## Big turnout expected for Saturday's local elections

## Pace one

A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS
One hail of a storm
A storm front that spawned at least three tornadoes on the South Plains Sunday afternoon pelted Bailey County with strong winds, pea-sized hail and heavy rain.
Weather observers in the area reported
about three inches of hail and heavy rains a a cold front moved in about 3 p.m.
Bailey County Sheriff's deputy Benny Clifton said he didn't see any wall clouds or

## lots of dark clouds.

A tornado destroyed six buildings in rural area about two miles north of Hale Center and tornadoes were also spotted five miles east of Hart in Castro County and nea Ralls in Crosby County
No injuries from the tornadoes were reported but a Hale Center man was struck and killed by lightning while working on an irrigation sprinkler when the first round of thunderstorms rolled through the area early Sunday afternoon.
Bailey County Extension agent Curtis Preston said several area farmers reported hail damage to their wheat crop. He said it still too early to determine how much damage was done

## back cotton planting <br> back cotton planting.

ar tor farmers were anxious to start planting, but I think Mother Nature to it's not quite time yet," Preston said. Muleshoe received about $6 / 10$ of an inch of rain Sunday, according to
Weather Service in Lubbock.
MHS' Whitt tied for 7th
ODESSA - Muleshoe senior Keisha Whitt is tied for seventh after the first round of the Region I-3A girls golf tournament at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.
Whitt is tied with two other golfers after shooting an 85
Defending champion Sarah Valdez of River Road has an eight-stroke lead after firing a two-under-par 70 .
Abilene Wylie holds a huge lead in the team competition
In the boys tournament, Muleshoe fresh man Ryan Hodge struggled to a 90 in his first regional appearance.

Abilene Wylie holds a one-stroke lead over Monahans in team play. Perryton is fourth and Tulia fifth.

The second and final round was played Tuesday
Madrid advances to state ing Muleshoe High School next week at the state UIL literary competition in Austin. Madrid qualified for the state level by placing second in the
Friday in Odess

## Madrid will b

Douglas debate.
The state academic meet is scheduled for May 8-9 at the University of Texas in Austin.

## Looking Ahead

MHS athletic banquet May 7 The Muleshoe High School athletic banquet is at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7 at Benny Douglass Stadium

Tickets for the catered picnic-style dinner are $\$ 10$ and available at MHS or Williams Athletics.

## LOCAL WEATHER

Friday Saturday
Sunday
Monday High low Pre. Extended forecast Mostly sunny and warm over the weekend with highs $80-85$ and lows in the upper 40 s.

Based of early voting fig. ures, school and city officials expect a strong turnout for Saturday's local election. Two positions are up for grabs on both the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees and the Muleshoe City Council.



Headed for New Hampshire
Watson Junior High students (from left) Mylissa Thompson, Zac Yanis, Kyle Atwood, Carmen Flores and teacherTom Boutell will take part in an environmental sympossium in New Hampshire this weekend.

## Searching for solutions

-WJHS students study affects of soil erosion by teresa stone
Journal staff writer
Four Muleshoe eighth-graders are on a mission to make local farmers aware of soil conservation techniques
Watson Junior High School students Mylissa Thompson, Carmen Flores, Kyle Atwood, and Zac Yanis have spent four months researching ways to combat soil erosion caused by wind and rain. Now the
ters how the soil can be saved. "Knowledge is power," Thompson said. By giving presentations around town to different organizations, we hope to reach a lot of farmers. Wind erosion is a big problem in West Texas and if we don't do something about it, we will all be affected"

Muleshoe farmers and landowners are not the only ones that will be hearing the students' presentation on preventing soil erosion. The four students will be heading to see EROSION on page 2
said. "And even though we're
losing two good board members, we're fortunate that we have so many good candi dates."
Five candidates are running for two at large positions currently held by Max King and
see ELECTIONS on page 3

## Muleshoe adding computer class next school year

By TERESA STONE
Journal staff writer
Starting next year, Muleshoe High Schoo students will have even more opportunities to be competitive in the job market after graduation. During Monday evening's school board meeting, MHS computer teachers April Smith and Chris Mardis described the current computer and accounting classes at MHS and the future plans for their department.

Mardis explained to the board the importance of offering up-to-date computer and business classes in order to better prepare Muleshoe students for the job market. He emphasized his point by pointing out that in the Lubbock Ava lanche-Journal, almost 25 percent of the professional jobs listed require a computer sci ence or accounting degree

Superintendent Bill Moore said that he has seen statistics showing even a greater need for computer-trained individuals across the coun-

Moore proposed increasing the technology offered at MHS by adding a new vocational program. The program, to be called the Cisco Academy, would partner Muleshoe ISD with Cisco Systems in order to provide students with one of the most marketable job skills of the 21 s Century - computer networking.
Cisco Systems is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of networking materials. Because they maintain over 95 percent of the networking market in the U.S., the company is actively trying to train more people in the principles of building and maintaining networking systems.
"This is an excellent partnership between business and schools," Moore said. "Cisco Sys tems provides the curriculum, the assessments training for the teachers, and the technical support. The school provides the instructor, the facility, and the Internet access. We both benefit because Cisco and other businesses will have

