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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

It was a wild turkey trot

MARINE ON ST. CROIX, Minn. - Mary Lou Ayers had a lovely 8-pound turkey in her house — and it wasn't even Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, the gobbler wasn't invited.

A wild turkey smashed through an upper-level window of her house Tuesday morning and wreaked havoc in the bedroom, hallway and computer room.

Ayers said the bird caused several thousand dollars in damage before it was captured by a sheriff's deputy and a state game warden.

"It was a very tough bird," said Conservation Officer Brad Schultz.

Ayers said her insurance policy won't cover turkey damage.

Four misses gets football win

All three of the top finishers in last week's football contest called four games wrong — and they had almost identical spreads on the 38-point tiebreaker score.

Violet Nicolas won in a squeaker by being only a point off on the tiebreaker (her guess was a total of 37 points would be scored in the Muleshoe-Shallowater game).

She was followed by Claire Brown, with a tiebreaker guess of 36, and J.E. McVicker, with a tiebreaker guess of 35.

The scorer didn't count the game listed as the University of Washington vs. the University of Arizona, since that should have been Arizona State.

Of the 49 players last week, only 10 predicted Sundown's upset of Farwell and 13 predicted Cotton Center would beat Lazbuddie.

Nearly as hard to guess was the Minnesota-Detroit game, where only 15 guessed it correctly.



Drawing date: Saturday, Oct. 16
Winning numbers: 05-10-18-30-31-41
Estimated jackpot: \$22 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, Oct. 20
Estimated jackpot: \$29 million

On this date in history

Oct. 21 — The British defeat the combined Spanish and French naval fleets at the Battle of Trafalgar off the Cape of Trafalgar, Spain, ending Napoleon's power on the seas (1805).

Oct. 22 — Gen. Sam Houston is sworn in as the first president of the Republic of Texas (1836).

Oct. 23/24 — On Oct. 23, the Hungarian Revolution, a revolt against the communist regime in that country, begins (1956).

LOCAL WEATHER

Mostly sunny is the forecast through next weekend. Low temperatures should be in the upper 30s throughout the period, with highs varying from about 76 Thursday to about 83 Friday to about 81 on Saturday. Light cloudiness should be the rule, but moisture chances are slight.

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Students expect to add fountain at City Park

By RONN SMITH
Editor

A group of Muleshoe High School students is working to get a grant to pay for an ornamental fountain at City Park.

Members of the Teen Leadership class expect to know by Oct. 30 whether or not they got the grant. But their teacher, Mayme McElroy, says she has been notified that only two schools in Region 17 applied for the Texas Learn and Serve Grants this year.

The group applied for \$2,000, which would have to be matched locally by labor or other in-kind

contributions.

The target date for completion of the project is April 8.

Class members made presentations to the school board Monday night and the city council Tuesday morning to get those bodies' approval for the project.

Making their case to the board were Christine Lozano, Michelle Martínez and Carmen Estrada. Taking their turn at the council meeting were Rosie Cabrera, Rita Villalobos and Joe Cortez.

McElroy said Tuesday that the fountain is proposed to be built near the center of the park, within

the curves of the walking track.

Before deciding on what kind of park improvements to make, the students surveyed several of their fellow high school and junior high students to see what was wanted.

Mentioned were more trees, flowers and benches, as well as a fountain and better lighting.

Students said they also talked with Kim Shafer about what types of plants are hardy in the area and could be incorporated in the fountain proposal, visited with Public Works Director Ramón Sánchez about the best location for the fountain and consulted Lubbock

Building Products about the cost of the concrete for the project.

In discussing the student project, both School Board Member Curtis Shelburne and city manager Rick Hanna mentioned that the Rotary Club is also planning work at the park, possibly in the form of planting trees as memorials.

Hanna said the same proposed water line could benefit both projects.

The park is attracting considerable community interest right now. School Board President Cindy Purdy said the Scouts are considering adding foot bridges at the park.

Mules to tackle Roosevelt Eagles in district game

By KEVIN WILSON
Journal Sports Writer

On Friday, the Muleshoe Mules' opponents are the Eagles of Lubbock Roosevelt. Until then, their only hurdle is the injury bug.

"We feel confident about Friday," Mules head coach David Wood said. "We just don't want to get anybody hurt (before then)."

The Mules have such confidence for three reasons:

1) Their first win in district play, a 31-7 shellacking of Shallowater. The Mules held premier back Justin Stone to four carries for 6 yards and had five interceptions.

Two of those interceptions were by Judd Glover, the Mules' pick for player of the week. Glover's interceptions mattered more to the Mules because they were early and stopped some threatening drives. Glover also had 12 tackles in the game.

2) Their defense, aided by Glover and Jeff Bruns, who also had two interceptions. All season, the Mules have been excellent on defense. In seven games, they have allowed 68 points, an average of 9.8 points per game. What that means to the Mules is that they'll usually need only a touchdown and a Ryan Hodge field goal to win games, and

3) Last week, the Eagles were defeated 44-0 at home by Friona. The rout says that Friona will be a challenge for the Mules next Friday, but also that the Mules have a great chance to come into the Friona game with a 2-1 district record.

One thing the Eagles will bring to Muleshoe is unpredictability. Last week, the Mules pretty much expected to see the wing T offense. This Friday, there is no telling what Roosevelt could bring to the table.

"They do a lot of different things," Wood said, adding that Muleshoe's biggest priority will again be to stop the running game.

The Mules will want to work on their offense as well for the next three games, and hopefully the playoffs.

