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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Belated luck is still luck

For nearly six months, Ruben and Michelle Montoya had no idea how lucky they were.

The Upland, Calif., couple struck it rich in September when a lottery ticket they bought hit all six numbers, but they didn't get around to checking the numbers until just hours before the ticket would have expired.

Michelle Montoya said she caught a news report about the unclaimed \$11 million prize. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "There was the guy I buy groceries from on TV."

That sent Ruben Montoya searching through a stack of old tickets until he found the one with the winning numbers.

### Customs won't be fooled

Miami customs agents said they selected Joel Calistan for a random search after he stepped off a plane from Haiti.

A search of his bags at Miami International Airport turned up nothing, but agents said Calistan appeared nervous and his story about a broken arm didn't sound quite right.

He eventually agreed to let the inspectors examine and drill into the cast, and the inside of the cast tested positive for cocaine.

The cast was removed at a local hospital, revealing 2.3 pounds of cocaine.

### Piece of thumb found in food

Federal officials have found three safety violations and fined the food company that services Barnstable (Mass.) High School \$9,450 after a small piece of a human thumb ended up in a sandwich.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration determined the partial digit belonged to a cafeteria worker who had accidentally severed the top of her thumb in a vegetable slicer Jan. 30. A student found the thumb in a turkey and tomato sandwich the next day.

Since the incident, workers have been given more training.



**Drawing date:** Wednesday, March 14  
**Winning numbers:** 7-21-33-46-50-53  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$8 million  
**Winners:** 0  
**Next drawing:** Saturday, March 17  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$11 million

### On this date in history

**March 15** — The provisional government of the Republic of Texas is adopted at Washington-on-the-Brazos (1836).

**March 16** — Texas Gov. Sam Houston refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States of America; on March 18, the Secession Convention replaces him with Lt. Gov. Edward Clark (1861).

**March 17** — The Texas Constitution is adopted before the convention adjourns to Harrisburg, fleeing before the Mexican army (1836).

### LOCAL WEATHER

Expect Sunday to begin the week with more showers, but after that, skies should partially clear through midweek. The forecast calls for a cool Sunday (high about 53), but warming to 67 Monday and 73 Tuesday before cooling slightly for the rest of the week. Morning lows should be below freezing Sunday (about 29), but are expected to be no lower than the mid-30s for the rest of the period.

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## Nursing-home completion now targeted for mid-July

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Officials from Lubbock's Greenstreet Construction and BGR Architects-Engineers told the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board on Thursday that the expected completion date for the new nursing home is now mid-July.

Bad weather during the winter has slowed the work by only a few days, the project representatives said.

"The work is going very well — the progress is good," said Coda Stephenson Jr. of BGR.

The framing and the concrete work are mostly done, he added. The insulation that was installed exceeds what was specified, and the brick being used on the exterior meets or exceeds specifications, he said.

Board members also heard presentations from representatives of

three companies interested in supplying furniture for the residents' rooms.

Each was given 10 minutes in which to make a presentation. Board members are to study the materials left by the companies and make a decision later.

Board member Arline Phelps said that in regard to furnishing the rooms, "The No. 1 concern is the bed and how it functions. I think

that decision needs to be made first, and then everything else will fall into place."

District administrator Jim Bone introduced board members to Dr. Thomas Smith, whose contract was presented for board approval.

The board also approved two other additions to the medical staff — Dr. Felipe Jubay, who has an established practice in Friona, and Dr. Robert Bannister.

## Confusion mars image of planned detention center

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Some citizens of Bailey County apparently are misinformed about some aspects of the proposed prison project being courted by the county.

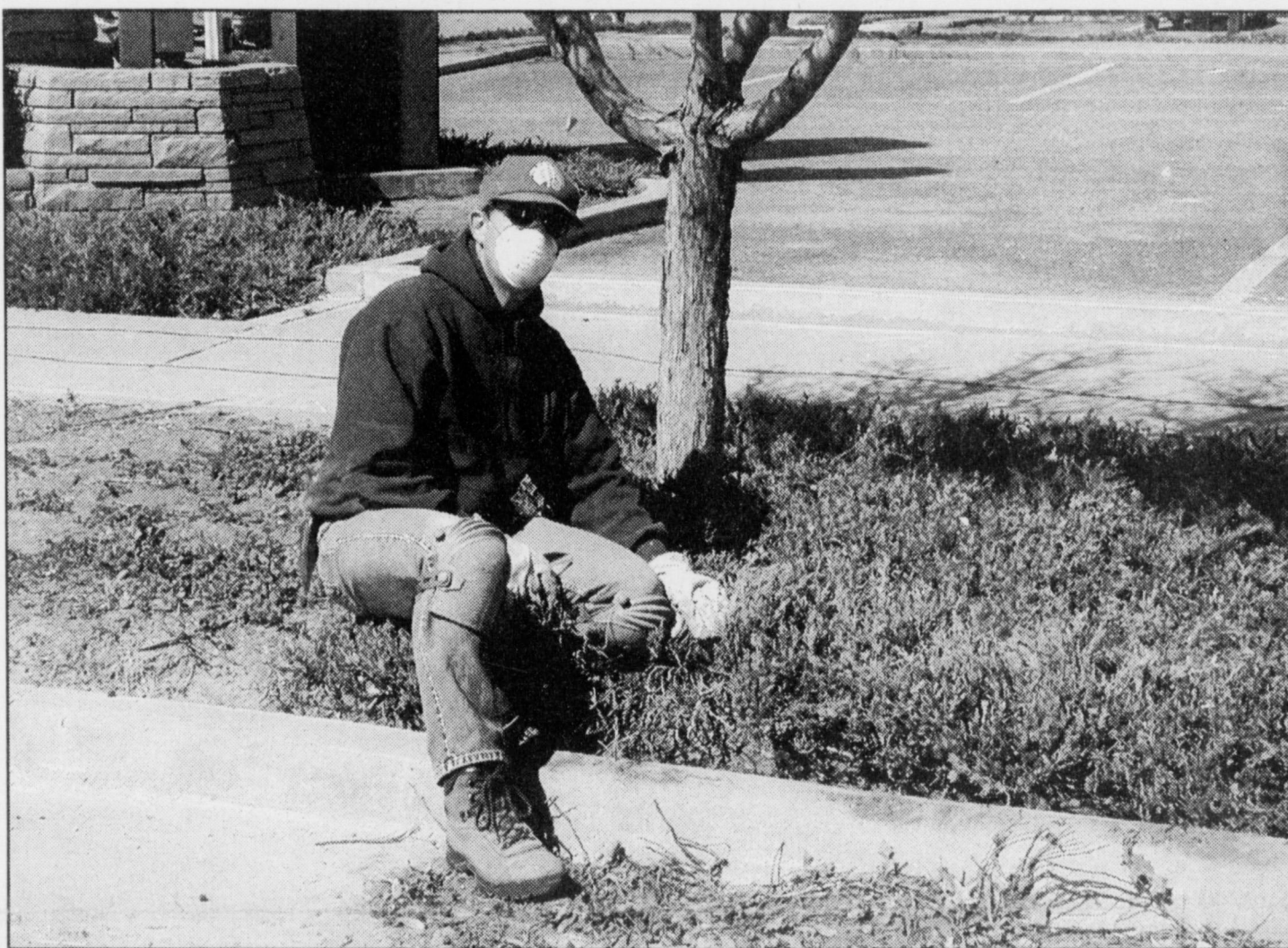
At least one resident has come by the *Journal* office questioning why the county is pursuing the project in light of problems with a new juvenile detention center at Littlefield.

