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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Food tampering possible**

Food could be vulnerable to tampering by terrorists because processors don't have to share their security plans with federal regulators according to congressional auditors. A report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) was released as the Agriculture Department told farmers and the food industry to increase security because of a heightened terror alert.

Under current guidelines, food companies are asked to volunteer details about their security plans with the Agriculture Department and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"Without the ability to require food processing facilities to provide information on their security measures, these federal agencies cannot fully access the industry's efforts to prevent or reduce the vulnerability of the nation's food supply to deliberate contamination," auditors said.

Garry L. McKee, administrator of food safety at USDA, said the agency generally agreed with the report. But FDA officials said their agency already has the tools to make sure plants' security measures would prevent food tampering. Manufacturers disagreed with the GAO's recommendation, citing concerns that their plants would be in danger if they were forced to turn in detailed security plans that could be released to the public. The current system "stresses a collaborative effort between government and industry," said Tim Willard, spokesman for the National Food Processors Association.

The agency made efforts to improve food security after Sept. 11 by hiring 20 more inspectors to check imported meat for contamination.



**Drawing date:** Saturday, April 5  
**Winning numbers:** 9-23-37-41-49-52  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$13 million  
**Winners:** 0  
**Next drawing:** Wednesday, April 9  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$16 million

**LOCAL WEATHER**

Expect Thursday to be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 30s. Plenty of sun on Friday. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s. Saturday will mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 40s. Partly cloudy on Sunday with 84° for the highs and 45° for the lows. Partly cloudy and windy through next Tuesday. Monday's expected high, 84 and low, 45. Tuesday's expected high, 77 and low, 40. Expect partly cloudy skies on Wednesday. Expected high, 74 and low, 37.

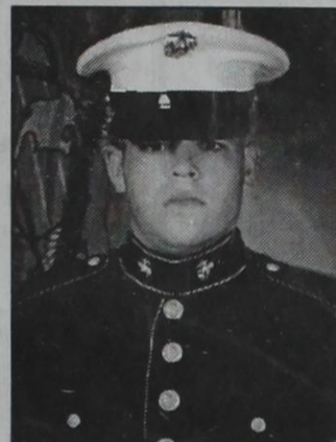
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**Family grieves death of son killed in Iraq**

By **MARSHALL STINNETT**  
Journal writer

The war in Iraq became real and personal to Muleshoe when a U.S. Marine captain and sergeant rang the door bell at the home of Kem and Lori Bales last Thursday night.



Bales

It was 11:30 p.m. when Marines came to tell the Bales their son, Marine Pfc. Chad Eric Bales had been killed in Iraq. The 20-year-old Marine was killed while riding in a convoy

when the truck in which he was riding collided with another vehicle during a sand storm.

Bales was the only Marine killed in the accident but there were several others injured, including three critically injured. The accident happened Thursday around 1 p.m. Iraqi time.

Bales' father, who normally is in bed by 10 p.m., was sitting up watching news of the war on television when the Marines arrived. The newscasters were just announcing that coalition forces had taken the Baghdad Airport.

Kem Bales said the Marines returned Friday morning with more information. He said they were very kind and comforting. The family has been in close contact with the Marines since the notification of Chad's death.

Bales said the Marines first thought his

son would be returned in five days for services, but they later said it may take up to thirty days.

Bales said his son had enlisted in the Marines while still in high school. He was scheduled to report in September 2001. Chad had injured his hand while helping Wayne Baker, a Portales farmer. Kem told his son he had better get the hand x-rayed, but he didn't.

When he reported to Camp Lagune, one of his instructors ordered him to get his hand x-rayed. It was broken so he was sent home until it healed. Kem said his son "bugged" Dr. Kyle Sheets until he was finally given the "okay" to return to camp.

After finishing basic training, Bales was sent to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for training in a transportation unit. Later, he was

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**Langston supports House tax cut plan**

By **MARSHALL STINNETT**  
Journal writer

Former Mayor of Lubbock David Langston told the *Journal* last Friday if he is elected to replace Larry Combest in the 19th Congressional District he wants to get appointed to the House Agriculture Committee and stay on it forever to help West Texas Farmers.

He also said, "We need to take a look at NAFTA. There is a lot more imports coming North than exports going South."

Langston was attending a campaign reception sponsored by Jim Pat Claunch and Jack Schuster at the Coliseum last Friday.



Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

(From left) Jack Schuster, Jim Pat Claunch and Jack Benham visit with David Langston, candidate for Congress.

Langston said he agreed with President Bush's invasion of Iraq. He said 9-11 has changed our foreign policy to a preemptive policy to protect America

before there is an attack if possible.

He said if he is elected he will stick with the House tax cut plan over the Senate's.

The Senate has just cut the Bush tax plan in half while the House is supporting the full tax cut.

Langston said there has been a healthcare crisis in the America for 10 years and the country needs to have a comprehensive look at the system, not just adopt a "band-aid" approach.

He said healthcare needs to reduce tension between doctors and patients and have competition so doctors can compete for patients.

**School offers accelerated testing for qualifying students**

Muleshoe ISD has established a process for credit by examination without prior instruction. Any student, grades K-12, who wishes to receive credit for a class or grade level and move to a new grade may do so within the following guidelines. A test will be administered free of charge and will be approved, furnished and monitored by a representative of the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Elementary students must score 90 percent or more in areas of language arts, math, social studies and science to advance to the next grade.

Secondary students receive credit by scoring 90 percent or better on tests in individual classes, (i.e. English I).

Parents or legal guardians must notify

the principle of the intention to test at least 30 days before the date of testing.

Students in grades 1-5 must meet these three requirements to be accelerated: (1) The student scores 90 percent or above on the criterion-referenced test for the grade level to be skipped in each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; (2) A district representative recommends that the student be accelerated; and (3) The student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the acceleration.

To receive credit in an academic subject in grades 6-12 in which the student has received no prior instruction will require that the student score 90 percent or above on the test.

Muleshoe ISD will provide three testing days for acceleration purposes between July 1 and December 31 and three days between January 1 and June 30 annually.

The dates for Spring testing for 2003 will be June 3-5. The principal of the school must be notified of the intention to test by May 1, 2003.

The dates for Fall testing for 2003 will be August 5-7. The principal of the school must be notified of the intention to test by June 27, 2003.

For more information, contact David Jenkins, Muleshoe High School, 272-7302; Barbara Finney, Watson Junior High School, 272-7349; Debbie Gallman, Mary DeShazo Elementary, 272-7365; or Todd Newberry, Dillman Elementary, 272-7383.

**Neugebauer offers condolences, visits with locals**

By **MARSHALL STINNETT**  
Journal writer

Randy Neugebauer told the *Journal* Monday President Bush was right to invade Iraq, but he said the hearts of he and his wife, Dana, went out to the family of Chad Bales and other families who have lost sons and daughters in the war. Bales was killed last week in Iraq while serving in the Marine Corp. Neugebauer is a Republican candidate for the 19th Congressional District.

Neugebauer and his wife were in Muleshoe attending a reception in their honor at the



Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Neugebauer visits with Jamie Myers and Gary Hooten. Bailey County Coliseum Monday night. The event was sponsored by Ronnie Holt and Tim "Buck" Campbell.

Neugebauer said he had attended a White House briefing last week on plans to rebuild Iraq into a free and democratic country. He said he believed the President has the right plan to do so.

When asked about the French, Germans and Russians playing a major role in the reconstruction of Iraq, Neugebauer said he didn't support having countries who opposed the coalition fighting to free Iraq having any role in the reconstruction.

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# AROUND MULESHOE

## Heritage Church presents live crucifixion

A live presentation of Jesus on the cross will be held April 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Church, 8001 Upland Avenue in Lubbock. Following the portrayal of Jesus on the cross, everyone is invited to view a short movie in the Worship Center. Each family will receive a free Easter Scripture Scroll. Easter Sunday services: 10:30 a.m., fellowship. 10:45 a.m., morning worship. There will not be an evening service. For further information call, 806-798-2430.

## Volunteer drivers needed

Meals on Wheels is in need of immediate help. Volunteer route drivers are needed desperately at this time to deliver hot meals to the elderly and disabled in Muleshoe. There is a need for volunteers to deliver one hour per day, one day per week. Volunteers who are available to substitute and deliver meals once in a while are also needed. If available to drive and deliver meals from 11:15 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., please contact the Meals on Wheels Program Director, Rita Morris at 806-272-3647 or Evelyn Ellington at 806-272-5402.

## Lady Mules to sell Krispy Kremes

Lady Mules Summer Basketball League are selling Krispy Kremes. Call now to order and leave a message: 272-3555, 272-5436, or 257-2186. Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 11th. Pickup will be on Friday, April 18th from 8:30-10:00 in the Muleshoe State Bank parking lot. Please support the Lady Mules' summer team camps.

## Holy week services scheduled

Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m., First Baptist Church will have community singing. Mon., April 14, noon at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First, the speaker will be Bennie Wright. Tues., April 15, noon, First United Methodist, 507 W. 2nd, speaker is Dr. Stacy Conner. A freewill offering will be taken at the door, and proceeds (less expenses) can be forwarded to Stephen Claybrook at New Covenant Church. This is a major source of funding for BCMA (Bailey County Ministerial Alliance) ministry to transients for the spring and summer period. Wed., April 16, noon, First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E., with Russ Byard as speaker. Easter Sunrise Service will be Sunday, April 20 at 7 a.m. at the City Park Tennis Courts with Sergio Leal, speaker. For the midweek noon meals, host churches are responsible for the meal of their choice.

## Sophomore class cookie sale begins

Muleshoe High School Sophomore class is currently conducting a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough and Kringle Pastry fundraiser. The Cookie Dough comes in nine delicious flavors: Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Macadamia, Sugar, Brownie Peanut Butter Chip, Coconut Macaroon and M&M and a new flavor, Apple Berry. The cookie dough is packaged in 3 lb. tubs. Each tub sells for \$10. The Kringle Pastry is a thin delicate pastry made from authentic Danish dough with a choice of four gourmet fillings: apple, cheesecake, pecan or raspberry. It is hand crafted in an oval shape and topped with a rich butter cream icing. Each Kringle is 22 ounces and serves 12 and sells for \$10. To order your cookie dough, contact any Freshman Class Member or sponsor. The phone number at the High School is 272-7303. The sale will end April 15. Cookie dough and Kringles will be delivered approximately two weeks after the end of the sale. Class sponsors are Debbie Conner, Alice Liles, John Gulley, and April Smith.

## Fine Arts Booster fund-raiser continues

Round-Up! For The Fine Arts, a fund-raising effort by the Fine Arts Boosters in conjunction with United Supermarket of Muleshoe will wrap-up Saturday, April 12. This means there's still time to help the Boosters raise money for the MHS and Watson Jr. High bands, choir, speech, art and drama clubs.

The donation process is easy. As a United Supermarket customer, tell your cashier you want to "round up" to help the fine arts. For instance, if your final tally is \$36.35, you can "round up" to \$37. The extra 75 cents collected is being donated to the Booster club. Customers may choose to donate additional cash. Every donation amount is appreciated.

