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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS
Cattlemen take beef to court
Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler wasn't about to take any bull from Oprah Winfrey
So he and a dozen other cattlemen sued the popular TV talk show host after she aired a show that speculated on the possibility of a mad cow disease outbreak in the United States even though there has never been a documented case here
Cattlemen claim they lost millions of dollars because of the show. Oprah claims she was only keeping the public informed.

Jury selections begin in an Amarillo trial on Jan. 20 to determine whether Winfrey defamed an entire industry when the disease was made fodder for her talk show broadcast in April of 1996

Cattle prices began to fall the day of the show and fell for two weeks before rising again. Winfrey's show came at a time when drought, high feed prices and over supply were crippling the cattle industry. Engler claims he lost $\$ 6.7$ million
because of the show.
Mad cow disease, or bovine spongifo encephalopathy, is a brain-destroying disease that ravaged cattle in Britain in the late 1980s.
It is believed the deadly disease was spread by cattle feed containing ground up sheep parts, but it was not until 1996 that British scientists announced that humans may have contracted the disease by eating infected beef
The lawsuit falls under a 1995 Texas law that protects agricultural products from slander.

MISD releasing report cards Parents of Muleshoe students will be receiving their child's report card this week.
Officials at Muleshoe schools are working hard to compile the grades for the last term which ended before the Christmas holiday.
Dillman and DeShazo students will be bringing their report cards home on Wednesday afternoon.
Parents of high school and junior high students can expect report cards to arrive in the mail later this week.

Classic announces increase
Classic Cable customers will be seeing an increase in their cable bills starting in February.
Effective Feb. 1, Classic Cable has announced that the basic pre-tax service rate will increase three dollars to $\$ 28.95$ per month.
Classic Cable attributes the change to the increasing cost of doing business, including the significant rise in providing cable network services such as ESPN, Disney, USA Network and WTBS.
In a letter sent to customers by Classic Cable, the company stated that the rate increase will enable them to continue providing quality programming and customer service, as well as help to develop the technology of the future.

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## Extended forecast

Fair and partly cloudy throughout the weekend. Thursday, highs in the upper 40s, lows in the 20s. Friday through Sunday, lows near 20 , highs in the 50 s.

## Highs and Lowe's



Workers installed a new Lowe's Marketplace sign last weekend in the parking lot of the Muleshoe grocery store

## City's search for development director continues

By RICK WHITE Managing Editor
Muleshoe City Manager James Fisher admits he is anxious to find an economic development director although the actual job description and title has changed during the search.
The City is no longer looking for a full-time economic development director and is now advertising the position as assistant city manager for economic development grants and research. The position would fall directly under Fisher's sufall directly
"It's been a difficult position to fill," said Fisher of a search that has dragged on past six months. Salary demands have soared as economic development has become one of the hottest fields in today's job market Fisher said and it's been a difficult sell to get experienced applicants interested in coming to Muleshoe.

Salary demands for a fulltime economic director range from $\$ 35,000$ to $\$ 50,000$, Fisher said, which the city is unwilling to meet.
The salary range for the new position is believed to be in the
$\$ 25,000$ to $\$ 30,000$ range.
Fisher said it's important to find the right person for the job.
"I don't want to hire someone just to fill the position," Fisher said. "We want to move as quickly, but as cautiously as possible."

A Lubbock man was offered the position last month but turned it down.
Fisher is conducting the search and will do the hiring he said.

He said he is currently sifting through six or seven resumes and is trying to set up interviews.
"We'll see if we can find somebody in the mix that can do the best job for the City of Muleshoe," Fisher said. "If not, we'll go back to the drawing board."

Fisher said the job would entail working to improve current businesses and trying to attract new ones to Muleshoe The job would also involve grants and research to try to find additional revenue.

Filling the position will al low the city to work toward see ECONOMIC on page 2

## One local office will be contested in March primary

With the deadline to file for an elected County offices ending Jan. 2, it is now official that there will be only one local race contested in this year's primaries.

In March, Bailey County Democrats will have to choose between two candidates for County Commissioner of Precinct 4.

