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**MISD
sets
trustee
election
May 7
Three seats
up for grabs**

Three seats on the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees will be up for grabs in the spring election, set for May 7.

Opening day to file to run in the election is Monday, Feb. 7.

The three seats up for election are Place 2, held by Cindy Purdy; Place 3, held by Rene Torres; and Place 5, held by Nick Bamert.

Candidates may file between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays at the administration building, 514 W. Ave. G. through March 7.

Only registered voters living in the precinct up for election are eligible.

Early voting is set for April 20 through May 3.

Local Weather

**Thurs.
Sunny... 56/25**

**Fri.
Sunny... 59/27**

**Sat.
Pt. Cloudy ... 59/32**

**Sun.
Few Shrws..62/31**

**Mon.
Pt. Cloudy... 58/27**

**Tue.
Pt. Cloudy ... 56/28**

**Wed.
Pt. Cloudy... 57/28**

Give It A Thought

A hug can mean so much and so many things at the same time. It's a sign of appreciation, affection, friendship, comfort, encouragement or just happiness. We all need a hug once in a while! Give someone a hug and a smile to brighten their day and yours.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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

Cox resigns as county judge Commissioners will name successor Feb. 7

By Davie Browder
For the Journal
editor@muleshoejournal.com

Bailey County Commissioners on Monday accepted the resignation of County Judge Marilyn Cox, but postponed naming a replacement until next week.

The delay is to give anyone interested in applying

for the position a chance to do so, Cox said.

"In executive session the commissioners said they just felt like the public needed the opportunity to be considered if they would like to be," she said, noting that whoever is appointed will serve a one-year, 10-month term and then have

to file in December for the November 2006 general election.

Four candidates for county judge spoke to commissioners on Monday: Raygena Barrett, Wells Hall, Dink Wilcox and Sherri Harrison, who is currently County Clerk.

Cox said the failure to

name a replacement had nothing to do with the qualifications of the four who appeared before them, but was meant to allow the widest possible audience to know about the position and apply. Commissioners will meet Monday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. to make the appointment, which will be effective

March 1. To apply, one should have a general understanding of the law; never have been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude; have a high school education; be 18 and be a registered voter; and

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Taking a look back ...



Rummaging and reminiscing — Polly Oliver (left) and Sandy Turner spent several hours looking through photos in the former *Muleshoe Journal* offices. Because the *Journal* has moved into a much smaller space, photos dating back to the 1940s (some older) are being given to the public on a first come, first serve basis. The ladies found several photos of family and friends to add to their own albums. The public is invited to claim pictures from the 20 plus boxes of photos remaining. Stop by 201 W. Ave. C during business hours, Mon.-Fri. 8-5.

Muleshoe's Bass named top sorghum farmer

By Davie Browder
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Chris Bass of Muleshoe won the 2004 Conventional Till Irrigated National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management contest.

Bass produced his grain sorghum in northwest Bailey County under sprinkler irrigation, which yielded 206.83 bushels per acre. He accumulated 136.13 points, which are awarded based on yield and county average.

A native of Muleshoe, he's farmed all his life, but has been out on his own since 1987, he said.

He and his wife Crista and their children, Chelsea, 9, and Cameron, 6, live in the West Camp Community, north of town.

He said he's participated in the contest over the years and decided to again this year, little knowing that Mother Nature would smile on him.

"Mother Nature did most of work this year with timely, timely rainfall and perfect growing conditions," Bass said, noting that a good irrigated sorghum crop would be expected to yield 135 to 145 bushels per acre

and Bailey County averages 70.70 bushels for an irrigated crops.

To say he was surprised to find that he was producing almost three times the average crop would be an understatement.



CHRIS BASS

"I knew it was good but I thought if I'm doing good everybody else was doing good," he said. "I didn't know it was that good. I was really surprised."

"When they came out to measure it, I had them do it three times because I just didn't believe it was that good."

And although this year's growing season was perfect, Bass knows that next year could be a completely different story.

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Gallman honored

By Davie Browder
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Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman has been accepted as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

"I am honored to welcome Ms. Gallman as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy," said IIMC President Elizabeth H. Kiss. "She is dedicated to municipal service and an inspiration to all members of our profession."

