

NEWS BRIEFS

Grants under review

Mayor Victor Leal of Muleshoe will meet on May 22 with the other 12 state-wide Community Development Review Committee members to review funding recommendations for \$49.2 million worth of grants to rural Texas communities. Leal was recently appointed to the board by Gov. Rick Perry.

The Committee is charged with providing advice on the administration of 'Office Rural Community Affairs' (ORCA) Texas Community Development Program and reviewing applications submitted for funding through the program.

"These grants are very important to rural communities," said Robert J. "Sam" Tessen, ORCA's Executive Director.

School to install cameras

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

The Muleshoe Independent School District is installing surveillance and alarm systems in all of the district's schools. The district board voted Monday to authorize the administration to install the equipment, including cameras to monitor the high school parking lots and hallways.

Ten indicted by jury

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

A fight on West American Boulevard has resulted in Grand Jury indictments for three Muleshoe men. Sonny Chavez, Manuel Flores and Arturo Esquivel were all indicted by the Bailey County Grand Jury for an attack on Estevan Daniel Sandoval.

Sandoval was hit several times with a crow bar, resulting in both of his arms being broken. The attack took place on April 20.

In other Grand Jury indictments, Joseph Emil Fahnrapp III was indicted

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Drawing date: Saturday, May 11
Winning numbers: 4-5-11-27-37
Bonus Ball 21
Estimated jackpot: \$12 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, May 14
Estimated jackpot: \$15 million

LOCAL WEATHER

Expect chance of showers for Thursday. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s. Possible showers on Friday. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 40s. Partly cloudy skies on Saturday. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 50s according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast.

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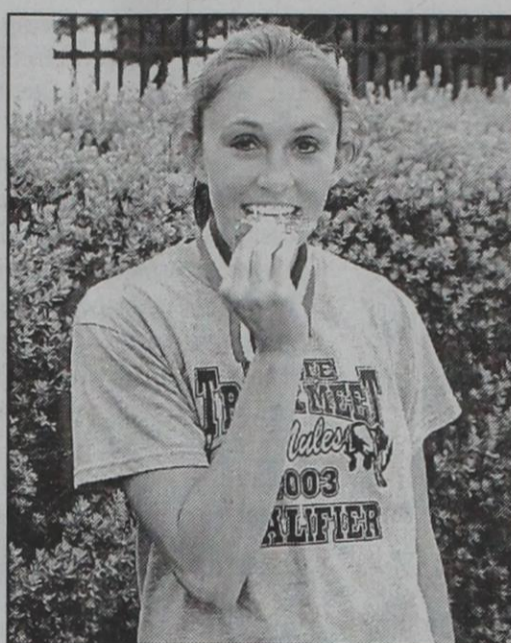
Lady Mules finish eighth in state competition

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mule track team left a high-water-mark on the walls of the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. They finished eighth in the state team competition with 24 points. Sixty-nine girls teams from class 3-A schools were represented in the state meet.

The Lady Mules were in the hunt for the state championship through the 1600-meter relay. Muleshoe had 20 points going into the final event of the day and none of the meet leaders at the time had a 1600 relay team.

Celina, Robinson and the Lady Mules each could claim the championship with a first place finish in the 1600 relay and the Lady Mules needed Celina to finish no better than third.



Journal photo: Delton Wilhite
Jessica Withrow bites on her gold medal, making sure its not a dream.

Celina and Robinson both ran sub-four minute times and the Lady Mules finished in fifth place with 4:05.53. It was the best time of the year for the Lady Mules and set a new Muleshoe school record in the 1600-meter relay.

Eva Pylant led off for the Lady Mules and recorded her best split time of the year of 62.45, handing off to Brandi Wood in a pack. Wood was in fifth place going into the first curve and almost matched her regional time with a 62.38.

Wood gave the baton to Sara Benham, but a second leg runner from Ingleside stepped in front of Benham causing her to lose precious moments, dropping the Lady Mules to sixth place as the third lap began.

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Journal photo: Vaneta Gregory

Mother of the year

Mother and son share a special moment. Both are supportive of each other's interests. Pictured are (from left) Susan Kerby and son, Roper Kerby. Roper's letter nominating his mom as Muleshoe Journal mother of the year was selected by unbiased judges. A copy of his letter can be read on page 4.

Two school board members are sworn in

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

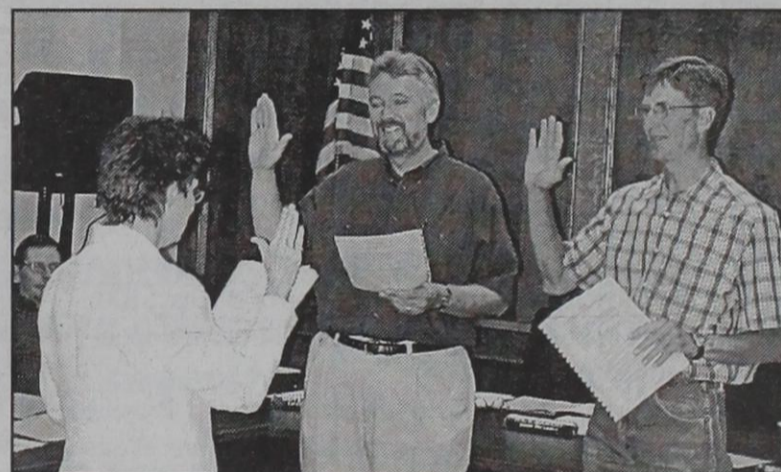
The Muleshoe Independent School District Board swore in two members and re-elected officers for the year Monday night. Newly elected board member Thurman Myers, along with re-elected member Curtis Shelburne, were sworn in by County Judge Marilyn Cox. Myers is replacing Arnold Price who is retiring from the board.

The following officers were

re-elected: Nick Bamert, president; Bruce Barrett, vice-president; and David Tipps, secretary.

The board approved a contract with Hugo Vasquez Construction to improve the entrance of Dillman Elementary School for \$98,450. Vasquez was the only bid. Superintendent Gene Sheets said the bid was \$200,000 below the architect's estimates.

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Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Curtis Shelburne (center) and Thurman Myers (at right) are sworn in by Judge Marilyn Cox.

Carolyn's Christmas Creations to relocate

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

They haven't quite begun to roll out the red carpet yet, but workers for Julio Reyes have rolled out the red paint at the new home of Carolyn's Christmas Creations on the corner of Main and Highway 84 at the former St. Clair's Department Store building.

Store owners Buck and Carolyn Johnson anticipate their grand opening to coincide with Muleshoe's 4th of July festivities.

"Although we've had a couple of mishaps, we're still shooting for a bang-up July 4th opening," said an exhausted C. Johnson while working on the floors at the new location.

The used-to-be seasonal store which is now open all year has outgrown its present location at 224 W. 2nd Street.

"We need to expand. Our little store can't accommodate customer traffic or our storage needs anymore. Plus, we couldn't



Journal photo: Leah Bell

Painting the town red?

Juana Vasquez and Chelo Facudo are just two of Julio Reyes' paint crew working to transform the facade of the St. Clair building, the new home of the Carolyn's Christmas Creations. The new location has an estimated grand opening date of July 4th.

turn down the opportunity to move to such a prime location with such wonderful history," said C. Johnson.

Carolyn is a self-professed "nut" about preserving historical aspects of the building, including "doodles" on the support

columns made by members of the St. Clair family.

"We plan to have a section dedicated to the store's history and to history in gen-

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AROUND MULESHOE

New organization to host luncheon

Compassionate Care Pregnancy Center of Muleshoe (CCPC) is hosting a Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, May 23 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Family Life building. This is a newly established organization dedicated to serving families in crisis. The organization will be accepting donations to benefit CCPC.

Choirs to present Spring Concert

The Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School Choirs will present their Spring "Pops" Concert on Thursday, May 15 in the Kerry Moore Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature the WJHS Beginning Choir, WJHS Advanced Treble Coir, WJHS Advanced Mixed Choir, MHS A Capella Treble Choir and the MHS A Capella Choir.

This concert includes only popular music - music heard on the radio, in theaters or on television. Songs such as, "Why do Fools Fall in Love?," "Heart and Soul," "Sing, Sing, Sing!" a medley from "Toy Story 2," "All That Jazz," "It Had to be You," "Kokomo" and more.

Everyone is invited to come and support the award-winning choirs in their last concert of the year and be entertained with good music by some of the most talented students in the area. The concert is free.

MISD announces service program

The Muleshoe Independent School District announces sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. The program will serve meals to any child between the ages of one and 18 years old.

