## SPS merger gains Texas approval

Two federal hurdles are all Mexico that will be closed be- that remain in the way of a tween May and November as a merger between Southwestern Public Service and Public Service Company of Colorado. The Public Utility Commission of Texas Wednesday approved the merger to create New Century Energies. The Texas approval was the final in a series of okays from other utility commissions in affected states. Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas have all public utility commission has said it will not oppose the

merger.
It was the fourth time the merger proposal had come before the
The final steps in the merger come at the federal level, where an administrative law judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has recommended approval. The companies are waiting to appear on the commission agenda. Pending approval by the FERC and by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the merger is targeted for completion in May.
The Muleshoe SPS office is


Whoosh!
Lazbuddie's Kia Morris cheers after a made Longhorn free throw Tuesday during a District 3-1A game at Farwell.

## Shaw faces second charge in neglect case

Authorities have filed a second charge agains the live-in caregiver of Ella Mae Osbend, a mentally disabled Bailey County woman who apparently died Jan. 18 of neglect
Andrew Lee Shaw, 42, the common-law husband of one of Osbend's daughters, faces two counts of injury to a disabled person: one in connection with the death of the 54 -year-old Osbend; and one for her 49-year-old brother, Bobby D. Raybon, who is also mentally disabled. Shaw was arrested and charged with the first count Jan. 23. He is being held in the county jail on bonds totaling $\$ 75,000$.
Shaw "intentionally and knowingly" neglected Raybon, which led to the second and more serious charge being filed, according to Benny Clifton, a criminal investigator with the Bailey County Sheriff's Department.
The second charge is considered a first-degree felony, which is punishable by 5 to 99 years in jail and a $\$ 10,000$ fine. The original charge is a second-degree felon
Investigators
Investigators are still waiting for an autopsy
The case will be presented to a grand jury Feb. 10 and investigators did not rule out the possibility of additional charges being added.
Bailey County Sheriff's deputies found Osbend and her brother the night of Jan. 18 in their home a mile west of Muleshoe after Shaw asked a neighbor to call 911 and report a possible stroke Clifton said.


Football signing
Lazbuddie's Justin St. Clair signed a national letter of intent Thursday to play football at Midwestern State. St. Clair is pictured with his parents, Tommy and Jana St. Clair, plus Longhorn coach Mark Scisson (back).

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## of St. Clair to the schools he

 wanted to attend."Coaches aren't exactly knocking on six-man doors," Scisson said. "But Justin is real versatile and he's got great Continued on page 5

## Muleshoe Chamber searching for part-time manager

## By SAMUEL VILLARREAL <br> Journal Staff Writer

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce \& Agriculture is looking for a part-time manager.
The position will require about 30 hours per week with a salary in the $\$ 700$ per month range
Terri Hahn is heading the committee to find the new chamber manager.

Hahn said the manager would be the main contact between the chamber and its member businesses. In addition to keeping members informed through daily
contact, the manager will also work to add new businesses to the chamber.
The manager would also help coordinate chamber activities such as the chamber banquet, Muledays, and he Christmas parade.
The chamber has been without a manager for more
than a year since the resignation of Jack Wilson in 1995. Wilson cited a desire to explore other career options, according to David Tipps, who was chamber president at the time.
Since then, the chamber has explored the possibil
$y$ of working with the City of Muleshoe to hire a person who would work jointly as chamber manager and economic development director.
When the city decided to hire a full-time economic developer, the chamber decided to proceed on its wn.
Muleshoe City Manager James Fisher felt that the new economic development director would not have time to take on the additional part-time job of chamber director, according to chamber president J.B.Douglas.

Any moisture good news for farmers

By SAMUEL VILLARREAL Journal Staff Writer
After a day of drizzling rain, Muleshoe residents woke up Friday to a light snow.
Muleshoe received threetenths of an inch of moisture over Thursday and Friday, including a half-inch of snow early Friday morning.
Area farmers should benefit doubly from the cold, wet weather, according to County Extension Agent Curtis Pre-
ston. "The cold weather has prob ably killed a lot of bugs," Preston said. "The moisture was good, its just not enough." The High Plains Underground Water Conservation estimates that Bailey County farmers need between two and eight inches of rain to bring their fields to optimum capac-

Preston said farmers would also benefit more from one good downpour rather than a lot of little spurts of rain.
"It's hard to get a whole lot of good out of two-tenths and three-tenths at a time," Preston said.
Robert Barritt, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Lubbock, attributes the light moisture to a weak storm light moi
system.

