## Ghost story thrusts Muleshoe into

 national spotlightTwo homicides and Mule hoe gaining national attention for allegedly having a haunted wer the top local storiesin the Journal for the first fout<br>The following is a monh-y-month breakdown of the top stories from January to April<br>In January, just as the kids ere getting ready to go back school from the Christmas holidays, four inches of snow closed schools and slowed the<br>The weather had an even greater auticert han their pocketbooks.

Keeping homes nice and cozy turned outtobe abit more
expensive than people antici pated. Area residents were shocked when Energas bills arrived last January and the tees had dramatically in
 estresed dish naura gas increased, distributed the ncrease to their customers paying an extra $\$ 25$ a month. Although cold and snowy the weather didn't hamper the annual Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. Jacen Claunch was the big winne this ther be ing recognized as the grand champion market steer.
Muleshoe residents also
Top 5 local stories
The top five local sories in the first four months of 1997

- A story about an alleged ghost that haunts the Bailey County Jail thrusts Muleshoe into the national spotight. attention of Time magazine and radiocommentator Paul Harvey, plus newspapers and radio stations all over the country.
- A 20-year-old Muleshoe housewife was sexually assaulted and brutally murdered. Faviola Fabela Mendoza was found dead in her home in the early morning hours of April 13. Her next door neighbor Joseph Carpenter was arrested and charged in the slaying.
- Muleshoe hires Rick Henegar as its police chief in February after a long search. Henegar would later resign citing a personality conflict with City Manager James Fisher.
Area residents were shocked last January when Energas bilis double and tripled in some cases. Energas exthat they had to pay an unusually high amount for the gas, and therefore were forced to disrubute increased expense to tribute the incres.
their customers.

Southwestern Public Service announced in February that office in Muleshoe as part of a merger with a Colorado utility company.

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After the Lewis family los heir home and all of their po sessions in a December fire, o help this family start ove With money, clothes and household items being donated and a home donated by local cattleman Randy Johnson, the Lewises were soon on thei way to getting their life back to normal.
January may have brough he community together with he stock show and helping ou inning of the year bue Muleshoe was not mune to crime
Just 18 days into the new year, Muleshoe had it's firs homicide of 1997, and unforunately, not its last.
Ellie Mae Osbend was found dead Jan. 18 in her rural Bailey County home. Osbend, a 54 year-old mentally handicapped women, showed signs of malnourishment and dehydra
ion. Her son-in-law and caregiver, Andrew Lee Shaw was later indicted on charged of manslaughter and injury to disabled person.

With the recent crime, eemed that Muleshoe mor han ever needed to find per manent leadership for the local police department. After what seemed to be a never ending search, Rick Henegar was fi nally chosen as Muleshoe's new Chief of Police in February. Henegar, who served in the Kermit Police Department for over 14 years, took over in early March
Little did the town and the city council know that just nine months later Henegar would resign and Muleshoe officials would be trying once again to fill the position.

Also in February, Southwestern Public Service officially announced tit would be closing its Muleshoe office as part of a merger agreement Colorado utility company.
March kicked off what has

Unbearably cold


Muleshoe residents were busy this week sculpting snow into figures like this Coca Cola polar bear outside a home on West Avenue K.

## Cold, ice cause of power outages

Muleshoe Ballay County experienced pow

outages last week as the
and snow wrecked havoc electrical lines.
Bailey County residents r ported any where from blinking power shortages up to 4 hours without power over the week end and earlier last week.
Crews from Southwester Public Service and Baile
County Electric worked ove
time to ensure that ele services were interrupted for
as short
Ken Vaughn, manager communications for SPS, said heAmarillo-basedutility con pany experienced scattered New Mexico, with Mulesho experiencing only minor probems overall. Vaughn said that Pampa and Hereford have ex perienced the most extensiy problems resulting from the

Vaughn explained that prob-
heavy wet snow accumulating
see POWER on page 2

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## lowest tax rates in nation

COLLEGE STATION - This time of year usually brings about fond memories of family - and not so send memories of taxes due. However, if there is one thing to be thankful for, it is that Texans enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the United States.
If you compare per capita (how much tax the average person is paying) or the average tax per thousand dollars of income, Texans ranks about 35 th in the nation, said Dr. Judith Stallmann, eco-
nomic development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "So that makes it a fairly low tax state overall," Stallmann added

The ranking is based on the amount money each person pays to the state terms of sales, property and other ypes of taxes. However, in the sales tax category, Texas' tax is comparatively high. It is six and quarter cents on the dollar. Local governments can add another two cents to that.
"When you take it up to eight and a quarter because of some of the local options, that's getting up there pretty high," Stallmann said.