Jerry Damron of Muleshoe will be challenging incumbent Bennie Claunch of Bula for his seat on the Commissioner's Court.

Although this is the only position in the party primaries which has more than one candidate primaries which has more than one candidate,
both the Republican and Democratic ballots will both the Republican and Democratic
have a candidate for County Clerk.
Republican Sherri Harrison and Democra Jan Pierce will not run against each other until the General Election in September. They will vie for the office formerly held by Billie Downing, who resigned in December.

Democratic incumbents running for re-election include Marilyn Cox for County Judge, Elaine Parker for District Clerk, C.E. Grant for County Commissioner Precinct 2 and Justice of County Commissiones.

Other candidates running on the Democratic ticket include Donna Kirk for County Treasurer and Gordon Green for District Judge.
Combest draws challenger
U.S. Rep. Larry Combest drew a challenger in his bid for re-election this year.

Combest, a Republican from Lubbock whose jurisdiction covers Bailey and Parmer counties, is being opposed by Sidney Blankenship of Adrian for the House seat representing the 19th Congressional District.
Combest has been serving the district since 1985 and is expected to chair the House Agriculture Committee if re-elected.
Blankenship, 54 , is an animal welfare worker

## Around Muleshoe

Del Toro earns engineering degree
PatriciaDelTorohadgradu-
ated from the University of Texas at Austin, Dec. 7, 1997 with a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering
Del Toro, a 1992 graduate of Muleshoe High School, is the daughter of Rey and Gloria Del Toro
Patricia has accepted a pro duction engineering position with Union Carbide Co. in Seadrift, Texas.


Brown chosen by Marines for Hanoi unit Lance Corporal Burton B Brown, son of Mac Brown of Muleshoe and Jama Maritt of Hobbs, has been selected to
serve as a Marine Security Guard at the Ameican Enbassy in Hanoi, Vietnam
Burton's unit is a newlyformed Marine Security Guard Detachment. It is the first Main Hanoi. Burton, a graduate of New Mexico's Military Institute in Roswell, was handpicked from over 1,400 other Marines for this position. He
 has been in the marines since

1998 American Heart Association's Ball The American Heart Association invites everyone to celebrate Boat" and the romantic evening will featuring gourmet food, open bars, the Dallas Brass and Electric Band, dancing, open casino, live and silent auctions and a reverse raffle drawing for a one year lease on an automobile
The ball will be held from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, The at Le Lubock Memorial Civic Center.

Plains Region AHA raising money for the fight against heart Tisease and stroke.
Tickets are available for $\$ 100$ per person or $\$ 1000$ for a reserved table of 8 . For more information contact Joyce McGehee at 965-2050, Anita Mitchell at 272 -5630 or Linda Tucker at 272

Prenatal classes beginning in Littlefield
Lamb Healthcare Center is once again offering Prenatal Classes. The series will begin Wednesday, Jan. 14 and gothrough Wednesday, Feb. 4. Each class will be held at Lamb Healthcare Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m
The class will be taught by Karolyn Davis, LVN. Karolyn is an obstetrics nurse with 15 years experience. She has been teaching prenatal classes for three years and is a Lactation Educator. Her classes are fun and informativ
The class is free to those who plan to deliver at Lamb Healthcare Center, and $\$ 25$ for those who plan to deliver elsewhere.
For more information, or to pre-register, please contact: Debra B. Ray, RNC at Lamb Healthcare Center, 1500 S. Sunset, Little-

Local pastor releases Gospel albums
Pastor Jack Stone of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe invites everyone to come and celebrate the release of his two new gospel albums "Keeper of the Door" and "For His Glory Stone will be giving a concert and the church will be having an Open House. The event will start at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10 at the First Assembly of God, 521 S. First, Muleshoe. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Myasthenia Gravis support group meets The Northwest Texas Chapter of Myasthenia Gravis is hold-
ing a meeting with guest speaker Adida Adkins of St. Mary's ing a meeting with guest speaker Adida Adkins of St. Mary's Emergency
Myasthenics.
The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Professional Building of St. Mary of the Plains, 4201 24th Street
The Lubbock
Adkins' presentation
Everyone is invited including anyone interested in learning more about "Myasthenia Gravis." All physicians and dentists interested in treating "Myasthenia Gravis" patients are also nvited to attend. For more information call 806-298-2040 or e-

