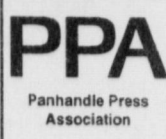




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NEWS & NOTES

USPS unveiling new flag

A ceremony to raise the new POW-MIA flag honoring all those captured and missing in military actions will be held at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 15 at the Muleshoe Post Office.

Local members of the VFW and American Legion will have the honor of raising the U.S. flag and the POW-MIA flag. The flag is being raised in recognition of Armed Forces Day, which is Saturday.

The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

President Clinton signed into law the Defense Authorization Bill Nov. 18, 1997, part of which requires the U.S. Postal Service, plus other selected government agencies, to fly the new flag on six holidays.

Employees being honored

Three Muleshoe Independent School District employees will be honored Sunday afternoon for decades of service to the community.

High school teachers Marquita Adamson and Johanna Wrinkle, and MISD Director of Federal Programs Georgia Pena are retiring at the end of this school year.

Adamson, who has spent the last 19 years of her 45-year home economics teaching career at MHS, and Wrinkle, who has taught English for 23 years, are being honored from 3-4 p.m. Sunday at the Muleshoe High School library.

Pena is being honored for her 32 years of service to the district at a retirement reception from 2-3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17.

Christmas in May

Community members will be pulling together this weekend for the fourth annual Christmas in April project.

Each year local churches come together to help someone in need. This year the home chosen to benefit from the community's generosity is one of Christ's homes — St. Matthew's Baptist Church.

Work to be done this weekend includes roofing, siding, painting and other inside repairs. Anyone interested in helping is invited to come out Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at the church located on East Ash in Muleshoe.

Boss has last word

MORGANTON, N.C. — As Burke County's assistant clerk of court, Mabel Lowman sought a promotion. She decided to run for clerk of court. Lo and behold, Lowman won Tuesday's Democratic primary, defeating her boss, the current clerk of court, Iva Rhoney.

But as long as Rhoney's still in charge, she gets to call the shots, of course. So on Wednesday, Rhoney fired Lowman and two deputy clerks who supported Lowman.

Lowman, 52, who has worked in the clerk's office since 1976, has been a colleague of Rhoney for several years.

"I still consider her my friend, but I felt like there was a need for this," Lowman said of her decision to enter the clerk's race. "It was the hardest decision of my life."

At least Lowman will have more time to campaign. She faces Republican Ray Lail in the Nov. 3 general election.

LOCAL WEATHER

	High	low	Pre.
Saturday	84	50	—
Sunday	76	46	—
Monday	89	43	—
Total to date	2.73 inches		

EXTENDED FORECAST

Sunny, windy and warm with a chance of rain Thursday and Friday. Highs in the upper 80s, lows in the mid 50s.

Lawyer fights to protect landowners from being railroaded

By MACE THORNTON
American Farm Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Locomotives no longer rumble along rural America's abandoned rail corridors. A debate over who owns those dormant corridors, however, has stoked a full head of steam.

According to Nels Ackerson, ownership of abandoned railroad rights-of-way

varies, but there is almost always a clear answer. A Washington attorney with roots in Indiana, he says railroad companies often do not own abandoned lines. He's had a difficult time convincing railroad companies, however, and has found that some railroads are attempting to sell land they do not own.

Railroads' inaccurate claims

of ownership appear to be part of a massive scheme, Ackerson says. He is out to prove in court that the ownership of abandoned rail corridors often reverts to adjacent landowners. Frequently, in fact, the adjacent landowners have always owned the underlying land. Ackerson has witnessed cases, however, where landowners adjacent to abandoned

lines have paid for land they already own.

To fully understand the issue, one must backtrack to the latter half of the 19th century, when railroads were the day's most powerful industrial interest.

The railroad barons
The hunger to carve out larger

see RAILROADED on page 9

This is the first of a two-part series on who actually owns the railroad corridors that have been abandoned across rural America.

SHARING A LAUGH



Chyla Torres shares a laugh while dancing with her date Larry Pineda during the Muleshoe High School Junior/Senior prom at the high school cafeteria.

Jailer allegedly smuggled drugs

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Security measures at the Bailey County Jail have been tightened since county officials learned that marijuana had been smuggled into inmates at the correctional facility.

A Bailey County jailer, Freddy Santos of Muleshoe, was arrested April 29 in connection with the investigation. Santos, 23, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, which is a third-degree felony. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Santos, who had worked as a jailer for about 10 months, was fired from his job April 14.

Jailers are responsible for conducting thorough searches of all items that are delivered to prisoners.

Since the allegations surfaced, packages for prisoners are limited to factory sealed items and are only accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Santos worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

Bailey County Sheriff Coy Plott said an investigation conducted by the Texas Rangers alleges that Santos was at least aware that small amounts of marijuana were being smuggled into the jail.

"I'm real disappointed in the young man," Plott said. Santos

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Offices at DeShazo elementary getting facelift

By TERESA STONE
Journal staff writer

DeShazo students and staff might not recognize their school this fall after the summer renovation projects are completed.

At Monday's school board meeting, the Muleshoe ISD trustees approved \$76,000 for renovation projects to the elementary school.

The most visible change will be

the new glass store front reception area. The principal's, counselor's, and secretary's office will be moved to the current teacher workroom. The old offices will be revamped to help relieve spacing problems for the cramped nurse's station, and improve the shortage of storage space. A conference room will also be built into the old office space.

These changes are expected to

cost \$36,500. The rest of the money designated by the board will be used to carpet classrooms at DeShazo.

Superintendent Bill Moore said that the renovations were originally planned for the summer of 1999.

However, he suggested that it may be best to go ahead and do all of the needed repairs and renovations this

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There's no debate: Madrid is state champ

By TERESA STONE
Journal staff writer

While most Muleshoe High School seniors were at the prom Saturday, Steven Madrid was in Austin being named the state 3A debating champion.

After two days of competition, Madrid won the Class 3A UIL state championship in the Lincoln-Douglas debate at the UIL State Literary meet May 9.

"I didn't expect to do bad, but to win was incredible," said Madrid, who qualified for state by winning the district title and placing second at region. "The guy that I had to debate in the final round was one of the best debaters I have ever had to go up against."

For the debate, students had to be prepared to argue both for and against the issue that "the influence of the media undermines justice in American criminal proceedings."

The students have to make their points based on values, morals, philosophy, evidence and persuasion.

"I think you can't ask for a better climax for a year filled with hard work," said MHS speech coach Dr. Kerry Moore. "All year, your focus is on going to Austin — it's your key objective. So when you're a senior like Steven, winning a state title is just icing on the cake."

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Steven Madrid (right) became Dr. Kerry Moore's 24th state champion in speech by winning the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

AROUND MULESHOE

Tooley receives academic scholarship

Joshua Tooley, a senior at Three Way High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University. Tooley qualified for the award based on his class rank and his composite score on the college entrance exam.

Lewis honored as officer of the year

Air Force 1st Lt. Melanie M. Lewis, formerly of Sudan, has been named company grade officer of the year. Lewis is a section commander for the 72nd Communications Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City.

Lewis was selected for this honor based on Lewis' exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Lewis is the daughter of Sylvia V. and stepdaughter of H. Carl Burnett of Sudan. She is a 1990 graduate of Sudan High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1994 from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Weigh Down workshop beginning

Do you ever feel like a slave to food? Have you fought the diet battle only to consistently regain weight after losing it?

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An orientation session will be on Sunday, May 24 at 4 p.m. at the Children's Center of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe. Men and women are encouraged to attend. The workshop costs \$103 (additional family members are half price).