Stallmann is one of the authors of a new Extension bulletin that chronicles
see TEXANS on page 3

## Top local sports stories of 1997

## Mules set school record for wins

A record-setting year by the Muleshoe boys basketball team and three Muleshoe athletes qualifying for the state track meet were the top sports stories in the Journal for the first six months of 1997.

Other top stories included the Three Way boys capturing their first district basketball title in more than 25 years; the Muleshoe girls winning their first district golf title in school history, and Lazbuddie boys reaching the area round of the Class A state basketball tournament.
Led by 6-6 all-district post Dustin Cleavinger, the Mules finished with a school record 21 wins (21-11) and tied for second in District 1-3A.

Muleshoe tied with Dimmitt at 10
but the Bobcats owned the tiebreaker edge by virtue of two wins against the Mules. Muleshoe other two district losses were to Tulia, which advanced to the Class 3A state tournament in Austin.
uleshoe won five games the previus year
The Lady Mules finished a disappointing season 11-20 overall and tied for fourth in the district.
Three Way won its first district title since 1971, but was eliminated in the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs. The Eagles finished 14-11.
Meanwhile, the Lazbuddie Longhorns needed a post-season playoff $\square$ see SPORTS on page 3

Extra day off thing of past With Christmas falling on Thursday thi year, many people had to go back and finish out the work week according to an Associated Press story Friday
Most companies give their employees Christmas Day off, with pay, however few companies feel the need to remain closed

For many small businesses and most retailers, the day after Christmas is just another day at the office, especially when
it's a weekday
A new survey shows that only 36 percent of employers made Friday, Dec. 26 a paid holiday this year, down from 46 percent in 1986 when Christmas last fell on a Thurs-

Journal changes deadlines Because of the New Year's holiday, the edition of the Muleshoe Journal has been changed to noon for classifieds and 5 p.m. for display ads.
changes may create.

## LOCAL WEATHER <br> High low Pre. <br> Tuesday $32 \quad 292$ in Wednesday $37 \quad 17$ Thursday 2814 -

EXTENDED FORECAST
A warming increase continues, with highs in the mid 50 s throughout the beginning of the week.

## Muleshoe Area Hospital District Door decorating contest



## First place

Joy Stancell, activity director of the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center was awarded first prize in the hospital district's annual doo decorating contest held Tuesday. She was helped by Chickie Hinderlite.

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Third place OR/OB won third place in the MAHD door decorating contest. Shown are (clockwise from back left) Debi Kern, Susan Cage, Christine Gonzales, Sonia Rejino and Tina Rejino and
Cisneros



Second place
The engineering department, represented by Shonia Orozco, was awarded second place in the MAHD door decorating contest

Library and Heriatge Center receive new computers

The local library and the Muleshoe Heritage Center have each received new computer equipment thanks to two Texas agencies.
The Texas Attorney General's office and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services donated computers and printers to nonprofit organizations and legal subdivisions of the state.

The Muleshoe Library received a computer. The Heritage Center received a computer and printer.
Dyan Shipley, the local librarian, said "Many patrons use the computer we currently have to type resumes, make posters, and announcement This computer is in so much demand we are having to schedule appointments for people to use it. Because of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service and the Attorney

During the last month, 24 organizations across West Texas were given the equipment with the help of Wes-Tex Resource Conservation \& Development Area, Inc.
"It is such a great feeling to know we have been able to meet a need of so many organizations in our area," said Karie Preston, Executive Director of Wes-Tex in Morton

## POWER

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on the power lines. Once weighed down, the lines freeze together and short out Problems are also caused by tree lems a limbsicanisones, orbre ing off and hitting lines.

