the 31st Chapter of Proverbs during Monday's service fit Myers perfectly. "She was a beautiful lady from the inside out," he said.

Friskup also described Myers as being "very uplifting," and said that when she was talking with a person that person felt as if he or she was the most

important person in Myers' life at that moment.

In a "Salute to Women in Business" published by the *Journal*, Myers was described as being "the backbone of the office" at the sale barn, whose favorite job was public relations, noting that she loved to visit with the many customers who traveled to one of the busiest spots in Bailey County on Saturday's sale day.

"Gladys is a great example of a working woman who has raised her children in a family business and stood beside her husband in every circumstance," the business tab said.

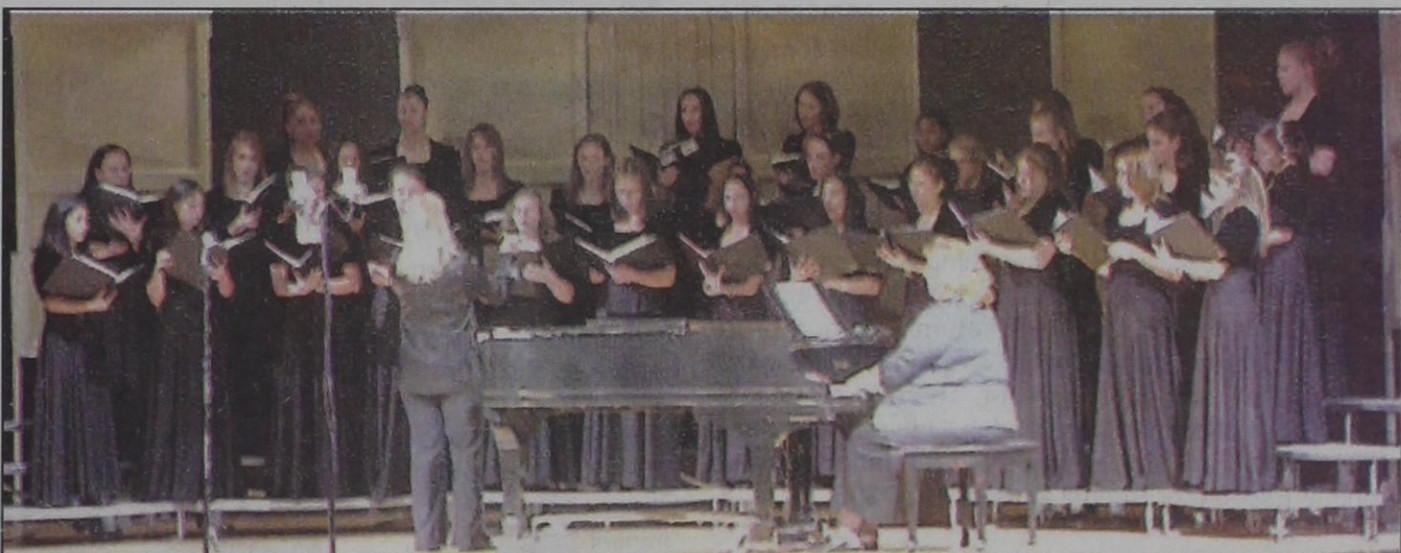
For Gladys Myers' obituary, turn to page 5.



A fine night for fine arts

Photos by Larry Thornton

Thursday was the "night to shine" in Muleshoe as members of the high school's fine arts programs performed in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. Pictured above, the Men's Choir sings, while the Women's Choir performs in the picture below.



Former Muleshoe student returns from duty in Baghdad



PFC VALENTIN RAMIREZ

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Another former Muleshoe High School student has returned from war-torn Iraq.

On March 17, Rosario Ramirez surprised her children when she took them to greet the return of a "friend of their father's" at Ft. Hood, Texas.

"I wish it was daddy coming home," Rosario

quoted one of her children as saying.

It wasn't very long until that child's wish came true and they saw their father approaching in the distance.

PFC Valentin Ramirez, 29, joined the U. S. Army in February 2004, after completing basic training and receiving additional training a specialist in heating and air conditioning,

it was only a few months later that he was deployed as part of the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq, and stationed at Camp Falcon, south of Baghdad.

Although trained in heating and air conditioning, a specialty that was no doubt needed in the Middle East, Ramirez said he also carried out other missions, patrolled around the camp

and performed guard duty. "They put me wherever they needed me," Ramirez said in an interview Monday.

As for the work being accomplished in Iraq, Ramirez said he new the military effort has lost popularity here at the home front, but that doesn't diminish his enthusiasm.

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Local Weather

Thurs.
Sunny.....70/34

Fri.
Sunny.....76/43

Sat.
Pt. Cloudy...76/41

Sun.
Pt. Cloudy...70/33

Mon.
T-Storms.....62/38

Tue.
Pt. Cloudy....69/38

Wed.
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Give It A Thought

It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look further than you can see.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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Cost is \$40 per ticket or \$35 per ticket when purchasing eight or more tickets.

The banquet will be held Sat., April 16, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All-you-can-eat steak and peeled shrimp will served with potatoes and all the trimmings. This year's banquet theme is "Unsung Heroes."

For your enjoyment, have Stacy M. Thompson take your "date night" pictures to commemorate the event (can be purchased), bid on donated items at the silent auction and join your friends in the Kerry Moore Auditorium for the songs and sounds of Texas Crossroads from Shamrock.

"Carrying On" County history

Pre-orders for the reprint of the Bailey County history book "Early Bailey County History" are being taken now by members of the "Carrying On" Committee of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The price for the pre-ordered hardback books is \$45. After July 1, the price will be \$50 per book.

The book, originally printed in 1978, was compiled in two years by seventh and eighth grade students in the Muleshoe Junior High Historical Society.

If you would like to order a book, contact Stacy M. Thompson at 272-3652 or send your checks to: Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, "Carrying On Committee," P.O. Box 356, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Support sought for Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2005 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our graduates.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold Sponsor — donation of at least \$100; Silver Sponsor — donation of at least \$50; Bronze Sponsor — donation of at least \$25. Donations of any amounts will be appreciated.

Donations for "2005 Project Graduation" or questions may be addressed to: Lavon Hunt, The Donut Hole, 1106 W American Blvd. Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3668; Jody Wood, 1502 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas 7934, or by calling 272-7549; or Tom Ladd, Earl Ladd & Sons, 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3308.

Singer showcase to be held

The Roxy's Singers Showcase will be April 16, at 7 p.m. in Olton. All area vocalists are invited to come and perform. To perform, contact the Olton City Hall at (806)285-2611 or email your entry to oltonpwd@amaonline.com. The deadline to enter is Friday, April 15.

Talent show

Muleshoe High School is hosting a Talent Show on April 28. If you would like to show your talent and be a part of the show you can sign-up now. Simply fill-out the form available at the DeShazo Elementary, Watson Junior High or Muleshoe High School and return it to one of the locations. The last day to sign-up is April 12. Auditions will be held after school on April 14. There is no cost for entering the show. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. For additional information, contact Annette Escobar or Raquel Mata at 272-7303.

Scholarship donations sought

The Muleshoe Independent School District would like to make sure that every Muleshoe High School graduate has the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. Four years ago, the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees took a bold step toward this goal by establishing the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust.

The MOST scholarship funded is through contributions, honorariums, gifts, and memorials. "We are inviting you to be a part of offering a successful beginning to our seniors by making certain that every individual who graduates from MHS has a scholarship," MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said. "Your donation of any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference in the lives of our graduates."

A fully tax-deductible donation can be made to: MOST Scholarship, c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Diabetes management program offered

Bailey County Extension and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition will be sponsoring a diabetes educational series called Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes. The primary goal of this program is to help participants learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

Presenters include Dr. Thomas Smith, Kay Swint, Linda Bullock, Kristi Spies, Amanda Shelton and Jennifer Gregory. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. on April 12 and 19, at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room. Participants who attend all six sessions will receive a free glucometer. For more information or to register for the program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Old yearbooks wanted

Former Muleshoe students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids' old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, (806) 272-5873, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. Or mail them to the Heritage Depot, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. At this time, yearbooks from 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1970 and 1975-1979 are still needed.

Muleshoe graduates sought

The Ex-Student Association is looking for 1924-1985 graduates and former students for an all school reunion to be held on July 2, 2005. Also, the next meeting of the Ex-Student Association has been set for April 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Five Area Telephone meeting room.