Last week, James Barrett threw for three first-half touchdowns and the Mules scored off three Shallowater turnovers, but there is still work to be done.

The Mules had three fumbles last week and even though they only lost one, it's not a good sign to Wood.

"Even if you recover your own fumble," Wood said, "it's a play gone."

The Mules will look to hold on to the ball and secure their second district win; game time is 7:30.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Comparing war paint

Indian-for-a-day Diane Fitzgerald (right) of Lubbock and seventh-grader Ruby Aguirre of Muleshoe pause during a class period when they were studying Native Americans at Watson Junior High School on Monday. Fitzgerald visited Barbara Mutschler's classroom to bring home to students the specifics of native cultures.

Cranefest 'guests of honor' not same old faces

By RONN SMITH
Editor

"Going to the birds" may not be a boring thing to do when the birds are 30,000 strong, with 6-foot wingspreads, croaking and circling and whirling around overhead like "Jurassic Park" pterodactyls.

That's the plan for kicking off Muleshoe's Nov. 6 Cranefest. Early birds are invited to be at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge at 6:30 a.m. or soon thereafter to view thousands of sandhill cranes begin leaving the lake for their day's foraging.

(Refuge manager Don Clapp said Tuesday morning that roughly 10,000 of the expected cranes had already arrived.)

From 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.,

after the birds lift off, visitors can have breakfast, served for a nominal charge by the Bailey County Child Welfare Board, at the roadside park just north of the refuge on Texas 214. The roadside stop is on a small hill, providing a good vantage point for watching the cranes as they continue to mosey off.

If getting up early to go see a bunch of birds doesn't appeal to you, there also will be an evening picnic lunch available as the birds come back to the lakes. This will be served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the same site by the Jennyslippers.

The refuge itself is 21 miles south of Muleshoe on Texas 214 or about 55 miles south-east of Portales via the Arch or Rogers highways.

All day (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) there will be wildlife tours at the refuge's visitor center. Arrowhead displays and other items also will be available.

In town, there will be a sidewalk art contest for grades K through 12. Students are encouraged to make their mark on downtown Muleshoe between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; their efforts will be judged between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Cranefest also will feature wooden tokens that can be redeemed for freebies or discounts at participating merchants.

Kay Graves of Muleshoe, primary organizer of the event, has said she hopes for Cranefest to be an annual event and grow gradually into a major festival.

City, chamber to enter pact on office site

By RONN SMITH
Editor

The Muleshoe City Council discussed the terms of a lease proposal with the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture on Tuesday.

The lease, on land adjacent to the Mule Memorial, would make available to the chamber for 99 years at \$1 a year.

City Manager Rick Hanna explained that the land would belong to the chamber except for a quirk in the law that required the railroad to deed the site to the city rather than the chamber.

The land has been earmarked for some time for use as a new chamber headquarters.

The lease does require the chamber to maintain liability insurance on the site so the city doesn't incur any problems in that regard, Hanna added.

The council voted unanimously to accept the

only bid received on a new street sweeper, contingent on the bid supplied matching the specifications sent out in the bid request.

The bid was \$76,751.85 from STM Equipment in Arlington, and the city had budgeted more than \$90,000 for the purchase.

The new sweeper would be "similar to what we have now," Public Works Director Ramón Sánchez told the council.

Mayor Robert Montgomery commented, "This is obviously a major purchase, but something that we need — and have needed for a long time, I'm told."

"It (the old one) drives pretty well — it just doesn't sweep," Councilman Juan Chávez said.

The council also voted to:

- Seek bids on reconditioning the city's el-

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AROUND MULESHOE

Friends of Library raffling football

The Friends of the Muleshoe Area Public Library are selling raffle tickets on a football signed by members of the 1999 Muleshoe varsity football team.

Tickets are available from any member or by contacting the library at 272-4707.

The ball will be given away at the Fall Festival on Oct. 23.

Breast-cancer screening set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital will conduct a breast-cancer screening clinic Nov. 1 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Exams will be by appointment only. Arrangements may be made by calling (800) 377-4673.

Participants will receive a low-cost mammogram, a breast-health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a certified nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for residents who qualify for assistance.

Moisture measures nearly half an inch

J.K. Adams of Muleshoe reported that Sunday's snow produced .45 of an inch of moisture.

Adams keeps statistics on the south side of Muleshoe for the National Weather Service.

License office to close for two days

The driver's license office in Muleshoe will be closed Thursday and Friday, according to a spokeswoman for the office.

The office will reopen with its regular hours beginning Monday.

Lepard takes first in Race for the Cure

Kay Lepard of Muleshoe placed first in her class in the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure's annual walk for breast cancer in Lubbock on Sept. 25. Muleshoe Motor Co. donated \$275 to the organization as part of its ongoing commitment to donate \$25 to a local charity for each vehicle sold.

The dealership also has donated \$375 to Muleshoe Meals on Wheels based on its August sales. October's contribution will go to the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club.

Public calendar

Oct. 23 — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. PTA Fall Festival, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Oct. 31 — 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. New Covenant Church's second annual Noah's Ark Fling, at the Bailey County Coliseum. Free with donation of canned food.

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. First Baptist Church Harvest Fest, in the church's activity center.

Nov. 12-13 — Moonlight Extension Club's annual Christmas Bazaar, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Muleshoe girls win cross country meet

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Muleshoe's Lady Mules won the Friona cross country meet Saturday, and Kyle Atwood was first overall among the boys' finishers.