The program will run Monday through Friday from June 3-July 3 at DeShazo Elementary and June 3-June 24 at the Muleshoe High School. Breakfast will be from 7:30-8:00 a.m. and lunch will be from 1:00-1:30 p.m. at both schools.

Muleshoe CTA awarding scholarships

The Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association is accepting applications for two scholarships to be awarded to Muleshoe High School graduates. One scholarship will be given to a 2003 MHS graduate who plans to major in education. The other scholarship is for a former MHS graduate who is now attending college, majoring in education and is classified as a junior or senior. Applications for former students are available at MHS. Contact Gayla Gear at 272-7303 (school), Terri Bohler at 965-2322 (home), or Alice Liles at 272-5200 (home) for more information. Applications from former students are due to Gayla Gear, Terri Bohler or Alice Liles by May 26.

Project Graduation needs your help!

Parents of the MHS Senior Class of 2003 are asking everyone to help support a substance-free senior celebration in 2003. They need help to make Project Graduation a safe, fun and memorable time for this year's seniors!

Donations will help offset expenses such as games, food and prizes for a special senior celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided to assure the safety of all who attend. This will be a non-alcoholic event.

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: gold sponsor, donation of at least \$100; silver sponsor, donation of at least \$50; or bronze sponsor, donation of at least \$25.

All support of the 2003 MHS graduates and Project Graduation is appreciated. Donations or questions about Project Graduation may be addressed to: Susan Wedel, phone: (806) 272-5901, 1230 C.R. 1028, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Lavon Hunt, phone: (806) 272-7777, 1112 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Dillman's Spring Round-up continues

Dillman Elementary will be registering children for Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. To qualify for Pre-K., your child must be 4 years old before September 1, 2003. To qualify for the Pre-K program, you must be eligible for the Bilingual Program and/or qualify for Free/Reduced Lunches.

To qualify for Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2003.

Parents, please remember to bring an updated shot record, birth certificate and social security card when registering children. Please call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

Public calendar

May 15 — 7:30 p.m., The Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture presents Country and Western Recording Artist Daron Norwood in concert at the Olton High School Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children under 6 are free. Proceeds will benefit the Kelli Smith Cancer Fund. Kelli Smith is the daughter of Landon and Sharon Smith of Olton. Tickets will be sold at the door's

May 19 — 7:00 p.m., Muleshoe High School celebration of educational excellence awards night will be held at the Muleshoe High School Auditorium.

Also May 19 — Sudan Memorial Service Program will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Sudan Cemetery (Bad weather location — Sudan High School Auditorium). The service will begin with the Welcome given by Freddie Maxwell; Invocation — Jeff Procter; Presentation of Colors — Color Guard, U.S. Marine Corps.; Pledge of Allegiance — Ralph May; National Anthem — Band and Kenneth

Richards; Patriotic Music — Kenneth Richards; Speaker — Monte Wike; Music Selections — Band; Benediction — Robert Roecker; Taps — Trumpet Section; and Retiring of colors will be done by the Color Guard.

May 20 — Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Also May 20 — 7:00 p.m., Hub Cowboy Fellowship, 1 1/2 mile south of intersection FM 214 and Hwy 86. Speaker will be Jerry Killingsworth. Music provided by Jim and Rhonda Murphree. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering.

May 31 — Lady Mules Summer League will be having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. For more information or to enter, call 272-5436 or 272-4553. Entry deadline is May 23rd.

JURY

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for intent to destroy a habitation located at 312 West Seventh. The indictment says Fahnttrapp started a fire or caused an explosion by using ignitable liquids.

Rene Astorga Robles was indicted for fleeing from Muleshoe City Police Officer Rodney Stevens.

Oscar Luis Garcia was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

James Thomas Harmon, Jr. was indicted for unlawful appropriation (an insufficient check) of not less than \$20,000 dollars but not more than \$100,000 dollars.

Joseph Gonzales and Eddie Ortega were indicted for entering Sharon Genevieve Gilliam's home.

Jose Eduardo Sierra, Jr. was indicted for assault on a family member.

TRIP

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communities," said Sandy Vandevender, general manager.

The youth tour will bring together 100 high school juniors from throughout rural America to Washington, D.C. for a four-day educational and culturally enriching experience. The tour will allow youth to meet with members of Congress who represent rural constituents. They will also participate in educational sessions about the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and more. Students will visit the nation's most historic sites, including the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials.

The ninth annual youth tour is hosted by the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS). FRS promotes, educates and advocates rural telecommunications issues to the public in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America. The foundation was established by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), of which Five Area Telephone is a member.

Ann Sowder, Five Area Telephone Cooperative director who represents the Needmore exchange, will accompany Joel Dunn as a chaperon. The Cooperative sincerely appreciates Sowder's interest and participation.



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- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

The evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at Bailey Central Appraisal District 302 Main St., Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Bailey Central Appraisal District, 302 Main, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, phone (806) 272-5501. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed

you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



Crystal Helton

Shower honors Helton

A baby shower honoring Kelly and Crystal Helton was held May 3, 2003 at the Trinity Christian Center Church. Special guests attending the shower were Crystal's mother, Diana Johnson Baxter; and Kelly's mother, Laura Helton Killingsworth.

Hostesses were Zona Gatewood, Linda Simms, Vannette Fields, Dee Grumbles, Laura Fuqua, Barbara Mills, Diane Grumbles, Carolyn Smyer, Brenda Lackey, Betty Freeman, Kathie Ralston, Misti Prater and Pam Counterman.

Braden given shower

Lora Braden, fiancée of Chris Smith of San Angelo and formerly of Lazbuddie, was honored with a bridal shower April 26, 2003 in the home of Judy Dennis of Lazbuddie. The honoree is the daughter of Kenneth and Shirley Braden of Garden City, Texas. The prospective groom is the son of Dale and Debbie Gallman of Bovina.

Special guests included the bride-elect's mother; her sisters, Bonnie Braden of Amarillo and April Braden of Garden City; the prospective groom's mother; and his sister, Kimberly Nickels of Lazbuddie.

Hostesses for the occasion were Sheryl Engelking, Paulette Foster, Stephanie Foster, Terry Thomas, Debbie Weir, Ellen Gallman, Debbie Nickels, Marca Morris, Sheryl Morris, Jodi Young,

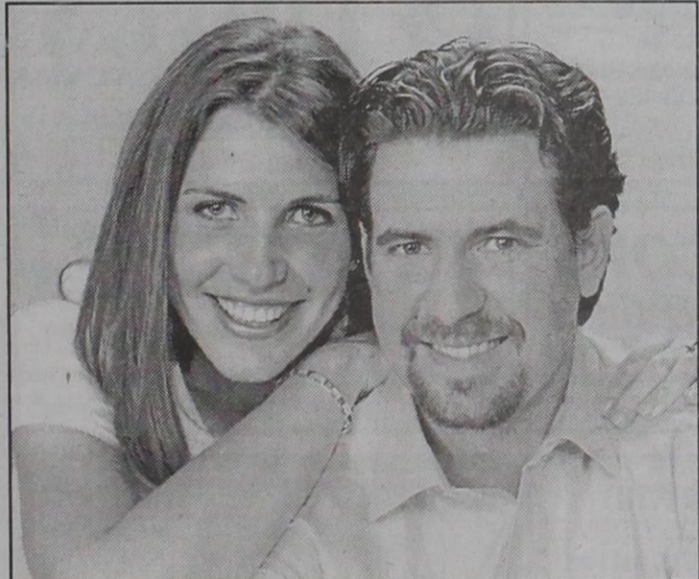


Lora Braden

Sarah Black, Sharla Stanford, Vicki Morris, Jana St. Clair, Pat Watson, Mandi Seaton, Vickie Burch and Marcella Jennings.

The hostess' gift was a set of Calphalon Cookware.

The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2003 at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence, Texas.



JARMAN-HILL

Gene Paul and Coralynn Jarman of Lazbuddie announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina, to Christopher Hill, son of Richard and Carol Hill of Houston. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Joe Arrington Cancer Center in Lubbock and will begin teaching at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth in August. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Clear Lake High School in Houston and Texas Tech University, is employed by Bank of America Investments in Dallas. The couple will marry August 2 at the McInturff Conference Center in Lubbock. Following the ceremony, the couple will make their home in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

Muleshoe Journal prints shower and wedding announcements for free!

BIRTHS

HELTON
Kelly and Crystal Helton of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a son, Lathen Jerry Scott Helton.