Only 15 percent of all members of the IIMC have qualified for the Master Municipal Clerk Academy status.

City Manager David Brunson said it is indeed an honor not many city secretaries achieve.

"We're really, really proud of LeAnn for being qualified

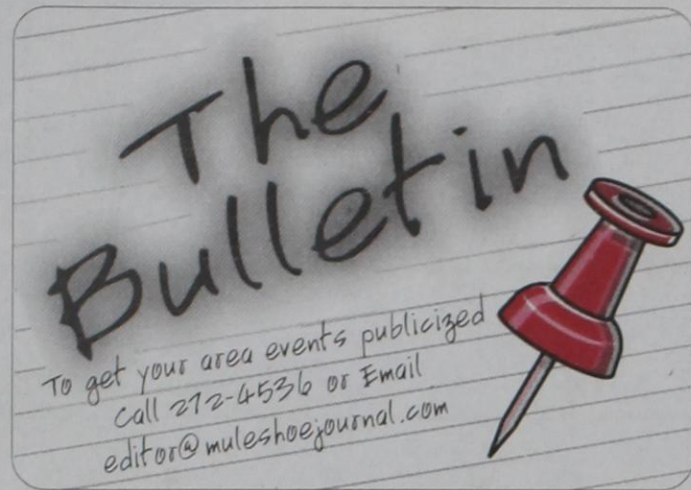
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Welcome to the world — Meet Kevin Loya, the first baby born in Bailey County in 2005. He was born Jan. 14 to Rosa Mendoza at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He has two siblings, Jacqueline Loya, 8, and Gustavo Loya, 7.

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Hamburger cookout for Project Graduation on Feb. 4

The parents of Project Graduation for the MHS class of 2005 will have a hamburger cookout Friday, Feb. 4, at the Watson Junior High Gym. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. The meal will consist of a hamburger or cheeseburger, trimmings, chips and dessert - for \$4.

The Mules and Lady Mules will be hosting teams from Levelland for the last home basketball game of the season that night.

Fine Arts Night to Shine

Fine Arts Night will be at 6:30 p.m., March 31, at the High School auditorium.

Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The choir will perform at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction and the band will perform afterward.

Calvary Baptist Youth selling cookies

The youth of Calvary Baptist Church are once again raising funds through their annual Valentine's Day Cookie Sale. Cost per cookie is \$5 or a cookie bouquet can be purchased for \$8.

The boxed and decorated nine-inch shortbread cookies with icing can be ordered by calling the church at 272-4012.

Ex-students reunion

Muleshoe High School Ex-Students Assoc. reminds all that it's time again to plan for the five year reunion of MHS Ex-Students. The last grand reunion was held on July 3, 2000.

This year, arrangements have been made to meet during the July 4th weekend.

A planning and business meeting is to be held at 6:30 p.m. today, Thurs., Feb. 3, at the senior citizen center, 319 S. Main in Muleshoe. All ex-students of MHS are urged to attend.

Shattered Dreams meetings set

These last three meeting are crucial to the success of our program. Please plan to attend. February 10 and 24, March 1, all three days at 6 p.m. at the cafeteria.

Volunteer training

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock is holding free volunteer training Feb. 22, 24, and 26 at the First Christian Church located at 2306 13th St. Training will be 6 - 9 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 24, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Feb. 26. For more information please call Lindsay Olson at (806) 748-5292.

Attention MHS students

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor. Final day to apply is March 16.

Fire department plans chili supper fund-raiser

Muleshoe Fire Department volunteers have planned an all-you-can-eat chili, beans and cornbread supper to be held at the Earl Ladd Fire Station, East 5th Street and American Blvd., on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is a \$5 donation to the department. Tickets are available from any firefighter or can be purchased at the door the night of the event.

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 (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about

these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA. 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.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and 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 email thompsn@fivearea.com.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes to the elderly

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children this holiday season. The ministry is designed to fulfill the gospel's call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To qualify, one must be over 60 years of age, be disabled or be a single mother with children living at home. The oil change will be provided by a local business and will be free. If you, or anyone you know of needs their vehicle services and meet the criteria, call (806) 965-2787 and a certificate will be sent to them.