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blending exciting historic adventures - full of blending exciting historic adventures - full of twists and turns, suspense
and surprise - with the political, economic, and cultural chases have caused (or come about because of scientific discovery Through illuminating first-hand interviews, rare historical footage, and state-ot the-art computer animations, A Science Odyssey offers a rich chronicle of the century's most revolutionary scientific and technological
discoveries.
"Matters of Life and Death"
"Matters of Life and Death," the first program in A Science Odyssey many of the twentieth century's most dramatic medical experiments and discoveries.
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twentieth century's most astonishing discoveries in physics and astronomy. "In Search of Ourselves"
 scientists and ordinary citizens as they use all of the available scientific
ideas and technologies of the day to try to understand and explain human
behavior.
"Bigger, Better, Faster" From Kitty Hawk to Cape Canaveral, the radio to the Internet, the
vacuum tube to the microchip, "Bigger, Better, Faster" tells the hidden stories behind the major technological innovations of the past hundred "Origins," "Origins"
"Origins," the final episode, takes an epic journey from the Ea
A science Odyssey wil be broadcast on five consecutive evenings
Sunday through Thursday January 11 th- 1 th at $8: 00$ pm.
Channel 3 Television from

## CHEERS

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$\qquad$ the squads were judged on their cheerleading, dance, and gymnastic abilities in a $21 / 2$ minute routine.
Lazbuddie, a $\operatorname{six}-$ man 1 A school, competed against other high school cheerleading squads, that had up to 20 members, many being from 4 A and 5 A schools. Other awards that the Lazbuddie cheerleaders have won this
year include

## ECONOMIC

From page 1
economic development on more of a full-time basis, Fisher
The City has built up approximately $\$ 575,000$ in its economic development fund since Bailey County voters approved a $1 / 2$ cent sales tax increase in 1993.

Approximately $\$ 130,000$ a year is raised through the tax. The funds are solely dedi-
nation to tryent for NCA All American Cheerleader with Kia Morris and Roxann Warren making the
The team won. The team won the NCA spirit won it again one last mis and which earned them the right to bring it home.
The team won the "Best decorated NCA Spirit Stick" on two different nights.
Superior NCA ribbons were earned by the squad every night

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although during the recent legislature, discussions were held on the possibility of additional uses such as improving city infrastructure
Fisher said economic devel opmenthas turned into a ruthless and high stakes war, with cities offering outrageous incentive packages and even cash to packages and even cash to a "I'm prospective businesses. "I'm not willing to sell the community for one business, community f
Fisher said.
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their performances
The Lazbuddie cheerleader also earned the prestigious "NCA Herkimer Award." The award is
only given to selected squads across the nation based on qualities of leadership, ability and ties of lea
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Several
rs also wondie cheerlead Cheerleading Association nomination for WCA Team Americ uring given at a private camp held at Lazbuddie in July. The amp was designed for the azbuddie Junior High squad, bu
Individuals in three divisions received nominations and are eligible to compete in the World Cheerleading Associ petition in Nashville Ma Ste Mon ana Steinbock (3rd grade) and Amberlee Steinbock (3rd grade) Junior division winners wer Bethenie Sanchez (6th grade) Kayla Kimbrough (8th grade) an avannah Black (8th grade).
Senior division winners were Turner, Brakebill, Foster Engelking, Morris and Warren. The NCA High School Cham pionship will air on USA Network this spring.



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Polar opposites


The charred remains of a fence pole stands next to its replacement along Highway 214 south of Muleshoe. A grass fire in the fall destroyed the pole and everything else in its path, leaving only sand and charred trees behind.