He was born at 12:56 a.m. on May 9, 2003 at the Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was twenty inches long.

Grandparents are the late Jerry Frank Helton, Jerry and Laura Helton-Killingsworth, Tony Johnson, and Diana Johnson Baxter.

Kelly is serving in the Navy overseas on the USS Carl Vinson.

MITCHAE
Steve and Jill (Turner) Mitchael of Bentonville, Arkansas are the proud parents of a daughter, Ava Jordan Ruth, born at 1:30 p.m. March 10, 2003 in Rogers, Ark.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She has a sister, Lauren, 17, and a brother, Jake, 14.

Grandparents are John and Ruth Mitchael of Gravette, Ark., and Royce and Sandy Turner of Muleshoe. Great-grandmothers are Ruth Briscoe and Alma Turner both of Muleshoe.



Kaci Friskup

Friskup honored

Kaci Friskup of Muleshoe was honored with a bridal shower Friday, May 2, 2002 in the home of Rhonda Myers.

The honoree is the daughter of Steve and Robin Friskup and the bride-elect of Justin Morris, son of Gary and Sheryl Morris.

Special guests were the prospective groom's mother, Sheryl Morris; the bride-elect's mother, Robin Friskup; the prospective groom's sister, Jody Young; the prospective groom's niece, Sidney Young; the bride-elect's sister, Kelsy Friskup; and the prospective groom's grandmother, Flo Johnson.

Hostesses were Rickie Seaton, Vicki Morris, Rhonda Myers, Sheryl Engelking, Debbie Magby, Jan Via, Coralynn Jarman, Sherri Kennedy, Mandy Seaton, Joyce Scott, Stephanie Foster, Kay Mardis, Toni Mardis, Sarah Black, Debbie Gallman, Iva Noble and Jamie Myers.

The hostess' gift was a Hoover vacuum cleaner.

The wedding is scheduled

CCC pins new nurses

A nurse's pinning ceremony was held on May 7, 2003 at Clovis Community College. Students received either a Registered Nurse (RN) pin for completing a four-semester program, or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) pin for completing a two-semester program.

Students who received RN pins included: Paula Barela, Olga Chavez, Selena Cobb, Kimberly Gaskin, Glendora Jordan, Nancy Lueras, Randy Mintz, Ellen Mobley, Tisha Mote, Ben Pritchett, Heather Stewart, Samara Urban, Wanda Whitehurst, and Lloyd Williams.

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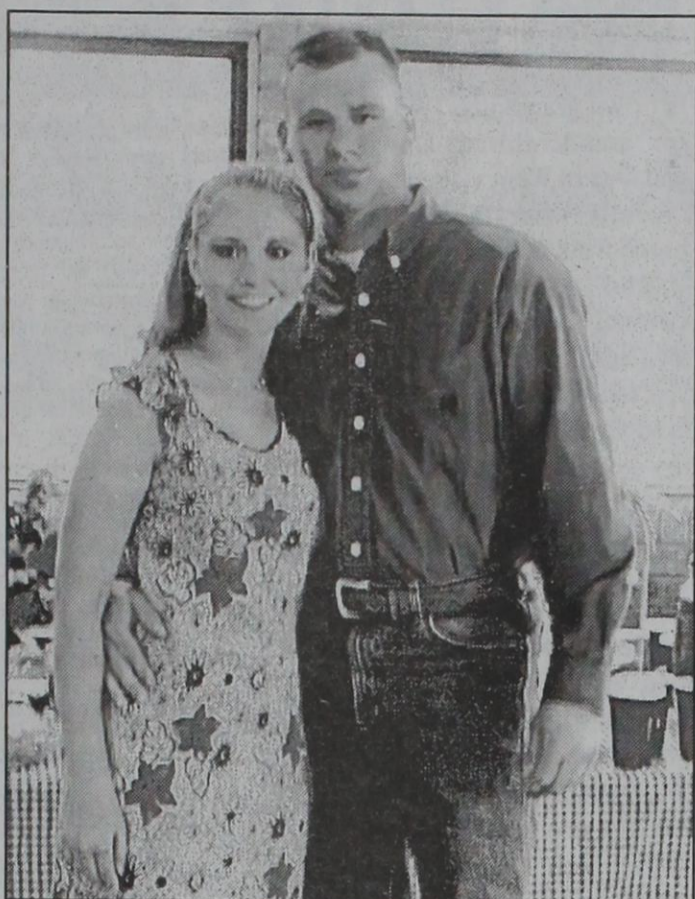
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Couples shower honors Gillit, Brown

Donald Gillit of Lazbuddie and Kara Brown were honored with a bridal shower May 3, 2003 at the home of Gail and Marca Morris of Lazbuddie. The bride-elect is the daughter of Randy and Kathi Brown. The prospective groom is the son of Donnie and Jean Gillit.

Special guests were the honorees' parents; Robbie and Sissy Phillips, friends of the bride and groom; and Candace and Corey Layman, sister and brother-in-law of the groom.

Hostesses were Guy and Jonessa Brockman, Lee and Carolyn Scott, Gail and Marca Morris, Juan and Alicia Pacheco, Shane and LeShea Mason, Jerry and LaReta Barber, Ginger Agee, Howard and Jan Toolley, Terry and Janene Jesko, Rick and Mandi Seaton, and Derrell and



Kara Brown and Donald Gillit

Billie Mason.

The hostess' gift was a Kenmore refrigerated air conditioner.

The wedding is scheduled for May 18, 2003 at The Victorian House in Kaufman, Texas.

Nobile feted with April Shower

A bridal shower was held honoring Lauren Nobile of Amarillo at the home of Ken and Lynne Box on April 26.

The bride-elect is the daughter of M'Lynda Moss of Tulia and Jimmy Nobile of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is Kyle Embry of Lewisville, son of Derrel and Kathy Embry of Muleshoe.

Special guests attending were Lauren's mother, M'Lynda Moss, of Tulia; Kyle's mother, Kathy Embry, of Muleshoe; Lauren's grandmother, Penny Sturgess of Tulia; Kyle's grandmother, Lona Embry of Muleshoe; Lauren's aunt, Melanie Beedy of Floydada; and Kyle's aunts, Aleene Embry of Lubbock and Donna Smith of Midland. Other special guests attending were four great-aunts of the prospective groom: Betty Embry of Farwell, Claudine Embry and Maureen Hooten, both of Muleshoe, and Joy Wilterding, of Tulia; Tracey Wilkinson, friend of the bride, of Amarillo; and



Lauren Nobile

a host of cousins of both the bride-elect and the prospective groom.

The hostesses were Sheryl Altman, Brenda Black, Lynne Box, Belinda Caswell, Suzie Claunch, Helen Cook, Carol Cox, Starla Ellis, Amber Elliott, Kay Elliott, Louise Engelking, Stephanie Foster, Kay Graves, Diana

Harrison, Kristy Price, Donna Redwine, Jana St. Clair, Lindy Schuster, Pat Watson, Jackie Wheeler and Dawn Williams.

The hostesses gift was an Avignon entertainment center.

The wedding will be held Saturday, June 21, 2003 at LaPaloma Golf Club in Amarillo.

Lazbuddie choir wins acclaim

The Lazbuddie High School Choir walked away with armloads of honors at the State Pastoral Music Festival held at the Texas Christian University campus in Fort Worth last Saturday. The Choir, composed of Shonnah Black, Katy Loudder and Michelle Scott, competed in both solo and ensemble events and received the highest rating of "Outstanding" on all of their performances.

In addition to the judge's ranking, one performer from each section was designated as an "All-State Musician" and awarded the privilege of performing on stage at TCU's Landreth Auditorium, where the competition took place. Both the trio and Black received All-State honors. Black was awarded a scholarship as well.

The choir will compete at the State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos on May 24.

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MULESHOE — The public is invited to a book signing and autograph party featuring Tumbleweed Smith on Monday, May 19 from 1-4 p.m. at Carolyn's Christmas Creations, 224 W. 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Texas.



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Tumbleweed Smith is producer of *The Sound of Texas*, a radio series which began in Big Spring and has become the most widely syndicated radio show in Texas.

Tumbleweed Smith will be autographing copies of his new book, *Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways*, which shares some of the most fascinating East Texas tales, folk wisdom and photographs Smith has gathered over the years.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

May 1 — Willie Brown, Amy Burris, Ollie F. Corbin, Janette Garcia, Ruby L. Garner, Ana Gonzales, Dorothy Hood, Betty Johnson, Dovie C. Matthews, Melba G. McCamish, Marcos Orona, Pedro Pacheco, Kathryn Robbins, Elvira D. Treviño and James C. Warren.