With this storm probably being only the beginning in possible bad weather for the winter season, Vaughn wants

Wes-Tex is committed to assisting rural communities in West Texas improve their quality of life.
"It's amazing what happens when everybody works to-gether-great things happen," said Preston.

Most of the organizations who received the equipment have very limited budgets and they have been doing everything by hand up to this point, said Preston.

## Нарру <br> new year!



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## Branded prime beef

## BAXTER BLACK

Opinions are like those painful little acid blisters you get the end of your tongue that smart like a pimple on the side of your nostril ... Everybody's had one, so here is mine. Branded beef is the right way to go, it's just goin' in the rong direction.
The lesson of the 1980's was 'too much fat' in beef. We changed the cattle we breed and feed, we changed the grading system we used but beef's market share hasn't changed If people want lean meat they can buy supermarket noroll.
Steak is the most popular beef cut served in American homes. But from your own vast experience, how often is that steak you eat really tender?
I believe those consumers who continue to buy steak in the grocery store should be catered to. A branded package o prime beef. Yes, heavily marbled, but trimmed. Vacuum packed, two 8 or 10 ounce filets or rib eye or NY strips,
priced at the high end. Fifteen to twenty dollars per package, unseasoned, marinated in terriaki, BBQ sauced, rollin' in Jim's special sauce, or whatever. And available in the meat counter locally.
This product would be designated for people who think, want to serve something special tonight, but I wanna make sure it's good."
We've all seen, and maybe ordered, those magnificent

## Do not

 feed the animalsThere's a two-pronged search going on in urban Oro Valley: for more coyotes lurk ing around a park where three young children were bitten in two days, and for the
people who have been feeding them.
There's also a campaign on to teach humans to stop feeding the wildlife. It became painfully obfeeding the coyotes," Arizona Game and Fish spokesman Scott Richardson said last week.
We view this not so much when it results in an attack on a child, it is a serious one." and killed in Wildlife Ridge Park after an attack last Fri day in which 22 -month-old toddler Gabrielle Malkin, bitten around her right eye, required seven stitches for A deep puncture wounds. bitten and scratched.
The day before, a coyote - possibly the same animal attacked a 2 -year-old boy, although the child's skin was
not broken.

The animal that was killed acted peculiar in that it
showed no fear of humans, showed no fear of humans
officials said. An Oro Valley officers discovered the female coyote beneath a bush in the park Friday, about a half-hour after the attack on Gabrielle.

The coyote stood up, then laid back down as office Pam Barrett approached Barrett shot the animal, which tested negative for rabies.
Officials say there is no way to determine whether the coyote was the attacker Richardson said he seriously doubted whether the children's attacker was actively stalking them "as a prey item. Kids are larger in size than what most coyotes eat.

## REVIEW

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turned out to be Muleshoe' year in the national spotlight.
The entire country had an opThe entire country had an op-
portunity to hear or read about Muleshoe with the increasingly popular story of the allegedly haunted county jail

First reported in the Journal, the story was quickly picked up by the radio commentator Paul Harvey, The Dallas Morning News, and eventually, Time Magazine. Muleshoe continued toget national attention when a story on local TV station owner Magann Rennells appeared in People magazine and for the arrest of five alleged members a gypsy theft ring.

## TEXANS

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taxation Texas and explains how the different taxes work. It addresses the fairness and effect of taxes on people of different incomes.

Also, it addresses whether a tax provides adequate revenue or if it has to be constantly readjusted to get the revenue that's needed for the basics of
government. The bulletin addresses how easy a tax is to administer. For instance, the corporate franchise tax is complicated
"It's either atax on net worth or it's a tax on what is called earned surplus which is basi-

## SPORTS

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game just to make the state playoffs, then advanced to the area round for the first time since 1991. The Longhorns finished 21-8.

After a strong start, the Lazbuddie girls took their lumps in district play (0-8) and finished the season 13-15

Also during basketball season, former Muleshoe standout Kristin Holmans helped Wayland Baptist University in Plainview reach the quarterfinals of the NAIA national tournament.