Class members will receive their own workbooks and audio cassettes for home study. The workbook contains scripture, Bible lessons, and a daily journal for personal reflection.

The classes will last about an hour and a half and will consist of a video and discussion by the group. This is a non-denominational study and all are welcome.

For more information or to register, please call Kay Graves at 272-5846. We hope you will join us.

Muleshoe school bands perform

The four Muleshoe school bands will be performing at 7 p.m. Thursday May 14, 1998 at the Muleshoe High School auditorium.

Performing at the concert will be the Watson Junior High beginning band, 7-8th grade band, and the MHS Mighty 'M.' Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Retirement reception for MHS teachers

Marquita Adamson, home economics teachers, and Johanna

Wrinkle, English IV teacher, will be honored at a retirement reception Sunday, May 17.

The reception will be from 3-4 p.m. in the Muleshoe High School library.

Retirement reception for Georgia Pena

Georgia Pena, director of federal programs for Muleshoe ISD, will be honored at a retirement reception Sunday, May 17.

The reception will be from 2-3:30 p.m. in the board room of the school administration building, 425 West Ave. G. Everyone is invited.

Lazbuddie FHA host Sunday meal

Lazbuddie Future Homemakers of America are hosting a ham meal Sunday, May 17 from 11:30-1:30 at the Lazbuddie school cafeteria.

The club will be serving ham, baked potatoes, green beans, broccoli, hot rolls, homemade dessert, and tea.

Admission will be \$6 for adults or \$4 for a child or "lite" plate. For more information contact Barbara Lust at 965-2152 or 965-2828.

Muleshoe school choirs perform

The Muleshoe high school and junior high choirs will be holding a spring concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21 at the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

The junior high choir will perform pop music selections while the high school will be performing Broadway songs.

Immaculate Conception flea market

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe is opening it's summer flea market to be held on weekends from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. starting Saturday, May 23.

Stands are available for \$7.50 a day with a refundable \$10 deposit. To reserve a stand contact Francis Del Toro at 272-4552 or 272-3190.

Hospital volunteers needed at MAMC

Volunteers are desperately needed for the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the nursing field or interested in helping those in need are encouraged to spend one or two mornings or afternoons a week at the local hospital.

Volunteers are needed on the floors as well as at the information desk to help visitors and answer the telephone. Shifts available include 8 a.m. - noon in the hospital, and 8-noon, or 1-5 p.m. at the information desk.

If you are interested in volunteering please call Irene Dilts at 272-3382 or Kay Swint at 272-4524.

EQIP applications due by May 29

The application period for EQIP, which provides up to 75% in cost-share assistance on eligible conservation practices, ends May 29.

EQIP contracts are 5 to 10 years. Maintenance periods could exceed 5 to 10 years depending on the practice.

EQIP cost-share applications will be awarded to the practices with the most environmental benefit points. For more information call 272-4538 or 272-5124.

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DEBATE

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Madrid's success is due to hard work, according to Moore.

"You don't win a state championship without hard work," said Moore, who has coached 24 state champions in speech events. "You have to be dedicated and work on it every day — every opportunity you have."

Moore said that Madrid has put in hundreds of hours preparing for the debate.

"A lot of people don't realize the time that goes into these competitions. These kids have to be prepared to debate the affirmative and negative sides of an issue. They have to do hours and hours of research."

JAILER

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had been "counseled" about being lax about jail regulations in the past, according to the Sheriff.

Santos agreed to take a polygraph test, which Plott said indicated deception on the part of Santos.

Investigators believe small amounts of marijuana were being smuggled in bottles of shampoo.

When County officials learned in early March that marijuana was being smuggled into the jail, Plott had all the inmates drug tested.

Four of the tests came back positive for recent use of marijuana.

Plott said information received from unnamed sources at the jail prompted the investigation.

The Sheriff said that drug smuggling at the Bailey County Jail and all correctional facilities is an ongoing problem.

There's no way to take one side and be knowledgeable without knowing every in and out."

"Unless you are there, you don't realize the importance and impact of competing at state," said the 38-year teaching veteran. "The students have to think on their feet and solve problems. This is what it is all about. This is what life is all about."

Looking back at the work

and his accomplishments, Madrid said: "It's been great. Learning to communicate better helps no matter what you are doing. I've also met a lot of people in the competitions. That's probably been the best part — meeting so many different people from different areas."

Madrid plans to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall.

Boll weevil trap catchings

(for the week of April 27-May 3)



Maple	0
Enochs	2
Bula	3
Circle Back	2
Bailey Gin	1
Needmore	1
East Muleshoe	1
West Muleshoe	0
Total	10

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Clean up effort

A front-loader removes manure from the bed of a dump truck that rolled over Monday about three miles north of Muleshoe on Highway 214. The truck was traveling east on CR 1008 when it lost its brakes as it neared the intersection with Highway 214. The driver turned sharply to avoid oncoming traffic on 214 and the truck rolled over. The driver was not seriously injured. No other information was available at press time.

County Commissioners select health provider

Bailey County Commissioners opened sealed bids Monday and heard proposals from insurance representatives for new health care coverage plans for county employees.

After listening to five proposals, the court decided to stay with their current third party insurance administrator, Ted Parker & Associates of Lubbock.

The Parker representative presented two bids from separate companies, including American Continental, which

the court unanimously selected.

The current health insurance carrier for Bailey County, Companion Life, decided not to bid for the new contract.

The new policy incorporates the changes adopted by the court last month. The changes were designed to ensure employees better coverage at a more reasonable out-of-pocket rate by establishing a co-pay instead of a deductible type payment system.

Since early this spring, the court has struggled with trying

to implement safety nets in their policy for employees that have a long term illness or injury. The current insurance policy with Companion Life was unclear about specific time frames of coverage eligibility. This concern is what prompted the court to seek bids for a new policy.

The new plan, which takes effect June 1, is a PPO or preferred provider plan. One of the major changes in the policy is the new \$20 co-payment for in-network doctor visits. All of the local doctors, as well as Mule-

shoe Area Medical Center, participate in the network.

The cost of providing the new PPO insurance for employees will increase to \$279.72 from last years rate of \$250.25 monthly. The county picks up this expense as a benefit for full-time employees.

Other insurance providers which bid for the contract were the Texas Association of Counties, which proposed their own HMO and PPO, and self-insurer, LifeRe, from San Antonio.

City of Muleshoe, DOT starting seal coating projects

The City of Muleshoe and the Texas Highway Department will be starting seal coat projects in the next week.

City of Muleshoe

The City will begin work Thursday, May 14 as part of its annual seal coating project and asks motorists to park

their vehicles off the street and to avoid the work areas if possible.

The following streets are included in this year's project:

East 3rd Street, Hwy 84 to Ave. D; East 4th Street, Ave. D. to Ave. G; East 5th Street,

Hwy 84 to Ave. E; West Ave. B., Hwy 214 to W. 12th; West Ave. J, Hwy 214 to W. 3rd; West Ave. G, W. 5th to W. 8th; West 7th, Hwy 84 to W. Ave. G; W. 8th, Hwy 84 to W. Ave. G; West 9th, Hwy 84 to W. Ave. E; W. Ave. B, W. 15th to W. 20th; West Ave. C, W. 15th to W. 18th; W. 18th Street, Hwy 84 to Ave. F; W. 19th Street, Hwy 84 to Ave. C; East El

Paso Street; North Main to Mule Lot.