Residents won't have much time to get used to ariy weather, according Barritt, who forecasts alternating periods of

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Local bottom line farming class offered South Plains College will offer Bottom Line Farming classes locally in early March.
The classes will be held at Muleshoe State Bank from 5 -10 p.m. March $5-10$ and $12-14$. Cost is $\$ 350$ a person. The course had been developed in conjunction with the Texas A\&M Extension service and Texas Rural Communities, and contains 36 classroom hours.
Topics to be covered include goal setting and priority management, interpretation and use of financial statements, strategic planning, operational planning and other practical aspects of farm management.
For more information, contact John Norwood, instrucHodges named to Texas A\&M Dean's List Lori Hodges, an English major at Texas A\&M Univer sity, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1996 semester. Hodges received a 4.0 grade point average during the fall 1996 semester
Hodges, a 1994 graduate of Muleshoe, is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Hodges.
Harris named to Dean's list at North Texas
Emily Harris, a biology major at the University of North Texas, was named to the Dean's list for the fall 1996 semester.
Harris, a 1994 graduate of Muleshoe High School, is the daughter of Royce and Kay Harris of Muleshoe. Springlake church hosting blue grass night
The Springlake Church of Christ Building Restoration Committee is hosting a chili supper and western music evening Feb. 21, featuring the country blue grass performing ensemble from South Plains College. The evening will also feature a surprise group of local entertainers.
The chili supper will begin at 6 p.m. in the old church building, highway 70 in Springlake. The musical interlude will begin at approximately 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted, and all funds will go towards restoration of the Springlake Church of Christ building.

Council seeking Teacher of the Year The Texas Council for the Humanities is seeking nominations for the employer of the year. Any student, parent, fellow teacher, school administrator, or member of the public may nominate any full-time teacher presently eaching one or more humanities courses in a Texas lementary or secondary school, either public or private. Humanities courses include literature, foreign languages, government, history, social studies, philosophy comparative religions, ethics, anthropology, and art or music history.
For more information, or to nominate a teacher, contact the Texas Council for the Humanities at (512) 440-1991. Lazbuddie HS seniors hosting fajita lunch The Lazbuddie High School senior class will be hosting a Fajita Lunch Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria.
The menu includes fajitas, beans, Spanish rice, salad, dessert, and tea. Cost is $\$ 6$ for adults and $\$ 4$ for children and lite plates.
LazbuddieMethodist sponsoring trap shoot The youth group of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church will sponsor a trap shoot Feb. 9 at Clay's Corner. The shoot will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue until dark. The types of shoots available will be regular, partnership, monkey shoots, and Annie Oakleys. There will also be plenty of shoots available for kids. Refreshments will

## LOCAL WEATHER AT A GLANCE

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| source: R.C. Bennert, National Weother Service |  |  |  |

## Merger

Continued from page 1 expected to be among those whose jobs will be eliminated. Also at risk are about 30 nonunion employees who work out of the Tolk Station and Plant X.
Themerger agreementstipulates that at least \$3 million per year in savings must be passed

## Charges

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Clifton said the siblings exhibited signs of malnutrition, dehydration and hypothermia. Osbend was declared dead on the scene, while Raybon was transported to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center in extremely critical condition
Raybon later was transferred
along to SPS retail customers in Texas during the first five years after the two utilities combine. Beginning in the sixth year, if New Century Energies requests a rate hike, it must show at least a $\$ 3$ million reduction in costs directly

in Lubbock. He was released last week and is reportedly stay ing with a family membe
Osbend's daughter, Evelon Grace, 38 , who also lived at the house, has been in jail in Kaufman County outside of Dallas since September on Dallas since September on an
attributable to the merger, said SPS spokesman Bill Crenshaw. That $\$ 3$ million reduction in costs would be reflected in rates set in the sixth year and thereafter, Crenshaw said. "Approval by Texas as the final state is, indeed, a major milestone," Said Bill Helton, SPS chairman andehief executive officer, who will head the new entity for three years until his retirement.