## All childcare workers must list with state

AUSTIN-Texas lawmak
ers are going one step further to ease parents' minds and into ease parents mands and instill safety measures for all
children in day care situations. Effective Jan. I, anyone tak ing care of at least one unre lated child regularly, and re ceiving compensation, mustlist with the state and have a back ground check.
In the past, Texas law regulated only home day care providers which cared for four or more children, requiring that the famity businesses be eithe licensed or registered.
According to state officials, the state is working harder in protecting small children by checking the backgrounds of a new set of child-care provid-
"The new law applies to people who receive compensation for the regular care o three or fewer unrelated chil dren in their own home," said Karen Eells, deputy director for programs at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.
"The background checks are designed to ensure that no per son with a criminal or substan tiated child abuse history is entrusted with the care of children."
Eels said parents should always ask to see the listing cer tificate. Parents can also call the Child Care Licensing office to check the validity of the

Listed family homes are not inspected by the state and the providers are not held to any health or safety standards other than the background check. Parents are responsible for making sure that the family home is a safe place where their children can thrive. Caregivers who fall into the new category of family home child care must become listed with state by Jan. 1, 1998. If the home care proyider does notbecome listed with the state, the provider is operating illegally and may be subject to a
fineupto $\$ 2000$ and six months fine up to $\$ 2000$ and six months in jail.
To find out how to comply with the new law, caregivers should contact their local Childcare Licensing office of the Texas Department of Pro-
tective and Regulatory Services or call 1-800-862-5252. The law applies to persons who care for one, two or three unrelated children for four or more hours per day, three days a week, for more than nine consecutive weeks. Related children are defined as the caregiver's own children, grandchildren, great-children, siblings, first cousins, nieces or nephews by blood, marriage, or adoption.
"This law does not apply to nannies, baby sitters or those who only occasionally take care of children," Eells said.


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for children in their own home on a regular basis.'
The background checks apply to the provider, each person employed to work in the provider's home and each per-
orks at the home while chil dren are in care.
Once the background check completed, the family home provider will be issued a cer tificate of listing with the state.


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Mules find answers in district opener

Call off the search party. Muleshoe appears to have located its game just in time for the District $1-3$ A season. Dustin Cleavinger scored 23 points and Muleshoe used a devastating second quarter to wallop Dalhart $91-58$ Saturday in the district opener for both teams at WJHS gym. After a $13-5$ run through a pre-district schedule that appeared more like a jog at times, Muleshoe answered a lot of questions with the 33 -point blowout, according to Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason. "I've been fishing for the answers for a while," Mason said. "Our biggest problem was the most obvious - we weren't utilizing our strength.' Muleshoe's strength is Cleavinger, whose game had fallen off drastically in recent aging a team-high 14.9 points and 9.3 rebounds a game Respectable numbers, but far short of expectations. "He's got to play like a man possessed every night," Mason said.
Work from inside-out in its halfcourt offense and some

Muleshoe JVs sweep Dalhart
Mitch Mason scored 16 points, including a trio of 3 pointers Saturday, leading the
Muleshoe junior varsity boys to Muleshoe junior varsity boys to
a $57-39$ District $1-3 \mathrm{~A}$ win against Dalhart
Kyle Hahn added 10 points for the Mules (12-2).
In the girls contest, Lynsie Black scored seven points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Mules JV held off Dalhart 41-37.
Michelle Toscano led the Lady Mules (9-3) with 13 points and Ellen Wood chipped in 10 .
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| BASKETBALL |  |  |
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| vs Lazbuddie-Cotton Center winer, 22 p.m. old gym. | ${ }_{\text {Cossolation fin }}^{\text {gym }}$ | Cosolation final |
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## We encourage everyone

 to attend theBailey County Livestock Show January 23id of 24th.


Friday, Jan. 23
Meat Goats

Sheep Show

- following Goats


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Saturday, Jan. 24 Cattle Show - 7:30 am



Longhorns finish third atSundown

SUNDOWN — Lazbuddie held its own against the big boys this weekend in the Roughneck Holiday Tourna mentat Sundown High School The Longhorns went 2-1 in he tournament wat $2-1$ in the tournament that featured mostly 2A schools, beating Seagraves 49-35 in Saturday's third place game on the strength of the long-range shooting of Josh Morris and the inside punch of Jason Thomas.
Thomas scored five points and Morris added a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter to seal the
Thomas and Morris scored 15 points each against the Class 2A Eagles. Morris hit three of his five 3-pointers in the first half, helping Lazbuddie (8-2) build a $28-14$ lead.
"It was good for us to face this kind of competition, Lazbuddie coach Phil Warren said. Warren said turnovers continue to be a problem for the Longhorns, especially in a $68-62$ semifinal loss to Sundown.
The Class 2A Roughnecks took advantage of its quickness in the come-from-behind win. Trailing by five, Sundown outscored Lazbuddie 24-13 in the fourth quarter.
Gary Serna scored 10 of his team-high 25 points in the pe riod, including a 5 of 6 perfor mance from the charity strip as