Texas Highway Dept.

The Texas Highway Department is doing seal coating May 18-23 on U.S. Highway 70, from east of the Muleshoe city limits to Earth.

Highway Department officials urge motorists to slow down in the work area because of loose gravel. Traffic may be diverted to a single lane at times.

FACELIFT

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summer since major repairs, like the roof, are going to be under way as it is.

In other business, the board adopted changes to the reading programs at both DeShazo and Dillman Elementary schools.

Principal Barbara Finney and Helen Grigsby addressed the board with the proposed changes for their campuses, both emphasizing a need for more focused instruction on reading.

Both principals asked for increased staff development with emphasis on learning successful

strategies to increase student's reading comprehension, diagnosing learning difficulties and strategies for overcoming these difficulties.

In final business, the board hired three new teachers: Brenda Guzman, high school home economics; Kimberly Beard, high school English; and Rachelle King, Watson Junior High School.

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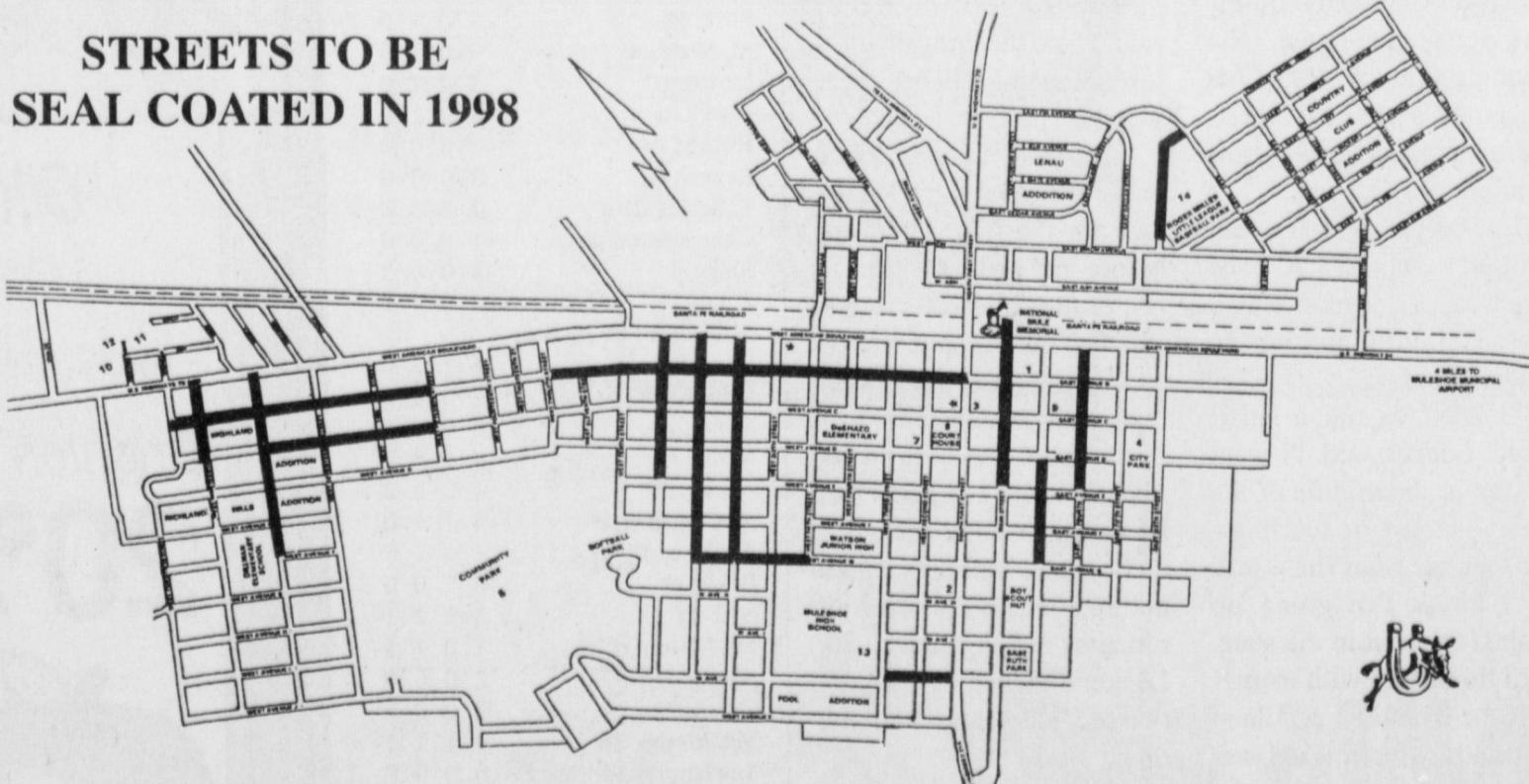
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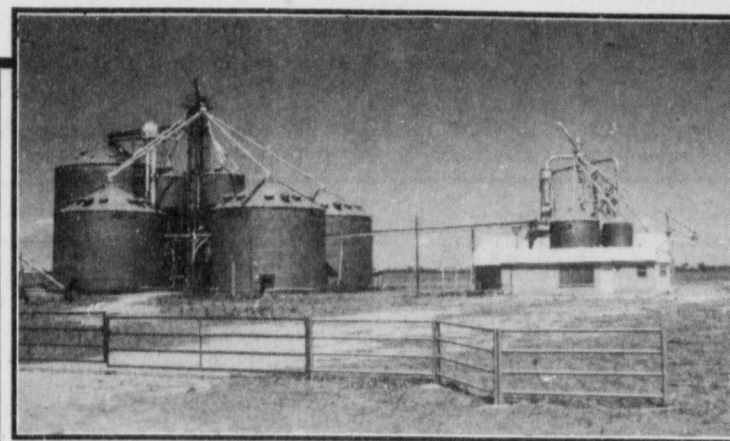
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West Ave. B, W. 15th to W. 20th

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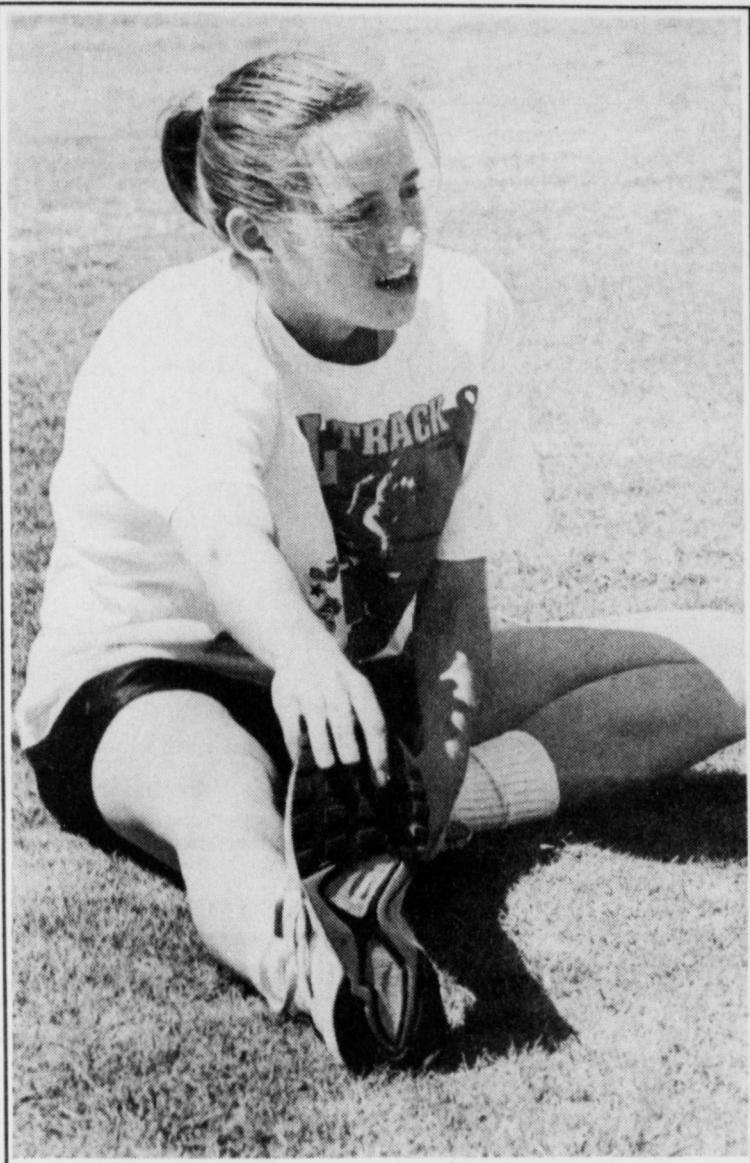
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East El Paso Street
North Main at the Mule Lot



