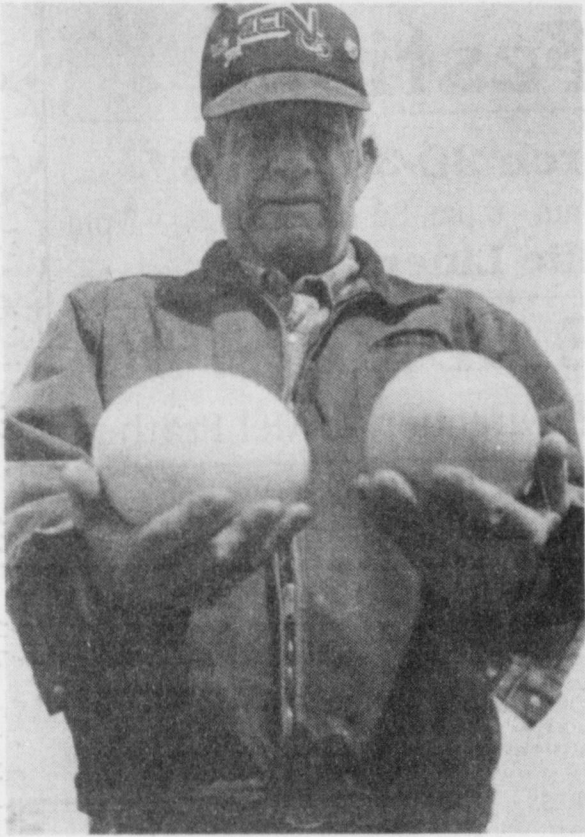


Hardly a spring chicken



The egg man

Donald Harrison holds a pair of infertile ostrich eggs. Harrison raises exotic birds on his farm northeast of Muleshoe, including Clyde, a four-year-old male ostrich. Clyde's yet unnamed two-year-old mate has already laid five eggs this spring and appeared to be on the verge of laying more Monday.



Latest farm bill nears approval

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The final version of the farm bill has been tentatively agreed on by both the House and Senate and is waiting for President Clinton's signature, according to a press release from U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas).

Legislative groundwork and farm fieldwork are now on track for spring planting with a farm bill that the secretary of agriculture has recommended that President sign, according to Combest.

The seven-year farm legislation contains provisions applying to a fair market value for land protected by the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), opening the peanut market away from a government monopoly, as well as flexibility for producers to also grow vegetable as alternative crops.

In addition, at Combest's insistence, critical and time-tested operation and marketing loan program remain intact.

"Producers and their lenders are able now to count on a

workable outline that is much of what they had expected before President Clinton vetoed farm legislation last December," said Combest. "Finally, farm bill, farm financing and farm work are ready for spring planting under favorable conditions."

Landowners will be able to continue participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) which deepens protective natural grass coverings on highly-erodible land, rather than exposing it to the erosion of plowing, planting and harvest. CRP is capped at the current 36.4 million acre total.

Under Combest's provisions, new enrollments and re-enrollments of existing CRP contracts will receive CRP payments at a cash rate based on the share-rental value that most farmland is rented when used for crops. During the most recent sign-up, CRP payments were inaccurately calculated on the lower cash-rental arrangements, which gave little incentive to landowners to partici-

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Small turnover in MISD personnel

By **MARTHA TOLES FROST**
City Editor

During closed session at Monday night's meeting of the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees, two resignations were accepted.

Brenda Capps resigned as DeShazo Elementary special education teacher, and Bruce Lacefield resigned as teacher/coach at Watson Junior High School.

The MISD Board, which had previously renewed the contracts of campus principals and administrative staff, renewed the contracts of all additional professional staff, teachers and counselors.

However, the contract of Donnie Wiley, a teacher/coach at Muleshoe High School, was renewed as a teacher only.

The Board also approved changes in local planning and

decision-making policy to reflect the mandates of Senate Bill 1.

"The biggest change in the district-wide committee is that we will include two parents, two business people and two community members, in addition to teaching and other professional staff," MISD Superintendent Bill Moore said. "About 21 people will meet monthly."

MISD Assistant Superintendent Adrian Meador said the policy spells out the makeup of the site-based committee.

The categories of representation are mutually exclusive, meaning that a parent who is also a teacher cannot represent both groups. A businessman who is also a parent must

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Down the stretch

Plainview's Matthew Aviles and Muleshoe's Daniel Garbarino are dead even at the second-to-last hurdle in the 300-meter hurdles during the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Relays Saturday. Aviles won the race while Garbarino faded to fourth.

Riding the coaching carousel

They've been wearing poker faces for two weeks, not wanting to give away the hand they've been dealt.

Most were asked to hold them. A couple were asked to fold them. Monday, the resignations of coaches Bruce Lacefield and Donnie Wiley were approved at a Muleshoe Independent School District school board meeting at the request of new athletic director and football coach David Wood.

The MISD coaching staff knew there would be changes when Wood was hired in February to replace in Randy Adair.

Coaches understand the nomadic nature of coaching, where job security is tenuous at best.

One coach I thought was on more stable footing than a mountain goat on a speed bump, voiced nervousness and uncertainty about his future.

Another coach told me about how he wanted to buy a house last fall, and asked

Rick White

Managing Editor

Adair about the rumors he might get fired. He was told that they were just that, rumors, and go ahead and buy the house.

It's probably no coincidence that Wiley was the defensive coordinator. In Texas, the head coach usually takes one side of the ball and entrusts the other side of the ball almost completely to his top assistant.

Wood was the offensive coordinator at Randall and is well-schooled in the passing game. Don't be surprised if the first coach he hires is a defensive coordinator he's known for a while.

He said he doesn't have any one lined up right now.

Wood understands the game of coach swapping as well as anyone.

His dad, Jim Wood, was a head coach at New Mexico State, in the Canadian Football League and now is at Quanah High School.

"It's always hard to tell someone something they don't want to hear," Wood said. "I'm

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Council discusses project funding

The Muleshoe City Council met in special session Monday night, March 25 at City Hall for a public hearing on the Texas Community Development Program Grant.

Several citizens were on hand to hear the Council's proposal for the grant application.

Dave Marr, Jr., city manager, advised the group that estimates had been received from the City's engineers, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

The estimate for the entire project is \$271,500 including engineering and surveying costs.

The project would include some paving on the unpaved portions of East Avenue B, East Avenue D and East Eighth Street, as well as looping of some water lines in that same general area.

If funded, the City's cost of the project would be \$37,500.

A discussion also was held on a possible capital improvements program for the City of Muleshoe.

The Council and several citizens had suggestions/requests for things that they would like to see done at some point in time.

Some of the things on the "wish list" included:

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Only 1-in-10 Texans pass Algebra I exam

By **MARTHA TOLES FROST**
City Editor

Only 11 percent of students in the state who took an Algebra I end-of-course test in December passed, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Texas education officials attributed the results to the newness of the test, the small number of students taking it and a lack of math-readiness, according to a recent Associated Press story

Education Commissioner Mike Moses expressed disappointment in the test results, but said the testing program is in a state of transition.

"We have significantly raised the math standards students must meet," he said recently. Education officials said they want the standard to reflect what they want children to learn.