The Jesus of the DaVinci Code

The Rev. Alvin Petty will be teaching "The Jesus of the DaVinci Code" at Clovis Community College, Room 145, on Mondays, Feb. 14, 21 and 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., New Mexico time. Learn the church history from which the novel is drawn. Call (505) 769-4760 for information.

Births

LOYA

Rosa Mendoza of Muleshoe announces the birth of a son, Kevin Loya, born at 10:11 p.m., Jan. 14, 2005, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 7-pounds, 1-ounce and was 20.5-inches long.

He has a sister, Jacqueline Loya, 8; and a brother, Gustavo Loya Jr., 7.

Maternal grandparents Carmen Mendoza, both of are Isidoro Mendoza and Mexico.



KEVIN LOYA

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An Old Story of One Man's Faith Challenges Our Faith

Long, long ago a very old man stood before the Roman proconsul in Smyrna who literally held over him the power of life or death. Old Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, had been taught by the apostles themselves and had known many others who had walked physically with the Lord Jesus Christ and with their own eyes had seen the risen Lord.

The proconsul urged Polycarp, "Have a regard for your life! Unless you give up your life, you will live. But if you refuse, you will die. And I will dismiss you. Revile Christ." The old man replied, "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me wrong. How can I now blaspheme my King that has saved me?" And he was burned at the stake rather than deny the Lord.

What a waste! What a senseless sacrifice! Unless, of course, Jesus Christ really is the risen Son of God and truly offers glorious life that never ends.

In some ways, and probably more often than we think, although most of us will never know what it's like to stand before the authorities and be forced to make such a stark choice, we do indeed meet each day the same decision old Polycarp faced. In attitude and action, do we confess the name of Jesus as Lord or do we deny Him?

To bow quietly before the Lord and spend some time in prayer. What an absolute waste of time! Unless, of course, God really is the Father who delights to hear our prayers and who will always answer with our very best interests at heart.

To roll out of a warm bed on a cold Sunday morning (or whenever) and head down to church to meet with others who love Christ Jesus and honor Him as Lord. What a waste of time and effort! Unless, of course, the Son of God really did walk up a hill carrying a cross for you. For me.

To write a check to a good church doing good work in the name of Christ, an offering to the Lord of the "first fruits" of your hard work. What a complete waste of money! And just think how much nicer your car or house or clothes could be if you didn't! Ridiculous! Mad-denying! Unless, of course, God really is God. And God really does own the cattle on a thousand hills. And God really is the Giver of all good gifts and everything we have is really His. And we really believe that it is impossible to out-give our giving God.

If I faced the decision of Polycarp—to choose to die for Christ or not—what would I choose?

I think I can know. I think the answer is all wrapped up in the answer to this question: Have I chosen right now, in actions and attitudes large and small, to live for the Lord?

And I don't have to wonder about that. I can know. So what do you think? Maybe all this faith stuff is just a waste of time and money. But if Jesus really is Lord, unbelief will turn out to be a very ugly mistake. It's not a mistake I want to make.

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

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

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Fired up — Muleshoe Volunteer Fireman Robert Hasley visited Kinder Steps preschool this past Monday morning and presented a program on fire safety to the children. Hasley demonstrated safety tips, including sounding the siren for the kids.

Senior Citizen News

The Oneita Wagon Senior Center continues to be a hub of activity for senior citizens of Muleshoe and the surrounding area.

By publication time, our first senior citizen dance will have been held in the Center.

A full report will be included next week.

We appreciate Sandy Vandevender as DJ for our first dance and trust we'll see him often at the Center.

Tentative plans are for Bobbie and Darrel Stephens of Clovis to be our DJs for the next two weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

We plan a senior dance every Tuesday.

At 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday refreshments/pot luck will be served. The cost is \$4 for each senior citizen and each is asked to bring a "covered dish".

Three volunteers are needed each week to help set up, etc. at 6 p.m. and to help with registrations and other responsibilities.

We appreciate Billie Harvey, Eva Atwood, Mary Nell Bleeker and Carl Bamert as host and hostesses for the first dance on Feb. 1.