During the spring, the Muleshoe Lady Mules won several track meets and finished second at the district meet. The
delivered for 50 or 60 dollars in Fortune magazine and the airline magazines. We expect then to deliver flavor and tenderness, and they do.
It's not that we don't know how to produce tender beef. But we've wound up aiming for a lean product to be healthy i.e. compete with chicken. But chicken is aiming at the low price buyer. Chicken competes with hamburger, not steak. Chicken does not advertise itself as tender or flavorful. DO we really think we can compete with an animal that convert

## one to three?

The pork industry is doing a credible job of competing by promoting franchise rib joints, not to mention ham (sandwiches), sausage (pizza) and bacon (salad garnish, BLT's and bacon burgers). They are not trying to market pork chop a substitute for cheap chicken
Logically, one of the major packers should start marketing branded consistent top o-the-line prime steak package that is recognizable, by name, to the supermarket customer. The already service five star restaurants with that quality of steak Why not offer it to the regular consumer as well.
I think some innovative packer will seek out the marke demand prime beef from feeders and become successful. And it may not be one of the big three meat packers of tod But twenty years from now, the big three may not be he same big three. And that's my little acid blister
or many farmers around th no exception. With CRP guide lines coming out almost two months late, farmers were being orced to make rushed financial and planting decisions in an ef fort to decide if they wanted to ry and participate in the program.
Also in March, the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce hired Patty Hartline as the new manger hoping to increase member and community support. Unforunately, less than six months later, Hartline resigned.
March also saw the end of a 42 year career of public servant, Nelda Merriott. Merriott ad,

January of 1967 as district clerk Women of The Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Terr Hutto was honored posthu mously as Man of the Year. In April, Muleshoe Hig School won the district UIL title for the first time since 1985 But April also brought shoc and sadness to Muleshoe as 0-year-old woman was bruFally in her own home was beaten, sexually assaulted and killed in the early morning hours on April 13. Her nex oor neighbor Joseph Carpen was arrested and charge with the crime. The suspect out on bail and awaiting trial
cally profits and the salaries of xecutives. Businesses have to and then they have to pay the higher of the two," she ex plained. expects the legislature to con sider revising. Currently, the state is holding hearing to evaluate Texas' tax laws.
Stallmann alsoexpects Tex ans to pay more in fees and licenses. There is a nationwide trend toward increased fees and licenses.

An example of a fee or licenses that we're all familiar with is our driver's license, but
there's huntin
College tuition is an example of a fee.
"Were beginning torely mor apon those as sources of rev enues to run some specific services that the state provides, she said.
You can get a copy of Stallmann's bulletin, "Texas Taxes: a Fact Book," through the Extension Service or by logging onto Stallmann's home page on the Texas A \& M Uni versity Department Agricultural Economics web site or by logging onto the Agricultural communications web site.

Lady Mules had five champions and sent six girls to the regional meet in eight events. Record-setting freshma Stacy Locker blossomed into a star during the track season, joining senior teammate Cari Faver and junior Ricko Aguirre in qualifying for the state track meet.
Locker won district and regional titles in the 800 meters before finishing eighth at state Faver earned her third tri Faver earned her third trip o the state meet, finishing sev nth in the 3200 meters while Aguirre captured the shot put title at both the district and regional meets before finishing sixth in the state.
In golf, the Lady Mules won
the district title and earned their second-straight trip to regionals. Muleshoe junior Keisha Whitt wàs the district medalist.
Muleshoe senior Kyle Embry earned his four appearance at the regional golf tournament by finishing second in the district after the Mules failed to qualify as a team.
In tennis, the Mules' senior doubles team of Colby Latham and Isaac Miramontes earned their third regional berth in four years.
Meanwhile, the Mules baseball team struggled, finishing fifth in district and below . 500 at $10-11$.