## Parents of 2003 Seniors to have sale

Parents of 2003 graduating seniors are taking orders for homemade cinnamon rolls that will be ready for pick up on April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church kitchen. The rolls will be sold at \$5.00 a plate (3-4 large rolls per plate). The profits will go toward Project Graduation. The parents are making a limited number so reserve yours today by calling Lavon Hunt at 272-7777 or Susan Wedel at 272-5901.

## Class of 1993 seeking classmates

Muleshoe High School Class of 1993 is planning a class reunion. Information is needed on the following classmates: Joe Alonzo, Jeffrey Bradley, Marcus Bryan, Orlando Camarena, Eric Cisneros, Michael Cearley, Tracy Clewis Hall, Kristie Collins, Becky Donaldson, Arturo Estrada, Robert Fisk, Stephanie Francis, Carmen Franco, Diana Gardea, Albert Garza, Jenny Herrera, Libby Herrera, April Hugg, Johnny Jaquess, Stacy Langfitt Hendrickson, Brandon Lingnau, Aida Martinez, Albert Mendoza, Scott Miramontes, Lenny Pineda, Misty

Ramage-Snow, Robert Rodriguez, Raul Rojas, Adrian Salazar, Ellen Salcido-Capps, David Serrano, Jessie Singleterry, Brian Soper, Donny Strawbridge and John Verner. If anyone knows an address, phone number, email address or location of any of these people, please contact either Mandy Shipman at 806-795-2332 or Kristi (Chapman) Wilson at 505-838-9082.

## Raffle to benefit Welfare Board

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a playground equipment raffle to promote child abuse prevention awareness. Tickets are \$5. The raffle will take place Wednesday, April 30 and tickets can be purchased until April 26. The equipment is on display at Country Junction, located at the intersection of Hwys. 84 and 214. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 272-4139 and leave a message.

## Rotary provides flag service

The Rotary Club of Muleshoe provides a flag service to Muleshoe businesses on national holidays as a fundraiser to support its participation in various projects in Muleshoe. Some of the projects funded by support are scholarships for graduating high school seniors, low interest loans for college students (sophomores and above), Meals on Wheels, trees in the park, Hope Chest, B. C. Food Pantry, B. C. Jr. Livestock Show, eyeglasses for kids, M.O.S.T. scholarships, polio eradication and Ryla Leadership Camp. Flags will be displayed on seven major holidays for a \$25 annual fee. Contact Mark Morton at 272-7519 or Lary Hooten at 272-4251 with any questions.

## Public calendar

**April 12** — Little League tryouts will be held at Roger Miller Park. Minor League players should be at the park by 1 p.m., and Major League players should arrive by 3 p.m.

Also April 12 — The 53rd Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held at the high school cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are still available from any Chamber officer or at the Chamber building.

**April 20** — 8:30 a.m., Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, 117 E. Birch, Easter Sunday morning worship. Contact Steve Friskup at 272-5199 for more info.

**April 26** — 7:00 p.m., The monthly Roxy Singers Showcase will be held at the Roxy Theater in Olton. Deadline to enter is April 24. If interested in performing, please contact Olton City Hall at 806-285-2611. The show is open to all singers.

## MARINE

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flown to Kuwait.

Chad called home in February and told his father, "These people (in Iraq) are so repressed. They need a new way of life and nobody but us can do it. If we fail, we'll see more 9-11s."

Kem said, "He (Chad) believed in what he was doing."

Plans have been made to hold a memorial service at the high school football stadium at 3 p.m. this Sunday. The formal services will be held with full military honors in Coahoma, Texas where Chad's mother, Ginger Metcalf, lives. Burial will be in the the National Cemetery in Dallas.

Bales also leaves behind a step-brother, Tanner Bales; a step-sister, Bailey Bales; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Wilcox, all of Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richards of Cloudcroft, N.M.

A memorial fund has been established at First Bank of Muleshoe, 202 South First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

**The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture would like to honor those men and women serving our country. Anyone having a loved one currently serving in the U.S. Military, please drop a picture and/or his/her name by the Chamber of Commerce office no later than noon on Sat., April 12. Those serving will be recognized at the 53rd Annual Chamber Banquet.**

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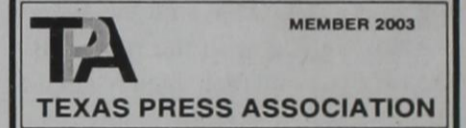
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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 3, 2003, for voting in a special election to elect a U.S. Representative District 19 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Larry Combest.

(Note, por lo presente, esta dado que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el tres de abril de 2003, para votar en la eleccion especial para elegir U.S. el Representante para el distrito 19 para servir el tiempo que no esta vencido para el Honrado Larry Combest.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES  
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Voting Box #6 - Muleshoe City Hall

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Clerk's Office, Bailey County Courthouse, 300 S. 1st, Muleshoe, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina de la secretaria del Condado, 300 S. 1st, en Muleshoe, Texas, entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 12:00 de la tarde y la 1:00 de la tarde hasta las 5:00 de la tarde comenzando Abril 16, 2003, y terminando Abril 29, 2003.

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# JV Lady Mules leave competition behind

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mule track team ran away with the Eagle Relays in Canyon on Friday with a total of 141 points. Tulia (123), Friona (96), Randall (66), Canyon (17), Canadian (0) and River Road (0) rounded out the seven-team field.

Paje McRoberts finished third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 15 minutes 58.00 seconds. April Morgan took third in the shot putt with a toss of 21 feet

eight inches and placed first in the discus with a throw of 66' 4 1/4".

Samantha Ruthardt took first in the long jump with a leap of 14' 4 3/4". Monica Posadas and Kyla Ellis placed second and third in the triple jump with distances of 26' 3 1/2" and 25' 11 1/2" respectively.

The 400-meter relay team of Yudi Aguirre, Christy Morgan, Ellis and Ruthardt took first with a 55.18. Sarah Sexton, Kristin Ambriz and Emily Zackoski placed

first, third and sixth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:50.61, 3:10.21 and 3:34.80.

In the 800-meter relay, the team of Aguirre, Ellis, C. Morgan and Ruthardt placed first with a time of 2:00.86. Ruthardt and Posadas ran first and fifth in the 100-meter dash with times of 14:07 and 14:85.

Sexton, Irene Torres and Jenna Rasco took third, fifth and sixth in the 400-meter run with times of 1:11.16, 1:16.44 and 1:17.41.

Aguirre and Kayla Spradling took fifth and sixth in the 200-meter dash with times of 31.23 and 32.16.

McRoberts and Ambriz finished sixth and seventh in the 1600-meter run with times of 7:07.98 and 7:08.98. The 1600-meter relay team of Sexton, Posadas, Ellis and C. Morgan were second with a 4:59.62.

The Lady Mules will compete in the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield Thursday, April 10.

# Cooper, Littlefield outrun Mules

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mules ended the first round of district with losses to Lubbock Cooper and Littlefield. Jonathan Marlow gave up four runs in the first inning but shut the Pirates of Cooper out for the next three innings.

Brian King came on in relief in the fifth and Cooper scored six runs on four hits and two errors to take the game from the Mules 10-3. The Mules were the only team in the district to force Cooper to go more than five innings.

Jarad Flores was the starting pitcher at Littlefield and gave up a home run to the first Wildcat at the plate. The Mules used a strange triple play to end the first

inning.

King made a running catch in left for the first out and threw home. Ryan Marricle fired the ball back to Geoff Sirkel on third to tag the base runner and the Mules appealed the runner on third leaving for home before the fly ball was caught.

The appeal stood up for the third out but Littlefield had scored two runs on two hits. The Wildcats would add three runs on three hits in the bottom of the fourth to take a 5-0 lead. The Mules sent 10 batters to the plate in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 5-5.

Juan Nuñez was safe on an error and Sirkel singled to center field. Roby Bomer got a base hit to left and

Wildcat throwing errors allowed three Mules to score. Tyrel Gear laced a single to right and Miguel Castorena walked.

Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez called for the double steal and Gear and Nuñez advanced on the first pitch to Arium Perez. Perez sent a hard hit ball down the third base line to score Gear as Littlefield committed another fielding error.

Castorena was caught stealing third for the Mules' second out. After a pitching change Marricle hit a line shot the short stop could not handle and throwing errors allowed Perez to score and knot the game at 5-5. The Mules could do no further damage in the inning.

The Wildcats tagged

King for three runs in the bottom of the sixth and the Mules could not answer in the top of the seventh inning. The 8-5 win by the Wildcats was their only victory in the first half of district.

Cooper continues to lead the district at 5-0 and Brownfield is in second with a 3-2 record. The Mules, Dimmitt and Slaton are tied for third at 2-3 and Littlefield is in the cellar at 1-4.

The Mules traveled to Slaton to start the second round of district on Tuesday and return home to face Dimmitt Saturday, April 12.

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## TOPS NEWS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club #34 has met almost every Thursday for the past 40 years. The club will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary this Thursday, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Muleshoe Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

On March 6, 2003 officers were elected for the new year. The installation of officers took place on March 13.

An 'egg-cellent' installation ceremony was conducted by Alma Robertson. Those officers installed were: Laverne James, leader; Rose Sain, co-leader; Polly Otwell, treasurer; Elaine Coburn, secretary; and Alene Bryant and Linda White, weight recorders.

Others appointed by

leader James were: Robertson, song leader; Mollie Davis, photographer and hospitality; and Retha Knowles, card sender.

Get well cards were sent to Cheryl De Graffenreid and Jolene Franklin who were in the hospital.

On March 20, plans were made for the fortieth anniversary of TOPS #34 in Muleshoe.

On March 27, James read an article on reaching out and touching a member. Get well cards were sent to De Graffenreid and Franklin who were still in the hospital at Lubbock. Nine members answered roll call. Knowles was best loser for the week. Otwell was first runner-up and Bryant and White tied for second place.

On April 3, the weekly

best loser was Davis. First runner-up was Coburn.

James was second runner-up. Best loser for the month of March was White. James and Otwell tied for first runner-up and Knowles was second runner-up.

Get well cards were signed and sent to De Graffenreid and Franklin.

Leader James called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge.

Song leader Robertson led the group in the singing of both TOPS songs. Bryant called the roll with eight members weighing in. Otwell gave the treasurer's report.

TOPS is the weight loss support group of choice for thousands of people. Join TOPS #34 and you'll see why.

## CANDIDATE

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The House version of the Bush tax cut to stimulate the economy is a plan Neugebauer would support over the Senate bill. The Senate voted last week to cut Bush's tax cut in half. The House bill supports the full Bush tax cut.

Neugebauer said there are many small businesses in West Texas that would

expand if taxes were reduced.

To help seniors with the rising cost of prescriptions, Neugebauer said he would support a plan based on need and income.

He also said it will be very important to see that Congress keeps its pledge in the six year farm program. Plans and finances

are being made based on that program. Changes would cause more problems for farmers and lenders.

When asked about the current financial shortfall in the state of Texas, Neugebauer said he didn't understand how the state got into so much financial trouble so quickly.

## NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

This year three students from the Muleshoe region qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll. They are Lucinda Guzman and Kelli Harris of Lazbuddie High School and Timothy Villa, a student at Muleshoe High

School.

