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News Briefs

The Muleshoe City Council made some election dates official Tuesday and local, state and federal primaries are starting soon.

The runoff election to fill the unexpired term of council member District 1 between Daniel Guzman and Richard Orozco will be March 6, with early voting running from Feb. 18 through March 2 at Muleshoe City Hall.

Whoever is elected and anyone else who wants the District 1 or District 2 seat will have to file for the general election by March 15.

Since the council also accepted the resignation of Mayor Victor Leal, those wanting to fill that seat also have until March 15 to file.

Early voting for both the regular election for the two council seats and the special election for the unexpired term of the mayor's seat will be from April 28 through May 11. May 15 is election day. Those dates are also the early voting dates for the primaries for everything from sheriff to President.

Voting for the city council seats is at City Hall while the early voting in the primaries is being conducted at the Bailey County Courthouse.

Voters for the city candidates will actually be casting votes in two elections at once. One for the council members and one for the mayor's job.

County Clerk Sherri Harrison wanted to remind voters that some contested races will be decided in the primaries, especially sheriff where there is no Democratic candidate, but voters can only vote in one primary, either Republican or Democratic.

Local Weather

Thu.-P/C 73°/33°

Fri.-windy 58°/22°

Sat.-P/C 59°/28°

Sun.-showers 62°/30°

Mon.-P/C 66°/31°

Tue.-showers 61°/30°

Wed.-P/C 63°/27°

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Journal photo: Jeff West

New meaning to "I was framed"

Chris Mims of Granbury (right) helps his brother Dustin and Raul Lozoye put up some walls inside the new jail complex being constructed across the street from the courthouse. Monday afternoon part of Avenue D in front of the courthouse was finally opened up to traffic.

County approves new ambulance, not cassette

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

Bailey County Commissioners approved buying a new ambulance but without a cassette or the \$3,000 paint job the old ones have.

Scott Murray presented a quote for a new ambulance to replace one of three now in service. Murray said all three have over 100,000 miles and break down with regularity. He said he wasn't even sure which ambulance he would be replacing, and whether he'd try to sell or trade it in, but would look at service records to see which has been in the shop the most.

The court has already authorized \$87,000 toward the purchase of an ambulance but

the cheapest price quoted to Murray was \$93,475. There would also be a fee of around \$1,000 to get the bid.

Murray told the court he had called the manufacturer of the ambulance to see what items could be cut or downgraded to get a cheaper price and was told that the paint job that the other Bailey County ambulances had cost \$3,000 more and the radio with cassette player could be traded out with an AM/FM radio for a \$500 savings.

After some discussion about whether the black trim color of the other ambulances could be kept without the special paint job the court authorized the extra funds to get the ambulance.

Jail construction "ahead of schedule"

By Jeff West
Managing Editor

Despite the recent winter weather, construction on the new Bailey County Jail is on schedule, according to Bailey County Judge Marilyn Cox.

While the snow delayed construction on the new jail for a couple of days, work crews were back at work over the weekend.

"They have the outer walls up and are working on the security walls now," Cox said.

The builders told the county they are ahead of schedule and construction should be finished in July. Cox said the county could occupy the facility in August, if everything continues

on schedule.

"After construction is finished, the state jail commission will have to inspect it and certify that we can house prisoners there," she said.

Construction on the \$3.548 million facility began last year, but planning for a new jail has been in the works for several years Cox said.

"I've been working on this for five years and have visited numerous jail facilities. We are using the same architect and builder that built the prison and youth facility in Post," she said.

The jail will be able to house up to 96 prisoners once finished, a decision the

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Journal Photo: Jeff West

If you don't like the weather now...

Modesto Muñoz works to clear a driveway from the snowfall last week. The National Weather Service reported about two inches of snow fell last Thursday. Higher temps this week helped clear the remaining white stuff.



Journal photo: Jeff West

It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Cade!

Cade Box, 8, son of Jason and Rhonda Box of Muleshoe, takes a leap at the USA sanctioned trampoline and tumbling event last weekend at the Bailey County Colliseum. Twenty-five teams from around the state tumbled into town.

We're Losing...

By Chris Bradford

We're losing, yet again! We lost the right of our children to pray in school. We lost the right to display the Ten Commandments on state or federal property. With each of these setbacks the television becomes more bold in what and when they air. And we readily welcome it into our homes and allow our families to be subjected to its messages. You would think that a football game would be a safe view. Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake showed us that this is not necessarily the case.

The reality shows demonstrate to us it is all right to lie, cheat and steal as long as you win. I can truthfully say that no reality show has aired in my home, but not tuning in to the show doesn't

insulate you from the promos.

There is the story about a family whose father/husband brought home a stranger to live with his family. Each evening, the stranger would teach the family about sex, about smoking, about drugs.

Even though the father saw what the family was being subjected to, he did nothing.

The mother would listen to the stranger and would sometimes become so upset, she would go to her room and read just to get away from the stranger.

Still the father did nothing.

Now this story has a happy ending, because all the children grew up to be productive adults...in spite

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AROUND MULESHOE

Stenholm coming to Muleshoe

U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm will be making a stop in Muleshoe Feb. 20, from 3-4 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum to meet and answer questions from constituents.

Breast cancer clinic in Muleshoe

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 South First Street, in Muleshoe on March 1 & 16, 2004.

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.

Private applicator training

The Parmer County Extension service will conduct a training and testing session at the Friona Community Center Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (no lunch break). For more information call Cody Hill at 481-3619.

Free grant writing seminars

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be hosting free grant writing seminars. The schedule and contact information are listed below:

We're Losing... from page 1

of the stranger and his teachings. Teachings that became more bold as time passed. Have you guessed the identity of the stranger yet? Yes, it was the advent of the television.

I am old enough to remember the worst thing you would see on television was smoking...when everyone kept their clothes on and didn't engage in sex for all the world to see.

Thank you Paris Hilton! I remember when cursing wasn't allowed...when the bad guys never won...when children would not have known how to obtain a gun and use it in a school shooting...more importantly would have never thought of it!

In this issue is a form to be completed and mailed to

St. James NY where the petitions will eventually be turned over to our U.S. Senators and Representatives.

If enough of us express our outrage, we can make a difference.

And if these members of Congress do not pay attention, then let's remember them at the polls.

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Ft. Worth February 18-19
Contact: Nicolas_Ramon@hud.gov

Cardiology Clinic in Clovis

Lubbock-Covenant Heart Institute (CHI) will sponsor cardiology clinics in several West Texas and Eastern New Mexico communities.

The purpose of the clinics is to cut down on travel for Covenant's regional cardiac patients. The clinic schedule for February is in Clovis, NM at Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 912 West 21st Street, on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 9:30 a.m. The clinic will be conducted by cardiologist James B. Moss III, M.D.

For more information call 1-800-692-4313.

Hispanic farm and ranch conference

The Texas/Mexico Border Coalition is hosting the first annual National Farmers and Ranchers Conference in San Antonio Feb. 22-25 at the St. Anthony Hotel. USDA Secretary Ann Veneman is an invited keynote speaker on Monday Feb. 23.

For more information call 956-488-0534 or log onto www.tm-bc.org.

Free grant writing seminars

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is March 10, 2004.

Muleshoe Roadriders plan motorcycle rally

The 22nd Annual Muleshoe Roadriders Motorcyclist Rally is on tap for Friday and Saturday, March 26-27, at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Singles or couples may pre-register for the rally through March 17 at a cost of \$10 for singles or \$20 per couple. Registration the day of the event will cost singles \$12 and couples \$24. There are one dollar discounts for TMRA and AMA members.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday for those who haven't pre-registered.

Saturday's events include a poker run—first bike out beginning at 8 a.m. and last bike

out at noon; field events and games at 1 p.m.; bike show, 3 p.m.; parade, 4:30 p.m.; and awards and presentations at 5 p.m.