Ready for state

Muleshoe sophomore Stacy Locker stretches out Monday before practice. Locker qualified for the state track tournament this weekend in Austin.

Locker taking another crack at 800-meter title

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Stacy Locker returns to the Class 3A state track meet in Austin this week with thoughts of redemption.

Finishing last is a haunting memory that has lasted too long.

"I was upset," said Locker, who ran out of gas and finished eighth and last in the 800 meters last year as a freshman. "But, being there was still fun."

Locker successfully defended her 800 title at regionals two weeks ago in Odessa to qualify for the state meet May 15-16 at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas.

Locker said her goal is to finish in the top three or four and maybe get a medal.

"I think I have a shot at getting a medal," said Locker, who is undefeated this year in the 800 and rarely has been challenged. Her winning time of 2:23.47 at regionals, a personal best, is the seventh best regional time coming into the race.

Locker believes she is capable of running a 2:20 if she is pushed — a time which would should put her in medal position.

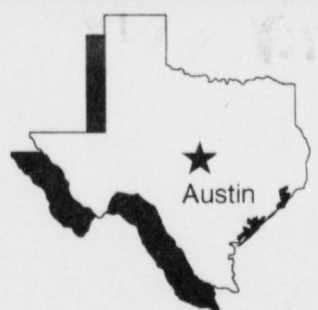
"I want to run a smart race," Locker said. "I want to stay in the middle of the pack — third or fourth — and then see what I have left."

"I know I'm going up against the best in the state, but I think stay with them."

Katie Barkley of Llano (2:18.30), who finished second last year, and Jennifer Winters of Liberty Hill (2:18.60) own the best regional times.

Third place appears up for grabs as the next five regional times are in the 2:23

CLASS 3A



State track meet
May 15-16

range.

The Class 3A girls 800 meters race is scheduled for Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

Locker is stronger and smarter this year, but may be hurt by her lack of competition. She won the district and regional titles by more than two seconds.

"She's such a competitor that it wouldn't surprise me if she ran a 2:20 or better when she's push," Muleshoe girls track coach Amy Kelley said. "And the thing is, she's just going to get better every year."

Last year, Locker bolted out of the blocks and led the race for the first 1 1/2 laps before fading from first to last in the final 200 meters. Her 400 meters split was 64 seconds, five seconds faster than her normal pace.

"I was just running scared," said Locker. "I've learned a lot since then."

Locker's rabbit-like start in 1997 led to the top four runners finishing under 2:20. Locker finished at 2:25.66, two seconds off her regional time.

Reaching the state meet has taken a lot of the pressure off Locker.

"She's got nothing to lose," Coach Kelley said.

Except the haunting memory of finishing last.

Kemp hurls four-hit shutout

Muleshoe coach Brad Hill didn't feel like gambling.

With Muleshoe jumping out to a comfortable 8-0 after three innings Saturday against last-place Dalhart, Hill fought off the urge to lift starting pitcher Layne Kemp and save him for another game.

BASEBALL

District 1-3A

	Dist	All
River Road	11-1	17-6
Perryton	10-2	14-9
Muleshoe	8-4	14-10
Friona	6-5	12-9
Sanford-Fritch	5-6	8-10
Dimmitt	3-9	8-13
Tulia	2-10	4-13
Dalhart	2-10	3-13

Saturday's results

Muleshoe 9, Dalhart 0

River Road 7, Dimmitt 3

Monday's results

Perryton 18, Tulia 1

Tuesday's games

Friona at Muleshoe, Perryton at

River Road, Dimmitt at Tulia,

Dalhart at Sanford-Fritch

Saturday's games

Sanford-Fritch at Muleshoe,

Dalhart at Friona, Perryton at

Dimmitt, River Road at Tulia.

Kemp posted his first shutout of the season, finishing with a four-hitter and 12 strikeouts in a 9-0 District 1-3A win at the city field that kept the Mules' slim playoff hopes alive.

Muleshoe (14-10 overall, 8-4 in district) trails second-place Perryton by two games with two games left in the season.

The Rangers (14-9, 10-2) ripped Tulia 18-1 Monday and have games left against league-leading River Road and Dimmitt.

Two Muleshoe wins and two Perryton losses would force a playoff for the districts second playoff spot.

"We have to play it one game at a time and I didn't want to take any chances," said Hill, who entertained thoughts of relieving Kemp after the fifth inning. "We dug ourselves in a hole, hopefully we can get some help and at least force a playoff."

Rodney Alanis hit a two-

MULESHOE 9, DALHART 0

Dalhart (3-13, 2-10)

	ab	r	h	bi
Spear, cf	3	0	0	0
Fosk, 1b	3	0	1	0
M. Scales, c	3	0	1	0
Lasley, lf	3	0	1	0
Wieck, ss	3	0	1	0
Ewing, 3b	3	0	0	0
Bezner, rf	3	0	0	0
T. Scales, 2b	2	0	0	0
Cunningham, ph	1	0	0	0
Jones, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	4	0

Muleshoe (14-10, 8-4)

Gonzales, ss	5	1	2	0
Pineda, 2b	1	0	0	0
Nunez, ph	0	0	0	0
Kemp, p	4	1	2	2
Alanis, 3b	4	2	2	2
McClanahan, cf	4	1	1	0
Purdy, c, rf	3	0	2	2
Black, pr	0	2	0	0
Nix, dh	3	2	2	1
Mi. Mason, rf, c	1	0	1	1
Barrett, lf	2	0	0	0
Garcia, lf	2	0	0	0
Ma. Mason, 1b	4	1	1	1
Sinclair, rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	9	13	9

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Jones and M. Scales; Kemp and Purdy. WP — Kemp (10-3). LP — Jones. 2B — Dalhart: M. Scales;

Muleshoe: Kemp 2, McClanahan, Purdy, Nix. HR — Muleshoe: Alanis (2).



Low throw

Muleshoe first baseman Matt Mason tries to scoop a low throw Saturday during the Mules' 9-0 win against Dalhart in a District 1-3A game at the city field. The Mules finish the regular season this Saturday with a 1 p.m. home game against Sanford-Fritch.

run home run and Kemp had a pair of doubles to pace the Mules' 13-hit attack.