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## Wallace-Winfree feted with March 15 shower

Mrs. Leisha Wallace-Winfree of Lubbock, daughter of Lora and Veldon Wallace and bride of Matthew Winfree, was honored with a bridal shower March 15, 2003 in the home of Cindy Magby of Muleshoe.

Special guests were Lora Wallace, the bride's mother; Nora Burris, the bride's grandmother; Elsie Messenger, the bride's great-grandmother; Angela Wallace, the bride's sister-in-law; and Hailey and Brianna Wallace, the

bride's nieces.

Hostesses, including Magby, were Shelly Turnbow, Donna Mason, Christie Whitt, Noemi Mora, Rhonda Eagle, Deb Stone, Sandy Nash, Rhonda Roberts, Kathy Ambriz, Susan Sudduth, Sharla Saylor, Judy Coker, Brenda Lackey and Anna Gutierrez.

The hostess' gift was a vacuum cleaner.

The couple was married March 1, 2003 at the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe.

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Muleshoe Art Association's Spring Show was held April 1 at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Center. The following winners are listed with their categories:

**Best of Show: Watercolor, First Bank Award, "This is My Country," Mildred Williams.**

**Watercolor: First place, "Rattlesnake and Tulips," Ginnie Seifert of Clovis, N.M.**

**Oil: First place, "Road Side Park," Jackie Hinderliter, Clovis, N.M. Second place, "Yucca in Bloom," Marie Tidwell, Clovis, N.M.**

**Pastel: First place, "On the Rocks," Sandra Chancey. Second place, "Relics," Nelda Merriott.**

**Miscellaneous: First place, Sculpture, "Big Boy," Francis Stegall.**

**Muleshoe State Bank Purchase Award: Watercolor, "San Antonio Way," Mildred Williams.**

**Honorable Mention: Pastel, "Fall Jewels," Ginnie Seifert, and "Serenity," Jackie Hinderliter.**

**Honorable Mention: Oil, "Three Peaks," Jackie Hinderliter, "The Out Post," Marie Tidwell, and "The Flower Basket," Marie Tidwell.**

**Honorable Mention: Watercolor, "Dancing Colors," "Through the Woods," "San Antonio Way," "Wild Roses in Pink," "I'll Meet You in the Morning," and "Al-**

**most There," Mildred Williams.**

Jackie Hinderliter, Show Chairman, presented the awards. The winners will be on display at Muleshoe State Bank until May 11.

In addition to the spring show, the Muleshoe Art Association recently held their monthly meeting.

Ginnie Seifert, president, called the meeting to order. New business and the selection of officers for fall 2003-2004 were discussed.

Jackie Hinderliter made a motion to keep the present officers. It was seconded by Sandra Chancey and the motion was carried. The officers are: president, Ginnie Seifert; secretary, Nelda Merriott; treasurer, Sandra Chancey; librarian, Francis Stegall; and reporter, Mildred Williams.

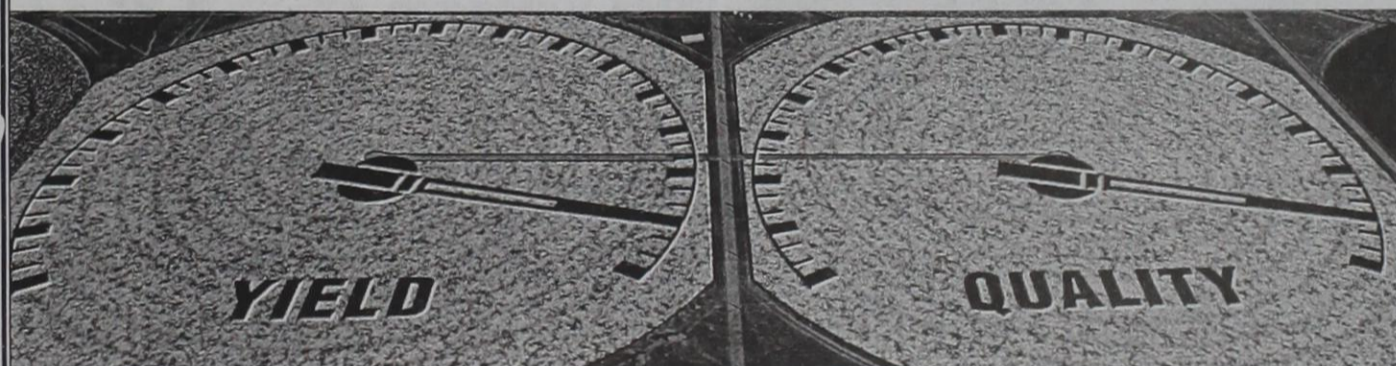
It was decided that each member would be responsible for a program next year, possibly by showing an art video.

Paintings at the Civic Center will also be changed in May.

The May 4 meeting will be a luncheon in the home of Francis Stegall. The program will be a pastel video by Ben Konis of Amarillo.

Guests attending this meeting were Carolyn Laughlin of Albuquerque and Wannie Frazier of Muleshoe.

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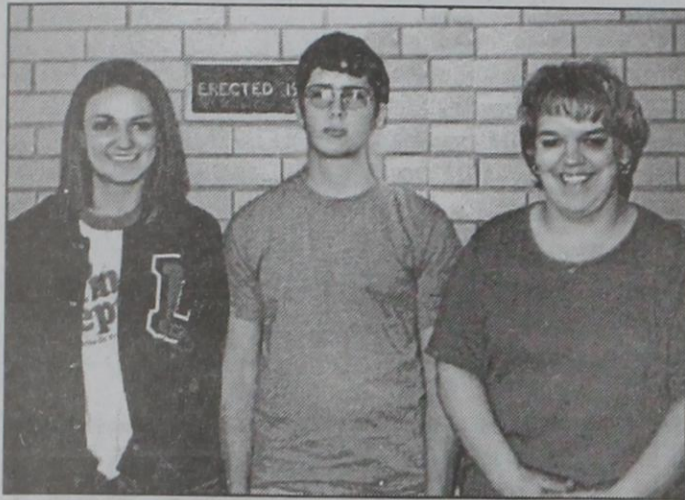
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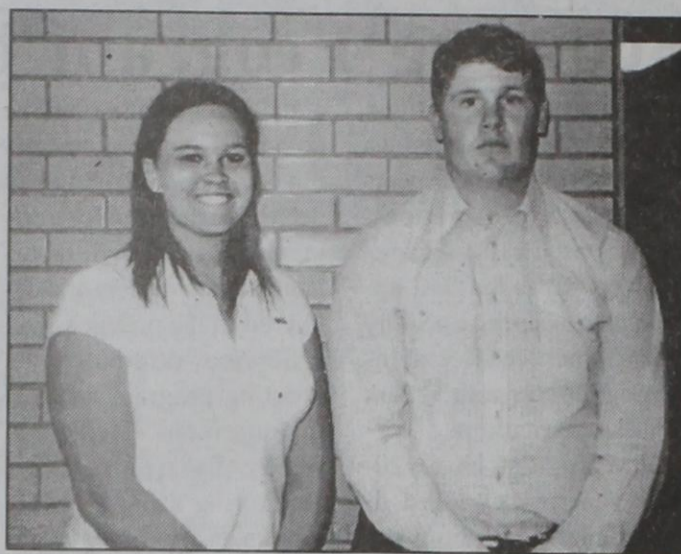
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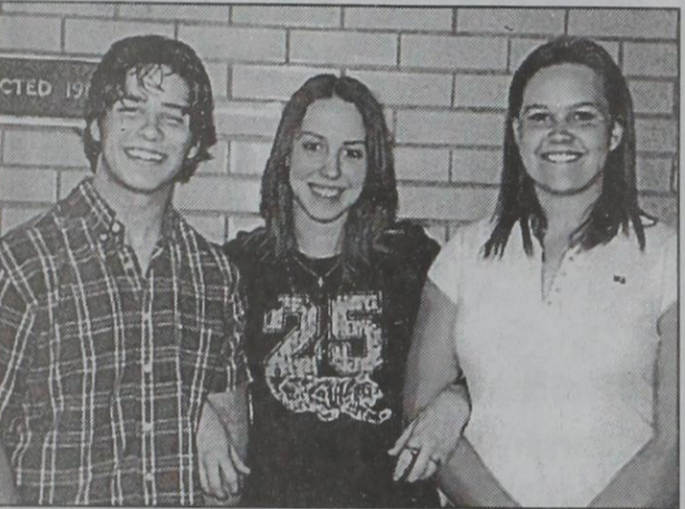
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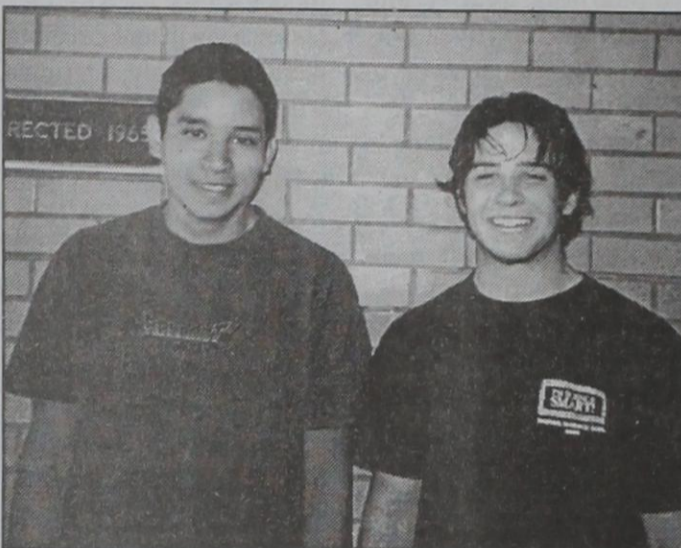
**Literary Criticism second team**  
Pictured are (from left) Kayla Parham, fourth; Stephen Thomas and Kelli Harris, third place.



**Computer Applications**  
Pictured are (from left) Shawndee Nichols, first; and Brady Mimms, second place.



**Accounting first team**  
Pictured are (from left) Robby Martin, second; Michelle Scott, fifth; and Shawndee Nichols, first place.



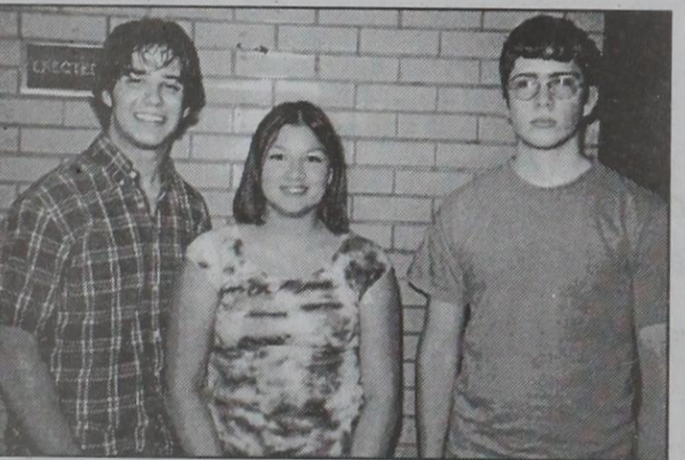
**Physics and Ready Writing**  
Pictured are (from left) Raul Mata, first in physics and Robby Martin, second in ready writing.