The Muleshoe boys did not field enough runners to make a team.

Individual finishers among the varsity girls (on a 2.4-mile course) were Stacy Locker, second at 13:48; Bobbie Benham, ninth (14:34); Mindy Locker, twelfth (14:36); Terrell Herington, 13th (14:37); Jessica Carpenter, 14th (14:41); Lilia Flores, 15th (14:47); and Kayla Glover, 33rd (15:33).

The Dimmitt girls won second and Farwell took third.

"I was very proud of the way the girls have stepped up behind Stacy," Coach Shana Sims said. "It was a cold, windy day, but the girls were very smooth. The weather did not seem to bother them."

Sims added that this was the best performance for the girls all year as a team. Next week they compete in Levelland and then face district on Oct. 30.

Boys finishing behind Atwood (17:24) at Friona on the 3.4-mile course were Moises Garcia, sixth (18:55); Matt Lopez, 16th (20:53) and Dan Williams, 20th (22:0).

At a big meet in Lubbock on

Oct. 2, the varsity girls placed 12th out of 53 teams in their division.

All members of the varsity girls' team came out in the upper half of the finishers (375 girls finished the race).

The boys finished 11th as a team, with Atwood again making a good showing — second overall in his division with a time of 16:28.45 (three miles).

Sims said she also was impressed with the junior varsity girls, all of whom placed high in a division that saw more than 500 girls running.

Varsity girls, with their finish and time, included Stacy Locker (22nd, 13:06.44), Terrell Herington (88th, 14:22.51), Mindy Locker (110th, 14:45.10), Jessica Carpenter (116th, 14:55.76), Bobbie Benham (120th, 15:03.79), Kayla Glover (133rd, 15:17.04) and Lilia Flores (150th, 15:44.67).

Boys finishing behind Atwood were Moises Garcia, 18:16; Jerrell Otwell, 19:56; Matt Lopez, 20:04; Lindy Pineda, 21:22; Dan Williams, 21:13; and Juan Olguin, 24:39.

CITY

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evated water-storage tanks, aiming for a bid opening date of Nov. 12;

- Approved the purchase of 17 acres west of the current landfill site for added room on the proposed new landfill;

- Agreed to begin the permit process for the new landfill; and

- Heard from Hanna that the

city's entire work force was drug-tested Monday, that the city has begun the bid process for new police cars as budgeted, and that one of the city's police officers has taken a job elsewhere.

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FRIDAY, October 22
 3:00 pm 26th ANNUAL PEANUT VALLEY FESTIVAL OPENS TO THE PUBLIC
 6:00 pm Starlight Swingers Square Dance group performs (CUB Ballroom)
 8:00 pm Festival closes for the day


SATURDAY, October 23
 10:00 am Festival opens to the PUBLIC
 Health Fair begins (College of Business Building)
 Peanut Valley Festival Carnival begins
 12-4 pm The balloon Artist (formerly known as Phil) performs (roving)
 2:00 pm Comedy-Juggler, Bill Fry performs (CUB Ballroom)
 3:00 pm Health Fair closes
 4:00 pm Na-Ta-Raja Dancers perform (CUB Ballroom)
 7:00 pm Festival closes for the day

Don't Forget To Set Your Clocks Back!

SUNDAY, October 24
 11:00 am Festival opens to the PUBLIC
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Around the Area

Peanut Valley Festival scheduled

Portales' annual Peanut Valley Festival is scheduled this year for Oct. 22-24 on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University. This year's 26th annual event will feature a talent show at 1 p.m. (Mountain time) Oct. 24. Each act or contestant will have five minutes' performance time. First prize will be \$150, second prize \$75 and third prize \$50.

Entry forms for the talent show must be filled out and submitted with a \$5 entry fee by 5 p.m. Oct. 21.

The festival will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 23 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24. Featured will be a health fair (Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. only), arts and crafts vendors and food vendors.

Performances on Oct. 23 will include comic-juggler Bill Fry at 2 p.m. and the Na-Ta-Raja Indian dancers at 4 p.m.

Vendors sought for 'Ultimate' bazaar

Vendors are being sought for the 11th annual "Ultimate" Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for Dec. 4-5 at Cannon Air Force Base.

More than 100 vendors are expected for the bazaar, which will be open from 9 a.m. (Mountain time) to 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5.

Merchandise is expected to range from arts and crafts (both traditional and non-traditional) to antiques, furniture, toys, Beanie Babies, jewelry, clothing, perfumes and cosmetics, western cuisine, candy and other items.

Paper-making workshop planned

A paper-making workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave.

The instructor will be Helen Jarman, a local artist. Participants will learn to make and design their own paper sheets and paper objects. The fee is \$35, with all supplies furnished by the instructor.

More information is available by calling (806) 767-3724.

Sweet Adelines plan concert

The Prairie Winds Chapter of Sweet Adelines International will present a concert titled "The Marvelous Toy: A Lifetime of Fun" at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Lubbock Civic Center Theater.

Based on the song "The Marvelous Toy" recorded by folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, the show will follow the adventures of a boy and a very special toy as together they discover the magic of life itself with those they love.

In addition to the 80-voice Prairie Winds Chorus, the concert will feature three quartets — Crystal Colleciton, Rendition and Windsong — and a folk group, Candyland Express.