Special awards will be presented for: largest club, long distance female, male and two up, oldest rider, youngest licensed rider and hard luck award.

For general information, contact Roadrider members: Gary Cain, 272-4465; Daniel Guzman, 272-4841; or Pamela Counterman, 272-5741.

Those wanting to preregister can obtain a form from Guzman and mailing it to 302 E. Dallas, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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Commentary

By Jon Spears
Guest columnist

Our trip to the video store on a recent Friday seemed no different than any other visit. I wanted a comedy; Leah wanted something titled "Seabiscuit." Personally, I don't like movies about fish food but Leah was persistent.

Don't tell anybody—but I really liked it. I even watched some parts twice. Have you ever watched a movie or heard a song that really touched you in a way that seemed almost spiritual? Sorta like Moses' experience with the burning bush?

You can try to tell other people what you "saw" or "heard" but they just don't get it. Most people will just politely grin and think you're weird.

"Seabiscuit" isn't so much a true story of a pint-sized racehorse of the 1930s who would eventually win championships.

Actually, it's a story about overcoming challenges, and how God gives abilities to people (and horses) who aren't what the world would consider "winners."

In the movie, Seabiscuit was rejected pretty much

since the day he was born because he was so small and uncoordinated. There wasn't anything graceful about baby Seabiscuit. Some trainers thought he was lazy, others thought he was just plain stupid. On the outside it looked like he would only amount to being some little girl's backyard pony but on the inside he was much more—he was a Champion.

I've been reading the Bible all my life and I've noticed God tends to give abilities to the most unlikely people. God seems to prefer people who don't make the "Who's Who" list. I don't know the reason, but the Bible is full of unlikely winners.

For example, remember King David? Basically he was just teenager who killed the giant Goliath with a slingshot. Then he went on to become king. Now that's an impressive resume! One day you're tending sheep, the next day you're fighting giants, and then you're King David.

Did I mention when David stepped on the battlefield that Goliath laughed? Where Goliath saw an easy win, God saw David as a mighty warrior with amaz-

ing abilities and a nice aim. Note to Goliath: Don't ever laugh at God's man. This will cause major headaches.

Another familiar story is the story of Abraham.

God told Abraham he would be the "Father of many nations" even when he and Sarah hadn't changed a single diaper their entire lives. God even changed his name from Abram to Abraham which literally meant "Father of many nations."

Abraham's wife, Sarah, laughed when he told her they would have a baby.

God created you. That makes you a God's people. And since an amazing God created you, you are created with an amazing plan for your life. But don't take my word for it. The Bible says "you were created in advance for good purposes."

Sure, most people don't even step out and face their Goliaths. Our job is to be ourselves and seek God's will for our lives. It's not easy. In fact, it's downright hard. People laugh.

We believe failure is almost a given. Even for Seabiscuit.

In the movie, Seabiscuit was a total "failure" early on

but we see that the failure helped shape him into a champion. He was so bad the other trainers raced the other racehorses against him just to give them a sense of confidence.

Don't be afraid of failure. Nobody likes to fail, but sometimes failure is our greatest friend because it can propel us into our destiny. The world is full of successful failures.

God doesn't call us to failure, but he allows it because it builds our "insides." Maybe this is why the Bible says, "Consider it pure joy when you face trials."

So what can we learn from Seabiscuit? Don't doubt yourself, regardless of how things look. Looks are deceptive. You might be a Seabiscuit yourself. In fact, I know there's a little bit of Seabiscuit in all of us—obstacles we must overcome. Don't get too hung up or get frustrated with your weaknesses. Because over and over again, God will take your liabilities and make them your glory. He did it for Seabiscuit and He'll do it for you.

P.S. And always let your wife choose the video at the store.

Lady Mules dominate Lady Cubs

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The Lady Mules made full use of Senior Night to showcase their two seniors. Sara Benham and Tori Barton combined for 59 of the 90 Lady Mule points as the Lady Mules wrapped up their regular season on their home floor with a 90-42 licking of the Brownfield Lady Cubs.

The win gave the Lady Mules their second consecutive 10-0 run through district, third consecutive 27 win season and tied their best season ever record at 27-5. Jamie Carpenter's mile-wide smile gave away the fact that her doctors had released her to play in the post season tournament.

Barton drained three 3-pointers in the final period to set a new Lady Mule single game record for 3-pointers at six. Amber Cowart got in on the long distance shooting fest with a pair of treys.

"It was a great night for the seniors to shine in their last time on the home floor. They definitely showed their leadership tonight," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms

"I really wanted Sara and Tori to get more minutes here tonight. They really made the most of those extra minutes. As a team we are peaking at the right time and we are ready for the playoffs to start," Simms said.

Barton started the game like she finished it, with a trey from the corner. Benham refused to allow the double and triple team to stop her as she scored nine points in the opening period as the Lady Mules raced out to a 21-10 lead.

The Lady Cubs could not shut down Benham in the second period and she continued to dominate the inside with 12 points. With most of the Lady Cub defenders on Benham, Barton drained her second trey of night from the corner.

The Lady Mules led 44-21 at the intermission and Barton dropped in her third trey of the night as she ran to the corner on the fast break. Kelsi Friskup hit from six foot as the Lady Mules went on a 16-3 scoring run in the first five minutes of the second half.

Benham got the final points of the third period to extend the Lady Mule advantage to 65-28. Barton burned up the net in the final eight minutes from behind the arc and Brandi Wood cleaned up the boards and collected points on the inside.

"We knew that tonight was our last game at home and we really wanted to make the most of it," said senior Tori Barton. "We approached the game just as if it was the playoffs and we were all pumped up and ready to play."

"We really have great chemistry and do not have

a selfish player on the team. We are a team and not a group of individuals, that is what makes us so hard to beat," concluded Barton.

"We just came out and attacked them tonight," said Sara Benham. "We were not very happy with our first half defense and let them score too many points. We held them to only seven in the third quarter. I am very proud of our team."

When ask if the younger players looked up to the seniors Benham responded by saying, "If you can look up to your friends. We are really close and this is a pretty special team."

"We do not care who we meet in the playoffs. We just have to take it to them. I am excited," added Benham.

Benham led all scorers with 33 points and Barton poured in 26. B. Wood added 11 points, Cowart had eight, Friskup six, Lindsey Wood four and Kasey Wood chipped in two for the Lady Mules.

Senior guard Casey Serbantez paced Brownfield with 17 points.

The Lady Mules traveled to Canyon Randall on Monday night for a practice game with the Canadian Lady Cats. The Lady Mules will take on the winner of the bi-district match between Sweetwater and Midland-Greenwood.

The Lady Mules area round game is tentatively

Beggs, Hall qualify for UIL state meet

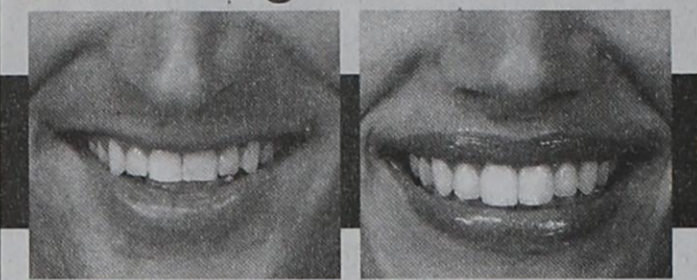
Muleshoe High School students Ashley Beggs and Jessica Hall both qualified for the 2003-04 University Interscholastic League

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Cooper Pirates scuttle Mules playoffs hopes

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

On Senior Night the Mules kept their playoff hopes alive with a 75-64 win over the Brownfield Cubs. But the Lubbock Cooper Pirates sailed into town and scuttled the Mules playoff hopes.

The Mules stayed close for three periods but Cooper's foul shooting finally sunk the Mules 67-55. The Mules were called for 28 fouls and the Pirates made 28 of 40 free throws.

The Pirates Brian Cloud made more free throws than the Mules shot.