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AROUND MULESHOE

Muleshoe Community Choir presenting Easter musical Sunday

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring "Celebrate Life!" the musical story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection.

The musical, originally released in 1972, will be presented by the Muleshoe Community Choir at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 31 at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

The choir is made up of area singers, representing many churches. The presentation features a variety of musical styles, several soloists, an instrumental ensemble, a cast of biblical narrators and some drama.

Other Easter events planned by the Ministerial Alliance include Holy Week Services and a meal at noon April 1-3 at the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church.

A Sunrise Easter Service is planned at 7:30 a.m. (CDT) April 7 the new city park in Richland Hills. The message will be brought by Jack Stone, minister of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ, where refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the sunrise service.

Fine Arts 'Night to Shine' at MHS includes bands, art, one-act play

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club is hosting its annual fund-raiser Fine Arts "Night to Shine" at Muleshoe High School Monday night, April 1.

The event will begin with a concert at 6:30 p.m. featuring selections by the sixth-grade, junior high school and Mighty "M" bands in preparation for upcoming UIL contests — April 2 for junior high and April 24 for high school.

Desserts will be served at 7:15 in the high school cafeteria during a student art show and silent auction supported by local businesses.

At 8 p.m. the MHS drama department will present its one-act contest play "Danton's Death" set during the French Revolution, complete with a guillotine.

Fine Arts "Night to Shine" tickets can be obtained by calling Carol Cox at 272-4396. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Pre-school children will be admitted free.

Muleshoe Area Hospital District ordering election for Places 1,3,5

Muleshoe Area Hospital District will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28 in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical center, 708 S. First St.

The main order of business will be to order an election for places 1, 3 and 5 on the hospital board. These places are presently being held by Joe King and Victor Leal, both of Muleshoe, and Derrell Jennings of Lazbuddie.

Election ballot procedure also will be ordered, and an executive session is planned.

Driver education courses at MHS beginning April 9

Driver's education classes at Muleshoe High School will begin April 9. A fee will be charged for the course.

To be eligible to take the course, students must be 15 years old by July 1. Sign-ups are being held at the Muleshoe ISD administration office through April 3.

Students must bring their birth certificates to sign up. For further information, contact Wanda Wiley at the administration office, 272-3389.

Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat planned at Bailey County Coliseum

The eighth annual Eastern New Mexico and West Texas Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat has been set for the weekend of April 12 and 13.

The retreat will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, featuring guest speaker, Donna Otto, who will focus on the art of mentoring. The retreat is non-denominational, designed for women of all ages and backgrounds.

The deadline for registration is April 1, with a late charge of \$10. Registrations will not be accepted after April 11, and there will be no on-site registration.

To obtain a registration form or for more information, call the Master's Books and Gifts at (800) 452-6818 or (505) 762-1924.

High Plains Writing Project gives teachers summer credit, fall ideas

PORTALES — The High Plains Writing Project at Eastern New Mexico University will accept twenty applicants to its summer institute scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 10 to July 3.

The deadline to apply for admission to the writing project is April 5. Participants will receive a stipend to help with tuition and books. The course offers six hours of graduate credit in English or education.

Course requirements include planning and presenting a teaching technique, composing a project plan to implement in the fall, and composing a professional paper.

For an application or more information, call Dr. Marian Matthews at (505) 562-2219 or 2143.

Three Way students cited in state Celebration of Excellence

LEVELLAND — Olivia Martha and Joshua Tooley of Three Way School were recently recognized for their educational achievements during a Celebration of Excellence program hosted by South Plains College.

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going to have to do that a lot — with parents, coaches and kids. It comes with the job."

He said that there still might be more changes.

Though it's all part of the job, it still stings to be told, you're not needed or you don't fit in.

Both coaches let go feel like victims. Both feel comfortable in Muleshoe, and given a choice, would prefer to stay.

Wiley still might. His teaching contract was renewed and he has expressed a desire to go into administration.

This situation has caused a stir among some folks in town, where most everybody is a neighbor and friend.

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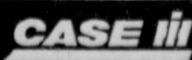
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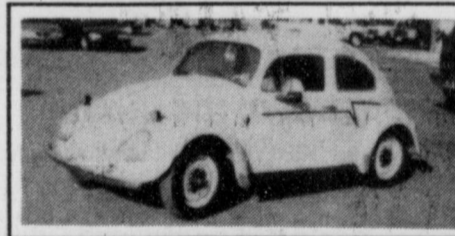


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Letter to the Editor

Reader thinks it's time to name Police Chief

Dear Editor:

I am a resident of Bailey County and have decided to write this letter to speak my mind on a subject that more than just I feel needs to be addressed.

The matter of a new Police Chief to be named . . . the date keeps getting extended. If the city council cannot decide on a new chief for our police force, then why don't they ask for help from the public like the school board did in hiring a new head coach.

After Mr. Dominguez resigned, the council told us it would take a month to get the notices of taking applications into all the papers and magazines. Then I heard (thru the grapevine) that a new chief would be announced after the seventh day of February.

February came and went with no announcement of the new chief. I heard that the council was going to announce a new chief on March nineteenth. Then I read in your paper that the council has not even interviewed the prospective applicants for the position.

I am outraged at the laziness and disregard the council is showing towards the public by taking so long to replace the police chief. If it were another position, would it take so long? If it dealt with going to some type of convention, would it

take so long? If it dealt with raising taxes, would it take so long?

Every day that there is not a chief on duty, is another day of burden on our officers working and another day of one less person serving and protecting our community.

Sure, a lot of people think that the chief doesn't do much but paper work. But that still relieves the person doing it now to patrol our streets.

We have a very small police force compared to other cities our size, but the system seems to be working, so why change? I can agree with that, but to shrink it by even one person for as long as this has been going on is ridiculous.

I say that it is time the council get off their butts and find our community a new Chief of Police and quit stalling.

By the way, what is this I hear that the county has to respond to calls at the Fina and Alco instead of our city police. What is going on?
**Thank you,
J.W. Smith**

Editor's Note: The Muleshoe Police Department has five full-time officers, including acting chief Jay Livingston, plus one reserve officer.

Lazbuddie weatherman says help on the way

Relief may finally be in sight. "Chief" Weldon Crim performed his annual weather forecasting ritual on March 22, and the outlook for local farmers is good.

"The spring will see average rainfall," says the "Chief." "Start the wells now and look for moisture in the latter part of the season."

The word "average" does not always carry a good feeling with it. But as dry as conditions have been, the locals should be more than accepting of that term this year.

The Crim family has been performing this Indian ritual since 1910. Weldon's

grandfather, Taylor Crim, learned this forecasting technique from the Plains Indians. He performed his own version of the ritual until his death in 1937.

His son, John, continued the family tradition for the next four decades. He became known as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet," and he continued the forecasting until his death in 1980. Weldon picked up then and continued his father's legacy. He has been performing the "burnings" publicly since 1983.

This Indian tradition, known as a "fire burning," is performed by setting fire to a teepee-shaped pile of wood on the morning of March 22. The actual forecast is

done by reading the direction in which the smoke blows at exactly sunrise. This year's north wind means an "average" spring.

And Crim and his family have prided themselves on the accuracy of the results. John often claimed to be on target approximately eighty percent of the time.