The Prairie Winds performance, complete with elaborate costumes, staging and choreography, will feature such songs as "Desperado," "If You're Gonna Play in Texas, You Gotta Have a Fiddle in the Band," "Mack the Knife," "Love Potion Number

Study indicates importance of strep bacteria in pregnancy

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Pregnant African-American and Hispanic women are more likely to carry Strep B, a common bacteria that can be harmful when transmitted to newborns during birth, according to a Baylor College of Medicine study.

The study, designed to determine whether ethnic origin or socioeconomic status made some women more susceptible to the bacteria, was led by Melissa Hickman, a Baylor research technician.

"Results showed (that) African-American women carried the bacteria more often than whites and Hispanics. The study also showed (that) the incidence in Hispanics was substantially higher than in whites," Hickman said. Socioeconomic status did not appear to be a factor.

The results of this study of more than 500 women emphasized the importance of screening during pregnancy for the presence of Strep B.

Babies who are infected with Strep B at birth are at risk for a

range of problems associated with a blood-stream infection. About 10 percent may develop meningitis, which can cause brain damage.

The transmission is easily prevented, however, if the mother is treated with antibiotics during labor. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends giving antibiotics at least four hours before delivery.

"Knowing her status as a carrier gives a pregnant woman the opportunity to plan for medical care as soon as labor begins," said Dr. Carol Baker, a Baylor professor of pediatrics, microbiology and immunology, and the senior investigator of the study.

"It's not effective to give antibiotics during pregnancy and it's not something that can be expected to prevent infant disease if done five minutes before delivery," she said.

Baker recommends culture screening between the 35th and 37th week of pregnancy. Screening is important, she said, since Strep B does not make the pregnant woman sick.

Nine," "Walkin' After Midnight" and "It's a Sin To Tell a Lie." Tickets are \$12 each.

'Race for the Buckle' set for Oct. 23

The Hockley County Sheriff Posse has scheduled its annual Race for the Buckle on Oct. 23 at the posse's arena west of Levelland.

The race, traditionally a two-day event, has been limited to Saturday this year.

Books will open at 10 a.m. and competition will begin an hour later. Montana Silversmith belt buckles will be awarded to high-point individuals in each of the race's five age divisions.

Divisions will be 8-and-under, 9-13, 14-19, 20-49 and 50-and-over.

A stick-horse race for youngsters 5 and under also will be held, with all contestants getting prizes.

A brisket dinner will be served at noon for \$5 a plate. A concession stand will be open with snacks, homemade treats and drinks.

Spectators will be admitted free. "Gate" prizes, donated by area merchants, will be raffled off after each event. Proceeds will go to arena improvements.

More information is available by contacting Susan Kauffman at (806) 894-8492 or 894-9017, Leanna Pérez at (806) 229-6229 or Raymond Rumbaugh at (806) 894-6789.

Guitar concert scheduled at ENMU

The Eastern New Mexico University School of Music will present the Piu Mosso Guitar Duo in concert Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. (Mountain time) in Buchanan Hall on the Portales campus.

The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

The duo consists of Howard Glanton and Excier Rodríguez. Glanton was an undergraduate music major at Eastern who went on to earn an advanced degree in guitar performance. He now lives in Derby, Kan., where he teaches guitar in addition to his performing activities.

The deadline for items to appear in Around the Area is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449, called in to 272-4536 or faxed to 272-3567.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

On Oct. 14, our nursing home chaplain and ombudsman conducted a memorial service for Sterling Ellis. Zona Gatewood and Debra Noble assisted.

Friday, Dan and Millie Throckmorton brought a "Little Rascals" video to show the residents.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the Saturday afternoon bingo games. Clark Price baked and brought cookies for refreshments. Also, Doris Jackson brings homemade goodies when she visits on Saturdays.

The Muleshoe Singers came to direct the gospel singing service Sunday afternoon.

The G.A.'s from Trinity Baptist Church visited the Care Center on Friday.

Monday morning, Brother Randy Tucker and Billie Downing conducted devotional singing for the residents.

Gladys Wilson visited and brought cookies for the residents Monday.

Tuesday afternoon, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner, Pat Kirk, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge and Nancy Kidd came to shampoo and set the ladies' hair and visit.

Joe Embry and Elsie Damron were among the friendly visitors this week.

The Burges and Loyce Killingsworth served muffins, coffee and juice to the residents on Wednesday morning. Harold Burge directed the "around-the-table" discussion. Killingsworth, Dr. Stacey Connor and Anna B. Lane lead

HONORS

BEENE

Bryan Beene, a senior at Amarillo High School, has qualified as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.



Beene

He is the grandson of John and Kathleen Hayes of Muleshoe and Debra Hayes Beene and Dennis Beene, both of Needmore.

Only the top 1 percent of the nation's students qualify as National Merit semi-finalists, according to the organization

Beene also plays on the Amarillo High football team.

BRUTON

Cebia Bruton, a senior at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, is enrolled in a Baylor University class offering the experience of student teaching abroad. The class is offered in conjunction with Griffith University of Brisbane, Australia.

Bruton and eight other Baylor students be spending five weeks in Australia and New Zealand. For three of those weeks, they will be student-teaching in a Brisbane school.

This semester, she is student-teaching third grade in Glen Rose, Texas. She is to graduate in December with a degree in interdisciplinary studies with a specialization in mathematics.

She is the daughter of Jim and Linda Bruton of Eastland, Texas, and the granddaughter of Ancel and Dorris Ashford and the late John and Jewel Bruton, all of Muleshoe.

our devotional "singspiration." Norma Eves visited Ruby Reed and several other residents Wednesday.

