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Tempers flare at hospital meeting

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Tempers flared during Wednesday's special meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District as board members and local residents squared off over the election for board Place 4.

Bailey County Precinct #1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver, who indicated he was attending the meeting after being contacted by concerned county residents, addressed the board during an open forum and said he was troubled about the recent election. Vandiver said Bailey County voters would have

board there were only eight votes cast.

Along with Vandiver, Muleshoe businessman Frank Parker was in attendance and voiced his concerns that Bailey County residents weren't being properly represented by the hospital board. "The people who voted on this hospital have a direct voice in what happens," he said.

"That's why we're holding this meeting," said Hooten, responding to remarks from Parker.

MAHD board chairman Tim "Buck" Campbell also spoke up, saying he was disappointed with the response he's seen from the

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— Mike Miller

been in an uproar if a county election was handled in a similar manner.

In response, MAHD board member Mike Miller pointed out that the board had handled the election the same every year. "You're intimating that we're doing something wrong," Miller said, "and I resent that."

MAHD board member Lary Hooten also addressed the issue, noting that the board now had the option of holding a special election or appointing someone to the board. He also pointed out that in the last contested election of the hospital

general public concerning the hospital and it's elections. He also talked about the times he's had to divert from other business to handle situations in the hospital district, noting that he's already had to attend three meetings so far this week.

And when the hospital's administrative assistant LeShea Mason stated the *Muleshoe Journal* had received a notice of the election and had declined to publish it, a representative of the newspaper pointed out there was a difference between the board agenda which Mason claimed to have faxed to the newspaper and the legal notice state law requires to be posted.

At one point later in the meeting, hospital district resident Kasey Miller said resident Lisa Allen had called the hospital's administration office about being placed on the ballot, to which Mike Miller responded that it was his understanding that Allen was seeking information about being appointed to Arlene Phelps' vacated seat.

Parker also said

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Stanley Wilson of Wilson Drilling Co. receives the "Business of the Year" award.



Don and MaryAnna Bryant receive the "Farm Family of the Year" award.



Kenneth Henry receives the "Man of the Year" award.

Chamber names Muleshoe's best

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture presented awards to local business men and women during Saturday's 55th annual banquet.

Drawing top honors were Kenneth Henry and Dawn Williams, who were recognized as the community's "Man of the

Year" and "Woman of the Year" respectively.

Also drawing top honors were Stanley Wilson of Wilson Drilling Co., which was presented the award for "Business of the Year," and Don and MaryAnna Bryant, who were recognized as the "Farm Family of the Year."

"Employee of the Year" was awarded to Leon Seales of United Supermarket. Unfortunately, Seales was unable to attend Saturday's gathering. His award was picked up for him by Robert Nichols, store manager.

This year's festivities also honored the "Unsung Heroes" of Bailey County — the Muleshoe Police Department, Bailey County EMS, Bailey County Sheriff's Department; Muleshoe Fire Department; and local military veterans.

Representatives from each of these departments spoke at the banquet, providing the public in attendance with a synopsis of the services they provide.

SSgt. Edward Alvarado also spoke, telling of his tour of duty in Iraq, and providing a photographic presentation of the tour.

Each of the speakers received a plaque for their department recognizing the members' service to the community.

Alvarado also received a plaque commemorating the service of all Muleshoe veterans.

For additional banquet photographs, turn to page 13.



Dawn Williams receives the chamber's "Woman of the Year" award.

Bellringer stockdog trials start Friday

It's time again for the bleating of goats and the barking of border collies, as the 11th annual Bellringer Stockdog Trials gets underway in Muleshoe New City Park on Friday.

The state and nationally sanctioned competition, which is coordinated by Richard Belvin, will draw

entries from as at least five states.

"We're expecting at least 80 dogs," Belvin said, adding that 10-12 of the animals are top competitors, having participated in the national finals held each year in South Dakota. Only the top 150 stock dogs are invited to compete in the

national finals.

"The quality of the dogs here are as good as you'll see anywhere," Belvin said.

According to Belvin, the number of entries has grown in the past two years requiring a second field to be used. This makes it much

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Local Weather

Thurs.
Sunny..... 83/44

Fri.
Pt. Cloudy... 79/43

Sat.
T-Storms.... 72/46

Sun.
T-Storms.... 78/44

Mon.
T-Storms.... 69/36

Tue.
Lt. Rain..... 66/38

Wed.
Lt. Rain..... 75/41

Give It A Thought

Surprise!...someone with a phone call, visit, greeting card, book, covered dish, pastry, etc. to remind them they are loved and thought of often.

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?
Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Muleshoe emergency services personnel at the scene of Friday's fire at the senior citizens' housing authority.

Fire destroys another home

Muleshoe emergency service agencies responded to another house fire Friday, this time at the Muleshoe Housing Authority on West Ave. K.

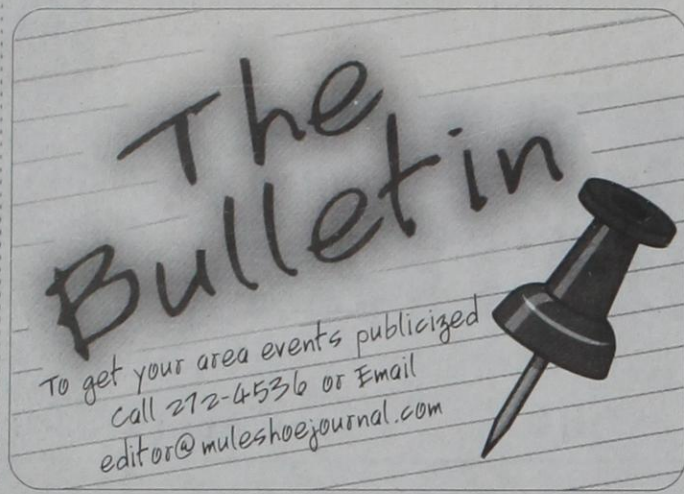
According to Chris Thompson, director of Bailey County EMS, emergency care attendant Trevor Gartin was the first to arrive at the scene, where he observed smoke exiting the front window of an

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“Carrying On” County history

Pre-orders for the reprint of the Bailey County history book “Early Bailey County History” are being taken now by members of the “Carrying On” Committee of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The price for the pre-ordered hardback books is \$45. After July 1, the price will be \$50 per book.

The book, originally printed in 1978, was compiled in two years by seventh and eighth grade students in the Muleshoe Junior High Historical Society.

If you would like to order a book, contact Stacy M. Thompson at 272-3652 or send your checks to: Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, “Carrying On Committee,” P.O. Box 356, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Support sought for Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2005 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our graduates.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free 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; Bronze Sponsor — donation of at least \$25. Donations of any amounts will be appreciated.

Donations for “2005 Project Graduation” or questions may be addressed to: Lavon Hunt, The Donut Hole, 1106 W American Blvd. Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3668; Jody Wood, 1502 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas 7934, or by calling 272-7549; or Tom Ladd, Earl Ladd & Sons, 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3308.

Scholarship donations sought

The Muleshoe Independent School District would like to make sure that every Muleshoe High School graduate has the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. Four years ago, the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees took a bold step toward this goal by establishing the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust.

The MOST scholarship funded is through contributions,

honorariums, gifts, and memorials. “We are inviting you to be a part of offering a successful beginning to our seniors by making certain that every individual who graduates from MHS has a scholarship,” MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said. “Your donation of any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference in the lives of our graduates.”

A fully tax-deductible donation can be made to: MOST Scholarship, c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Old yearbooks wanted

Former Muleshoe students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids’ old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, (806) 272-5873, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. Or mail them to the Heritage Depot, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. At this time, yearbooks from 1950, 1951, 1952, 1962, 1970 and 1975-1979 are still needed.

Muleshoe graduates sought

The Ex-Student Association is looking for 1924-1985 graduates and former students for an all school reunion to be held on July 2, 2005.

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School board discusses budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Board of Education reviewed a “very preliminary” budget for the FY 2005-06 school year during Monday’s noon meeting.

During the presentation to the board by the district’s business manager Trae McNeill it was pointed out that the proposed \$10.6 million budget had to be based on what has occurred in the past because it still wasn’t known what the legislature’s funding level was going to be.

According to McNeill, the proposed budget includes a \$291,051 payroll increase, but doesn’t include a Pre-Kindergarten expansion grant, Head Start funding, or any tax increases within the school district.

Based upon the documentation presented to the board Monday, the proposed budget shows a \$356,860 increase from FY 2005-05, with the majority of the increase, \$210,224, coming from state revenue. Local revenue was projected at \$163,484.

Some of the largest differences listed include an \$111,160 increase in Instruction funding; a \$79,959 increase in Instruction Resources funds; a \$24,096 increase in school administration funds; and a \$36,118 increase in the district’s Student Transportation costs.

The board members were asked to study the proposed budget and bring any questions to the next board meeting. Final adoption of the budget should be in June.

In other business, the school board:

- Recognized a large

number of students and teachers for their accomplishments in the Dist. UIL competition.

“They represent what the school is about,” Principal David Jenkins said.

- Discussed the district’s bid on portable classrooms from Burnet CISD.

According to Superintendent Gene Sheets, Muleshoe is believed to be the high bidder on the buildings, but the Burnet CISD board may decline the bid amount, which Sheets indicated was well below the appraised value of the buildings.

- Discussed the stress being placed on Texas students by the TAKS

testing.

Board member Cindy Purdy referred to horror stories she’s been receiving from elementary teachers about good students who are succumbing to the stress and tension they’re being placed under by the state testing.