Pioneer history book available.

The Muleshoe Senior Citizens' Pioneer History book is now available at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. The cost is \$25 per copy.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or contact by email at thompson@fivearea.com.

Muleshoe Youth Softball Sign-Up

Registration for girls softball will be held at the high school cafeteria on Monday, April 11, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$25 per player, ages 7-14. Please bring proof of age.

Workshop scheduled

A gardening, mini-farming workshop has been scheduled for April 12, 19 and 26, at the Garden & Art Center in Lubbock. The workshop will cover several gardening topics including organic, no-till and beds. For additional information call 767-3724, or email Ken Hargesheiner at "minifarms@aol.com".

First Ag Scholarship applications sought

First Ag Credit Scholarship First Ag Credit of Muleshoe is pleased to announce its 2005 scholarships. Two \$250 scholarships will be presented to deserving high school seniors. To be eligible for the First Ag Credit Scholarship, students must be a resident of Parmer, Bailey, or Lamb County, have a "B" or above grade point average, be a full-time student at a college or university in the Fall of

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Thanks for reading!

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2005, and have parents or grandparents who are members of First Ag Credit, Muleshoe Branch. Applications may be obtained by calling the First Ag Credit Office at 272-3010 or Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School at 272-7304. The deadline to apply is April 15.

MCTA Scholarships available

Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association will be awarding two scholarships, one for a 2005 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 his or her 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 April 22. Contact Gayla Gear-272-7303, Dani Heathington at 272-4351, or Alice Liles-272-5200 for further information.

Title 1, Migrant meeting set for April 7

The 32nd Annual Title 1 and Migrant Spring Meeting for Muleshoe ISD will be held today, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. This important event for parents will be held in the Muleshoe High School Cafeteria.

Ms. Anabella Ramos, from With Love-Con Amor, McAllen, will present the topic "Amor y Respeto" (Love and Respect). The program will be presented in Spanish and English. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Additional information may be requested by calling the Federal Programs Department at 272-7325.

El Programa Anual de Titulo 1 y Programa Migrante para el Distrito Escolar de Muleshoe se llevara acabo el 7 de abril, 6:30 p.m. Este program a importante para Padres se presentara en la Cafeteria de la escuela secundaria..

Ms. Anabella Ramos, de la organizaci3n With Love-Con Amor, McAllen, presentara la platica de "Amor y Respeto". El Programa ser3 presentado en espa3ol e ingles. Habr3n premios y refrescos.

Para m3s informaci3n, puede llamar a la oficina de Programas Federales al 272-7325.

'Relay for Life' fundraisers

Several of Muleshoe's "Relay for Life" teams are holding fundraisers for the April 29 event.

The "Intimidators" and "Cops Against Cancer" will be holding a huge garage sale, 8 a.m. til 3 p.m. on Friday, April 8, and starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Muleshoe Fire Department on East Fifth St.

"Strides Against Cancer" will be holding a Hotdog Cookout and Bake Sale at Carolyn's on April 16, from 11 a.m. til 2 p.m.

"Lips and Hips," the Medical Records Department at Muleshoe Area Medical Center has a "Tree of Hope" at the hospital. Individuals wishing to help their fund-raising effort may purchase a purple or pink ribbon for the tree for \$1.

"Kids Against Cancer" will be holding a garage sale Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. til noon, at 906 W. 8th, Muleshoe.

Youth revival set

A youth revival has been set for April 15-16, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. For further information, call April Goher at 806-225-4621.

Crystal River group to sing

Crystal River, a gospel music group from Lubbock, will be performing at the First Assembly of God of Muleshoe Sunday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. Call 272-3017 for additional information.

Local youth to face charges

A Muleshoe youth faces several charges of sexual assault following an investigation by the Muleshoe Police Department.

According to Lt. Otis Carpenter, the police department received a report alleging a sexual assault against a 4-year-old Muleshoe girl on March 5, when the victim's parent took her to a local medical facility for treatment.

During the investigation that followed, the 14-year-old suspect reportedly admitted fondling the child, as well as locking the victim's 7-year-old brother in the closet of the residence prior to the assault.

Lt. Carpenter also said the investigation had uncovered

at least two other victims — one age seven and the other age nine, whom the suspect had allegedly sexually assaulted during the past two years.

Carpenter explained that the suspect was the brother of the victims' babysitter, whom he'd accompanied to the residence of the victims.

Following the initial report on March 5, the victim was interviewed by the Child Advocacy Center in Lubbock, Carpenter said.

According to the lieutenant, the most recent incident came to light because the parents of the victim had taught her what to do in the event she was victimized, a precaution all parents are encouraged to take.

Tip Your Hat

By Larry Thornton

I love football... it's one of my favorite sports. And since I went to the University of Oklahoma back in the days of Brian Bozworth, it shouldn't surprise you that I love Sooner football.

Yes, I love football. In the late fall, when the wind is blowing briskly and there is a threat of snow in the air... When you have a salty sack of popcorn in one hand (Shhh! Don't tell my doctor or my wife about the popcorn) and a cup of hot chocolate in the other. What more could a sports fan ask for?

Yes, the winter and spring sports are great also, especially at the high school level, but until Thursday afternoon I hadn't ever associated track with hot chocolate.

I felt especially sorry for one young lady from Muleshoe. I can't remember which race she was competing in, but I noticed when she ran by that her hands were painfully red from the cold.

I wonder how much height you can get if you're pole vaulting in a parka?

If anyone deserves a "tip of the hat" this week it's the crowd attending Thursday's track meet. If you were there, whether you were participating, officiating or just cheering the kids along, give yourself a pat on the back. You deserve it, and it might help get your circulation started again.

Nominations sought for teacher awards

The seventh annual Teacher of the Year Awards in Muleshoe ISD will be presented at the general faculty meeting on May 27 in the High School auditorium.

Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary award.

The awards, which are underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank, each consist of a golden apple and a check for \$250.

The teacher selected will also advance to the regional competition in Lubbock and from there can qualify for state and national honors.

Last year's Teachers of the Year were Dani Heathington of Dillman Elementary and Robin Welch of Watson Junior High.

To be selected, the nominee must be a full-time classroom teacher. Anyone in Muleshoe ISD, whether an employee, student, parent, or a community member, may nominate a teacher for the award.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent's office by 4 p.m., Thursday, April 22.

When a teacher is nominated, he or she will be sent an information packet and may decide at that time whether he or she wishes to follow through by providing the required information.

A committee composed of representatives from each campus, the Muleshoe Board of Trustees, and the community will review the information provided by each nominee and select the award recipients.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

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Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Saturday, I was saddened to hear that a friend of mine had passed away. Although we had fallen out of touch, I guess you could say he was a friend of my youth, one of many who mentored me during my young adult years.

But as I spoke with a mutual friend who had attended his funeral on Good Friday, my sorrow was lessened when I learned that my friend had accepted Christ and left this earthly walk to journey upon the streets of gold.

Such a time as this is often so painful that at best all we can do is offer our deepest condolences and let his family and friends know they have God's love

to get them through this present storm.

Do you remember the journey Christ Jesus and his disciples made with him, as noted in the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Mark?

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' He got up,

rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." — Mark 4:35-39, NIV.

The disciples, men who walked daily at the Master's side forgot that he'd told them just a short while earlier. "Let us go over to the other side," Christ said.

At no time did the Son of God suggest that they would only travel part of the way across. Sometimes, when we find ourselves in a storm of confusion, we tend to forget that the One who calmed the winds and the waves is not only there to support us through the trials and tribulations we face in life but is also the One who will greet us on the other

side.

A couple of Sundays ago, we celebrated the victory of Christ's resurrection, his victory over death. What a blessed promise he gives all who believe. Like the shadow of a large truck that flashes by as we stand on the sidewalk, the Bible assures us that Christ's followers need not fear the "shadow of death." It is but the door we travel through... the sea we journey across from this existence to that great and glorious place Christ has prepared for us.

Yes, we will grieve for the loss of our friend. He is separated from us — at least for now. But as his Son hung on Calvary's Tree our heavenly Father also

suffered the separation of a loved one, Christ Jesus who took upon himself the sins of the world.

We will keep our friend's family in our prayers, and will pray that they turn to our Lord for strength and comfort during this most difficult time, and I

encourage you to do the same when such times arise in your life.