The two projects are apples and oranges.

As has been reported from the start, the Bailey County project would not require any taxpayer funds, which were obligated in Littlefield.

Bailey County's proposal would be funded privately, then operated under a lease-purchase agreement with the county and eventually would become county property.

In the meantime, it would provide jobs and county revenue.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morn

### Cleaning up a little early

Danny May gives a new look to the First National Bank landscaping on Friday, getting a few days' jump on the citywide cleanup scheduled for March 19-23. Details on what items the city will pick up and which ones are prohibited can be found in *Around Muleshoe* on page 2.

## Crop disaster funds begin trip through mail

### SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced Friday that payments under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop Disaster Program were beginning.

More than \$1.1 billion is scheduled to be distributed.

About 450,000 applications from 160,000 farmers have been approved, she said, and more are expected.

"American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low (commodity) prices, and in many cases, the effects of natural disasters," Veneman said. "These payments will assist farmers in this difficult time."

Signup for the program began Jan. 18. Farmers should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency county office to file an application.

To be eligible under this program, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000-year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers should receive payment soon after approval of their applications.

The deadline for applying will be announced later.

The program is funded under the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001. More than \$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments were issued under the program last year.

Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said farmers and their lenders can rely on payment equaling 100 percent of the eligible production loss determined by the Farm Service Agency.

Congress provided "such sums as may be necessary" without the pro-rate factor previously tying payment to the number eligible.

More information on this and other USDA programs is available by contacting local Farm Service Agency offices.

### Mule debaters tops at state

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe High School debaters captured two of the top three positions in Class AAA last week in the state debate finals in Austin.

Westin Price, son of Arnold and Kristy Price, was voted the No. 1 Class AAA debater in the state.

Rocky DeHoyos, son of Mario and Mary Jane Hoyos, came in third in the voting.

The honors capped off a perfect 8-0 season for the debate team.

## Meeting to address prairie-dog proposal

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The proposed conservation and management plan for the black-tailed prairie dog will be the subject a March 22 meeting at Texas Tech's Ranching Heritage Center.

The 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. meeting will be to present the plan to member of the Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Working Group and other groups that have worked on it.

Components of the plan include a scientific see **PRAIRIE DOG** on page 2



Journal photo: Leah Bell

### Capital punishment

Carcasses of coyotes decorate a fence near the Lazbuddie Cemetery. A total of 10 hang on the property, farmed by Royce Barnes and owned by Billy Bob Sherley. Residents are reminded that Texas requires them to buy a hunting license in order to kill coyotes, even on their own property.



## AROUND MULESHOE

### Spiritual Awakening Seminar set

A Spiritual Awakening Seminar has been scheduled for 7 p.m. March 22-25 at the First Assembly of God, 521 S. First.

The minister will be the Rev. Brad Allen, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durant, Okla.

More information is available by calling 272-3017.

### Citywide cleanup starts Monday

The city of Muleshoe is sponsoring a community cleanup campaign March 19-23.

Beginning Monday, the city will pick up items residents have placed in the alleys, including brush and yard waste, furniture and appliances, and construction materials.

Items that will not be picked up include batteries, oil filters, paint containers, tires and chemicals.

More information is available by calling 272-4528.

### 3-on-3 basketball tournament set

Lazbuddie senior parents have scheduled The Lazbuddie Shootout, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, for April 20-21 in the high school gymnasium.

The entry fee is \$50 per four-member team, and the entry deadline is April 12.

Brackets will be completed as soon as possible and mailed to team captains. Divisions include elementary, junior high, high school, adult and coed (two men, two women).

More information is available by contacting Debbie Weir at 965-2302, Sarah Black at 965-2149 or any member of the Lazbuddie senior class.