“It’s unbelievable what the state has done to our teachers and our kids,” Purdy said.

- Approved minutes from the March 21 meeting.

- Appointed Linda Huckaby as an election official for the May 7 school election.

- Approved the Textbook

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos” or the “Company”) filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the “Commission”) to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area (“Environs”) surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the “Cities”). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company’s Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company’s annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont’d):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer’s request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer’s request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company’s total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a “major change” under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos’ Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

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Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or contact by email at thompsn@fivearea.com.

Workshop scheduled

A gardening, mini-farming workshop has been scheduled for April 26, at the Garden & Art Center in Lubbock. The workshop will cover several gardening topics including organic, no-till and beds. For additional information call 767-3724, or email Ken Hargesheiner at "minifarms@aol.com".

MCTA Scholarships available

Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association will be awarding two scholarships, one for a 2005 graduating MHS senior planning to major in education and one for a former MHS graduate who is majoring in education and is classified a junior or senior at his or her respective college. Applications for both scholarships may be picked up at Muleshoe High School from Gayla Gear and need to be returned to her by April 22. Contact Gayla Gear-272-7303, Dani Heathington at 272-4351, or Alice Liles-272-5200 for further information.

'Relay for Life' fundraisers

Several of Muleshoe's "Relay for Life" teams are holding fundraisers for the April 29 event.

"Lips and Hips," the Medical Records Department at Muleshoe Area Medical Center has a "Tree of Hope" at the hospital. Individuals wishing to help their fund-raising effort may purchase a purple or pink ribbon for the tree for \$1.

"Kids Against Cancer" will be hosting a "Kids Fun Day" on April 24, from noon until 5 p.m., at the old city park.

"Ace Satellite" will be holding a three-on-three basketball tournament on April 23, at the Muleshoe High School Gymnasium. There is a \$50 entry fee, and the registration deadline is April 21. Call Gabriel at 272-3215, Jerry at 272-3148, or email acesatellite@hotmail.com for additional information.

The "United Super Team" will be holding a car wash on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 2 p.m.

'Wild at Heart' offers free oil changes

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children. The ministry is a nondenominational mens ministry, teaching practical life skills and behavior management techniques.

Wild at Heart is open to all men regardless of denomination, and meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 806-965-2787.

Final softball signup set

The last chance to register for Muleshoe youth softball has been set for April 22. Youngsters wishing to play must be signed up by April 22. Individuals seeking information about the program or registration should call Elisa Baca at 272-3043, or Christy Garcia at 272-4732. There is a \$25 registration fee.

Women's softball league

Individuals interested in coaching or playing in a women's softball league are invited to a meeting set for April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Rocky Flores Softball Field. For more information, call 806-729-8106.

Lazbuddie Pre-Kindergarten signup

Parents wishing to enroll a child in the Pre-Kindergarten program at Lazbuddie may do so on April 22, from 9:30 til 11 a.m., at the school library. An immunization card, birth certificate and Social Security card will be required for child enrolled. For additional information call Alicia Pacheco at 965-2150.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison, whose memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

It never ceases to amaze me how those "timid souls" that never faced victory or defeat are always the first to criticize the others in the arena. Much has been written about Muleshoe hospital board president Tim "Buck" Campbell's failure to file a petition for the hospital board election and it was written prior to the board having an opportunity to address the situation. As stated in the April 14, 2005, *Muleshoe Journal*, the criticism is coming from "anonymous individuals" to whom the *Journal* obviously gives considerable credence. Although freely willing to impugn someone's integrity, they remain anonymous and the *Journal* supports their sideline anonymity.

I would like to ask why nothing has been written of Mr. Campbell's years of service to our community through the hospital and other civic organizations to which he belongs. Buck Campbell has served on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District board since its creation in 1989. During this entire time no one has cared to run against him. The last contested election was in May 2002 and there were a total of 17 votes cast. From that date to this, the volunteers who serve on the hospital board have spent many, many late nights and

valuable working hours for the hospital district. Without a doubt, the hospital is one of the two most important assets of this community (the other is the Muleshoe schools) and for 16 years Mr. Campbell has fought for this hospital — always doing what he believed was in the best interest of Muleshoe and her residents.

I have had the privilege of serving on this board with Mr. Campbell for the last three years and although we have not always agreed on every issue, I respect his opinion, his dedication and his honest service to the Muleshoe community. I dare say few who read these words have not benefited from his tireless, countless hours of dedication.

Perhaps instead of the *Journal* having all the answers, it should ask these questions: Why has no one else cared enough about the Muleshoe Area Hospital District to run for Mr. Campbell's seat on the board? Why didn't more than 17 people care enough about the MAHD to vote in the last contested election? Why hasn't the *Journal* staff attended more than 1/3 of the board meetings held since I was elected in May 2002? Why has the *Journal* chosen to write an article and an editorial on this series of events prior to the board having an opportunity to take action on any of the issues? Mr. Campbell may have a "bloody nose from the sucker punch thrown from somewhere in the back," but I for one am grateful for his service, dedication and love for the hospital and for Muleshoe.

**Lary Hooten,
MAHD Board Member
Muleshoe**

Title 1 annual meeting held

The annual Title 1 and Migrant Parent Spring meeting was held April 7, in the Muleshoe High School Cafeteria, with Margie Alarcon serving as facilitator.

The guest speaker was Anabella Ramos of McAllen. Greeters at the door were PAC members, Reyna Zubia, Dora Toscano and Frances Recio.

Ramos spoke on "Amor & Respecto" (Love & Respect). She told the parents about the importance of love, respect, discipline in the home, and gave many helpful ideas and activities concerning these three subject areas. Questions were asked with much discussion following. She had the parents do a "I am Loved" activity which they enjoyed.

Following the main presentation, Margie Alarcon introduced this year's Parent Advisory Council. Council members present were: Bea Morin, Silvia Salamanca, Juanita Regalado, Irma Perez, Dora Toscano, Esmeralda Hanaway and Reyna Zubia.

Outgoing members Bea Morin, Migrant; Silvia Salamanca, Title 1; Juanita Regalado, Migrant; and Dora Toscano, Title 1, were recognized and presented with a small "thank you" gift.

Elections were held for new PAC members. Bea Morin, Juanita Regalado, Dora Toscano and Yara Anaya were elected as new members. Serving another year will be Esmeralda Hanaway, Reyna Zubia and Consuelo Facundo.

Virgie Hartline was in charge of childcare. 41 children were present to participate in the activities.

Closing remarks were made by Margie Alarcon. She thanked the parents and everyone present. Drawings were held and refreshments were served.

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Obituaries

Bennie Frank Claunch

Funeral services for Bennie Frank Claunch, 68, of Bula were held Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield with the Rev. Kerry Hurst of Lubbock officiating and the Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor, assisting. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.



BENNIE FRANK CLAUNCH

Claunch died Thursday, April 14, 2005, at his home near Bula. He was born in Bula on May 28, 1936, to Jim and Cordie Claunch, and married Imogene Bryan on Feb. 18, 1953, at Portales, N. M.

Along with his father and two brothers, Claunch owned and operated Claunch Gin for 30 years. He served on numerous boards on the local, county, and state levels, and was still involved in farming. He was a member of the Bula First United Methodist Church.

Claunch was preceded in death by his parents and three sons — Ronald Eugene Claunch, Kenney Frank Claunch and Robert Keith Claunch.

He is survived by his wife — Imogene Claunch of Bula; one daughter and son-in-law — Sherri and Rick Tadlock of Lubbock; two brothers and a sister-in-law — Robert Claunch and Jim Pat and Susie Claunch, all of Bula; a sister and brother-in-law — Lennell and Charles Powell of Early; and one grandson.

The family requests memorial be made to Vista Care Hospice, 1010 Slide Road Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Mary Helen Talley

A graveside service for Mary Helen Talley, 80, of Muleshoe, was held Thursday, April 14, 2005, at the Bailey County Cemetery with Tim Harper of Plainview officiating.

Talley died on Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Park View Nursing Home. She was born on Nov. 13, 1924.

Talley moved to Muleshoe from Lubbock in 2002. She had worked as a nurses aid for many years. She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Survivors include a son — Royce L. Talley of Concord, N.C.; a daughter — Joy Stanton of Farwell; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sam Shelton

A church service for Sam Shelton, 78, of Earth, was held Monday, April 18, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, Earth with the Rev. Jeff Huckleby of Earth officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Shelton died on April 15, 2005, in Muleshoe. He was born on Dec. 29, 1926, in Amarillo, and married Esther Tharp in Lubbock on Aug. 2, 1988.

Shelton was preceded in death by two brothers — Felix and Larry.

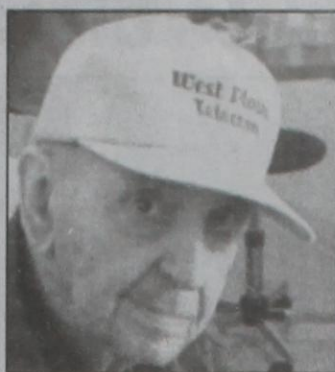
Shelton was a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth, and had lived in Earth since moving from Stonewall in 1988.

He worked as a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife Esther Shelton of Earth; a son — Lucky Shelton of Huntington; four daughters — Glenda Goolsby of Albuquerque, N.M., Barbra Moore of Vidor, Diana Crutchfield of Ft. Worth, Juanita Power of Granite Shoals; five stepchildren; three sisters — Wedon Shelton of Lubbock, Gladys Chapman of Escondido, Calif., Mary Cleaver of Amity, Ark.; two brothers — Coe Floyd Shelton and Johnny Shelton, both of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Guy Kendall

A church service for Guy Kendall, 86, of Muleshoe, was held Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe officiating.



