

Bike show

(top) The reflection of Amarillo's Randy Houk on his Harley Davidson electra-glide is visible off the caliper cover of another bike during Saturday's Muleshoe Roadrunners motorcycle rally at the Bailey County Coliseum. (Below) John Stout of Weatherford customizes a bike.

A ride on the mild side

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

It's a legendary sound. The guttural call of the wild side.

The Harley Davidson rumble.

Man and machine on the open road in search of adventure.

Black leather, Budweiser and bad attitudes.

So much for myths.

Most were just taking a walk on the mild side.

"I've always wanted one. Now I can finally afford it," said 44-year-old Rick Zamora of Lubbock as he watched the logo of his trucking company being painted on his canary yellow Harley Davidson sportster like a proud papa. "It's the sense of freedom. The sense of power."

Zamora didn't fit the Harley image.

Neither did most of the more than 200 riders of all ages and many places that gathered for the Muleshoe Roadriders 14th annual motorcycle rally at the Bailey County Coliseum Saturday, including a Lubbock couple whose Harley serves as a pulpit spreading the word of God.

Riders from ages 18 to 80 from west Texas and eastern New Mexico spent the afternoon visiting, swapping stories and ideas while showing off pride-and-joys in a bike show and field events. The rally ended with a late afternoon parade through town.

"It's all types," said Muleshoe Roadriders President Danny Dickerson,

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Lack of water growing concern

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Talk long enough, and the topic of conversation in Bailey County turns to the need for rain.

As each day and storm front passes without a hint of rain, and the dry spell that has gripped the South Plains continues into its fourth year, the talk becomes more urgent.

Bailey County Extension Service agent Curtis Preston said farmers are feeling the stranglehold of tough economic times and the cyclical moisture patterns of Mother Nature.

"It's mostly the economic times," Preston said. "It costs so much more to produce a crop, they're not really making much money. I know of a few farmers that had a decent crop and still couldn't pay their money (loans) back."

"We need rain so they don't have to irrigate as much. That way they don't have to put so much money into their crop."

Looking at precipitation charts that stretch back 50 years, Preston points out that there have been extended droughts before, and he is sure there will be again.

"It's always dry in December through March," Preston said. "It's just been that the total rainfall the last three years hasn't been there."

Without rain soon, farmers are faced with tough decisions — what to plant, or even to plant at all — especially dry-land farmers to the south.

Preston said a lot of dry-land farmers will be forced substitute milo for their normal

cotton crop — at a substantial dollar loss — without a significant rainfall in the next couple of months.

Preston estimated two to three inches of rain is needed before the cotton-planting season in May.

So farmers are left looking to the sky for answers, both practical and spiritual.

An agency that oversees the Ogallala aquifer — the underground source of water for many towns in the South Plain — has hired a Utah rain-making company.

The High Plains Underground Water Conversation District No. 1, which oversees a 15-county district including Bailey County, hired North American Weather Consultants to explore the possibility of seeding clouds from the ground.

The Salt Lake City firm is examining area wind patterns for the past 10 years to determine where to place ground-based generators that will "seed" the clouds with tiny droplets of silver iodide.

The contract will cost the district \$24,000-\$34,000, according to Ken Carver, assistant manager of the Underground Water District.

Carver told the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* a similar program operating in the Big Spring area since 1971 has increased summer rainfall by 40 percent.

According to Carver, the aquifer's level was one foot below normal in 1994 and two feet below normal last year.

"Putting the whole thing in
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Council looking for input on needs

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

The Muleshoe City Council is looking for community input from what Councilman Cliff Black calls the "Beauty/Coffee Shop Committee."

The Council Tuesday discussed estimates on curb ramps and islands on Main Street intersections to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates regarding access for the elderly and disabled.

The Council members concurred that Muleshoe—which hasn't had a capital projects fund project since 1969, when the library and city hall were built—has several needs and wants which can be addressed at the same time as the Main Street project.

City Manager Dave Marr, Jr., who said all recent projects had been revenue supported, stressed the importance of dealing with "necessities" first, such as "major repairs to the

City's infrastructure" and "significant capital improvements," which he projects will not necessitate a bond election.

But Council members expressed the community's desire for certain "wishes"—such as a jogging path in the new city park, as well as improvements to the swimming pool and resurfacing of the tennis court and track.

"The City needs some work, and at some point in time we are going to have to have some activity. We need to ask for suggestions from the community," said Mayor Robert Montgomery.

Marr asked each Councilman to deliver a "Christmas Wish List" to him at a special meeting of the Council at 7 p.m. Monday, March 25, so he can compile suggestions in preparation for a community survey of needs and wants.

"Come up with a list—then we can tie down a cost figure.

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Nailed

MHS catcher Michael Woodard is about to tag out Alex Ontiveros during the Mules' 13-5 loss Monday at Portales. Game story and another picture in Sports on page 4.

Fire near Lazbuddie burns for 7 hours Saturday

A fire at the Y-L Cattle Feeders (the old Gable feedyard) southeast of Lazbuddie burned for seven hours Saturday and sent a plume of smoke nearly five miles long toward Muleshoe.

Cotton burs, round hay bales and milo stored at the feedyard were ignited by the friction caused by static electricity, humidity and driven by winds gusting up to 40 miles per hour, Muleshoe's fire marshal Jimmy Mills said.