Weldon has done just as well, as he has been correct on four of the last five years. Last year, he not only predicted a dry spring but also a good amount of hail.

So the local farmers can afford to smile once again. The "Chief" says moisture is on the way, and history says we should believe him.

Texas Corn Producers holding election for five director seats

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) will hold elections in five of its eight voting regions to elect five board members where current members' seats are expiring.

The election will be conducted by voting regions. There is one seat open for election in Voting Region Two, which consists of Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer counties.

In addition to the candidates on the ballot, voters may also vote for write-in candidates.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of corn, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (April 22, 1996) has been a producer of corn or has caused corn to be produced for commercial purposes.

This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the corn assessment.

Qualified voters must reside within the TCPB voting region they want to vote in.

Ballots are available at all county agent offices within counties where elections are to occur and at all elevators and processors within counties where elections are to occur. Ballots also can be requested by mail directly from the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

If you request an election ballot by mail from TCPB, please include your county of residence.

For a ballot to be valid, it must be mailed to the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027, with a postmark date of no later than April 22, 1996.

Two small fires in town Saturday near city park

A grass fire broke out in the southwest portion of the new city park in Muleshoe Saturday night around 9 p.m. and was still seen blazing about an hour later by an observer in the neighborhood.

Shortly after the first fire was extinguished, another fire was reported nearby in a vacant lot between an abandoned motel and the Muleshoe Church of Christ on 20th Street and American Boulevard.

The pastor of the church, John Knox, who was out of town during the fire, said that

although there were reports of fire in the eaves of the church, he found no damage to the roof.

He did notice when he returned, however, that the grass near the church had burned, but he didn't know if the fire had started accidentally or had been set deliberately.

Muleshoe Fire Chief Harrison and Fire Marshall Jimmy Mills, who also were out of town at the time of the fires, confirmed that four fire trucks were needed to extinguish the first fire, which

burned until about the time the second fire was reported.

Muleshoe police dispatcher Mary Soto said she received the first call at 9:21 p.m. reporting a fire at the new city park and a second call at 10:04 p.m. reporting a fire near the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Tom Ladd and Larry Rasco, two of the firemen who fought the fires, would not speculate as to the cause of the initial grass fire.

No other details were available.

— Martha Toles Frost

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Sports

Sanchez third at Plainview tourney

PLAINVIEW — Michael Sanchez of Muleshoe finished third in the boys singles division of the Plainview '96 tennis tournament March 17.

Sanchez, a senior, won three matches in straight sets to reach the semifinals, including a 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 4 seed Pittman of Spearman.

Sanchez rebounded from a 6-3, 6-1 loss to top-seeded Addison of Lamesa with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 win over Fowler of Memphis for third place.

"He played smart and worked very hard," MHS boys coach Jim Gruhlkey said. "He got to some shots that only pure hustle will get you to, and then turned them into winners."

Mules freshman Aaron Faver was eliminated in the second round in singles.

In boys doubles, the MHS teams of J.B. Beall and Mark McGuire and Chris Shelburne lost opening round matches and finished at 1-2.

In girls singles, Amber Bruns won her opening match, but was eliminated by top-seeded Julie Goddard of Friona, 6-0, 6-2 in the second round.

Cassidy Cleavinger and Amanda Hahn lost in the first round and were eliminated early in the consolation bracket.

The Lady Mules doubles teams of Cambri Lewis and Rhonda Warren and Rhonda Copley and Tarah Bell lost their first two matches.

BOYS

Singles

1st round

Sanchez (Muleshoe) def. Yanms (Memphis), 8-2; Faver (Muleshoe) def. Martinez (Anton), 8-0.

Second round

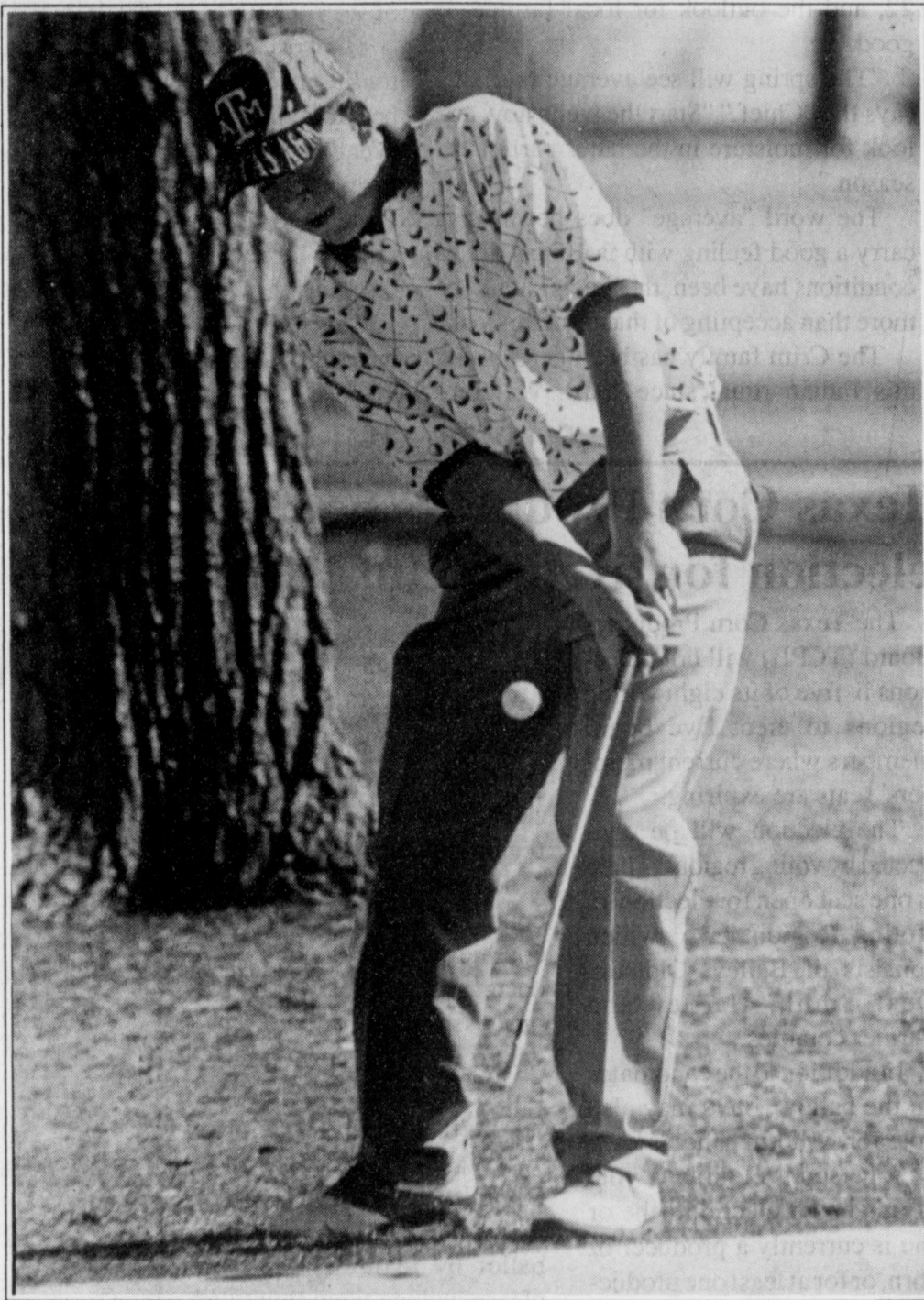
Sanchez def. Mays (Dimmitt), 6-2, 6-1; Brockman (Nazareth) def. Faver, 6-4, 6-1.