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May 7 — Marvin G. Davenport, Helen Horne, Bonnie Howard, Berniece Latham, Betty J. McCurry, Lyndsi J. Mendoza, Marcos Orona, Juanita Ortiz, Virgie Schaaf, Lori D. Smith, James C. Warren and Maud Young.

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LAZBUDDIE NEWS & NOTIONS

Yeah! Good Old Lazbuddie High School did it again! The kids and their sponsors did themselves proud in State Competition of UIL in Austin.

The computer science team included: Robby Martin, Stephen Thomas, Bethanie Sanchez and Andy Martin. They placed second in the state competition. Robby Martin rated third individual. Their teacher and sponsor is Sara Burkenfeld.

The Lazbuddie High accounting team consisted of Shawndee Nichols, who was second place in individual; Robby Martin, fourth place individual; and Michelle Scott. The team placed second in the state competition.

Also competing in computer applications was Shawndee Nichols and Brady Mimms.

Teachers Sarah Black and Rebecca Kerr accompanied students Kayla Parham, Shonnah Black and Tobin Redwine, who qualified to be state workers in the UIL State One-Act plays and speaking events.

Principal Howard Tooley accompanied the Lazbuddie group to Austin.

We send get well wishes to Kay Bass of Azle, Texas. She is the mother of our daughter-in-law, Sheryl Engelking. Kay lived in Muleshoe for many years.

She is recuperating from splenectomy surgery. After tests were done, her diagnosis was called Myelo Fibrosis. She is undergoing treatment and would appreciate get well cards. They can be sent to this address: Kay Bass, Box 892, Azle, Texas 76098.

Congratulations to Tracey and Michael Love of Trophy Club, Dallas, Texas, on the birth of their son, Jacob Wyatt Love, born April 4. He weighed seven pounds, ten ounces and was twenty-one inches long. The proud grandparents are Ronald and Linda Elliott of Lazbuddie. Great grandparents are Hubert Elliott of Amarillo and Barry Love of Lubbock.

The home of Ronald and Linda Elliott was the gathering place for Hubert Elliott's birthday party. He was ninety years young on January 29. A large family group was present and his health was good at that time. He has been in an Amarillo hospital receiving treatment for a fall, but is doing better at this time.

Pug Jennings and daughter, Debbie, enjoyed an Easter week-end at Lake Waurika, Oklahoma, at the home of their sister and aunt. Betty Sue and husband, Truing Robison.

Also visiting in Pug's home were cousin Linda

Fischer and husband Art of Towanda, Pennsylvania. They had dinner last Sunday at the home of Pug's daughter, Darshan, and husband, Jay Lynn Blackburn of Grady, New Mexico. Also present were the Blackburn's children, Jennifer, Heather and Bryan. Also visiting Pug's home were her son, Jim Don Jennings and children, Jacoby and Corey Jennings.

A special tribute to a very special friend! This lady is a friend to many Lazbuddie and Muleshoe people. In fact, if I had to name the persons with the most friends in both of these townships, she would be right at the top of the list.

She gives freely of her time in helping out at the Muleshoe Nursing Home and has done so for many, many years. She always had certain friends in the nursing home that she cared for daily and still goes almost every day to feed a certain individual.

She is a devout Christian lady and practices the bible teachings of love thy neighbor as thy-self!

She and her husband raised a large family, and they are all children to be most proud of and they in turn are proud to call her Mom or their own special nicknames for her. She always called the

children of all the folks in whose home she worked as her own grandkids. Two of my grandchildren, Dawn and Dustin Weir, visited her recently when they were home from college.

And so Willie Mae Graves, your Arkansas sister (as that is always what you tell others that we are) is so very proud to call you my good and true friend now and always.

Our grandson, Dustin, was home for a few days visiting his mom and dad, Doyle and Debbie Weir. He also visited grandparents Billy and Lorene Weir of Muleshoe, and Richard and Marilyn Engelking. We are mighty proud of Dustin. He's making super good grades in his medical field of study. He will graduate in August 2004 with a doctorate degree in chiropractic care from Parker College in Dallas.

A Genuinely Good Book Points Toward Genuine Love

How many hours of really fine entertainment does it take to trump untold hours of really worthless stuff? I don't know. But I'd like to recommend a wonderful book, all the more special to me because it was written by a longtime family friend whose father spoke at the graveside of my own father, and this book is delightful. It's by Tom Williams, and it's called *The Crown of Eden*.

The book centers on the unfolding of a wonderful prophecy involving the marriage of the prince and princess of two kingdoms. At first the prince doesn't know he is a prince, and both he

discarded, but as marvelous creatures of immense value, to be honored, wooed, and won courteously and gently. One must build trust, confidence, love, and commitment before tasting the ultimate intimacy."

Aradon was a very normal young man in every way, but he had resolved, not because he disdained love but because he wanted the real thing both for himself and the one to whom he would pledge his love, that "his body would not enter where his mind and heart had not opened the way." To follow mere lust "to pleasure would be a lonely, isolating, selfish thing rather than intimate sharing. He would be using her body merely to satisfy himself. Moreover, she would know that she was nothing more to him than an instrument of pleasure" which "was why so many illicit lovers loathed each other after their lust was spent. They loathed themselves for their own slavery to appetite, and the partner was a mirror in which they saw this truth unmasked."

Bogarth went on to tell his son that "The writer of the Eden story was not just being careless with words when he said that 'Adam knew his wife, and she bore a son.' He didn't just use his wife; he knew her as he knew himself. Their souls and spirits were one, and it was neither an intrusion nor an act of selfishness for him to 'go in unto her.' Their bodies participated in the knowledge their hearts already shared."

And there is more truth and more genuine warmth and deep love in that than in a thousand steamy Hollywood lust scenes.

It's love. And it makes all counterfeit substitutes look cheap and shabby.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

and the princess are presented with other potential and desirable suitors. Lots of twists and subplots sweeten the plot as the royal pair, unbeknownst even to themselves, search for each other.

Let me share a passage that caught my attention. Hollywood and our society says, regarding the love of a man and woman, meet at a bar, head home, crawl beneath the sheets, and there'll be no devil to pay, ignoring the fact of a better than one in three chance of catching a really repugnant disease and a one hundred per cent chance of having to deal with unpleasant consequences.

Tom writes of Bogarth the blacksmith, that he'd taught his son, Aradon, "to look at women not as fortresses to be stormed and sacked, or as fruit to be plucked and devoured, the core

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NURSING HOME NEWS

Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the Communion service and Harold Burge taught the bible study.

The First United Methodist Church came Sunday afternoon to direct a Communion and church service.

Park View participated in a Cinco de Mayo celebration Monday. The day room and dining room were decorated with a "south of the border" flair. The meal of Mexican food was prepared by dietary services. Teresa Orozco, in dietary, demonstrated making tortillas in the activity room after lunch. The Cinco de Mayo festival dancers came and performed in the afternoon.

Mrs. Guzman's class, Amy Burris, Maria Hernandez, Isela Flores, Jenny Toscano, Felisha Costilla, Kayla Spradling and Jenny Bush from MHS came to direct bingo.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard came Tuesday to make room visits and direct a praise and worship service.

Tuesday afternoon, Claudine Embry, Beverly Wagnon, Beckye Conklin, Ruby Henderson, Linda Nowell, Doloras Garrett, Mary Jo Burge, Eva Nell Dale and Pat Clark shampooed and set the ladies' hair. Beverly Wagnon gave hair cuts.

Joe Embry, Herman Morrison, Harold Burge, and the Rev. Jack and Debbie Stone were among our visitors this week.

Gene Lowe was visited by his wife and daughter Monday.

Happy May Birthday to Riehl Williams (May 2), Delphine Gruda (May 8), Ozell Cherry (May 7), and Mabel Riegel (May 27).

Ozell Cherry's family

came visiting, bringing her gifts and good wishes on her birthday May 7.

We wish to sing praises and give thanks to and for all of our dedicated and caring volunteers. They do make a wonderful difference in the lives of our residents.

Wednesday morning, Mary Jo and Harold Burge and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and doughnuts to the residents. Harold lead "thoughts to live by" and humorous stories. Cody Favor, Anna B. Lane and Loyce Killingsworth directed our devotional and singspirational time.

Anita Johnson assisted the residents in making a Mother's Day necklace Thursday morning. Residents participating were Aline Locke, Gladys Wright, Diane Copley, Johnnie Kimbrough, Delphine Gruda, Gladys Wilson, Ruby Riley and Grace Plyer.