Thirty firefighters, six Muleshoe fire trucks

and four Lazbuddie fire trucks were needed to put out the fire, which burned from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

"It took a lot of manpower—it was a long fire," Mills said. "But none of the cattle were injured or had to be moved."

L.D. Clark, owner and manager of the feed yard, said his operation sustained "minimum damage."

— Martha Frost

Tolk station impresses visitors from South Africa

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

Thys Blom, who visited the Southwestern Public Service Tolk Station near Muleshoe recently, plans to enjoy telling his associates at South Africa's national utility company that he visited a plant which was "five miles south of Earth."

The Tolk Station, completed in 1985 and named for Roy Tolk, former SPS president and chairman of the board, is considered to be SPS's most advanced and innovative plant, and its two generating units are the company's largest.

Blom calls his company a "world class" utility company that wants to compete with the likes of the Tolk Station, one of three top performing power plants in the United States, according to a study done by his company.

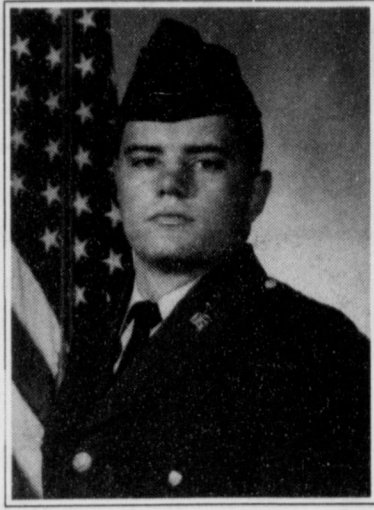
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AROUND MULESHOE

Kalam Puckett graduates from army basic training

FORT KNOX, Ky. Army Pvt. Kalam Puckett fo Muleshoe graduated from basic training Jan. 25 in Fort Knox, Ky.

Puckett is the son of Larry and Cheryl Puckett of Mulehoe. Grandparents are Richard and Barbara Puckett of Muleshoe and LaVayne Williams of Lubbock and GeDonne Williams of Denton, Texas.



Pvt. Kalam Puckett

The 1994 MHS graduate is a member of the 146th Infantry stationed in Aberdeen, Md. He will be stationed at Fort Irving, Calif., May 1.

Project Graduation '96 presenting Playday Extravaganza Sunday

Muleshoe Playday Extravaganza is being sponsored by the senior class parents for Project Graduation '96 at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Dusty Rhodes Arena.

Entry fee is \$10 per event (cash only), with a 50 percent payback. Events include barrels, flag race, poles, goat race (8 & under), goat tying and steer dobbing. Entries will be taken until 1 p.m. Sunday.

Age groups include 5 and under, 6-8, 9-14, 15-19, 20-35 and 36 and over.

Belt buckles donated by Kinder-Korner Preschool will be presented to the high-point and reserve high-point contestant.

Amarillo Opera/Amarillo College presenting Strauss opera Saturday

AMARILLO — *Die Fledermaus*, an opera by Johann Strauss, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Tickets at \$10 and \$15 can be obtained by calling (806) 378-3096. For more information about the opera, call (806) 371-5360.

Special Education staff honoring Collins with going-away reception

The Special Education staff of Muleshoe Independent School District cordially invites everyone to a "good luck," going-away reception for Venida Collins.

The reception will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 in the administration building board room.

Ebony Fashion Fair appearing at Lubbock Civic Center Tuesday

LUBBOCK — The 38th annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear at 8 p.m. March 26 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater.

The traveling fashion show is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the benefit of the Luella Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fashion fair features more than 200 garments from the exclusive collections of Bill Blass, Christian Dior, Emanuel Ungaro, Nina Ricci and others.

Ten female and two male models will exhibit fashions from swimwear to after 5 to bridal fashions, treating the audience to songs, dance routines and skits to the music of a live band.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling (806) 794-1256.

Murphy appointed to Board, Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange

Richard Murphy, Muleshoe Area Hospital District administrator, was recently appointed to the board of directors for Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange, Inc.

He will finish the unexpired term of a resigning member for the period of 1996-97. In 1997, the position will be up for re-election for a three-year term.

Murphy also serves on the executive committee for the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and on the Committee on Administration of the Texas Hospital Association.

Murphy is a member of the Northwest Texas Hospital Association, having served as treasurer, vice-president, president-elect and president.

He has served on the board of directors of South Plains Emergency Medical Services and is presently chairman of the Administrators Committee for the Regional Advisory Committee—Trauma Area B.

Murphy was recently nominated for a position with American Hospital Association's Rural Constituency and, in November, he attained Advanced Member Status in the HealthCare Financial Management Association.

Applications available at MHS for Landers Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Kristy Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is April 1.

Singing Men of West Texas performing at FBC in Muleshoe

The First Baptist Church in Muleshoe will be the site for a Singing Men of West Texas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, and the public is invited to attend.

The men sing a wide range of music from gospel to classical, from spirituals to cowboy songs.

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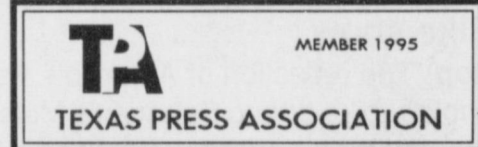
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Tolk

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Blom and two other representatives of the South African utility company have been "looking at the (Tolk) power station to see what's inside," he said.