**Poetry, Persuasive and Prose**  
Pictured are (from left) Kirby Kimbrough, second in poetry interpretation; Tobin Redwine, first in persuasive and second in prose interpretation; and Daniel Hefner, fourth in prose interpretation



**Number Sense**  
Pictured at left is Shawndee Nichols, third place winner in Number Sense at the March 20 District Meet held in Lazbuddie.



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**Computer Science first team**  
Pictured at left are (from left) Robby Martin, first; Bethanie Sanchez, third; and Stephen Thomas, second place.

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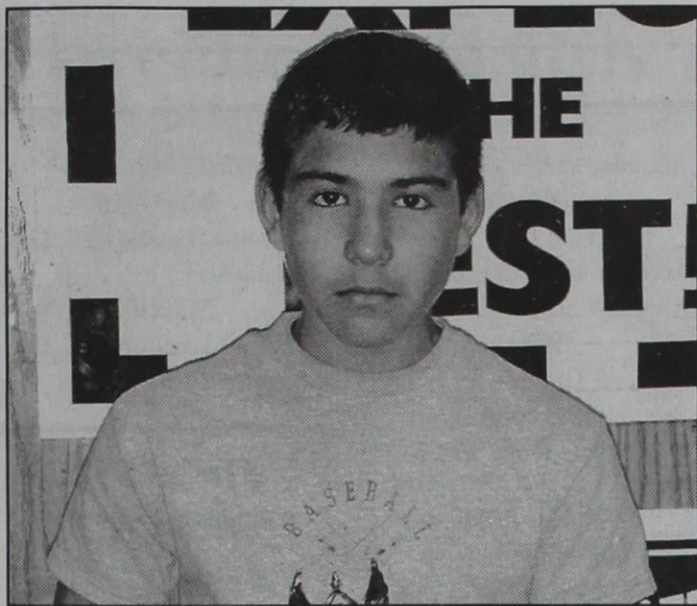
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Joe Oswalt, Abernathy	Limo. cow	1445 lbs.	at \$43.50
Tommy Lewis, Morton	2 Blk. cows	1130 lbs.	at \$41.75
Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	2 Blk. cows	1588 lbs.	at \$43.25
Terry Jesko, Muleshoe	Char. cow	1675 lbs.	at \$41.85
Jennifer Soliz, Olton	Char. bull	2025 lbs.	at \$55.00
Jennifer Soliz, Olton	Char. bull	1760 lbs.	at \$54.50



**Muleshoe Cattle Market**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2003.





Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Science Winner

Sixth-grader John Michael Salinas competed in the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State Meet in San Antonio April 5. A multiple choice science test was administered and Salinas placed ninth out of 64 students. Also attending was Janae Pyle who placed 34th.

## HONORS

### JOHNSON

Howard Payne University (HPU) will soon have a new Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services. Brad Johnson, a former HPU administrator, will return to Brownwood to assume his duties on May 12. His appointment was announced by HPU President L a n n y Hall.



JOHNSON

"Our university is fortunate to have a person of Brad Johnson's caliber to serve in this key leadership post," Hall said. "He is well prepared, academically and experientially, to provide leadership to the vital areas of student life and enrollment services. He has had valuable 'hands-on' experience in student recruiting, admissions, retention, career services, financial aid, counseling and residence hall management. His impressive service in three liberal arts institutions adds depth and breadth to his higher education experience," Hall said.

Johnson, a native of Lazbuddie, currently serves as Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Hardin-Simmons University. From 1999 to 2002 he served at McMurry University as Assistant Director for Financial Aid and as Associate Director for Admissions and Financial Aid. From 1996 to 1999 he served in two positions at Howard Payne University — Director of University Counseling, Testing and Career Services and Associate Dean of Students. In addition, he served as an HPU instructor, teaching Adolescent Psychology and the University Transitions course.

Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in education at Baylor University. He holds two master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary: the Master of Arts in Religious Education and the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling. By the time he joins HPU he will have completed all course work for his Doctorate in Education Administration at Baylor University. His dissertation, to be completed within the next year, is a

study of the TEXAS Grant Program, a statewide financial aid program that assists students in paying for tuition and fees. Johnson's study will focus on the persistence of freshmen and sophomore college students within the state who are recipients of the TEXAS Grant.

"It is a distinct honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to return to Howard Payne University," said Johnson. "HPU is blessed with talented faculty, dedicated staff and a vibrant student body. Howard Payne University has a bright future ahead — just like its students who stand poised and prepared for leadership in our state, nation and around the world."

Johnson is the son of Errol and Joyce Johnson of Lazbuddie. He is married to Laura Lacey Johnson, a 1999 graduate of Howard Payne who this summer will complete her Master of Arts degree in Communication at Abilene Christian University. They live in Abilene where they are active members of First Baptist Church.

### PEREZ

Muleshoe resident Stephanie Perez, a biology graduate student at ENMU, presented a research paper at the Student Research Day conference at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock on March 28.

Perez received a first place award in the graduate students' category for her presentation of research, which studied the levels of bacterial resistance to an antibiotic called tetracycline in agricultural water environments.

Perez is one member of the project team composed of student and faculty researchers at ENMU, including: Celsa Gallegos, Sabrina Mariner, Jonathan Burgos, and Dr. Manuel Varela.

The research team found that the proportion of tetracycline resistant bacteria in agricultural water was higher than in soil, suggesting a potential for dissemination of antibiotic resistant bacteria in the environment. A mode of transmission of antibiotic resistant bacteria is thus suggested from soil to water and from water to humans.

## Golf team places third

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Trevor Turnbow set the pace with a 73 for not only the Mule's golf team but also the entire field in the district's second tournament. Lubbock Cooper hosted the tournament at Lubbock's Elm Grove golf course.

The Mules placed third as a team with a total of 321 shots but remain in second place in the district. Slaton leads with a team total of 605 shots and the Mules follow with 641. The Littlefield team is pushing the Mules with a 648.

Ariel Flores tied for seventh place with a 78 and Kory Atwood, Trent Black and Myles James each completed the Elm Grove course with 85s.

Turnbow is tied for second low individual in the district with a total of 149 strokes and Flores is in fifth with 151. Atwood, Black and James follow with scores of 170, 171

and 172 respectively.

The best two teams in the district will advance to the regional tournament to be held April 21 and 22 on Odessa's Ratliff Ranch Golf Course.

Landon Sheets and Tatom Heathington competed in the junior varsity tournament as medallists. Sheets finished with a round of 85 and has a two round total of 173 while Heathington shot a 90 for a total of 181.

The final district tournament for the boys was held in Dimmitt April 7.

The Lady Mules hosted the second round of district on the Muleshoe Country Club course April 3. Morgan Burton led the Lady Mules with 114 strokes and Hillary Tipps followed with 117. Mandy Brantley finished with a 128 and Angela Allen completed the course with a 140.

Littlefield hosted the girls' final district tournament April 9.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

Harold Burge, Loyce Killingsworth and the activity department, and Delphine Gruda served coffee, juice and cinnamon rolls at coffee time Wednesday morning.

Cody Favor directed the devotional time and Morris Nowlin directed the "Singspiration" time Wednesday morning.

Jackie Scoggins and Janis Cowley conducted the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

The residents made blueberry and banana muffins in their cooking class Wednesday afternoon. Residents participating were Grace Plyer, Aline Locke, Delphine Gruda, Clydetta Mitchell, Gladys Wilson and Bootie Tiller.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family and friends of Eva Baker.

George and Clydetta Mitchell's family came to eat lunch with the Mitchells in the sunroom Tuesday. Marshall and Helen Cook, Bill Mitchell and Marilyn Wilson were George and Clydetta's guests. W.E. Meyers visits the Mitchells weekly.

Delphine Gruda is visited every evening by her daughter, Sherry Jenkins, and Delphine's "grand" dog, Puddles.

Jason Schwope of the Richland Hills Baptist Church came Friday morning and directed our inspirational times. Morris Nowlin directed the song service.

Marshall and Helen Cook directed the "Bingo Bash!" Saturday afternoon.

Mike Griffin and Terry Brown visited Park View Thursday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning. Willie Maye Graves assisted the residents to and from the service.

Residents having a birthday in April are Riehl Williams, April 2; Gladys Wilson, April 7; Guy Kendall, April 14; Elzie Darland, April 24, and J.C. Shanks,

April 24.

Employees having April Birthdays are Yolanda Luna, April 4; Humberto Gomez, April 17, Stephanie Sirkel, April 21, and Pilar Medina, April 25.

Anne Locke, our Ombudsman, visited Park View Monday. Anne participated in our spring theme party that ended in a short devotional and music and praise time directed by Anne.

Diane Copley was visited recently by Debra and Billy Don Ivy, Theresa Jones, Diane's mother, June, and little dog, Trixie. Her husband, Don, visits daily. She is also visited by her daughter, Christina, and family, and other friends and family.

Gladys Wilson went out and had lunch with her family Friday. Among her visitors recently were Marieta Thomas of Morton, Nelda Jo Feter of Lubbock, Jan Furr of Amarillo, Dianne Brown, Cathy Wilson, Stanley and Patricia Wilson, and Marilyn Wilson.

Dovie Matthews' family gathered together Sunday in the home of Dovie's daughter-in-law, Margireen Matthews, to celebrate Dovie's 99th birthday.

Volunteers Plus and the Activity Dept. hosted the March birthday party Thursday afternoon. Lasting Impressions gave each March birthday resident a corsage or boutonniere and a Ty beanie baby attached to a balloon. J.C. and Lily Snitker and Curtis Snitker entertained with their music and songs.

Don Templar gave a great performance Friday as he came dressed in his Cowboy attire and read cowboy poetry that he has written.

Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Methodist Church in Earth directed our devotional, music and praise service Tuesday morning.

Pat Watson, Beverly Wagnon, Doloras Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, and Beckye Conklin came Tuesday to shampoo, set, and style the ladies' hair.

## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Bailey County Senior Citizens, Inc. signed a contract with designer/builder Mark Anderson. Mr. Anderson's company will do the preliminaries for the grant applications. This will be done within weeks. The longest waiting time will be for the grant money. Construction will not begin until the "money is in the bank."

When construction does start, Anderson said that with a large crew and no serious problems, completion could be in 90-150 days. This is good news.

We are planning another "fun-time" event at the center, including a '42' tournament, a domino tournament, and a bridge tournament. The building is large enough for all of these events to take place at the same time. These tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3.

Help to set up official tournament games is needed. Anyone who has played in a tournament

should call 272-5448, 272-4071, 946-8500, 946-3628, or 272-4583. Give your name and what game you have played.

The AARP Group has disbanded as AARP. They are still members of the AARP organization, but won't have local meetings. Since they are all members of the Bailey County Senior Citizens, they are asking all the seniors to meet with them at noon on the last Friday of April at the Bailey County Coliseum. Bring a pot-luck dish and have a good time visiting. There might be news about the building to share.

## Cotton market course set

LUBBOCK — Make plans now to attend Texas A&M's April 10-11 Advance Topic Series course for "Developing This Year's Cotton Marketing Plan."