Landon Sheets saw Tatom Heathington running the baseline as the final period got under way to give the Mules a 60-55 lead over Brownfield. The Cubs went on a five point scoring run to knot the game at 60 with five minutes to go.

Ln. Sheets nailed a trey on an in bound play to put the Mules in front to stay. Brady Black dropped in a deuce from the baseline before Heathington picked off a Cub pass in the backcourt.

Heathington drove the floor and pulled up at the arc, waited for the Cubs to race past him to stop the break and

put up an arching shot that only touched the bottom of the net. The Mules made seven of eight free throws in the final 90 seconds to seal the deal.

Ln. Sheets lead the way with 24 points. Heathington and Layne Sheets each dropped in 11 points, Sterling Via added 10 and Kory Atwood made six.

Tyler Sheets had five points, Black four and Landon Wilson and Daniel Campolla chipped in two each.

"We started out the game flat tonight but we played steady though out the game and gradually build our lead," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "We only had a slight lead in the fourth period before Tatom hit that big 3-pointer."

"With it being Senior Night we knew we really had to step it up and make things happen," said Tatom Heathington. "With Trevor (Turnbow) out everyone had to step up and take up the slack, especially on defense. I thought we played better defense tonight."

"We started out pretty slow," said Sterling Via. "Some guys hit some big shots for us and down the stretch everyone really stepped it up. Our defense got stronger at the end and

we had pretty good free throw shooting to finish the game."

Brady Black drove the lane and collected the hoop and the harm as the first period ended with the Cooper Pirates leading 15-13. Campolla found Black open on the blocks before Ln. Sheets drained a three to give the Mules a brief lead early in the second frame.

The Pirates climbed back on top before Turnbow drained a 3-pointer. The Mules trailed 32-29 at the intermission.

The Mules clawed their way back during the third period. Black finished a fast break to get the offense going. Ln. Sheets picked a Pirate's pocket and drove for a layup and added a free throw.

Heathington shot from eight foot as the Mules answered Coopers every shot. Ly. Sheets drove to draw the defense before he kicked the ball back to Ty. Sheets outside the arc.

Ln. Sheets looped the lane and ran past two picks on an in bound play and dropped in a 16-foot fall away jump shot to beat the buzzer and tie the game at 45-45.

Atwood tipped in a rebound as the final period began to give the Mules their final lead of the night. Cooper stormed back with a seven-point run and Cloud made six of eight charity tosses in the final period to clinch the third spot in district for the Pirates.

Ln. Sheets led the Mules with 17 points and Ty. Sheets added 12. Black made nine points, Heathington dropped in eight, Via six and Turnbow chipped in three for the Mules.

The Mules will be playing for pride in their final game of the season in Littlefield. The game is to Monday night because the Littlefield Lady Cats has a bi-district game on Tuesday.



Journal photo: Norman Brantley

Coming through

Landon Sheets drives through a lot of Brownfield players on his way to the basket. The Mules went on to beat the Cubs.

Eighth grade Lady Mules defeat Lady Cubs once again

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules skinned the Lady Cubs of Brownfield for the second time this season. In the first game the Lady Mules outscored the Cubs 44-23 and this time, they zipped past the Cubs 48-28.

Cholov Hernandez got the Lady Mules started with a charity toss and followed with a put back that put Muleshoe in front to stay. Ashley Grumbles made two free throws before Heather Barker hit a 10-foot baseline jumper.

DezRae Contreras picked off a Cub pass and went the length of the floor. Her layup was a bit off the mark but Crescent Crawford followed on the break and collected the put-back. The Lady Mules owned a 9-4 advantage at the end of the first quarter break.

Grumbles lobbed a pass over the defense to Gini Sheets in the lane. Sheets put up a strong shot and fought through a foul. Sheets completed the three-point play to begin the second period.

Ashley Scolley was fouled shooting from the blocks and converted one-of-two free throws. Sheets tipped a Cub pass to Crawford and Crawford led

Sheets with a pass running on a break. Sheets' layup gave the Lady Mules a 20-4 advantage.

Kelsey Tipps was fouled shooting in the lane just before the halftime break. Tipps' free throw gave Muleshoe a 23-8 lead at the half. Full court pressure by the Lady Mules kept the ball on their end of the floor for most of the first half.

Contreras nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key as the second half began. Tipps converted four charity tosses and Scolley completed a three-point play as the third period drew to a close with Muleshoe enjoying a 38-18 lead.

Barker completed back-to-back fast breaks as the final frame began and Grumbles dropped in a 15-foot jumper. Hernandez led the Lady Mules with eight points and Sheets added seven.

Grumbles, Barker, Contreras and Scolley made six points each, Tipps added five and Crawford dropped in four points for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules finished the season with a 6-4 district record and went 7-7 overall. The Lady Mules recently collected the second place trophy in the Sudan Tournament.

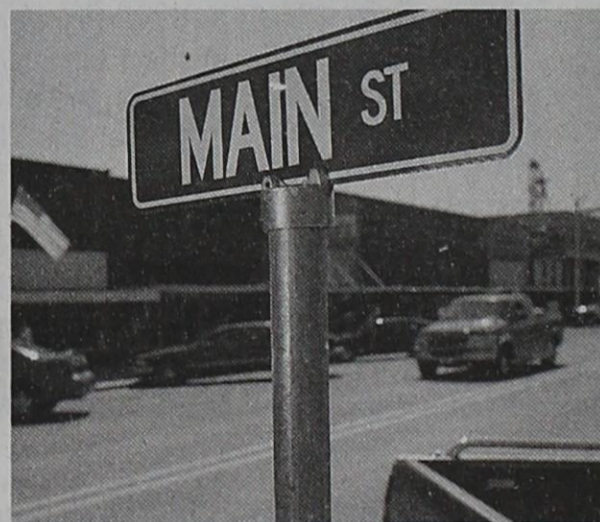
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The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Karen Moore of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Steve and Paulette Foster of Lazbuddie.

Grandparents of the bride are Nanette Moore, and Martin and Mary Lou Moore, all of Lubbock, and Buster and Marsella Carlile of Amarillo.

The groom's grandparents are Demp and Anita Foster of Lazbuddie and Paul and Mary Frisbie of Plainview.

Grandparents and parents were seated to "Surely the Presence of the Lord". The bride entered the sanctuary to "Canon in D." After exchange of vows, the couple lit a unity candle to "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" sung by Bethany Howe of San Angelo, friend of the bride.

The prayer of blessing followed the pronouncement of marriage and the couple left the sanctuary to

"Oh, How Happy".

Serving as matron of honor was Stephanie Curs of College Station, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Mattie Moore of Lubbock, sister of the bride; Denae Ainsworth of Lubbock and Marcy Gibson of Tuscola, friends of the bride.

Kevin Fitzgerald of Prescott, Ark., friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Deon Gallman of Lazbuddie, friend of the groom, and Cody Hodges and Slade Hodges of Lubbock, cousins of the groom.

Ushers were Mark Woods of Dallas, Nole Babb of San Angelo, friends of the groom, and Craig Foster of St. Joseph, Missouri, cousin of the groom.

The bride wore a white strapless floor length gown with a cathedral train. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The groom was attired in a traditional black tuxedo with a silver bow tie.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall with Jenny Covill, Jenifer Minton, Ashley Honea and Mara Garza, all of San Angelo, serving at the



Kristin Lindsey Abbott

bride's table. Ashely Allen and Robin Foster of Dallas and Heather Hodges of Lubbock, cousins of the groom, assisted at the groom's table.

The bride, a graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School and Angelo State University, is employed by First National Bank of Lub-

bock. The groom is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and Angelo State University. He is employed by Wells-Fargo Bank in Lub-

bock. Following a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, the couple has made their home in Lubbock.