The three men have been doing a comparative analysis of the Tolk Station and their company "to study what they're doing differently and what we can learn from them," Blom said. "We believe we can reduce the total cost to the consumer."

Arnold Van Geuns and Garry Beech, also from South Africa's national utility company, studied the "nuts and bolts details" of the plant while Blom, a generation consultant,

focused on management.

SPS designs, engineers and oversees construction of its own power plants and other electrical facilities.

"I observed a turbine overhaul that took 28 days. They did a real fine job," said Blom. "Now that the bloody thing is running, I can go back home."

Did he do any sightseeing while he was here? "Oh, yes," he said. "I saw the Grand Canyon last weekend. Couldn't have picked a better day than Saturday."

Blom said seeing the Grand Canyon was "a fascinating experience—beautiful snow covered cliffs."

The other two "chappies," as Blom called them, visited Disney World in Florida.

Blom has been to America once before, visiting power plants. "The strangest thing is the way you Americans drive on the wrong side of the road—in left-handed cars. It's very disconcerting."

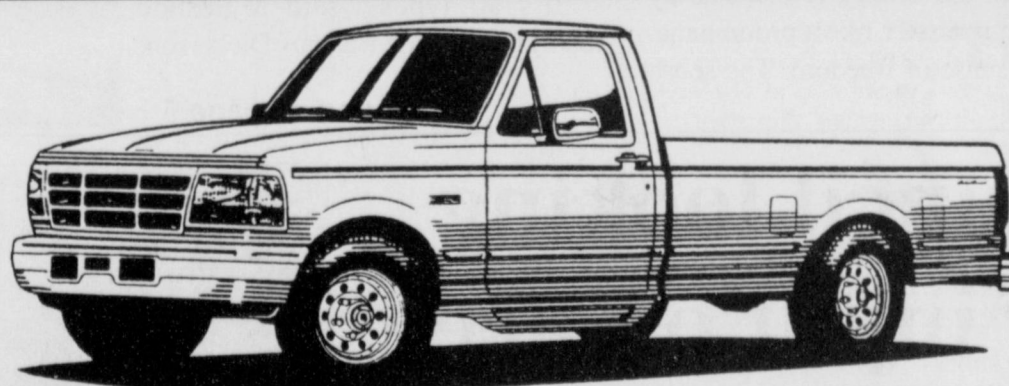
Blom also saw the sights of Muleshoe and said he talked to lots of friendly, helpful people.

"I like your little towns," Blom said. "They have such character. I was intrigued with your statue of a mule. We don't 'advertise' our towns as you do."

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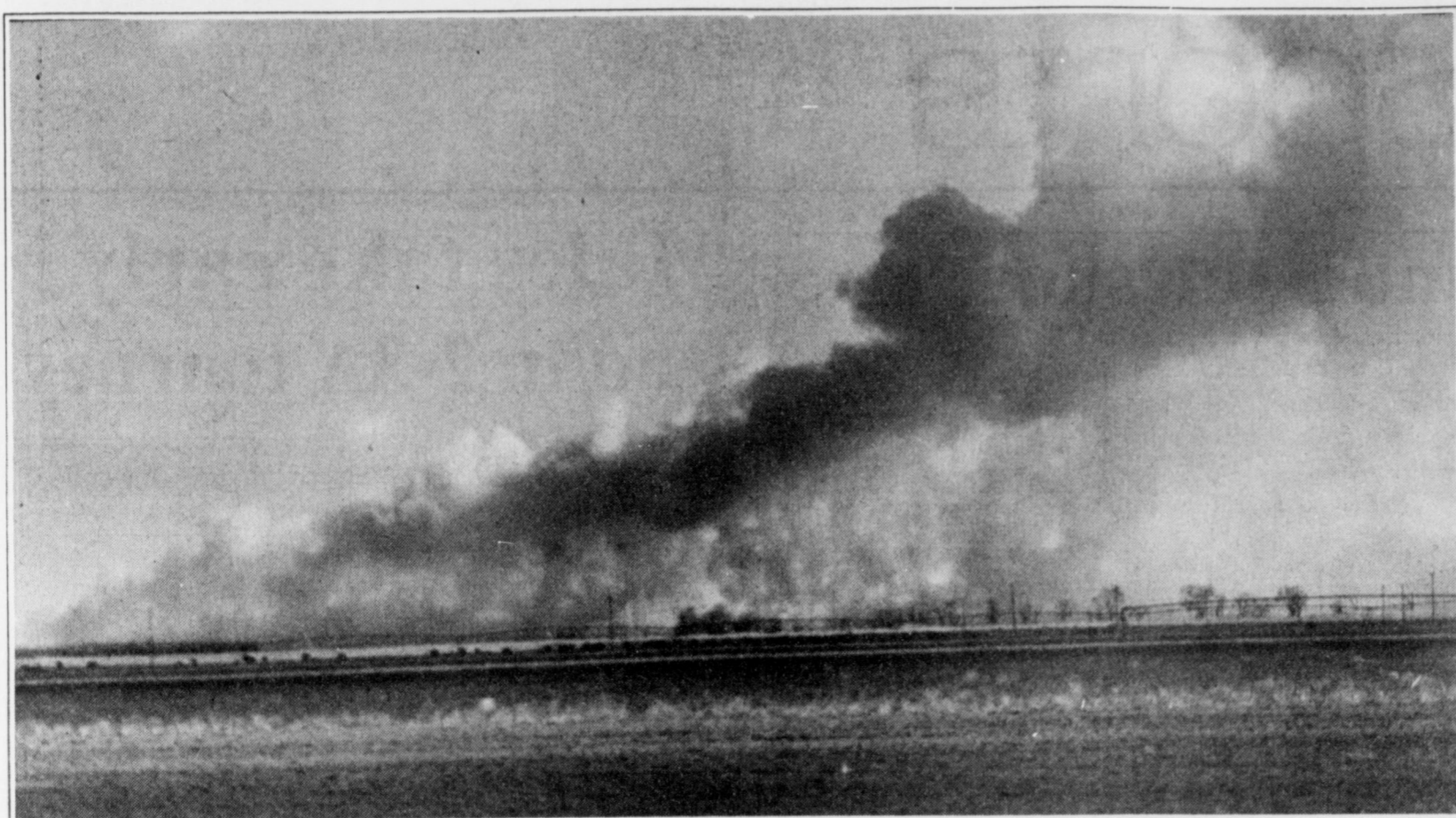
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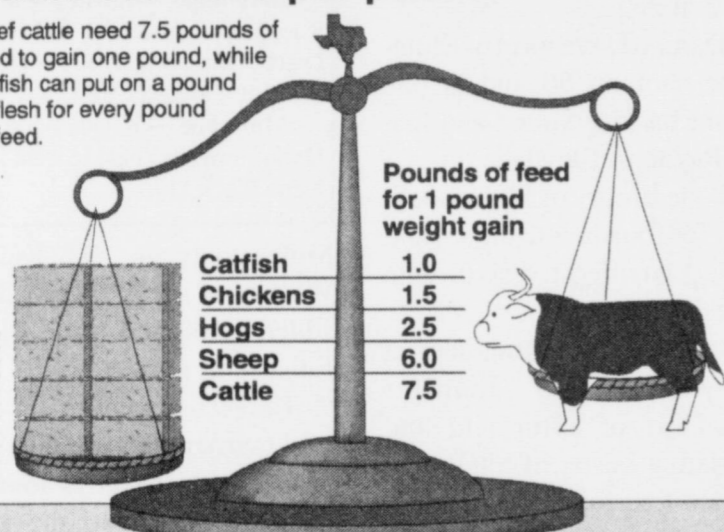
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Sports