## May 2 election

Map of voting districts for Muleshoe City Council election

For more information, call the City of Muleshoe at


## Around Muleshoe

Come roller skating Friday, May 1 Families are invited to come roller skate from $7-9$ p.m Friday, person. The Rebekahs are sponsoring the event.
Area youth perform Christian musical The youth of First Baptist Church invite everyone to their presentation of the musical "Waiters." The musical, which is about waiting on the Lord, will start at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at he First Baptist Church, 229 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe Everyone is welcome to attend.
Scholarships for education majors
Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association will be awarding two $\$ 150$ scholarships to students interested in entering the field of education.
One scholarship will be awarded to a 1998 graduate o Muleshoe High School who plans to major in education.
The second scholarship will be awarded to an MHS graduate currently attending college, classified as a junior or senior and majoring in education. Applications are available from Springlake Hamburger supper
The Springlake Fire Department is holding a hamburge supper at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Community Building in Springlake. Donations will be going to purchase bunker gear which costs about $\$ 600$ per fireman.
50th anniversary for Springlake church
The First Baptist Church in Springlake invites you to celplanning a noon meal and several activities for the day, as well as a time of reflection from former members and pastors.

Church leaders are interested in contacting former members for this special event. If you are able to provide any information P.O. Box 159, Springlake, TX 79082 or call $806-986-4362$, of ax intormation to 806-986-4357

## EROSION

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Concord, N.H. this weekend to present their findings and solutions at the Fifth Annual and Education
and Education.
The symposium is sponsored The symposium is sponsored
by Wheelabrator Coal Services by Wheelabrator Coal Services
Company, which supplies coal Company, which supplies coal
to the Tolk Station outside of to the Tolk
Muleshoe.
Last fall, Muleshoe ISD was invited to participate in the symposium designed for seventh and eighth-graders to become more aware and active in environmental and social problems. The Muleshoe team members were selected by school officials and began working together in January
The first item of business for the classmates was to decide on which local environmental problem to tackle
"We decided on soil erosion caused by rain and wind because it is one of the mosts serious problems we face here in Muleshoe," said Yanis.
"This is an issue that truly effects everyone in Muleshoe," said Flores. "Just about everyone you talk to is involved in farming or works for a com-
dustry When of the fork about it, you realize how important the soil is in keeping Muleshoe's economy strong, Atwood added, "It's alsoim portant that every farmer be portant that every farmer be nvolved. If we don'take care of the soil now, we might not be affected today or even within he next few years, but eventually the soil will go bad.
Eventually we would lose so much topsoil that you couldn' farm around here anymore."
The students' passion an enthusiasm for their cause is enthusiasm for their cause is apparent as they discuss way farmers can save their land During their presentation, they
describe Muleshoe's history describe Muleshoe's history
modern Muleshoe, local indus modern Muleshoe, local indus ries, the weather, and ways to prevent soil erosion.
Showing behind the students during the presentation is a video they made which show cases the area, local farms utilizing conservation methods farms where the topsoil hasn survived, and the wind storm "This was a great project for he kids," said project coordi nator and WJHS teacher To Boutell. "They learned every
rting at 10 am on Monday, May
through Sunday, May 10th FOR ONE FULL WEEK, GET A \$5 $5^{00}$ CAR WASH FOR ONLY ${ }^{\$ 300}$


MHS freshman selling cookie dough The Muleshoe High School Freshman class is currently
sponsoring a Gourmet Frozen Cookie Dough fund raiser. The cookie dough comes in six flavors: chunky chocolate chip, radical raisin oatmeal, peanut butter pleasure, macadamia madness, Swedish almond shortbread, and chocolate brownie peanut butter chip.
Each tub of dough will make approximately 100 two inch cookies. Each tub sells for $\$ 10$. The dough will stay fresh for up to two months in the refrigerator or six months in the freezer To order cookie dough contact any freshman class member or sponsor. The class sponsors are Debbie Conner, Kerry Moore, April Smith, and Ron Welch. They can be reached at MHS 272-757. The sale will end Friday, May 1. Dough will be delivered approximately two weeks atter the sale. Pre-K and Kindergarten sign-ups Friday, May 1 Dillman Elementary will pre-register students who are eligible for kindergarten or pre-kindergarten for the 1998-99 schol yegistration will take place between 8 a.m. -3 p.m. in the Dillman gym.
To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years old by Sept. 1, 1998. To be eligible for pre-K, children must be four years old by Sept. 1, 1998 and must also meet one of the following requirements: (1) have limited knowledge of and comprehension of the English language, or (2) are a family who is eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches. Prekindergarten students who are already attending school do not need to register for kindergarten
The pre-kindergarten classes will operate on a half-day basis only with classes being from 8-11 or from 12:10-3:10 Kindergarten will operate on a full day basis
Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records, and the child's social security number when enrolling. Parents are urged to bring their children with them.
For more information contact, Mrs. Helen Grigsby, principal at Dillman Elementary School, at 272-7541.