Being Misunderstood Is No Fun at All

Being misunderstood is no fun at all, as Mel Gibson is now finding out firsthand. Not that many months ago, Mel would certainly have been considered the darling of any television talk venue. Reel him in to talk about any upcoming movie, and you'd landed a segment dotted with laughter, good humor, mutual appreciation, and all sorts of warm fuzzies.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

One thing at least is still the same. Everybody wants to talk to Mel. About his new movie. But now the segments are characterized by deeply concerned and troubled looks, searching questions and "sniffy" questioners, barely concealed condescension, and no warm fuzzies at all. What happened? Mel got serious about his faith.

Mel made a movie about what he considers the most important day in the history of the world.

And Mel broke the taboo of media and Hollywood elites that says you don't talk much about your faith in public, particularly if your faith is in Christ.

Mel could have converted to the Muslim faith and, yes, the tabloids would have loved it, but he wouldn't have drawn criticism and fire.

Mel could have announced that he was leaving his wife for a jiggly actress he met on the set of one of his films. The tabloids would have been

absolutely giddy about it and he would have been subjected to almost no criticism at all.

Mel could have made a movie based on the premise that Martians colonized the earth 4 billion years ago, that we are all their descendants, that Bill Gates is actually a Martian sleeper agent and the Windows operating system was originally written in Martian code—and even if Mel had absolutely believed it, it would have been pretty much just what Hollywood expects.

Mel could have done all of those things, and lots of things much stranger, and nobody in Hollywood or on the TV talk shows would have raised even an eyebrow. But instead Mel has made a movie that centers on the sacrifice of Christ and has said, "With all of my heart, I believe in the One who loves us all so much that he died on the cross for our sins."

I don't know what bothers Mel's deeply "concerned" (don't you just hate that "look"?) interviewers and critics most—that he really believes that Christ did indeed die for the sins of the world and that salvation is through this one suffering Savior. Or that when Mel says he had reached the pinnacle of what our society counts as success and found it completely devoid of real meaning, he is romping all over the values of his interviewers who are killing themselves to try to get what he has already had and found to be less than worthless.

It's hard to be misunderstood. But who was ever more misunderstood than the Christ?

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

Clovis Community College hosts blood drive

Clovis Community College will host a United Blood Services blood drive on Tuesday, February 24, in the Commons from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., accepting all blood types.

All donors will receive free T-shirts. Potential donors must be age 17 to 79,

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Enter any child born in 2003 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the April 8 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2003 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 12, 2004. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

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M&L Cattle, Muleshoe	3	Blk. cows bred		\$590.00 ea.
Eugene Mata, Tulia	1	Yell. hfr	410 lbs.	at \$92.00
Eugene Mata, Tulia	2	Blk. str	373 lbs.	at \$105.00
Corky Green, Muleshoe	1	Char. bull	390 lbs.	at \$111.00
Leobardo Delgadillo, Friona	2	Blk. bulls	335 lbs.	at \$118.00
Leobardo Delgadillo, Friona	1	Char. bull	335 lbs.	at \$118.00
Leobardo Delgadillo, Friona	1	Red bull	350 lbs.	at \$106.00
Albert Diaz, Muleshoe	1	Spted. hfr	340 lbs.	at \$98.00
Martin Esquivel, Dimmitt	1	Gray hfr	305 lbs.	at \$109.00
B&C Cattle, Lubbock	2	Red hfrs	345 lbs.	at \$117.00
B&C Cattle, Lubbock	2	Blk. hfrs	455 lbs.	at \$119.00
B&C Cattle, Lubbock	3	BWF hfrs	403 lbs.	at \$111.00
B&C Cattle, Lubbock	1	WF bull	435 lbs.	at \$106.00
B&C Cattle, Lubbock	1	WF bull	350 lbs.	at \$111.00
Eve Giesbrecht, Seminole	1	Roan. hfr	990 lbs.	at \$55.00
Megan Hill, Abernathy	2	Blk. str	780 lbs.	at \$84.00
John Hill, Abernathy	9	Blk. str	869 lbs.	at \$80.50
Muleshoe Farm & Ranch	1	Pair BCB calf		\$710.00
Leobardo Delgadillo, Friona	1	Hol. cow	1665 lbs.	at \$45.00
Jason Jesko, Muleshoe	1	Red bull	1835 lbs.	at \$62.00
Burley Lee Roberts	1	WF hfr	330 lbs.	at \$122.00
Burley Lee Roberts	1	Hol. str	289 lbs.	at \$94.00
T-Top Farms, Lubbock	1	Blk. cow	895 lbs.	at \$54.00
Robert Zapata, Hereford	1	Hol. cow	1270 lbs.	at \$43.00

Obituararies

LARRY VAN CRAWFORD

Services for Larry Van Crawford, 53, of Midland were Friday, February 13, 2004 at St. Luke's



Crawford

United Methodist Church with Revs. Richard Edwards and Richard Spencer officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

He was born April 23, 1950 to V. O. and Hazel Jones Crawford in Lockney. He died at a Midland hospital on February 10, 2004 after a battle with lung cancer.

He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1968 and in 1969 moved to Lubbock to pursue his college degree. He married Marsha Dawson on May 15, 1971 in Earth.

Crawford graduated from Texas Tech University in 1975 with a degree in business administration. Shortly after graduation, he and his wife moved to Midland where he began his career in the insurance industry as a sales agent for Texas Farm Bureau. In 1979, he became an independent insurance agent and opened The Midland Insurance Agency. During that time, Larry was active in the Independent Insurance Agents Association of Midland and served as president from 1985-86. In 1987, he became a partner at The Insurance Man and Associates where he continued to work daily.

He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church from 1977 to 1988 where he was active on many committees, including chairman of the Pastor Parish Re-

lations Committee. He was involved in the early organization of AMOS (Area Mission Outreach Service) and served on this board for many years, even after becoming a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church where he served on the Finance Committee. He was also a member of the Parables Sunday School Class.

He was active in the lives and activities of his sons, Doug and Kevin, including supporting scouting and sports. He also supported Little League programs and the Lee High School Baseball Booster Club, serving as its president from 1997-98. In addition to his church activities and business commitments, he enjoyed hunting.

Larry is survived by his wife of Midland; his two sons of Lubbock; a sister, Beverly Vaughan and an uncle, Robert Crawford, both of Midland. He was preceded in death by both his parents and his step-dad, J. B. Crain.

Visit www.mem.com to place condolences to the family.

The family suggests memorials to St. Luke's United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701, Area Mission Outreach Service, 907 S. Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79701 or one's favorite charity.

VIRGIE MINGS

Services for Virgie Mings, 90, of Morton were Friday, February 13, 2004 at Second and Taylor Street Church of Christ. Joey Pierce officiated. Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled all arrangements.

Mrs. Mings was born October 20, 1913 in Montague

County. She married Lonnie Mings in Morton on August 11, 1940.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 22, 1979; a sister, Thelma Sullivan; and five brothers, Raymond, John D., Walter, Elmer and W.F. "Junior" New.

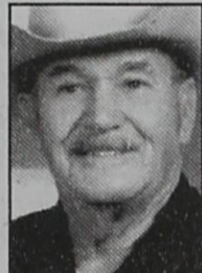
She moved to Morton in 1938 from Honey Grove. Mrs. Mings was a homemaker and a member of the Second and Taylor Street Church of Christ in Morton.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Blain of Round Rock; a sister, Lorene Herlocher of Morton; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the American Heart Association.

GOLDMAN STROUD

Services for Goldman Stroud, 86, of Muleshoe were Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at Ellis Funeral Home



Stroud

Chapel with Joel Sinclair officiating. Burial was in Enochs Cemetery.

Mr. Stroud was born January 13, 1918 in Ringling, Okla. He died February 14, 2004 in Muleshoe.

He married Roxie Smith in Clemscott, Okla. on January 23, 1937.

Mr. Stroud moved to the Enochs Community in 1947 from Oklahoma. He worked as a farmer and for Bailey County for 20 years. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Perry Trull in

1992.