God is ready, willing and supremely able to help all who believe through these storms, and at journey's end we too will find safe harbor in his loving arms. Amen.

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Obituaries

Juan Rodriguez

A church service for Juan Rodriguez, 83, of Morton, was held on Monday, April 4, 2005, at the Eastside Church of Christ with Joey Pierce of Morton officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery. Rodriguez died March 31, 2005, at the Covenant Hospital in Levelland. He was born Dec. 27, 1921, in Edna. He married Cecilia Sylvas in South Texas on Sept. 18, 1940.

Rodriguez moved to Morton 1951, and was a farmer and a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sons — Juan Jr. and Thomas Rodriguez of Morton, Martin Rodriguez of Houston and Steven Rodriguez of Rochelle; three daughters — Vickie Rodriguez of Morton, Rosa Castillo and Anita Soto of Pasco, Wash.; three sisters — Juanita and Sergia Rodriguez of Elsa, and Ascencion Alafa of Vislia, Calif.; two brothers — Clemente Rodriguez of Pasco, Wash., and Lorenzo Rodriguez of Houston; 33 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

T. C. Wiseman

A church service for T. C. Wiseman, 75, of Clovis, N.M., and formerly of Bovina and Sudan, was held Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with Barry Wiseman officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery, Sudan. Wiseman died Sunday, April 3, 2005, in the Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo. He was born April 18, 1929, in Sudan to Charles and Mable Whitmire Wiseman.

He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Wiseman was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Paula Shaw, in 2004.

Survivors include a son — Steve Wiseman of Denver, Colo.; two sons and daughters-in-law — Larry and Shirley Wiseman of San Antonio and Michael and Maria Wiseman of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law — Stephanie and Clayton White of Amarillo; two sisters and a brother-in-law — Charlene Griffin of Lubbock, and Frances and Leroy Sisco of South Lake; a brother and a sister-in-law — Buddy and Betty Wiseman of Friona; and three grandchildren.

Gladys Myers

A church service for Gladys Myers, 76, of Muleshoe was held Monday, April 14, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner and the Rev. Steve Friskup officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Myers died April 2, 2005, in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was born on Sept. 18, 1928, in Stigler, Okla., and married Clayton Myers in Portales, N.M. on Dec. 18, 1946.

Myers had lived in Muleshoe since 1954, moving here from Stigler. She worked as a bank teller for six years at First National Bank, while becoming an owner and office manager of Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include her husband — Clayton Myers of Muleshoe; two sons — C. L. and Thurman Myers of Muleshoe; a daughter — Patsy Luna of Argyle; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130, or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th St., Amarillo, TX 79101.



GLADYS MYERS

Louise Enos

A church service for Louise Enos, 75, of Morton, was held Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Morton with the Rev. Dale Cain officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Enos died on Monday, April 4, 2005, in Covenant Hospital in Levelland. She was born on Jan. 8, 1930, in Waurika, Okla., and married Mike "Junior" Enos in Montague, Texas, on Feb. 7, 1947. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1994. She was also preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Enos moved to Morton from Waurika in 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Morton.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — Robert Mike and Bonnie Enos of Fredericksburg; three sisters — Bea Pope of Granbury, Loyce Goates of Chickasha, Okla., and Ettalee Taylor of Saginaw; a brother — O. E. Kin of Beeville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

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Flora Lowery

A graveside service was held for Flora Lowery (Grandma Lowery) at Bailey County Cemetery on March 30, 2005, with Elder Charles Green of the Muleshoe congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1910, and married William (Dick) Ulmar Lowery on Nov. 4, 1925. Together they had nine surviving children: Six sons — Boyce Lowery of Lubbock, Gene Lowery of Levelland, Rex Lowery of Littlefield, Glen Lowery of Amarillo; three daughters — Aliene Campbell of Boise, Idaho, Virginia Cline of Albuquerque, N.M., and Goldie Irvett of Albuquerque, N.M. They also had 27 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Local survivors include: four grandchildren — Vickie Tiffin of Earth, Donna Hartline, Sharla Lowery and Paula Lowery, all of Littlefield; and a great-nephew — Gary Shipman of Muleshoe.

Flora moved with her husband to the West Texas area in 1944. She was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness in 1941 and enjoyed sharing her Bible-based beliefs with many in the community. One such belief she held was that of the resurrection to life in paradise as found at Acts 24:15.

Flora also enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Many can remember the times shared at her table eating chicken and dumplings among many other meals she would prepare.

Flora died on Monday, March 28, 2005, at her home in Albuquerque, N.M. She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Dick) Lowery. She will be missed.

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Sports

Muleshoe varsity track teams finish big in local relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Mules Varsity Results

The Mules finished second with 140 points behind the Lubbock Cooper Pirates at 172 in the Muleshoe Relays last Friday. Littlefield was third with 88 points and Olton (72); Shallowater (60), Friona (40) and Abernathy (31) rounded out the field.

Joe Bryan Claybrook got the Mules started with a third place finish in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11 minutes 33.19 seconds. Kory Atwood had a gold medal toss in the discus at 133 feet six and one half inches. Caleb Heinrich was sixth in the discus with a throw of 111' 11".

Robby Bomer took the gold in the high jump with a leap of 6' 8" and Derek Purdy was third at 5' 8". Myles James cleared 11' 0" to take third in the pole vault. Eric Washington and Landon Wilson had gold and silver medal leaps in the long jump of 20' 7 1/2" and 20' 1/2".

Wilson and Rudy Gonzales took the gold and silver medals in the triple jump with distances of 41' 6 1/2" and 39' 8 1/2". The 100-meter relay team of Jarad Flores, Gonzales, Wilson and Washington finished fourth with a time of 45.01. Daniel Caraveo ran sixth in the 800-meter run with a 2:15.26.

Bradly Black took the gold medal in both 110 and 300-meter hurdles. He had times of 15.41 and 40.27 respectively. The 200-meter relay team of Washington, Gonzales, Wilson and Ely Villa finished third with a 1:35.62.

Claybrook finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:14.56. The 1600-meter relay team of Wilson, Washington, Gonzales and Black capped off the day with a gold medal time of 3:34.77.

The Mules will run in the Wildcat Relays in Littlefield April 8 before the District 2-



Photo by Larry Thornton

Area tracksters race during Thursday's chilly temperatures.

3A Meet. Levelland will host the district meet April 15.

Lady Mules Varsity

Track is not an April Fool's joke to the Lady Mules as they won the Muleshoe Relays Friday by 37 points. The Lady Mules scored 139 points to out run second-place Shallowater with 102.

Tulia finished third with 96 and Canyon Randall was fourth with 68. Friona (58), Lubbock Cooper (46), Olton (37), Abernathy (30), Littlefield (27) and Dimmitt (15) rounded out the field.

Jessica Withrow continued to lead the Lady Mule team and set three new meet individual records, tied one meet record and set a new school record. She won four individual gold medals and anchored the gold medal 400-meter relay team.

She tied her own meet record in the high jump with a leap of five feet, six inches and set meet records in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles with times of 14.96 and 44.97 seconds respectively. Withrow also set new meet and school records in the long jump with a distance of 18' 1/2".

Kelsey Tipps placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14' 10 1/2". Minerva Martinez placed second and fifth in the shot put and discus. She had a heave of 34' 3/4" in the shot and a throw of 91' 11" in the discus.

Tipps finished sixth in the triple jump with a total distance of 31' 2". Brandi Wood was fifth in the high jump at 4' 8". Charissa Conner and Amber Cowart ran third and fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with times of 17.87 and 18.66.

Kate Leopard finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.36. Cowart took the gold medal in the pole vault by clearing nine feet even. Kasey Wood and Ashley Dickson was third and fourth with vaults of 7' 6" and 7' 0".

The 100 and 200-meter relay team of Renessia Hernandez, B. Wood, Chelsi Hawkins and Tipps finished second and sixth with times of 54.62 and 1:57.45 respectively. Hernandez ran fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 28.46. Hawkins took fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:05.07.

In the final race of the day the 400-relay team of Leopard, B. Wood, Tipps and Withrow were 70 meters behind Lubbock Cooper at the final exchange. Withrow took the baton and passed the Friona runner in the first turn and used the back straight away to cut the lead of the two front runners.