GUY KENDALL

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Kendall died on April 16, 2005, in Muleshoe. He was born April 14, 1919, in Gage, Okla., and married Elsie McConnell in Woodward, Okla., on March 19, 1943.

Kendall was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, the Lion's Club and a member of the Muleshoe Livestock Association.

He attended Northwestern State College in Alva, Okla., and was employed by Bailey County Electric Co-Op for a number of years.

Kendall moved to Muleshoe from Ellis County, Okla., and served in the U.S. Army-Air Force during World War II.

Survivors include his wife Elsie Kendall of Muleshoe; a son and daughter-in-law — Terry and Sharon Kendall and his wife Sharon of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law — Darla and Bobby Hoyl of Ute Park, N.M.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave J., Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Florene Mills

A chapel service for Florene Mills, 85, of Muleshoe was held on Saturday April 16, 2005, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Claybrook of New Covenant Church of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mills died Thursday, April 14, 2005, in Wolfforth. She was born on Sept. 13, 1919, in Randlett, Okla., and married Leslie Mills in Walters, Okla., on Oct. 28, 1938. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2002.

She was also preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Mills moved to Muleshoe from Littlefield in 1948. She worked at the Muleshoe Area Nursing Home for 12 years and was a Cub Scout den mother from 1956 to 1961. She was a member of the New Covenant Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law — Marlin and Barbara Mills of Lubbock, and Jody and Sue Mills of Amarillo; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Larry Hall

Larry Hall of Muleshoe succumbed to injuries on April 18, 2005. Obituary information is still pending.

The God of the Universe Is the God of All Beauty

I made more than a few miles a couple of weeks ago and made them in style—the wrong style, but style. My younger brother, Jim, and I decided to take his little, old, once-red Mazda pickup on our trip to Houston to see our sister who is in the hospital there. She was hit by a Houston Metro Light Rail train weeks ago and has been in ICU ever since. We've been checking in with the

On the other hand, I admit that \$2.25 gas probably has more business filling the tank of a high-falutin' status truck than an old red Mazda. Anyway, I took my life in my hands as I strapped myself into Jim's old truck and he took the helm and we headed down the road.

We did get to see our sis. She's making improvement. (No one's found a good way to get hit by a train.) But it's going to be slow. I wish we were closer geographically where we could be more help.

The day we left Houston we got up early in order to miss rush hour traffic and get down the road. I road shotgun, typing on a computer that I figure is worth more than the truck. (I don't think that vehicle runs a bit better on \$2.25 gas than it did on the cheap kind.)

But what struck me on that trip—and I assure you that anything that had actually struck the truck would have been the end of us—was not the truck, the bumps, the wind sound (riding in that pickup on the highway is like riding inside a blow dryer)—what struck me was what was outside the truck.

With all the rain our state has had in the past year, the wildflowers were absolutely amazing. Bright bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes had God's hills just dripping with brilliant color.

I'm not sure the hot dog on the antenna helps my brother's truck very much. What would? But the bluebonnets and the beauty God has spread all over those hills help make that part of His world alive with the beauty of His grace and the colors of His love.

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

Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

Houston branch of the family since the accident and planning to go down when we could do her the most good, and this seemed like the right time. So that Sunday we both afflicted long-suffering congregations with our preaching, and he headed my way, and we put his truck on (like a shoe), and we headed south.

I'm pretty sure Jim's truck still has at least three fenders that haven't been dinged. And the plastic der Wienerschnitzel hot dog guy wrapped around his antenna adds class. Low class, yes, but class. And I'm actually more proud to ride in that pickup than I would be to hop into one of those new Cadillac pickups. What kind of self-respecting John Wayne-loving Texan drives a Cadillac pickup where you can't throw a fence post or a hay bale or a sledgehammer into the bed without worrying that you might scratch the poor pitiful thing?

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Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

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- April 7 - Edmond Awbrey.
- April 8 - Ashton Romero.
- April 9 - Jaylin Gloria and Sammie Hall.
- April 10 - Emilia Contreras and Phyllis Crenshaw.
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Sports

Mule golf team captures district championship at Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Trevor Turnbow led the Mule golf team to their first district championship in more than five years, shooting a 75 last Monday on the Levelland Country Club course to lead the Mules to a 56 stroke win over Levelland.

Turnbow had a 68 in the first round of district to give him a combined total of 143 and take low individual honors for the district. As a team the Mules had a 322 on the Levelland course for a total of 617 shots.

Levelland finished second with a final total of 673, Lubbock Cooper was third with 678 and the Muleshoe junior varsity was fourth with 693.

Myles James was third low individual with a 75-81 for a total of 156. Kory



Courtesy photo
Pictured above, from left to right: District sixth place Individual and Individual Regional qualifier, Chris Kindle; district first place team and district eighth place individual, Trent Black; district first place team — Cade Smith, Coach Kodi Crane, district first place team and district fifth place individual, Kory Attwood; district first place team and district first place individual, Trevor Turnbow; and district first place team and district third place individual, Myles James.

Attwood finished as the fifth low individual with a 76-84 for a 160. Trent Black had back to back 82s for 164 and was eighth low individual. Cade Smith shot a 76-96 for 172 and 13th

place.

Chris Kindle led the JV Mules with 77-84 for a 161 and was sixth low individual and qualified for the regional tournament in Odessa as a medalist. Jordan Marlow

shot an 82-88 for 170, Patrick Precure finished with a 92-87 for 179 and Kerby Kimbrough had an 89-95 for 184.

"These boys have been working hard all season,"



Courtesy photo
District third place medalist, Myles James, and district first place medalist, Trevor Turnbow.

said Mule golf coach Kodi Crane. "They got better with each tournament and are just now beginning to peak. There will be some really good teams at Odessa but you never know what will

happen when you tee up the ball."

The Mules will play in the UIL Region I tournament April 25-26 on the Ratliff Ranch Golf Course in Odessa.

Lady Mules golf team takes second in district play

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule golf team finally had a warm, sunny day to play last Tuesday in Littlefield for the final round of district.

The Lady Mules shaved 39 strokes off their first round total and placed second in the district race.

The Lady Mules qualified for the regional tournament in Odessa with a two round total of 921. Levelland took the district championship with a 792, Brownfield was third with 980 and the JV Lady Mules were fourth with 1094.

Hillary Tipps led the Lady Mules with scores of 111-99 for a total of 210 and fifth low individual honors. Amberlee Steinbock shot 126-109 for a 235 and ninth place individually.

Mandy Brantley had scores of 119-117 for 236,

Jamie Carpenter finished with 124-119 for a 240 and Paje McRoberts had 127-117 for 244.

"The girls had some really tough conditions to play in this year and it is a tribute to them that they hung in and competed," said Lady Mule golf coach Kody Crane. "Nueva Vista is a tough course and will present some challenges we have not seen this year. These girls will adapt and continue to compete as they have done all year."

The Lady Mules will play in the UIL Region I Tournament April 25-26 on Odessa's Nueva Vista Golf Course.



Courtesy photo
Lady Mules golf team. Pictured above, from left to right, are the members of the Lady Mules winning golf team: Front row — Amberlee Steinbock, Paje McRoberts and Hillary Tipps; back row — Jamie Carpenter, coach Kodi Crane and Mandy Brantley.

Lady Mules drop game to Loboettes

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By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule softball team took Levelland seven full innings but could never catch the Loboettes Saturday afternoon. Levelland had a 10-0 lead going into the bottom of the fifth. The Lady Mules scored their only run in the bottom of the fifth inning to force the game to continue.

Neither team could score in the final two innings so Levelland held on to drop the Lady Mules 10-1.

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Mules keep playoff hopes alive with win over Wildcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mule baseball team kept their playoff hopes alive with an 8-4 win over the Littlefield Wildcats last Tuesday night. Landon Wilson pitched a complete game for the Mules and gave up the four runs on five

hits.

The Mules committed only two errors behind Wilson and he struck out three and only walked one.

Neither team scored until Littlefield pushed three runs across in the third inning.

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Agricultural News

High Plains, USDA-NRCS soil moisture survey released

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No.1 and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service conducted a limited annual pre-plant soil moisture survey this year due to heavy rainfall received across the district in 2004.

"Abundant rainfall in the fall and winter added moisture to the soil. Because of this, very little pre-plant irrigation is expected at the start of the 2005 growing season. It is for this reason that a limited pre-plant soil moisture survey was conducted this year only," said Gerald

Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS soil scientist. However, representatives from both agencies believed that data should be collected at some monitoring sites to get representative soil moisture values within the water district's 15-county service area. Pre-plant soil moisture

readings were taken from Jan. 17-25 at 40 sites that were evenly-distributed within the water district.

The average soil moisture deficit, or amount of additional moisture the soil could hold, averages 2.5 inches in the upper five feet of the soil this year. There was 5.4 inches of soil moisture deficit in January 2004.

"This indicates almost three inches more moisture in the soil than last year," Crenwelge said. He added that the average available moisture values, or amounts of plant-available moisture in the soil, show the same trend.

Readings indicate an average of 6.2 inches of moisture in the upper five feet of the soil, as compared to 3.2 inches in 2004. Despite the above-average rainfall last year, the data collection revealed that the moisture did not completely fill the five-foot soil profile.

Crenwelge said several factors contributed to this. "It should be noted that the soil infiltration rate, or how fast water can enter the soil, becomes slower as the soil surface becomes wetter. Water will pool on the surface and then flow from fields as runoff. Since the fields were already wet at the surface, much of the moisture ran off the field before it could soak into the soil," he said. He added that as soils become wetter, water is "wicked" down into the lower portion of the soil profile, which may take some time, especially in heavier clay soils.