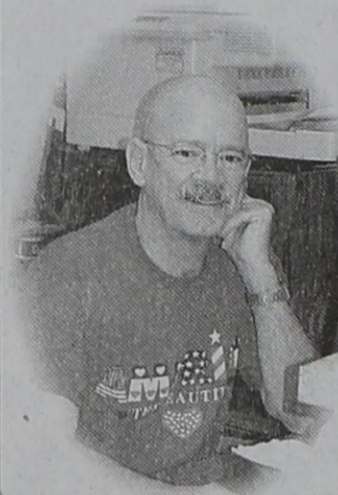
He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; three sons, Arvin Stroud of Brownwood, Glynn Stroud of Muleshoe, and Gene Stroud of Midwest City, Okla.; five daughters, Lillian Pollard of Enochs, Doris Pirkle of Plainview, Bonnie Belliveau of Lubbock, Sandra Dickey of Woodrow, and Carolyn Kirby of Muleshoe; one sister, Oma Gillespy of Duncan, Okla.; 22 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; and a host of great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to one's favorite charity.

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Senior News

Ninety people braved the snowy weather and came to the Valentine luncheon at the Senior Center last Thursday.

The musical entertainment was provided by Jack and Debbie Stone. Their selections included, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" for our Valentine sweethearts, Buster and Wanda Kittrell. They were presented a corsage and boutonniere from Lasting Impressions. Gail Hargrove was honored as "Muleshoe's Sweetheart" and was also presented a corsage.

Sweethearts married the longest, fifty-seven years, were Wesley and Nadine Hawkins and they received a music box. The sweethearts married the shortest time, under two years, were Fred and Joyce Clements, who received figurines.

Crystal Walton was our oldest sweetheart present and received a bouquet from Decorators. Numbers were drawn for other prizes. A good time was reported by all.

A going-away reception was held for Gail Hargrove,

hosted by the Senior Citizens and the Chamber of Commerce, following the luncheon. Chamber President Terrell King presented Hargrove with a Muleshoe clock and a bouquet of roses. Everyone expressed sorrow to see our friend move, but all are quite proud of this career opportunity for her at the Cancer Center in Lubbock.

The All-Ages Game Tournament will be Saturday, February 21. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with games beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served and many prizes given.

Tickets are \$10.00 to enter or one may purchase a ticket and just come for lunch at noon.

This fund-raiser is to help provide financing for new handicap restrooms at the Center.

Call the chairpersons for tickets - Bridge, E. T. Ford, 272-4039, Shanghi, Melba King, 272-4857, "42" Nona Clements 272-3256 and Dominoes, Joe Sowder 272-5307. Or the Center 272-4969

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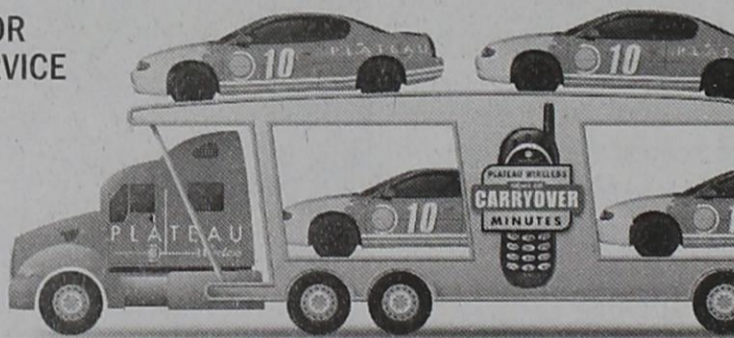
A scrapbooking class will be held on Tuesday afternoon, February 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. Julie Cage and Marilyn Riley will bring innovative ideas to brighten the pages of your scrapbooks. One may register by calling Nelda Merriott at the Center, 272-4969. This class is free to seniors 60 and over and \$10 for others. Bring pictures - and a scrapbook if you have one - items related to your pictures to decorate your pages (ticket stubs, postcards, etc.) Also, bring scissors, a pencil, ruler and colored pens for lettering. Let's get started on those albums that we've been putting off!

We'll be getting our new big-screen T.V. soon and will have movies to watch and videos on several subjects. A computer with games is now available at the Center. There are plans to have more desks with computers and games soon. Our computer is friendly, so come get acquainted.

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Engagements



Heather Engelking and Brian Schmucker

Dave and Sheryl Engelking of Lazbuddie announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Engelking of Lubbock, to Brian Schmucker of Lubbock, son of Dan and Ethel Schmucker of Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated from Salon Professional Academy. She is employed by Body Works for Women as an esthetician

and endermologist. The prospective groom is a 1990 graduate of Nazareth High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree and is a girls basketball coach at Frenship High School.

The wedding is set for 5 p.m., May 1, 2004, at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church.

A reception and dance will follow the ceremony at the Community Hall in Nazareth.

Bridal Showers



Jessica Burch-Partin

Lazbuddie Methodist Church was the sight of a morning bridal shower January 31, honoring Jessica Burch-Partin, bride of Dan Partin.

Hostesses included Coralyn Jarman, Paulette Foster, Stephanie Foster, Sheryl Morris, Sue Holt, Beckye Conklin, Lanette Whitley, Marca Morris, Sheryl Engelking, Ellen Gallman, Jana St.Clair, Debra Redwine, Terry Thomas, Janice Bradshaw, Darla McBroom, Jarah Redwine, Gina Hill, Lori

Hendricks, Jodi Morris and Lauren Luig.

In addition to many gifts from guests, Jessica received a gift certificate to Linens and Things from the shower hostesses.

Special guests included Vicky Burch, mother of the bride; Donna Partin, mother of the groom; Lilliam Street and Hazel Burch, grandmothers of the bride; Roxanne Winders and Janie Street, aunts of the bride; and Tori Street, cousin of the bride.



Harmonious winners

Muleshoe Chior Members who received a first division rating on their solos and progressing to state are: Jamie Hall, Calli Hancock, Erin Gallman, Janice Pacheco, Amanda Vega, Erin Allen and Elizabeth Symm.

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Muleshoe gymnastic tournament a "success"

Muleshoe once again served as home to a major trampoline and tumbling competition.

Muleshoe Sports Academy and Acrospirits Trampoline and Tumbling hosted a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition this Valentine weekend that included athletes of all levels from all over the states of Texas and New Mexico. The competition featured 25 teams and 350 athletes from ages 3 to 25, including beginners all the way to this year's Olympic hopefuls. Even the snow and icy conditions could not slow down the competition with over 1200 adults coming through the door to watch the competition during the one day event.

The Acrospirit team from the Sports Academy sent 14 athletes to the competition.

"I was very pleased with how well the competition went and that everyone arrived safely and got home safely with the weather.

"We had considered moving it to another weekend, but that turned out to not be possible. Only two teams did not come to the competition and it turned out to be

a wonderful competition for everyone.

"I was very proud of the new athletes that competed

in the competition and hope that this will encourage more to participate in the future," said Will Green, MSA Director.

The Acrospirit team will next compete in Floydada on Feb. 28, and then the Acrospirit Elite team will compete in Birmingham, AL March 5-7.



Journal photo: Jeff West

Heels over head for gymnastics

Riley Giuhan, 15, from Midland demonstrates some of the skills for the judges at the recent gymnastic tournament. Athletes from all over the state and elsewhere showed up in Muleshoe last weekend for the tournament despite the bad weather.

Bailey Co. EMS offers CPR class

The Bailey Co. EMS Organization is sponsoring a CPR class. The class will be Saturday March 6, at 8:00 a.m. in the Muleshoe Fire Dept. The cost for the class will be \$20.00 per person. The class size will be limited to 25 persons.

The Class will include instruction in: One person CPR for the Adult, Child and Infant; Two person CPR for the Adult, Child and Infant; Foreign body airway obstruction for Adult, Child and Infant

AED. This class is recommended for Healthcare providers, Life guards and anyone involved in providing care to others. If you are interested in taking CPR class, call 806-272-4390.