Completed entry forms accompanied by a check or money order should be mailed to Lazbuddie High School, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie 79053 (telephone 965-2152).

### Deadline to pull meters is March 30

Bailey County Electric Cooperative has notified its members that farmers must request that electric meters on irrigation wells be pulled no later than March 30 in order to avoid the on-peak demand charge. The meters may be replaced no earlier than Aug. 31.

The charge is \$22.80 per horsepower.

There will be no exceptions to the March 30 deadline, according to a flyer mailed to customers with this month's billing.

### Public calendar

**March 20** — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in the council chambers at City Hall.

**March 21** — 5 p.m. Deadline for candidates to file in the May 5 election for Muleshoe City Council, Muleshoe School Board, Lazbuddie School Board, Three Way School Board and Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board.

**March 22** — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe Independent School District drawing for candidates' positions on the May 5 election ballot, in the district's administrative offices, 514 W. Avenue G.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

### PRAIRIE DOG

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assessment of current conditions, science-based recommendations for conservation and recovery of the species, and identification of "realistic management strategies."

The plan, in the works since 1999, also contains recommendations for conservation of prairie ecosystems.

The working group also is recommending the develop-

ment of educational programs in support of conservation and management efforts.

The plan is designed to be flexible enough to respond to changing conditions in the status of the animal's populations in Texas or in the surrounding social and economic environment, and to preclude the need for listing the species under the Endangered Species Act.

## Texas state police modify trainee qualifications

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Correctional officers and jailers with two years of service now meet the experience qualifications for trooper-trainee positions with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jailer experience is defined as time as a full-time paid employee performing jailer duties in a position that requires a license as a certified Texas jailer or its equivalent in another state.

Correctional officer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid correctional officer for the federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the equivalent in another state.

Applicants with at least 60 hours of college or two years of law enforcement or military service also will meet the minimum experience qualifications.

The department will accept applications for the next six-month recruit school — which begins Sept. 3 — through April 16 for out-of-state applicants and through April 27 for Texas residents.

Anyone interested in applying should contact the nearest DPS office for more information and an application packet.

Information also is available on the Internet at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

"Diversity is a priority at DPS, and we're encouraging minorities and women to apply," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., the DPS director.

"This is a chance to make a difference by being part of a law enforcement agency known to be one of the best in the nation."

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen and at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees, of good moral character, and meet certain vision requirements.

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUI, family violence or felony will automatically disqualify applicants.

The screening process will include verification of written and oral statements and a thorough background check.

Written exams, physical agility, psychological and drug testing also are required.

Graduates initially are assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services.

After gaining experience, troopers may apply for a variety of assignments including

promotion to supervisory positions; assignments such as aircraft, training and recruiting,

and many criminal investigation positions, including the Texas Rangers.



Laurie Winchell

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Laurie is replacing Wanda Brown due to Wanda's retirement. We all wish Wanda a happy retirement. Laurie and her husband, Darin, have two children.

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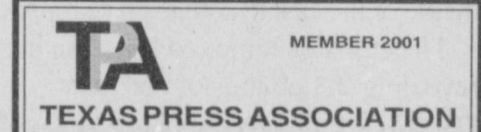
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### Clovis reception to honor artists

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

*Vibrant Elders: A Community of New Mexico Artists* will host a reception in Clovis Community College's Windows Gallery at 10 a.m. (Mountain time) March 30 to honor several area artists.

Honorees will include Anne Bingham, Lucille Bradburn, Shirley Ford, Oleta Fay Hays, Jackie Hinderliter, Dorothy Franklin, Jill Mounts Marcelli, Ingrid McNamara, Joy

Pattison, Ginnie Siefert and Marie Tidwell.

Jerry Bumpass, director of the New Mexico Governor's Gallery, and Marcia Medina from the State Agency on Aging will be on campus to judge the accompanying exhibit.

Mary Kay Todd of Clovis will assist with the judging.

They will select several pieces to hang in the Governor's Gallery or the Capitol Rotunda through July 13.

### Antique tractor show scheduled

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is scheduled to host the Ollie Liner Antique Tractor Show in Plainview on March 24-25.

The event is to be held at the Ollie Liner Center.

Exhibits are to begin arriving on Friday afternoon, and the show is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. A parade of tractors is scheduled for 2 p.m. each day.

There will be antique tractors, antique farm machinery,

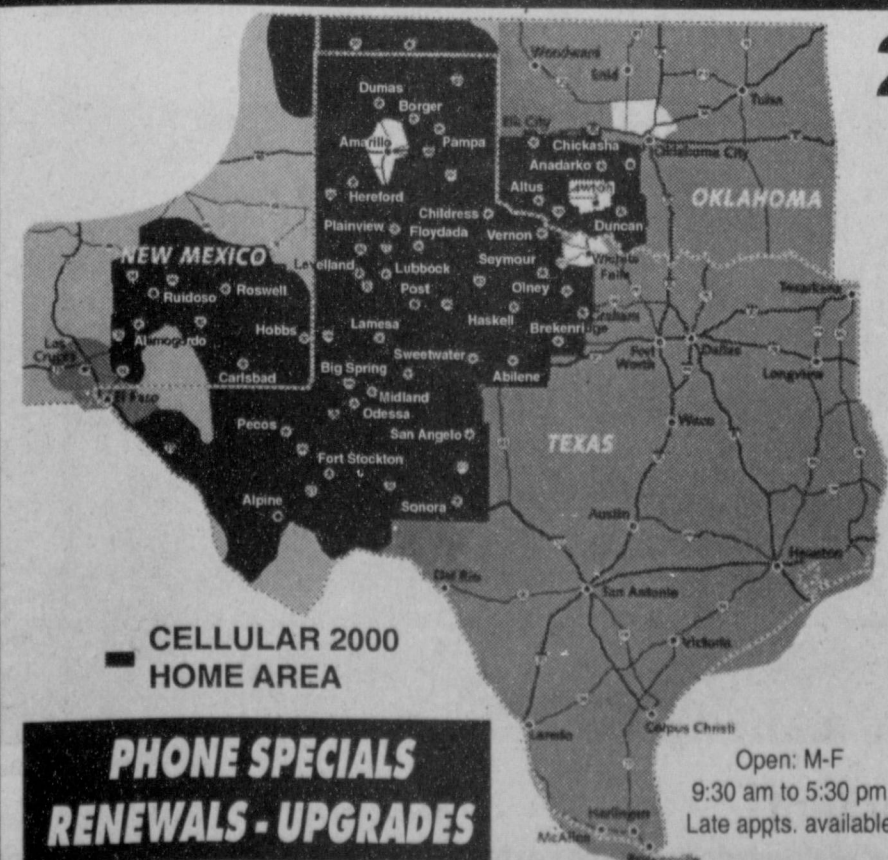
stationary engines, miniatures and more on display.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.