"Also, the soil was wetter at the five-foot level than it was last year. Therefore, some moisture soaked deeper than the five-foot

level," Crenwelge said. Most areas have received additional rainfall or snow since the soil moisture readings were made in January.

"This additional moisture should be very beneficial for crop production," Crenwelge said.



April Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture presented Rammie Garner of Agro Distributing with an award for April Employee of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Bruce Bruns, Ron Backus, Rammie Garner, Heather Foley, chamber president, and Jan Thompson, chamber manager.

Sports

Junior high Mules end track season

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules ran second behind Lubbock Cooper in the district track meet in Littlefield Saturday, April 9. Cooper finished with 230 points and the Mules posted 139. Levelland took third with 111 points, Brownfield fourth with 98 and Littlefield finished fifth with 28 points.

Eighth Grade Mules

Juan Vidana took sixth in the shot put with a toss of 35 feet, four inches. Dillon Gallman, Jose Sital and Brian Poyner took fourth, fifth and sixth in the high jump with leaps of 5' 2", 5' 2", and 4' 10" respectively.

Sital had a gold medal distance of 37' 13/4" in the triple jump and John Michael Salinas was third with a 35' 2". Victor Vasquez took fourth in the long jump with a leap of 17' 4 3/4".

Lane Wood, Wes Wood and Austin Wright took gold, silver and bronze in pole vault by clearing 11', 10' 6" and 9' 6" respectively. Ray Ramirez finished second in the 2400-meter run with an 8:33.0 and Jeff Embry took fourth with a 9:32.0.

The 400-meter relay team of Gunner Kerby, Salinas, Sital and Vasquez took third with a time of 50.18. Jordan Faires ran fourth in the 800-meter run with a 2:33.0. L. Wood had a gold medal time of 17.51 in the 110-meter hurdles and W. Wood was third with an 18.01.

Vasquez was sixth in the 100-meter dash with a 12.51. The 800-meter relay team of William Hanks, W. Wood, L. Wood and Roman Martinez ran second with a 1:48.0. Salinas and Sital took third and fifth in the 400-meter run with times of 59.27 and 1:01.0.

Joe Vargas finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 49.07 and Embry was sixth with a 50.27. Ramirez ran fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 4:11.0. The 400-meter relay team of Vasquez, Faires, Vargas and Salinas took fourth with a 4:11.0.

Vasquez set a new triple jump school record in the Littlefield meet earlier this season. Vasquez had a combined distance of 38' 10".

Eighth Grade Lady Mules

Also on Saturday at Littlefield, the eighth grade Lady Mule track and field team won their second consecutive district championship. The Lady Mules had to finish ahead of Lubbock Cooper in the final race of the day to hang on to the championship.

The 1600-meter relay team

of Morgan Smith, Lupita Andrade, Cassie Steinbock and Amy Withrow ran a four minute 45.1 second time that was good enough for the silver medal and Cooper finished in third with a 4:45.

Cooper was second in the meet with 157 points and Littlefield took third with a 131.5. Levelland placed fourth with 87 and Brownfield took fifth with 68.

Adriana Toscano and Kathryn Owens placed second and sixth in the shot put with tosses of 30 feet nine 1/4 inches and 25' 9 1/2". Toscano took the gold in the discus with a throw of 77' 6".

Amy Withrow had a gold medal leap of 5' 0" in the high jump and Gizell Vasquez took fifth with a leap of 4' 4". Janae Pyle tied for sixth place by clearing 4' 0". Smith was fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 29' 1 3/4".

Withrow had a gold medal jump of 15' 3" in the long jump and Smith was fourth with a 13' 7 1/4". Andrade took silver in the 2400-meter run with a 10:26.0. The 400-meter relay team of Smith, Pyle, Vanity Garcia, and Amelia Clemmons finished second with a 56.03.

Andrade picked up her second individual silver medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:56.0 and Gizell Vasquez finished sixth with a 3:06.0.

Withrow claimed both of the gold medals in the hurdle races. She ran a 16.58 in the 100-meter hurdles and a 50.95 in the 300-meter hurdles. Clemmons took the gold in the 100-meter dash with a 13.27 and Pyle was third with a 13.90.

The 800-meter relay time of Smith, Pyle, Garcia and Clemmons took silver with a time of 2:01.7. Steinbock ran fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 58.92. Garcia had a bronze medal time of 31.35 in the 200-meter dash. Sunny Snider took sixth in the 1600-meter run.

Seventh Grade Mules

The seventh grade Mules came in fourth in the district track meet in Littlefield Saturday afternoon with 102 points. Lubbock Cooper was first with 173 points, Brownfield second with 150, Levelland third with 131 and Littlefield was fifth with 59.

Jared Skipworth took sixth in the discus with a throw of 75 feet 10 inches. Tyler Steinbock and Austin Bamert placed fourth and fifth in the high jump with leaps of 4' 8" and 4' 6".

Steinbock was sixth in the long jump with a leap of 15' 4 3/4". Dallas Davidson had a gold

medal vault of 7' 0" and Stewart Precure was fourth with a vault of 6' 0". Davidson finished second in the 2400-meter run with a time of nine minutes and 41.0 seconds.

The 400-meter relay team of Adrain Chacon, Caleb Connor, Skipworth and Larry Richardson finished fourth with a time of 54.99. Rolando Saucedo took fifth in the 800-meter run with a 2:47.0.

Steinbock had a gold medal time of 18.61 in the 110-meter hurdles and Adrain Muniz ran third with a 21.83. The 800-meter relay team of Bamert, Skipworth, Conner and Jay Andrade had a silver medal time of 1:58.0.

Bamert took fourth in the 400-meter run with a 1:05.0. Steinbock finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.61. Saucedo finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:32.0.

The 1600-meter relay team of Bamert, Connor, Steinbock and Richardson finished fourth with a time of 4:30.0.

Steinbock set a new school record in the 110-meter hurdles with an 18.29 in the Littlefield meet earlier in the season.

Seventh Grade Lady Mules

The seventh grade Lady Mules finished in fourth place at the district track meet in Littlefield this past Saturday. Lubbock Cooper won the meet with 194 points, Littlefield was second with 159, Levelland was third with 114 and Brownfield was fifth with 31.

Breann Baca got the Lady Mules started with a sixth place jump in the triple jump of 26 feet eight inches. Ashley Cisneros and Jessica Behrends took fourth and sixth in the long jump with leaps of 12' 7 3/4" and 12' 6 1/2".

The 400-meter relay team of Baca, Behrends, Stephanie Garcia and Cisneros had a bronze medal time of 58.07 seconds. Sarah Johnson took the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:49.0.

Marisela Casanova ran fifth in the 100-meter dash with a 14.33. The 800-meter relay team of Baca, Behrends, Alyssa Martinez and Cisneros finished third with a 2:03.1. Casanova took second in the 200-meter dash with a 30.36.

Johnson took her second gold medal of the day in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:52.0 and Tessa Burris took fifth with a 7:06.4. The 1600-meter relay team of Baca, Martinez, Johnson and Cisneros took the gold with a 4:52.0.

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Marcos Varela, Portales	1	Hol. str	280 lbs.	at \$127.00
Epifanio Lujan, Lovington	3	Hol. str	403 lbs.	at \$120.00
Joe Garcia, Albuquerque	3	Hol. bulls	403 lbs.	at \$121.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	2	Mxd. bulls	318 lbs.	at \$177.50
FM Farms, Brownfield	2	Blk. bulls	460 lbs.	at \$160.00
NM Ranch	13	Mxd. str	349 lbs.	at \$172.50
NM Ranch	16	Mxd. str	440 lbs.	at \$155.00
Luis Flores, Muleshoe	1	Blk. bull	400 lbs.	at \$165.00
Kim Hanlin, Littlefield	1	Blk. str	480 lbs.	at \$145.00
Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	5	Blk. str	560 lbs.	at \$126.00
NM Ranch	17	Mxd. str	576 lbs.	at \$133.00
NM Ranch	46	Mxd. str	662 lbs.	at \$120.00
NM Ranch	6	Mxd. str	773 lbs.	at \$108.50
BT Livestock, Morton	3	Mxd. str	617 lbs.	at \$117.00
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe	2	Blk. bulls	718 lbs.	at \$104.00
Rocking J Ranch, Whiteface	6	Char. str	753 lbs.	at \$107.50
Roy McDaniel, Texico	12	Mxd. str	832 lbs.	at \$103.75
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	3	Char. str	947 lbs.	at \$101.75
Jonny Parkinson, Levelland	1	Blk. hfr	335 lbs.	at \$155.00
NM Ranch	8	Mxd. hfrs	348 lbs.	at \$150.00
NM Ranch	13	Mxd. hfrs	416 lbs.	at \$137.50
NM Ranch	16	Mxd. hfrs	493 lbs.	at \$119.00
NM Ranch	7	Blk. hfrs	535 lbs.	at \$118.00
NM Ranch	21	Mxd. hfrs	616 lbs.	at \$114.00
NM Ranch	15	Mxd. hfrs	697 lbs.	at \$108.50
Carroll Cook, Friona	5	Mxd. hfrs	615 lbs.	at \$109.50
C.E. Grant, Muleshoe	5	Mxd. hfrs	647 lbs.	at \$106.00
Rocking J Ranch, Whiteface	7	Mxd. hfrs	684 lbs.	at \$105.50
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	9	Mxd. hfrs	746 lbs.	at \$100.50
EDR Cattle, Whiteface	9	Char. hfrs	776 lbs.	at \$103.25
H.G. Morgan, Muleshoe	5	Mxd. hfrs	776 lbs.	at \$100.00
Tedd Rendon, Crosby	1	Blk. cow P6		\$900.00
Jonny Parkinson, Levelland	1	Red cow P5		\$750.00
Tim Lust, Abernathy	1	Blk. cow	1345 lbs.	at \$58.75
Santiago Ramirez, Lubbock	1	Blk. cow	1170 lbs.	at \$57.75
T&T Farms, Muleshoe	1	Yell. cow	1495 lbs.	at \$57.50
A&B Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Spot cow	1135 lbs.	at \$57.25
Lone Star Dairy, Friona	2	Hol. cows	1333 lbs.	at \$53.00
Blaine Baxter, Friona	1	Hol. cow	1235 lbs.	at \$55.50
Muleshoe Dairy, Muleshoe	1	Hol. cow	1685 lbs.	at \$55.75
Muleshoe Dairy, Muleshoe	1	Hol. bull	2060 lbs.	at \$73.50
Gary Brown, Friona	1	Red bull	2280 lbs.	at \$75.50
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Health

Submitted by Mandi Seaton
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"The leg bone's connected to the ankle bone and the ankle bone's connected to the foot bone," but what do we really know about the foot bone?