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Do You Remember Who Brought the Myrrh?
$\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{n}}$ the middle of the latest issue of Christianity Today is a cartoon that tickles my funny bone. The scene is the Holy Family's living room. Joseph is stoking the fire. The baby Jesus is peacefully aslep in his crib. And Mary's at the table dipping a quill in ink:


## Focus <br> On <br> Faith

Shelburne
doing the thank-you notes, Joseph. Do you remember if Balthazar brought the myrrh or the frankincense? "
I'm not sure, either. Tradition has given the Magi, the Three Wise Men, names. In fact, it's only because three gifts were given that we guesstimate that it took three wise fellows to give them.
The Wise Men came to worship the Christ Child later than the rest. Angels point the way. Shepherds arrive early on. The Wise Men, the first Gentiles to worship the Incarnate God, come much later.

Sort of like most of us. The first Christians were, of course, all Jewish. By God's will, the doors of the church later swing
open to receive all people faith, but that was years down little hint. Y'all may he heard from other folks who think that the Wise Men were Texans who smelled like smoke. They came from "a far," you know Storyteller Garrison Keillor whose marvelous stories porray the fictional, mostly Lutheran, Missouri town of Lake Wobegon, figures that since hey were Gentiles, they could
have been Lutheran. You may not be aware, says this veteran of scrumptious pot luck dinners at Lake Wobegon Lutheran, burger hot is short for hamwhich hot dish casserole, wh least leads him to believe that was least one of the Wise Men was Lutheran. He'd probably expensive to pick up something expensive like gold or frankin"No, but his wise wife said, gry. Take some myrr Just

## Tennis anyone?



Officials recommend reducing cattle numbers this winter

Widespread storm fronts af-
fecting the central and southern plains as long ago as late October lend support to the idea that El Ninolikely will promote increased challenges to cattle management concerns this year

## BASKETBALL

ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament
likely will pressure fed markets through the winter, said Derrell Peel, Oklahoma University Co operative Extension livestock marketing specialist.

Lower placements and lower
ower and lower
fed market will come only after lower placements work their way
through the system next spring Peel explained.
OSU recommends that producers plan now how to reduce animal ers plan now how to reduce animal

3 3TH ANNULA ABC CAPROCK
HOLIDAY TOURYANET

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|  | GAME 39: Game 21 winner vs Gar | winner, 5 p.m. CHS main |
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| gym | CONSOLATION B OUARTEREINA | GAME 55: Game 49 winner vs Game 50 |
|  | GAME 35: Game 24 winner vs Game 2 | 5p.m, LHS |
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## Mules get tough draw at Caprock

By RICK WHITE Managing Editor
For the third year in a row, Muleshoe dew the host city's hottest in the first round of the ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament Dec 29-31 in Lubbock.
The Mules face Lubbock High at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Coronado High School's main gym in the 39th annual edition of one of top prep holiday tournaments in the state.
Lubbock High (8-4) had won six-straight games before dropping a 74-70 decison to Odessa Periman last Saturday
The Westerners are led all-state candidate Marc Chavez. The sharp-shooting senior guard has scored 33 and 31 points in his last two outings, including 163 -pointers.
"It seems like we get the strength of Lubbock every year," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said "It's a pretty tough little bracket we got."
Last year, Muleshoe got spanked by Lubbock Coronado 91-41 in the first round.
At No. 7, Muleshoe (13-3) is one of three
op 10 in theTexas Association of Basketball Coaches poll. Also ranked are No. 5 Dimmitt and No. 10 Seminole
The 32-team tournament also includes San Antonio Taft (No. 5 in Class 5A) and Lamesa No. 10 in Class 4A)
Lamesa, led by 6-10 Texas Tech recruit Andy Ellis, could be Muleshoe's second round opponent.
The tournament will serve as good preparation said.
"We're going to have to play four solid quarters andexecute better," said Mason, who remains disturbed by the Mules perchant to play the level of their competition.
The Mules have played well in big games beating Seminole, Slaton and Denver City and taking Tulia to overtime - but havebeen lethar gic at times in games thy're supposed to win Muleshoe is coming off a $58-55$ win at Por tales Dec. 19.
The Mules open District 1-3A play Saturday Jan. 3 by hosting Dalhart.