Quarterfinals

Sanchez def. Pittman (Spearman), 6-4, 6-2.

Semifinals

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Feeling chipper

Muleshoe junior Kyle Embry chips over a cart path at the Farwell Invitational golf tournament earlier this year. Embry is tied for the District 2-3A lead after two rounds. The final round is April 5 at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Mules running away with District 2-3A title

Muleshoe High School junior Kyle Embry shot a 78 Saturday, mastering the gusty winds that sent scores skyrocketing in the second round of the District 2-3A boys golf tournament at Olton Country Club.

Embry's five-stroke win helped the Mules virtually wrap up the district title after the second of three rounds. The Mules shot a 318 and hold a 48-stroke lead over Floydada.

Embry also pulled in a first-place tie with Floydada's Justin Payne at 163. Payne shot an 84.

"He showed a lot of poise," MHS coach Ralph Mason said. "He keeps his composure even after he has a bad hole."

Embry struggled most of the season until finishing second in a playoff at the Farwell Invitational Thursday.

Muleshoe's Damon Davenport skied to an 88 Saturday after an opening-round 80 and is third at 168.

The third round is at Muleshoe Country Club April 5. The top two teams and individuals advance to the Region I Tournament in April.

The Lady Mules still have some work left to cement their bid as district runner-up.

Golf

2-3A Tournament

BOYS

Second round

at Olton Country Club

Team — 1. Muleshoe 328-668, 2. Floydada 364-716, 3. Friona Red 374-729, 4. Littlefield 384-766, 5. Dimmitt 397-807, 6. Friona White 429-854.

Individual — 1. (tie) Justin Payne, Floydada, 79-84-163; 2. Kyle Embry, Muleshoe, 85-78-163; 3. Damon Davenport, Muleshoe, 80-88-168.

Muleshoe — Kyle Embry 78, Damon Davenport 88, Cyle Marr 87, Darren Box 85, Stefan Sutton 97.

GIRLS

Second round

at Country Club of Dimmitt

Team — 1. Friona Red 420-817, 2. Muleshoe 451-871, 3. Littlefield 438-890, 4. Friona White 491-960, 5. Shallowater 503-982.

Individual — 1. Jennifer Beversdorf, Littlefield, 87-91-178; 2. Chrisina Lester, Shallowater, 87-98-185; 3. Goldie Harrison, Friona Red, 91-97-188.

Muleshoe — Keisha Whitt 98, Dacia Stewart 112, Nikki Sutton 124, Katie Black 125, Kendra Kenmore 117.

Friona shot a 420 Saturday at the Country Club of Dimmitt and holds a 54-stroke lead over Muleshoe.

Littlefield cut 13 strokes into Muleshoe.
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Muleshoe stumbles in championship game

EUNICE, NM — Eunice scored seven runs with two outs in the seventh inning and beat Muleshoe, 11-4, Saturday in the championship game of the Eunice Tournament.

An infield error after reliever Alfredo Gonzales retired the first two batters started the seven-run rally. Jerad Gladden's grand slam to right-center field gave the Cardinals a 9-4 lead.

Muleshoe (6-8) scored twice in the fifth without a hit and with plenty of help from Eunice to tie the score at 4-4. The Cardinals committed four errors in the inning.

Kyle Moberly's two-run home run off Muleshoe starter Layne Kemp had given the defending New Mexico Class AA champion Cardinals a 4-2 lead.

Gonzales had two of Muleshoe's five hits.

Eunice finished with 11 hits. MHS rallied past the New Mexico Military Institute, 17-11, in Friday's semifinals.

The Mules scored 11 times in the fifth before making an out.

The Mules scored 13 runs in the inning, erasing NMMI's 9-4 lead.

Kemp, who relieved

Baseball

Eunice Tournament

Friday

Consolation semifinals

Andrews JV 7, Jal 6

Lake Arthur 26, Buena Vista 4

Championship semifinals

Muleshoe 17, NMMI 12

Eunice 9, Dexter 3

Saturday

Seventh-place game

Jal 13, Buena Vista 12

Fifth-place game

Lake Arthur 7, Andrews JV 4

Third-place game

NMMI 4, Dexter 1

Championship

Eunice 11, Muleshoe 4

Gonzales in the second, allowed two runs in the top of the sixth while striking out the side. The game was called after 5 1/2 innings because of a two-hour time limit.

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Garbarino wins two at Relays

HEREFORD — Daniel Garbarino was a double winner, helping Muleshoe High School finish sixth at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Relays March 23-24 at Hereford High School.

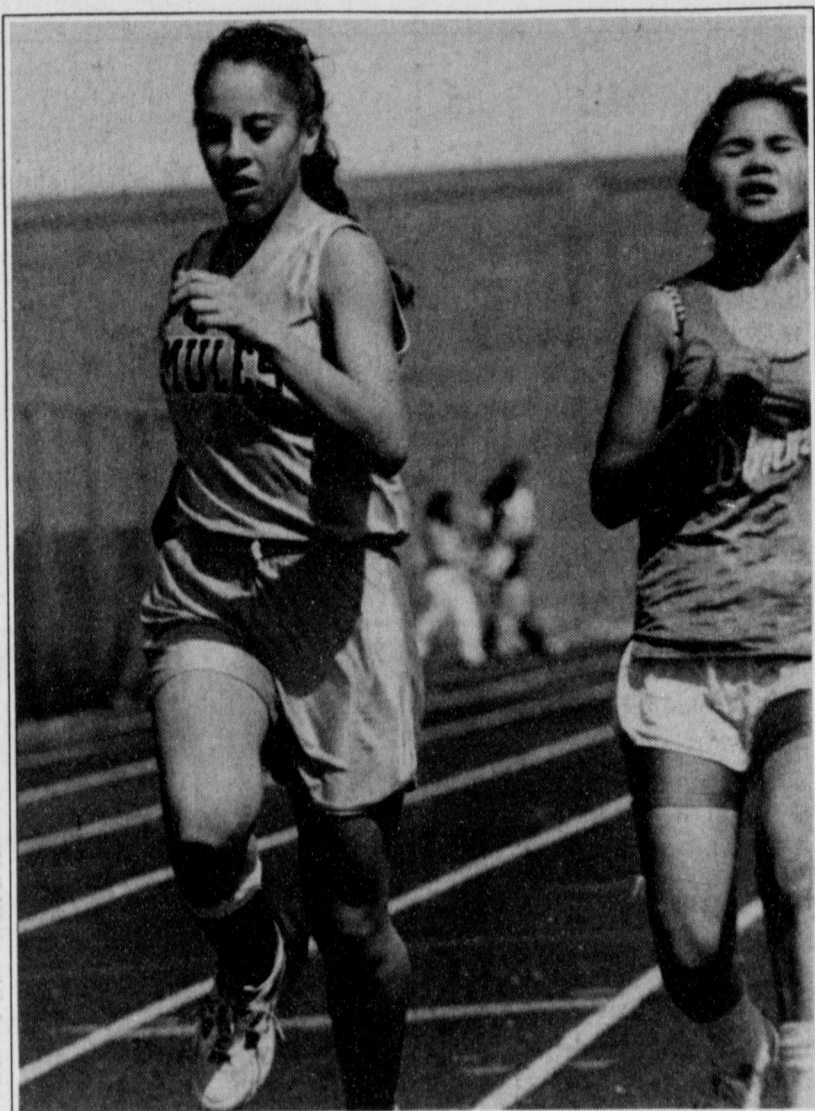
Pampa won the boys title and Amarillo High the girls title in a meet featuring many of the Class 4A and 5A schools in the Amarillo area.