She over took the Tulia runner in the final turn and ran past Cooper just 10 meters from the finish line. Withrow ran a 57.5 final lap to give the Lady Mule team the gold medal.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Wildcat Relays April 8 in Littlefield before traveling to Levelland for the District 2-3A Meet in Levelland April 15.

JV Mules

The JV Mules had a 16-point lead going into the final race of the day and had to finish third or better in the 1600-meter relay to hold off the Lubbock Cooper Pirates.

The Mules hung on to take the Muleshoe Relays with 137 points and held off the Pirates with 133. Tulia finished third with 74 and Littlefield was fourth with 69. Friona (66), Abernathy (62), Shallowater (40), Dimmitt (33) and Olton (2) rounded out the competition.

Garrett Behrends took third in the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet 11 inches. Garrett Riley and Adam Zamora took the gold and bronze medals in the high jump by clearing 5'8" and 5'6" respectively.

Logan Caddell was fifth in the discus with a distance of 100' 1/2". The 100-meter relay team of Josh Ramirez, Jacob Vega, Riley and Dusty Clayton ran third with a time of 47.55 seconds.

Behrends tied for second in the long jump with a leap of 17' 11". Zamora and Joaquin Ruvalacaba took second and fourth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:18.09 and 2:22.02.

Dustin Barker and Kendall Johnson ran gold

and silver medal times in the 110-meter hurdles with a 17.95 and 18.57. Riley finished sixth with an 18.91. Clayton took third in the 100-meter dash with a 12.27.

The 200-meter relay team of Ramirez, Vega, Behrends and Clayton finished second with a 1:39.15. Cory Wallace and Doc Fullmer ran fourth and sixth in the 400-meter run with times of 58.55 and 58.99.

Vega and Behrends took gold and bronze in the 200-meter dash with times of 24.55 and 25.11. Riley was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 49.09. Colby Carpenter and Arsenio Geter finished third and sixth in the 1600-meter run

with times of 5:30.29 and 5:38.56.

The 1600-meter relay team of Barker, Zamora, Behrends and Wallace did exactly what they had to do to clinch the Mule win. They finished third with a time of 3:53.16.

The JV Mules final meet of the season will be the Wildcat Relays April 8. Many of the team members will join the varsity for the district meet in Levelland April 15.

JV Lady Mules

The JV Lady Mules took third in the Muleshoe Relays Friday with 87 points. Olton was first with

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Lady Mules receive basketball honors

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Spring brings not only showers and flowers but also post season honors for basketball teams and individuals, including the Lady Mules who have received their share following another very successful season.

The Amarillo Globe News named the Lady Mules as their 'Surprise Team of the Year'.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal named Lady Mule Coach Shana Simms as the Coach of the Year in class AAA for the third consecutive year.

Amber Cowart was selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.

Brandi Wood made the All-District Team in District 2-3A and was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team. The Lubbock Avalanche Journal chose her as their Class AAA Player of the Year on the All South Plains Team.

Jami Carpenter was picked as the Defensive MVP of District 2-3A and

named to the All-Tournament Team in the Region I Tournament.

Kelsey Friskup made the District 2-3A All-District Team and the TABC All-Region Team. She was picked for the All-State Team by TGCA and named Academic All-State by TABC.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal chose her to their All-South Plains Team and she was named as a Golden Spread All-Star by the Amarillo Globe News. The TGCA named her as an All-Star.

Lindsey Wood was the MVP of District 2-3A and made the All-Tournament Team in the Regional Tournament. The TABC named her to their All-Region and All-State Teams. The TGCA also named her to their All-State Team.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal chose her to the All-South Plains Team. The Amarillo Globe News named her as a Golden Spread All-Star. The TGCA also named her as an All-Star.

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Sports

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field. Amy Withrow took the gold in the high jump by clearing four feet six inches. Adriana Toscano and Kathryn Owens placed second and third in the shot put with throws of 29' 6" and 28' 8".

Toscano was fifth in the discus with a toss of 62' 0". Withrow had a gold medal leap of 14' 1/4" in the long jump. Lupita Andrade finished second in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 30.23 seconds.

The 100-meter relay team of Morgan Smith, Janae Pyle, Vanity Garcia and Amelia Clemmons ran second with a time of 1:00.64. Andrade had a gold medal time of 3:12.75 in the 800-meter run and Gabby Agundis and Gizell Vasquez ran third and fourth with 3:25.63 and 3:25.64.

Withrow took the gold in the 100-meter hurdles with a 16.96 and Cassie Steinbock was fourth with a 19.96. Clemmons and Pyle took the gold and silver medals in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.56 and 14.03.

The Lady Mules final meet of the year will be the district meet in Levelland April 9.

Seventh Grade Mules

Weather played a factor in the seventh grade Mules performance in the Muleshoe Relays Thursday afternoon. The Mules finished second with 58 points in the weather shortened meet. Levelland took the meet with 68 points and Littlefield was third with 53. Friona (50), Brownfield (36), Sudan (20) and Dimmitt (4) made up the rest of the field.

Adrian Chacon took fourth in the shot put with a toss of 27 feet 10 inches. Kyler

Steinbock had a gold medal leap of four feet four inches in the high jump. Sean Thornton finished second and Chacon was fifth in the 100-meter dash with times of 12.95 seconds and 14.00.

The 100-meter relay team of Chacon, Caleb Connor, Jared Skipworth and Larry Richardson finished third with a 58.52.

Steinbock picked up his second gold medal of the day in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.62. Jay Andrade and Jose Quezada finished second and fourth in the hurdles with times of 22.48 and 23.21 respectively.

The Mules will compete in the District 2-3A Meet in Levelland April 9.

Seventh Grade Lady Mules

The weather may have been the winner of the Muleshoe Junior High Relays on Thursday afternoon. Some events were not completed because of the weather but the seventh grade Lady Mules were in fourth place with 51 points when the meet was stopped.

Levelland was in the lead with 104 points, Littlefield second with 71 and Friona was fourth with 64. Dimmitt (26), Brownfield (10) and Sudan (0) completed the field.

Jessica Behrends had a gold medal leap in the long jump of 12 feet and seven inches. Ashley Cisneros and Breann Baca finished fourth and sixth with leaps of 12' 0" and 11' 5 1/4".

Baca and Sarah Johnson tied for third and took fifth in the triple jump with distances of 25' 10" and 25' 3 1/2" respectively. Amber Fuentes and Alyssa Martinez ran fifth and sixth in

the 100-meter dash with times of 15.77 seconds and 15.8.

The 100-meter relay team of Baca, Martinez, Marisela Casanova, and Ashley Cisneros took second with a time of 1:01.96. Johnson placed second in the 800-

meter run with a 3:08.83. Tiffany Standard was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 22.18.

The Lady Mules will compete in the district meet in Levelland April 9.

Mule golf team dominates district tournament

The Mule golf team dominated the first district tournament with a team score of 295. Littlefield finished in second place with a 314 and Levelland was third at 319. Lubbock Cooper finished fourth with a 323, Brownfield was fifth with a 330 and the JV Mules were sixth with a 339.

Trevor Turnbow set the pace for the Mules and took low individual honors with a 68. Myles James tied for fifth low individual with a 75 and Kory Atwood and Cade Smith tied for seventh low individual at 76. Trent Black rounded out the team with an 82.

Lubbock Cooper hosted the opening district tournament on the Elm Grove Golf Course in Lubbock. Levelland will host the final district tournament April 11.

Chris Kindle led the JV Mules with a 77 and Jordan Marlow followed with an 82. Kirby Kimbrough shot an 89, Arsenio Geter had a 91 and Patrick Precure fired a 92.

Earlier in the season the Mules had a tough tournament in Seminole and took 10th place. Turnbow was low individual with a 72 and Atwood followed with a 90. Smith had a 91, Black shot a 93, and James finished with a 99.

The Mules took third in the

Lubbock Christian Invitational with a 350. Trinity Christian won the tournament with a 332 and San Jacinto was second with a 339. The JV Mules finished fifth with a 359 and Littlefield was seventh with a 375.

Turnbow was the seventh low individual with an 84 and Atwood was 13th low individual with an 86. Black fired an 89, James had a 91 and Smith finished with a 96.

Marlow tied for fourth low individual with an 83 and Kindle tied for 15th with an 87. Kimbrough shot a 92 and Geter and Precure had 97s.

Slaton won the Abernathy Invitational March 31 with a 303 and the Mules took second with a 309. Lubbock Roosevelt finished third with a 331.