## Weather

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warm and cold weathe through the rest of the month Barritt's extended forecas calls for mostly cloudy skies with highs in the upper 40's.

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Chloie Walker was married to the late Foster Walker. She has six children -5 boys \& 1 girl:OletaSpenser of Tennessee, Tommy Walker of Muleshoe, Lonnie Walker of Nevada, Ronnie Walkerof Midlothian, Donnie Walker of Midlothian and Willie Walker - a truck driver.
Mrs. Walker used to enjoy piecing quilts. She is a member of the Church of Christ. The girls at the Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency are great to Mrs. Walker.

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To the victors go the spoils
The Muleshoe High School Speech team recently completed their practice tournaments for the 1996-97 season. Pictured with their awards for the year are (standing, left to right) John Bryan Cowart, David Keller, Damon Davenport, Steven Madrid, Phillip Hardt, Scotty Mills, Mark McGuire, Carlos Rojas, Darren Elliot, Adrian King, Aaron Faver, Kenzie Brown, Michelle Lopez, Chris Gatewood, (seated) Marisa Buenrostro and Noemi Cruz. The team will compete at the University interscholatic League District 1-3A debate tournament Feb. 15
MHS Debaters headed to District 1-3A Tournament

Muleshoe High School's Seminole meets, while garner Speech Department competed ing second place in the Here in 10 invitational speech tour- ford meet.
naments during the 1996-97 The MHS speech team re season, most recently at Amarillo Tascosa Feb. 1 cond second place in the impromptu -Levelland, 3rd place extemporary Mills and David Keller placed Mills and David Keller placed econd in the cross examiation debate.
promptu - Levelland, 3rd place im Tascosa meet was the impromptu, 4th place extempt, 4t it practice meet for the MHS place brown bag-Seminole, 1stplace speech team as they prepare ford, 1st place extempt, 3rd place or the UIL 1-3A debate tour- impromptu - Friona 2nd place im 5 at West Texas A\&M Uni
ersity in Canyon
Other tournaments attended by the MHS speech team inluding tournaments at Plainview, South Plains Col ege, West Texas A\&M Uni ersity, Amarillo High, Levelland, Seminole, Hereford, and Friona.
The team earned sweep- Damon Davenport: 2nd improstakes at the Levelland and visation-Levelland, 2nd improvisa-

Sandhill cranes are sight at sunset A few housand losser sandinil-crancs are mosting nighty on paul's Lake at the northeast side of the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, but they will soon be leaving the South Plains on their annual or ward spring migration.
The spring crane migration normally occurs between mid-January and mid-February. The largest number of cranes observed this year was 9,000 on Jan. 23. Sunset is the best time to observe the cranes. Most will be gone after the first week in March

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## 'Hołns survive

 mıs-win game By RICK WHITE Managing Editor FARWELL - So far, the fight between Lazbuddie and Farwell for the second Districtdecision.
Lazbuddie evened the Parmer County grudge match Tuesday, beating Farwell 5348 - in all likelihood setting up a third and final winner-take-all game.
The win gives Lazbuddie (19-6,5-2 in district) a onegame lead over Farwell (19-6 $4-3$ ) with one game remaining, But the Longhorns had to beat top-ranked Nazareth at home Friday to secure a playoff berth A loss would have eliminated the Longhorns.
Nazareth (24-4, 7-0) has al
ready clinched the district title. Farwell plays at 20 -game loser Happy Friday.
If Lazbuddie and Farwell finish in a tie, a playoff game will be held at a neutral site

Farwell edged Lazbuddie $75-74$ in the first meeting. Lazbuddie, which trailed 44 40 entering the fourth quarter in Tuesday's game, scored the last seven points of the game. "Naz is so good, but we're going after the W," Lazbuddie

coach Gary Grahn said. "If we win, then there's no playoff. was frusll coach Gary Gates was frustrated that his tean avoid a playoff game.
 the playoffs tonight," Gates said through clinched teeth. "But we didn't step up and take