Pampa finished with 121/2 points and Canyon was second with 96. District 2-3A's Dimmitt was fifth with 48 points, seven points ahead of Muleshoe.

Garbarino, a 6-foot-3 senior, won the high jump on less than total misses while clearing a season-best 6 feet, 4 inches and won the triple jump with a leap of 40-10 1/4.

Garbarino finished third in the 110-meter hurdles (15.34 seconds) and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles, his first losses in those events this year.

Senior Chad Johnson took third in the shot put (49-5 3/4) and fifth in the discus (138-10) for the Mules, and senior Greg Cortez finished fifth in the 800



Strong finish

Muleshoe's Priscilla Aguirre pushes past a Dimmitt runner in the 3,200 meters Saturday at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce at Hereford High School.

meters.

The Amarillo High girls finished with 130 points, Pampa was second with 103 3/4 points and Palo Duro third with 90 points. Friona was eighth with 28 points, Dimmitt 10th with 12 points and Muleshoe 11th

with 8 points.

Junior Cari Faver was fourth in the 1600 (5:58) and fifth in the 3,200 meters (13:23) for the Lady Mules. Jo Beth Gilleland added a fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (50.01).

MISD

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serve as a representative of only one of these groups.

People who are interested in serving on the district forum are asked to contact the superintendent's office. Those interested in serving on campus forums should contact campus principals.

A discussion of the 1996-97 salary scale mandated by Senate Bill 1 centered around what the local district will do in addition to the state salary schedule regarding base pay and increments.

"The district must decide whether to maintain or change the \$1,000 increments at the bachelor's degree level and \$1,200 increments at the advanced degree level. We are considering options," Moore said. "This is a significant financial investment."

The salary schedule is expected to be approved in April. To avoid a conflict with the weekend of Easter, the board meetings have been rescheduled from April 8 and 22 to April 15 and April 29.

The Board recognized Laurissa Noack, who won first place in biological sciences as well as grand champion—the best of all first places—at the science fair, and Brennan Broyles, who won a first place physical sciences at the fair.

Board President Cindy Purdy described a successful

lobbying effort by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to oppose a \$2.5 billion federal budget cut in education spending.

Purdy read a letter the TASB wrote to Texas senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchinson recently concerning the effect of the budget cuts on local school districts in the state.

In response, the United States Senate recently passed an amendment restoring many of the education programs ad-

dressed in the letter.
 — \$350 million was restored to Goals 2,000.
 — \$200 million was restored to the Safe and Drug Free Schools fund.
 — \$10 million was restored to the education/technology fund.
 — \$91 million was restored to School to Work.
 A Senate/House joint version of the bill must still be passed in conference in order to restore the educational funding, Moore said.

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE FOR SENIORS BEGINS CONSTRUCTION IN LUBBOCK.

Assisted Living Concept, Inc. (ALC) has announced that construction has begun on Mackenzie House, a new assisted living residence containing 50 apartments. The residence, located at 8609 Boston in Lubbock, is scheduled for completion in May of 1996. Mackenzie House will offer a wide range of assistance with services planned according to each tenant's personal needs and choices. ALC management is nationally recognized for offering assisted living to older and disabled adults who want to maintain their independence but who need or want access to a variety of support services.

"We are very excited about bringing this new senior housing option to the Lubbock Area," says Linda Castillo, Operations Manager. "Tenants will have access to laundry, dining, and activity areas within the building, as well as a landscaped outdoor courtyard," according to Castillo. "While these common areas are furnished, tenants personalize their apartments as they like with their own things." Applicants may choose from studio and one bedroom apartments, complete with kitchenettes, private bathrooms, and individually controlled heat and air conditioning units. The residence's single story construction, secured exit doors, locking apartment doors, and voice to voice emergency systems are designed to give older residents a sense of security where they can age in place.

Specially trained staff provide help day and night. Basic services include three homemade meals daily, housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, and social activities. Mackenzie House will have an on-site beauty shop, whirlpool bath, and transportation coordination. If needed, staff may also assist with bathing, personal hygiene, dressing, grooming and eating -- pets are welcome too.

Monthly rates will be determined individually based on apartment preference and the assessed service level of the tenant. Applications are now being accepted allowing specific apartment selection. For more information about Mackenzie House please contact Betty Cox at 806-745-7770.

Sanchez

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Addison (Lamesa) def. Sanchez, 6-3, 6-1

Third place
 Sanchez def. 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

Doubles
First round
 Beck-Bryan (Dimmitt) def. Beall-McGuire (Muleshoe), 8-2; Ethridge-Schultre (Nazareth) def. Shelburne-Lee (Muleshoe), 8-2. Miramontes-Latham (Muleshoe) won by default.

Second round
 Deaver-Salinas (Memphis) def. Miramontes, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Consolation
First round
 Beall-McGuire def. Miller-Daugherty (Boys Ranch), 8-6; Shelburne-Lee def. Browning-Neighbors (Miami), 8-6.

Second round
 Abraham-Payne (Valley) def. Beall-McGuire, 9-7; Taylor-McVay (Valley) def. Shelburne-Lee, 8-2.

GIRLS
Singles
First round
 Bruns (MHS) def. Carrasco (Hart), 8-3; Baker (Friona) def. Hahn (MHS), 8-6; Kinney (Lamesa) def. Cleavinger (MHS), 8-1.

Second round
 Goddard (Friona) def. Bruns, 6-0, 6-2.

Consolation
First round
 Cleavinger def. Cameron (Boys Ranch), 8-2; Soria (Post) def. Hahn, 8-2.

Second round
 Payne (Memphis) def. Cleavinger, 8-0.

Doubles

First round
 Duniho-Holton (Spearman) def. Lewis-Warren (MHS), 8-0; Bybee-Reeves (Lamesa) def. Copley-Bell (MHS), 8-4.

Consolation
 Vogler-Hamilton (Lamesa) def. Lewis-Warren, 10-8; Ortiz-Ortiz (Valley) def. Copley-Bell.



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Golf

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MHS' seemingly secure 32-stroke first-round lead.

Second-round leader Jennifer Beversdorf led the charge with a 91 for a two-round total of 178. The Lady Cats were second Saturday with a 438.

Keisha Whitt paced Muleshoe with a 98. Dacia Stewart shot a 112 and Kendra Kenmore a 117.

The third round is at Friona Country Club April 5.



Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, was sworn in as an associate justice in 1981.

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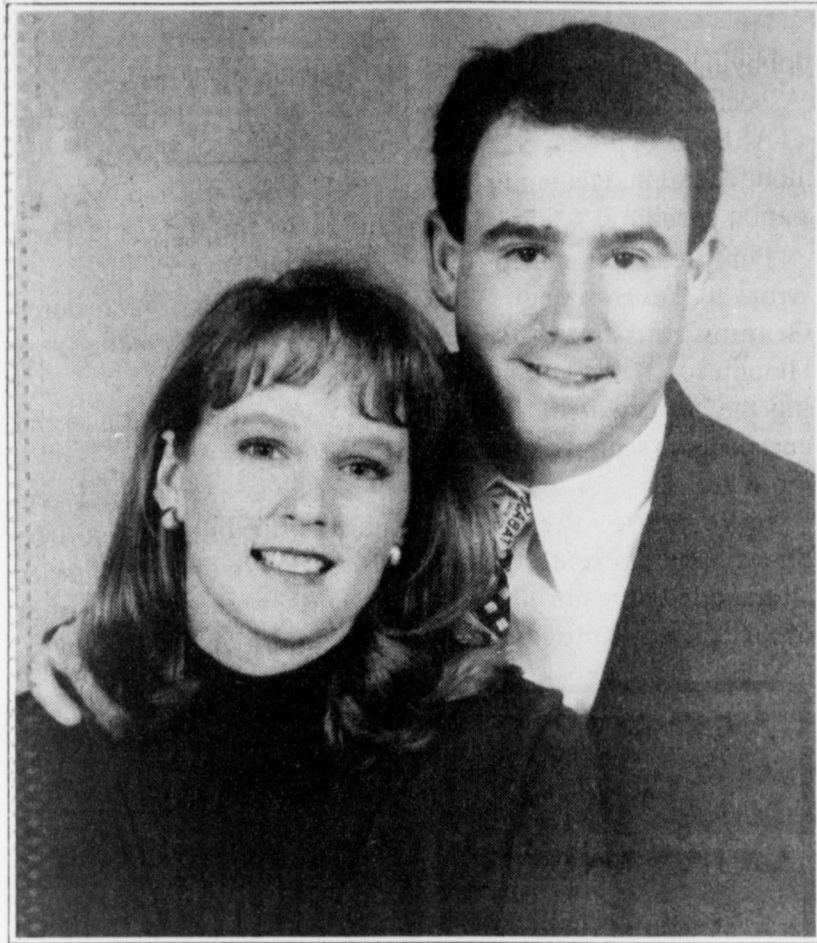
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Engagement



Todd Keller and Amy Turner

Janelle and Doyce Turner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Todd Keller of Sonora, Texas. Todd is the son of Diann and Mike Keller of Sonora. The wedding will be on June 8, 1996, at the Turner home. Amy is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in bio/medical science. Todd is a graduate from Sonora High School and Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in bio/medical science. He will enter the University of Texas Health Sciences Center Dental School in San Antonio in August. Amy is the granddaughter of Alma Turner and A.R. McGuire, both of Muleshoe.

Algebra

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Muleshoe High School counselor Linda Marr said some Muleshoe students will be among the 255,000 students taking the new test in May, depending on where they are on Muleshoe's math ladder.

Beginning with DeShazo Elementary School, students are monitored to see how well they are doing in math skills. Some enter an accelerated program, taking up to two years of math in one year—calculating at their own pace.

In junior high school, depending on their math backgrounds, some seventh and eighth graders take pre-algebra, while other eighth graders take Algebra I, a one-year course which earns them one of three required high school credits in math.

Eighth graders who took pre-algebra either take Algebra I as freshmen and Algebra

II as sophomores, or they take something called Algebra I-IV, the equivalent of Algebra I spread over two years.

Although Algebra I has traditionally been taught as a two-semester course, Marr said some students learn algebra at a slower rate than others, and teachers must be certain they understand one concept before they move on to another.

The Saxon math program, known for its reinforcement, is being used in Muleshoe's campuses through the junior high school level, with some modifications for additional input, according to MISD Assistant Superintendent Adrian Meador.

Gov. George W. Bush commented recently on the "unacceptable" results of the recent end-of-course Algebra I test.

"We've got to do a better job," he said, although the

governor said he would stick with his opinion that improvement in reading skills should come first.

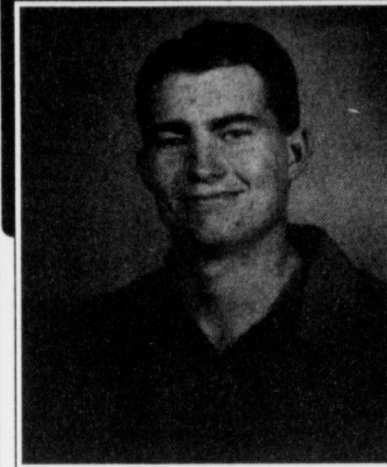
"It's hard to be good in math if you can't read," Bush said.

Students who pass end-of-course tests in various subjects, beginning in 1998-99, will be exempt from having to pass the exit-level TAAS tests in order to graduate.

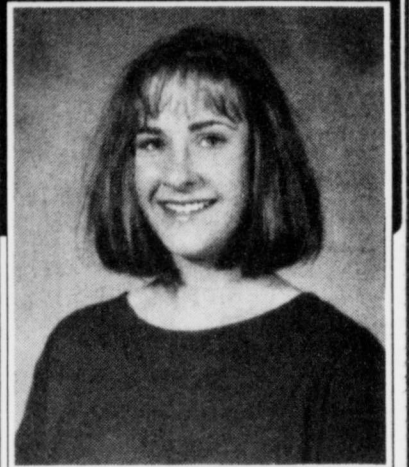
Copy deadline

The deadline for news items to be submitted to the Muleshoe and Bailey County Journals is at noon on the preceding Tuesday for the Thursday edition and at noon on the preceding Friday for the Sunday edition. (Copy deadlines for society news: wedding, anniversary, engagement and birthday announcements are at 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday for the Thursday and Sunday editions.)

Western 66 Congratulates the Mule & Lady Mule of the Week!



MICHAEL SANCHEZ



CARI FAVER

Senior Michael Sanchez placed 3rd in the Cooper Track Plainview Tennis Match. He played outstanding. Michael is the son of Winfred & Jonece Long. Senior Cari Faver had 18 points in the mile. She placed 1st in the two mile, and 2nd in the two mile. With a total of 65 points, Cari works extremely hard. Cari is the daughter of David & Ann Faver.

Public Record

Obituaries

Tracy Enos

MORTON — Funeral services for Tracy Enos, 54, of Morton, were held Wednesday, March 27, at the First Missionary Church, of Morton, with Wayne Cullen, former pastor and now of McAlisterville, Okla., officiating.

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

Enos died March 24, 1996, at the Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton after an illness.

He was born July 28, 1941, in Ryan, Okla. He married Brenda K. Blackstock Sept. 12,

1959, in Morton. He had lived in Morton since 1951 moving there from Henrietta, Texas. He owned and operated Enos Welding Shop in Morton. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda of the home; two sons, Darin Lee Enos and Dusty Wade Enos, both of Morton; one daughter, Brenda Darene Gordon of Morton; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3403 73rd St., Suite 1, Lubbock, TX 79423 or the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755-0460.