Turnbow tied for third low individual with a 75 and Atwood tied for seventh with a 76. Black finished ninth with a 77, James had an 81 and Smith shot an 85. Kindle competed as a medalist and shot an 83.

A first or second place finish in district would earn the Mules a trip to Odessa for the regional tournament.

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Tennis teams prepare for district meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Muleshoe tennis teams have been preparing for their district tournaments with dual meets being held each week. The District 2-3A Tennis Meet is scheduled for April 7 in Levelland.

The doubles team of Tyler Wood and Ely Villa won both of their matches in the Friona Dual Meet. Calli Hancock and Shalisa Ladd split their doubles matches. Brad Henry split his single matches, as did Andrew Padilla.

The team won five matches and lost only one in the Dimmitt Dual. The doubles team of Shanna

Lazbuddie One Act to perform

The Lazbuddie One Act Play cast will perform *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, in the Lazbuddie Auditorium. Donations will be accepted for admission from the public.

The One Act play cast performed on Thursday, March 24, for South Zone. Luzana Chavez was chosen as All-star cast. Kayla Parham was chosen for honorable mention All-star cast.

The cast includes: Truvy Jones — Bailey Warren, Annelle Dupuy — Desoto — Mandy Haney, Clairee Belcher — Ana Hernandez, Shelby — Eatenton — Lacherie Melanie Winders, M'Lynn Eatenton — Kayla Parham, Ouiser Boudreaux — Luzana Chavez. Crew members included: Amanda Schaeffer, Susie Juarez, Britany Schacher, Chelsee Nichols and Brianna Sanchez.

Rempe and Hancock won two matches, as did the team of Lindsey Hall and Jamie Hall. L. Hall also won a single match. Chris Ambriz won his singles match and Laura Cogliandro lost her singles match.

Floydada hosted an invitational tournament for the previous year's regional qualifiers. Lindsey Wood and Padilla competed in girls and boys singles and reached the quarterfinals before being eliminated. The boys doubles team of T. Wood and Villa got to the quarterfinals of boy's doubles before losing.

At the SPCHEA Tournament in Levelland the team was split into divisions. In Division I, Lindsey Wood won her first two rounds before getting beat in the quarterfinals. Andrew Padilla followed suit by winning his first two rounds before falling in the quarterfinals. Henry won his first match and lost his second. T. Wood and Villa won their first round in doubles but were defeated in

the second round. In Division II, Brittini Carter and Hancock won their first round of doubles but lost in the second round. Chris Ambriz lost his first round match but reached the quarterfinals of the consolation bracket before being eliminated. Cogliandro lost both her matches.

Brownfield hosted Muleshoe in a Dual Meet on a very windy day. Muleshoe lost eight matches and won four. Padilla and Henry took their single matches. Padilla and Henry teamed up to take a doubles match. Ladd split her matches and Colby Carpenter and Andrew Zamora lost two doubles matches. Rempe lost both of her matches and the team of Carter and Hancock dropped both of their matches. T. Wood and Villa lost their first doubles match and could not compete in their second match because of an injury.

The teams will complete their preparations this week and travel to Levelland on Thursday.

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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics that she had prepared for the residents to paint in craft class.

Jimmie Dutton, Robbie Nowlin, Bill Lambert, Joline Miller, Loma Mosley and Lillie Edmiston, all having a birthday in March, were honored with a birthday cake Thursday afternoon. Debra Noble entertained. Lasting Impressions honored each birthday resident with a beanie baby attached to a big bright balloon. Decorators Floral gave each person a beautiful corsage or boutonniere. The Activity Department and Volunteer Plus hosted the party.

Friday morning the residents participated in a Purium celebration and remembrance.

Our Easter party started with a style show, with some wonderful models and stunning and unusual outfits. Cynthia Crawford and her daughter-in-law Jan Crawford modeled matching "wraps," Dott Bowers and Virginia Bowers modeled matching after-five tea-length skirts with Arser Alliene Lasiter and her daughter Joan Lewis modeling "A" line skirts with matching blouses with butterfly sleeves.

Louise Agee looked lovely modeling a very stylish "duster" with feather accessories.

Gladys Wright looked stunning modeling a "turtle" neck sweater with turtle accessories.

Mollie Johnson modeled a very comfortable and good looking "Moo Moo," made of 100 percent jersey and that's no ball.

Francis Purdy was modeling a dazzling five-carat necklace with matching hat. The elegant necklace can also be nutritious.

We enjoyed all the children who came to hunt Easter eggs. The eggs were

hidden around and on the residents.

Refreshments were served after the party.

June Conway and Clara Harbin made finger sandwiches and delivered eggs for everyone. Decorated cookies and punch were served also. The party was hosted by the Activity Department and Volunteers Plus. Joan Lewis, Jan Crawford and Rose Sain helped greatly with serving. Ruth Kitchens was in charge of photos.

Friday afternoon Buster Kittrell came to cut the men's hair.

Sunday at noon, Poppy's Copies' Easter bunny came to visit the residents and have his picture made with them.

Chubby Douglas and Barbara Milburn visited Francis Purdy Monday.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Robbie Nowlin. We too, will miss her.

Tuesday morning Pastor Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for Ruby Riley. Ruby's daughter Char, her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Carolyn Riley, and the residents participated in the service.

Jimmie Dutton was given a party Tuesday, on his birthday. His family, friends and ex-school students attended the celebration.

Tuesday afternoon Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Beverly Wagon, Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale and Josie Ovalle shampooed and set the ladies hair. Josie Ovalle and Pat Clark gave hair cuts.

Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and sweet rolls to the residents and coffee time. Harold directed the discussion and inspiration time.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, James and

Ann Sinclair, Anna B. Lane and Jo Ellen Cowart directed the "singspiration" time. Mary Jo Burge gave the devotional.

Peggy Dent attended Jimmie Dutton's birthday party Tuesday and visited all the residents and did special things for them. Peggy also visited Wednesday.

Bro. Jack Stone visited Bill Lambert Monday morning.

Ruby Clark is visited every morning by her sons.

Tuesday morning, Johnnie Kimbrough was visited by Debbie and Nicky Nickels.

H. Aubrey returned to Park View Tuesday after being hospitalized in the local hospital. Welcome Mr. Aubrey. We all missed you.

Happy April Birthday to Gladys Wilson 4-7; Maria Salinas 4-10; Guy Kendall 4-14; Erma Templer 4-17; Morris Nowlin 4-19; Elgie Garland 4-24; J.C. Shanks 4-24.

The April Birthday Party is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at 3 p.m.

James Wedel and Alene Bryant volunteered their time and talents to Park View Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Floy Hanson was visited by her son James Hanson and Glenda Jennings. Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin directed the Sing-A-Long Wednesday afternoon. Justin and Peggy Long from Waco, Texas, have been here visiting Ardeth Long.

Jim Kee was visited Tuesday by Mary Sanders and Norma Poteet and Jim and Brenda Kee. Hattie Heathington has been visited this week by her son Aubrey and granddaughter Dana.

Education



Muleshoe students attend language festival

The Muleshoe students pictured above attended the South Plains Foreign Language Festival on April 1. They competed in Spanish in poetry, prose, sight reading, written test, art, puppet shows, skits, ballet folklore, modern dance, ESL poetry and broadcasting. All students received a Certificate of Attendance and various ribbons in their category. The students are: Zannia Avila, Morgan Burton, Marian Campos, Myra Campos, Miriam Campos, Felicia Cavazos, Jason Hartline, Beverly Hernandez, Imelda Marquez, Roxana Mendoza, Timothy Mendoza, Claudia Morales, Ivette Regalado, Oscar Ronquillo, Joaquin Ruvalcaba, Elizabeth Salamanca, Adriana Segura, Sergio Silva, Irene Torres, Diana Villarreal, Lydia Villezcas and Maria Zubia. Students who participated but aren't pictured include Chris Ambriz, Janice Pacheco and Mayra Torres.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following patients being admitted:

March 24 — Alex Aguirre, Edith Bradley and James Kirk.

March 25 — Roy Daniel Jr.

March 26 — William Kendall and Nathan Rodriguez.

March 27 — Velma Milligan.

March 28 — Sherri Doty and Albert Field.

March 29 — Margaret Collins, Rebecca Chabot, Baby Harp and Ashley Lanham.

March 30 — Amy Parker and Nacole Treadway.