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Freshman Mules trap the Dimmitt Bobcats in close game to end district 9-1

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The freshman Mules dropped the Dimmitt Bobcats for the second time in district. The Mules got past the Bobcats in a hard fought game 55-50. The Mules are 9-1 in district and sport a 13-4 season record.

The Mules won consolation in the Levelland tourney and won the round-robin Dimmitt Tournament in January.

Brant Hamilton provided the Mules with the offensive punch in the first pe-

riod with nine points. D. J. Robertson sunk a trey at the two-minute mark of the first period to give the Mules their first lead of the night.

Cade Smith grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back to give the Mules a 16-13 advantage at the end of the first period. Mule turnovers early in the second frame resulted in a six point Bobcat scoring run.

Dustin Barker was fouled on a drive down the lane and knocked down both free throws to tie the game at 19-19. The Bobcats outscored the Mules

17-10 in the period to take a 30-26 lead at the half.

T. J. Brantley put back his own shot and was fouled as the third quarter began. Brantley completed the three-point play. Hamilton stole an offensive rebound and put it back to tie the score at 35-35.

Barker finished the third period by putting back his own shot to give the Mules a 39-37 advantage. Tony Guzman made back-to-back buckets with two minutes left in the game to push the Mule lead to 50-46.

The Bobcats would not go away and knotted the

game for the ninth time at 50-50. Eric Washington spun in the lane with one minute on the clock to put the Mules on top to stay. Barker iced the cake for the Mules on an inbound play and added a free throw.

Barker paced the Mules with 14 points, Hamilton added 13 and Robertson had 10. Guzman added seven points; Brantley five, Washington four and Smith chipped in two for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Brownfield on February 9 to try to even the score with the Cubs and claim a share of the district title.

JV Lady Mules dominate Lady Cubs to end their season

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules defense all but shut down the Lady Cubs of Brownfield in the opening half of the two team's final game of the season. Brownfield only managed 11 points in the first two periods while the Lady Mules scored 36.

The Lady Mules played even stingier defense in the final half and only allowed the Lady Cubs five points. The Lady Mules owned Brownfield in the 52-16 rout.

The Lady Cubs showed a bit of fire power as the second half began and made all five of their second half points in the first three minutes. Kate Lepard finished the third period for the Lady Mules by converting three of four charity tosses.

Madison Smith scored an

old fashion three-point play as the final quarter began. She cleaned the offensive boards and collected the hoop and the harm. Ashley Dickson nailed a 3-pointer and Chelsi Hawkins finished a fast break as the Lady Mules piled up points.

Monica Posadas added a free throw and Jenna Rasco made two charity tosses as the game wound down. Cecelia Reyna finished the scoring with a bucket on a Lady Mule in bound play.

Dickson led the balanced Lady Mule scoring attack with 12 points and Lepard made five of six from the charity line for 11. Hawkins followed with eight points; Reyna and Smith added six each. Hillary Tipps made all four of her points in the second period, Rasco dropped in three and Posadas chipped in two for the Lady Mules.

"I challenged these girls early in the season," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "They stepped up and met that challenge and I have invited all of them to move up to the varsity. I want them to feel the excitement of the playoffs early in their careers."

The JV Lady Mules traveled to Canyon Randall with the varsity for the practice game with the Canadian Lady Cats on Monday and are preparing for the area game with either Sweetwater or Midland Greenwood tentatively scheduled for February 20.



Journal phot: Norman Brantley

Isn't this my lane?

The Lady Mules travelled up and down the court a number of times but didn't let opponents get in the way of winning another championship

Muleshoe's Whalin named to Hiram College Dean's List

Erica Whalin has been named to the Dean's List at Hiram College for completing 12 or more hours of graded coursework and

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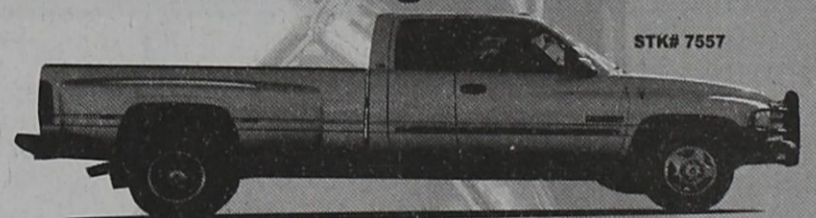
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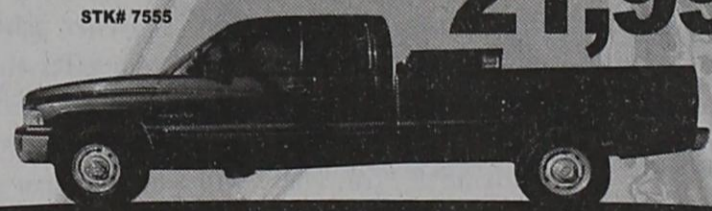
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Heritage Foundation works on Muleshoe Heritage Center

For over twenty years board members of the Heritage Foundation, interested citizens of the area and students (SCAC of MISD), have worked diligently to make the Muleshoe Heritage Center vital to this area.

The Center is unique for a town the size of Muleshoe, and a place to celebrate the heritage of Bailey County.

Through the years, the center has been the location for the musical drama "Keepers of the Legend," for family reunions, weddings, showers, card parties (Senior Citizens at no expense), business promotions and for tours of school students and visitors from all over the world.

It definitely has not been easy moving structures from all over the county to the Center, but each has a story from the past. As the Center has grown, many advantages have developed. One attribute had been the junior and senior students organized in the Student Community Action Club (SCAC) who have been honorary members of the Heritage Foundation board since its inception. For twenty year these students have conducted money-making projects (such as the Channel 6 bake auction) with all proceeds going to the Heri-

itage Center. The students work with the Center on all projects conducted at the Center, and this tends to make better citizens of the students wherever they go in the future.

Consider also what the Heritage Thrift Shop means to the Center as well as to the community. It is a place to take clothing and other articles no longer of use to the owner but wonderful for others who purchase real bargains. How valuable are the volunteers who work on Friday and Saturday to make this Thrift Shop one of the best to be found anywhere! Money made from the Thrift Shop pays the day-to-day expenses at the Heritage Center.

All of this is an ongoing activity with the desire to keep the Center always growing and improving. The latest addition is the Figure 4 Ranch House which will house a certified museum. Board members are now going through the necessary steps to accomplish certification. Another plan is to move the truly unique Virginia City Small Hotel located in South Bailey County to the center. Is this possible? Hopefully, as in the past, the Center will continue to grow, ever becoming more unusual and valu-

able to our area.

In July the Texas Historical Commission met in Dallas and chose the Plains Trail as the next to be developed as a Heritage Trail. Think how valuable the Muleshoe Heritage Center will be as tours are conducted to this area. Tours will be conducted, not only to Heritage Centers, but courthouse tours, bird tours (the Muleshoe Wildlife Reserve will draw many), museum tours and many others. Visitors are expected to come here from all over the world and the Heritage Center will act as headquarters for the visitors.

It was a great day when Heritage Board members decided it was possible to hire a hostess for the Center. The present hostess is Dolores Harvey who works all weekday afternoons. Dolores is a warm and talented person always eager to assist those using the Center facilities or when conducting tours.

Many citizens of the area over the past twenty years have served as Heritage Board members, because they realized the value of the Center to Bailey County. The regular monthly meeting was held Monday, February 2, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. in the Muleshoe Depot.

President Dustin Wilhite conducted the business meeting and Dan Throckmorton, vice president, led the opening prayer. Secretary Jenne McVicker read the minutes, which were approved. Gary Hooten, treasurer, gave the financial statement which also was accepted. Ladene Spears gave a report on the Heritage Thrift Shop which

she noted did very well for the month of January.