Concessions will be available courtesy of the Hale County Farm and Ranch Association.

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is made up of collectors from throughout Texas' northern plains, South Plains and Rolling Plains, plus a few from Eastern New Mexico.

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## Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 16th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2000. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2001.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2001 renditions is April 16. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 16 deadline.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

**BAILEY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
302 Main Street • Muleshoe, Texas  
(806) 272-5501

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Comptroller's Property Tax Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, TX 78711-3528



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter recently written to this newspaper from Ben Martínez, a resident of Salt Lake City and former resident of Muleshoe.

On behalf of United Supermarkets and Muleshoe store director Mike Holt, I want to begin by thanking both Mr. Martínez for writing his letter and the *Bailey County Journal* for printing it.

Though I was saddened and embarrassed to learn of his recent experience in our store, I was nonetheless grateful for the opportunity United now has to address issues in our operation in hopes of keeping future customers from en-

countering similar disappointment.

United Supermarkets is an 85-year-old company that has built its business on one main concept: service. Unfortunately, it appears that we owe Mr. Martínez and all of our customers a sincere apology for not living up to our end of the bargain.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Muleshoe and its surrounding communities, and we take very seriously our responsibility to offer our customers superior food, value and service.

I do not know how many others were provided with inadequate levels of service on the day Mr. Martínez came to

shop, nor do I know how many customers before or since walked away from a trip to our store unsatisfied. To all of you, though, I want to say that United Supermarkets does not accept being average, let alone below average, in any aspect of our operation.

We are truly sorry to all of you who have received less than our best in the past, and we pledge to you that you will receive our best in the future.

As a part of the Muleshoe community, we are charged with living up to the highest standards of service so that we might be a productive part of creating a stronger community for all.

Every member of our Mule-

shoe team, both at the store and the supervisory levels, is committed to examining our entire operation; and it is my sincere hope that any customer who has input, suggestions or observations will not hesitate to bring them either to Mike Holt, a member of store management or me.

We will be working tirelessly to bring you the finest service you have ever received. We thank all of you who have shopped with us over the past year and a half; we are grateful for your trust and your business.

**MATT BUMSTEAD**  
Vice President, Customer and Community Service  
United Supermarkets

## SCHOOL MENUS

### MULESHOE JR./SR. HIGH

March 19

**Breakfast** — Breakfast pizza, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Hamburger, baked potato with roll, super sack lunch (ham), french fries, ranch-style beans, fruit cocktail, juice and milk.

**Line two** — Soft tacos, chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, juice and milk.

March 20

**Breakfast** — Doughnut, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Turkey with gravy, super sack lunch (turkey), chicken nuggets with roll, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, peaches, juice and milk.

**Line two** — Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, juice and milk.

March 21

**Breakfast** — Breakfast burrito, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Grilled cheese sandwich, chef salad with roll, super sack lunch (turkey), baked Tater Tots, broccoli, brownies, juice and milk.

**Line two** — Chicken fajitas, burrito, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, juice and milk.

March 22

**Breakfast** — Sausage biscuit, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Sloppy Joe on a bun, super sack lunch (ham), cheeseburger, french fries, green beans, corn, apple slices, juice and milk.

**Line two** — Corn dog, baked Tater Tots, vegetable soup, fruit cocktail, juice and milk.

March 23

**Breakfast** — Breakfast on a stick, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Fish nuggets with roll, baked potato with roll, super sack lunch (ham), cheesy macaroni, peaches, chocolate chip cookie, juice and milk.

**Line two** — Pepperoni pizza, cheese, pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, juice and milk.

**MULESHOE ELEMENTARY**

March 19

**Breakfast** — Pig in a blanket, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Sausage pizza, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, mixed vegetables, pears, chocolate chip cookies, juice and milk.

March 20

**Breakfast** — Cinnamon roll, French-toast stick, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice

and milk.

**Lunch** — Chicken nuggets with roll, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apple cobbler, juice and milk.

March 21

**Breakfast** — Breakfast taco, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Corn dog, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, baked Tater Tots, green beans, pears, juice and milk.

March 22

**Breakfast** — Scrambled eggs with bacon, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Lasagna, rolls, baked potato with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, peas and carrots, chef salad with roll birthday cake, juice and milk.

March 23

**Breakfast** — Waffles, French-toast sticks, pancakes, assorted cereal with toast, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Fish nuggets with roll, chef salad with roll, peanut-butter and jelly sandwich, cheesy macaroni, broccoli, apple slices, juice and milk.