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Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 4, from left to right: Front row — Edgar Anaya, Yesenia Magallanes and Griselda Segura. Back row — Kathryn Owens, Gunner Kerby and Michael Olivas.

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I don't wonder that you're confused. You're probably thinking: Whaddaya mean? "Nice" to be out of time? I find myself "out of time" already innumerable times every week, and running out of time may be many things, but nice is not one of them. Try another word, Dumbo.

The alarm will go off. The vacation will end. The job will lose its joy. The time for the laughter will be lost.

The strength you need to play the game will vanish.

The friendship will be fractured or the friend long gone. The marriage, still cherished, will be over because marriage takes two and one has passed away.

The marriage, now bitter, will be over because marriage takes two and one has run away.

Ah, we're always running out of time—until the day we really run out of time when the grim reaper visits and . . .

I was bemoaning to my brother the other day that I had one week in which to do the work of two. It's so hard to get ready to be out of town, but I need to go. My e-mail to him ended, "It's always so hard to get off [on a trip]!"

His reply: "Not if you have a heart attack, like the guy I'm burying this afternoon. He's off! Too bad that's what it takes to finally stop the race."

Hmm. So we run, and run, and run. And sometimes we even remember why we're running and stop to realize that some of what we're running after might even be worth the race. Some. But then we run out of time. Really.

But think about it. For those whose faith is in the eternal God of Heaven, surely one of Heaven's best blessings will be to be "out of time." Really. And to have all eternity to drink in God's joy and do, well, anything that brings Him glory and magnifies His—and your—joy.

No tears there, we're told. No clock-watching, either.

Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

How about "frustrating"? Maddening? Depressing? Infuriating?

- I think all of those words well describe how most of us feel when we "run out of time."
- A job to do.
 - A test to take.
 - A vacation to enjoy.
 - A conversation to savor.
 - A flavor to savor.
 - A letter to write.
 - A book to write.
 - A book to read.
 - A race to run.
 - A game to play.
 - A nap to nap.
 - A puppy to hug.
 - A marriage to delight in.
 - A child to raise.
 - A laugh to laugh again.
 - A friendship to nurture.
 - A story to tell.
 - A time to say, "I love you."
 - A life to live.

And you can add plenty of items to my list. But don't take too long, or . . . you'll run out of time.

The bell will ring.

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

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This is an earn, learn and work program. Enrollees perform a variety of tasks

including wildlife identification, maintenance of trails and campgrounds, washing vehicles, building and removing fence, boundary sign posting, painting, improving wildlife habitat and more.

For further information and to receive an application form, write the

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 549, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or call 806-946-3341. Two enrollees will be selected in a random drawing April 25 at noon at the Enochs Post Office. Applications must be received at the wildlife refuge by April 22.

Chamber News

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met in regular session Thursday, March 31, to finalize plans for the 55th annual banquet coming up April 16 in the high school cafeteria and auditorium.

Before discussing the banquet, board members present accepted the resignation of chamber president Kent Bradley due

to "personal reasons" and other obligations.

Present were Heather Foley, Chamber Manager Jan Thompson, Noelia Flores, Robert Nichols, Leah Bell, Secretary Stacy M. Thompson, Freddy Santos and past president Terral King

With a quorum, members present voted on and elected vice president Heather Foley as Bradley's

replacement. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Foley didn't miss a step, running her first meeting that night. Motions were made to fill her vacated seat as vice president.

Bell nominated Santos, but he declined the nomination. Flores nominated first year member Nichols. The motion was seconded and

passed unanimously.

In old business, committee members gave the board updates on various banquet activities. Though absent, Carolyn Johnson told members via J. Thompson that she has secured presenters for both the Business of the Year and Man of the Year.

Bell is working on securing a presenter for the Farm Family of the Year and King is working on a Woman of the Year presenter.

Nichols, manager of United Supermarket, told those present that everything is falling into place as far as ordering food, etc.

He has managed to cut last year's food expense while providing a higher quality cut of meat and peeled shrimp.

Tadd Young has secured the public address system for the auditorium as well as the shrimp cooker. Decorations have been taken care of by Johnson and Foley and speakers have been penciled in by King.

More specific assignments will be handed out at a special meeting next week, Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. on April 7, photos of the April Business of the Month and Employee of the Month will be taken. All board members are encouraged to attend.

The chamber reminds everyone that tickets are on sale now from any board member. They are also available at the chamber office, 115 E. American Blvd.

Cost is \$40 per person or \$35 per person for businesses and individuals purchasing eight or more tickets.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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"I know we're doing good things there," Ramirez said. "In my opinion, I think we're doing what's right."

The majority of contact Ramirez had with the general populace of Iraq was while standing guard duty. He said, "They're glad we're helping them out," and added that he was proud of the part he's played in "bringing the people (of Iraq) together."

"I'm glad I was a part of it," Ramirez said, "...the freedom and liberation of a people."

Although Ramirez said his company was fortunate in that no one was lost, and that the patrols he went on didn't come under fire, he pointed out that even time in camp had it's stressful moments as mortar rounds fell on the camp.

Ramirez smiled when he talked about a low-flying jet on one instance which sent the men, and Ramirez, diving for cover believing the noise was from another incoming rocket attack.

He said after everyone came out from cover, they

teased each other, some claiming they hadn't been fooled by the noise, and others laughing and denying the claims, "Uh uh, I saw you dive under there."

Some of the most distressing things Ramirez saw while stationed in Iraq, he said were during the patrols around the camp, when he encountered the poverty of the neighborhood, and more specifically the children, many of whom were begging for food.

Born in Mexico, and raised in Muleshoe, Ramirez, the son of Ramon and Maria Ramirez of Muleshoe, married Rosario on June 3, 1995, and moved to Bovina, where he worked for Excel Meat Packing Company.

They have three children — Michael, Lexie and Edward.

Ramirez is the brother of Robert Ramirez and Maria Sanchez, both of Muleshoe, Yolanda Burciaga of Portales, Julio Ramirez of Bovina, and Jose Louis Ramirez of Mexico.

Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center was the site of a brisket lunch as a fundraiser for Project Graduation and our 2005 Muleshoe High School graduates.

Parents and students served 500 people and it was deemed a great success. Many came who had never been inside the senior center and expressed their admiration of the facility. A number of Senior Citizens were among the group and said they would be coming back.

Tuesday morning games at 9 a.m. continues to draw larger crowds as the weather warms. Many game players are seen at the game tables every day of the week. Morning walkers and exercisers use the facility. The exercise video at 10 a.m. has a loyal

following.

The Tuesday evening Senior dances at 7 p.m. draws people from eight to ten neighboring towns. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish. All agree that the food at Muleshoe is "the best" and the country-western music has the dancers up and dancing.

The Birthday recognition will be at noon on Thursday, April 14. W. T. and Pat Watson will provide music for the event, beginning at 11 a.m., and after the noon meal.

On April 15, Jim Milner with Rightway Medical will be at the senior center to see those who need shoes for diabetics. A pair a year is free to those on Medicare and qualify.

The line-dancers from Lubbock will be here later in the month.

The menu for next week is as follows:

Monday, April 11 — Cheese enchiladas, red beans, stewed okra and tomatoes, sliced onions and peppers, and fruit salad or fruited gelatin.

Tuesday, April 12 — Cube steak, mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad with thousand island dressing, bran muffin and lemon cake.

Wednesday, April 13 — Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat roll, orange sections and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, April 14 — Cornflake chicken, potatoes, greens, tossed salad with French dressing, roll and frosted cake.

Friday, April 25 — Hamburger steak in brown gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll, and golden congealed salad.

Religious News

Mass schedule released by diocese

Bishop Placido Rodriguez, CMF, and priests throughout the Diocese of Lubbock will celebrate Masses for the repose of the soul of Pope John Paul II at various times during the "novena" (nine-days of prayer) period marking the pontiff's death and burial.

The liturgies at Christ the King Cathedral were the principal diocesan memorial services for Pope John Paul II, with Bishop Rodriguez as homilist at the 7 p.m. Mass.

Contact individual churches for their various schedules.

Lubbock services will include:

All week — Saint Patrick Church, 8 a.m. Mass, and Saint Elizabeth Church, 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Monday — Saint Joseph Church, 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Tuesday — Christ the King Cathedral, 7 p.m. Mass, and Holy Spirit Church, 7 p.m. Mass.