Tuesday's doubleheader, the Farwell girls beat Lazbuddie
0-31.
Roxann Warrenled Lazbuddie $(13-14,0-7)$ with 18 points. In the nightcap, Justin St. Clair scored 10 points before
the game was five minutes old Continued on page 5


Out of reach
Lazbuddie's Israel Lopez battles Brett Curtis for a rebound Tuesday during a District 3-1 showdown at Farwell. Lazbuddie rallied from afour-point, fourth-quarter deficit, scoring the last seven points of the game. A win Friday against Nazareth would clinch the a playd berth for the Longhorns.

## Tulia ends Mules' playoff hopes

TULIA - Player of the
Year candidate Tim Marshal scored 20 points and Tulia of ficially eliminated Muleshoe from playoff contention Tues day with a 49-40 District 1-3A

Muleshoe(18-11) falls to 7 4 in district, but with three games remaining is still on tar
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Friona
Dalhart

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Tuliaesday's Dalhames-Tulia 64 , Perryton 51 : Dimmitt 64, Friona 48; River Road 66, Sanford-Fritch 65 Friday'sgames-River Roar
at Muleshoe, Dimmitt at Dalhart, Tulia at Sanford-Fritch, Perryton at Friona

"We've done a really good job of taking care of business, but it would have been nice to win a game against a ranked eam," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said.
The Mules, who will return nine of 11 letterman, were 0-4 against Tulia and Dimmitt, both ranked among the top 7
teams in the state.
Tulia (27-2,11-0 in district) holds a one-game lead over Dimmitt (24-6, 10-1)
"I've been real happy with


On the block
Dimmitt's Albert Ewing skies to block a shot by Alfonso Mendoza during a game earlier this year
son, but we're still looking for
that big win," Mason said
"Next year could be our year


Lady Mule JV wins in 2 OTs Laz
baseline jumper -Ktal Heathington's baseline jumper with alitule more time lifted Muleshoe to a $34-33$ win lime lifted Muleshoe to a $34-33 \mathrm{win}$ ior varsity game Tuesday. Heathington scored all four of Muleshoe's points in the second over-

Kendra Benham led Muleshoe (22-5) with 10 points. Heathington and Melissa Williams finished wi six points each.
into the first overtime

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Tula whips Mule 1023
TULIA - Tulia beat Mulesh
$64-38$ in a District 1-3A boys junior varsity game Tuesday.
Manuel Campolla led Muleshoe
WJHS finishes unbeaten in 1-3A The Watson Junior High School WJHS 8th wins 60-40 7th-grade girls completed a unbeaten ing Tulia 39-19.
Jessica Carpenter and Britni Gartin scored 10 points each for the
Lady Mules, who finished district Lady Mules, who finished district
play at 6-0. Laura Wood added eight play at 6-0. Laura Wood added eight
points for WJHS. The Lady Mules finished the sea-
son 12-2 overall, with both losses son 12-2 overall, with both losses
coming inthe Levelland Tournament coming in the Levelland Tournament last week.
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Tulia
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## Mules

Continued from page 4 bones and confidence in our heads
After a rough start, Muleshoe had shaved Tulia's 12 point halftime to five early in the fourth quarter.
Muleshoe missed a fastbreak layup that would have cut it to three. Tulia capitalized by scoring at the other end, pushing the lead back up to seve and ending any hopes of a Muleshoe comeback
Dustin Cleavinger, Muleshoe's leading scorer at 16.6 points per game, had a miserable shooting night ( 2 14), finishing with five points. But the $6-5$ sophomore collected a game-high 17 rebounds.

MattMcClanahan led Muleshoe with eight points. Junior point guard Matt Mason finished with seven.
Muleshoe held Nathan Culwell, who had six 3-pointers and 26 points the last time the teams met, to one 3-pointer and three points.