## Range report

Panhandle - Soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges fair to good. Cattle good with supplemental feeding under way. Wheat fair o good with mustard weed problem persistent in some fields.
South Plains - Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges benefiting from rains. Livestock in good condition. Wheat planting nearing completion; crops benefiting from recent mois-

Rolling Plains-Soil moisure adequate. Pastures, ranges fair. Cattle good; supplemental feeding under way. Wheat needs
North-Soil moisture very hort to adequate. Pastures,
anges very poor to excellent. Cattle good. Wheat poor to good;
 mall grain winter pastures look good
East - Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Winter pastures fair ith limited grazing. Livestock fair to good with supplemental Far West - Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, anges in need of rain. Livestock in good condition.
West Central - Soil Moisture very short to adequate. Pastures need rain. Livestock good but body condition declining with persistent cool temperatures. Wheat in need of rain. Central-Soil moisture adequate. Heavy feeding under way on pastures with poor grazing on wint near
Southeast-Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Limited grazing eported on permanent pastures; some small grains being grazed. Supplemental feeding of cattle under way. Good quality ryegrass,
oat pastures reported.
Southwest - Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges benefiting
from rain, but poor forage production reported
Coastal Bend - Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Winter pasture planting delayed due to frequent rains. Some wheat fields are becoming waterlogged. Oat stands look good. Late soybeans

South - Soil moisture short. Pasture, range growth delayed by cool temperatures.
producers seriously considerearly pricing some additional feedstuffs, or a combination of both manage"Bad weather will increase

## Featured Patient

Myrtie Creamer was born November 1907 in Cottle County, which is about miles northeast of Paducah, TX. She ew up in what is now called the TennesValley community. Ms. Creamer ved to Muleshoe with her husband and hildren in the early 1940's where she has ived in the same house since then. She was married to Buck Creamer who was Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Creamer passed away

## Ms. Creamer has worked all her life.

 She spent several years working at the high school lunchroom and selling Avon efore she retired.She is the mother of ten children. Her on Henry lives with her and helps take care of her. She served as President of the he Primitive Baptist Church. Folks Carimy For Folks At Hame.
MULESHOE AREA HOME HEALTH Agency Ms. Creamer thinks that the people at Wat it really helps to have them come see that it real


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## 3 We're probably not on your

 Christmas list. Most people might prefer not to think of a hospital over the holidays. But some will have to. There will be injuries and illnesses. . . and babies will be born. And at this hospital, over the upcoming holiday, some people will be doing just what we do every day, in case you need us. Some will celebrate New Year's with their families early, some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know we're here. And that makesus very
proud.
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Award winner
DeShazo third-grader Bianca Gonzales is all smiles after receiving her Circle of Champions certificate last Thursday from Mule

DeShazo holds Circle of Champions ceremony

The following DeShazo stu-
dents were honored during a dents were honored during a Circle of Champions awards second nine weeks. The award is based on attendance, grades and behavior.
Students making the Circle of Champions for the first time received caps. Students making the Circle of Champions a second time received certifi-

3rd Grade - Rafael Jr Castillo, Miguel Angel Catano, Jesus Gerardo Cazares Hernand, Nicole Clark, Demetrice Gilliam, Leonardo Mendoza, Johanna Morales, Jose Muniz, Gregory Andrew Perez, Jaysol Eysbet
Regalado, Martin Humberto Rodriguez, Brenda Adella Romero, Brandon Lee Rubio, Joaquin Arturo Ruvalcaba and Erica Sanchez,
4th Grade - Juan Pedro Bustillos, Kristina Marie Castorena, Cody Edward Clark, Gerardo Colunga, Manuel Diaz Jennalee L Free, Arsenio Parke Geter, Veronica Alice Martinez, Ocar Ronquillo and Justin Guadalupe Villegas
5th Grade - Erin Jo Aleen Kristen Abriz, Morgan Shea Burton, Melissa Catano, Christopher Davis, Ester Martinez, Prisma Villegas Ortiz, Jesse Rodriguez, Erik Bryan Sanchez, Isabel Triana and Brenda Cynthia Villegas Certificates
3rd Grade - Brittany Ambriz, Anna Laura Andrade, Juan Avila, Dustin Barker, Matthew Barnes, T.J. Brantley Nicklas Wilson Brewster, Kati Brittni Inez Carter Heather rittni Inez Carter, Heathe Cimeros, Laura Kay Cogliandro, Suzony Don Conner, Kelly Karen Alysha DeAquin Perla Karen Alysha DeAquino, Perla Ariana Diaz, Irene Rache Dominguez, Jaisy Yesenia Angelita Sita Lorcia Kord