THREE WAY

March 19

**Breakfast** — Waffles, ham syrup, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, ranch-style beans, pears and milk.

March 20

**Breakfast** — Doughnuts, sausage, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, hot roll, chocolate pudding and milk.

March 21

**Breakfast** — Ham, hash browns, toast with jelly, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, corn, peach cobbler, garlic bread and milk.

March 22

**Breakfast** — Sausage biscuit with cheese, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Steak fingers, macaroni and cheese, corn, jalapeño bread, spiced apple and milk.

March 23

**Breakfast** — Malt-o-Meal, cinnamon toast, cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk.

**Lunch** — Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, salad, crackers, fruit and milk.

LAZBUDDIE

Not available.

## TOPS NEWS

Laverne James opened the March 15 meeting and presided over it. The meeting was held at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, the regular meeting site.

The opening song, "The Slimmer We'll Be," and "The Goodnight Song" were led by Alma Robertson.

Joline Miller read the previous

week's minutes in the absence of Secretary Janie Hughes. The minutes were approved as read.

Fifteen members were present for the weigh-in conducted by Betty Jo Davis, weight-recorder. Polly Otwell assisted in the weigh-in.

Ruth Clements was the best loser and Anna Bales was the first

runner-up. Otwell and Cheryl de Graffenreid tied for second runner-up.

Molly Davis, points contest chairperson for Side I, announced that her team had 505 points for the week. The grand total for Side I is 3,105 points.

Side II had a total of 530 points for the meeting for a grand total

of 2,710. Chairperson for Side II is Linda White.

James announced that the installation of officers will be March 29.

The next TOPS No. 34 meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 22 at the regular site. As always, visitors are welcome.

## Federal livestock assistance available

Livestock producers in Bailey County and surrounding counties are among those approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Livestock Assistance Program.

The program, administered by the Farm Service Agency, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000.

For drought-related losses, benefits are available in counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period during the 2000 crop year.

In order to be eligible, individual producers also must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months because of a natural disaster during 2000.

Eligible livestock includes beef and

dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

Most of Texas (240 of the 254 coun-

ties) was approved for the disaster assistance.

More information on the program is available from the local Farm Service Agency office, 272-4538, or on the Internet at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm).

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## How's This for a Pastoral Search Committee Report?

A colleague recently shared the following "Pastoral Search Committee Report" across the Internet. I hope you enjoy it:

The committee regrets that we do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still.... The following is our confidential report on the candidates.

Adam: Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference reported that Adam and his wife

a single widow at his former church. Hosea: A tender and loving pastor but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.

Deborah: Female. Jeremiah: Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting things, and reported to have taken a long trip to bury his underwear on the bank of a foreign river.

Isaiah: On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.

Jonah: Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by being swallowed by a large fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

Amos: Too backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise, but has a hang-up against wealthy people—might fit better in a poor congregation.

John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

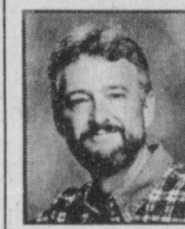
Peter: Too blue collar. Bad temper—has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, but a loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and a fascinating preacher. Short, however, on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh, and has been known to preach all night.

Timothy: Too young. Jesus: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5,000 he managed to offend them all and the church dwindled down to 12 people. Seldom stays in one place very long. No wife.

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



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"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Ron Spies, representing Hunter-Douglas Window Fashions in Broomfield, Colo., will show some of the newest samples of window treatments featuring blinds.

Tamsen Salvador, representing Pacific Northwest Canned Pears, will demonstrate some quick and elegant dessert recipes that call for canned pears.

Olga Puzas and Bob Rosenberger, representing PartyLite Gifts Inc. in Plymouth, Mass., will show and discuss some of the newest candle trends.

Information on prairie points, adding spice to foods, and making illusionary bars will be featured March 20 at 10:30 p.m. and March 22 at 1 p.m.

Pat de Santis, representing Wm. Wrights Co. in West Warren, Mass., will show the new "by the yard" prairie points that are ready to work with.

Marcie Rothman, a cookbook author from Los Angeles, will share ideas for spicing up ordinary foods for an extraordinary taste.

Patsy Shields of Sellersburg, Ind., representing Sulky of

America, will show how to make illusionary bars that can be used on clothing or home-decorating items.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink of Albuquerque.

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## HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

**March 8** — Miguel R. Acevedo, Anita Alonzo, Cynthia Coberley, Arthur Gast, Edgar Gutiérrez, Tommy A. Haley, Ramón Mendoza III, Trinidad Ramírez, Manuela Rejino, Thomas Scaff, Loy D. Stanberry, Kenneth Thomas and Elvira D. Trevino.

**March 9** — Miguel R. Acevedo, Anita Alonzo, Cynthia Coberley, Rebecca Espinoza, Arthur Gast, Edgar Gutiérrez, Tommy A. Haley, C. Mahaney, Dolores C. Orozco, Trinidad Ramírez, Manuela Rejino and Elvira D. Trevino.

**March 10** — No patients reported.

**March 11** — No patients reported.

**March 12** — Cynthia Coberley, Tommy A. Haley, Elizabeth K. Hudson, Miguel A. Medina Jr., Grace Plyler and Derek Purdy.

**March 13** — Cynthia Coberley, Melvin N. Goar, Tommy A. Haley, Miguel A.

Medina Jr., Trinidad Navejar, Grace Plyler, Dorena S. Proudfoot and Rosa C. Villa.

**March 14** — Cynthia Coberley, Juana Galindo, Melvin N. Goar, Tommy A. Haley, Miguel A. Medina Jr., Trinidad Navejar, Grace Plyler and Dorena Proudfoot.