A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN SET UP AT Muleshoe State Bank in an effort TO HELP WITH THE FUNERAL EXPENSES for Clifton B. Allen. Thank you FOR ANY HELP YOU WISH TO GIVE.

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to the voting polls
Saturday, May $2^{\text {nd }}$ ELECT
THURMAN MYERS MULESHOE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE


## thing from soil conservation

the history of Muleshoe, to
using different equipment for filming and editing the video They were lucky enough to ac tually see a stripped field and the affect that wind has made But at the same time, they were able to learn that this serious problem has a solution
The students have made their presentation at a junior high staff meeting and at a schoo board meeting. After returning from their trip, the eighth-graders will be speaking to the local Rotary Club, Muleshoe City Council, and Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.




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## Plan ahead for summer vacations

COLLEGE STATION -
For most families with chilFor most families with chil-
dren in school, the very mention of summer brings thoughts of a family vacation to mind But organizing a vacation take dogged effort and sharp planning skills
The planning in itself is a daunting task, but Nancy Granovsky, Texas Agricultural Extension Service family eco nomics specialist, says starting early is the key to getting the best bargains.
"The key things to a vacaion are planning, recognizing hat families are going to b hat families are going to be
perns and then plus
cations, and then plugging that
into a financial plan so that the
costs of those things don't come
as a surprise," she said. "To do all of that, you really must start
Because family vacations end to be expensive Granovsky suggests opening a separate vacation bank account "It's a good idea to have separate account for special financial goals because if we put

COMPUTERS

From page
well trained future employees and our students will receive training. Plus, it's a course that will serve students well whether they plan to enter college or the workforce after high school." Moore suggested that the new course be located in the site formerly used for auto mechanics. After some renovations, the site will also serve as the district's technology office.

In other business, the board approved basic campus budgets for the 1998-1999 school year. Muleshoe High School will receive $\$ 109,086$. Watson Junior High will receive \$46,656. DeShazo Elementary will receive $\$ 42,271$. Dillman Elementary will receive $\$ 39,744$. Special education will receive $\$ 11,515$. The athletic department will receive \$112,745.
The funds are intended for
that money in our regular accounts, we would probably re gret that," she said. "Normally, I would recomi end putting those savings in something other than a checking account because they sometimes hav because they so and you can get your hand on mon get your hands on the mone oo easily
Traveler's checks, credi cards, ATM cards, debit card and cash should all be consid ered carefully when planning how to pay for a vacation. "II you are traveling internation ally, you may get a better ex change rate using a credit card she said. "Check on the country and find out what some of the prevailing rates are
Because cash can be easily lost and is irreplaceable, many people use traveler's check Granovsky warns that while traveler's checks are safe the are only safe if people keep track of the numbers.
"Always carry the numbers with you in a separate place from the checks so if the check are stolen, it will be easier to
the money back " she said
Granovsky said another part of planning is deciding if a package deal is right for the family. If the package contains elements that the family is not interested in, it's probably not a good investment. She added that if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is
"There can also be some problems if you're not going through a travel agency tha really stands behind their of fers or if you are responding to an advertisement," she said. "Id

## be very, very wary.

As for staying in a place it depends on the family
"Some people see a
tion as a vacation away from cooking," she said. "But for families with children, espe cially small ones, it can save lot of time and money
Transportation is another area where it pays to planearly With thousands of variations in ticket costs each day, the airline industry can be very cre ative in coming up with b

Oregon woman's lawsuit could break piggybank

instructional supplies. A few
trustees questioned why the athletic department's budget was so high. MISD business manager Jo Mayhughexplained that the major expense is insurance for the players; but also, the budget had to cover things such as travel expenses for all of the teams, referees, and equipment During the meeting, the board also approved replacing the Watson Junior High gym floor which was ruined when a pipe burst in the dressing room The old floor will be re placed with a higher quality shock absorbent system which lete friendly."
The flooring will cost the district approximately $\$ 15,000$ The insurance company will be picking up the additional cost of about $\$ 82,000$.
If all goes according to schedule, the floor will be finished by the time school starts in the fall.

## ELECTIONS

## From page

Ed Cox. Both longtime board members decided not to seek re-election

School board candidates are Bruce Barrett, Alberto Daniel, Jay Messenger, Thurman Myers and David Tipps.
All registered voters in the school district are eligible to vote in the election.
The city, which is holding elections in District 1 and District 2, reported 95 early votes

Tuesday morning. We hope this means we'r going to have a strong turn out," said Muleshoe City nice to see the citizens com out and exercise their freedom to vote; not just in this election, but in any election."
In District 1, Sam Burke is challenging incumbent Juan Chavez. In District 2, Lupe Olivarez is challenging incumbent Cliff Black.