Portales knocks around Muleshoe, 13-5

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

PORTALES, NM—It was a good old fashion game of king of the Hill(s).

And after a lot of pushing and shoving through five innings Monday, big brother Greg Hill's Portales Rams bullied their way past little brother Brad Hill's Muleshoe Mules, 13-5.

Portales (3-3), which led New Mexico's Class AAA in hitting and home runs last year while reaching the state title game, flexed its muscles in the sixth inning, scoring five times to put the game out of reach.

That's when Brad thought his older brother turned bully.

Leading 13-5, Ram center fielder Bryan Aguilar stole second.

That didn't sit well with the Muleshoe coach.

What was supposed to be a few pitches aimed at getting respect, turned into a game of blind man's bluff as pitchers on both sides failed execute orders from the dugout in the home half of the sixth and top of the seventh.

"I don't care if it's my brother or not," Brad said. "It's about respect. You don't steal a base when you're eight runs up."



Off and running

MHS right fielder Jarrod Redwine gets out of the box after stroking a two-run triple during the Mules' 13-5 loss at Portales Monday.

Greg Hill said he didn't send Aguilar.

"There's no hard feelings," Greg said a few minutes after talking to Brad. "But yeah, we're competitive."

How competitive? "I don't know if the kids were scared of playing Muleshoe. But I told them they better be scared of me if they

lost."

Portales cuffed around Muleshoe righthander Layne Kemp (1-3) for 15 hits, including two triples and four hits by Aguilar.

"We tell the kids if they swing the bat, we'll find a place for them," the Ram coach said.

Every time the sophomore righthander got the ball up above the knees, he paid for it.

"He's got to learn to work the ball at his knees, hit his spots and set up his pitches," Brad said. "Every time he got the ball up, they crushed it."

Portales took a 4-0 lead after two innings, with the help of two errors in the first and a fly ball to left that was played into a double in the second.

After being no-hit through three innings by Ram starter Ross Hampton, Muleshoe 94-7) scored five times in the fourth off lefthander Jimmy Bargas.

Alfredo Gonzales ripped a two-run double to right-center that scored Kemp (a lead-off double) and John Embry. Jarrod Redwine tied the score at 4-4 by lining a two-run triple to left-center, then gave the Mules the lead when he scooted home on a passed ball. All five runs scored with no outs.

Josh Warren relieved Bargas and pitched one-hit ball the rest off the way.

Portales regained the lead with four runs in the bottom half of the inning on four hits and two errors. Warren's two-run double to deep left-center was the big blow.

Charlie Sotelo's bases-loaded triple was the key hit in Portales' five-run sixth, which was aided by two more Mule

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Mules take early lead in 2-3A tourney

LITTLEFIELD — Stefan Sutton shot a 79 Saturday, tying for medalist honors and leading Muleshoe to the first-round lead in the District 2-3A golf tournament at Littlefield Country Club.