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## OBITUARIES

### R.T. RUSH

Services were held Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe for R.T. Rush, 54, of Stamford, Texas. The Rev. Curtis Cadenhead officiated. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Temple Baptist Church in Stamford. Burial will be in Bailey County Cemetery.

Mr. Rush was born Feb. 24, 1947, in Gorman, Texas. He died Friday at the Veterans Medical Center in Dallas.

He married Gayle Cody in Muleshoe on April 16, 1969. She died March 25, 1998. He then married Mary Boyd in Las Vegas, Nev., on Oct. 1, 2000.

He was a 1965 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He moved to Stamford in 1980 from Abernathy. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a truck driver for Duncan Disposal Co. for more than 30 years.

Mr. Rush is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, R.T. Jr. and Starla Rush of Euless, Texas; his mother, Geneva Rush of Clovis; three sisters, Manda Cadenhead of Abilene, Darlene Rush of Amarillo and Michelle Chadwick of Farwell; six brothers, Dwayne Rush of Lubbock, Mickey Rush and Stacy Rush, both of Clovis, David Rush of Texico, Gaylon Rush of Lawton, Okla., and Wesley Rush of Widner, Ga.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tonya Danielle, in 1975 and a brother, Randy, in 1982.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society (3411 73rd St., Lubbock 79423).

### FRANCES NIX

Graveside services were held Saturday at Enochs Cemetery for Frances Nix, 77, of Enochs. The Rev. Clarence Tedder officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Nix was born April 7, 1923, at Red Springs, Texas. She died Thursday in the Floydada Nursing Home.

She married Truman Nix on Feb. 14, 1941, in Seymour, Texas. They moved from Seymour to Amherst in 1948, to Littlefield in 1960 and to Enochs in 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Littlefield.

Mrs. Nix is survived by her husband; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly and Dennis Turney of Enochs and Teresa Nix of Garland, Texas; two grandchildren, Melinda Locke and Monty Turney; and two great-grandchildren, Chelsea Locke and Branden Locke.

The family suggests memorials to the Enochs Cemetery Association (Enochs, Texas 79324).

### GENE PAYNE

Graveside services were held Friday in the Strip-Pearce Chapel Cemetery at Abernathy for Gene Payne, 71, of Abernathy. The Rev.

Billy Parmer officiated

Avell Funeral Home of Abernathy handled arrangements.

Mr. Payne was born Sept. 5, 1929, in Floyd County, Texas. He died Tuesday at home.

He married Eva Doyce Dobson on July 2, 1969, in Muleshoe. He was employed by Bamert Seed Co. in Muleshoe until his retirement in 1992. They moved to Abernathy from Muleshoe in 1993.

He was a Baptist.

Mr. Payne is survived by his wife; two sons, Larry Payne of Graham, Texas, and Barry Payne of San Antonio; two daughters, Janice Payne of Lubbock and Laura Strawbridge of Graham; three stepdaughters, Betty Carolyn Springer and Clois Marie Reynolds, both of Abernathy, and Norma Whisenhunt of Orange, Texas; a stepson, Archie Dale Cody of California; a brother, C.J. Payne of Kingsland, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### HALBERT HARVEY

Services were held Thursday at the Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock for Halbert Harvey, 82, of Lubbock. The Rev. Truman Johnson officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

He was a 1936 graduate of Sudan High School and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a farmer.

He married Jean Harvey in Wagon Mound, N.M., on Dec. 6, 1953.



Payne

He was a member of Broadview Baptist Church in Lubbock, where he was recognized as a deacon emeritus. For many years, he had served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Sudan and also was a past member of the Sudan School Board.

He moved to Lubbock in 1998 from Sudan, where he had lived since 1925.

Mr. Harvey is survived by his wife; two sons, Ryan Dale Harvey of San Angelo and Dennis L. Harvey of Lubbock; and a daughter, Cheryl G. Harvey of Ajloun, Jordan.

Casket bearers were Gaylon Burns, Jerry Bellar, Theron Hill, Darren Provence, James Synatschek and John Humphreys. Honorary bearers were Pat Kent and Bud Provence.

The family suggests memorials to the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230).

### MILDRED BURRESON

Services were held Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Mildred Burreson, 83, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Randy Tucker officiated. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Mrs. Burreson was born April 4, 1917, in Hamilton County, Texas. She died Sunday at home.

She married Robert Bruce Burreson in Farwell on March 15, 1936. He died July 2, 1992.

She was a member of Richland Hills Baptist Church and worked for 26 years as a cook at West Plains Hospital, now known as Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She worked until the age of 70.

While in high school, she played on a basketball team that made it to the state tournament.

Mrs. Burreson is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Micheal Leon Burreson of Hereford and Stanley Ray and Nita Burreson of Brownfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Don Taylor of Muleshoe; two sisters, Marie Harbert of Clifton, Texas, and Leva Bankston of Dallas; eight grandchildren, Sherrie Nichols, Barbara Meyer, Jason Burreson, Jeri Lynne Burreson, Tim Burreson, Jarrod Burreson, Stephanie Burreson and Michael Burreson; and six great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Lure Burreson, in 1946.

The family suggests memorials to the David Dale Seaton Memorial Scholarship Fund (c/o Jimmy Dale Seaton, Route 3, Box 936, Muleshoe 79347).

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### Students meet the president

This group of students from Muleshoe High School's Teen Leadership class earned enough points during the year to participate in a tour of the state capitol building, Senate and House chambers and to meet then-Gov. George W. Bush. From left (back row), they are Cris Baker, Casey Hall, Arther Esquivel and Daniel Patterson; (front row) Tommie Hernández, teacher Mayme McElroy, Kinsee Estep, Bush, Adrian Ashford, Marissa Buenrostro and Don McElroy. The group also had a picture taken with House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center.