Hostess Harvey reported on some of the repairs which are needed at the Center. Board members voted to take care of these needed repairs, either by doing the work or hiring the work done. Throckmorton reported that the split-rail fence to be added to the property will soon be added.

Hooten noted that the shrubs to be set out at the Center will be delivered in March.

A discussion followed about the placement of the Virginia City Hotel (possibly a new addition) as well as placement of the old windmill donated years ago to the Center. An announcement was made that the next monthly meeting will be held March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

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Champions all

The 2004 Lady Mules have proved themselves champions of the round ball. Now the playoffs await.

Lady Mules head toward playoffs

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The Lady Mules met the Canadian Lady Cats in a post season practice game to keep both teams sharp during the 10-day break that district champions must endure. The Lady Mules raced past the Lady Cats 59-48 in the Canyon Randall Gymnasium.

"We seemed to start a little slow," Said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "But once we figured out they were for real, we settled down and played ball. It was good to have Jamie (Carpenter) back with us. She really played well after a long break."

The Lady Mules will meet Sweetwater in Post Friday night at 6:30 in the area round of the post season tournament. Sweetwater defeated Midland Greenwood

in a bi-district game on Monday night.

Tickets will be four dollars for adults and two dollars for students in Post. There will be a send off for the Lady Mules at 3 PM.

Either the Lady Mules or Sweetwater will play the winner of Tulia vs Slaton and Kermit February 24 in the sub-regional round. If the Lady Mules get past Sweetwater the sub-regional game is tentatively scheduled in the Rip Griffin Center at 7:30 PM on the Lubbock Christian University campus.

"We are getting better and better with each game we play," continued Simms. "In the playoffs you get in a survival mode. You must survive each game to get to play the next. You can not pick or choose your opponent; you just play the next round."

When ask about the playoffs after the Brownfield game senior post Sara Benham said, "We are excited." That short statement sums up the attitude of the whole team.

"This season has been about team," concluded Simms. "The girls have developed into a team that truly cares about each other."

"It does not stop there. Each of the coaches has their strong points and as a staff we try to do what each of us does best. This has been a very special year so far and we have high expectations for this team."

The staff mentioned by Coach Simms is assistant coach, Carey Sudduth, freshman girl's coach, Benji Jay and junior high coaches, Linda Pshigoda and Amy Carlisle.

Weddings

Summer Raye Daniel and Benjamin Elbert Black were united in marriage at the Trinity Christian Center Church of Muleshoe. Rob Hollis of Texico, NM officiated the double ring ceremony at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2003.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Lynn Daniel of Muleshoe. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Bernell Miller of Quanah, TX and Margie Daniel and the late R.J. Daniel of Comanche, TX. She is the great granddaughter of Ollie Bufkin of Quanah.

The groom is the son of Bonnye Black of Texico, NM and Phil Black of Fallon, NV. He is the grandson of Roy Robbins of Stevenson, Al. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a spaghetti strap, A-line satin, rose stamped gown. It had a gathered front empire waist line accented with small roses. It had a strip of white satin down the front of the dress and a five foot train. She wore a waist length veil with a head core of white rose buds with bead accents. She carried a bouquet of white and navy roses with navy and white streamers. The bouquet was attached to a small white bible, belonging to her Mimi, and had been carried by her mother and mimi. She also carried a blue pin

belonging to Mimi, which had been carried by five generations. The brides maid of honor



Summer Daniel and Benjamin Black

of Portales, Katie Peterson of Texico, Carla Hall of Clovis, friends of the couple and Beth Buckner of Branson, CO., friend of the bride. Alexis Griffin of Mr. Calm, TX, friend of the bride,

was Sarah Sheets of Muleshoe, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Breanne Black, sister of the groom,

Castillo, of Texico, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Josh Walthers, Adam Gleaton, Seth Ellensworth of Texico and friends of the couple. Also Chance Daniel, brother of the bride, of Muleshoe. Johnathan Hill, of Texico, friend of the groom, served as ring bearer. Candle lighters were Pamela Counterman and Tisha Lovelady of Muleshoe and Laura Gleaton of Texico. The ushers were Dwyn Miller, cousin of the bride, of Borr, Josh Shelburne, Niclas Green, Joel Cowart, all of Muleshoe and friends of the couple. The white carpet usher were Jessica Underwood, Clifton, TX and Whitney Cudd, Gatesville, TX, both friends of the bride. Kim Peterson, of Texico, played the piano throughout the ceremony. Songs also played on CD's were "Keeper of the Stars", "I cross My Heart", and while they lite the unity a CD of Summer singing "I'll be there" was played. The couple was honored with a reception in the fellowship hall. The brides 8 layer cake was served by Pamela Counterman and Katie Peterson. The grooms German chocolate cake was served by Brittany Faqua and Laura Gleaton. The bride's mother made her dress, cake, some of the bridesmaid dresses and

fixed all flower arrangements and bouquets. The grooms mother made some of the bridesmaids dresses. Earlie Vaughn Jr. of Comanche, uncle of the bride took pictures for the couple. The couple will make their home in Clovis, N.M., where the groom is employed by the Clovis Fire Department as an EMT/fire fighter. The bride will be employed while continuing her education at Clovis Community College to receive her elementary education degree. Summer is also furthering her singing career dreams along the way.

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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Nancy Lemons brought ceramics for the residents to paint. Residents participating were Aline Lasiter, Aline Locke, Delphine Gruda, Jim Kee, Diane Copley, Ruby Riley, Letha Patterson, Gladys Wilson and Juanita Teague.

The residents council met in the Day Room Thursday afternoon. Jim Kee the council president directed the meeting.

Friday morning Monica, directed the exercise class.

Harold and Avis Carpenter came to play and sing the residents favorite hymns as well as songs of yester year.

The 16th and Ave. Church of Christ came Sunday afternoon for church services. The visitors sang songs for the residents as well as with them. Curtis Shelburne directed the singing.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the Bingo Bash! Saturday afternoon. The Burges served refreshments following the games.

Aubrey and Margaret Heathington visited Hattie Heathington Sunday, after church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker visited Dolt Parker Sunday afternoon.

Clara Coffman returned to Parkview after being hos-

pitalized in Lubbock, Friday. Welcome back Clara.

Ruby Rileys son and daughter-in-law of Earth visited her Sunday afternoon and attended the church services with her.

Marilyn Wilson and Billie Powell visited the residents and Park View recently.

Bro Gary and Judy Hubbard pastor of the Earth Methodist church directed a memorial service for Leonard Kerr, Tuesday morning. Special guest attending were the residents and Genny Kerr.

Tuesday afternoon the Volunteers came to shampoo, set and comb out the ladies hair. Volunteers rendering their services were Pat Clark, Mary Jo Burge, Beckye Conklin, Eva Nell Dale, Beverly Wagnon and Dolores Garrett. Pat Clark gave several hair cuts.

Jay Lewis and Lorene Morris visited Vivian Morris Sunday. Mrs. Morris was also visited by her grandson Dannie Parsons and her daughter Jeanette Burzee. Congratulations to Mrs. Morris for being chosen Sweetheart of the week on Channel 6 T.V.

Bernie and Olga Lambert visited Bill Lambert Sunday. Mr. Lambert was also visited by Marie Lane, Frieda Foss and Woody Lambert.

Grant Wobington received a surprise phone call Sunday from his sister in Dallas. His brother L.T. from Lovington N.M. came Saturday to visit. Mr. Wobington also received, a birthday cake and gifts for Tub and Pat Angeley. Grants birthday was Sunday, February 8th.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tomasa Garcia.

Conard Carter visited the residents at Park View this week.

Willie and Laverne James came to see Jewel Peeler, Clifton Finley, Aline Locke and others recently.

Jim Kee was visited recently by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Brenda Kee and his daughter and son-in-law Jan and Gerry Pierce.

Doyle and Lela Sue King and Rhonda Smith visited Clara Coffman over the weekend.