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## BASKETBALL

Roughneck Holiday Tournament

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| Lazbuddie $\begin{array}{llllll}13 & 14 & 10 & 24 & 61\end{array}$ | CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS <br> Sundown JV 65, Coronado sophs 61 |  |  |  | All-tournament-Stewart,Sunray; Roxann Warren, Lazbuddie; Heredia, |  |  |  |
| Leading scorers - Kermit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Henderson 25. Lazbuddie: Thomas 23, | Sunray 47, Kermit 32 |  |  |  | Crane; S. Davis, Seagraves; Castillo, |  |  |  |
| Sminh 14 | CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINAL |  |  |  | Sundown; Green, Sundown. MVP: Jennifer Davis, Seagraves. |  |  |  |
| SEAGRAVES 70, THREE WAY 33 | SEAGRAVES 48, LAZBUDDIE 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Poor shooting stalls Lady Longhorns

SUNDOWN - A lost shooting touch led to Lazbuddie taking a couple of lumps in the
Roughneck Holiday Tournament Jan. 2-3 at Roughneck Holiday Tournament Jan. 2-3 at Sundown High School.
The Lady Longhorns (12-6) shot poorly both from the field and the $f$
Lazbudie 20 percent from the field made just 7 of 22 free throws in a $46-27$ semifinal loss Saturday to tournament champion Seagraves.
Showing some improvement but still struggling, the Lady Longhorns shot 30 percent from the field and made slightly better than half their free throws ( 20 of 39 ) in a $47-44$ overtime loss to Crane in the third-place game.

We rebounded well and had a good effort in all the games, we just didn't put the ball in the basket enough to win," said Lazbuddie coach

Carey Sudduth, admitting his team still struggles Sifcourt offense. getting the kind of shots he wanted but wus wasn't knocking them down. "We missed way too many easy shots. You can't afford to miss those shots against good teams.
Lazbuddie routed the Sundown junior var ty 76 -49 Friday in a first-round game.
Sundown got 20 points from tournament most valuable player Jennifer Davis while holding Lazbuddie to a season-low for points. "We just couldn't handle their quickness de fensively," Sudduth said Roxann Warren was the only Lady Longhorn in double figures with 16 points.
Lazbuddie led by as many as eight points in
see STALLS on page 7

## MHS <br> From page 4

two weeks ago.
Gruhlkey said it was simply a matter of his team learning to play harder, especially when they got tired.
"We talked before the Lubbock Cooper Tournament (where Muleshoe won 2 of 3 ) about playing harder," Gruhlkey said. "I think we've toughened up some.
After giving up up a few offensive rebounds early Muleshoe kept the tall and athletic Lady Golden Wolves off the boards in the second half, Gruhlkey said.
Muleshoe alsocontrolled the tempo.
"We did a good job of adjusting in the ( $1-3-1$ ) zone to their post players in the second half," the Muleshoe coach said. "We did a good job of blocking out and didn't give up the cheap buckets.
Dalhart ( $0-2$ ) had four play-

Leading by two at halftime, Muleshoe outscored Dalhart 24-18 in the second half.
Dalhart hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to get the final score in single digits.
"They played well, they just didn't shot well," Gruhlkey said.
Kristin Jessop paced Dalhart with eight points. Dalhart (36) - Tashia Washing on $30-07$, Kristin Jessop $40-18$, Danna Smallwood 10-0 2, Cindy
Hemosillo 14-46, Amber Porter 306, Rebecca White $00-00$, Jennifer Lang $00-00$, Kelli Reynolds $00-00$ Nicole Rysavy 1 3-4 5, Jimi Lee cClesky 10-12. Totals 147-123 pointers: Washington
Muleshoe (44) - Mandy Myers 20-0 4, Lindsey Field $57-1217$,
Keisha Whitto 0 -00, RhondaCopley 1-2 3, Kellie Morris $12-24$, Amy Locker 22-54,Melissa Williams 31 7, Erin Wilhite 1 $3-6$. Totals 14 balhe 3 - 2 -poimers: none. Dalhart