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Aguirre hoping for another clutch effort at regional meet His coach thinks it will take a career-best effort in either the shot put
regionals.
Not the best of odds.
But don't bet against the burly Muleshoe High School senior.
Two years in a row, Aguirre won the District 1-3A shot put title on his last throw, including a school-record 55-foot, 41 4 inch effort two weeks ago.

Aguirre also won the district title and will compete in both events Friday and Saturday at the Region I-3A track meet at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.
"He's going to have to perform well," said Muleshoe weight coach Ron Welch. "He's shown the ability to come through see AGUIRRE on page 5

on TRACK
Super soph Stacy Locker hunting state berths in 800 , 1600 at Region I-3A meet
any better. This year, I'm worried teams in each event at the Region Iabout what kind of times I've got to 3A meet advance to the state track run to make it to state." meet in Austin in two weeks. "I've been nervous since before Rarely pushed in the 800 until the district," Locker said Monday after District 1-3A meet two weeks ago, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { dintrict, Locker said Monday after a light workout. "But I don't } & \text { Locker responded with a season-best }\end{array}$ think being nervous really affects time of $2: 23.66$.
"That helped my confidence," said Locker will be joined by fellow Locker, who figures she needs to sophomoreLindsey Field, whoquali- drop below 2:23 to make state. "Ifeel fied in the high jump, at the regional good about the way I ran at district." meet Friday and Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.
The top two individuals and relay

Stacy
Locker (lefi)
Locker (left)
and Lindsey and Lield qualified for the Region
1-3A track meet May 1-2 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa
Field event start at 11
a.m. Friday including high jump at 12:30 p.m.
and the and the
boys discus
at 1 p.m. Running preliminaries start at 2:30 p.m. Field events start Satur-
day at 10 a.m.,
including the boys shot put at 12:30 p.m. Running finals start at $12: 15$ p.m.,
including the girls 800 at 12:35 p.m. and the girls
1600 at 2:45 p.m.

## River Road rocks Mules, 16-3



## GOLF

Region l-3A tournament


Loverin, Wylie, 83; 7. (tie) Ruth, Wylie, C. Talley, Glen Rose, Keish Whitt, Mule
Friona, 86 .

District 1-3A teams River Road-Valdez 70, Carye 94, Foster 102, Goberley 113 Perryton - Dodson 96, Buie 103, Suitor 112, A. Chambers 113 C. Chambers 119 .

Team BOYS
Team totals-1. Abilene Wylie 311, 2. Monahans 312, 3. Colorado City 315, 4. Perryton 322,5. Tulia 327, 6. Breckenridge 328, 7. (tie Aledo, Bridgeport 329,9. Seminol Rose 342, 12. Sonora 342,13. Wes

345, 14. Monahans B 349 , Childress 350, 16. Iowa Park 353 Childress 350, 16. Iowa Park 353
Medalists - 1 . Howard, Wylie, Medalists - 1. Howard, Wylie 75; 2. (tie) Black, Seminole Blackeroy, Breckenridge
Hammond, Colorado City, Ray Hammond, Colorado City, Ray,
Monahans, Reedy, Aledo, 76;7.(tie) Bailey, Wylie, Myers, Colorado City, Suitor, Perryton 77; 10 Gladdis, Monahans, 78. District 1-3A teams Perryton - Suitor 77, Dodson 80, Courson 82, Jackson 83, Millsap
${ }^{84}$. Tulia
Tulia - Johnson 79, Mahaney 80 , Washington 83 , Dyer 85 , Keeter
Muleshoe - Ryan Hodge 90

## ATTENTION 1998 SENIORS

The Muleshoe Journal is in the process of gathering Senior pictures for our salute to the Muleshoe Class of 1998. The school has provided us with many of the pictures. However, they did not have pictures of everyone. If you've had your pictures made somewhere outside of school, please bring one by our office at 304 W. 2nd St.
If you do not have a current picture of yourself that you wish to use, we will provide a picture taken by our Journal Staff Photographer. No charge. Please, call us at 272-4536 to set up a time that is convenient for both you and us.

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The following people need to bring in a photo or set up a time for us to take
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Kaycie Cox
Rolando Estrada Lionel Gardea
Alberto Hernandez
Ruben Lopez
Cyrus Norman
Jasmina Patel
Daniel Rey
Gloria Rodriguez
Raquel Sierra
David Vaughn
Chanda Weatherbie

Jesus Barrera
Damon Davenport Iram Galindo Manuel Gomez Layne Kemp Terrance Lovelady Jesusita Olivas Veronica Pena Tanislado Reyes Jose Romero Amanda Valdez Kimberly Villa
Holly Whipple

Michael Cortez Noami Duran Sheila Garcia Kelly Helton Elizabeth Lopez Kayla (Magby) Nickels Joe Orozco Sonnia Rank Yoel Reyes Marselino Ruiz Nancy Valdez Toby Villa

## LOCKER

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sophomore shaved more than three seconds off her previous best time in the 800 , finishing in 2:23.62.
Locker breezed to the 1600 crown at district, finishing in a relatively slow time of 5:43.89, well off her season best of $5: 33$. She'll probably have to go below 5:30 to have a chance to qualify for the state meet.
Field shook off a nagging