Muleshoe, with four golfers shooting 86 or better, shot a 330 and holds a 22-stroke lead over Floydada after the first of three rounds used to determine the district champion and Region I qualifiers. Friona is third at 355.

In the girls tournament, Friona was the only team to break 400 (397) and owns a 23-stroke lead over Muleshoe, which shot a 420. Littlefield is third at 352.

Damon Davenport of Muleshoe shot an 80 and is one stroke back of Sutton and Justin Payne of Floydada.

Kyle Embry of Muleshoe is tied for fourth with an 85, and Cyle Marr tied for sixth with an 86.

In the girls tournament at Floydada CC, Jennifer Reusdorf of Littlefield and Christina Lester of Shallowater are tied for the lead at 87. Anna Whitfill is one stroke back at 88.

Dacia Stewart lead MHS with a 96, one of two Lady

Golf

District 2-3A

First round

BOYS

at Littlefield Country Club
Team — 1. Muleshoe 330, 2. Floydada 352, 3. Friona A 355, 4. Littlefield 382, 5. Dimmitt 410, 6. Friona B 425.

Individual — 1. (tie) Justin Payne, Floydada, 79; 2. Stefan Sutton, 79; 3. Damon Davenport, Muleshoe 80.

Muleshoe — Cyle Marr 86, Darren Box 90, Kyle Embry, 85, Damon Davenport 80.

GIRLS

at Floydada Country Club
Team — 1. Friona A 397, 2. Muleshoe 420, 3. Littlefield 452, 4. Friona White 469, 5. Shallowater 479.

Individual — 1. (tie) Jennifer Reusdorf, Littlefield; Christina Lester, Shallowater, 87; 3. Anna Whitfill, Floydada, 88.

Muleshoe — Keisha Whitt 99, Dacia Stewart 96, Nikki Sutton 108, Katie Black 117.

Mules to break 100. Keisha Whitt shot a 98. Nikki Sutton added a 108 and Katie Black finished at 117.

The second round of the district tournaments are this Saturday, with the boys tournament at Olton and the girls tournament at Dimmitt.

The top two teams and individuals advance to the Region I tournament in April.

MHS salvages last game at Snyder

SNYDER — Layne Kemp drove in five runs and sophomore Ruben Ruvalcaba pitched a complete game, leading Muleshoe High School to a 12-10 win over Merkel Saturday in the Snyder Tournament.

The win in a guarantee game of the consolation bracket left MHS with a 1-2 record in the tournament and a 4-6 record overall.

Friday, Lubbock Christian scored eight runs in the first inning and beat the Mules, 9-1, in a game ended after five innings because of the tournament's eight-run rule.

Saturday, Kemp lined a bases-loaded triple down the left-field line in the fourth inning and added a two-run single in the Mules' five-run fifth, helping Muleshoe build an 11-3 lead.

Muleshoe was one out away from a win in the bottom of the fifth, but an infield error led to three unearned runs for Merkel.

Merkel scored twice in the sixth and seventh innings to get within 12-10. Ruvalcaba (1-0) ended the game by inducing cleanup hitter Brandon Cobb (3-5 with a double, triple and two RBI) to ground into a force out at second with the bases loaded.

Ruvalcaba allowed three hits through four innings and 10 hits in the game while striking out five and walking three.

Jarrold Redwine was 3-4 and scored twice for Muleshoe while Rodney Alanis was 2-5 with three RBI. MHS finished with 10 hits.

Lubbock Christian (8-4),

coming off a 21-0 win earlier Friday, continued its offensive assault against Muleshoe starter Alfredo Gonzales, turning five hits (three doubles) and three errors into an 8-0 lead before Muleshoe came to bat. Gonzales (1-2) allowed two hits and an unearned run the rest of the way.

Steven Stone pitched a three-hitter as LCHS beat Muleshoe for the second time this season. The Eagles beat MHS, 12-2, Feb. 27 at Muleshoe.

The Mules scored in a third on a walk, a single by Gonzales, a sacrifice, and a RBI groundout by Michael Woodard.

Saturday
Muleshoe 12, Merkel 10
Muleshoe 101 451 0 12 10 5
Merkel 102 032 2 10 10 6

Ruvalcaba and Woodard; Wade, Doan (1), Buntin (4) and Buntin, Cobb (4). WP — Ruvalcaba (1-0). LP — Buntin. 2B — Muleshoe: Redwine; Merkel: Cobb 2. 3B — Muleshoe: Kemp; Merkel: Cobb. Records: Muleshoe 4-6. Merkel 3-4.

Friday
LCHS 9, Muleshoe 1
LCHS 800 01 9 7 1
Muleshoe 001 00 1 3 4

Lawler and Stevens; Gonzales and Woodard. WP — Lawler (2-0). LP — Gonzales (2-1). 2B — LCHS: Stone 2, Lawler, Stallings. Records — LCHS 8-4, Muleshoe 3-6.

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KMULE radio will carry both the Texas Tech Red Raiders and Lady Red Raiders NCAA tournament games on AM 1380 and FM 103.1 for as long the teams remain in the tournament.