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"It wouldn't have done us much good if it was an ugly win becat," Mason said boat," Mason said. The Mules were off until Friday whenthey hosted River Road in a district contest.
Dalhart (588) - Tate Fuller 0 0.54 , Jeremy Lang 23.47 , Cody Roye 70.0
 Brown 10.02 Chis Gerber 30.06.
0.0 Toals 22 14-25 58,3 -pointers: none. Muleshoe (91) - Carton Lewis 20 06 , Chris Shellume 34 4. 10 , Mason
Sinclai 10.03 , Matt Mason $31-38$, Sinclair 10.0 3, Matt Mason 31-3 8,
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Lewis 2 , Sinclair, Mason. FG: 28-46. 3-point FG: 9-23. Rebounds: 28,13 off. (Cleavinger 7 ). Blocked shots: 6 (Cleavinger 3). Steals: 14 (Mason 4) Assiss: 29 (Mason 13 . Turno vers: 1
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Game $6:$ Hart vs Muleshoe, $4: 30$ p.m.
old gym


## OBIUARIES

| DALIA SPECK BETTS | preceded his wife in death on |
| :--- | :---: |
| MORTON-Dalia Speck | Sept. $9,1987$. |
| Betts, 84, of MortondiedThurs- | Betts, a homemaker, moved |
| day, Jan. 1, 1998 at Lynwood | to Morton in 1988 from Lub- |
| Manor Nursing Home in | bock. She was a member of the |
| Levelland. | Southcrest Baptist Church of |
| Memorial services wereheld | Lubbock. |
| Jan. 5, 1998 at Ellis Funeral | Although unable to give |
| Home Chapel with the Rev. | birth, she became a mother to |
| Renshaw, pastor of First Mis- | her nieces and nephews. |
| sionary Baptist Church of | Survivors include sister, |
| Morton officiating. | LethaMaeDaniel of Levelland; |
| Burial followed in Morton | brother, Troy Speck of |
| Memorial Cemetery. | Springtown, Tex.; nephew, |
| Betts was born Oct. 7, 1913 | Don Daniel of Morton, who |
| in Clarksville, Tex. She mar- | was Betts primary care giver, |
| ried James Douglas Betts on | and several other nieces and |
| Sept. 4, 1940 in Clovis. He | nephews. |

## DALIA SPECK BETTS

 MORTON - Dalia SpeckBetts, 84 ,of Mortondied Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998 at Lynwood Levelland.
Memorial services were held Jan. 5, 1998 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Renshaw, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton officiating. Memorial Cemetery
Betts was born Oct. 7, 1913 ried James Douglas Betts on
preceded his wife in death on
Betts, a homemaker, moved to Morton in 1988 from Lubbock. She was a member of the Lubbock.

Although unable to give birth, she became a mothe Survivors include siste LethaMae Daniel of Levelland; Springtown, Tex.; nephew, Don Daniel of Morton, who and several other nieces and nephews

IRVIN OTT
EARTH - Irvin Ott, 83, of Earth died Jan. 4, 1998 at Methdist Hospital in Lubbock. Memorial services held Jan. 6, 1998 at Earth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Reed Farris officiating. Burial was held in Springlake Cemetery.
Ott was born Nov 19,1914 in Castro County and married Martha Edmonds on Nov. 12 1991 in Earth.
Ott had lived in Earth all of his life. He was a farmer, member of the Earth United
ber of the Earth Senior Citizens.
He was preceded in death by his first wife Alma Ott on Mar. 29, 1991