Wear and tear on your feet starts when you first learn to walk and continues until you cannot walk anymore. According to Andrew B. Crocker, gerontology health specialist, we should all remember to pay close attention to our feet. They may be the first sign of problems in our bodies, including serious diseases.

Common conditions associated with your feet include:

- Fungal and bacterial conditions — Fungal and bacterial growth on your feet is caused by your foot being in a warm, dark, damp place; namely, your shoes. One of the most common fungal conditions is athlete's foot. Fungus and bacteria may cause dry skin, redness, blisters, itching and infection.

To help prevent this condition, change shoes and socks often to help keep your feet dry. Also, try dusting your feet with foot powder to help dry moisture.

- Corns and calluses — Friction and pressure are the main culprits for corns and calluses. When the bony parts of your feet rub against your shoes, hard, dry knots may form on your feet called corns and calluses. Sometimes corns and calluses may be treated by wearing shoes that fit differently or cushioning the bony parts of your feet with special pads. Any form of treatment that involves cutting or scraping corns and calluses should only be performed by a health professional.

- Bunions — Your big toes may become swollen and tender as a result of joints in the toes not fitting together properly. If the bunion is not severe, you may be able to relieve pain and pressure by wearing shoes that are wider, taping your foot or wearing pads to cushion the bunion. Physical therapy, special shoe inserts or surgery may be necessary to treat the bunion. Unfortunately, bunions tend to run in families.

- Hammertoe — Shortening of the tendons that control toe movements is a condition known as hammertoe. The toe knuckle is usually enlarged, drawing the toe back. Over time, as the toe rubs against your shoes, it may become stiff and enlarge even more. Without your large toe resting against the walking surface, you may lose your balance.

Treatment includes wearing socks and shoes with plenty of room for the toe so that it does not rub against the shoe. Surgery may be needed to correct hammertoe.

- Spurs — Calcium deposits on the bones of your feet may cause spurs, prickly rock-like formations that may cause great pain in your feet. Spurs are caused by muscle strain in the feet from standing long periods of time or wearing ill-fitting shoes. Treatment for spurs includes using foot supports, heel pads, and heel cups. In some cases, surgery may be necessary to remove

spurs.

Keeping toenails trimmed is a very important task but may be dangerous for those with circulatory or nerve problems in their feet. Toenails should be trimmed straight across but not cut too short, especially in the corners. This may lead to ingrown toenails. Also, be careful when trimming that you do not cut the toe itself.

Shoes that fit properly are paramount to good foot health. Remember the following:

- Foot size changes with age. Be sure to measure before each new shoe purchase.

- One foot is normally larger than the other so be sure to fit your new shoes to the larger foot.

- Make sure that the ball of your foot fits comfortably into the widest part of the shoe.

- Your heel should fit comfortably with little or no slipping when you walk.

- Most importantly, walk in the shoes before you buy them to make sure they do not hurt your feet.

Our feet do more work than a lot of other parts of the body. Remember to take care of your feet and remind your health provider to take a look at your feet the next time you go in for an appointment.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension—Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4506. You may also contact the American Podiatric Medical Association at 1-800-FOOTCARE or on the internet at <http://www.apma.org>.

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Lady Mules softball team

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An error on the first batter of the game allowed Levelland an extra out but the Lady Mules held them scoreless with Abby Lawrence striking out two and Jenna Rasco hauled in a pop fly at first base.

The Loboettes scored four runs on four hits in the second inning to take the lead.

Sarah Sexton made a running catch in left field in the fourth inning for the first out. Ashley Dickson charged a bunt and sent a rocket across the diamond to Rasco at first for the second out. Rasco cheated in to protect against a bunt and managed to hang on to a line drive for the final out of the inning.

Levelland scored six runs on five hits and the Lady Mules committed two errors to put Levelland up 10-0 in the top of the fifth.

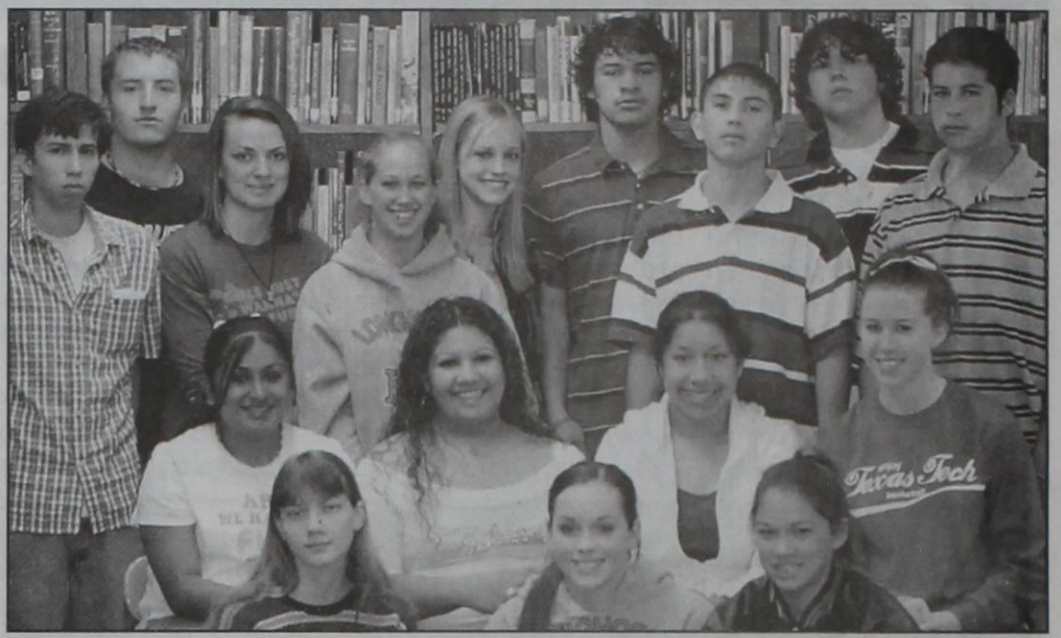
Erica Sanchez drew a walk to lead off the Lady Mules in the bottom of the fifth and she stole second base. Sexton's fly was caught in right field for the first out. Kristen Ambriz hit a RBI single to right center to score Sanchez.

The Lady Mules faced the Littlefield Ladycats for the final regular season game. A win over Littlefield would give the Lady Mules third place in the district and earn them a spot in the post season tournament.

Lazbuddie students place in March UIL meet

A number of Lazbuddie students participated in the University Interscholastic League District Competition at Happy on March 22.

Among the teams and their members were: Math — Chelsee Nichols, Brittney Schacher and Addie Treider; Number sense — Chelsee Nichols and Jason Davis; Calculator — Chelsee Nichols, Brianna Sanchez and Jason Davis; Science — Adam Pierce, Melanie Winders, Brittney Schacher, Kayla Parham, Addie Treider, Sergio Cuveas and alternate Mica Brandvik; Literary criticism — David Campos; Ready writing — Brittney Schacher; Journalism — Chelsee Nichols; Computer applications — Susie Juarez, Esteban Pacheco



and Joaquin Campos; Accounting — Mari Beliz, Regina Mata and Chelsee Nichols.

Among the students who placed at the district

competition were: Accounting Team, second place, also alternate for Regionals — Mari Beliz, Regina Mata and Chelsee Nichols; David Campos, fifth place, literary criticism; Brittney Schacher, sixth

place, ready writing; Addie Treider, seventh place, math; Chelsee Nichols eighth place, calculator.

All of the UIL teams were coached by Mrs. Weir, science; Mrs. Black, English; Mrs. Jennings, math; Mrs. Jones, business.

Sports

Mule baseball... Continued from page 6

The Mules pecked away at the Littlefield lead in the fourth inning. Geoff Sirkel hit a one out single to right center field. Robby Bomer drove a fly ball to deep center field that was caught for the second out. Juan Nunez blasted a two-run homer over the left field fence to cut the Littlefield lead to 3-2.

The Mules put together a two out rally in the fifth inning to take the lead for good. Jarad Flores reached on an error on the first baseman to start the rally. Barry Morris showed patience at the plate to draw a walk.

Littlefield's second basemen could not find the handle on Eddie Alvarado's ground ball and the Mules loaded the bases. Sirkel bounced a line shot off the right foot of the first baseman that caromed back toward center field for a triple and scored Flores, Morris and Alvarado.