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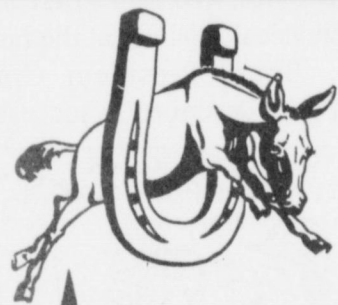
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DeShazo Elementary Circle of Champions

At a Circle of Champions ceremony March 15, DeShazo Elementary students who met specific academic, behavior and attendance standards were awarded caps or patches for their caps.

The different colored caps for each grade are the only caps that may be worn by students during school.

Following the ceremony, students were treated to refreshments and a playday at the Bailey County Civic Center.

To earn a cap, students must have a grade of 75 or higher in each class, must have all A's in behavior and must have no more than two absences per nine-week grading period.

Students choose a parent or friend to "cap" them.

The following students received caps this nine weeks:

Third grade: Christopher Davis, Chris Gathright, Mitci Kay Hawkins, Edgar Juarez, Curtis Lacefield, Carmen Mojica, April Morgan, Brant Wedel.

Fourth grade: Stacy Bond, Shatonia Chancey, Keri Copley, Joseph Gonzalez, Perla Juarez, Marisela Loya, Angelica Mojica, Christy Morgan, Cory Ruthhardt, Eberardo Salamanca.

Fifth grade: Valerie Ellis, Jimmy Franco, Christina Garcia, Jodi Hawkins, Rita Lopez, Eugenio Mojica, Mario Nunwez, Laura Vasquez.

In order to earn a pin or a patch for their cap, students must improve their grades, have all A's in behavior and must have no more than two

absences per nine-week grading period.

The following students received patches for their caps this nine weeks:

Third grade: Ashley Beggs, Kelsey Beggs, Trent Black, Mandy Brantly, Brady Broyles, Amy Burris, Brenda Caraveo, Jamie Carpenter, Charissa Conner, Jeremy Copley, Amber Cowart, Sarah Dominguez, Lauren Elder, Ruth Elizalde, Erin Gallman, Jaelyn Gilleland, Karla Granillo, Niclas Green, Jessica Hall, Jennifer Heredia, Trissy Herington, Coli Hunt, Kristi Johnson, Shalisa Ladd, Amanda Lopez, Laura Marquez, Ester Martinez, Esther Mendoza, Michelle Morales, Barry Morris, Lindsay Morris, Raul Muniz, Juan Nunez, Lorena Olivas, Juan Orozco, Ritamarie Ortiz, Adam Pierce, Shana Remp, Joel Salcido, Kayla Spradling, Brittany Thomason, Tamara Thompson, Irene Torres,

Isabel Triana, Cami Valdez, Jonathan Vega.

Fourth grade: Robbie Barrett, Casey Barrier, Sara Benham, Marlie Black, Alejandrina Contreras, Elida Diaz, Theran Edler, Daniela Flores, Amanda Gonzales, Hailey Hamilton, Erin Hancock, Tatom Heathington, Yuri Marquez, Stacey Mata, Jessica Montiel, Tabatha Oberhaus, Karla Ruvalcaba, Ryan Wiley, Meghan Wills.

Fifth grade: Gradee Adrian, Wyndi Allison, Bailey Barrier, Brennan Broyles, Adriana Carmona, Joel Cowart, Jordan Dale, Jennifer Elizarraraz, Tyrel Gear, Jenny Hall, Cory Hunt, Shauna Kitchens, Mindy Locker, Luz Muniz, Laurissa Noack, Ryan Powell, Eva Pylant, Shani Rasco, Micah Ruthardt, Michael Tosh, Cyndi Vandiver, Jami Wedel.

It takes a great man to make a good listener.

—Arthur Helps

Council

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- Curb ramps and islands for Main Street, which must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations;

- Repairs at City Hall, including a new roof;
- A jogging/walking path in the Community Park;

- Improvements at the swimming pool, tennis courts and baseball parks;

- Some work at both the East Park and the Community Park;

- Portable bleachers that could be used for various functions;

- Somewhere teenagers could go—possibly an indoor swimming pool and other things to do.

One citizen mentioned that the old theater building on Main

Street really needs to be torn down before someone gets hurt when it falls down on its own.

Mayor Robert Montgomery responded that the City has been working on this project for quite some time and will continue to pursue this matter until it is taken care of.

The list was long—and expensive. It was suggested that this needs to be a long term project—not something that can be done in one or two years.

In addition, the Council discussed surveying the community to help identify capital improvements needs.

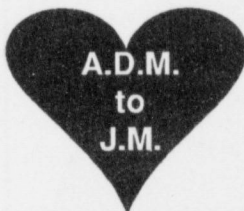
The Council agreed to begin work on a jogging/walking path in the Community Park in the near future. Dr. Robert Lepard agreed to be chairman of this project, working with the City to get this accomplished.

"Happy Birthday, Honey!"

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Muleshoe Cattle Market

Saturday, March 23, 1996

STEERS		HEIFERS	
Weight	per #	Weight	per #
200-300	\$60-\$70	200-300	\$50-\$60
300-400	\$55-\$60	300-400	\$50-\$57
400-500	\$52-\$59	400-500	\$50-\$55
500-600	\$52-\$59	500-600	\$45-\$50
600-700	\$52-\$56 ⁵⁰	600-700	\$45-\$50
700-800	\$50-\$55	700-800	\$45-\$50

677 head of cattle were sold.

The market was steady on most of the classes of cattle with the exception of packer cows, selling \$2-\$3 lower.

PAIRS	
Good & Young	\$300-\$450
BRED COWS	
Others	\$300-\$400
PACKER COWS	
High Yielding	\$27-\$34 ²⁵
Others	\$37-\$43