Muleshoe played River Road (12-16, 3-8) Friday and hosts rival Friona Tuesday. Muleshoe (40) - Mason 2(1) 007 , Norman $00-00$, Mendoza 1 (1) $0-05$, Williams 00-00, Field 13-65,
lewis $10-02$, McClanahan $24-68$, Kemp 00000 , Shelburne $10-0$ Kemp 0 0-0 0, Shelburne $10-0$ Totals 12 (2) 10-18 40

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Chyla Torres and Shari Alanis
scored 15 points each, leading the Watson Junior High School 8th-grade girls to aseason-ending $60-40$ win
against Tulia Menday against Tulia Monday. Tommie Hernandez added eight
point for WJHS which finished the point for WJHS which finished the
season 7-5 overall and 3-3 in district. WJHS 8th 60 , Tulia 40 Tulia
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## School Menus

For the week of Feb. 10-14

## MULESHOE <br> Dillman \& DeShaz

Breakfast
Monday-French toast, fruit or juice, milk. Tuesday-biscuit w/gravy, fruit or juice, milk. Wednesday-blueberry muffin, fruit or juice, milk. Thursdayno school Friday - no school Lunch
Monday- nachos, rice, pinto beans, lettuce \& tomatoes, milk. Tuesday- hamburger, lettuce \& tomatoes, oven fries, chocolate chip cooke, milk. Wednesdaycreole spaghetti, crinkle carrots mixed fruits, Italian bread, milk. Thursday-noschool Fridayno school


## Sinclair finished with cigh. Muileshoe $(38)$ - Sincl <br> $\qquad$ <br> as Lazbuddie jumped out to an early lead.

Josh Morris' 3-pointer gave the Longhorns a 21-10 lead late in the first quarter.
Lazbuddie still led by 11, Lazbuddie still led by 11,
26-15, when Chris Smith hit 26-15, when Chris Smith hit
the front end of a one-and-one. the front end of a one-and-one.
Then came a typical Steer stamThen came a typical Steer stampede.
"We knew they were going to make a run," Grahn said. "We just wanted to make sure we were ahead when it happened."

Taking advantage of foul trouble that sent St. Clair and 6-7 post Jason Thomas to the bench, Farwell outscored
Lazbuddie 15-6 the rest of the period to pull within 32-20 at halftime.
A 3-pointer by Logan

Nichols gave Farwell its first lead, 39-37, three minutes into
mon
hands. lead changed hands, Nichols hit another 3 pointer in the final seconds to put Farwell back on top 44-40 heading into the final quarter.

Farwell led until Thomas scored inside to knot the game at 48 with 1:45 to go. Thomas then scored on putback with a

## Recruit

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## hands."

Two other players from the South Plains also signed with Midwestern State, which plays in the Lone Star Conference hat includes West Texas A\&M, Angelo State and EastLubbock Monterey team mates Jason Coon 270-pound offensive lineman and Anthony Hamilton, and 5 11,211-pound defensive end signed Wednesday with the Indians.

Midwestern was 2-8 las season, but lost seven times by
seven points or less, including

Jr. High and High School
Breakfast
Monday - French toast, fruit or juice,milk. Tuesday-biscuitw/ gravy, fruit or juice, milk. Wednesday-blueberry muffin fruit or juice, milk. Thursdayno school Friday - no school Lunch
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Breakfast
Monday-French toast, juice milk Tuesday- breakfast taco, juice, milk. Wednesday-eggs, Canadian bacon, juice, biscuits, milk. Thursday- assorted cereal, juice, milk. Friday-pancake, saujuice, milk. Frid
sage, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday - ham \& cheese pockets, tatortots, com, pears, milk Tuesday - fajitas, salad, refried beans, tortillas, frozen milk shake, milk. Wednesday - corndogs fries, raw veggies, apples, milk Thursday-sandwich, chips, banana, milk. Friday- fish, slaw, green beans, cornbread, birthday
three in overtime
St. Clair said the Indian coaching staff would like him get in the weight room add bout $20-25$ pounds.
He is the son of Tommy and
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ing, Car Detailing and more No Job Too Small Call 272-3214.

DOUGLASS FIELD Junior Douglass Field scored 10 points and had 6 rebounds and 4 assists against Dimmitt. Douglass is the son of Randy and Kay Field.

## Western 66

Congratulates the Mule \& Lady Mule of the Week!