The course will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. To reach the center, drive north on Interstate Highway 27 past Lubbock International Airport — take Exit 11 (Shallowater) and drive 1/2 mile east on FM 1294.

"We will focus on market fundamentals; technical signals, seasonal trends in cash; basis, and contracts for cotton. We will also discuss different marketing strategies and how to apply them in pre- and post-harvest marketing situations," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist-management based at Lubbock. "We want you to leave here with a written marketing plan for your operation for the coming year."

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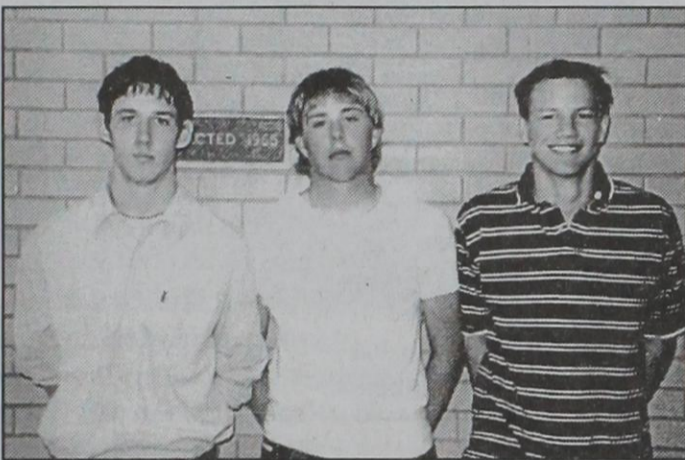




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### Lazbuddie basketball 2002-2003

Recently honored were members of the Lazbuddie basketball teams. Pictured above are (from left) Shonnah Black-Jr. guard, First Team All District; Shawndee Nichols-Jr. post, First Team All District; and Melanie Winders-Soph. guard, Honorable Mention; Pictured below are (from left) Andy Martin-Sr. guard, Honorable Mention; Sterling Via-Jr. guard, First Team All District; and Tobin Redwine-Sr. post, Honorable Mention.



### HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 26 — Sonya Garcia, Boy Gonzales, Helen Home, Jonnie Ivy, Roberta Moore, and Jessie Sotelo

March 27 — Sonya Garcia, Isaac Gonzales, Helen Home, Jonnie Ivy, Christy Macias, Roberta Moore, Virgie Schaaf, Lorado Servatius, Jessie Sotelo, and Ginger Venzor

March 28 — Lorado Servatius, and Ginger Venzor

March 29 — Marie Gonzales, Mary Graves, Joyce

Hunter, Stephanie. Jesko, Agnes Kirkpatrick, Ollice Murray, Trinidad Navejar, Lorado Servatius, Gary Skaggs, Mildred Tiller, and Jayia Walls

March 30 — Marie Gonzales, Mary Graves, Joyce Hunter, Stephanie Jesko, Agnes Kirkpatrick, Ollice Murray, Trinidad Navejar, Lorado Servatius, Gary Skaggs, Mildred Tiller, and Jayia Walls

March 31 — Joyce Hunter, Stephanie Jesko, Agnes Kirkpatrick, Ollice Murray,

### PUBLIC RECORD

#### MULESHOE POLICE

**March 10**  
Jose Pallares, 30, expired registration, no insurance and failure to provide identification.

Joe Robert Rodriguez, 28, DWI (second).

**March 12**  
Frank E. Maestas, 19, criminal trespass.

**March 13**  
Mario Esteven Diaz, 22, Parmer County warrants.

Robert Saldaña Lopez, 42, DWI (first).

**March 15**  
Israel Ibraar Tapia, 26, no driver's license and no insurance (bonded out).

Denisse Lopez, 19, minor in consumption.

**March 16**  
Gilbert Aguirre, 45, public intoxication.

Steven Sandoval, 33, DWI (second).

**March 21**  
Elvira Cervantez, 32, displaying fictitious registration.

Joseph Fahnttrapp III, 20, possession of marijuana under two ounces.

**March 22**  
Valerie Rodriguez, 23,

possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Librada Suana Leal, 18, minor in consumption.

Rafael Cabrera, 25, furnishing alcohol to minors and public intoxication.

Johnathan Zapata, 17, DWI (first).

**March 23**  
Floyd Shane Burris, 32, motion to revoke (two).

Ruben Gloria, 18, DWI (first).

**March 25**  
A. Salas Navor, 27, DWI and assault — family violence.

Frank E. Maestas Sr., 41, public intoxication enhanced.

**March 26**  
John Wesley Street, 49, DWI (third).

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Feb. 28**  
Brian Lee Davila, 21, obstruction and retaliation, and Lamb County warrant

(bonded out).

**March 6**  
Shawna Jean Dale, 21, motion to revoke probation (bonded out).

**March 7**  
Fred Bara Jr., 21, DWI (second) — bonded out.

Crystal Dora Maes, 18, theft.

**March 11**  
Lydia Ann Cavazos, 32, tampering with evidence (bonded out).

**March 12**  
Jesus Jose Vargas, 61, tampering with evidence (bonded out).

Ruby Anna Sanchez, 30, tampering with government records.

#### STATE POLICE

**March 7**  
Patricia Ann Ashcroft, 41, theft over \$20 under \$500 (bonded out).

**March 8**  
Gerhard Wall Siemens, 37,

DWI (first).

**March 16**  
Ronnie Garcia, 21, DWI (second).

**March 23**  
Ronald Pelton, 40, DWI (first).

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## Seventh grade girls win second

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules took second in the Muleshoe Junior High Relays with a team total of 82. Seminole (86) finished ahead of the Lady Mules and Slaton (75), Lubbock Cooper (72), Littlefield (43), Brownfield (21) and Dimmitt (19) followed.

A driving, cold rain abbreviated the meet before the final events could be run. Ashley Grumbles and Samantha Toscano

finished first and second in the 2400-meter run with times of 10 minutes 19.25 seconds and 11:05.05 respectively.

Cassie Kirby placed second in the discus with a throw of 63 feet 10 3/4 inches and Kelsey Tipps took first in the long jump with leap of 12' 5". The 400-meter relay team of Tipps, Grumbles, Crescent Crawford and Gini Sheets ran second with a time of 59.59.

DezRae Contreras placed first in the 800-meter run

with a 3:11.03 and Jamie Whalin finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a 20.85. Sheets took third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.56.

The team of Tipps, Jacy Lawrence, Crawford and Cholov Hernandez ran fourth in the 800-meter relay with a time of 2:12.52.

The Lady Mules competed in the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield on Saturday, April 5. Results were unavailable at press time.

## Ladies place second at Canyon

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mules ran second in the Eagle Relays in Canyon Friday with a total of 148 points. Canyon won their own meet with 168 points and Randall was third with 114. Canadian (79), Tulia (58), Friona (22) and River Road (10) completed the seven-team field.

Hillary Tipps and Mitci Hawkins placed fourth and fifth in the 3200-meter run with times of 13 minutes 48.63 seconds and 14:05.91 respectively. Shani Rasco and Madison Smith took sixth and seventh places in the shot put with tosses of 30 feet one inch and 21' 9".

Ashley Dickson won the pole vault by clearing 8' 0". Jessica Withrow, Sara Benham and Brandi Wood finished first, second and fifth in the high jump with leaps of 5' 6", 5' 2" and 5' 0".

Withrow took first in the long jump with a leap of 16' 10 1/2". Benham, Lindsey Wood and Ashley Gutierrez placed first, fourth and fifth in the triple jump with distances of 35' 10", 30' 2 3/4" and 29' 7".

Rasco placed third in the discus with a toss of 99' 1 1/2". In the 800-meter run, Gutierrez ran second with a time of 2:32.65 and Withrow won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.31.

The 400-meter relay team of B. Wood, Benham, L. Wood

and Jamie Carpenter took second with a time of 51.66. Carpenter placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a 13.79.

The team of Pylant, L. Wood, Carpenter and Benham placed third in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:51.15. Withrow took first in the 300-hurdles with a 47.19.

Gutierrez, Tipps and Hawkins placed third, sixth and seventh in the 1600-meter run with times of 5:57.06, 6:17.84 and 6:22.67. In the final event, the 1600-meter relay team of Pylant, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow finished third with a 4:14.37.

The Lady Mules will participate in the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield Thursday, April 10. The field events will

begin at 9 a.m. and the running events finals will start at 3 p.m. Those that qualify at the district meet will go to the regional meet in Odessa April 25 and 26.

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## Rain shortens seventh grade relays

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules ran second in the weather shortened Muleshoe Junior High Relays. Seminole took first with 112 points and the Mules picked up 105.5 points. Littlefield (77), Lubbock Cooper (70), Dimmitt (61), Brownfield (20.5) and Slaton (14) completed the field of teams.

Julio Bustillos and Colby Carpenter took fifth and sixth in the 2400-meter run with times of 10 minutes 14.22 seconds and 10:27.83 respectively.

Garrett Riley and Amado Flores placed first and fifth in the triple jump with distances of 33 feet 10 3/4 inches and 31' 1 1/2".

Luis Ramirez and J.J. Mendoza took second and fifth in the shot put with tosses of 32' 8" and 31' 4". Patrick Precure placed fourth in the pole vault by clearing 6' 6" and Riley took first in the high jump with a leap of 5' 2".

Flores and Richard Rojas placed first and third in the long jump with leaps of 14' 7" and 13' 11". Adam Zamora ran fifth

in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:55.47 and Riley was second in the 110-meter high hurdles with a 20.52.

The 400-meter relay team of J. Mendoza, Rojas, Flores and Riley placed first with a time of 55.57. Michael Jaramillo and Ramirez placed fourth and fifth in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.90 and 13.92.

The 800-meter relay team of Jaramillo, Diego Del Toro, J. Mendoza and Dusty Clayton took fourth with a time of 2:02.10. Flores and Eric Carrion ran fourth and fifth in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:07.79 and 1:08.78.

The Mules ran in the district meet in Littlefield on Saturday but results were not available at press time.

## Eighth grade Lady Mules finish third

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules finished third in the Muleshoe Junior High Relays with a team score of 62.5. Lubbock Cooper won the meet with 132 points and Seminole finished in second place with 100. Slaton (60), Brownfield (34), Dimmitt (27.5) and Littlefield (16) rounded out the field. A cold driving rain brought the meet to an early end and not all events were completed.

Cecilia Reyna tied for sixth in the shot put with a toss of 23 feet, seven inches.

Kate Lepard won the long jump with a distance of 14' 0" and placed first in the high jump by clearing 4' 6". Chelsi Hawkins won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.14 seconds.

The 800-meter relay team of Irma Torres, Abby Lawrence, Reyna and Hawkins placed second with a time of 2:06.03. Lepard and Mali Ruiz finished first and fifth in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:06.37 and 1:17.81.

The Lady Mules ran in the district meet in Littlefield Saturday but the results were unavailable at press time.

## Eighth grade Mules take first in home meet

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Mother Nature may not like track meets but the eighth grade Mules do as they ran away with the Muleshoe Junior High Relays by racking up 122.3 points in the rain shortened meet. Seminole (67.3), Slaton (60), Dimmitt (55), Lubbock Cooper (54.3), Littlefield (36) and Brownfield (34) completed the seven-team field.