## State honors black agricultural leaders

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture honored 10 outstanding African-American agricultural leaders in Texas during Black History Month in February.

"African-Americans make outstanding contributions to Texas agriculture, our state's second-largest industry," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "TDA was proud to recognize these 10 leaders for their steadfast dedication and enterprising approach to agriculture."

Honored at a Feb. 21 ceremony were:

- Winford Bowie, a rancher in Smith County. Bowie is involved in the East Texas State Fair, the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club and the Texas Landowners Association. His farm and ranch have been in his family for 109 years. He has long studied market demand for cattle and developed a successful management program to meet that demand;

- Tony Brackens Sr., a rancher in Freestone County. As the first African-American elected to the Fairfield City Council and a former mayor, Brackens is a full-time rancher. He started ranching in 1974 on 12 acres, which has grown to 1,600 acres. He uses computer technology to evaluate his operation and compile data, and uses cutting-edge equipment to cut and bale hay. Brackens is involved in the Freestone County Extension Program and the Freestone County Farm Bureau;

- Charles Brown, a rancher in Robertson County. A former coach and recruiter, Brown now raises registered Brahman cattle and crossbred cattle. He is involved in the Texas Brahman Breeders Association, the Robertson County Beef Improvement Association and the Robertson County Farm Bureau. He also is a deacon at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston and is involved in Promise Keepers;

- Earl Campbell, rancher and businessman in Travis and Smith counties. Campbell, a Heisman Trophy winner, is recognized as one of the most notable running backs in college football history. Upon graduating from the University of Texas in 1977, he was the No. 1 draft pick by the Houston Oilers. Campbell now raises registered and crossbred cattle;

- Ed Clines from Harris County. Clines is president of the Texas Landowners Association, which is made up of African-American farmers and ranchers dedicated to agricultural education. The group also raises money for scholarships for students to study agriculture on the college level. The association coordinates tours of Texas farms and ranches for inner-city children in an effort to expose them to agriculture;

- Alfonso Dotson, a vineyard operator in McCulloch County. As one of only two African-Americans in the United States operating commercial vineyards, Dotson is a well-known and successful Texas producer. He is involved in his community and dedicated to working with young athletes. His operation is called Certenberg Vineyards;

- JD Jacobs, rancher and businessman in Rockwall County. Jacobs owns and operates 18-

wheeler trucks that travel cross-country as well as interstate trucks that haul construction material. With more than 2,200 acres of cotton, corn, grain sorghum and wheat and a ranch with more than 500 head of cattle, he is an active agricultural producer;

- Willis "Red" Kitchen, rancher in Houston County. Kitchen, a lifelong rancher raising registered Brangus bulls and commercial crossbred cattle, is recognized for running a high-tech operation. Nearly all his cattle are sold by video online nationally and internationally. Kitchen has received several local and state awards for his cattle, as well as ranching awards from *Texas Highways* and the *Dallas Morning News*;

- Guy Manning, another rancher in Freestone County. A former professional basketball player, Manning raises registered Charolais bulls and commercial crossbred cattle, an

## REBEKAHS

Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge met March 13 for its weekly meeting. Lodge was called to order by Noble Grand Bonita Drennan.

Chaplain Patsy Chance opened with a prayer. Eleven members answered roll call.

Joyeline Costen, Berni Marts and Drennan brought the refreshments.

Under sickness and distress reports, members were told that Linda McGonagill will be coming home soon if she continues to improve. Ruby Garner was not feeling well, Bernice Holdeman was in a Lubbock hospital, Trinidad Ramirez was admitted to the Muleshoe hospital and Carol Kennemer will be having surgery next week.

Some members will go to Midland next week for the Rebekah Assembly of Texas.

Vice Grand Sylvia Kennemer closed the meeting with the Rebekah Creed and the singing of "An Evening Prayer."

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## BIRTH

### FUENTES

Rick and Sylvia Fuentes of Littlefield are the parents of a daughter, Natalie Nicole Fuentes, born at 11:15 p.m. March 14 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

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This year's contestants will appear in the April 15 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2000 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$12 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$12 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 16, 2001. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

Enter any child born in 2000 - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

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

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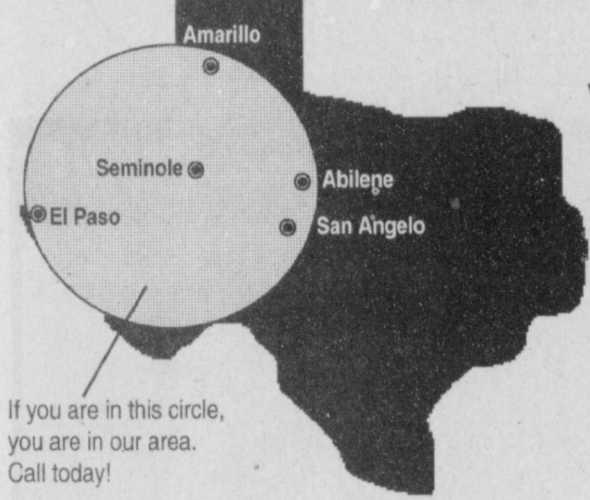
plus Property", and submitted to the County Judge's office no later than Monday, April 9, 2001, at 10:00 A.M. All items will be sold "AS IS". The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. A complete listing of all items to be sold may be picked up at the County