Thursday — Catholic Pastoral Center, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Saint Elizabeth Church, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Adoration, and Our Lady of Grace Church, 6 p.m. Mass.

Persons interested in memorializing the late pope may visit papal displays located in the Catholic Pastoral Center lobby at 4620 Fourth Street, or at the entrances to most Catholic churches in the area. Contributions to "The Diocese of Lubbock Pope John Paul II Memorial" may be sent to Box 98700, Lubbock, Texas 79499.

A statement by Bishop Rodriguez, photographs of the bishop and the pope, and other pertinent information can be found at the Diocese of Lubbock

Web site, www.catholiclubbock.org.

Bishop Rodriguez will remain in the Diocese of Lubbock during this time to mourn with the people the passing of the pope. He will not travel to Rome.

Established in 1983, the Diocese of Lubbock is a local church that encompasses 62 parishes and serves more than 82,000 Catholics living in 25 counties on the Llano Estacado and Low Rolling Plains of West Texas. One of the nation's most rural dioceses, the Diocese of Lubbock is home to a total population of 486,910 in an area of more than 23,380 square miles.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

History Notes

The State Dinosaur of Texas is the Brachiosaur Sauropod, Pleurocoelus. It was designated as such in 1997 by the 75th Legislature.

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The Muleshoe Area Public Library hosts Storytime for children two to 11 years of age every Tuesday from 4 – 5 p.m.

Storytime programs for the month of April are:

April 12th — Library Week

We won't have Storytime this week because the meeting room will be full of books for the book sale.

April 19th — Babies

We will be reading stories about babies and doing fingerplays and rhymes that I am sure your Mommy and Daddy did when you were little.

April 26th — Bathtime

We will be reading about my favorite time of the day and singing the song "Rubber Ducky."

The library has purchased:

- *Three Weeks with My Brother* by Nicholas Sparks
- *Every Boy's Got One* by Meg Cabot
- *She Went All the Way* by Meg Cabot
- *Love Overboard* by Janet Evanovich
- *Alone* by Lisa Gardner
- *Honeymoon* by James Patterson

Dyan's picks of the month

Picture books and Junior Chapter Books:

The Muleshoe Area Public Library has been fortunate enough to be granted money from the Loan Star Libraries Grant. This money has been used to purchase book on the MISD's Accelerated Reader List.

The Muleshoe Area Public Library also received money from the Texas Book Festival Awards grant and this money will be used to purchase books that were suggested in "Books that Build Character" and "Honey for the Children's Heart." I suggest that parents come in and look over these books and check them out to read with their children or to have their children read them and have a discussion time. They are fabulous books.

Youth Fiction:

- *Girls In Pants: the Third Summer of the Sisterhood* by Amy Brashares

This book is a great book for young girls to read. The Sisterhood is facing their last summer together before college. The girls are growing up!

- *All American Girl by Meg Cabot*

This book is good for a teenage girl to read. They will see it is important to see what is important and to let the unimportant things go. They will also be glad to be who they are and not trying to be someone they aren't.

Adult Fiction:

- *The Scarlett Thread* by Francine Rivers

In this book you read about two different women and the things they go through in their marriages. It was a book well worth reading.

- *Three Weeks with My Brother* by Nicholas Sparks

I have always wondered how this author could write such wonderful books. I thought for sure only women could write books so full of emotion! I found out some of the reasons after reading this book. I loved this book so much I purchased it for the library in memory of my brother.

Adult Non-Fiction:

- *Welcome to the Funny Farm* by Karen Scalf Linamen

I recommend any of this author's books. No matter how bad a day I have had, she can make me smile. She tells about the funny things that have happened in her own life and she makes my life look sane.

- *When Did I Stop Being Barbie and Become Mrs. Potato Head* by Mary Pierce

I loved this book. I highly suggest every woman read this book.

The library is asking for donations. We are in need of paper grocery sacks, toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls. Please drop any of these off at our library and we would greatly appreciate

it. Library Week is April 10th – 16th. During this time we will be having our Annual Book Sale. None of these books have ever been in one of our book sales. We will have a \$1 table that has newer hardback books. We will also have hardback books for 25 cents and paperbacks for 10 cents. Come in and look these books over, you may just find what you have been looking for! Hope to see you there.

Club News

The Student-Community Action Club met March 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Jordan Bond's house. President Niclas Green called the meeting to order and asked Barry Morris to give the opening prayer. The secretary, Kory Atwood, read the minutes, and Bonds gave the treasurer's report. Amber Cowart read a card from Julie Cage thanking SCAC for her honor of being named as the February Citizen of the Month.

Christina Orzco then introduced the March Citizen of the Month, Bryan Morris. He spoke to the club members about what a unique, strong community Muleshoe is and how people are always so helpful to others.

Old business discussed included the SCAC Annual Bake Auction. We had 100 percent participation from the club and made a total profit of \$1,205.50. All proceeds will go to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

New business discussed was the choosing of new members. A few volunteers will be showing slide shows and talking to students about our club over the next month, and our next meeting will be about selecting our new members.

Nominations were taken for April's Citizen of the Month and one was chosen.

The next meeting will be held April 18 at Brady Black's house at 7:30 p.m.

Police Report

Muleshoe Police incident reports from the last 10 days:

Sunday, April 3
A 31-year-old male was arrested at his residence in

the 800 block of South Main St. after fleeing from a police officer.

Saturday, April 2
An officer took a report of a theft that occurred in the

1100 block of W. American. **Wednesday, March 30**
The police department received a report in reference to a Criminal Trespass of a Habitation. An officer responded to the call.

Tuesday, March 29
March 29, 2005, an officer responded to a report of a gas drive off from a local business, where a subject was later charged with theft.

Sunday, March 27
An officer responded to a report of two dogs loose from a residence in the 300 block of E. Ave. C, where the owner was later charged with cruelty to animals.

A 36-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of West Ave. F and charged with driving while intoxicated.



SCAC March Citizen of the Month
Bryan Morris, pictured above on the left, was selected as the SCAC March Citizen of the Month.

Thank You!

The parents, members, officers and student supporters of the Fine Arts Booster Club wish to thank everyone involved in making the Fine Arts Night To Shine such a huge success. Your support of students in band, choir, art and theatre classes is so important to this community. If we have inadvertently omitted any contribution, please accept our apologies. Every ounce of help and support of the kids is appreciated! Thanks to the public for showing up and giving these kids a chance to shine!

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LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA

• 2-1-2 carport Home, floor furn, heat, win. evap. air, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$33.5K!! L-1
• 3-2-1 Home, floor & wall furn, heat, win. air, built-ins, FP, fans, 1424' lv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd.!! \$49.5K!! L-2

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

• 3-1-1 carport home, cml lot, cent. A&H, them win & drs, metal trim. More!! \$47K!! HS-8
• REMODELED 3-2-5-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas FP, fans, parkay flooring, 1852' lv. area, fenced yd. Stor. Bldg.!! \$69.5K!! HS-1

COMMERCIAL

• 525' frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chain link fence!! \$21K!
• IRRIGATION SUPPLY - Bldgs., land, equip. inventory!!!

PRICED TO SELL!!!

• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - 3490' bldg., paved parking, good net lease!! PRICED TO SELL!!
• VERY NICE 2300' bldg., cent. A&H, 175' frontage on Hwy. 84 & 70!! MUCH MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$72.5K!!
• GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 19,360' building, paved parking, 3.44 acres, Hwy. 84/70!! LETS LOOK TODAY!!
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chain link fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59,500!!

RURAL

• S. OF FARWELL - 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built - ins, 4560' lv. area, 350' basement w/ vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6' well, barns, & corral!! MORE!! \$339K!!
• CIRCLEBACK - 174.54 acres, FM 298, good productive farm, lays well!! REASONABLY PRICED!!
• 4Bdrm. 2 bath on 8.7 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, DW, workshop/storage, stock shed pens!!

IN CONTRACT

• PARMER CO. - 340 ac. tract & 163 ac. tract, good soil, allotments, & yields, lays good, 2 wells & 2 circle splkr. on 340 & 2 wells & 1 circle splkr. on 163!! PRICED TO SELL!!
• PRICE REDUCED - 106 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' off area, 16,900' comm bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!
• SUDAN-NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3200' LV area, cov. pation, 2 stor. bldgs. MORE!!! \$95K!!

School board candidates discuss the issues

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officials, and finding more revenue sources."