Mike Catano and Tony Guzman placed second and third in the shot put with tosses of 43 feet and 39' 8". Martin Rodriguez and Joe Bryan Claybrook took first and fourth in the 2400-meter run with times of 8 minutes 45.49 seconds and 9:24.49 respectively.

Catano took second in the discus with a toss of 131' 10 1/2" and Timothy Conner placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 33' 8 1/2". Conner won the pole vault by clearing 10' and Martin Rodriguez tied for fourth with 8'.

Eric Washington placed first and Rodriguez was sixth in the long jump with leaps of 16' 11 1/2" and 14' 9". Dustin Barker and D.J. Robertson took second and tied for fourth in the high jump with leaps of 5' 6" and 4' 8".

The 400-meter relay team of Conner, Washington, Jason Mendoza and Tony Guzman placed first with a time of 48.96. Barker and Robertson ran second and sixth in the 110-meter high hurdles with 18.38 and 20.26.

Rodriguez and Justin Sanders were second and sixth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:23.83 and 2:37.00. Washington placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a 12.35 and the 800-meter relay team of Mendoza, Conner, Bradly Branscum and Rodriguez ran third with a time of 1:49.43.

The results of the district meet held in Littlefield were unavailable at press time and will run next week.

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## LAZBUDDIE NEWS AND NOTIONS

By Marilyn Engelking

Howdy, and a warm greeting to all from the "Land of Lazbuddie."

The good people of the Journal asked me to write some Lazbuddie News. I just know they checked some back issues of the Journal, in the years beginning in the mid-sixties to the early seventies, and they realized there was a really good, talented writer in their midst. In going through some of my newspaper collections (of many years) I, too, read some of my former articles and was impressed — but the problem is, I am thirty-one years older than when I wrote those excellent "words of wisdom." So, who knows what will spew forth from these weak, wobbly, old, wrinkled hands.

Now, I do hope that you figured out that I was making "funzies" in the upper portion of the paragraph above. I have always believed that laughter is, indeed, the best medicine one can inhale.

Therefore, the aim of this writer is to bring you news of Lazbuddie happenings and leave you, the reader, with a warm feeling and a laugh or two!

## SCAC NEWS

The Student-Community Action Club held its March meeting in the home of Megan Mason on Thursday, April 3 due to earlier conflicts.

President Erica Whalin called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Landon Sheets to give the opening prayer. The secretary, Bailey Barrier, read the minutes and the treasurer, Jodi Hawkins, gave the treasurer's report. The guest speaker was unable to attend, but will be at the next meeting.

Old business discussed included the SCAC bake auction. The bake auction was

I'll get on with some news of the community real soon, but let me explain — the first sixteen years of my life were spent in the beautiful Ozark Mountains of North Arkansas. Now, some people refer to that as "Hillbilly Country" and I don't mind that at all, for I still might introduce myself as a former Arkansas (Marshall) hillbilly. But perish the thought, if I should do this around my brother, Paul Wilbanks, the Western Drug Pharmacist. For, you see, he just spent his first eight years in Marshall. I always said — "He got the education, but I got the common sense." Oops, I'll probably regret putting that statement in print.

The WIBC National Bowling Association had the privilege of having some Lazbuddie ladies in attendance at their bowling tournament in Reno, Nevada, last month. The ladies bowl every Wednesday morning at Mainline Bowl in Clovis. Those flying to Reno were Janene Jesko, Pug Jennings, Liz Jesko, Terri Carthel of Hub, and Ginger Drager, Coletta Ray and Phyllis Queener, all three from Clovis. Reno prob-

ably won't ever be the same. They took a bus tour to San Francisco (*lucky gals*). I know they had a blast because in my younger days, I bowled and attended lots of bowling tournaments in different places with them. We always had lots of laughs and, once in a while, bowled good, but that was our second most important thing to do!!

Lazbuddie Methodist Church will host a Community Revival April 27-30. The Evangelist, Tim Todd, will be the guest speaker. Pastor Randy Thomas invites everyone to attend. A warm welcome and a relaxed, heartfelt, and spirit-filled atmosphere awaits you at Lazbuddie Methodist.

Richard and I spent five days last week in beautiful Texas hill country, around Brady, Kingsland, Lake LBJ,

Marble Falls and Fredricksburg. Jeri and Dianne Wiedebush were at their trailer on LBJ and at Kingsland. They were wonderful hosts and tour guides. We saw some gorgeous bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush and other wild flowers that are in bloom for a few weeks this time of year.

Jarah Redwine, daughter of Bobby and Debra Redwine, is in Okinawa, at Cadena Air Base — No, she isn't in the service, but is doing her part in helping her country by measuring Radon, checking all of the equipment and keeping it up to speed as the standards require. Her Master of Engineering degree from Texas A&M is paying super dividends in lots of ways! She has been enjoying the exotic flowers (hibiscus everywhere!) and whale watching to name just a few of the interesting sights.

## Pete says "Nay"

Not wanting to be a party to any shenanigans, "Ol' Pete" asked these two anonymous passersby to make sure he "hears no evil, sees no evil and speaks no evil" when it comes to wishing the local superintendent, me Gene Sheets a "Happy Half Century Birthday!" Sheets turns 50 on Sat., April 12.



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New business discussed included a new fund-raiser. Jean Allison gave the club the idea of decorating people's yards with yellow ribbons in support of the troops and asking for donations from the community. It was decided to follow through with the suggestion the Sunday after the bake auction.

SCAC has raised approximately \$1134 with the bake auction and yellow ribbon contributions.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Sara Benham.

## Christians and War

Please note: This was written on Friday, April 4, before S. Hussein's apparent demise.

This has been a sad morning. About midnight last night I stepped outside and noticed car lights two doors down. I found out this morning that two Marines were notifying Kem Bales that his son, Chad Bales, a U.S. Marine, was killed in Iraq. Details are sketchy, but Chad was in a truck convoy (he had a thing for big trucks!), there was an accident, and he died.

And then we get the word that it seems somewhat likely that Saddam Hussein, purveyor of carnage, lies, and terror, is alive. Very bad news. Chad Bales dies. Saddam Hussein lives.

I know we "Baby Boomer" and younger Americans are soft. Through the blood, sweat, and tears of others who have had to fight for freedom, we've been

takes a serious toll on those who must do it. My father-in-law, a decorated veteran of some of the bloodiest battles of WWII, never liked to talk about it.)

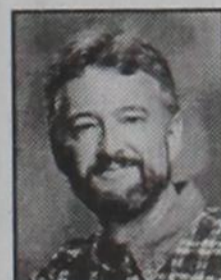
Questions abound. I know we should pray for God to change the heart of even Saddam Hussein, as utterly unlikely as that seems. I believe a Christian soldier probably ought to be praying for that even as he stormed Hussein's palace and tried with all his might to fulfill his mission of putting a bullet in the man. That soldier would be right in praying for God to give him strength to do that job, even as he prayed for Saddam to turn from his despicable ways. What I'd like to pray is a secondary prayer to the effect that, if Saddam is not changed, that he be dispatched quickly, that his evil reign be ended, and that he rot in hell. Is there a "holy" way—I'm serious—to pray a prayer of at least something along that line? Can Christians legitimately pray as the psalmists did that God would "break the teeth of the wicked"?

I think my own answer is, Yes, we can, and something is badly wrong with us if we aren't angry in the face of such evil. But we better understand that "righteous" anger has a hard time staying righteous, and a Christian is never right to give in to hate. I suspect, too, that the truth in this regard lies somewhere between the "red-neck," good ole boy, fundamentalist, "blow 'em all up 'cause God knows his own" approach and the "bleeding heart" and incredibly naive approach of social liberalism, the religious version of which sees the Sermon on the Mount as a blueprint of behavior for nations, which I doubt it was ever meant to be.

One thing's sure: We need to pray that this war be over soon with as little loss of life as possible.

Our hearts are broken with the hearts of the Bales family. The ripples from Saddam's wickedness struck awfully close to home this morning.

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



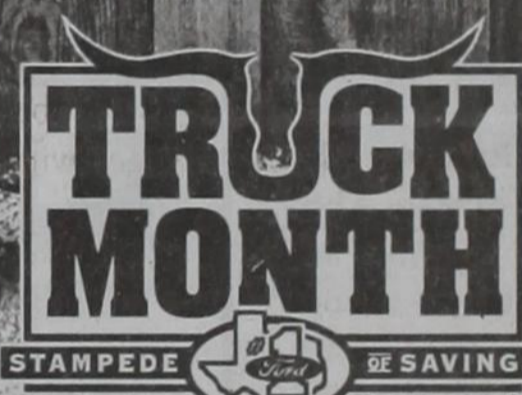
## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

given so much. We have the luxury of debating about "just" or other wars because blood was shed to give us that luxury. Though older Americans know what a "Gold Star" mother was (a mom who'd lost a son in war), we're not used to hearing about kids from down the street dying in war. When it happens we're left with a rush of emotions—and lots of questions.

What is a Christian response to this kind of evil? Of course, we pray for God's will to be done here as it is in heaven. We pray for God to change evil hearts. And though I genuinely respect truly conscientious Christian pacifists, I personally don't see anything morally wrong about a Christian soldier doing his job very, very well in war, even when that means exercising deadly force. (We should keep in mind, though, that killing, even justifiably,

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## OBITUARIES

### BERTIE HERRIAGE

Services were held April 5, 2003 at the Earth Church of Christ for Bertie Herriage, 73, of Earth. Terry Wilson officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parson-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth handled arrangements.

Mrs. Herriage was born May 3, 1930 in Kirby, Ark. She died April 2, 2003 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married James E. Herriage in Clovis on May 19, 1951.

She had lived in Earth since 1952 moving from Littlefield. She was a member of the Earth Church of Christ and was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, James Lee Herriage of Earth; five daughters, Carla Scott of Overland Park, Kan., Judy Garcia of Earth, Kim Rodriguez of Amarillo, Kelli Hill of Gilbert, Ariz., and Michelle Miller of Dimmitt; a sister, Sue Roberts of Littlefield; and nine grandchildren, Amy Langford, Sonya and Gabriel Garcia, Christina and Chasity Rodriguez, Tyler Hill, Samantha Herriage, and Haydon and Payton Miller.

She was preceded in death by her husband on September 19, 1998.

The family suggests memorials be made to the

Earth Church of Christ, 506 Main, Earth, Texas 79031 or Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031.

### ESTANISLADA "TANIS" OROZCO

Services were held April 7, 2003 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Estanislada "Tanis" Orozco, 78, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine officiated. Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Orozco was born February 20, 1925 in Mercedes, Texas. She died April 2, 2003 in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She married Dolores Orozco in Weslaco on September 16, 1947.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe, The Guadalupanas and was also a crusillista.

Mrs. Orozco is survived by six sons, Raynaldo of Lubbock, Lionel of Goodrich, Texas, Baldemar and Israel of Muleshoe, Mario of Portales, and Juan of Eules, Texas; three daughters, Belia Villa and Noelia Flores of Muleshoe and Hilda Pacheco of Richardson, Texas; 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Santos Abuquis and Sofia

Cantu both of Progresso, Texas; and two brothers, Julio Vasquez of Texas and Jesus Vasquez of Progresso.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Adela Orozco in 1963, her parents, six brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Muleshoe Area Public Library, 322 W. Second, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

### DONLEY DANIELL

Donley "Tex" Daniell, 73, of Grants Pass, Oregon and formerly of Muleshoe died March 20, 2003.