## AGUIRRE

From page 4

## when he has to. He's just got to

do it."
Aguirre won the regional title last year on a wet and sloppy day with a throw of 52$101 / 2$ and finished sixth at the state meet.
"I'm excited about getting another chance of going to state," Aguirre said. "I don't know, we'll just have to see what happens."
The regional meet features a pair of 57 -foot-plus throwers, a distance Aguirre has thrown a half-dozen times in practice.
Still, Welch thinks Aguirre's best chance of advancing to state might be in the discus. state might be in the discus.
The West Texas A\&M football signee threw 155-8 to win district and has season-best throw is 162-5.
"He's got what it takes to do it in both," Welch said. Smart money says don't bet
against him.
leg injury that kept her from practicing for nearly a month to win the district title. She finished second in 1997.
"I'm feeling better," said Field, who recently cleared 52 in practice. "I was a little bit worried about making regionals when I got injured." It will probably take a ca-reer-besteffortof 5 - 4 forFields to make it out of regionals. "But I know I can jump 5,"'Field said.


Three of the Texas Lottery's instant games will close on May 31, 1998: Weekly Grand, Bonanza Bucks and Roadrunner
and up to $\$ 4,000$ playing Roadrunner at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of 1998, to redeem any winning tickets. $\$ 600$ or more are redeemable at one of 1998, to redeem any winning tickets the 24 Texas Lottery claim centers or by You can win up to $\$ 1,000$ per wee mail. Questions? Just call the Texas 20 years playing Weekly Grand, up


BASEBALL
District 1-3A
$\begin{array}{lrr} & \text { Dist } & \text { All } \\ \text { River Road } & 9-1 & 15-6 \\ & 8-2 & 12-8\end{array}$
Perryton
Perryton
Muleshoe
Muleshoe
Friona
Sanford-Fr
Dimmitt
Dalhar
Tulia
Saturday's results River Road 16, Muleshoe 3 Friona 12, Perryton 7 Tulia 14, Sanford-Fritch 8 Monday's results Dimmitt 16, Dalhart 4 Tuesday's games No games scheduled

MULES
From page 4
EDUCATION - THE FUTURE OF MULESHOE Our Schools
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River Road (15-6, 9-1)
cored 10 runs in the last thre innings to turn the game into a rout.
The 23 hits and 16 runs were both season highs for Mule shoe opponents
Kemp (8-3) went the first 3 $1 / 3$ innings and was charged with the loss. He was followed by Alanis and Cameron Nix. Muleshoe, taking a week ule, hosts Lovington, N.M. at 1 p.m. Saturday
$\checkmark$ Vote for Jay Messenger
Muleshoe School Board Candidate


## 4

manufacturing jobs increased by 2.5 percent. New business .
Unseasonably warm weather in February caused a boom in housing starts nation wide, and Texas was no ex ception. Construction permits were issued for nearly 11,000 new homes in Texas, up 4.3 percent compared to one year ago. Single family home starts increased 4.3 percent, while multifamily starts jumped 12.6 mercent. Continued low inter est rates and high employment est rates and high employment
are pushing many families into are pushing many familiesine
the home-buying and home building markets. The U.S. In dex of Leading Economic In dicators is currently 105.0 , up 1.6 percent compared to one year ago. The U.S. economy shows few signs of weaknes and that is go
for Texas

Muleshoe School Board Candidate
also at historic high levels.
Texasconsumer confidence is p 18.3 percent compared to ne year ago. Retail sales are ne year ago, as job growth one year ago, as job growth
and an expanding economy give many Texas more disposable income. A low inflation rate is also encouraging onsumer spending.
Claims for unemployment benefits are down 14.7 perentcompared to one year ago The Texas unemployment rate is down 0.7 percent to 4.8 percent.

The Texas Help Wanted Index, a measurement of job
listings in Texas newspapers, listings in Texas newspapers is up 9.4 percent compared to one year ago, and up 2.1 per cent compared to one mont ago. During the last year, tex has added about 345,000 new jobs, an increase of 4.1 per cent. The number of service sector jobs grew by 4.2 per
ing its steady economic growth according to State Comptroller John Sharp.
the Texas is no end is sight for and steady growth." Sharpsid as he released the latest Index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators.
Fueled by solid investor and consumer confidence and plentiful jobs, the Index is at cent compared to 3.1 perago," Sharp said.
For the eleventh consecutive month, the Texas Stock leading economic indicators. The overall stock value of Texas-based companies rose wasup 112.8 percentcompared to the same period last year Investors are extremely confident about Texas economy and business climate Consumer confidence