Muleshoe gave Kemp all the runs he would need in the first inning.

After B.J. Gonzales singled on the first pitch of the inning,

Kemp chased him home with a double and Alanis followed with his second home run of the season, a high-arcing blast to right center that staked the Mules to a 3-0 lead.

The Mules made it 8-0 with three runs in the third.

Aaron Purdy's singled in the first two runs and Nix and Kemp added RBI doubles.

But losing pitcher Jason Jones held Muleshoe to three hits and one run over the last

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Prevention is best medicine against heartworms

Blame El Nino for one more thing a higher than normal possibility that your dog or cat could get heartworms this summer. But, prevention is still the best medicine when it comes to heartworm disease, according to a veterinarian with Texas A & M University.

"Prevention is the key," said Dr. Deb Zoran, a veterinarian specializing in small animal medicine. "It's the safest, simplest thing you can do and there are so many products out there now."

Basically, if there are mosquitos around even in arid regions there is a chance that pests will get heartworms, she said.

"West Texas is a lot like Arizona and New Mexico. You will see heartworm in some of those areas and certainly in those areas where they have irrigation any kind of water," she said. "When I was in practice in Arizona, we had heartworm in the city. It's where the water was, where people were either growing yards or gardens or watering of some sort."

Heartworms are transmitted to pets through the bite of a mosquito. When taking a blood meal from an infected dog, the mosquito picks up the microfilaria or the baby heartworms. Within the mosquito, the microfilaria go through their life-cycle to the infective stage. At that point, the heartworms can be transmitted to the animal, Zoran said.

In dogs, the infective microfilaria go through a number of life-cycle stages, migrating through the animal's tissues until they end up at the base of the right heart in the main pulmonary artery.

A dog may have heart worm disease for six months and the owner will not know about it. Symptoms of heartworm disease in dogs may be very subtle. The dog may be exercise-intolerant; they will not be able to run as long or work as hard. The dog may have developed a cough from the microfilaria living in the main pulmonary artery, which goes from the right heart up into the lungs. Dogs with severe heartworm

disease may be coughing because they actually are having heart failure. The pest will eventually die unless treated.

Dogs are a natural host to heartworms, and contrary to popular belief, cats also can get heartworm disease, she said.

Veterinarians at Texas A & M recommend dogs be checked annually for heartworms. And both dogs and cats especially in East and South Texas where populations are much greater should be kept on heartworm preventative year round, Zoran said.

There are two types of heartworm medicine available for dogs the daily dosage and the monthly dosage. Zoran considers the monthly dosage more effective than the daily dosage; if a dog misses its medicine for a day or two daily type, it could still contract heart worms.

Cats are known as a "barren host" in other words, the life cycle of the heartworm cannot be completed in the cat. However, Zoran said, occasionally after cats are bitten by mosquito with microfilaria, the worms will migrate to the base of the heart.

She explained she did not know what percentage of cats can get heartworm disease. "However, there are two things we do know," she said. "First of all when you do get a heartworm, you have a much smaller heart size than in a dog. So one or two worms will make a huge difference in a cat."

"Last but not least, our treat-

ment drugs we use in dogs cannot be used in cats, at least not yet. They will actually kill a cat," she said.

Diagnostic tests are not as effective in cats, she said, because they have to be able to detect only one or two worms.

There are heartworm preventatives for cats, and she recommends these for people in states along the Gulf Coast and the eastern half of Texas. "If you're outside these regions, there is a lot of debate as to whether it is really necessary or not," she said.

Treatment after the dog gets heartworms is not a good option, Zoran said, because the arsenic based products used to treat heartworms are so dangerous. The heart worms literally die and start to break into pieces, she said. "There's all kinds of possible problems that can happen as a result of that," Zoran said.

The bits and pieces of worms could clog blood vessels and the products themselves may cause liver or kidney problems. Therefore, owners must keep their dog very quiet for about four weeks to allow all the worms to die and the body to reabsorb the dead worm tissue.

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three innings.

Kemp (10-3) didn't allow a runner past second base and didn't walk a batter while picking up his 10th win of the season.

He gave up a two-out double to Matt Scales in the first, but struck out cleanup hitter Eric Lesley to end the threat.

Dalhart (3-13, 2-10) put two

runners aboard with two outs in the fourth, but Trey Scales blew a third-strike fastball by Trey Scales.

Lasley, with a one-out single in the sixth, was the only Golden Wolve to reach base in the last three innings.

Muleshoe hosted Friona Tuesday and finishes its regular season at home Saturday against Sanford-Fritch.

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WEDDING

Angel Bock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kem Bock of Earth, and Wayne Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Wallace of Muleshoe, were united in a double-ring wedding ceremony Saturday, April 11, 1998.

The ceremony was held at the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe with the pastor, Jack Stone, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a romantic candlelight satin gown and a fingertip length veil, edged in lace and pearls.

The bodice of the gown was appliqued with schiffli lace, outlined in pearls and crystal sequins. It was trimmed with three miniature bows each accented with pearl danglers in their centers. The bouffant skirt had a deep Basque waistline encrusted with pearls and sequins. The back waistline featured a double bow, outlined with pearls with a cabbage rose in the center. The center back of the skirt and train was appliqued with schiffli lace and illusion cut-outs, with miniature bows extending down the back of the skirt and cathedral length train.

The bride's bouquet consisted of a flowing cascade of one dozen ecru French silk roses. The roses were intertwined with needle point English Ivy, royal purple leatris, babies breath and pearls. To finish off the piece was hunter green, royal purple and ecru ribbons.

In keeping with tradition, the bride had "something old," her mother's pearl necklace, "something new," her dress and ring, "something borrowed," was her sister's earrings, "something blue," her garter. The bride wore pennies, minted in the birth years of the bride and groom, in her shoes.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Jennifer Bock, of Canyon, sister of the bride. The flower girl was Catherine Harvey, of Lubbock, cousin of the bride. Wedding guests were registered by Jessica Harvey of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Buenrostro named 1998 Rotary sweetheart

Marissa Buenrostro has been named the 1998 Muleshoe Rotary Sweetheart.

Buenrostro's main responsibility as the Sweetheart will be to help with the annual Rotary roping event.

"I was really shocked when they selected me," said Buenrostro.

"I don't know exactly what is expected of me yet, except for helping out with the roping. But I hope to attend the meetings and do whatever I can for the community."

Buenrostro, 17, is the daughter of Gilbert and Sandy Buenrostro. She will be a senior at Muleshoe High School

The attendants wore dresses of purple brushed satin. The maid of honor's dress was floor length princess style. The flower girl wore a tea length dress featuring a basque waist, front neckline adorned with lace medallions.

Upon entering and leaving, the bride presented a long-stemmed white rose with purple bows and streamers, to her mother and mother-in-law.

Craig Smyer, of Lazbuddie served as best man. Corey Wallace, brother of the groom, acted as ring bearer. The groom and best man wore black western style tuxedo jackets, black wranglers, and candlelight tuxedo shirts. Cory wore a black double breasted suit.

Serving as ushers and candlelighters were Brandon Burris and Blake Gartin, cousins of the groom.

The church was decorated with two fifteen branch spiral candelabras on each side of a fifteen branch arch candelabra. They were decorated with Englishivy, large white Hibiscus, and purple Freesia accented with purple bows.

The unity candle was made by the mother of the groom. It was decorated with the couples wedding invitation, miniature purple roses, dark greenery, frosted doves and wedding bells.