Jackie Scoggins and Glenda Jennings came to entertain and direct a sing-along Wednesday afternoon. Lane also participated, along with Tennie McCormick and the residents.

The October birthday party is scheduled for 3 p.m. Oct. 28. Everyone is invited.

The Prayer Sisters of the Muleshoe Church of Christ will host a Halloween/Harvest Party for the residents Oct. 29.

Marilyn Wilson visited Reil Williams on Wednesday.

Jane Reeder attended the sing-along with her mother, Roma Davis, on Wednesday afternoon.

The staff of the Care Center continues to give thanks and praise to the center's volunteers.

Frankie Carpenter attended the devotional "singspirational" with Rosie

Martin on Wednesday morning. The center is arrayed with

decorated pumpkins, thanks to area 4-H'ers. Guy Kendall's son and

daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kendall of Houston, visited over the weekend.

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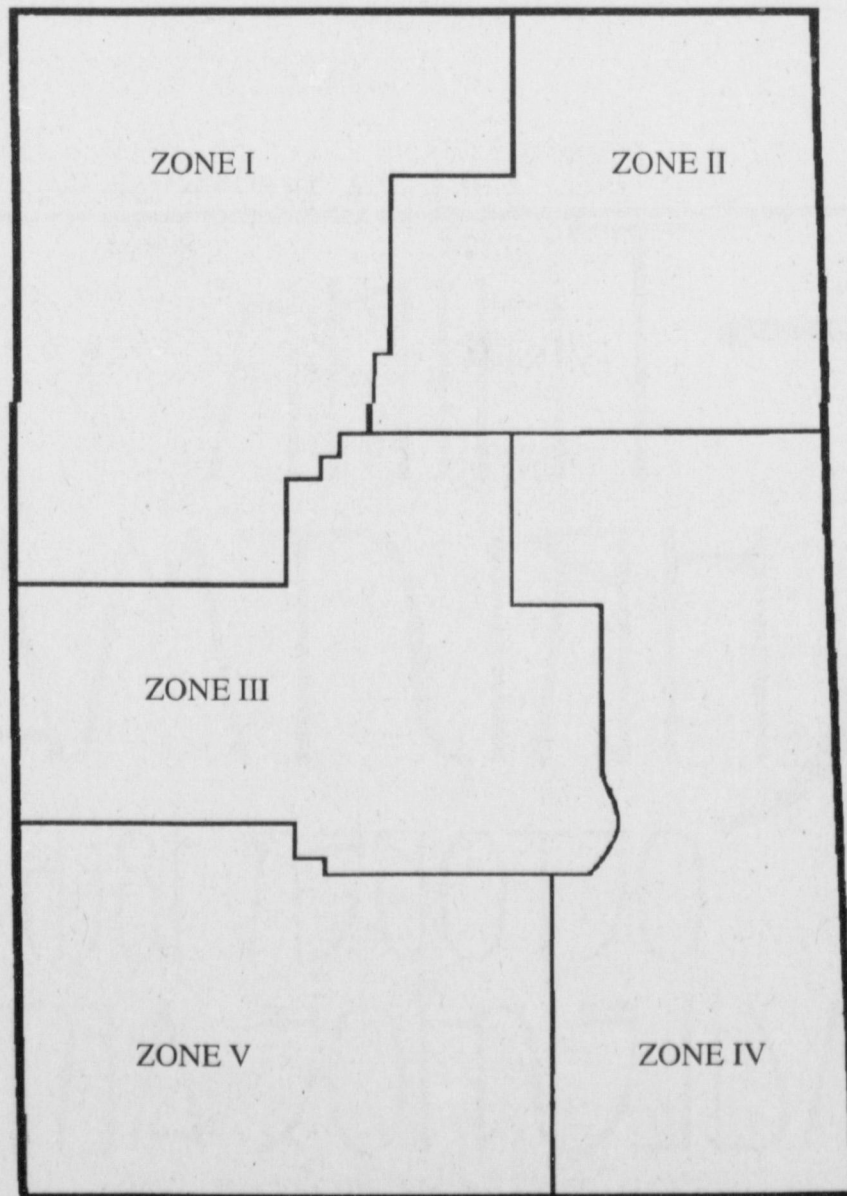
Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

ANNUAL REPORT 1998-1999

The Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District has completed their 58th year in Bailey County. The District was approved by the State Legislature March 20, 1941 after a request by local people to help solve soil and water erosion problems. The District is a non-taxing, legal sub-division of State Government. The District requested the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical assistance to producers with soil and water erosion problems as well as water conservation problems. Assistance is voluntary and private property rights are strictly observed. Today there are over 200 Conservation Districts in Texas with the same goals as the local District.

The Blackwater Valley SWCD includes all of Bailey County and is divided into five zones. Each zone has a director that is: Resident of the county, owns land within the zone, and serves a four year term. The Directors for 1998-1999 and their zones are: Zone 1-Ernest Ramm, Zone 2-Nick Bamert, Zone 3-Sharon Dale, Zone 4-Larry Clawson and Zone 5-John Furgeson. 1998-1999 Officers are John Furgeson-Chairman, Nick Bamert-Vice Chairman and Sharon Dale-Secretary/Treasurer. The monthly Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. They meet in the NRCS meeting room located at 105 E. Avenue D which is the local USDA Service Center.