Survivors include his wife Martha; three sons, Robert Ott of Earth, Terry Ott of Earth, Terrell Ott of Denver, Colo, daughter, Irvaleen Ogletree of Alpine; stepdaughters, Ann Sipes of Amarillo, Sue Bentley of Wheeler; sisters, Evlyn Mitchell of Farwell, Betty Loudder of Sunnyside; brothers, Curtis Ott of Fairburn, SD., Bob Ott of Avenger, Tex.; 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren

## Few changes for Medicare premiums in 1998

ums and deductibles have no changed much (if any) since 1997 reports the Department of Health and Human Services The changes are as follows: For inpatient Hospital Insurance (Part A) the amounts

- $\$ 764$ deductible for the first 60 days,
- \$191 coinsurance per day days 61 through 90
- $\$ 382$ coinsurance per day for days 91 through 150 .
For skilled nursing facility care (part A) Medicare pays for all care the first 20 days. The coinsurance for the 21 st through 100th day is $\$ 95.50$ per day. Medicare does $\$ 95.50$
benefit period.
For those not eligible for premium-free Part A, the monthly premium is $\$ 309$, or 170 if you have 30 quarters of

The 1998 Part B monthly premium remains the same at $\$ 43.80$ per month.
The Part B annual deductible remains the same; you pay the first $\$ 100$ per year.
The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) has opened many benefits for Medicare cipients; a few follow Beginning January 1998, the BBA allows women over 40 to have an annual screen mammography.

Blood test identi
HOUSTON-A blood test can identify people at risk of ease that can cause sudden death in athletes before they have symptoms.
Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and Methodist Hospital in Houston developed the test after discovering some of the genetic defects linked to
cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle that leads to
older may have annual prostate cancer scr 2000 ).
All diabetics will now be able to have their blood glucose monitors and testing strips covered. Previously, Medicare covered monitors and strips fo only insulin-dependent diabet
In July 1998, for those who qualify, the BBA also provides coverage of procedures to identify bone mass, detect bone loss or detect bone quality. Medicare will also pay for a physi cian to interpret the test results.
Beneficiaries may receiv er a private contract. The un der a private contract. The con
of heart disease Bernard Durand, who deve oped the test with Dr. Rober Roberts. Both are cardiologi
at Baylor and Methodist. The researchers studying more families with inherited heart disease to iden tify the other genes involved with cardiomyopathy. The goal with cardiomyopathy. The goal is to develop one blood test th screens for all the genetic de fects that can cause this type of
heart disease and make it avail able commercially cardiomyopathy is the most common cause of hospitalization for patients over age 60 often requiring heart transplants "If the blood test indicates someone has a genetic defect associated with cardio myopathy, we can modify the patient's medication or implan a defibrillator that can trea sudden death," said Dr. Jean
ficiary or their representative eficiary or their representative
and the physician. The conract means that neither the eneficiary nor the physician will bill Medicare, and that the Medicare beneficiary will be esponsible for payment of the ervices (the physician's charge not limited). It also means that Medigap plans will not pay and that supplemental insurance plans may not pay for the medical care provided by the particular physician. Medicare ther physicians. ther physicians
Medicare + Choice begins This is essentially aterm meaning "Traditional Medicare with additional choices to pay for medical care." Included are Medical Savings Account (MSAs), Preferred Provider
Organizations (PPOs), Health

IRS suggests E-file for faster refund Although 1998 has just started, April 15 is right around the corner, and soon it will be time to start thinking about paying federal income taxes.
Whether you owe Uncle Sam money or you're expecting refund, the IRS is pushing for taxpayers to file tax returns electronically, or E-file
According to an IRS public service message, E-file is simple secure and the fastest way to file.
The IRS also stated that taxpayers can actually benefit from using the computerized system. For example, a person can get in a return by mail. If a person chooses to use electronic filing as well as have their refund directly deposited into their bank as well as have their refund directly deposited
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But speed of refund isn't the only benefit of $E$ file said But speed of refund isn't the only benefit of E-file, said loca
tax professional Kay Wiseman of H\&R Block, "When you tax professional Kay Wiseman of H\&R Block, "When you
electronically file, the IRS immediately checks your social security number, your date of birth, and your name with their records. If there's any discrepancies, the IRS won't accept the electronic return."
Wiseman said that this system of double checking informa of her customers.
She said that sometimes people have lost their social security card and think they have the number memorized. But when they try to electronically file, they learn that they may have been on number off, or their current name doesnt match government records because of marriages or divorces. Electronic filing immediately flags different problems, letting taxpayers know something is wrong with their records. Although this is a benefit, the IRS is banking on the E-file system being attractive to ta
a way to get a faster refund
a way to get a faster refund.
Electronic filing must be done by an "Authorized IRS e-file provider." For more information contact H\&R Block of Mule shoe or refer to the new tax booklets.