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POINT CUT BAR S <b>CORNED BEEF BRISKET</b> .....	LB	\$1 <sup>39</sup>
BAR S <b>MEAT FRANKS</b> .....	12 OZ. PKG	2/ <sup>51</sup>
OSCAR MAYER MEAT <b>RED RIND BOLOGNA OR COTTO SALAMI</b> .....	1 LB. PKG	2/ <sup>53</sup>

## PRODUCE

GARDEN FRESH GREEN <b>CABBAGE</b> .....	LB	10¢
FRESH <b>COLLARD, MUSTARD OR TURNIP GREEN</b> .....	LB	2/ <sup>51</sup>
FRESH RED RIPE SALAD SIZE <b>TOMATOES</b> .....	LB	89¢
TROPICAL <b>KIWI FRUIT</b> .....		5/ <sup>51</sup>

## FROZEN & DAIRY

BLUE BUNNY SELECT GROUP PREMIUM YOGURT OR <b>ICE CREAM</b> .....	1/2 GAL. ROUND	2/ <sup>56</sup>
ASSTD. VARIETIES SHEDD'S SPREAD <b>COUNTRY CROCK</b> .....	48 OZ. TUBS	3/ <sup>55</sup>
SELECT GROUP <b>JENO'S PIZZA</b> .....	7.2-8.1 OZ.	77¢
SELECT GROUP <b>HOT/LEAN POCKETS OR TOASTER BREAKS</b> ....	9-12.9 OZ.	2/ <sup>54</sup>
SELECT GROUP 20-32 OZ. <b>ORE-IDA POTATOES</b> ...	YOUR CHOICE	3/ <sup>55</sup>
FISHER BOY <b>FISH STICKS</b> .....	24 OZ.	\$2 <sup>99</sup>
SELECT GROUP <b>CRISCO OIL</b> .....	48 OZ. BTL	3/ <sup>55</sup>
OIL/WATER PACK CHUNK LIGHT <b>STAR-KIST TUNA</b> .....	6 OZ. CAN	2/ <sup>88</sup> ¢
RUFFLES® <b>POTATO CHIPS</b> .....	PRE-PRICED \$3.19	2/ <sup>54</sup>
SELECT GROUP • 20 OZ. HONEY NUT SHREDDED WHEAT • 17.2 OZ. SPOON SIZE SHREDDED WHEAT • 19 OZ. FROSTED SHREDDED WHEAT • 16 OZ. HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS • 16 OZ. HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS W/ALMONDS <b>POST CEREAL</b> .....	YOUR CHOICE	2/ <sup>54</sup>
SELECT GROUP <b>RANCH STYLE BEANS</b> .....	15 OZ.	2/ <sup>51</sup>

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Here's How It Works!

Lowe's is giving you deep discounts on many of the items you purchase everyday! For each dollar you spend at Lowe's, we will give you a point. After 50 points (or \$50), you will receive a Lowe's X-tra Savings Reward Coupon. This coupon can then be redeemed for deep discounts on selected items.

Each month, Lowe's will select from our most popular items in the store and deeply discount them for our X-tra Savings Reward Coupon holders. Present your coupon and receive incredible savings on selected items.

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• Each Dollar You Spend Is Worth ONE (1) Point. • After you earn 50 points, you will receive a Lowe's X-tra Savings

### Reward Coupon

• Use your Lowe's X-tra Savings Reward Coupon to get deep discounts on one of the selected items.  
• Only ONE (1) item can be purchased with each Reward Coupon. • Items will be changed monthly.

3 LITER  
**COCA-COLA  
OR PEPSI** .....

1¢

BTL..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

7 LB.  
**BAG OF  
ICE** .....

1¢

BAG..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

SHUR SAVING  
**ALL  
PURPOSE  
FLOUR** .....

1¢

25 LB. BAG..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

SELECT GROUP SHURFINE  
**CHUNK  
CHEESE** .....

1¢

16 OZ. PKG..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

PILGRIM'S PRIDE  
**LARGE  
EGGS** .....

1¢

18 CT. CTN..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

RUSSET  
**POTATOES** .....

1¢

15 LB. BAG..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

CASA DE LOWE'S  
**TORTILLA CHIPS  
OR SALSA** .....

1¢

YOUR CHOICE..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

HONEY BOY  
**PINK  
SALMON** .....

1¢

14.7 OZ. CAN..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

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SELECT GROUP  
**FOLGERS  
COFFEE** .....

1¢

11.5-13 OZ. CAN..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

SPLIT TOP WHEAT, WHEAT OR WHITE  
**LOWE'S  
SANDWICH  
BREAD** .....

1¢

24 OZ. LOAF..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

ASSTD. VARIETIES OWENS  
**BREAKFAST  
SAUSAGE** .....

1¢

1 LB. ROLL..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

AVOMEX  
**GUACAMOLE** .....

1¢

1 LB. PKG..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

ASSTD.  
**LOWE'S  
SOFT DRINKS** .....

1¢

12 PACK CANS..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

ALL VARIETIES  
**LOWE'S &  
SHURFINE  
MILK** .....

1¢

GALLON..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

SELECT VARIETIES • 15 OZ. FRUIT LOOPS • 15 OZ.  
APPLE JACKS • 17.6 OZ. SUGAR SMACKS • 15 OZ.  
RAISIN BRAN • 15.1 OZ. HONEY CRUNCH CORN  
FLAKES • 10.9 OZ. CORN POPS • 18 OZ. CORN FLAKES  
**KELLOGG'S  
CEREAL** .....

1¢

YOUR CHOICE..... (with 1 Reward Coupon)

ANY MARKET WRAPPED  
**PACKAGE  
OF MEAT** .....

\$2 OFF

WITH A VALUE OVER \$5.00.....