Musical selections were provided by Jacky Wayne Burris, uncle of the groom, who sang, "The Rest of Mine," by Trace Adkins. Leisha Wallace, sister of the groom, sang "Standing Right Next to Me," by Carla Bonoff. Leisha and Gary Longacre uncle of the groom, sang, "Answer to My Prayers," by Skip Ewing. Debbie Stone played the processional and recessional on the piano.

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. Guests were served cake, punch, mints, and nuts.

Attending the brides table were Amy Burris, cousin of the groom, Britni and Lena Gartin, cousins of the groom.

Attending the grooms table was Kandi Wilcox, longtime friend of the groom.

The wedding cake was a four-tiered, free standing, ivory, descending heart shaped cake. It was decorated with fresh white roses and greenery.

The table was beautifully decorated with bridal illusion, and crystal, with iridescent sprinkles and rose petals.

The grooms table featured a chocolate sheet cake decorated with wheat and the groom's toy Gleaner combines. Both cakes were made by the mother of the groom.

A rehearsal dinner was enjoyed by the attendants and families on Friday evening, hosted by the groom's parents, in the fellowship hall of the church.

Out of town guests were, Kandi Wilcox of Levelland, Jack Bush of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Wallace of Springfield, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Alan Garey of Ulysses Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Longacre and girls of Davidson Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Wallace of Guymon, Okla., Kelly Wells and girls of

Guymon, Okla., Nancy Young and girls of Holly, Gaylon Bock family of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harvey and girls of Lubbock, Deanna White and boys of Clovis, NM, and Flossie Harris of Odom, Texas.

The couple will reside in Muleshoe, where the groom is employed at Earl Ladd and Sons.



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Marissa Buenrostro this fall. The Muleshoe native is a member of the MHS debate team and works part time at Muleshoe Motors.

After graduation next May, the new Rotary Sweetheart plans to attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls majoring in political science and education.

San Antonio teen arrested for 122 traffic violations

SAN ANTONIO—There are plenty of reasons — 122, to be exact—for Central Texas police pulling over a teenager besides a routine traffic stop.

Demetric Mackey was one of the city's "most wanted" for traffic violations. He was names on 122 warrants when he was arrested by police last Friday.

Most of the tickets were accumulated while Mackey was a juvenile, said San Antonio Police Sgt. Ernest Celaya.

Arrest warrants for Mackey, 18, including 30 citations for driving without a license, 29 for no liability insurance and one for noise vibration because his stereo was too loud. The total fine now exceeds \$20,000.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT RILEY

Robert Furche Riley, 60, of Earth died May 9, 1998 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The memorial service was held May 11 at First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Bobby Broyles, officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Riley was born Jan. 30, 1938 in Lamb County. He married Charlene Hamilton Jan. 26, 1957 in Earth.

Riley, a farmer, had been a resident of Lamb County most of his life. He graduated from Springlake High School in 1956 and attended West Texas State College in Canyon. Riley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth. Also he was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Riley of Earth; two daughters, Shaunessy Lyn Salyer of Canyon Lake, Texas, Shori Lee Wilson of Highland Ranch, Colo.; three sisters, Mary Lyn Higgins of Hart, Elaine Herring of Springlake, Eleanor Haber of Logan, NM; two grandsons, Austin and Tyler Wilson of Highland Ranch, Colo.

RALPH RUDD

SPRINGLAKE — Ralph Rudd, 88, of Springlake died May 9, 1998 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

The memorial service was held May 11 at First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Jim Pruitt and Rev. Brad Enloe of First United Methodist Church of Seymour, Texas officiating.

Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Rudd was born May 8, 1910 in Springlake. He married Lois Jewel Neeley Nov. 28, 1932 in Tucumcari, NM.

Rudd was a lifetime resident of Springlake serving his community as the city manager, mayor, water inspector, and tax collector from 1965 until 1992. He also farmed and was a custom combine operator.

Survivors include his wife Lois Jewel Rudd of Springlake; one son, Billy D. Rudd of Lubbock; one daughter, Henrian Enloe of Amherst; one sister, Ruby Thommerson of Roswell, NM; one brother, Robert Wood of Grass Valley, Calif.; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

NINA ADRIAN

Nina Adrian, 76, of Earth died May 9, 1998 in Lubbock.

The memorial service was held May 13 at the First Baptist

Church in Earth with the pastor, Rev. Bobby Broyles, officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Adrian was born Oct. 20, 1921 in Quanah, Texas. She married Buddy Adrian Sept. 9,

1939 in Altus, Okla. He preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1998.

Adrian had been a resident of Earth since 1951 moving from Pecos. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth where she taught Sunday school for years. She was a member of the Springlake Earth Booster Club and served on the

Earth Memorial Cemetery Board. She also was a Avon salesperson since 1968.

Survivors include one son, Lonnie Adrian of Muleshoe; one daughter, Susie Harendt of Lubbock; five grandchildren.

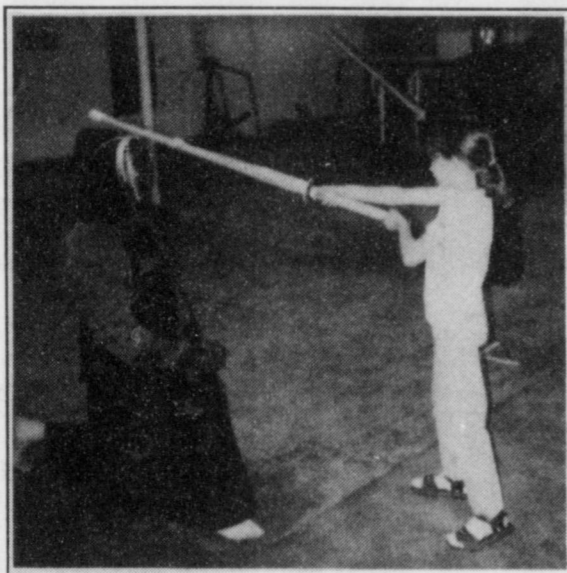
The family requests memorials be made to Earth EMS or the Earth Senior Citizens.

West Texas Karate hosts Kendo seminar

West Texas Karate of Muleshoe held a Kendo-Iaido Seminar April 18, sponsored by the Taos Kendo Club.

Sensei Charles Riddle and Sensei Carl Basham, both from the Taos Kendo Club, presented a demonstration of Kendo, sword fighting using bamboo swords and armor, and Iaido, the art of Japanese Swordmanship using a real Katana or Samurai swords.

Several members of West Texas Karate were in attendance to watch the impressive demonstration. Later in the day, members of West Texas Karate were



Learning Kendo

Kelsey Tipps of Muleshoe tries out a shinai on Sensei Charles Riddle of the Taos Kendo Club.

able to participate in several Kendo Kata exercises using a

Shinai, or bamboo sword.

Several West Texas Karate members have joined the "West Texas Kendo Club" of Muleshoe to further their training in the art of Kendo and Iaido.

The spring regional seminar was hosted May 1-2 in Toas, N.M. Those attending were Danny Kelly, Gilbert Recio, Randy Anderson, Danny May and Jim Slaughter of Ruidoso.

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Mr. Throckmorton engaged in farming from 1956 until 1987. Although he no longer works the farm, Dan still lives in the same country home he first bought. To supplement his farming Dan and his wife started doing refinishing work in their back yard in 1980.