Torres: "On the state level, the Senate is studying in committee the School Funding Bill. Our superintendent is actively involved, testifying and communication with our legislators. Locally, the school board is working on a 5 to 10 year long-range facility plan. We hired a consultant to address our needs and future growth. Now, we have taken the results to the community through presentations. We will continue to evaluate our growth and our shortages to provide the best education for our children while keeping them safe."

What do you see as being the school district's

greatest assets?

Guzman: "I see our school district's biggest asset as being our kids. Our kids make and reflect our community, and in my opinion, 'We have the greatest kids within a 100-mile radius.' Also, our other biggest asset is a fantastic administrative staff, beginning with our superintendent and all of the excellent teaching staff here in our district."

Toscano: "The students and the personnel. Without our students, we would have no school district. We need strong personnel to keep our students up with state standards."

Torres: "The greatest asset MISD offers is an exceptional staff and administrators who care for our students. At every

level, our teachers go 'above and beyond' to see our children succeed. Our school motto is, 'Building a future, one student at a time.' And every day we see a success story. Our staff provides the role models for our students and the encouragement to make them want to be lifelong learners."

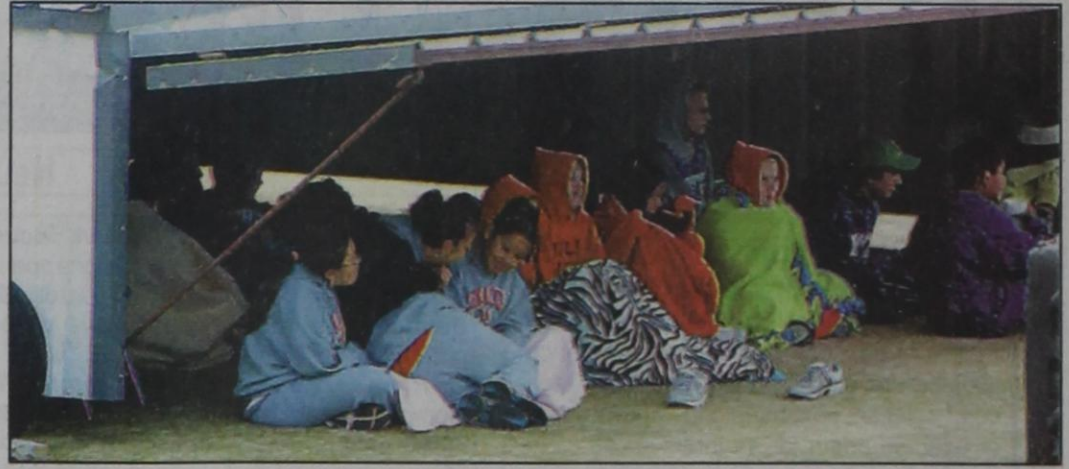
In your opinion, what can you bring to the school district?

Guzman: "If elected, I will be most honored to serve and represent this district, Dist. 3. I will work hard with the rest of the board members in solving whatever problems arise. I will strive to do my best for our kids and community, after all, they are our future."

Toscano: "I am a very dedicated and hard worker. I work with children and enjoy it. Working with the Texas Migrant council as a family service advocate, I've seen the needs of the children and their families. Education is very important for everyone."

...I am very interested in being a member of the school board. My goal is to be the best representative in the interest and needs of the students and their families."

Torres: "I have the experience as a current board member. I listen to the items being addressed and make a decision benefitting all of the children. I bring points of views — both as a parent and as a business man. I have 'ownership' in MISD as I was a graduate of this school. Most of all, I have a genuine commitment to work hard to continue to provide a quality education for every child who attends Muleshoe Schools."



Cold temperatures at a hot meet

They may call a qualifying round in track and field a heat, but it wasn't the kind of heat area students wanted Thursday. Pictured above, a group of young athletes take shelter against the stiff, cold wind at the Muleshoe Relays. Turn to page 6 for track results.

Letter to the Editor

Relay team captain urges residents to join the fight against cancer

To the Editor:

Like others, I have always known a little about cancer and its effects. I was a busy mom and wife, and didn't really think much about it. I worked occasionally, taking care of people in their homes. In the late 90s, I was called by a wonderful Muleshoe family. They were looking for help with the care of an elderly man stricken with cancer.

Hospice had been called in, and his prognosis was very poor. I agreed to come and visit with the family although I was very hesitant. I tend to get very emotionally involved and was afraid of losing another patient.

As I walked up to the house, I prayed for guidance in my decision. The door opened, and his wife invited me in. I remember that she had beautiful blue eyes, but that they were blood shot and swollen from crying.

She told me about her husband of only a short time, and the love they had shared. Both had been married before, and had late in life found solace in each other. My decision was made and I walked over to meet my new patient. He was a tiny shell of a person and in obvious pain. His wife leaned over the bedrail and kissed his cheek, then she whispered she loved him in his ear. He smiled.

I continued to care for him for almost a month and the cancer quickly took its toll. In less than a week he was much worse. I remember his friend and neighbor coming to visit almost every day. He would pull a chair beside the bed and cry as he talked about the times they'd spent together in the past. He promised to be there for his friend's family as he gently stroked his hand. Tears rolled down my face as I listened to him speak. I knew it would probably be over soon.

His last morning, I will never forget. I walked into the house at 7:45 a.m., and he was obviously not doing well. His pulse was slow and weak, and his breathing very labored. I woke his wife, stepdaughter and her husband, and told them I felt they should be with him.

At 8:30 a.m., he left this world with his wife holding his hand. I was proud to have been a part of their lives if only for a short time. They taught me more about cherishing your family in a month than I had learned in a lifetime.

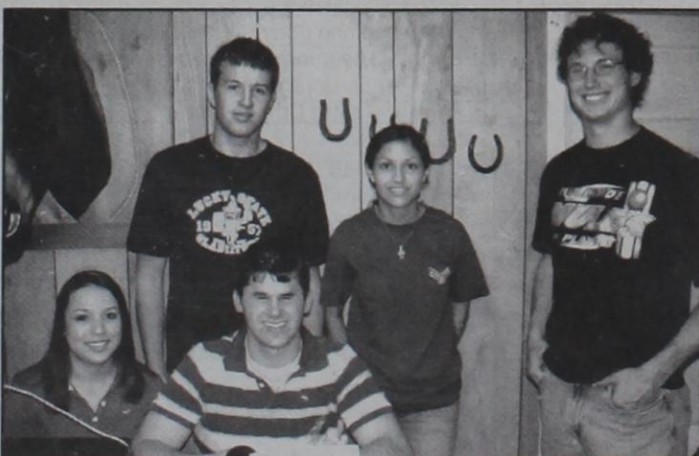
Since then, cancer has touched many more people in and close to my family. I have seen some win the battle and some lose. I have seen cancer in all ages, sexes and races. This disease knows no boundaries.

When told about this year's "Relay for Life," I was excited to take part. I became the team captain for the Muleshoe Police Department's team, "Cops Against Cancer." I was amazed at how willing people were to join. We have officers, dispatchers, a councilman, and their family members. I thank them all for their willingness to take up the fight.

I truly believe the true character of someone can be seen in their willingness to give of themselves and expect nothing. While being a team captain has been demanding at times, I can't wait to do it again. My children have learned the invaluable lesson of giving back. I have met many wonderful people with amazing stories from all over our area. I hope each year more and more people become involved. I promise, you'll never regret it.

We all live in a wonderful, giving community and events like this have only proven that time and time again. I ask that everyone come out to the Relay and celebrate the lives of our survivors and honor those who have been lost. I honestly believe what all the posters say. It's about being a community that takes up a fight and there is no finish line until we find a cure.

Karen Carpenter,
Muleshoe



SCAC Bake Auction

The SCAC Bake Auction was a great success Saturday, March 19. Even though many members were participating in other extracurricular activities, everyone did their part. A total profit of \$1,205.50 was raised, with all proceeds to go the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

Stopping to say thanks

It's never too late to say thank you. That's Alvin Siefkas' philosophy anyway. He stopped by the Journal office Tuesday afternoon to get information about a group of citizens who sent his platoon cigarettes in 1944 while they were

stationed on the Mariana Islands in Saipan and Tinian.

"They helped us out during a horrible time," he said.

Though no one in the office knew who to contact, it was promised we would pass along the thanks.

Siefkas lives in Eads, CO.

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