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INCOME AND EXPENSES For 10/1/98 to 9/30/99

Income:	
Matching Funds	\$3,227.30
Cost Share	\$2,030.37
Donations	\$2,789.00
Sales of windbreak trees and drip supplies	\$1,540.00
Interest Earned	\$132.44
Technical Assistance	\$2,037.41
Total	\$11,756.52

Expenses:	
Salary	\$2,590.56
Payroll Taxes	\$526.26
Insurance	\$205.00
Bonds	\$200.00
Director Travel	\$718.10
Supplies	\$468.11
Printing	\$232.15
Awards Program	\$37.50
Education Program	\$321.00
Postage	\$123.17
NACD Dues	\$700.00
State Awards Quota	\$570.00
Materials Purchased	\$1,052.11
Sales Tax	\$111.21
Total	\$7,855.17

Gain \$3,901.35

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1998-1999

1. Held 12 monthly meetings
2. Held director elections for Zones 1 and 2
3. Distributed book covers for county schools
4. Sold windbreak trees for farmstead protection
5. Sold drip supplies for windbreak tree survival
6. Assisted over 350 irrigators with well checks and efficiency tests
7. Assisted over 250 producers with cover crops and grass planting on CRP Contracts
8. Attended State SWCD Meeting
9. Attended two South Plains SWCD Association meetings
10. The District has the State SWCD Ladies Auxiliary President-Mary Alice Ramm
11. Attended Annual meeting of WESTEX RC&D
12. Developed and approved six "503" Water Quality Plans

Genetic engineering will bring the blue rose—if you can call it that

By RONN SMITH
Editor

It all started with the sheep, and then there was the dairy heifer — but if you think genetic engineering's going to stop before we have every type of mutant freako anybody ever dreamed about, think again.

For instance, the market for a blue rose is estimated at — all by itself — \$250 million. That's according to a short piece in the November issue of *Garden Design* magazine.

The same short article also says an Australian company called Florigene is just a genetic splice away from filling that market niche. The company already has a true-blue "carnation" that's expected to go on sale next year.

The development of the true-blue "rose" is only a step behind the "carnation." I put those names in quotes because the gene being spliced into these plants to produce blue flowers is coming from the petunia! Up until a couple of years from now, "a rose is a rose is a rose." After that, if you buy a certain type of rose, it may be part petunia.

I have no big problem with marketing these things as long as they are prominently la-



beled for what they are, so that nobody thinks they're buying something they're not.

And if the blue rose or carnation isn't the object of your fantasies, just hang on: Truly red irises and truly orange peonies are apparently in the pipeline, too.

The article quotes David van der Werff, editor of *Plants* magazine, as saying, "It will be a landmark in plant breeding and plant genetics, but who really wants a blue rose?"

If the \$250 million market estimate is anywhere in the ballpark, I'd say only about half the gardeners in America want it...

Me, I'm holding out for puce geraniums.

If you're going to jump on the bandwagon and try some of the ultra-trendy jack-in-the-pulpits (*Arisaema* spp.) but you're determined to ignore

my advice about planting perennials in the fall, you may have to make a hard choice: Great Plants, a mail-order nursery offering several arisaemas, has just sent out a special mailing saying that fall is the only time they recommend transplanting these bizarre beauties.

For those of you familiar with the native American jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) needs no description. The "flower" is usually a whitish-striped green spathe, shaped something like a call lily but with a hood that flaps over the top of it.

In the common American species, the pollen-bearing spadix sticks upright in the middle of the spathe.

The recent booming interest in Asian plants, though, has brought about a revolution in arisaemas and increased interest in them a hundredfold.

One that's fairly readily available is *Arisaema fargesii*. In this species, for instance,

you not only get a spathe in a rich maroon and sharp white stripes, but the thin burgundy spadix hangs out of the flower and droops down for several inches. The effect is like a cobra's head with its tongue hanging down as if it were dying from the heat.

Arisaema sikokianum is even more spectacular, I think. The "flower" structure is even darker maroon with light stripes, and the pure white spathe has a big white knob at the top of it.

In our climate, I wouldn't even bother trying to grow jack-in-the-pulpit in a spot that doesn't get some shade.

They also need moisture, and I know that statement will discourage many of you. I still recommend taking the kids' wading pool, possibly cutting a drain hole in it (depending on what combination of species you plan to put in it), sinking it in the ground and filling it with a mixture of moisture-holding peat moss, compost and dirt.

It's a little more work at planting time, but to give you an idea how much difference it makes, I can only say that I had lady fern and cinnamon fern survive in my back yard this summer with practically NO water from the hose. When it rained and soaked that old peat moss, the stuff stayed damp for weeks — usually until another rain soaked it again. Jack-in-the-pulpit should do about as well.

Experiment, experiment, experiment!

And happy planting.
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Backpacks: A real pain for children

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON — Although a backpack can be a student's best friend, it can also lead to serious back problems if worn incorrectly.

Backpacks originally were designed to increase a person's carrying capacity by keeping the weight close to the body. But improper positioning and bad posture can place pressure on the spine, a pitfall that parents of school-aged children should recognize.

"In general, backpacks are a good idea," said Dr. Stephen Esses of the Baylor College of Medicine's Institute for Spinal Disorders in Houston.

"But when they are heavy, they place a huge stress on the back. If the back muscles are not strong and healthy and the backpack is not properly positioned, there could be a problem," he said.

The spine consists of a stack of bones, or vertebrae, with disks located between each layer. Because there is no fundamental structural stability in the spinal column, posture is controlled solely by the surrounding muscles.

The spines of younger children are especially susceptible to backpack-related injuries because they do not have the well-developed muscles and spinal control usually found in teen-agers and adults.