## Local youth minister presents paper

A local youth minister has an at an upcoming religious con erence
Donovan Martin, youth minister at Muleshoe's First Baptist Church, will present, The Use of Riddle in Judges 14:14, 18 and 1 Esdras $3: 1$ $5: 6$," at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies conference in March conference in March.
"The occurrence of riddles

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## OBITUARIES

GRACE JONES
Grace Elizabeth Jones, 90 died Monday, Dec. 22, 1997 in Sulphur, Oklahoma.
Memorials services were held Dec. 24 at First Christian Church in Sulphur, Okla. with Pastor Grant Brandt and Rev. Wayne Edgar officiating.
Interment services were held Dec 27 at Muleshoe Me morial Park Cemetery with Jim Ed McGuire of Lubbock officiating.
Jones was born on May 27, 1907 in Kiowa County, Okla. She married Lee A. Jones in 1927 in Parmer County. He died in 1963.
Jones spent her early years in Kiowa County, Okla. She moved to west Texas around 1920. She moved to Davis in 1985. She lived with her son the last few months.
Survivors include her son Melborn Jones and his wife Bobbie of Sulphur, Okla.; a son, Harold Lavon Jones of Flower Mound, Tex.; 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchildren.
RUTH BLACK
Ruth Black, 83, of Muleshoe died Wednesday, Dec. 24

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at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.
Services were held Dec. 27 at First Baptist Church in Mule shoe with Rev. Stacy Conner and Rev. Carrol Gill of Guthrie, Okla. officiating.

Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.
She was born Dec. 19, 1914 in Dekalb, Texas. She married James D. "Pete" Black Dec. 16, 1934 in Muleshoe. He died Dec. 20, 1991.
Mrs. Black was a life and health insurance agent and a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. She moved to Muleshoe from Turkey, Texas in 1932.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby J. Black of Muleshoe and Buddy Black of Dumas; one sister, Vivian Stevenson of Lindrith, N.M.; 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Casket bearers were Eddie Black, Mitch Black, Wade Black, Kevin Black, L.D. Stevenson and Brian Black (in memory).
The family suggests memorials be made to Bailey County EMS, Muleshoe TX 79347.

Smith - Alexander


Sonya Dawn Smith of Muleshoe and Matthew Clayton Alexander of Madison, Wisc. proudly announce their engagement. Sonya is the daughter of David and Kay Gray of Muleshoe and Dennis and Margie Smith of Smithville, Tenn. Matthew is the son of Jimmy and Vickie Alexander, also of Madison. The couple is planning to marry Saturday, Jan. 31 1998, at New Covenant Church in Muleshoe. They will later reside in Madison. Sonya works as a veterinarian's assistant, is 1994 MHS graduate and earned an associate's degree in science from South Plains College. He is an assistant manager of a Madison clothing store.

## Top NEWS

Tops Chapter No. 34 met at the Muleshoe Church of Christ Dec. 18

Leader Laverne James called the meeting to order with the Tops pledge, fellowship song and a prayer.

Weight recorder Alene Bryant called the roll with 17 members answering
with the amount they lost or gained. Secretary Janie Hughes read the minutes, which were approved as read. Evelene Harris and Alma Robertson were recognized as the best losers of the week.

Everyone received an exchange gift
during the annual Christmas party, as well as a gift from their secret pal Secret pals were revealed and names were drawn for next year's secret pals. The meeting adjourned with the good night song.