##  <br> END OF GAME NOTICE) LY (L)

 to $\$ 50 ; 000$ playing Bonanza Bucks

Featured Staff
Kaycie Cox is the featured staff member fo orks as an office assistant aide at M.A.H.H.A Kaycie is eighteen years old. She was raised in Stan
X. She and her family moved to Muleshoe in 1996 . Miss Cox is the daughter of Ray \& Keta Cox. Both Kaycie's parents work at Trinity Company, which stores and ships cotton here in Muleshoe. Ray works as a foreman at the Trinity Company and Keta works as a secretary. Kaycie has two older siblings: Michael of California and Cristy of Stanton.
Miss Cox is a senior at Muleshoe High School She ays English is her favorite school subject and lists reading travelling and hanging out with friends as her preferred stime activities.
After graduation Kaycie plans to receive her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas Permian Basin. Miss Cox would then like to further her education at either
East Tennessee State University or Sam Houston University. She is interested in entering the Criminology field. However, Kaycie is unsure if she will concentrate on Criminology or if she will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice as well. Specifically, Miss Cox is interested in forensic or profiler criminology. Kaycie comes to M.A.H.H.A. with experience in the health field. She received certification in Health Occupa-
tions I and II from M.H.S., and she worked as a Certified tions I and II from M.H..., and she wo


Kaycie Cox

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vices, talk with your physician or talk with hospital personnel when you are hospitalized.

## Loose in the barn

## ค BAXTER BLACK

They weren't in the habit of raisin' wild cattle in that part of Michigan, so the fences aren't that high. But when the heifer cruised into the sale ring like a shark in the kiddie pool, everybody knew they might not be high enough. As the bidding began she never slowed, but circled the ring scatterin cowboys, plastic whips, rubber boots and cups of coffee. One of the cowboys ducked behind the wooden screen just a the heifer planted one big paw on its top and vaulted over rails into the crowd.
The Marion sale barn was packed that day. Jim was one of the buyers who worked for the facility. He watched from the walkway at the top, back behind the bleacher seats as the heifer climbed the stairs six at a time headin' his way.
The crowd was plenty excited. Folks were yellin' and clearin' a path
The bidding had stopped at seventy

The heifer weighed less than 500 lbs and was a Limousin mountain goa cross. When she leveled out on the walkway at the summit of the sale barn, all those gathered in the back were lookin for a hole! She raced back and forth between the solid walls of concrete on one side and the solid wall of farmers on the other, occassionally smearing a dab of green about waist high.
Jim was mashed in the crowd watching when suddenly he recalled..."Wait a minute? I work for the company!'

Let's get her, Larry, before somebody gets hurt!
"How?" asked Larry, who was sort of enjoying the diversion
"I don't know!" hollered Jim, who then dove on the heifer as she made her next pass. They went down and
skidded in a pile. Larry, who wa almost as big as the heifer, fell on Jim. It knocked the breath outta all three of

A regular, who'd enjoyed the show whipped off his dress belt and made a collar around the calf's neck. Jim and Larry wallered her around awhile by the collar and tail till someone brought'em a good chunk of rope. brought'em a good chunk of rope. they started out the door with the heifer, the original owner shouted, "Hold on ! She's not sold yet!"
Jim hollered back through the door, "Seventy-six!"
The gavel came down.
Two days later they ran the heifer through the sale ring again still wearin the rope. She brought sixty cents. Jim was in the ring and asked the buyer, "Can I have my rope back?" "Sorry, son," the buyer said, "that' the only reason I bought the heifer "


Sitting pretty
Terry Brown and Ruth Ann Kitchens, staff members at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center, help volunteer Lona Embry try out one of two Geri chairs purchased from the 1997 Christmas Card project. The reclining chairs have wheels for easy movement and come with a lap tray, head pillow, and back support. Donations to the annual fundraiser were also used to purchase a number of heavy duty card tables for the residents of the local nursing home
Long-billed curlew at wildlife refuge

> The long-billed curlew is ive buff" color eggs. The nest one of several migratory birds is normally found in damp, that can been seen in the area grassy areas or near water, and this time of year in the vicinity consists of a shallow, earthen of the Muleshoe Wildlife Ref- depression lined with grass.
Their diet is varied and in-
A long-billed curlew is a cludes various insects, spiders large, shore bird with a long, and berries.
slender body and a long curved The young long-billed curbill can bee seen flying in lew mature and become adept flocks or feeding in grassy ar flocks or feeding in grassy areas, according to Refuge manager Don Clapp.
The birds are a buff color with traces of cinnamon color on their wings. Their call is a loud, whistling sound.
The migratory birds were historically found throughout Central America.
Since much of their natural habitat consisting of vast open prairies has been destroyed, they are now only seen in the western United States. western United States.
They winter in the souther parts of the Southwestern United States as well as Mexico, and nests as far north as British Columbia.

They normally lay four "ol at avoiding predators.