Rick Hunter and his mother Joyce Hunter spent an enjoyable day in Clovis, Saturday. Joyce took Rick to Furr's in Clovis for Sunday dinner.

Delphine Gruda visited in the home of her daughter and son-in-law Shary and David Jenkins over the weekend.

Sharla Saylor donated a carton of 1000 8 oz. cups

to the Activity dept. to be used in serving the residents.

Bennie Wright from the Trinity Baptist church. Buster Kittrell and Eva Nell Dale directed our devotional/Singspiration time Wednesday morning.

Buster Kittrell comes on Saturday morning to cut the men's hair.

Jim Holt visited his mother Mary Frances Holt, Wednesday evening The Holts took a tour through Park View.

Jackie Scoggins and Glenda Jennings directed our Sing-a-Long Wednesday afternoon. Special guest attending were Jonessa Brockman and sons Gage and Beau Brockman. Glenda's daughter and grandsons.

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Seventh grade Lady Mules end season with big win

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules wrapped up their season with their second big win over the Brownfield Lady Cubs. In the first lap of district the Lady Mules downed the Lady Cubs 34-13 and Monday night it was almost deja vu all over again. The Lady Mules out ran Brown-

field 35-14. Amy Withrow cranked the Lady Mule offense by grabbing a long rebound and drove the floor for a bucket. The Lady Mules used full court pressure to create turnovers and converted those to points.

Morgan Smith tipped a Cub pass to Withrow and she raced down court for a bucket. Janae Pyle com-

mitted the felony and pilfered a Cub pass that Gabby Agundis turned into points in the lane. Kathryn Owens was fouled on a put back and made a charity toss to put the Lady Mules up 9-4 after one period.

Tabatha Orr opened the second frame for the Lady Mules with a shot from the elbow. Smith exploded for six points in the period and

Agundis added a pair of buckets to push the Lady Mule lead to 21-8 by intermission.

The Lady Mules kept up the defensive pressure in the third period and held the Cubs to a single bucket. Agundis found Withrow running on the break to open the second half. Agundis grabbed a Cub rebound and pushed the ball ahead to Smith for the layup.

Amelia Clemmons and Gizell Vasquez each converted a free throw as the period ended with the Lady Mules on top 31-10. Agundis accounted for all four of the Lady Mule points in the final frame.

Agundis led the Lady Mules in scoring with 12 points, Smith made 10 and

Withrow added eight. Orr had two points and Vasquez,

Clemmons and Owens each chipped in a point apiece for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules finished with a 6-4 district record and 9-7 over all. The Lady Mules won second place in the Levelland tournament with wins over Frenship and Levelland. These young ladies do a great job of helping out on defense and looking for the open man.

JV Mules win against Slaton Tigers and Dimmitt Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite
Journal Sportswriter

The JV Mules continued their winning ways by outlasting the Slaton Tigers 58-53. On Friday the Mules traveled to Dimmitt and blew out the Bobcats 62-50.

The Mules had built a 24-17 lead by the intermission against Slaton. In the third frame the Mules added to their advantage when Arsenio Geter completed a break. Barry Morris nailed a trey on a delayed break to push the Mule lead to 30-21.

Trent Black answered a Slaton three-point play with a trey from the top of the key. Myles James grabbed a Tiger rebound and drove coast-to-coast for the layup, increasing the Mule lead to 35-24.

Slaton came storming back with a 12-6 scoring run in the final three minutes of the period to trail the Mules 41-38 to start the final period. Geter split the defense and scored to get the Mules rolling.

Trent Black followed on a fast break and grabbed the miss and put it back.

The Mule defense held the Tigers to a single point in the first three minutes of the last quarter while the

Mules put in 10. Black dropped in a three from the corner to put the Mules up 58-43 with just over three minutes left in the game. The Tigers trimmed 10 off the Mule lead in the final minutes.

Black led the Mules with 14 points and James had 13. Geter and Brad Henry made eight points each and Morris dropped in seven. Jarad Flores added six points and Derek Purdy chipped in two for the Mules.

Purdy hit from the free throw line with seconds left in the first period at Dimmitt to keep the Mules on top 8-7. Cory Wallace hit his first of four treys in the second period only seconds into the period.

Purdy nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key just before Rudy Gonzales and Flores completed back-to-back fast breaks to push the Mules in front 21-11. James scored on back-to-back trips down the floor and Black finished a break.

Zane Johnson made the Mules final trey of the half just before the buzzer as the Mules outscored Dimmitt 31-14 to take a 39-21 advantage by the intermission. The Mules cooled down during the break and only scored three points in the third period while Dimmitt

put up 17. The Mules converted 11 of 15 from the charity stripe and Morris buried a three in the final period. The Mules outran the Bobcats 20-12 in

the last quarter. Wallace led the Mules with 12 points; James added 11 and Black made 10. Gonzales, Morris, Purdy and Johnson each made five points. Geter

dropped in four, Henry and Flores made two each and Erwin Lewis chipped on one for the Mules.

The Mules hosted Brownfield on Tuesday

night and the Lubbock Cooper Pirates will sail into Muleshoe on Friday. The Mules will finish their season in Littlefield February 17.

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Journal Photos: Jeff West



Reunion News

Four generations and other family members got together in Lubbock. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) Jake Wylie, Janice Wylie, Lois Latimer and Nelson Wylie.

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jail

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on to hopefully pay for the new facility.

"Our 22 bed jail is over full now. We could have built a 48 bed jail but then we still couldn't keep extra prisoners for other agencies like we used to. There's not that much difference in the construction costs of a 48 and a 96 bed facility, Cox said.

The county is hoping that contracts with other law enforcement agencies will ac-

tually make the jail pay for itself in the long run.

"We have a contract with the U.S. Marshal service that pays us \$38.50 per bed, when we have the room," she said. "We kept a lot until this last year."

The 96 beds will require two jailers on duty rather than the one now required by state jail standards. Anything over 96 would have required a third jailer.

Having the new jail and

sheriff's office will help the county in other ways, according to Cox.

"We are out of room to store records, especially courthouse, EMS and probation records, which have to be locked up. We can use the old jail for storage," she said. "We have also been renting space for adult and juvenile probation and we can move them into the Law Enforcement Center instead."

Trade show deemed successful

The job of economic development requires a lot of meeting with people, a lot of ideas and a lot of time. All three went into a recent trip to California by the High Ground of Texas marketing organization, including representatives from Muleshoe.

Muleshoe Director of Economic Development Janet Claborn and Mark Beard of Bailey County Electric Co-op joined 17 others from around the area to travel to the World Ag Expo 2004 in Tulare, Calif.

According to High Ground officials exhibitors and visitors from all 50 states and a number of foreign countries show up for the show every year.

The trip was a success, Claborn said, with over 50 contact cards being filled out at the High Ground booth. Maybe as important the group sponsored the only

tailgate party on the grounds of the expo and over 400 people showed up to get a taste of Texas cooking, music and hospitality.

Of the large number of people Claborn and Beard visited with two seem especially interested in Bailey County and Muleshoe.

"There were two contacts, both dairies, that seemed really interested," she said. "One was in California and one was from New Mexico."

Although she can't reveal the names both dairies could make a move within a year or so. Another contact, from Idaho, also seems like a good contact but won't be making a move for another three years or so, she said.

"It was good to see the dairy industry interested in the whole region. They have a positive outlook about this area and they really like

Texas," Claborn said. "The trip was a very good investment."

Home buyers workshop to be conducted in Brownfield

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Community Services Division, will hold a home buyer's workshop on Thursday, February 26 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Terry County Coleman Park Party House located on the Old Lamesa Highway in Brownfield.

The workshop is made possible by a grant from Xcel Energy Foundation.

Home buyer assistance is made possible by a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and through their partner, American State Bank of Levelland. Other assistance is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rural

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The assistance is used for closing costs and down payments up to \$5,000 per household and is available for residents of Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties who meet income guidelines.

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