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The Lady Red Raiders play

Baseball

Snyder Tournament

Saturday's games
Consolation bracket
Guarantee games

Muleshoe 12, Merkel 10
Shallowater 11, Tahoka 3 (5)
Red Oak 6, Sweetwater 4
Shallowater 8, Littlefield 6

Consolation semifinals
LCHS 2, Brownfield 0
Fort Stockton beat Roosevelt (score N/A)

Consolation final
LCHS vs Fort Stockton
Championship bracket
Kermit 6, Big Spring 1
Snyder 8, Huntington 0 (5)

Semifinals
Abilene Wylie 8, Andrews 6
Dumas 6, Denver City 5

Third place
Andrews 4, Denver City 2
Championship
Abilene Wylie vs Dumas N/A

Friday's games
Consolation
First round
LCHS 21, Sweetwater 0 (5)
*Tahoka 5, Red Oak 5

Consolation quarterfinals
LCHS 9, Muleshoe 1 (5)
Brownfield 14, Tahoka 5
*Fort Stockton 5, Shallowater 5

Championship quarterfinals
Abilene Wylie 8, Big Spring 0
Andrews 9, Kermit 2
Denver City 3, Snyder 2
Dumas 15, Huntington 5

* — advances on tie-breaker

No. 1 Louisiana Tech in the "Sweet 16" Thursday at Nacogdoches at 11 a.m. The pre-game show starts at 10:40 a.m.

Thursday night, the Red Raiders play Georgetown in a men's "Sweet 16" game at 7 p.m. in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The pre-game show starts at 6:40 p.m.

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Agency

Featured Employee

Shirley Hood has lived in Earth since 1962, where she moved from Olton. She has four kids, Stephanie Hood of Earth, Dickie Hood of Earth, Lisa Hood of Earth and Debra Hood of Amarillo. She has three grandchildren - Arron Michael, Justin & Christopher.

She has been with the Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency about 16 months. She came from the hospital where she worked 5 1/2 years as an aide. She loves working with her patients and making them happy. She really enjoys working for the Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency.



Shirley Hood

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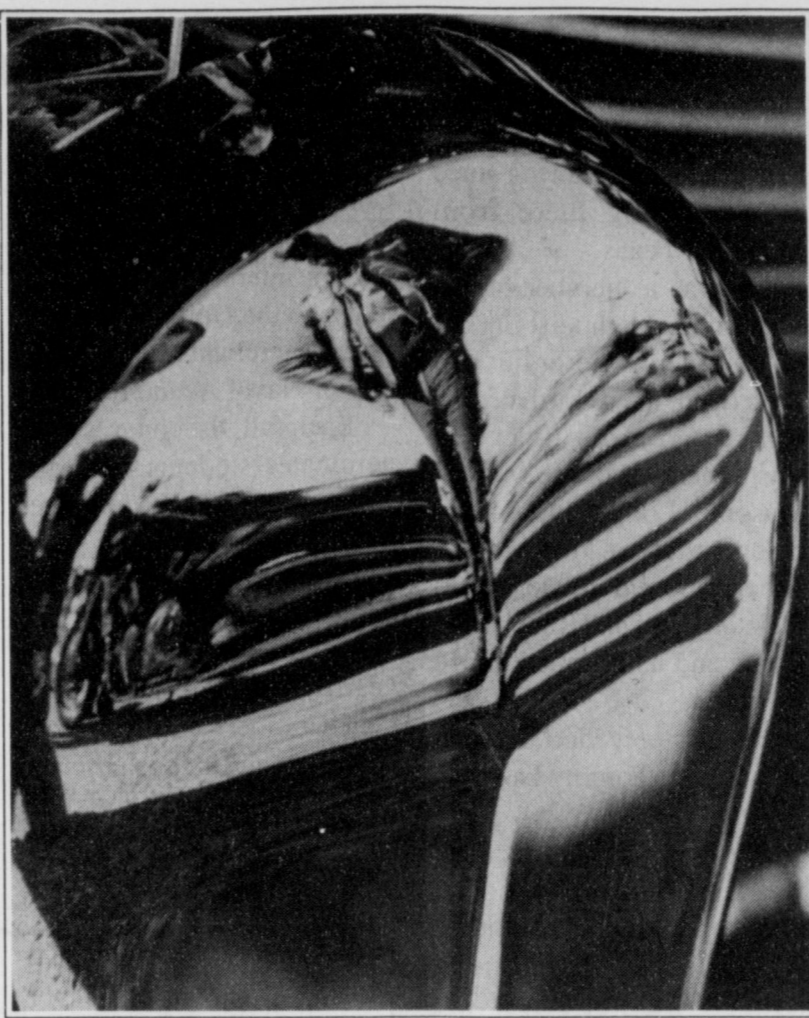
describing what kind of people attend motorcycle rallies. "They come from all different walks of life."

For Dickerson, a control room operator for Southwestern Public Service, and his wife Robin, a dietary supervisor at Muleshoe Area Medical Center and the nursing home, it's a way to get away.

"It's the freedom of knowing you can get out and go anywhere you want to go," said

Dickerson, the father of a 13-year-old daughter and two-year-old son. "It's our way of getting out."

Dickerson said he and his wife (who rides her own Harley) attend about a 12-15 motorcycle rallies a year, plus quite a few Friday night supper runs with many of the other 11 full-time and five junior members of the Roadriders and their families, when the weather cooperates.



Reflections

Saturday's sun glistens off a chrome crank case cover and reflects this image of an unknown biker at the Muleshoe Roadriders motorcycle rally.