## Police log

## ARRESTS

Dec. 8 - David R.
MULESHOE PD Tisthammer, 27, charged with burglary of a habitation and Dec. 9 - Martha Alvarado, burgathorized 33, charged with assault that unauthorized use of vehicle.
Dec.9-Michael Ray Bara causes bodily injury.
Dec. 14 - Gerald Richard Mumau, 33, charged with drivMumau, 33, charged with driv- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } 10-\text { William Robert } \\ & \text { ing while intoxicated. }\end{aligned} \quad$ Crawford, 30, charged with 40 , arrested on a warrant. Dec. 17 -Anna Valeriano, 28 , charged with theft of less Dec. 18 - Reynaldo P Martinez 43, charged with Martinez, 43, charged with driving while intoxicated. Dec. 21 - Gilberto
Dominguez Buenrostro, 35, charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana. BAILEY COUNTY SO
Dec. 2 - Frank Dec. 19 - Miguel Angel - Frank Galindo, 32, charged with aggravated assault.

Dec. 20 - Jose Hernandez, Dec. 2-Michael Ray Bara, 31, charged with driving with 42 , charged with Class A as- a suspended license.
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L AZBUDDIE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Jill Hodges and Seth Black were chosen as the Lazbuddie High School December stu－ dents of the month．

Jill，17，is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Hodges．Her favorite class in school is year－ book．She enjoys reading and playing golf．Her favorite book is Jane Eyre
Jill likes to eat her mom＇s tacos and drink Dr．Pepper while watching Days of Our while watching Days of Our
Lives．Her favorite movie is Pretty in Pink．When listening to music she chooses Sister Hazel as her favorite group and ＂All for You．＂Her favorite col－ ors are purple and maroon．
Seth， 16 ，is the son of Ricky and Sarah Black．He enjoys drinking Mountain Dew and eating Mexican food and Sour Punch Straws．
Seth＇s favorite subject in school is industrial arts．He enjoys roping，snow－skiing， water－skiing and all school
sports．Blue is his favorite sports．Blue is his favorite
color and during his free time he listens to Coal Chamber． ＂Song \＃2＂by Blur is his favor－ ite song．
likes to watch his favorite tele－ vision show，ER．His favorite book is Breakfast of Champi－ ons by Kurt Vonnegut and his favorite movie is The Ghost and the Darkness．
Junior High Students of the month are Kayla Kimbrough and Tobin Redwine．

Kayla，14，is the daughter of Kyle and Kim Kimbrough．She loves the color blue．She par－ loves the color blue．She par－
ticularly likes school athletics， ticularly likes school athletics，
staying involved in basketball staying involved in basketball
and cheerleading．Kayla and cheerleading．Kayla
dreams of becoming a success－ ful actress．Her favorite movie is Phenomenon and favorite television show is ER．
Being with friends and lis－ tening the band Bush and her favorite song＂Tubthumping＂ are pastimes Kayla enjoys．She also likes to eat Chinese food and drink Dr．Pepper．Remem－ ber Me is her favorite book．
Tobin， 12 ，is the youngest son of Bobby and Debra Redwine．Tobin likes to eat marshmallows and drink Dr． Pepper．
His favorite book is The


Lazbuddie students of the month Lazbuddie December students of the month are（from left）Tobin Redwine，Jill Hodges，Seth Black and Kayla kimbrough．
band is the Lazbuddie Junior High Band，he does listen to Bon Jovi．His favorite song is ＂Bad Medicine．He likes the movie Braveheart and televi－ sion show Brotherly Love． Green is Tobin＇s color of choice as is the classroom subjectcom－ puter literacy．

He plays video games in his spare time and dreams of going to college and getting a Ph．D．in veterinary science．

Public meeting focuses on water
AUSTIN－The Texas water planning．
Water Development（TWDB）
will be holding public will be holding public hearings around the state on the final draft of regional water plan－ ning areas and proposed planning rules for state and re－ gional water plans．
The public meeting in the South Plains area will be held at 9 a．m．，Wednesday，Jan． 14 at the Plainview Country Club in Plainview．
At the public meeting and hearing，the TWDB will re－ ceive public comments on the final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed rules for state and regional

The deadline for public com－ ments is Jan．26．Comments should include the provisions that are favored or provisions that should be changed and why，and should suggest re vised language．
Comments can be e－mailed to SB1＠twdb．state．tx．us or be writing to Carolyn Brittin at the Texas Water Development Board，P．O．Box 13231，Aus faxing to 512－463－9893． For copies of the final re－ gional water planning area delineations and rules，please contact Diane Burr：512－475 contact

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