Maintenance Organization
(HMOs) with a Point-of-se der Part B. One hundred days vice and private fee-for-service may be paid under Part A, and plans.
Home Health will also see changes. Over the next six physicians will be held more years, beneficiaries will start Heale for assuring that Home Health pame of their Home Medicare definition of "mediHealth paid under Part B. One cally necessary getting thawed out \& very muddy after 5 to 12 inches of snow in the area, receipts were low, with market good on top quality cattle.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday. beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle
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## New Mexico Ag Expo Feb. 24-26

PORTALES, N.M. - It's easy to take for granted the tremendous impact agriculture has on any community. Farmers, ranchers and dairymen quietly go about their business with little fanfare or recognition for their contribution to the economy.

Each year, for the last five years, the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce has hosted The New Mexico Ag Expu, serving, among other things, to celebrate and bring together these determined, hard-working agricultural people. New Mexico Ag Expo '98 is slated for Feb. 2426 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds in Portales and will be the biggest and best ever

The business of agriculture and related business encompasses vast business interests which range from the farm, dairy and ranch to all their related enterprises such as implement dealers, feed and seed manufacturers, food processors,
marketing, packaging and sales, to name only a few.
Considering how agriculture affects the en tire economy is overwhelming and extremely complicated.

It might be easiest to examine just one facet of the agricultural industry and how it affects people in Eastern New Mexico "New Mexico is the 12 th in the nation with the number of dairy cows it has," said Floyd McAlister, Roosevelt County Agricultural Agent.
"New Mexico is the 4th in the nation in produc-
tion of milk per cow. The dairy business is the tion of milk per cow. The dairy business is the Roosevelt County presently has 30 dairies with a combined total of 30,000 milk cows. Two new dairies will soon begin operating in the Arch community near Portales.

A dairy must have a minimum of one em-
ployee per each 100 cows to operate. That means at least 300 people are currently working in "oosevelt County dairies.
"To my knowledge, all the dairy owners ithe county live on their dairies," said McAlister. "The spend their money in Roosevelt County. Their kids go to school her. They're taxpayers. They're just god members of the community. It takes approximately 50 pounds of feed per day to feed one dairy

## SUNDOWN

From page 5
$\qquad$
the Class 2 A Roughneck spread the floor and forced Lazbuddie to foul once they took the lead.

Besides forcing 27 turnovers, the smaller Roughnecks also did a good job of keeping off the offensive boards, Warren said.
Thomas scored a game-high 27 points.
Junior guard Brandon Foster was the hero in the Longhorns' 61-60 first-round win against Class 3A Kermit, hitting a game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer.
After the teams traded turn

Lazbuddie inbounded the ball to Foster, who canned the trey from the top of the key
Thomas scored a game-high 23 points for Lazbuddie, which utscored Kermit 24-18 in the
fourth quarter.
ChrisSmith added 14 points for the Longhorns. Thomas was named to the all-tournament team after averaging 21.7 points a game.

## STALLS

From page 5
quarter inthethird place but couldn't put Crane game, Sudduth said
We made some mistakes down the stretch - let them throws." some missed free throws.

Crane, held scoreless in the
irst quarter, outscoreds in the and 9-6 in overtime. Warren, an all-tournament selection, paced Lazbuddie with 13 points. The 5-7 senior post averaged 17 points and 13 rebounds in the tournament. Warren scored 25 points and Kia Morris added 23 in the first-round blowout.


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Old Fashioned Oats ...... 42 2er box $\$ \mathbf{1}^{68}$



[^0]:    see SUNDOWN on page 7