Sirkel came home on a wild pitch before the Mules made their final out. The Mules tacked on two insurance runs in the sixth inning with Behrends leading off with a walk. The Mules put on the hit and run with Wilson at the plate.

Behrends took off with the pitch and Wilson slapped a single to left field that moved Behrends all the way to third. Behrends scored on a wild pitch. Wilson had gone

to second on the throw to third to try to get Behrends and went to third on the wild pitch. Wilson scored on the second wild pitch of the inning.

An error allowed the first batter on for Littlefield in the top of the seventh and the second batter hit a bloop single out of Sirkel's reach at first to put runners on first and third. Alvarado made the unassisted force at second on a ground ball.

A base hit to left scored Littlefield's final run of the game. Flores fielded a ground ball at third and tagged the base runner before he reached third for the second out. Sirkel camped under a pop fly at first to retire Littlefield for the day.

The Mules traveled to Brownfield on Monday and then host Levelland Saturday April 23. The Mules final game of the regular season is in Lubbock Cooper April 26.

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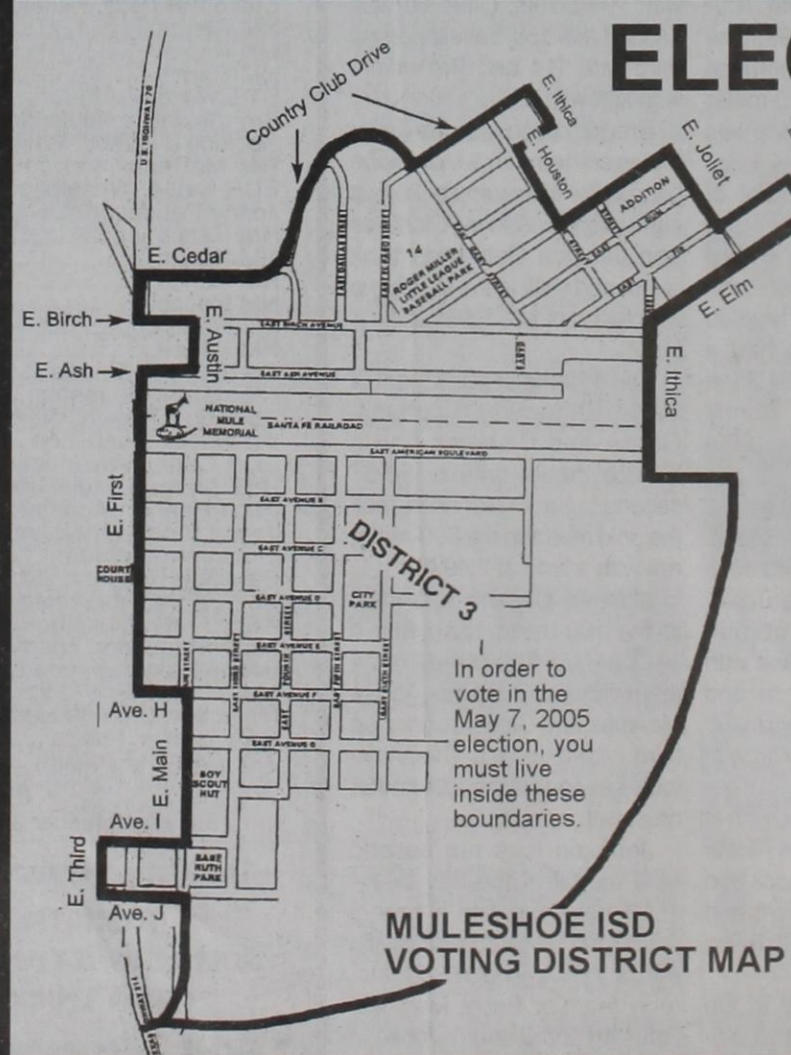


ELECTION NEWS

Muleshoe ISD will hold an election on May 7, 2005 to fill the District 3 seat on the Board of Trustees. Early voting will begin on April 20 and run through May 3 in the school Administration office at 514 West Avenue G.

Regular voting will be held on Saturday, May 7 in the high school cafeteria from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Candidates for the District 3 seat are Mary Toscano, Rene Torres and Daniel Guzman.



MULESHOE ISD VOTING DISTRICT MAP

In order to vote in the May 7, 2005 election, you must live inside these boundaries.

Engagements



Welch, Meiwes engaged

Greg and Sheryl Welch of Earth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Nicole Welch, formerly of Earth, to Stephen Keith Meiwes, also of Earth.

The prospective bride is a 2001 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School. Currently, she is attending Texas Tech as a business finance major, and is employed as an office assistant by X-Cell Painting, Inc. of Lubbock.

The prospective groom, the son of Steve and Jane Meiwes of Earth, graduated from Springlake-Earth High School in 1998. He attended Texas Tech as an engineering major and is planning to continue his education at a later date. Currently, he operates Keith Meiwes Trucking & Farming in the Dodd Community.

The wedding has been set for June 17, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at the Baker Building, at 1211 13th St., Lubbock, with a reception to follow.



Harrison, West engaged

Jerry and Diana Harrison of Muleshoe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Nicole Harrison of San Angelo, to Jamey Douglas West, also of San Angelo.

The prospective groom is the son of Janice and Bunk Bowman of Ovilla, and Jim and Lisa West of Winters.

The prospective bride, a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Angelo State University, owns a Farmers Insurance Agency in San Angelo.

The prospective groom, a graduate of Winters High School and Angelo State University, is a sales representative for Yellow House Equipment of San Angelo.

The wedding has been set for July 30, 2005, at 5 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, with a reception to follow, at 7:30 p.m., at Four Bar K Ranch of Lubbock.

Obituaries

Charles Abbe

Church Service for Charles Abbe, 77, of Morton, was held Monday, April 18, 2005, at the Second and Taylor Street Church of Christ with Bill Schlabaugh and Owen Carr officiating. Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Abbe died on Friday, April 15, 2005, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Oct. 24, 1927, in Gladiola, N.M., and married Jean Richardson in Morton on Nov. 16, 1948. He was preceded in death by his parents — Herman and Oleta Abbe, and a brother — Mitchell Abbe on April 6, 2004.

Abbe was a long time resident of the Morton community. He was a farmer and manager for farm fuel retailers for many years. He was a member of the Second and Taylor Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife — Jean; two sons and daughters-in-law — Charley Bob and Jeannie Abbe of Ardmore, Okla., and Geneo and Debbie Abbe of Panhandle; a daughter and son-in-law — Cheryl and Bennie Martin of Petersburg; a daughter — Leann Abbe of Morton; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

House fire... continued from page 1

apartment. Thompson said Gartin circled around to the back of the residence, where he heard someone yelling for help and kicked in the back door of the residence.

With the assistance of paramedic Michael Jordan, the resident — who was later identified as Charles Howard of Muleshoe — was pulled to safety, and transported by ambulance to Sudan, where AeroCare of Lubbock met the ambulance and flew the resident to University Medical Center.

According to Thompson, Howard was suffering from a severe case of smoke inhalation.

According to Lt. Otis Carpenter of the Muleshoe Police Department, the state fire marshal's office was contacted concerning

the fire and would be investigating the incident because of the city's relationship with the housing authority.

On the day of the fire, City Manager David Brunson explained that the housing authority operates as an independent public entity; however, the federal funds used to construct the dwellings required the city to act as the receiving agency.

Attempts to contact a representative from the state fire marshal's office for additional information prior to the publication deadline were unsuccessful.

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School board takes action

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Committee's recommendations.

- Appointed Sheets as a representative on the Region 17 Advisory Committee.

- Accepted the resignations of Bob Crane — high school science, and Jody Holcomb — junior high PE and softball coach, effective at the end of the current school year.

- And hired Linda Lewis as technology director, Letti Barrera as elementary teacher, and Katherine Hunt as speech therapist.

Aycock appointed to state board

Gov. Rick Perry has announced the reappointment of Jackie DeNoyelles of Flint and Charles F. Aycock of Farwell to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for terms to expire Feb. 1, 2011, subject to senate confirmation.

The board makes parole decisions for Texas prison inmates, determines conditions for parole and mandatory supervision, and makes recommendations on clemency matters to the governor.

DeNoyelles currently serves on the board and is a member of the Palestine office. She is a former regional representative with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. DeNoyelles is a member of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Economic Development Council and ambassador for the University of Texas at Tyler.

She serves on the committee of Heart of Tyler and Women in Tyler. DeNoyelles received a bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Aycock, a former county attorney for Parmer County, currently serves on the board in the Amarillo office. He is a past president of the State Bar of Texas and former member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

Aycock is a trustee and chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. A graduate of Texas Tech University, he received a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.



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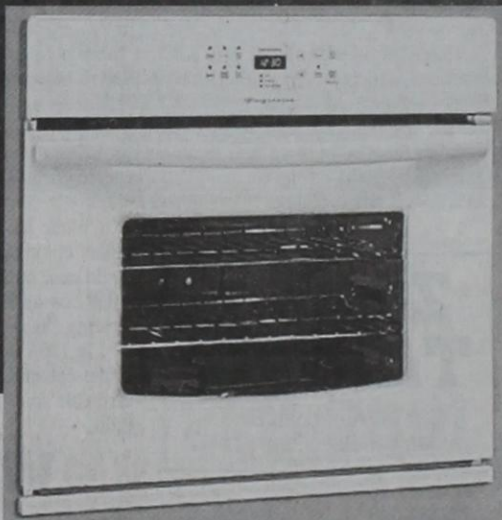
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Muleshoe hospital board votes to call a special election... continued from page 1

something had to be done about retiring the hospital district's debt, and suggested the nursing home may fair better if it was owned by a business conglomerate.