In January of 1991 the refinishing business was moved into town with lots of help from the Muleshoe community. A fire virtually destroyed their back-yard shop December 22, 1990. Dan retired in June 1997 although he still dabbles in refinishing trunks.

Mr. Throckmorton married Millie Bryant in December 1952. The couple has been married for 46 years but have been "sweethearts" for much longer. Dan admits that he would have married Millie when they were 16 but she had enough sense not to say "yes" to him at such a young age. The couple has 3 daughters: Vowery Carlile of Sundown, Danita Fischvach of Anchorage, Alaska, and Belinda Caswell of Needmore. Dan is the proud grandfather of eight.

Mr. Throckmorton enjoys travelling with Millie in their fifth-wheel camper, sight seeing, hunting and fishing. The couple is planning several trips after Dan's recovery from hip surgery.

Dan is on the board of the Heritage Foundation and is a member of the 16th & D Church of Christ.

He really praises the staff of M.A.H.H.A. "They're wonderful. You can't find any nicer people. They're very efficient."

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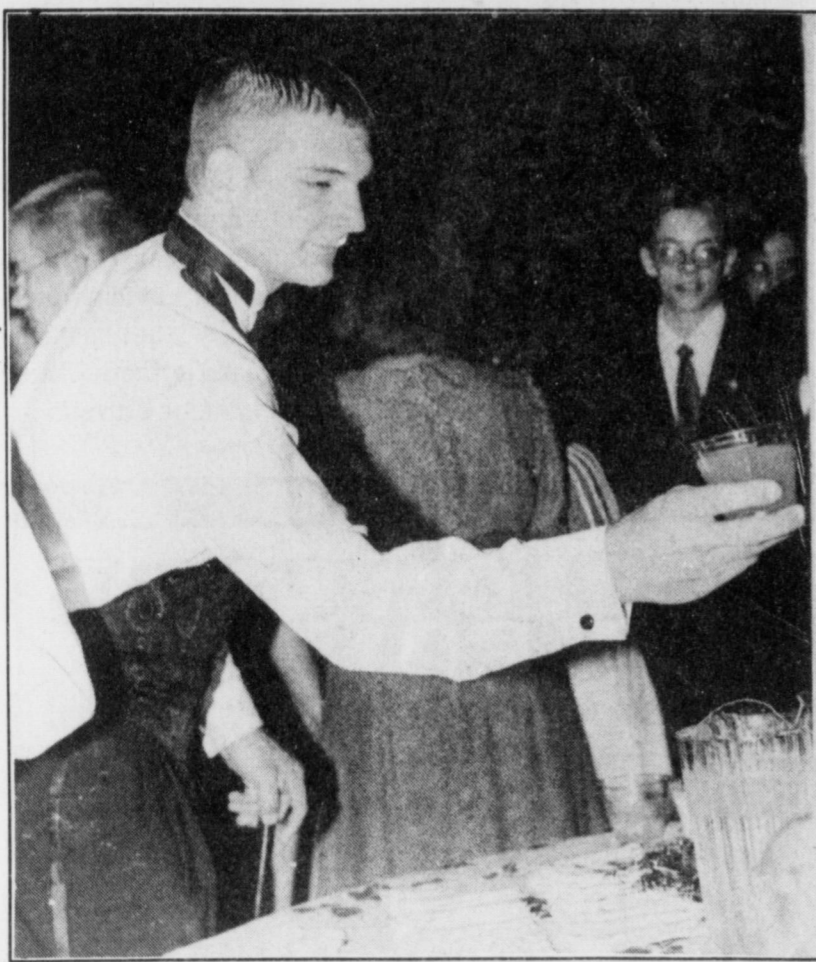
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Senior Justin Lee stops to get a drink during the Muleshoe High School prom Saturday evening.

Local health fair Saturday

Community members are invited to learn about healthier living at the 1998 Spring Health Fair.

The fair, sponsored by the Central Plains Center of Muleshoe, is scheduled from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, May 16 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Organizers are planning something for everyone in order to offer as much information as possible in order to improve community awareness.

At the fair, visitors will have the opportunity to have their blood pressure and cholesterol checked. Also, test for anemia and blood sugar tests will be administered.

Local health professionals will be on hand to answer questions and provide information

on the different types of home medical equipment, healthy dieting, the WIC program, the local ambulance, hospital, home health services, and more. Information on the newly opened Ropes Challenge Course in Plainview will also be available.

Professionals from Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency, The Texas Migrant Council, Catholic Family Services, Regional Youth Associates, Bailey County Extension Service, Hospice, Superior Med Equip, Aging Services, Bailey County Ambulance Services, and the Muleshoe Police Department will be at the fair to answer any questions about how they can impact the health of our community.

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-Chaucer (1387-English version)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Muleshoe can be proud of WJHS environmental team

Dear Editor:

I just returned from a trip to Concord, N.H. where I had the privilege of going as a sponsor with four of the greatest eighth-grade students in the world.

In today's media coverage, sometimes all we hear about are the bad things that kids are doing, especially in light of recent shootings at different schools.

Well, I can attest to the fact that Watson Junior High, the Muleshoe Independent School District, and the entire town of Muleshoe should be proud of these four students: Kyle Atwood, Carmen Flores, Mylissa Thompson, and Zac Yanis.

These kids not only worked hard on the project that they presented, but they represented our school and our town with such poise and class that they won the hearts of everyone

they met.

People sought us out to tell us how special our kids were. The judges remarked in from of the entire group of competing students, how impressed they were with the kids from Muleshoe, Texas. One of the judges stated that when his kids are that age, he hoped that they would be "...as polite, courteous, and mature as the students from Muleshoe."

The kids came home with two awards: "Rookie of the Year" and "Best Community Ambassadors." As a witness to their performance and behavior, I guarantee you that Muleshoe has a lot to be proud of!

The trip to the contest was possible by Wheelabrator Coal Services, which brought together 250 students from across the country to compete in an environmental contest.

Jacque Boutell



50th Wedding Anniversary

Jack and Betty Templar celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 10th. The celebration was held at Clay's Corner. A special thanks goes out to the Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to celebrate this momentous occasion at the fire station.

Jack and Betty were married in 1948 at the Baptist Parsonage in Muleshoe, TX.

The Templars have three children, two of which live close enough that they were able to help the couple celebrate. The oldest daughter, Letha, lives in Kentucky with her family.

Tina and Billy Jordan would like to thank Mrs. Bob Templar and Mrs. Wayne Clark for all their help in making this possible.

Wanda Templar prepared an excellent punch, a fruit bowl and sausage balls, while Pat Clark supplied the table covering, the guest book and special decorations.

Also, thanks to grandmother Erma Templar for a beautiful centerpiece of gladiolas and baby's breath.

This Golden Anniversary celebration was a very special occasion. We Love You Mother & Daddy.

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RAILROADED

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niches of enterprise created immense competition among the railroads. When railroad companies met landowners reluctant to grant easements, they resorted to state-granted powers to condemn and control rights-of-way — not the land itself — solely for railroad purposes. Sometimes they simply took the land.

Records of the formal transactions survive and their original terms remain valid, even if the owners of the rail beds and the names of the railroads have changed numerous times. Ackerson says it usually is not difficult to track the types of arrangements to determine who — the railroad or adjacent landowners — actually owns the land on which the rail beds were placed.

Railroad companies, however, often portray the task of determining ownership as difficult.

Ackerson says they have per-

petuated that myth to their advantage, even though in the vast majority of cases they know exactly what they do and do not own.