To reduce the risk of injury, Esses suggests:

- Positioning the backpack so it rests between the shoulder blades and is centered in the middle back;
- Choosing a style that has wide, padded shoulder straps;
- Considering the child's individual muscular development, in addition to their size, when determining a safe weight range;
- Maintaining proper posture; and
- Helping the child get the backpack on and off.

Straps should be worn over both shoulders and tightened so the backpack fits snugly. Worn loosely, the straps can double the pressure put on the back.

"Kids shouldn't carry their entire locker around on their backs," Esses said. "Encourage them to leave as much as they can at school, taking only what is necessary."

The health of the back muscles, Esses adds, is vital to the health of the spine. As a result, carrying a heavy backpack for long periods of time can be especially dangerous for younger students.

If the child experiences back pain, Esses suggests reassessing the backpack's position and the child's posture. If the pain persists, a visit to a physician may be necessary.

TOPS NEWS

The TOPS No. 34 meeting was held Oct. 14 at the Mulshoe Church of Christ on American Boulevard and was presided over by Linda White in the absence of Laverne James.

White presented the previous week's minutes before reading an article titled "Top Ten Foods That Fight Fat."

Several foods mentioned in the article were whole-wheat bread, beans and other vegetables.

Fruits included on the list were pineapple, grapes, apples and tropical fruits such as mangos and kiwis.

Alma Robertson led both TOPS songs. The group then sang to

Robertson before she received a birthday present.

Thirteen members weighed in and the results were given by Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis, our weight recorders.

Lucille Harp was announced as the best loser and the first runner-up was Ruth Clements. Evelene Harris was second runner-up.

Jewel Peeler, our contest coordinator, reported that Clements and Davis were the winners in the "Take a Train to Slimville" contest, which ended recently.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 21 at the same site.



Picture of concentration

Ricky Treviño tries to be very still as his teacher, Barbara Mutschler, applies "Indian paint" to his face Monday. The students were studying Native American cultures.

Arts scholarship competition is sent to schools

Applications for Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair scholarships in the arts have been mailed to accredited Texas high schools.

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Pumpkins are a bright spot for Texas farmers this year

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

COLLEGE STATION — Texas pumpkin growers are in for a treat this Halloween despite smaller yields, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Frank Dainello said Texas pumpkin growers are in a favorable position even though yields are below average.

"The crop is probably a little shorter than we'd like," he said. "But the problems we've been having on the East Coast and in other parts of the country are putting Texas in a pretty good demand situation."

Dainello said pumpkins in the Northeast were damaged by flooding from Hurricane Floyd, and crops in other parts of the country suffered from droughts.

"As a result, Texas growers are in a favorable situation," he said. "I think that's why we did have an increase in pumpkin acreage."

Dainello said 3,000 to 4,000 commercial acres of pumpkins were planted this year on the South Plains.

He said growers are in a moderate price situation.

"At the farm gate level, they're receiving anywhere between 5 and 8 cents a pound," Daniello said.

He said the yields are lower this year because some of the crop is late to mature.

"We had hail and rain in the plains, where most of our pumpkins are being grown," Dainello said.

He said growers lost several acres early in the season and had to replant.

"Whether or not all of these acres are going to mature in time to take advantage of the

market is kind of questionable," Daniello said.

He said even though the pumpkins are somewhat behind in maturity, there will be an adequate supply for the holiday season.

"It's possible consumers will see a shortage," he said. "But with the spillover from New Mexico, Texans should be fine."

Mark Scarmardo, co-owner of the Farm Patch in Bryan, said consumers in Texas shouldn't have any difficulty finding pumpkins.

"It's always smart to buy your pumpkin early," he said. "Usually grocery stores and markets try to be sold out by Halloween."

Scarmardo said 95 percent of the pumpkins sold are used for decoration.

He said the best pumpkins can be identified by their color

and stem.

"You want a really pretty orange pumpkin," Scarmardo said. "Stay away from the pumpkins that have that green color."

He also said a bright green stem is a sign that the pumpkin is freshly picked.

"Areas with cooler weather grow prettier orange pumpkins," Scarmardo said.

In far West Texas, district Extension director Charles Neeb said the cotton harvest is under way with varying yields.

"Apple harvest is nearing completion," he said. "And tomato farms are in full production."

Neeb said most cattle are in good condition.

"Pregnancy rates have been reported as good despite poor conditions during most of the breeding season," he said.

District Extension directors

report that in the Panhandle, soil moisture is short to adequate. Excellent corn yields are being reported.

Sorghum and soybean harvests continue. There are reports of cotton aphids.

On the South Plains, soil moisture is short to adequate; pastures and ranges are in good condition.

Harvest and defoliation of cotton continues.

Corn, sorghum, soybean and sunflower harvests continue. Peanuts in good condition, with harvest continuing, and wheat looks good.

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Glickman announces \$32.4 million for farm labor housing

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WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced \$32.4 million in loans and grants for the construction of 622 rental housing units for domestic farm laborers in the United States. The USDA funds also will help repair or improve 13 farm worker housing complexes. "As we enter the new millennium, no one in the United States should be forced to live in overcrowded, sub-standard housing, and no one should be forced to pay 70 to 80 percent of their income on such hous-

ing," Glickman said. "Our farm workers deserve our respect and a commitment to safe, decent and affordable housing. We are grateful for their sacrifices and contributions to producing high-quality, low-cost food," he added. In the past, the migrant worker housing program worked on a first-come, first-served basis, which resulted in a backlog of applications. New applicants often waited two to three years for funding. The revamped process is now competitive, with today's announced projects serving the

greatest need and creating the most units of housing per USDA-dollar invested. The program can lend money to limited partnerships if they have a nonprofit general partner. Limited partnerships are able to use low-income housing tax credits to construct housing facilities, the proceeds of which can be leveraged with USDA program funds to increase the number of rental housing units. A list of the loan and grant recipients can be accessed at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/new.htm.