Extension service honors Combest
U.S. Rep. Larry Combest of
Lubbock was honored by the sionals' honor society, Epsilon Sigma Phi, during ceremonies Sigma Phi, during ceremonies
April 16 at the Texas A \& M April 16 at the Texas A \& M
Agricultural Research and Extension center here
organization's highest public service recognition, "State Friend of Extension Award."
Dr.BobRobinson, Extension Service agriculture program director of Amarillo credits Combest for successfully secur tinue national programs direcetives in research and extension education programs during re cent hearings on the Farm Bill.
The congressman is vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and in his sixth term in the U.S. House of Rep
esentatives.
"He led efforts to gain additional acres under the Conservation Reserve Program fo Texas down substantially from 10 years ago. This has been a godsend to our producers," said Robinson.
Combest is a 1969 graduate of West-Texas a \& M University at Canyon and a native of
Memphis. He is a fourth generation West Texas farmer, edu cator and small business owner He holds an honorary doctorate of strategic intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College. He is married to the formerSharon McCurry and has two grown children

Larry's years of practical experience serve him well in Congress," said Robinson, who cited Combest's leadership in environmental policy, "as both environmentally sensitive and

## economically sound."

Donna Brauchi, Extension director for family and consumer sciences, said the congressman has given high priority to supporting programs that ity to supporting programs that
enrich families and community enrich families
development.
"As public service education
professionals, we are fortunate that Rep. Combest fully understands and works with the Extension Service in his home state," said Brauchi.

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Saddle up for charity trail ride
CLOVIS - St. Jude
Children's Research Hospital
has announced plans for the
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Jude Trail Ride.
The trail ride is scheduled
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur-
day, May 16, 1998 at the Ned
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ational Trail Complex, located
8 miles north of Clovis.
The First Annual Trial Ride
held in May of 1997 had 31
participants which generated
over $\$ 2500$ in donations.
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asked to secure sponsors for
this ten-mile ride.
For further information on
participation, sponsorship, or
to make a contribution, con-
tact Wilma Fulgham, coordi-

Kevin Williams is the 12 year old son of Howard and Tracy Williams. He was born Feb. 23. He enjoys steak and iced tea. "Dust and Mud" rank as top tune. Men in Black char acterizes what he enjoys about movies. Home Improvement builds a better vision for TV entertainment Science explores his area of academic specialty Building is a hobby he likes Blue personifies him. The Blind Outlaw represents reading pleasure. Getting all A's on his re port card is an important goal.

Nicole Lewandowski is the 12 year old daughter of DeWitt and Tammi Burton. She was born March 11. She enjoys anything with hamburger meat and a Citra. "My Heart Will Go On is her top tune. My Best Friend's Wedding is her best picture. The Bugs and Tweety Show caricatures TV tuning. Math or spell ing are equally challenging to her in school. Mathematicianing and cheerleading are fun things she likes to do. Longhorn color represent her spirit. Ace of Base musicthatexpresseshertaste genre is her choice of literature.

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April students of the month
Lazbuddie students of the month for April are (back row) Juan Salazar, Amy Angeley, (front) Kevin Williams, and Nicole Lewandowski


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## Obituaries

ROBERT W. TAYLOR
Bob" Taylor, 69, of Sudan died riday, April 24, 1998 at Meth-
dist Hospital in Lubbock
Memorial services were held pril 27. 1998 at First Baptist Church of Sudan with Pastor liff Hargrove and Rev. Cliff oughton, pastor of Fairview Assembly of God Church of marillo, officiating.
Burial followed in Sudan emetery under the direction f Ellis Funeral Home. Casket earers were Darren Provence ay Harrison, Ken Smart, Kyle mart, Kenny Taylor, and Ricky Merrell. Honorary cas-
were Bud Provence
arlan Pickett Billy Gore, an
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Martha Merrell Sept. 11, 1953 Taylor, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, had been a resident of Sudan and the Circleback area since 1944 moving from Paris, Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan. He had been employed by Nichols Oil Company in Sudan. Also he had owned and operated restaurants in Sudan and Hart. Survivors include his wife, Martha; daughter, Sheribob and her husband Ron Johnston of Amarillo; sisters, Ethel Smart of Morton, Joy Apalategui of Pico Rivera, Calif. and Gayle Hammonds of Midland; brothers, Jerry M. Taylor of Odessa, Larry J. Taylor of Nacona, R. Dennis Taylor of Castle Rock Colo. numerous nieces and

The family suggests memorials be made to Sudan Fire Department.
A.D. DARGIN KIRK A.D. Dargin Kirk, 72, of Levelland died Monday, April 27, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Levelland

Memorial services were held April 29 at First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe with Pastor Brad Reeves and Rev, George Malis, pastor of Richland Hills Baptist Church officiating.
Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home
Kirk was born Oct. 1, 1925 in Temple, Texas. He married Virginia Nelson in Muleshoe on Nov. 24, 1948.
Kirk moved to Levelland in 974 froved to Levelland in
to Farwell from Goodland, Texas. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a farmer and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during WWII.
Kirk was preceded in death by his son, Joe Nelson Kirk, who died Dec. 9, 1987

Survivors include his wife Virginia; daughters, Donna K. Dosher of Clovis, Jean Meeks of Seminole; sisters, Carolyn Wallace of Midland, Jeanette Petroff of Palm Desert, Calif.; brother, Larry Kirk of Muleshoe; six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236 Portales, NM 88150-9411.