Results of the Muleshoe Roadriders 14th annual motorcyclist rally Saturday were:

Largest Club — 20 people present, West Texas road rider, Lubbock, TX; **Long Distance** — Howard Myers, Waco, TX, 550 miles; **Long Distance Female** — Nina Rose, San Angelo, TX, 260 miles; **Long Distance two-up** — Ron and Lena Scott, Arlington, TX, 425 miles; **Oldest Rider** — Tom Hoover, Lubbock, TX, 80 years old; **Youngest Driver** — Jared Gibbs, Portales, NM, 18 years old; **Hard Luck Award** — Mark Brewster, Hurst, TX.

Inside Poker Run — 1st place with 327 points, Bill Boyer, Ft. Worth, TX; 2nd place, Don Cranford, Lubbock, TX with 325 points; **Outside Poker Run** — 2nd place, Shane Miller, Clovis, NM, with 3 4's; **Slow Race** — 1st place, Larry Archbault, Portales, NM; 2nd place Mike Adams, Lamesa, TX; **Ping Pong Ball Drop** — 1st place driver Cotton McElroy, Littlefield, TX, passenger Jerry Finley, Memphis, TX; 2nd place driver Les Pearson, Amarillo, TX, passenger Seth Pearson, Amarillo, TX; **Ott Chute** — 1st place driver Bob Eastwood, Clovis, NM, passenger Genena Eastwood, Clovis, NM; 2nd place driver Randy Houk, Amarillo, TX, passenger Bryan Laytham, Amarillo, TX; **Light Show** — 1st place, Terry Trujillo, Roswell, NM; 2nd place, Troy Tate, Lubbock, TX.

Harley Davidson - FLHT — 1st place, Randy Houk, Amarillo, TX; 2nd place, Domingo Orozco, Clovis, NM; **Harley David-son - FLHS** — 1st place, Dennis Mills, Clovis, NM; 2nd place, Terry Houk, Amarillo, TX; **Harley Davidson - FLST** — 1st place, Don Center, Roswell, NM; 2nd place, Larry Labour, Clovis, NM; **Harley Davidson - FX Big Twin** — 1st place, Jim Uselton, Clovis, NM; 2nd place, Chuck Howe, Clovis, NM; **Harley Davidson - FXR** — 1st place, Dewayne Tucker, Portales, NM; **Harley Davidson - XLH** — 1st place, Clem Vegil, Clovis, NM; 2nd place, Jerry Krajnik, Clovis, NM; **Harley Davidson - open** — 1st place, Perry Price, Roswell, NM; 2nd place, Ralph Hutchison, Clovis, NM.

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Kawasaki Voyager — 1st place, Avery Wood, Albuquerque, NM; 2nd place John Hardy, Perryton, TX; **Kawasaki 700 cc & up** — 1st place, Kenneth Morris, Morton, TX; 2nd place, Mark Rogers, Ft. Worth, TX; **Yamaha Venture** — 1st place, Ed Arm-bruster, Amarillo, TX; 2nd place, Jim Asley, Slaton, TX; **Yamaha 700 cc & up** — 1st place, Toby Carpenter, Muleshoe; 2nd place, Matt Burges, Shallowater, TX; **Yamaha 699 cc & down** — 1st place, Randy Solis, Lockney, TX; 2nd place, Randy Drennon.

BMW — 1st place Steve Atkins, Clovis, NM; **Bike & Trailer** — 1st place, Craig Steward, Abemathy, TX; 2nd place David Hirsh, Canyon, TX; **Trikes** — 1st place, Malcom Thurman, Dallas, TX; **European** — 1st place, Thean Upworth, Clovis,

NM; **Antiques** — 1st place, Joe Rudd, Lubbock, TX; **\$100 grand prize to pre-registration** — Terry Trujillo, Roswell, NM; **50/30/20 Drawing** — Total of \$401 collected, 50% Geard Gibbs, Portales, NM, \$200.50; 30% Avery Wood, Albuquerque, NM, \$120.30; 20%, Jean Hardy, Perryton, TX, \$80.20.

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Obituaries

Jewel Bruton

MULESHOE — Funeral services for Jewel Bruton, 77, of Muleshoe were held Wednesday, March 20, at the Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Brown, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in the Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of the Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Bruton died Monday, March 18, at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center after an illness. She was born Jan. 26, 1919, in Magazine, Ariz.

Her first husband, John Bruton, died in 1968; her second husband, Bill Welch, died in 1983. She had been a resident of Muleshoe since the early 1940s, moving here from Stigler, Okla. She was a homemaker and had worked as a cook at different restaurants in Muleshoe.

Survivors include four sons, Johnny Bruton of Breckenridge, Jimmy Bruton of Eastland, Jerry Bruton of Muleshoe and Jacky Bruton of Huntsville; two daughters, Janice Teel of Muleshoe and Judy Griswold of Muleshoe; one brother, Wink Martin of Midland; one sister, Irene Walker of Ponca City, Okla.; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

George W. Goodin

MULESHOE — Graveside services for George W. Goodin, 77, of Newark, Del., were held Wednesday, March 20, at the Amherst Cemetery with the Rev. Cliff Hargrove, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sudan and the Rev. Kay Reed, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Earth, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Goodin died Feb. 18, at the Governor Beacon Health Center after an illness. He was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Dickens, Texas.

He had been a resident of Newark, Del. for 41 years moving there from Kress. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth since Aug. 2, 1934. He worked as a millwright.