KRISTEN NICHOLS Senior Kristen Nichols scored 17 points and had 9 assists, 5 steals and 6 rebounds against Perryton. Kristen is the daughter of Jerry and Suzanne Nichols.
SUPERCIEAN



State bound
Five Muleshoe High School DECA students are headed for Houston for the state DECA competition Feb. 27-March 1. Pictured are (from left) Marthella Lewis, Toni Davis, Crystal Castorena, Lucila Flores and Jana Johnson

## AZBUDDIE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Chris Smith is the 17 -year-old son of Tim Smith and Debbie Gallman. His entry into the Ribs and Mountain Dew. He particulaly enioys Rbs "Glycerine" Jerry MoGir he song "Glycerine .Jerry Madire suggest his movie choice. ER rates as top TV entertainment. Math comprises his area of expertise in academics. Playing basketball expresses his pastime pleasure. Red is a color he enjoys. Bush reigns as his top musical group. The Lost World shows his literary genre. Finishing High School, attending college, and becoming an accountant or coach formulate Chris's goals for the immediate future.
Melissa Aguirre is the 16 -year-old daughter of Elizadro and Oralia Aguirre. She was born on July 17. Pizza, Lomein, Sweet and Sour Chicken with Cherry Coca Cola rank as special foods for her. "Purpose" by 311 specifies her song selection. Fear typifies her movie choice. Idiots Savants represents prime TV entertainment. Journalism marks her area of academic interest. Going out with friends is what she enjoys most. Black, red, and blue expresses her color combo. Various musical artists entertain her. The Gift by Danielle Steel symbolizes her literary genre Getting a degree in the Medical Field is what her


LJHS students of the month Lazbuddie Jr. High Students of the Month are (left) Tobin Dean Redwine and Jodie Coker

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## County pioneer turns 99

Local resident and Bailey County pioneer Callie Smith is one from reaching a longevity milestone.

Smith was joined by friends and family Saturday as she and family. Saur bis celebrated her 99th birthday Smith was born Feb. 8, 1898 in Parker County, Texas. She married the late Tom Smith in 1924. The Smiths moved by train to Hale County in 1918. They moved to rural Bailey County two years later.
Callie Smith once did her grocery shopping at an Old Hurley store, which stood where Terra Fertilizer is now located.
She sold butter to assist with family finances. The family churned and molded butter from fresh milk in their own home. She delivered the butter
to customers in Muleshoe.
Aside from her days selling butter, Smith has spenther lifetime as a homemaker.

When the Smiths firstbegan to shop in Muleshoe, the town consisted of a hotel, a post office and asmall group of stores. The Smiths moved to the city in 1969.
Callie used to spend her free
time piecing quilts, which she donated to residents of
Muleshoe nursing home In recent years, deteriorat ing eye sight has kept Smith from crocheting and making quilts.
Callie and the late Tom Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1964 Since then, Smith has attended f each of her four children.


Callie Smith


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This years edition will appear in the Sunday, Feb. 23 issue of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 1996 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed. Babies need not been born in this area Bring your favorite child's photo along with $\$ 9.75$ to the Muleshoe Journal, 304 W. 2nd, Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or mail coupon below with photo and $\$ 9.75$ to the Muleshoe Journal, Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, Feb. 24, 1997.
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Clarence Winston Burkhart BATTLE MOUNTAIN Nev. - Funeral services fo Clarence Winston Burkhart 72 , of Battle Mountain will be held Feb. 8 at the First Baptist Church of Battle Mountain Nev.
Burial followed in the Me morial Garden under the direc tion of Burns Funeral Home Inc., Elko, Ne
Mr. Burkhart died Feb. 5 a his home after battling with cancer for a short time. He was born Nov. 30, 1924 in Sunset, Texas.
He married Sarah Marie Heard Feb. 13, 1946 in Muleshoe. He was preceded in death by his wife, one son, Carl; and three brothers, Marvin, Joe, and Woody
Winston and Sarah raised their family in Muleshoe, and had several businesses there They moved to Battle Moun tain in 1979 to operate the Bo nus/U-Serve gas station owned by Dave Ramsdell. The move enabled them to be near all their children. Mr. Burkhart has been self-employed most of his life. He operated a trucking business hauling hay and has operated several gas stations, as well as a cafe. He has been retired five years and has lived in the Hilltop are a for about 12 yrs . sons, Garry, Larry and Ron all of Battle Mountain, Nev
daughter, Sherry Wilson of Rev. Ray Cunningham Elko, Nev.; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; one brother J.W. Burkhart of Graham, Texas; one sister Oretha Johnson of New Castle, Texas Richard Scott Turner Funeral services for Rich ard Scott Turner, 70, of Muleshoe were held Feb. 7 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Stacy Conner, pastor, officiat ing.
Burial followed in the Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funera Home, Muleshoe.
Mr. Turner died Feb. 4 in Lubbock. He was born Oct. 1, married Dorothy Gore Sept. 1952 in Clovis, N.M. First Baptist Church. He had orked as a supervisor Bailey County Electric and Five Area Telephone. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the Army.
Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Muleshoe; one daughter and son-in-law, Plainview, Texas; his mother, Altha Turner of Muleshoe; one sister, Mary Wise of Avondale Ariz.; 2 grandchildren, Terrah The family suggests memo rials to go to Muleshoe Meals on Wheels.