Zona Gatewood directed a sing-along music program Thursday morning in the day room and special care unit. Janis Cowley lead the singing.

Anita Johnson and Frankie Carpenter directed the residents in making May baskets Thursday afternoon for "May Day." Following the craft class, "dirt" dessert was served on the patio. The dessert was made in cooking class by the residents. Flowers were planted in pots following refreshments.

Friday afternoon, Buck and Lynn Campbell baked and served the residents and staff chocolate-chip cookies.

Harold and Avis Carpenter came to visit. Harold played the residents' old time favorites on the piano in the day room.

Buster Kittrell came Saturday morning to cut the

men's hair.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

Terri Smith from HoneyComb gave Josephine Fisher a perm Wednesday in the volunteer beauty shop.

Hope everyone remembered their mother on her special day for her laughter, love and dreams.

Volunteer firefighters to receive assistance

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) has awarded the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department with a \$7,500 cost-sharing grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Program for self contained breathing apparatus.

House Bill 2604 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature established the aid program, a \$15 million annual cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the insurance industry and administered by the Texas Forest Service.

Since September 1 of last year, over \$11.6 million in grants for equipment and training have been awarded to volunteer fire departments across the state under the 2604 program, as the aid program is also known.

For additional information about the program, contact: Emergency Services Grants Division, Texas Forest Service, PO Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone 936-639-8100. Fire departments can also obtain information via the internet at: <http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/>.

Muleshoe Cattle Market
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003

REPRESENTATIVE SALES
944 head of cattle, 212 hogs and 310 sheep and goats for a total of 1,466 animals were sold at the May 10th sale. Market steady on stocker calves due to the dry weather, but still good demand. Feeder cattle steady. Not enough pairs and bred cows to truly test the market. Packer cows and bulls steady.

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

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

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Bruce Dennis, Dodson	2	Hol. strs	308 lbs.	at \$85.00
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Alan James, Littlefield		BMF bull .per hd.	230 lbs.	at \$310.00
Alan James, Littlefield		Blk. bull	275 lbs.	at \$117.00
Jamie Gray, Littlefield	5	Mxd. strs	314 lbs.	at \$115.00
FM Farms, Brownfield		Char. bull	420 lbs.	at \$103.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	10	Blk. bulls	558 lbs.	at \$82.50
Pat Moberly, Littlefield		BWF str	450 lbs.	at \$96.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	5	Char. bulls	595 lbs.	at \$76.25
Hoot Greenwood, Hobbs, NM		RWF str	610 lbs.	at \$85.50
Gary Wood, Springlake		Blk. str	740 lbs.	at \$80.00
Mendoza Cattle, Muleshoe	14	Mxd. strs	761 lbs.	at \$77.00
Peter Reimer, Seminole	5	Blk. strs	796 lbs.	at \$75.00
Trevor Farmer, Slaton		BMF hfr .per hd.	190 lbs.	at \$260.00
C.F. McCall, Lubbock	5	Char. hfrs	313 lbs.	at \$101.00
Jamie Gray, Littlefield		Blk. hfr	350 lbs.	at \$95.00
Jerry Reagan, Littlefield		Brown hfr	405 lbs.	at \$85.00
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Mendoza Cattle, Muleshoe	10	Char. hfrs	548 lbs.	at \$82.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe		BWF hfr	610 lbs.	at \$80.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe		Char. hfr	675 lbs.	at \$75.00
Gary Wood, Springlake	4	Mxd. hfrs	660 lbs.	at \$75.25
J.R. Rodriguez, Sudan		Red pair		\$780.00
Laura Azua, Sudan		Blk. pair		\$600.00
Howard Trust, Anton		RWF cow	1560 lbs.	at \$41.75
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Red Rock Dairy, Amherst		Hol. cow	1645 lbs.	at \$36.00
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BILLY RAY STOVALL

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 10 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton for Billy Ray Stovall, 62, of San Isidora, Costa Rica, Central America. James Pope, pastor of Morton, officiated. Burial was held May 6 in San Isidora.

Mr. Stovall was born January 22, 1941 in Levelland. He died May 5 at a hospital in Costa Rica.

He married JoAnn Tolar of Levelland in Morton on January 22, 1962. They later divorced.

Stovall was an electrician with the Civil Service. He worked on Air Force bases all over the U.S., Bermuda, Ascension Island and the Bahamas. He retired to Costa Rica in 2000. He was part-owner of a tour guide magazine the last two years. He was raised in Morton and attended Morton High School.

He is survived by two sons, Bryan Stovall and family of Kerrville, Texas and Royce Stovall and family of San Antonio; four sisters, Ernestine Clevenger of Morton, Barbara Walker of Brownwood, and Ginger Christian and Brenda Ragsdale, both of Garland; and several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brad and Audrey Stovall.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346 or your favorite charity.

MAUD YOUNG

Services were held Saturday, May 10 at the First Baptist Church for Maud Young, 100, of Muleshoe. Dr. Stacy Conner officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Young was born July 27, 1902 in Gainsville, Texas. She died Wednesday, May 7, 2003 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She married Wendel E. Young in Medicine Mound, Texas on December 24, 1922. He preceded her in death April 25, 1980.

Mrs. Young moved to the Muleshoe area in 1935 from Quanah, Texas. She was an employee of the Muleshoe Post Office for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

She is survived by a daughter, Analita Haley of Muleshoe; a brother, John Barlow of Casa Grande, Arizona; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lowell, on September 25, 2002.

The family suggests memorials be made to the

First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, 104 E. Ave. C.

LUIS CARLOS PORRAS

Services were held May 13, 2003 at St. Magdalen Catholic Church for Luis Carlos Porras, 18, of Earth. The Rev. Joe Augustine of Muleshoe officiated. Burial was in the Springlake Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home in Earth handled arrangements.

Porras was born November 27, 1984 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He died May 10, 2003 in Lamb County.

Mr. Porras lived in the Earth community for three and a half years, moving from Chalma, Colorado. He worked as a feedlot cowboy and was a member of the St. Magdalen Catholic Church.

Porras is survived by his parents, Mauro and Librada Porras of Earth; his sisters, Irene Porras Jaramillo of Denver, Colo., Lucila Porras Rojas of Ponca City, Okla., Moraima Porras Martinez of Lubbock, and Yesenia Porras and Sarai Porras, both of Earth; his brothers, Feliciano Porras of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Patricio Porras and Mauro Porras, Jr., both of Earth.

DOVIE FAY MATTHEWS

Services were held May 8, 2003 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel for Dovie Fay Matthews, 99, of Muleshoe. Pastor Reydon Stanford officiated. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Matthews was born March 30, 1904 in Nevada County, Arkansas to the late Thomas and Laura Craddick. She died May 4, 2003 in Muleshoe.

Dovie married Frank Matthews on December 18, 1921 in Howland, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 31, 1968.

Matthews was a homemaker and a long time resident of the Lubbock area. She was also a member of the Overton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Bess Nehila of Wichita Falls, Texas; seven grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; and twenty-one great-great grandchildren.

Matthews was preceded in death by two sons, Edward in 1996 and Frank in 1999; three sisters; two brothers; and two grandsons.

PILAR SABALA SOLIZ

Funeral services for Pilar Sabala Soliz, 69, of Morton were held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Morton. Father Jessi Cruz officiated. Rosary services were held Tuesday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m. at Head Family Memorial Chapel

in Morton. Burial was in the City of Morton Cemetery.

Head Family Funeral Home of Levelland handled all arrangements.

Mrs. Soliz was born October 12, 1933 in Coleman, Texas to the late Trinidad Martinez and Espiririon Sabala. She died Monday, May 12, 2003 in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock.

She married Ralph Soliz, Sr. on February 13, 1950 in Morton. She was a life long Texan and had lived in Morton since 1938, moving from Coleman. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by five sons, Alex Soliz of Lubbock, Ralph Soliz III of Harlingen, Pete Soliz, Tony Soliz and Pete Soliz, Jr., all of Morton; two daughters, Hope Soliz Flores and Angelica Ornelas, both of Morton; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Espiririon Sabala, Jr. of Morton; and four sisters, Dominga Artega of Morton, Anna Flores of Muleshoe, Patsy Gonzales of Nebraska and Concha Bautista of Arizona.

Mrs. Soliz was preceded in death by her parents.

Pallbearers were Blake Malick, Ramon Soliz, Ralph Soliz IV, Amando Artega, Vicente Artega Jr., Lorenzo Ornelas, Tino Sabala, Sammy Garza and Chris Jones.

MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Funeral services for Maria Rodriguez, 77, of Morton are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Morton with Rev. Joe Cavazos officiating. Mrs. Rodriguez will be buried in the City of Morton Cemetery.

Head Family Funeral Home of Levelland is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Rodriguez was born November 29, 1925 in Candelaria, Texas to the late Maria and Nicolas Barragan. She died Tuesday, May 13, 2003 in Lynwood Manor Nursing Home in Levelland while under the care of Vista Care Hospice.

She had lived in Texas about 25 years and in Levelland about one year, moving there from Morton where she had lived since 1992. She was a homemaker and a farm worker.

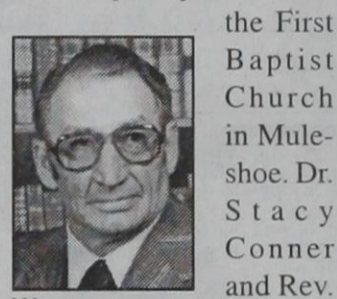
She is survived by two

sons, Juan Rodriguez of Muleshoe and Jose Rodriguez of Juarez, Mexico; four daughters, Ramona Montez of San Angelo, Beatrice Rodriguez of Pecos, Texas, Francisca Hernandez of Morton and Enriqueta Rodriguez of Juarez; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Adan Barragan of Pecos, Texas; and two sisters, Luz Cabezuela of Morton and Luisa Escarcega of Van Horn, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

JAMES CARLTON WARREN

Funeral services for James C. Warren, 80, are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at



Warren

the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. Dr. Stacy Conner and Rev. Jim

Green will officiate. Burial will be at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mr. Warren was born January 1, 1923 in Hollis, Harmon County, Okla. to Neal C. and Birdie Moore Warren. He died in his home on Monday, May 12, 2003 at 5:25 p.m. in the company of his wife and daughter.

Mr. Warren moved to Bailey County in 1923 at the age of six months. He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1941 where he played football for the Muleshoe Yellowjackets. He married his high school sweetheart, Fern Smith, on August 9, 1942.

Mr. Warren served in the Army during WWII as a Sergeant in the Headquarters and Service Company 808th Engineer Aviation Battalion, in the Asiatic Pacific Theater (Japan), receiving the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon; Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation Medal (Japan); Victory Ribbon; and two Overseas Service Bars.

After the war, he returned to Bailey County to pursue a lifetime of farming. He served as a Sunday school teacher, Training Union teacher, Royal Ambassador Leader and

praise and worship leader at the Longview Baptist Church until 1966 when he moved to Muleshoe and joined the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Warren served as president of the Bailey County Farm Bureau from 1966-1972. He served on many co-op boards, committees and as Bailey County Commissioner, Precinct 3 from 1981 to 1984.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Linda L. Warren-Weinstein and son-in-law, Joseph S. Weinstein, of Muleshoe; son, James C. Warren, Jr. and daughter-in-law, DeRenda Warren, of Smyer; son, Richard Warren and daughter-in-law, Rickie, of Muleshoe; grandson, James C. Warren III (Trey) of El Paso; granddaughter, Rebecca Warren-Reynolds and hus-

band, Rodney, and great-granddaughter, Reagan Danielle Reynolds, all of Muleshoe; granddaughter, Rhonda Glidwell and husband, Jake, of San Angelo; grandson, Russell Warren of Muleshoe; cousin, Wilcy Moore and wife, Mary, of Muleshoe; cousin Donna Black and family of Muleshoe; cousin Linda Sherrod and husband, David, of Lubbock; and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 20 W. Ave E, Muleshoe, Texas 79347; Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, 104 E. Ave C, Muleshoe, Texas 79347; Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Ste. 3, Lubbock, Texas 79416; or to your favorite charity.

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TRACK

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Benham was able to make up ground and precious time on the leaders with a 60.4 lap and moved into fifth place as she handed to Jessica Withrow for the final 400-meters. Withrow posted a 60.3 split to hold on to fifth place and add four points to the Lady Mules' total.

Withrow had jump started the Lady Mules quest by taking the gold medal in the high jump on Friday afternoon by clearing five feet seven inches. Withrow kept the pressure on the field by

clearing each height through 5-5 on her first attempt.

She began the event jumping in second position behind Lean Markert from Yoakum. Markert did not clear the opening height of 5-0 and gave Withrow the first attempt at each subsequent height.

Only four competitors remained at 5-5 and Withrow and Becky Christensen of Clear Lake managed to clear the bar. Withrow and Christensen both missed on their first try at 5-6, but Withrow cleared on her second.

Christensen had cleared 5-6 only twice during the season and succumbed to the pressure of the state meet. Withrow went on to jump 5-7 on her second attempt, but failed to match her season best and Muleshoe school record height of 5-8.

"I really felt I could have made 5-8 if I could have had one more run through," said Withrow immediately following her win. "But I only had five more seconds to make the jump and I knew I had to go.....I know I could have made it with one more

attempt."

"I was a little nervous at first, but after the first couple of jumps I felt like I was at any other meet. I just tried to concentrate on what I was doing," concluded Withrow.

"Jessica was awesome," said Muleshoe track coach Benji Jay. "She seemed very calm, especially for a sophomore in her first state meet. After her first few jumps I felt like she was on today and she really put the pressure on the other girls. I really thought she had 5-8, but she just grazed the bar."

Saturday afternoon at 12:55 Withrow placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.33. Her season best and school record time of 15.31 was at the Eagle Relays in Canyon.

Withrow had a 90-minute break before returning to the track to take her second medal of the meet. She set a new Muleshoe record of 45.05 in the 300-meter hurdles to take the silver medal with a strong finish to edge out Kim Ballenger of Tatum with a 45.15.

"It really made me mad that I did not finish higher in the 100-hurdles. It just made me try harder in the 300," said Withrow after winning her silver medal.

Excitement began to build for the almost 100 Lady Mule track fans in Myers Stadium as they began to do the math in anticipation of the 1600-meter relay. Withrow had set the Lady Mules up for a possible state championship by scoring 20 points in her first three events.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Benefiting child abuse

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board sponsored a playground equipment raffle April 30 to promote child abuse prevention awareness. Joy Glover was the winner (second from left). The equipment was assembled by Five Area Telephone. Pictured are Brady Mason, president of the child welfare board, Joy Glover, Garrison Myers, Garrett Welch, John Welch, and Glover's grandchildren, Cameron and Corbin Hardwick.

Center prepares for Tour de Muleshoe

Get prepared for another day of fun in Muleshoe, as the ninth annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003, beginning at the Bailey County Coliseum at 9 a.m. Take a ride on this morning along scenic farmland and stark sandhills.

Preregister by June 9 to be eligible for a drawing for \$500 in Southwest Airline vouchers. Late registration for other door prizes will be accepted as late as Saturday morning of the race between 7 and 9 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

All rides begin at 9 a.m. and all riders must wear ANSI or Snell approved helmets and must obey all traffic laws. Riders should choose a ride that suits them, either the 10-mile ride which is flat with good shoulders; the 40-mile which begins with small rolling hills, followed by scenic sandhills; or the 100K which follows similar roads. All have rest stops along the way.

At the beginning of the race, all riders and others who register, although not riding, will receive a packet containing a water bottle, ride number, route map, collector T-shirt, a Spaghetti meal ticket, and businesses' complimentary small gifts. A drawing for gifts provided by merchant supporters will be held immediately after the ride.

Extra meal tickets may be purchased at the site or ordered with preregistration for \$4 adults and \$2 under 12 years. All registration tickets cost \$20 per person. Lunch will be served between 11:30 a.m.

and 2 p.m. Saturday with special music during the lunch hours.

A special invitation is given to all area residents to come join the fun along with the riders expected to attend from all over Texas and surrounding states.