## Officials try to curb drinking at high school proms

American right of passage - one that often times is Icoholic beverages.

Under-age Texans wanting - celebrate their upcoming senior proms and graduation nights with alcohol may find themselves in the company of
the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).
In conjuction with the Texas
Hotel \& Motel Accosiation and the Texas Medical Association,
ing a new enforcement initiative targeting high school prom and graduation night celebra-

## "Operation Safe Prom/Safe

 Graduation 1998 is a much needed enforcement initiative that will help minimize injuryand potential loss of lives among our youth due to underage drinking during high school prom and graduation celebrations," says TABC Chief of
Enforcement Greg Hamilton.

## incides with

 laration of the recent decas "Youth Alcohol Awareness Month" in Texas.As part of the operation, TABC agents will be visiting high schools, hotels and motels during the coming weeks and inspecting licensed premises surrounding the location of all high school prom and graduation ceremonies.
Random undercover sting operations will also be conducted to target the illegal sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to minors.
"By working with members of the Texas Hotel \& Motel Association, the Texas Medical Association, the alcoholic beverage industry, other law enforcement agencies, MADD and other concerned groups,
we hope to forge a partnership we hope to forge a partnership awareness of the dangers asso ciated with underage drinking, notes Hamilton.
operation is to ensure that this milestone achievement in a young person's life is a safe and sober occasion that they can always treasure for along time," adds Administrator Doyne Baley

The advent of "zero toler ance" laws in our state, coupled with enhanced penalties for age law violations, signal a new er in our state for targeting illegal underage drinking.
Experience has shown that too many young innocent lives have already been lost or se verely impaired in Texas due to illegal underage drinking and rinking and driving.
Created in 1935, the TABC is the state agency responsible for inspecting, supervising and regulating every phase of the business of manufacturing importing, exporting, trans porting, storing, selling, adver tising, labeling and distribut ing alcoholic beverages. Members of the Comm


Chairman, Austin; Martha Dickie, Austin and John Steen,

For more information on
Operation Safe Prom/Safe Graduation 1998" and other TABC programs targeting ille gal underage drinking, call toll free 1-888-The TABC


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## Using yard waste boosts crop production, saves landfill space

Texas consider garbage and the water infiltration of erodible throw out with their household be blown or washed away. trash could hold the key to open ing up landfill space and im proving water
A recently completed dem onstration project funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB showed that compost and wood
clippings from yard trimming could be used to significantly benefit two problem areas af fecting urban and agricultural sectors in Texas water contami nation from eroding farmland landfill space
Part of the project's objective was to determine the effective When water carries away opsoil as runoff (particularly from erodible land), it can carry soil and agricultural chemicals into drinking water supplies urce pollution.
Increasing the amount of wa ter entering the soil, infiltra tion, will reduce the likelihood demonstration site in Big Spring indicated the addition of wood chips and compost can significantly enhance a soil's infiltragram specialist/compost recy cling section, Texas natural Resource Conservation Com-
amount of water entering the Many people are beginning
soil, improved from 10.7 persoil, improved from 10.7 per1.3 percent when compost wa applied at 10 tons per acre, 12.1 post per acre, 15.1 percent with and 21 percent with 20 tons of TNRCC figures. Ken Awtrey, Piney Wood

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use of yard trimmings compost collected at the Lufkin city landfill for use on plots at a nearby
vegetable farm. The test area contained typical, sandy, eas marked improvement in struc
ost, particularly when used to aid soils supporting crops like cotton, which doesn't add much
rganic material to the land. Even with rates of applicaoil benefits would acer acre oir benefits would accrue over
The project's second goal was o measure how diverting yard wastes into compost might lesse he burden on landfills. Last year approximately 11 million ton of compostable materials wer put into state landfills, accord ing to the TNRCC
Composting sites in Pampa Big Spring and Lufkin were set up to process yard clippings and

## In tition arge.

In Pampa ( populatio verted from disposal in the landfill amounted to 2,909 tons during 1994, 3,649 tons in 1995 , and 3,525 tons in 1996
Close to 20 local residents come to the Pampa landfill each week for the free compost.
In Lufkin, (population
31,000 ) approximate amounts of brush and yard trimmings composed during the project were, 3,900 tons in 1995, 4,500 tons in 1996, and 6,556 tons in 1997. City officials predict 1998 amounts to double.
Between 20-25 cubic yards
ormpost are sold weekly to
commercial and private users

In addition to increasing the
water-infiltration of erodible soils and saving landfill space, compost applications also boosted production of crop grown at demonstration sites. Cotton yields at a project site in Big Spring improved from 10.4 pounds of lint per acr ith no compost added ounds of lint per acre with 20 ons of wood chips added pe , and 163.3 pounds of lin post added TNRCC figures
At a demonstration site in ampa, grain yields increase from 24 bushels per acre with per acre wed, to 37 bush

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