We trust our local seniors will share the work to provide this "enjoyable evening out" at our Senior Center.

Our February birthdays will be observed at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Don't miss your birthday party!

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, will be a fun time at the Senior Center at noon. The Center looks festive in its

Valentine decor.

Wanda Kittrell and Shug Killough are providing refreshments for the February Tuesday morning games which begin at 9 a.m.

Many play games, some use the exercise equipment, others line up at 10 a.m. to take part in the exercise video, "Walk Away the Pounds."

We are seeing new faces at the Center as doctors are beginning to suggest to their patients to come to the Center and do exercise therapy. All are welcome.

We do appreciate Claude Riley for the nice Brunswick pool table which he recently donated to the Center. Some of the fellows insist that playing pool is great exercise.

Several ladies are taking up the game, so new competition has arrived.

The menu for next week is:

Monday, Feb. 7: Baked ham, navy or pinto beans, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad with French dressing, cornbread, pineapple cake.

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat roll, orange sections, pumpkin pie.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll, gelatin.

Thursday, Feb. 10: Sweet and sour pork, rice, Chinese vegetables, orange half, wheat roll, lemon pie.

Friday, Feb. 11: Lasagna, corn, green beans, cabbage salad, biscuits and mincemeat.

Honors

ART COMPETITION

Seven Muleshoe High School students will have their artwork on display at Wayland Baptist University's Abraham Art Gallery as the 2005 West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibit is on display.

Winners from Muleshoe include:

Gold Key: Tyler Davis, a junior, mixed media titled, "Self-Portrait."

Silver Keys: Jessica Hall, senior, drawing titled "Fairies;" and Andrew Padilla, senior, drawing titled "Family."

Honorable Mention: Thomas Bonds, senior, mixed media titled "Flip Side;" Alyssa Lopez, sophomore, painting titled "Me and Thee;" Madison Smith, junior, mixed media titled "Wild Side;" and Tyler Wood, senior, drawing titled "True Reflections."

As a Gold Key winner, Davis' work will advance to the national competition with the possibility of winning additional awards and scholarship dollars, as well as being part of the national exhibit.

Entries for the competition came from a 20-county region, with more than 1,400 entries received. A panel of three judges chooses the awarded pieces for the exhibit and further competition.

DIAZ

Elida Diaz of Muleshoe was nominated for South Plains College's 2005 Homecoming Queen, according to a news release from the college.

Diaz was nominated from the Hispanic Student Organization.

BLACK

Tyler Black has been named to the Fall 2004 Dean's Honor Roll at West Texas A&M University, the College of Agriculture, Nursing, Science and Engineering.

SEATON

Jay Kelly Seaton of Lazbuddie has been named to the Fall 2004 honor roll at Oklahoma State University. Seaton is a 2002 graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

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Nursing Home News

Thursday morning Anita Johnson assisted the residents in making a Valentine mail box in craft class. Residents participating were Gladys Wright, Alliene Lasiter, Cathy Wilson, Gladys Wilson, Delphine Gruda, Diane Copley and Jim Kee.

Following craft class, Zona Gatewood played music from long ago. Brenda Guzman FCS class from high school joined the residents in singing the songs.

The high school FCS donated the hall for Valentines as well as helping with some activities projects.

Thursday afternoon Bob and Robbie Awbrey hosted the January birthday party. Robbie baked five different kinds of cake as well as made two large batches of home-made candy. Michael Dean entertained with his electric piano. Lasting Impressions furnished boutonnieres and TY beanie babies and balloons for each birthday resident. Residents having a January birthday were Howard Awbrey, Hubert Elliott and Camilo Espinosa.

Friday morning W.T. and Pat Watson entertained the residents in the day room. The Watsons filled Park View with beautiful music that they played on the steel guitar and piano. Before the music session was over W.T. and Pat had played all the residents' favorite songs.

Saturday afternoon Joyce Hunter called the numbers for the Bingo Bash!

Buster Kittrell came and cut the men's hair on Saturday morning.

Sunday morning the Mulshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service.