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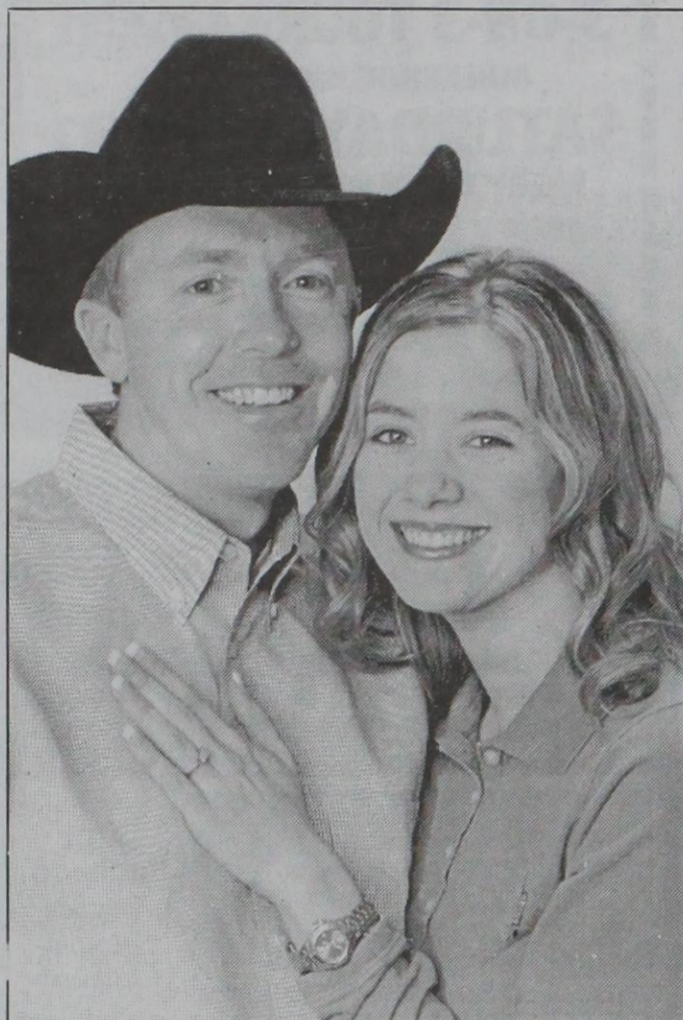
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The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 2003 graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a degree in Early Childhood Education/Religious Education. She plans to teach elementary school.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Agricultural.

The wedding is scheduled for July 19, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe with a reception to immediately follow in the fellowship hall.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Jose L. Cardenas-Calderon was charged with driving while intoxicated. The case was placed on the June 26 docket.

William Dezar, Jr. was issued a notice to appear for possession of marijuana.

Expiridion J. Herrera was charged with driving while intoxicated. He asked for a court appointed attorney.

Rigoberto Morales Lozoya pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$201 in court costs and 90 days to serve.

Kevin T. Ridgway was given a notice to appear to answer to a charge of possession of marijuana.

John Wesley Street was charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense. The case is expected to be ready for trial July 21.

Rolando Martinez failed to appear to answer to a charge of theft by check.

Floyd Shane Burris was given a notice to appear on May 20 for a motion to revoke probation.

Thomas Calvin Watkins was granted a continuance for a motion to revoke probation.

Miguel Pantoja pled guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was fined \$650 plus \$201 in court costs and sentenced to 90 days to serve.

Local gymnasts compete for trip to regional meet

Muleshoe Sports Academy and West Texas Training Center in Levelland recently came together to host the Southwest Trampoline and Tumbling State Championships (STTA) and Texas Trampoline Cup at Bailey County Coliseum April 25-27.

Over 350 athletes from 35 teams and three states came to this year's competition which not only served to decide the state champions in levels 5-Sr. Elite, but also as the first of two national qualifiers for the competitors from the state of Texas.

The competition started on Friday with junior and senior elite competition. This featured athletes competing at the highest level, including seven USA Gymnastics team members. The competition drew around 700 spectators to watch these high flying gymnasts compete double and triple somersaults in their routines on trampoline, tumbling and double mini. Saturday's competition drew over 1,500 spectators from all over the state of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Levels 5-10 competed on this day to receive the title of state Champion in their level and discipline.

The Acrospirit team had 37 state champions from the four clubs that make up the team. Muleshoe State Champions were Baylee Bessire in double mini and tumbling, Keela Chester in trampoline, Kaylie Miller in trampoline and tumbling, Ann Marie McLelland in trampoline and tumbling, Madison Chester in tumbling, Cade Box in trampoline and double mini, Katlin Luscombe and Garrison Myers were state champions in all three disciplines. All Muleshoe Acrospirits qualified for the National Championships in all the events in which they competed.

The Acrospirits Team as a whole also was state

champion team for the third straight year in trampoline as well as state champions in double mini and tumbling. STTA awards were presented to five individuals for outstanding work this past year.

Division 1 coach of the year went to J'Lyn Adams of the Acrospirits, Outstanding Member went to Meagan Rodriguez of West Texas Tumbling Stars, Female Athlete of the Year went to Amanda Bailey of the Acrospirits, and Male Athlete of the Year went to Casey Finley of Air Extreme.

Sunday's competition of the Texas Trampoline Cup featured 60 of the country's top trampolinists. This competition is one of two in the U.S. and one of 50 all over the world that features the Olympic Sport of trampoline. The competition has not been in existence long enough to attract international competitors, but did have some great national competition.

Nicole Roethle (Levelland), Amanda Bailey (Sundown), and Sabrina Whitfield (Midland) places first through third in the women's event. Landon Earnest (Plains) and Cade Box (Muleshoe) placed first and second in the boy's event. Dakota Earnest (Plains), Sarah Sanford (Levelland), and Austin

Torisk (Colorado Springs, Colo.) placed first through third in the girl's event.

The three days of competition could not have been possible without the great support of the parents of all the Acrospirit towns as well as the help of Kevin Smith at Bailey County Coliseum.

These athletes will travel next to Lubbock for the Regional Championships June 6-9 and the National Championships in Sacramento, Calif., on July 10-23.

Individual placings for Muleshoe Sports Academy athletes were Amanda Bailey, second in trampoline; Jake Chester, third in trampoline and tumbling, fourth in double mini; Cade Box, first in trampoline second in tumbling, first in double mini; Garrison Myers, first in all three events; Baylee Bessire, second in trampoline, first in tumbling and double mini; Keela Chester, first in trampoline, fourth in tumbling, second in double mini; Kaylie Miller, first in trampoline and tumbling, second in double mini; Madison Chester, second in trampoline, first in tumbling and third in double mini; Katlin Luscombe, first in trampoline and tumbling, second in double mini; and Ann Marie McLelland, first in trampoline and tumbling, and second in double mini.

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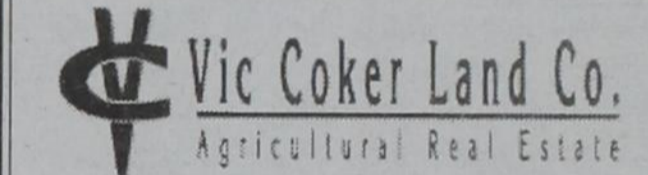
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2003 Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club hosted the athletes and fans of Muleshoe athletics to their annual Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet.

Max King served as master of ceremonies and entertainment as those in attendance celebrated the year's successes.

Stacy Conner led the invocation before a meal of fish and chicken prepared by River Smith's Catering of Lubbock and served by the eighth grade athletes. A highlight video prepared by Shari Jenkin's Video Technology class was shown during the meal.

Special guests and coaches were recognized by King before Missy Caddell and Judy Withenock were introduced as the cheerleaders' sponsors.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to varsity cheerleaders Gradee Adrian, Bailey Barrier, Crystal Bailey, Lilia Flores and Megan Mason. Marlie Black, Jami Wedel, Erin Hancock, Brandi Whalin and Felipe Nuñez (mascot) completed the cheerleading squad.

The J.V. cheerleaders were Monica Posadas, Amber Cowart, Kyla Ellis, Brandi Wood and Jenna Rasco.

Mule football coach, David Wood, presented miniature helmets to football team captains Jordan Dale and Landon Sheets.

The Fighting Heart Award went to Jordan Dale and Juan Nuñez for overcoming set backs and injuries during the season.

Wood presented the Most Improved Award to Abraham Baeza for his persistence and desire to get better in each game.

A.J. Flores received the Offensive Player Award for his competitive spirit and felt he could score each time he got his hands on the ball.

Landon Sheets was named as Defensive Player of the Year. He requested to play defense and developed a very aggressive style of play.

Joel Cowart was named as the Football MVP. Coach Wood described Cowart by saying "It is not the size of the dog in the fight, it is the size of the fight in the dog. He never turned down an opportunity to hit someone."

A.J. Flores was the only qualifier for the Wall of Fame by being named to the second team All-State and All District two years in a row.

Cross-country Coach Carey Sudduth named Federico Arzola as the Most Valuable Runner for being the Mules strongest runner and improving with each meet.

Mindy Locker was named as the District 2-3A Champion Lady Mules Most Valuable Runner. She pushed herself and her teammates every day.