MAHD board member Ronnie Dent disagreed with Parker's suggestion. "Our total interest is for the care of the (resident and his or her) family," Dent said, adding that the hospital board's recent interviews with candidates for the nursing home administrator's position had

shown that medical conglomerates focused primarily on profits and not the needs of the residents.

"We want the best facility we can get," Campbell added, "or we wouldn't be on the board."

Parker also addressed problems between MAHD CEO Jim Bone and doctors in Muleshoe.

However, Miller defended Bone's actions, stating that the problems were the result of Bone following a directive from the hospital board to cut costs.

He said that as a result of mistakes made by the leadership within the hospital, the MAHD board was directly involved in the administration of the hospital.

Miller also urged Parker not to give up on the nursing home.

Dent agreed, stating, "The nursing home is as vital a part of the community as the hospital."

Campbell joined in, pointing out that while the number of residents at the nursing home is lower than

the board wishes, the facility is only 10 residents away from the nursing home paying for itself.

This particular issue facing the hospital district is something with which Commissioner Vandiver was able to sympathize as he said there was a similar problem with the county jail. "We've got to get some paying people into the jail," he said.

Parker rounded off the discussion about the nursing home by pointing out that the good will of

Bailey County residents over how the hospital district is being administered would put more people in the nursing home.

Following the open forum discussion, a motion to cancel the May 7 election for Place 2 and affirming Marilyn Riley in the Place 4 seat was made and approved.

Although it wasn't listed on Wednesday's agenda, the board also approved a motion to call for a special election for the Place 4 seat. Although the special

election will probably cost the district about \$500, Miller said, "We're going to try to satisfy the will of the people."

He also noted that while candidates for the Place 2 seat can live anywhere in the hospital district, the only residents who can vote for the seat on the ballot must live in the second precinct.

The timeline for the election needs to be set by the hospital district's attorney, the board decided, and would probably be available at the district's regular meeting on April 21.



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Border collies taking the field

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 more interesting for the spectators, Belvin said, because they can wander back and forth, comparing the abilities of champion-level dogs with novice animals.

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 The running order for Friday's events are Open and Nursery classes, starting at 8:30 a.m. on Field 1.

On Saturday, Open class starts at 8 a.m., with Nursery class following. At 9 a.m., Open Ranch, Ranch and Novice classes will be at Field 2.

The Triple Crown Run will be held Sunday.

The trials are open to the public, and spectators are encouraged to attend. Cliff Black's Boy Scouts will be providing a concession for the event.



Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 18 include, from left to right: Front row — Janett Vidana, Raenee Wildman and Zachery Widener; back row — Michael Vega, Briana Anguiano and D.J. Atwood.

Athletic Booster Club meeting set for April 22

There will be a meeting of the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club on Thursday, April 22, at the MHS science room, at 7 p.m.

All parents of MHS athletes are urged to attend the meeting to discuss and plan the Athletic Banquet, set for May 2.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Till 6:00 PM Campsite setup.
5:00 PM Luminary sales begin.
 5:00-6:30 PM Survivor team registration.
 6:30 PM Team captain meeting at stage.
6:50 PM Teams gather on field. Survivors gather on the track in front of the stage.
7:00 PM Opening ceremony.
Survivor's lap & introduction.
Team introduction & parade lap.
 8:00 PM Survivor celebration @ Hospitality Tent.
 Live music by Crystal River Band.
 8:30 PM Limbo contest.
9:00 PM Luminary sales end.
 9:45 PM Teams meet @ Luminary Booth to help light candles.
10:00 PM Luminary Ceremony or "Ceremony of Hope."

11:00 PM Campsite judging.
 11:15 PM "Dance For Your Dinner" contest
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 1:00 AM Pajama contest
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7:00 AM Breakfast from McDonald's for all participants.
9:00 AM Silent Auction ends.
 Campsite cleanup.
9:30 AM Closing ceremonies.
Beginning of final awards.

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Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Sometimes, it's hard to let go

Sometimes it's hard for us to let go of something that's troubling us. As a child I still remember watching as a rather portly man dressed in an undershirt and Bermuda shorts tried to hang a wooden swing on his front porch.

Each time the man reached up to hook the swing's chain on the hook he'd stretch his abdominal muscles just enough to reduce the pressure his middle exerted against the waistband of his shorts. Subsequently, his shorts would take a dive toward the floor, and he'd be forced to choose between hooking the chain or saving his dignity.

I can't recall the number of times the man attempted to hang the swing, only to be stopped at the last moment as his pants dropped and he'd be forced to grab for them. But I can still remember the frustration that showed on his face, as well as the furtive looks he made to see if anyone was watching.

Then, he changed tactics, trying to hold up the shorts with one hand and use the other hand to hang the swing. Unfortunately, he met defeat in this as well, because the swing was too

heavy for him to lift high enough with one hand to accomplish his task.

Finally, in obvious disgust the man let his troubles fall where they may, reached up with both hands — in all of his boxer glory — and hooked the chain. Then, recovering his shorts, and his remaining dignity, he took a final furtive look up and down the street before going back inside the house.

As funny as this seemed at the time, I can't help now but think that such is often man's way of dealing with problems. Have you ever prayed that God relieve you of your worries and anxieties, only to snatch them back?

1 Peter 5:7, NIV, says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

The Bible tells us to place our trust in the Lord without reservation. Unfortunately, it seems as if we tie strings to many of the problems we cast at God's feet, ready to jerk them back again and again rather than to abide in the comfort he promises.

In his second letter to the Christians of Corinth, the apostle Paul offered encouragement during troubling times as well as an explanation of how

Christians should use the comfort they receive from God in their ministry to others.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort." — 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, NIV.

In the Bible, God told his followers they would be called upon to suffer for his cause, but it wasn't his plan that our suffering be intensified by worries and anxieties. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," Christ Jesus said in John 14:1, NIV, "Trust in God; trust also in me."



The Curtis Preston family, and librarian Dyan Dunagan.

Muleshoe Library announces 2005 'Family of the Year'

The Muleshoe Area Public Library has selected the Curtis Preston family as "Family of the Year."

Preston is the Bailey County extension agent for Agriculture, and his wife, Karie, is a stay at home Mom.

Currently, she is home schooling their two children, Kayla and Coleman.

"This family is very involved in using the library," librarian Dyan Dunagan said. "Kayla and Coleman can be seen at the library two or three times a week."

They usually come to Storytime on Tuesdays, the librarian said, and Kayla is very good to help when the little ones can't do a project by themselves. Coleman loves to play on the Gates

computers for kids. And Karie was instrumental in getting the first few grants the library obtained.

"Robert Orozco, secretary of the Friends of the Library was glad to bestow this honor on the Preston family," Dunagan said.

Police Report

Muleshoe Police Department incident reports for the past 10 days.

April 17

A 65-year-old female was arrested on April 17 in the 100 block of East Ave. D and charged with felony DWI, with two or more previous convictions.

April 16

An officer investigated a report of a burglary of a habitation in the 900 block of West Sixth.

April 14

An officer took a report of a theft in the 400 block of East Ave. C.

April 12

A female subject called MPD to report she had been assaulted in the parking lot of Lowe's Supermarket.

April 10

Town and Country, 107 E. American Blvd., contacted MPD in reference to counterfeit money received at the store.

The police department received a report of harassment. The offense was determined to be unfounded.

Nursing Home News

National Volunteer Week is April 17-23.

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Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Diane Copley, Ruth Clements, Cynthia Crawford, Alliene Lasiter and Mary Johnson.

Friday evening, youth from the Church of God in Christ came to visit and sing for the residents.

Saturday afternoon, Iris Clements and Joyce Clements directed the bingo bash.

Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge brought the Bible Study in the Day Room.

The 16th and D Church of Christ came Sunday afternoon for church services.

The Johnsons, formerly of Muleshoe, visited the residents of Park View Thursday.

Johnny and Josie Flowers visited Johnnie Kimbrough Friday afternoon.

Gladys Wilson's family and friends gathered Saturday at the American Blvd. Church of Christ Fellowship Hall to celebrate her 90th birthday. Her children and grandchildren hosted the event.

Rusty and Kristie Whitt visited Park View Sunday after church.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks visited J. C. Shanks Sunday and just about every day.

James Wedel volunteered his time and energy to run errands and shop for Park View.

Tuesday morning, Pastor Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth Methodist Church directed a memorial service for Robbie Nowlin. The residents, Morris Nowlin, and his daughter attended the service.

Tuesday, volunteers came and shampooed, set and styled the ladies' hair.

The Truth Seekers Sunday School class gave a donation to Park View recently.

Wednesday morning, Buster and Wanda Kettrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time. Harold shared "food for thought" and tidbits of wisdom.

Following coffee time, Buster Kettrell, Jo Ellen Cowart and Loyce Killingsworth and Bro. Bennie Wright directed the "singspiration" and devotion time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed our sing-a-long and puppet show Wednesday afternoon. Special participants were Peggy Dent and Elizabeth.

Jane Reeder visited Park view Monday. Among those she visited were Francis Purdy and Jewell Peeler.

Peggy Dent visited the residents and gave each one special attention Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Curtis Shelburne visited Pauline Chappell Sunday. Pauline was also visited by her daughters Sandy and Dianne.