ENOCHS - Funeral ser vices for Rev. Ray Cunningham, 70, of Lubbock were held Feb. 7 at the Firs Baptist Church, Enochs, Texa with the Rev. Clifton Igo of Lamesa, Texas; Rev. Jim Green of Lubbock; Rev. Mon roe Teeters of Big Spring Texas officiating.

## Burial

 Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Morton.Rev. Cunningham died Feb 5 at St. Mary of the Plains Hosp., Lubbock. He was born Sept. 30, 1926 in Goodland, Texas. He married Olene Coffman Aug. 17, 1947 in Stegall, Texas.
Rev. Cunninghamhad lived in Lubbock since 1983 , mov ing from Fluvanna Texas. He had been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Enochs since 1991. He had pastored in the Eastern New Mexico and the South Plains Area for fifty years. He had attended Plainview, Texas and Hardin SimmonsUniversity Abilene Pallbearers include Abene Pallbearers include Dale Nichols, Jerry Nichols, J.E.
Layton, Jarrol Layton, J.R. Austin and J.C. Snitker.
Survivors include his wife, Cunningham of Odessa, Texas; one brother, Carl Cunningham
of Levelland, Texas and Jim Cunningham; two grandchil dren, Angela and Ashlee Cunningham of Odessa

The family suggest memorials to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 10, Enochs, Texas 79324.

Alexander Wilson Copley TEMPLE, Texas-Funeral services for Alexander Wilson Copley were held Feb Wison Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

Burial followed in the Mis sion Burial Park South under the direction of Mission Park South, San Antonio.
Mr. Copley died Jan. 31 in Temple. He was born April 24, 1901 in La Cross, Va. He married Emma Dee Chandler Jan

## 6, 1926.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church for 83 years and was an active member of the Muleshoe United Methodist Church un til he retired from farming and moved toSan Antonio. He was a 50 year member of the Blue Bonnet Masonic Lodge \#1219 of San Antonio.
Survivors include two daughters, Doris Carpenter of Belton, Texas, LaVon Calkin of Las Cruces, N.M.; one so Don Copley of Loudon, Tenn garet Young both of Richmond Va.; 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren.

Nursing home news
Tuesday afternoon Skeet
Bradshaw Brads Jo Burge, Chickiton, Joy gave shampoos, hair sets and manicures to the ladies.
Wednesday morning Buster Kittrell, Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge hosted Coffee/donut time
Later Buster and Loyce Killingsworth lead us in a gos pel sing-a-long and devotional Anna B. Lane, Michele, Tif fany, Ruby Garner, Melba and Richard Cunningham sang
alone with alone with us.
Jenda Jennings and Jonessa Brookman came Wednesday afternoon for our weekly sing-a-long puppet show. Jean O'Brien, Julia Jerry Nell were guest White.