The district champion Lady Mule basketball team was the next group to be recognized by their coach Shana Simms. It was the first district championship since 1994 for the Lady Mules and they won their second area championship in a row.

Simms presented Tiffany Flores, Mindy Locker and Shani Rasco with Captain's Awards for their hard work and leadership.

Rasco was named as the Defensive Player of the Year and has recently signed to play at the college level with Eastern New Mexico University. Rasco was named as an All-District player for the second year in a row and the All-State team by the Texas Basketball Magazine.

Simms presented Sara Benham with the Offensive Player of the Year Award for scoring a total of 606 points during the season for a 19-point average per game. She also led the team in rebounds with 270.

Benham was named as District 2-3A's MVP, first team All-Region and first team All-State by the Texas Basketball Coaches Association. She was named a player of the year by the Lubbock

Avalanche Journal and to the Golden Spread Super Team by the Amarillo Globe News.

Mindy Locker was given the Most Valuable Player Award by Simms. She lettered four years and was named as Defensive MVP of District 2-3A and chosen second team All-Region. Both Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Texas Girl Coaches Association named Locker to their Academic All-State teams.

Mule basketball coach, Ralph Mason, thanked All-State water boy Ben Sheets for his contribution to the team this season before presenting A.J. Flores with the Assists Award. He led the Mules with 78 assists during the season.

Mason presented the Defensive Award to Brady Black for his constant hustle and sheer determination. Black also had 37 steals, four blocked shots, and 77 defensive rebounds and took seven charges during the season.

Tatom Heathington received the Sportsmanship Award. "Tatom brought honor to himself, family, teammates, and community for always demonstrating sportsmanship regardless of the situation," said Mason.

Mason named Landon Sheets as the Mules Most Valuable Player for scoring 418 points for a 14.9 points per game average. He made 73 three-pointers, shot 67 percent from the free throw line, pulled down 176 rebounds and recorded 54 steals.

He was named to the Plainview Lions Classic All-Tournament team and chosen to the 2-3A All-District team and was honorable mention All South Plains.

Power lifting coach, Joe Pat Wright, presented Miguel Castorena with the Boys Power Lifting Award.

Charissa Conner received the Girls Power Lifting Award. Conner qualified for the Regional Power Lifting Meet.

Muleshoe Tennis coach, Shanna Simms, presented Timothy Villa with the Most Improved Award. Villa and his doubles partner placed third in boy's double at the district tournament.

Lindsey Wood was named as the Most Valuable Player in tennis. Wood qualified for the regional tournament in Odessa in both tennis and track.

Kodi Crane presented Hillary Tipps with the Most Improved Golfer Award. She started the season with little golf experience and improved to having the second lowest scoring average for the girls. Morgan Burton received the Girls Medallist Award for having the lowest scoring average for the season.

Trevor Turnbow received the Golden Putter Award for having the lowest score at the regional tournament.

The Boys Medallist Award was presented to Flores for the lowest scoring average during the season.

Lady Mule track coach, Benji Jay, described the girls track season by saying "It has been like living in an awesome dream."

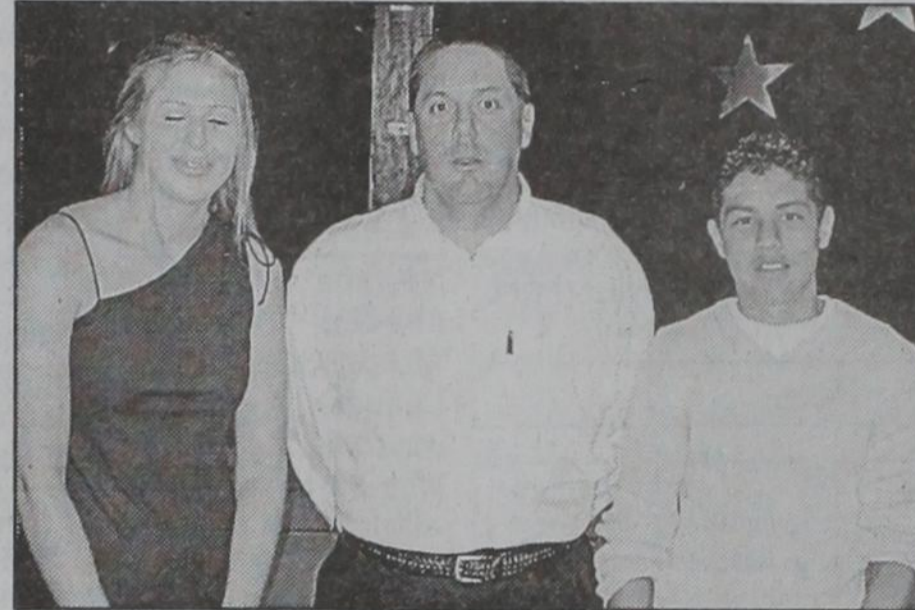
Jay continued with the team's list of accomplishments for the year saying, "They won the team championship at the West Texas Relays in Odessa, won the Morton track meet, scored 232 points to win their fifth consecutive district championship and qualified 11 girls to compete in four field events, five running events and two relays. The team won their first Region I Track Championship and qualified four young ladies for the State Track Meet in Austin in four events. They will compete in high jump, 100- and 300-meter hurdles and the 1600-meter relays."

Jay named Jessica Withrow as the MVP of the Lady Mule track team. She placed first at the district meet in the high jump, long jump, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and ran the anchor leg of the first place 1600-meter relay team.



Journal photos: Delton Wilhite

Powerlifters recognized at the athletic banquet were Miguel Castorena (at left) and Charissa Conner (right) with Coach Joe Pat Wright (center).



Cross country runners Mindy Locker (left) and Federico Arzola (right) were also recognized by Coach Carey Sudduth (center)

She qualified for the Texas State Track Meet with first place finishes in the high jump, 300-meter hurdles, 1600-meter relay and took second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Jay presented two Fighting Heart Awards this year. Sara Benham was presented the award for her ability to get up after a disappointment and competing in the next event with renewed fervor. Eva Pylant had an injury early in the season and came back to qualify for the regional meet in the 800- and 1600-meter relay as well as the 300-meter hurdles.

Jay also gave two Most Improved Awards. Amber Cowart received the award for improving from not being able to clear the opening height in pole vault to winning the district meet with a vault of 8-6. Brandi Wood was the other recipient for taking four seconds off her 400-meter time in the Region I 1600-relay gold medal performance.

Jay presented batons to the 1600-meter relay team of Pylant, B. Wood, Benham and Withrow for qualifying for the state track meet. He also presented four more batons to Withrow for setting new Muleshoe High School records in the 100-meter hurdles (15.31), 300-meter hurdles (46.01), high jump (5-8) and long jump (17-9.5).

Mule track coach, Joe Pat Wright, called the 2003 track season a "building year" for the Mules. Forty-five Mules competed at the District 2-3A meet in Littlefield and three Qualified for the regional meet in four events.

A.J. Flores qualified in the long and triple jumps, Layne Sheets went in the pole vault and Brady Black ran the 300-meter hurdles in Odessa.

Wright presented the Mules Worker Award to Anthony Merino for his work ethic and dependability. He improved his time at each meet and was an inspiration to the team.

Brady Black was named as the Newcomer of the Year. Black exceeded his own expectations and went to the regional meet in two events.

A.J. Flores was named as the MVP of the Mule track team because of his leadership and because he could jump start the team with points in the jumping events.

Mule baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez gave Juan Nuñez the Most Improved Player Award. He never gave up and finished the season with a .441 batting average while learning a new defensive position.

Tyrel Gear was named as the Defensive Player of the Year with a .978 fielding percentage and he

ing up her time to benefit others. According to Wood "She spent countless hours taping ankles, bandaging bloody wounds, filling water bottles and rehabbing injuries. She gave her time without expecting anything in return."

The student athletes gave Jenni Withrow a standing ovation.

The Senior Spotlight completed the night of awards as each senior athlete and cheerleader was recognized for their year in Muleshoe High School.

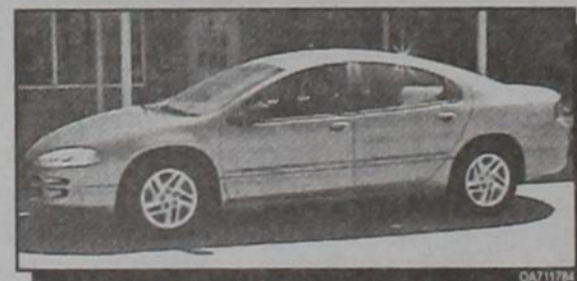
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