The ladies baked sausage balls in "Cooking" class Wednesday. They made them for the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

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Elementary "AB"

Haldon Ivy, Jonathan Jesko, Celeste Lucio, Albert

Moran, Callie Anstead, Berenice Galvan, Cutter Glover, Leslie Carlile, Keena Diaz, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Criselda Galvan, Victor Godinez, Anna Harder, Colten Ingram, Seth Russell, Shea Scott, Jacob Suderman, Jared Timms, David Anstead, Mario Galvan, Harley Jones, Kenton Randolph and Luis Tafoya.

Junior High "A"

Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver, Kayle Jesko, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher and Chase Timms.

Junior High "AB"

Joseline Garcia, Jose Lule, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Monica Vera, Richie Aguilar, Juan Carlos Guillen, Arturo Lucio, Helena Suderman and RaJon Thorn.

High School "A"

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Lazbuddie class to hold team roping

The Lazbuddie Senior Class will be holding a team roping on May 15 at the David Allen Indoor Arena.

Books open for the event at noon, and the roping will begin at 1 p.m.

The arena is located three miles east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

Contact Allen Scott at 806-272-3701 for additional information.

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2005 Muleshoe Chamber Banquet



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Larry Thornton



To the people of Muleshoe

I have come back to Muleshoe, Texas after living in other Texas cities for several years. The reason for my move back to Muleshoe was to enjoy my parents (Ike and Gail Wilcox) in their "twilight years." When I arrived in Muleshoe, I could not believe how empty Main Street looked! I was amazed at the movement of the business community to Highway 84! I assumed they moved to stay alive and keep their presence in everyone's minds!

I worked in Dimmitt at the Ford dealership there for several years. The local citizens didn't support the dealership and it eventually closed. It was sad — and everybody wondered WHY it closed. I would look on the street and see Fords, Chevys, Dodges and other auto brand names on the street. I sold many cars and trucks in Dimmitt, but people wanted "variety." They said they could make a better deal in a big town or "they made me an offer I couldn't turn down." So, I had to move to Hereford, Texas (the bigger town) to make my living. The old dealership is still closed and there is an Alco in its place — so

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Rick Wilcox
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4-H News

The Bailey County 4-H monthly meeting was on April 4.

Eighteen members, 11 parents, and extension agents Curtis Preston and Mandi Seaton were in attendance.

Club president Cami Jo Vandiver called the meeting to order.

Courtney Mardis, secretary/treasurer, led the 4-H Motto, 4-H Pledge, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each officer presented information on spring and summer activities and projects — District Roundup, shooting sports, record books, and summer camp opportunities.

Upcoming activities include: Dist. 2 4-H Roundup, May 7; South Plains Leadership Lab, May 31-June 2; and High Plains 4-H Electric Camp, June 20-June 24.

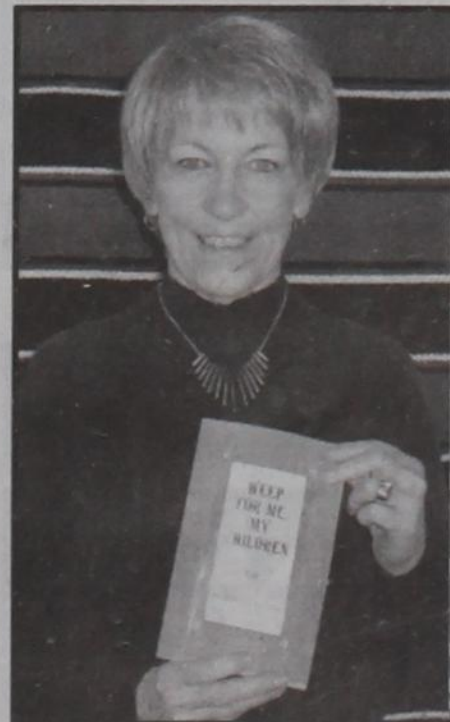
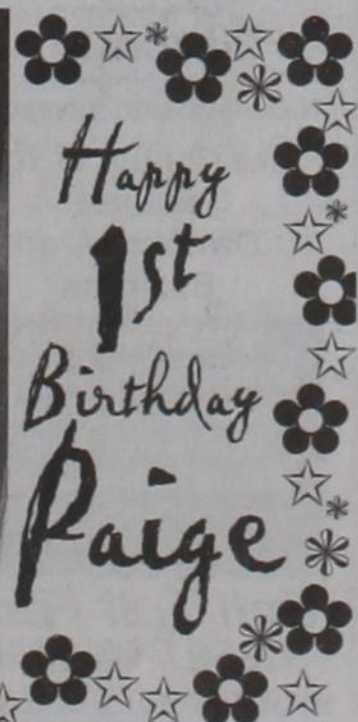
The next meeting will be May 9.



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The new book can be purchased at Lowe's in Muleshoe.

(Photo by Joella Lovvorn, Lamb Co. Leader News)

Senior Citizen News

By Nelda Merriott

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center was visited by Jim Milner of Rightway Medical on Friday, April 15. Five people were fitted for "diabetic shoes" and other items at the senior center. We are glad to offer this service quarterly, on the third Friday.

The senior center is planning a Health Fair in May. Services will be announced.

The Senior Citizen Dance every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. continues to bring in many visitors from as far away as Lubbock and Tucumcari.

On Thursday, April 14, the center rang with the special music of W. T. and Pat Watson.

We so enjoyed this great entertainment for our birthday celebration.

This Friday, April 22, the Lubbock Line Dancers (two exhibition teams) will present a program at 11 a.m. Let's all come to see and enjoy this talented group led by Rosalee Musgrave, line dance instructor.

We'll all have lunch together and they will perform again shortly after noon. Local seniors are then invited to join the group and try out this dance. We hope someone will step forward to help us continue this form

of dance/exercise on a weekly basis.

On Thursday, April 28, at 1 p.m. the seniors plan to stay awhile and enjoy a sing-along with Ann and James Sinclair. She plays great piano and he's a super songleader.

In May, Steve Winger, a very special entertainer will be coming to the senior center.

A city-wide Pancake Breakfast with the Senior Citizens is planned for May 14.

The menu for next week is:

Monday, April 25 — Tacos with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, refried or pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, taco sauce and apricots.

Tuesday, April 26: — Stuffed baked potato, BBQ beef, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot roll and peanut butter cookies.

Wednesday, April 27 — Chili, rice, Chinese vegetables, wheat roll and gingerbread.

Thursday, April 28 — Spaghetti and meat sauce, green peas, cauliflower, garlic bread and peach cobbler.

Friday, April 29 — Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, tater tots, three bean salad, mayo, mustard, ketchup and plums.



Lady Mule Lindsay Wood is pictured above signing a "letter of intent" with Eastern New Mexico University Thursday. Pictured above is Lindsay signing the document, seated between her parents Don and Tonda Wood. Also pictured are her grandparents — Jim and Rita Craig of Canyon, her sister — Kasey, her brother — Lane, and coaches Carey Sudduth, Shana Sims and Linda Pshigoda.

Muleshoe student signs 'letter of intent' with ENMU

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Lindsey Wood signed a letter of intent to play college basketball for the Zia's of Eastern New Mexico University in the Muleshoe High School Library Thursday.

Attending the signing were her parents, Don and Tonda Wood, her grandparents Jim and Rita Craig, Lady Mule teammates, coaches and friends.

Principal David Jenkins acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Wood's parents and guests. He read a list of her accomplishments during the past two years. She made the All Tournament Team in the 2004 Region I Tournament, was first team All-District and second team All-South Plains.

The 2004-2005 season brought Wood more honors as the MVP of District 2-3A, All-Tournament Team in the 2005 Region I Tournament and the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team.

She was name to the TABC All-State Team, the Texas Girl Coaches Association All-State Team and made first team All-South Plains by the Avalanche Journal. The

Amarillo Daily New named her to their Golden Spread Super Team for class 3-A and she will play in the TABC All-Star game May 6.

"Lindsey deserves every honor she has bestowed on her," said Jenkins. "She contributes her success to Coach Simms and her athletic program and to her parents for taking her to camps and summer games."

She has also been a Regional Qualifier the last three years in Tennis, Track and two years in Cross-Country.

"I have learned there are many many surprises in life," said Wood. "I never thought I would receive anything like this. It all started when the Eastern coach called and asked if I would visit and work out with the Zias."

"I really enjoyed my visit to the campus and the workout was a little tough as I was going against the MVP of the conference. I checked out another school but I really liked Eastern a lot better."

"I love to play basketball and that will be my job at Eastern. I am looking forward to getting started," concluded Wood.

Lady Mule coach Shanna Simms said, "Lindsey and I

are so much alike. We are both hard headed and at times we have gone round and round but we both wanted what was right and to win."

"She is the best point guard I have ever coached and she is a phenomenal kid. Not just a basketball player but as a person. She saw things on the basketball court long before they ever happened."

"We can not replace

Lindsey. She was so smart and intelligent on the floor and a true team player. She was willing to do what ever needed to be done to help the team win. She definitely made basketball worth coaching."

Safety Notes

- Place infants on their backs to sleep.
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Lewis to perform at Texas Tech Spring Recital

Faith Lewis, formerly of Muleshoe, will be performing as part of the harp solo-ensemble at the Texas Tech University School of Music Spring Recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

The recital will be held in the Hemmle Recital Hall on the Texas Tech campus. The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.

Lewis will be performing "Prayer" by Hasselmann

as her solo piece. She will also perform works by Beethoven, Pachelbel and Rennie with the Harp Ensemble.

In addition to performing with the Texas Tech Harp Ensemble Faith performs in churches, weddings, receptions, parties and any special occasion. She is a member of the American Harp Society and the Bridal Service Associates of Lubbock.

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