The Muleshoe A.A.R.P made a donation to the Health Care Center
Naomi Black's family hosted an 80th birthday party reception in her honor at the Civic Center Sunday.
Jim Claunch visited his w

Cordie Tuesday afternoon. ing surgery. We all were hrilled to see him.
Modean Grayes' son and daughter-inf-law from out of town visited her last week.
Kenneth Splawn from Irene Splawn Friday
Ruby Wilson's daughter took her for a drive over to Bovina Wednesday.
T.R. White was taken for drive Tuesday by his wife Vivian and his daughter Jerry

EdEdmiston, Gladys Pierce and Naomi Black all celebrate their birthdays Tuesday. Happy birthday, come, Zaoda Gibbis, 2-26; Lib King, 2-19; Lillie Wuerflein,

Our February Monthly Birthday Party is set for Feb
, at 3 p.m. You are invited.
The residents Valentine Party is scheduled for Feb. 14
p.m. You are invited Leonard McCormick w Leonard McCormick was

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By Joy Stancell
his granddaughter Veta and her hree children Wednesday af-
Little Annie attended singing Wednesday morning with her great-grandmother, Zeffa

Groundhog trash
Leesa Gable and her assis
tants colored and mounted the groundhogs for us.
Friday afternoon the Joy choir from the First Baptis Church of Muleshoe came to sing gospel songs with us. Sco Pace lead the service and Loy Killingsworth played the pi Qu. Anna B. Lane, Mrs Quesenberry's daughter al ead some songs. Refreshme


Mr. and Mrs. Roger Casez $\begin{array}{ll}\text { certain clothes. We watched a } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Mr. and Mrs. Roger Casez } \\ \text { from Dumas, Texas visite }\end{array} \\ \text { movie titled Groundhog Day } \\ \text { and had refreshments of } & \text { Manuel DeHoyas Monday. }\end{array}$


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## "Think Young To Stay

 That Way!"Last Saturday was a recd-leter day Lor our church as one of the dearest Yord finest ladies we know, Tennie
and
anded McCormick, celebrated her 90th
birthdyy Tennie's loving and lovely birtrady! Tennie's ovind and tovaly
spirit is as young and alive today as it was 70 years ago! Ironically, as folks were beginning to gather in our fellowship hall to honor her, I took a few minutes in my sudy to dig hrough some mail. In the pages of


Focus On Faith Shelburne

The Porizil I foud a fine by Charles Dickson, Ph.D., a col lege chemistry professor and clergy man (interesting combination).
Dickson gives some great tips for Dickson gives some great ups yor
staying young, no matter what your age, that $\mathrm{I}^{\prime} l l$ share with you. Adopt new ideas. Rigid peopie are easily broken people. Whoever said you have to agree completely with people to derive benefit listening to them, loving them, and maybe, learning something new? Be happy. Make that decision Happiness is much more a decision
of the will than it is a reaction to outer circumstances.
Take control of your life. You cannot control everything that happens in your life, but you can control your reactions to it. Remembe the "Serenity Prayer"?
indeed need God to give us "the courage to change things that need to be changed, the serenity to accept the things that can't be changed, and Thiskom to know the difference." Think positive. Negative thinking ally, spiriou physically, emotionplishes absolutely And it Don't sweat over small aggravations. Ouch! This one gets a bit personal, but it's a big one! People who allow little things to frustrate them end up with genuinely big Be open to change. The only things can be wonderful, and it's good to make some changes along life's way just to remind ourselves that we can! Make new friendships. Friend-
ship. tr's one of God's best blessship. It's one of God's best blessings. The time it takes to have
friends, to be a friend, is time wellspent that will bring rich dividends. sent that will bring rich dividends
Seek guidance when you need it. It may seem ruggedly independent never to seek help or advice from friends, relatives, ministers, or counselors. But it's not very bright. Don't take yourself too seriously. The God who created ostriches and penguins is also the God who created
laughter. It's a gift we should use often! laughter. It's a gift we should use often!
Set gools. We all need to have a Set goals. We all need to have a
purpose and a passion for life outpurpose anrelves.
And I'll add one. Don't focus on yourself. Focus on loving Someone bigger than yourself, and allow that love to move you to love lots of someones other than yourself. Curtis Shelbume is minister of


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