OBITUARIES

KATHY HAINES

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 21 in the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie for Kathy Brown Haines of Lakeland, Fla. Haines' husband, Mitch, is the brother of Sandy Watson and brother-in-law of the Rev. Jim Watson of Lazbuddie. The Rev. Watson will officiate. Friends and family are invited to attend.

CHARLES W. PALMER

Services were held Sunday at the Eastside Church of Christ in Morton for Charles W. Palmer, 82, of Morton. The Rev. Dan Carter and Joey Pierce officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements. Mr. Palmer was born Nov. 30, 1916, in Henderson County, Texas. He died Oct. 14 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He married Jean Tiffie on Oct. 5, 1940, in Weinert, Texas. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and became a farmer and rancher. He moved to Morton in 1954 from Amarillo and was the Cochran

County Farm Bureau agent for 26 years. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Charles Palmer Jr. of Rosenberg, Texas, and Kenney Palmer of Plainview; a brother-in-law, T.P. "Curly" Perdue; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Paige Palmer, Kenney Palmer Jr., Brandon Palmer and Lisa Marie Marsh. He was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1978 and a grandson, Justin, in 1994. The family suggests memorials to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales 88130-9411.

MARY RAWLS
 Services for Mary Rawls, 71, of Bledsoe were held Monday at Bledsoe Baptist Church. The Rev. Hollis Shewmake officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements. Mrs. Rawls was born Aug. 8, 1928, at Proffitt, Texas. She died Saturday at Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton. She married Herral Rawls in Clovis on Aug. 3, 1946. He died July 16, 1991.

She was a longtime resident of Bledsoe and had been the owner-operator of Marcilla's Beauty Shop at Bledsoe. She was chairman of the Democratic Party for Precinct 3 of Cochran County and had served as a Precinct 3 election judge as well as on the board of the juvenile courts of Cochran County. She is survived by two sons, Benny Rawls of Kingwood, Texas, and Terry Rawls of Lubbock; a daughter, Drewcilla Griffiths of Fort Worth; four sisters, Agnes Gober of Weatherford, Texas, Helen Cox of Morton, and Corine Bowen and Ray Dell Gothard, both of Arlington; three brothers, George Bellomy of Fort Worth, Berry Bellomy of Throckmorton and Bobby Bellomy of Arlington; four grandchildren, Deedra Foster, Darin Griffiths, Terry Dawn Rawls and Amanda Rawls; and three great-grandchildren, Bailey J. Foster, Hadley Griffiths and Hayden Griffiths. The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or Bledsoe Baptist Church.

CHLOIE WALKER
 Services were pending Tuesday for Chloe Desine Walker, 69, of Muleshoe. Walker died Saturday.



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FM Farms, Brownfield	3	Blk. Bulls	202 lbs.	at \$116.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	1	Gray Bull	155 lbs.	at \$215.00
Juan Hernandez, Petersburg	1	BWF Str	303 lbs.	at \$101.00
Ronnie Gilter, Hereford	1	Char. Bull	395 lbs.	at \$90.00
Billy Labrier, Ft. Sumner, NM	1	Blk. Str	425 lbs.	at \$91.00
Laverne Burnett, Causey, NM	6	Mxd. Strs	505 lbs.	at \$86.00
Laverne Burnett, Causey, NM	4	Char. Strs	611 lbs.	at \$78.00
Shafer Farms, Inc., Muleshoe	11	Red Strs	520 lbs.	at \$82.00
Shafer Farms, Inc., Muleshoe	16	Red Strs	610 lbs.	at \$75.50
David Coffman, Causey, NM	5	Char. Strs	561 lbs.	at \$83.00
J.P. Claunch, Muleshoe	11	Char. Strs	671 lbs.	at \$78.00
Don Teague, Bovina	11	Mxd. Strs	695 lbs.	at \$74.75
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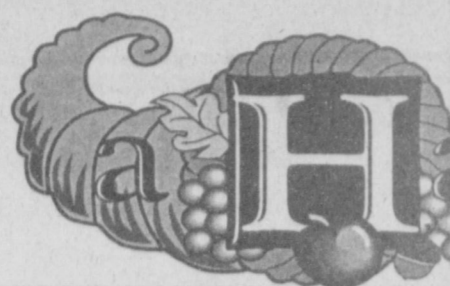
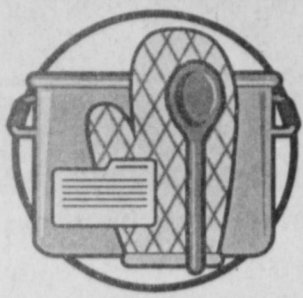
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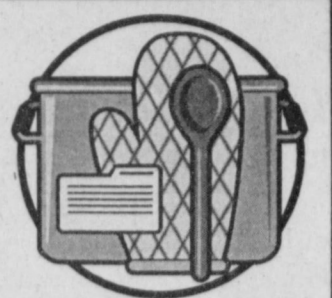
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