Harold Burge or Buster Kittrell taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

Sunday afternoon, the

Cowboy Church directed the church services.

Rusty and Christie Whitt, the Rev. Monty Leavell, Dr. Stacy Conner visited the residents this week. Also Helen Cook and W.E. Meyers.

Tuesday morning Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for George Mitchell. Kim (Wilson) and Pat Watson also participated in the service as well as all that attended. Helen Cook, Marilyn Wilson, Linda Bomer and the residents attended.

Tuesday afternoon Beverly Wagnon, Eva Nell Dale, Josie Ovalle, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson, Janell Garrett and Pat Clark came and shampooed and set the ladies' hair.

Pat Young gave Alliene Lasiter a perm and Mollie Johnson a hair cut on Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Pat Prather served coffee, juice, sweet rolls to the residents at Coffee Time. Harold Burge read bits of wisdom and stumped us all with riddles.

Following Coffee Time, Sherry Wisian, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth directed our "Singspiration" and devotional time. Jo Ellen Cowart and Robin and Virginia Bowers also attended and partici-

pated.

Wednesday afternoon, Glenda Jennings and grandson Beau and Jackie Scoggins and granddaughter Elizabeth directed the Sing-a-long. Peggy Dent also participated in the singing.

Josie Ovalle gave Grace Plyler and Pauline Guinn a perm recently.

H. Elliott is visited by his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Linda Elliott several times a week.

Alliene Lasiter and G.R. Lasiter were visited by Joan Lewis on Wednesday.

Erma Templar was recently visited by her daughter-in-law Mrs. Jack Templar and Pat Clark.

Ruby Riley's daughter-in-law, Carolyn Riley, took Ruby to Lubbock for a doctor's appointment on Monday.

Morris and Robbie Nowlin receive many visits from their family during the week.

Marie Lane and Bill Lambert receive several visits a week from Mr. and Mrs. Woody Lambert and Freida Foss.

Juan Chavez visited the residents and staff at Park View on Wednesday.

Jimmy Dutton's sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Doug Logsdon visit him several times a week.



Lazbuddie Elementary October Students of the Month

— Front row, left to right; Cambree Glover, daughter of Brian and Shanna Glove, kindergarten; Regan Agee, daughter of John David Agee and Ginger Trimble, first grade; Jonathan Jesko, son of Dustin and Stephanie Jesko, second grade; Berenice Galvan, daughter of Hector and Rosario Galvan, third grade. Back row, left to right: Justin Schacher, son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher, fifth grade; Victor Godinez, son of Luis and Vickie Godinez,

fourth grade; Denise Sanchez, daughter of Luz Maria Sanchez, fourth grade; George Harder, son of Peter and Katharina Harder, third grade.

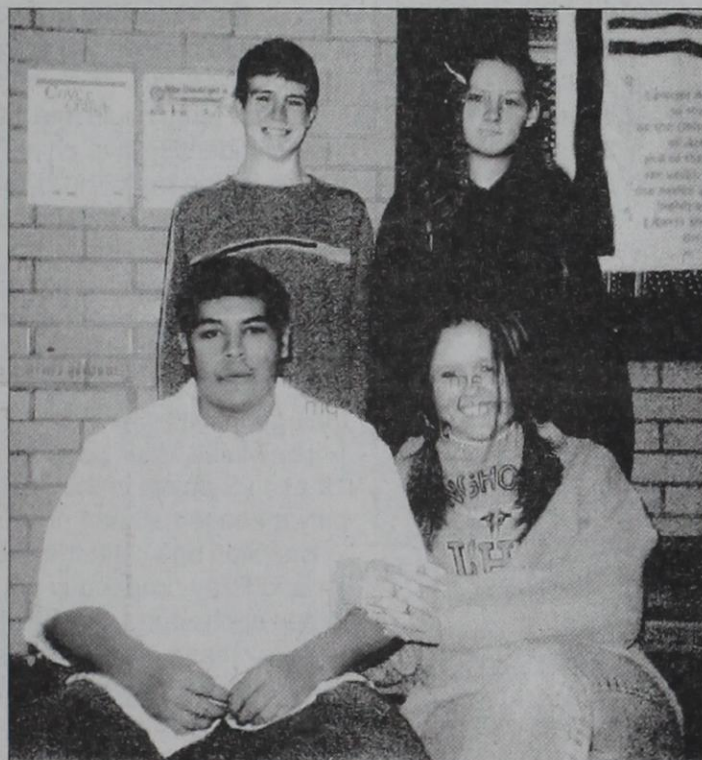
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Lazbuddie High School October Students of the Month