Survivors include one son John C. Goodin of Reeds Springs, Mo.; one daughter, Ella Wedscheid of Stockton, Calif.; one step-daughter, Marilou Ventura of Wilmington, Del.; two brothers, Alton Goodin of Claude and Jack Goodin of Sunrise Beach, Texas; two sisters, Alma Bench of Amherst and Virginia Whitford of Earth; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Donald V. Williams

MORTON — Funeral services for Donald V. Williams, 67, of Lubbock, were held Sunday, March 17, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ted Wilson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Amherst, officiating.

Burial followed in the Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Ellis Funeral Home of Morton.

Mr. Williams died Saturday, March 16 at Lubbock Health Care Center after an illness. He was born Sept. 27, 1928, in O'Donnell, Texas.

He had been a resident of Lubbock for two years and was a former resident of Morton. He was a mechanic/carpenter and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vanna Lee Fred and two brothers, Andrew Williams and Lawrence Williams.

Survivors include one son, Gary "Dock" Williams of Portsmouth, Va.; one daughter, Gloria Rackley of Amherst; one brother, Bill Williams of Levelland; three sisters, Lorlee Knox of Lubbock, Mary Knedler of Ponca City, Okla., and Bess Lackey of Lake Isabella, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Nephews will be pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

E.D. "Dean" Jackson

MORTON — Funeral services for E.D. "Dean" Jackson, 74, of Morton, were held Wednesday, March 20, at the First United Methodist Church of Morton.

Burial followed in the Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Ellis Funeral Home of Morton.

Mr. Jackson died Monday, March 18 at the V.A. Hospital in Amarillo after an illness. He was born July 31, 1921, in Leonard, Texas.

He married Ava L. Duke,

July 21, 1941, in Durant, Okla. He had lived in Morton since 1951, moving there from Meadow, Texas.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morton, where he had served on the Board of Directors and as an usher. He was a member of the Morton Masonic Lodge and was a commander of the Morton American Legion. He owned Jackson Farm and Ranch Real Estate and had farmed for 44 years.

He was preceded in death by one son, Tommy Dean, in 1970.

Survivors include his wife, Ava L. Jackson of the home; one son, John Jackson of Amarillo; two daughters, Nancy Wright of Ropesville and Treva Sinclair of Gardner, Colo.; two brothers, James Jackson and Chester Jackson, both of Leonard, Texas; one step-brother, Bill McGee of Allen, Texas; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his step-mother, Myrle Jackson of Leonard, Texas.

The family suggests memorial to the First United Methodist Church of Morton.

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vice academy and a wallet-size photograph. Letters of recommendation are not necessary. An applicant's file must be completed by November 15th of their senior year, in time for the congressman to make academy by January. To ensure fairness and competition, Congressman Combest submits qualified applicants for nomination, but defers to the academies to make the competitive choice.

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perspective, it's bad, but the reason it's bad is because of the drought," Carver said. "Farmers are pumping a lot longer than normal.

"Once we get back to normal rain, and with the conservation practices being used now, we have a real opportunity to reduce the amount of overdraft on the aquifer."

Others are trying to plant a seed in the Creator's mind in a region that remains a stronghold for religion, not doubt because their livelihoods are determined by-and-large by Mother Nature's whims.

"We've had it in our prayers more than normal," said Dr. James Bell, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe when asked about praying for rain. "We began to have special prayers last week."

"It's not uncommon, and consistent with the biblical message, that people call upon the Lord for help and assistance, especially with regard to rain," Bell added. "We're not trying to be manipulative. We're not trying to be magical. It's just a humble petition to God to help us now."



MAMC Employee of Month

Ward clerk Sherley James of Earth (left), pictured with administrative secretary Sharon Plott, is the hospital's Employee of the Month of March.

City Council

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How many dollars are the public willing to spend?" he asked. "A new roof for the City Hall at \$50,000 to \$60,000 is not a fun deal."

The Council is targeting the year 2000 for completion of some major enhancements to the City, depending on the support it receives from the community, financially speaking.

Councilman Tom Bonds suggested getting civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture involved in "secondary facility requirements."

If the City funds a jogging path, organizations might address additional improvements, such as lighting and exercise stations.

If the City funds the Main Street project at an estimated \$125,000, perhaps Main Street businessmen could revive the

old Business Activities Committee to provide trees, bushes, planters and facade changes, Bonds suggested.

Montgomery noted that recent mural painting, supported by the community through efforts of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and the Chamber, had converted "bland corners" into "something businesses are excited about."

The Council also discussed the suggestion Marr made to "loop" some water lines in the area of the old city park, from E. Sixth St. and Ave. D to where Avenue D would intersect with Eighth Street if a right-of-way is secured.

The purpose of the looping, Marr said, would be to increase the pressure in the water lines for fire fighting and to tie southeast water lines in with the rest of the City.

"There is more volume if

water flows from two directions because friction loss is not as significant," Marr said.

At the same time, the city manager hopes to secure a grant to provide pavement along the south side of the Muleshoe Housing Authority, as well as sewage lines for the east side residents.

Because of the location of the Muleshoe Housing Authority and the need for improvements in the area, Marr sees the loop/sewage/pavement project as "fundable."

Marr said an abandoned caliche pit has been offered for possible donation to the City for use as a landfill for concrete, bricks, tree limbs, etc. pending approval from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

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