No services or memorials are pending.

Mr. Daniell was born July 8, 1929. He married Edith on September 30, 1950.

His career began at Bailey County Electric Co-op in Muleshoe. He moved to Alaska in 1953 and was an employee of the Municipal Utilities System in Fairbanks, Alaska. He worked for ITT, Intel and Verizon. He retired in 1984. After retirement, the Daniells moved to Grants Pass, Oregon.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting and shared many of those trips with his lifelong school friend, James (Tommy) Thomas and wife, Gerrie.

Mr. Daniell is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Teresea Herrin of Prineville, Or-

egon, and Jim and Linda Herrin; a sister, Darlene in New York; and adopted daughter, Sherri; four grandsons, one granddaughter, six great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his mother, Lena, his father, Acie Daniell, and a son, David Daniell.

### BAKER

Services were held April 3, 2003 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton for Eva L. Baker, 92, of Morton. Rev. James Pope and Forrest Baker officiated. Burial was at Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home, Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Baker was born on October 13, 1910 in Langley, Ark. She died Monday, March 31, 2003 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She married James "Jack" Baker in Matador on April 27, 1929.

Mrs. Baker moved to the Morton community in 1931 from Matador. She was the owner and operator of Morton Floral for 41 years. She was a member of the La Fleur Garden Club of Morton and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Littlefield.

She is survived by two daughters, Tommie Uselton and Gwen Simpson, both of Littlefield; eleven grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989 and a son, R.H. Baker in 1996.

A memorial has been set up with the National Parkinson's Foundation at 4102 24th St., Suite 501, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

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Sun., April 13 7:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church 220 W. Ave. E	Community Singing
Mon., April 14 Noon	First Assembly of God 521 S. 1st	Speaker: Bennie Wright
Tues., April 15 Noon	First United Methodist 507 W. 2nd	Speaker: Stacy Conner
Weds., April 16 Noon	First Baptist Church 220 W. Ave. E	Speaker: Russ Byard
Easter Sunday April 20, 7:00 a.m.	City Park Tennis Courts	Speaker: Sergio Leal

A noon meal will be served by the host church. There is no cost. However, a freewill offering will be taken and donated to the BCMA's spring and summer transient ministry.

## COUNTY COURT NEWS

### March 25

Ricky Garza's hearing is set for April 24 on a charge of assault.

Isiah Pacheco's hearing is set for April 24 on a charge of theft.

Martin Omar Morales' hearing is set for April 24 on a charge of theft.

Patty Ashcraft was granted a continuance on her charge of theft by check.

Scott Riley's charge of theft by check was dismissed.

Shawna Jean Dale's probation was extended to four months on a motion to revoke probation.

Adam Anglin charged with theft. Hearing set for April 24.

Gregory Hershel Nelly charged with driving while intoxicated. Trial set for

### May 29.

David Gutierrez, Jr. was fined \$475 plus \$211 in court costs for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Julee Hulett had charges dismissed for possession of marijuana because officer failed to appear in court.

Martin Omar Morales charged with driving while intoxicated. Attorney status hearing set for April 24 and placed on docket call for May 29.

Josue Sigala charged with harassment. Attorney status hearing set for April 22 and docket call for May 29.

Kathy Loniewski charged with assault with bodily injury, suffered a seizure in court and had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Joe Robert Rodriguez charged with driving while intoxicated. Case set for May 29 docket call.

Robert Saldana Lopez charged with driving while intoxicated. Case set for May 29 docket call.

Lawrence Elbert Elder had his probation revoked and sentenced to 90 days to serve.

Ricky Lee Vaughn's hearing to revoke probation set for April 8.

Kristy Roe charged with motion to revoke probation paid \$527.18 in fines and court cost.

Katherine Banks charged with motion to revoke probation, failed to show in court.

Johnathon Zapata, Jr. charged with driving while intoxicated had case set for April 24 docket.

## RC&D announces matching grants

The Wes-Texas Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced the availability of \$8,000 in the 2003 Matching Grant Program. Janet Claborn of the Bailey County Board of Directors said, "Our goal is to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our sixteen county area for local projects."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local commu-

nities. The county RC&D council or Board of Directors must approve the submitted grant application. Grants will require an equal match of local contributions or donations and will be limited to \$500. Applications will be due in the Wes-Tex RC&D office by May 30, 2003.

Claborn said, "We feel that this is an excellent way to leverage federal dollars and improve our communities." Congress appropriates funding yearly for the RC&D program. Claborn also said, "Our U.S. Senators and Representatives have been tremendous supporters of the RC&D program. Congress appropriated over \$50

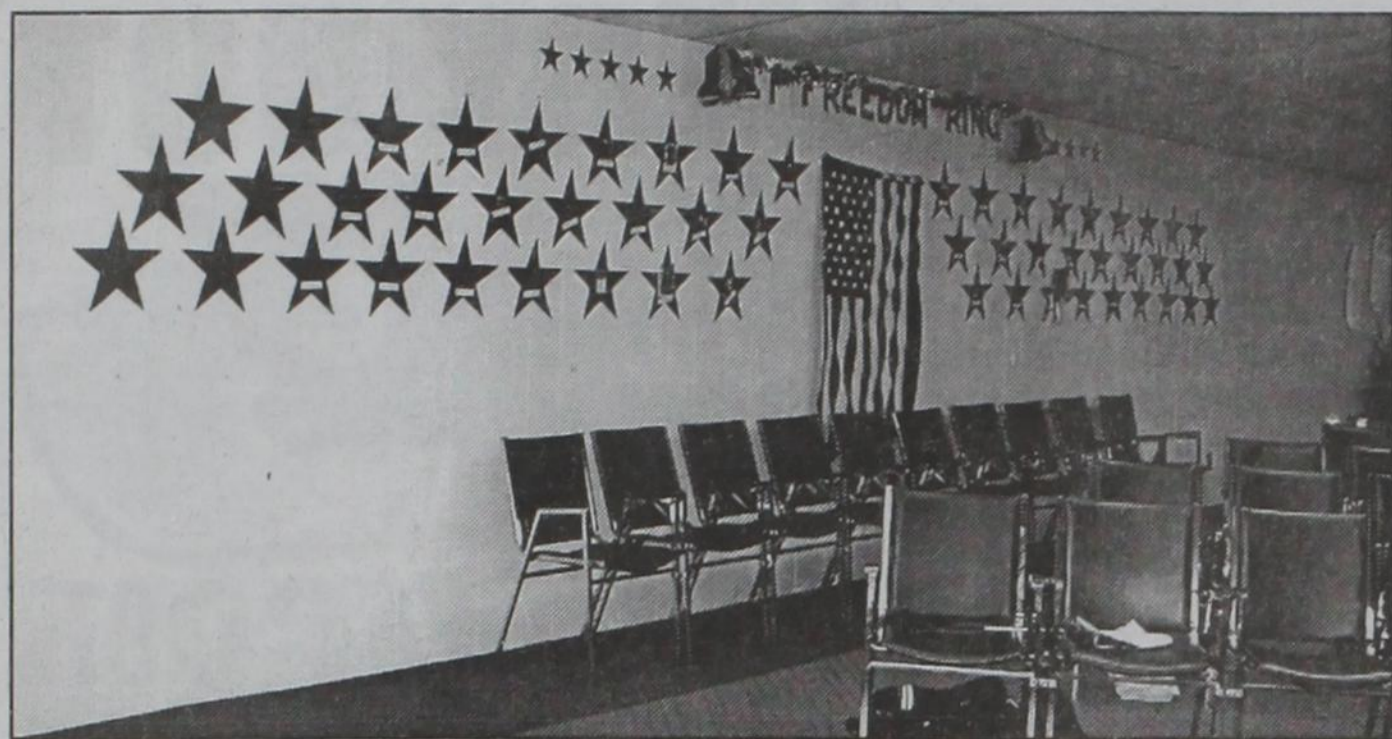
million for the RC&D program in fiscal year 2003. This is the fourth year that the increase in the final appropriations bill exceed the President's budget request. This is evidence of the strength of the RC&D program with Congress and in local communities."

Grant dollars can be used for a variety of community projects. If you have an idea or something you are currently working on, give Claborn a call. For more information and to obtain grant applications, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, or RC&D Board of Director Janet Claborn at 806-272-7455.

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to the Fine Arts Night To Shine. Your contributions helped ensure the success of the event. Once again, thank you from the members of the Fine Arts Boosters and the students involved in the Fine Arts programs at Watson Jr. High and Muleshoe High School.

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### Wall of prayer

New Covenant Church on Hwy. 70 north of Muleshoe is collecting names of military personnel with ties to Muleshoe. Soldier's names and photos are being displayed on a "wall of prayer" at the church. Currently, church members have gathered the names of forty-three soldiers. Pastor Steve Claybrook is encouraging anyone with relatives or friends who are not listed to contact the church at 965-2787 so they can be added to the wall. Those already included are: Rachel Lewis, John Paul Delgado, Jim Eric Vega, Aaron Burton, Tonja and Jeff Durden, Martin Oliver, BJ Gonzales, Chris Berryhill, John Coberly, Sylvia Alvarado, Mitchell Gentry, Jared David Phelps, Aaron Lopez, David Vela, Adrian King, Matt Henderson, Terry Sanders, Jimmy Seales, Chris Humphrey, Rosino Guimarey, Kelly Helton, Matt Borden, Scott and Susie Grey, Steve Lunsford, Russel Norris, Rocky Upchurch, Russell Treider, Marlin Derk, Cory Collins, Alfredo Ruelas, Jason Buckner, Rocky DeHoyos, Chad Bales, Dusty Lee, Elmer Depalma, Eddy Alvarado, Terry Scioli, Carlos Rojas, Nathan Beversdorf, Paul Anthony Esquivel, Darrian Howerton, Charles Kessler and Michael Woodard.

### JENNYSLIPPER NEWS

The Jennyslippers met at the Girl Scout Hut on Tuesday, March 25 at noon for their lunch meeting. Fifteen ladies attended. Ruby Green provided lunch for \$5 per person. The group enjoyed turkey medallions with vegetables, chicken casserole, fruit salads, fresh baked biscuits and wonderful bread pudding with lemon sauce.

The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Tapley at 12:11 p.m. The first order of business was the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday, April 12. The theme this year is Country & Western Chic. The volunteers to help set up and/or wash and wrap potatoes should be at the high school cafeteria on Friday, April 11 between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and should plan to stay until the job is finished. The servers should be at the high school on banquet day by 5 p.m.

The club has already pre-selected its first 'Garden Spot of the Week' for this year and will award it as soon as the lilacs are in bloom. Thursie Reed will help chair the group of volunteers who will choose and award our Garden Spots this year.