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Gordon Waldrop, Muleshoe	5	Hol. Strs.	406 lbs.	at \$34.00
Trevor Thompson, Plainview	4	Rwf. Strs.	349 lbs.	at \$62.50
Ralph Burnett, Broadview, NM	3	Char. Str.	432 lbs.	at \$58.50
Travis Bessire, Muleshoe		Red Str.	440 lbs.	at \$59.00
Jose Saenz, Whiteface		Char. Str.	500 lbs.	at \$58.75
Jesus Hernandez, Muleshoe	12	Mixed Strs.	529 lbs.	at \$57.25
Joe Miller, Amherst	9	Mixed Strs.	760 lbs.	at \$56.00
Leo Chavez, Muleshoe	2	Bwf. Strs.	978 lbs.	at \$54.50
Joe Kent, Sudan	2	Mixed Strs.	770 lbs.	at \$54.00
Tommy Lewis, Morton	10	Blk. Bulls	781 lbs.	at \$49.00
Jim Lawson, Olton	10	Blk. Bulls	963 lbs.	at \$45.00
Lee Jesko, Muleshoe		Red Bull	640 lbs.	at \$55.00
Rocking R Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Mixed Hfrs.	313 lbs.	at \$57.00
Rocking R Cattle, Muleshoe	3	Red Hfrs.	413 lbs.	at \$55.50
Howard Tooley, Maple		Blk. Hfr.	445 lbs.	at \$51.50
Lee Jesko, Muleshoe		Red Hfr.	585 lbs.	at \$49.50
CCCW, Causey, NM	3	Red Hfrs.	622 lbs.	at \$49.75
Todd Ellis, Muleshoe	4	Mixed Hfrs.	620 lbs.	at \$50.25
Todd Ellis, Muleshoe	4	Mixed Hfrs.	613 lbs.	at \$47.50
J. V Stancell, Muleshoe	12	Mixed Hfrs.	679 lbs.	at \$48.75
4 G Farms, Inc., Littlefield		Blk. Pair		\$505.00
Wesley Cattle, Midland	6	Char. Pair		\$450.00
Wesley Cattle, Midland	2	Blk. Cows, P7		\$390.00
Wesley Cattle, Midland	5	Red Cows, P8		\$395.00
Billy Tiller, Sudan		Red Cows	1135 lbs.	at \$32.75
Field Farm, Dora, NM	2	Red Cows	1260 lbs.	at \$34.25
Rocking R Cattle, Muleshoe	2	Brin. Cows	1120 lbs.	at \$30.25
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe		Blk. Bull	1075 lbs.	at \$45.50

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately 12 noon.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201.

¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$5,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$45,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$5,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene al menos 55 años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1995, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 1996—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 1996. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1995, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30^o de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

Bailey Central Appraisal District

104 E. Ave. C Muleshoe, TX 79347 (806) 272-5501
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Call 272-4536 Deadlines: For Thursday, Noon Tuesday; for Sunday, Noon Friday Call 272-4536

Bureau of Vital Statistics staff play sleuths to protect records

When Ron Weaver—aka Ron McKelvey—came from California to play football under false pretenses at The University to Texas at Austin, he brought his identification papers with him, most of them false.

When Baby Boy Edwards was born on Dec. 23 in central Texas, he had no papers.

Seeing that the Edwards family gets the right birth certificate for Giles Torin Forrest Edwards—and that people such as Weaver do not collect fraudulent ones—is part of the work of the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Texas Department of Health.

The bureau has the job of recording all births, deaths, marriages and divorces in Texas—a job which generates more than 750,000 documents annually. Another 200,000 requests are received each year for certified copies of these records. Normally, all these procedures move along smoothly; papers are filled out correctly, signed by the right people and filed on time.

But occasionally, someone tries to get the records of other people. Preventing this from

happening is where the bureau's human element shines.

"We always want to maintain the integrity of the records," said Deputy State Registrar Geraldine R. Harris, who is division director of Vital Registration. "We don't want to stop progress, but we want to be sure that records do not go into the wrong hands."

That often means that a combination of asking the right questions, following carefully defined procedures and using some Sherlock Holmes-type intuition keeps the system rolling.

"Standard operating procedures—that's what makes the system work," said Josie Pardo, Fraud Unit Coordinator. "We ask the same questions of everyone who applies for a copy of a document. People need a picture I.D. when they request a birth certificate," she said.

If they don't have one, then two forms of identification—one of which must be already signed—are required. These would include Social Security or Voter Registration card, library or bus card, school or military identifications, car registration or a hunting and fishing license.

Farm Bill

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... pate in CRP, because cash-rental arrangements are usually made only on poor quality land.

More valuable and highly-erodible lands which the government pays landowners to protect under CRP would otherwise be rented-out for the more profitable share arrangement of the tenant farmer's profit in the harvest on the landowner's acreage.

Crop flexibility provisions worked out by Combest will protect producers who want the option to grow vegetables as an alternative to commodity program crops. Combest addressed concerns that proposed flexibility provisions would limit wheat, grain, cotton farmers and others from also growing vegetables unless that particular farm had an established history of growing vegetables as well as traditional commodity crops. Combest's provision allows any producers to grow vegetables on their farm program acreage, as long as the region has a history "double-cropping" vegetables with commodity crops. As a result of Combest's work, producers throughout the Panhandle and South Plains will be able to grow for vegetable processing plants without being prevented from continuing to receive full farm program assistance.

In Texas, the single-largest peanut-producing county is Gaines County. Farmers around Seminole and Denver City had been prohibited from growing peanuts for sale in the United States. Combest's provision cracks the domestic peanut market open for any U.S. producer by allowing marketing quotas to be shifted by voluntary sale or lease anywhere in a state.

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$5,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$45,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?
Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$5,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?
If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

Do I have to apply each year?
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1995, you won't need to reapply for 1996 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 1996. And if you turned 65 or became disabled during 1995, you need to file for the additional exemptions.

When and where should I file?
File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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Enochs News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Stroud visited their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Stroud, at Muleshoe recently.

Mrs. Myrtie Finley, of Odessa, brought her mother, Ellen Bayless, home Thursday. She had been visiting her for 16 days. She also got to see all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren at Odessa—Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Jones and children, Christopher, Aaron and Kyla, Larry Finley and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burns. Myrtie went home Friday morning.

I was sorry to hear of all the sick folks and surgeries. Jarrol Layton had to have a short stay surgery Tuesday on his knee and leg, caused from the pickup wreck he had. Mrs. Lill Pollard had a knee replacement and is home doing well. Bill Key is in the Methodist Hospital in Levelland with double pneumonia. Matt Turney is in Mule-

shoe hospital with pneumonia. His is the grandson of Myrna Turney. Get well soon, everyone.

Mrs. Kay Abney of Lockney spent Monday until Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Margie Peterson.

Mrs. Loane Latham is home from staying with her daughter, Beverly and husband, Rodney Oaks at Ackerly.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackstone last weekend was a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blackstone and children, Seth and Ethen of Odessa.

Mrs. Myrna Turney spent eight days with her sister, Mrs. Juanita Jackson, at Logan, N.M. Her sister has been ill.

Last Sunday, March 17, the Rev. Ray Cunningham, who had been in the hospital since Dec. 28 till Wednesday, March 13, came to Enoch to preach

at the Baptist Church. He preached in his wheelchair.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Snitker visited relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hicks, Loreta and Daniel, Oreda Daniel Gildwood and other relatives at Midland, Okla., where they saw a herd of Buffalo. They drove through Pike, Okla. and stopped in Dallas to see a son, Robert, and his wife, Angie Zomara.

Nancy Peace and children, from Friona, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackstone, recently.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Teaff were friends, Bill and Ann Heilbing from Wisconsin.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Nichols were a daughter, Connie and children, from Colorado.



Artist of the Month

Elsie McMillan, shown with a collection of her paintings at the Muleshoe Area Public Library, says, "I enjoy painting—I make a mess, but I keep on trying." She has been painting oil, watercolor, pastels and mixed media for 30 years. Her settings include Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Earth and Muleshoe.

COPY DEADLINE -

The deadline for news items to be submitted to the Muleshoe and Bailey County Journals is at noon on the preceding Tuesday for the Thursday edition and at noon on the preceding Friday for the Sunday edition.

(Copy deadlines for society news: wedding, anniversary, engagement and birthday announcements are at 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday for the Thursday and Sunday editions.)

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