One of the most egregious cases of railroad company practices regarding adjacent property owners involves actions of the Penn Central Railroad in Indiana.

First contact

Ackerson first encountered Penn Central in the early 1980s. That's when some of his neighbors near Westfield, Ind., asked him to determine their rights to farm the abandoned railroad land that ran through their property.

Ackerson concluded that Indiana law was clear. On the land in question, the railroad only acquired an easement for railroad purposes. He advised his neighbors they had a right to use the land and incorporate it in their farms. But, just to be safe,

he also wrote to Penn Central.

Ackerson received a letter back from the head of real estate for Penn Central, which said the railroad had an interest that had to be released. The letter instructed Ackerson to send his neighbors' best offer.

"So, I wrote back, saying I would be happy to consider an offer if I understood what their interest was," Ackerson said. "I asked for documentation."

Ackerson received a letter from the Penn Central official stating that, in the railroad's opinion, it owned the land and would have to be paid for it. With the letter was a thick packet of information.

Included in that packet was a map that showed the rail line in question and a stack of right-of-way grants from the 1860s. None of the grants transferred ownership of the land to the railroad.

Ackerson knew the railroad owned nothing.

A haunting error

Ackerson also noticed a portion of the map had been masked off prior to copying. He waded further into the stack. What he discovered turned out to be a critical mistake by Penn Central.

"They had mistakenly included not just those papers, but their entire file on this matter," Ackerson recalls. "In addition to the map that he sent me with the masked-out area was an original copy of the map. In the lower left-hand corner of that map was a legend that showed the true land ownership along this line and basically acknowledged that they didn't own anything."

Also in that packet was a second copy of the letter received by Ackerson — a copy meant for another railroad official. On that copy was a note stating that the land ownership information was removed from the documents sent to Ackerson.

Also included was a copy of a memo from the railroad's legal department stating that the railroad had no basis to claim ownership of the land.

That memo's final paragraph, however, in effect, proposed bluffing in an effort to win payment.

Realizing the mistake, a railroad secretary called a few days later, asking Ackerson not to open the envelope. By that time, however, the damage was done. After receiving a detailed statement from Penn Central, Ackerson returned the documents sent in error — after making a copy for his file. Showing the kind of brashness that Ackerson has come to expect of railroad companies, the Penn Central official wrote back.

"That letter stated Penn Central no longer had any secrets from me, but still demanded to be paid," Ackerson said.

After receiving that letter, Ackerson told his neighbors

there was no need to worry about Penn Central. Not surprisingly, nothing ever happened, and his neighbors have been using their land ever since.

In the beginning, Ackerson thought he was only dealing with a rogue department of one railroad that had "become a little overly aggressive and was ripping a few people off." He subsequently discovered a pattern of practice and conduct that had occurred for many years. It wasn't just Penn Central, but many railroads — all misusing abandoned rights-of-way as a major profit source.

Today, the list of railroads he's had legal dealings with include CSX, Conrail and others, all of which have been engaged in strikingly similar conduct.

Next week: Railroads not the only "black hats" in right-of-way wars.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons: Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Muleshoe, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 92-383) for Project No. 717569.

Exempt Activities
Administration
Planning and Engineering
Water and Sewer Construction
Environmental Assessment Activities
New Water Line Installation

The water project will resolve volume and pressure deficiencies in the target area by installing 3,050 linear feet of 6 inch water main, 800 linear feet of 12 inch water main with associated appurtenances, 1 fire hydrant, 7 wet connections, 28 service connections, and highway bores. Construction will take place at the following locations:

Street: E. 8th Street **From:** US Hwy. 84. **To:** E. Ave. C

Street: E. Ave. B. **From:** E. 6th Street. **To:** E. 8th Street.

Street: E. Ave. D. **From:** E. 6th Street. **To:** E. 8th Street

Street: Alley between E. 5th and E. 6th. **From:** E. Ave. C. **To:** US Hwy. 84. **Street:** Alley between E. 5th and E. 4th. **From:** E. Ave. E. **To:** E. Ave. C. **Street:** Us. Hwy. 84. **From:** Alley E. 5th and 6th. **To:** Alley E. 4th and 5th.

New Sewer Line Installation
The sewer activities will provide first time sewer service by installing 650 linear feet of 6 inch sewer line, 1 manhole, 250 linear feet of 6 inch service line, and 5 service connections. Construction will occur along E. Ave. D.

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Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Muleshoe had decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated. An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Muleshoe which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Records is on file at the Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Public Comments of Findings
All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Muleshoe will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1997 under grant numbered 717569 from the Housing and Community Development Act

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of 1974. The City of Muleshoe is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Robert Montgomery in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the city of Muleshoe may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA. Robert Montgomery, Mayor
215 S. First Street Muleshoe, TX 79347. Published in the Muleshoe Journal May 14, 1998.

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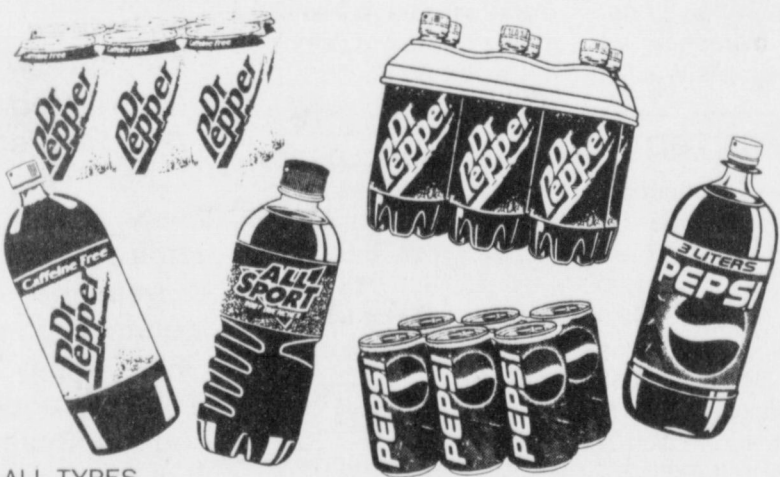
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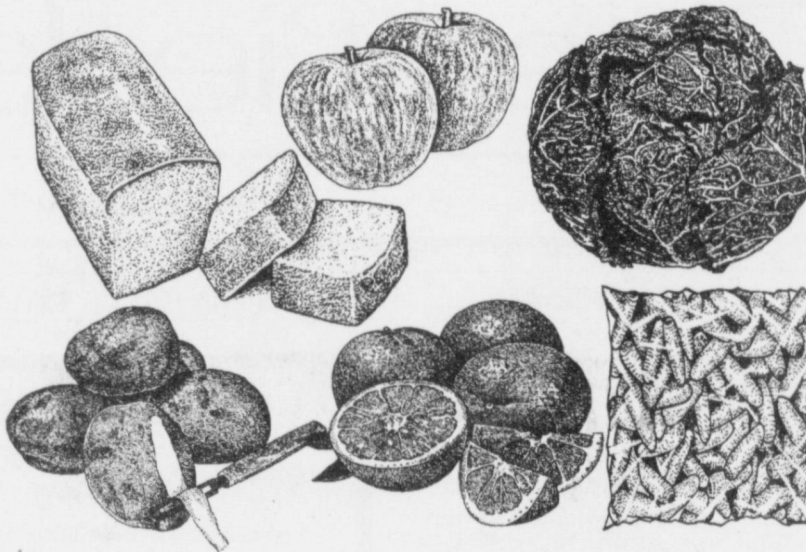
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