The Mule Putt Golf course will be opening this year on Friday, May 2. The

Jennyslippers have established who the caretakers will be and the volunteer workers will have their schedules by the end of April. The group anticipates being open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 7 p.m. and will also take reservations for private parties. The cost is \$30 for up to 20 people for two hours, \$45 for three hours, and \$10 extra for up to 10 additional people. The electricity will be turned on in time for clean-up day on Friday, April 25. Peggie Bruton has volunteered to stock the concession stand again this year.

Workers will begin making and selling patriotic badges this week. Special orders for military photo badges will be taken also. Call Donna Kirk at 272-3239 or Brenda Tapley at 272-4819 for more information.

Condolences to Ellen Ladd upon the death of her brother, Webster Johnson.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, at noon.

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Bill was hired as editor of the paper in 1962. The couple purchased the Star in 1968 from Joe Osborn. In 1973, the Ellises purchased the Bovina Blade. The Ellises have operated the papers as a team.

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### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BAILEY

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 287th Judicial District Court of Bailey County, on the 31st day of March, 2003, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

**Cause No.:** 6635, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Daniel Garcia Jr., **Legal Description:** 2. Lot 16, Block 18, Country Club Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7249, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Rogelio Anzaldúa, **Legal Description:** 3. Lot 17, Block 7, Lenau Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7276, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Vernon Ellis, **Legal Description:** 5. An undivided 50% interest in the East Part of Lot 1, Block 1, Gatlin Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7701, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Jose Francisco Reyes, **Legal Description:** 17. Lots 11, 12, Block 15, Original Town of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7754, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Trans American Acquisitions Inc. **Legal Description:** 18. Lot 54, in the Parkridge Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7756, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. M.G. Appian Corporation, **Legal Description:** 10. 1.55 acre tract of land out of Northeast Corner of Southwest Quarter of Section 53, Block Y, WD & FW Johnson

Subdivision, Bailey County, Texas. 11. A 8.00 acre tract of land out of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Block Y, WD & FW Johnson Subdivision No. 2, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7417, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Robert De La Rosa, **Legal Description:** 12. Lots 1 through 6, Block 13, of the Original Town of Enochs, Bailey County, Texas. 13. Lots 7 through 12, Block 13, of the Original Town of Enochs, Bailey County, Texas. 14. Lots 1 through 12, Block 14, of the Original Town of Enochs, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7675, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Atex Gas Inc., **Legal Description:** 15. Lot 3, Block 1, Ashford & Baker Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. 16. Lot 4, Block 1, Ashford & Baker Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7754, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. Trans American Acquisitions Inc. **Legal Description:** 18. Lot 54, in the Parkridge Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. **Cause No.:** 7756, **Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District v. M.G. Appian Corporation, **Legal Description:** 10. 1.55 acre tract of land out of Northeast Corner of Southwest Quarter of Section 53, Block Y, WD & FW Johnson

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. on the 6th day of May, 2003, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 6th day of May, 2003, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction. Published in the Muleshoe Journal, April 10, 17, and 24, 2003.

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La Comisión de Junta y Acreditación de Organizaciones de Salud (The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) conducirá un cuestionario de acreditación del Laboratorio Clínica South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc., localizada en 208 West Second St., Muleshoe, Tejas, 79347, el día 1-2 y 5-6 de Mayo 2003, para evaluar el servicio de nuestra organización de acuerdo a los estándares nacionales. Cualquiera que crea o piense lo contrario de que el/ella halla recibido información pertinente o válida sobre la calidad y la seguridad de la naturaleza por la cual el cuidado es dado, puede pedir una entrevista pública con los representantes de la organización. Permisos para esta entrevista de información pública deben estar por escrito y deben ser mandada a la Comisión de Juntas dentro de treinta días de cuando lea esta noticia, y también debe indicar la naturaleza de la información que va a hacer dada para la entrevista. Estos permisos deben ser mandados a la siguiente dirección: Division of Accreditation Operations, Organization Liaison, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Personas con permisos para una entrevista serán notificadas por la clínica de la fecha, tiempo, y lugar de la junta. Esta noticia necesita estar a vista de la gente de acuerdo con los requerimientos de la Comisión de Juntas. Fecha Puesta a la Vista: April 9, 2003.

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# DOWN THE STREET

By LEAH BELL  
Journal writer

Down the street this week, several folks responded to my request to share photos, information, emails, etc. from those serving in the Armed Forces. I'm glad to relay some of those items this week.

The first item on my agenda is to let DC 3 Charles M. Kessler know that Frank and Delma Espinoza here in Muleshoe support him and are praying for his quick return home.

Charles is the brother of Louis Kessler Jr. who lives here in Muleshoe. You may know Louis from Lowe's Marketplace.

Charles is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Winston S. Churchill. Before deploying, he was stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Charles has been in the Navy four years. He graduated from Sudan High School and lived in Lamb County 19 years before enlisting.

He and his wife, Christy, of Norfolk have two sons, Tyler, 2, and Jay, two months.

His parents are Louis Kessler and the late Boyce Kessler of Sudan. Besides Louis Jr., Charles has another brother, Joseph, who lives in Levelland; and a sister, Gloria, who lives in South Carolina.

Sue and Gerald Bond also forwarded some email from their son, Michael Woodard, sent to them from his ship in the Persian Gulf.

Michael is a corpsman aboard the USS Constellation, an aircraft carrier that has been in service since the Korean War. She's scheduled to be decommissioned after she returns home sometime in the next few months.

Michael was stationed in LeMoore, CA before his deployment in October. His wife of two years, Erin, and their seven month old daughter, Skylar, remain in LeMoore.

Michael went to school in Muleshoe until 1997 when he moved to Breckenridge to help take care of his grandfather.

He enlisted in the Navy Feb. 12, 2000. Skylar was only two months old.

Sue told me that she does get to communicate with Michael quite often and sends him packages with underwear, socks and homemade cookies as often as she can.

His deployment is scheduled to be up in May, but due to the current situation in Iraq, his reassignment to LeMoore may be delayed.

Sue and Gerald want everyone to know how proud they are of their son and the job he's doing for our country.

Here's a portion of Sue's March 17 email to Michael and his response to her:

Hey son!  
I am so proud of our nation and the Armed Forces right now. I am also scared of what will happen. I have all the faith in the world that we are well protected and safe. But you know your mother too well. I started crying just after the speech. A lot of reasons all at once. I will explain some other time.

Well, I need to go for now. I love you and miss you more. Dad says "Go Navy!" Love you, Mom.

Michael's response:  
Hey Mama,

Well, there really isn't anything I can tell you about what's going on out here that you don't already know.

But I do want you to know that if something happens to me, I love you very much and I will always be with you!!!! You raised me to fight for what I believed in and that's exactly what I have been doing.

You should have known that I would eventually join the military back in '91 when Saddam first started all this and I said that I wanted to come over here then. This is where God wants me to be and he led me here for a reason. Am I scared? You bet I

am!!! You also know me well enough to know that I never back down from a fight. LOL!!! (laugh out loud) I'm stubborn like that!!! LOL.

But if something does happen to me, I want you to look after Erin and Skylar for me and never let them forget how much that I love them. I made a promise to Erin last night that I would come



A view from the USS Winston S. Churchill

home alive to her and Sky and that's exactly what I intend to do!!!!

Well Mama, I have to get off of here for now. I don't know if I'll be able to write you back or not in the near future, but I will be able to read emails that you send to me.

He ends saying "I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!!!!" Love, Mike.

I asked Sue how long she thinks this war will last. She said, "As long as it takes. Until they get the job done."



Woodard

Upon discharge, Michael plans to attend Texas Tech and get a degree in sports medicine.

Sue said she appreciates everyone's prayers and support. Anyone who would like to send items to Michael can contact me at the Journal office at 272-4536.

Alice White is in the same boat as other mothers of soldiers fighting in Iraq. She's worried. She sleeps in spurts, never quite resting. She watches media broadcasts of the war, reads newspapers and listens to the radio just like all the other mothers. So, what makes Alice so different? She claims to have seen her son, Bruce Jose "BJ" Gonzales, in a TV report by Geraldo Rivera.

Although she hasn't been able to definitively prove it was BJ on the March 22 news report, she does know that he was part of the 82nd Airborne division Rivera was (before he got ousted) following through battle.

"A mother knows," she said. I asked her how she could be certain it was him among the hundreds (possibly thousands) of soldiers around Rivera.

"His smirky smile. He has this smirk on his face when he's embarrassed. Plus, I recognized his physique," she said.

Alice's last contact with BJ was March 19, right before he was deployed from Vicenza, Italy.

"He said bye to his sister, Kit; his brother-in-law, Beto; and the three little NeNes (Alice's grandkids).

BJ wasn't allowed to say where he was going during this last phone call. Being the sneaky mom that she is, Alice tried to coax him to tell her in Spanish. He just laughed and said, "These frequencies are being monitored

and they do know Spanish, Mom!"

He also told her when the war would be starting even before it was announced.

At this point, BJ asked her what she thought of the war and her response was short and to the point: War doesn't solve anything.

To which BJ replied, "This

of Iraq is simple — so that other young men and women won't be drafted and put themselves at risk doing the job. He wasn't drafted. He made the choice to join.



Gonzales

Further, Alice said that BJ wants other countries to know that they don't have to live like they do, scared and tortured. Freedom can save them.

During this last phone conversation, BJ told her that he may get hooked up the Special Forces in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, which is why she isn't positive that she saw BJ with the 82nd division. Alice isn't 100% sure which unit he's with, but believes with all her heart that she did see him on TV.

Alice's husband and former Journal editor, Rick White, isn't as positive as she is. He kids Alice about her "eagle" eyes.

"Rick told me that we should just send a bunch of moms over there to get the job done if all of us can see well enough to pick our own sons out of hundreds of soldiers who look just alike. With eyes like that, we shouldn't have any problems finding Hussein," Alice joked.

The 173rd was the division that took over the airport recently on the Northern Front, allowing much needed humanitarian supplies to get to the Iraqi people.

BJ graduated from MHS in

1999. He enlisted in 2000. His Army stint is scheduled to be up at the end of this month.

Alice hasn't heard from BJ since that last call. She has sent him several packages but doesn't know if he's received any of them.

She encourages everyone to drop off items for the troops at either First Bank, KMUL or Channel 6.

"They all need reminders from home," she said. "BJ shares his stuff with a soldier who's an only child and doesn't get anything from his parents. There are lots of soldiers who need things."

I asked Alice when she thought the war would be over. She said the fighting might end in July, but the efforts to rebuild Iraq and recover from the war might last for years.

Those of you who know Alice's husband, Rick, know that he isn't an overly-cuddly fellow. But I thought the last thing Rick said to BJ before he left was worth repeating.

Always, when BJ was in high school and lived with Rick and Alice, Rick would wait up for him and fall asleep on the recliner. When BJ came home,

he'd go to bed, grumbling all the way (according to Alice).

Rick's last words to BJ before he deployed — "I'll be waiting for you on the recliner."

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is saddened by the loss of a wonderful husband and a beloved father and grandfather. He is greatly missed. Our hearts are also full of gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love and support shown our family by the entire community. We wish to thank all of you for responding with beautiful flowers, wonderful food, phone calls, cards and for visiting with our family. Your kind response and love has helped our family in so many ways deal with such a great loss. With hearts full of love and gratitude, we thank all of you.

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