— Back row, Chase Timms, Helena Suderman. Front row, Jose Beliz, Amanda Schaeffer. Beliz is the 17-year-old son of Joe and Irene Beliz. He likes Lil Wayne and Starbursts. He would like to study to be a mechanical engineer. The little boy on the movie "Grudge" creeps him out. He was chosen as student of the month because everybody likes him and he's a schoolboy. His teachers say he is a hard worker. Schaeffer is the 17-year-old granddaughter of Jim and Barbara Ely. Her favorites are *Breaking Benjamin* and suckers. She would like to get her basic education by attending South Plains College and then transferring to Texas Tech to major in interior design and photography. Big, ugly spiders creep Amanda out. She was chosen as student of the month because she has good grades and gets the job done. Her teachers agree. Suderman is the 13-year-old daughter of Peter and Aganetha Suderman. She likes Eminem and Snickers. She has not decided on a college yet. She was chosen student of the month because she tries to make good grades and respects everyone around her. Helena's teachers say she is conscientious and works hard. Timms is the 13-year-old son of Chris and Jill Timms. He likes Toby Keith, Zero bars and Snickers. He would like to attend Duke University, Texas A&M or South Plains, majoring in engineering. Rats creep him out. He doesn't know why he was chosen as student of the month. His teachers say he respects others and does good work.

Hospital Report

Jan. 20 - Troy Ely, Calvin Embry, Gwendol Lasiter, Frances Purdy, Fabiola Regalado, Melson Seymore.

Jan. 21 - Lela Allison, Calvin Embry, Tammie Johnson, Frances Purdy, Cynthia Rivera, Melvin Seymore.

Jan. 22 - No report

Jan. 23 - No report

Jan. 24 - No report

Jan. 25 - Lela Allison, Clifford Buckner, Calvin Embry, Mary George, Frances Purdy, Melvin Seymore.

Jan. 26 - Lela Allison, Clifford Buckner, Calvin Embry, David Harder, Frances Purdy, Juana M. Reyes, Melvin Seymore.

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Arturo Marquez, Hereford	Char. hfr	410 lbs.	at \$120.00
Arturo Marquez, Hereford	2 Blk. hfrs	545 lbs.	at \$106.00
David Lamb, Morton	Char. hfr	555 lbs.	at \$100.00
Robert McCurry, Springlake	5 Mxd. hfrs	631 lbs.	at \$96.00
John Hill, Abernathy	9 Blk. hfrs	706 lbs.	at \$99.50
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Layne Koehn, Mulshoe	2 Red cows	860 lbs.	at \$49.75
Letha Wheeler, Mulshoe	Blk. cow	1355 lbs.	at \$53.00
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Mules edge Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Despite poor free throw shooting the Mules used tough defense to hold off the Littlefield Wildcats 54-52 this past Tuesday night as the Mules defended their home floor.

The Mules had a practice game Saturday afternoon in Slaton against the Mustangs of Sweetwater. The Mules free throw shooting improved to 8-of-12 as the Mules broke the Mustangs 67-47.

Tyler Sheets made the Mules only free throw in the final period against Littlefield. They fired up 14 charity tosses that did not find the mark in the final eight minutes. The Mules were 7-of-26 from the line in the contest.

The Mules were clinging to a 42-38 lead as the final quarter began. Littlefield went on a 7-2 scoring run to take only their second lead of the night at 44-45. They had a brief lead in the second period on back-to-back treys by Colby Huseman.

Chris Kindle reclaimed the lead for the Mules with a 3-pointer from the corner with almost six minutes left in the contest. The Mules never trailed after that. Brady Black picked off a Wildcat pass and drove the floor for a lay up.

Trent Black found Trevor Turnbow all alone in the lane for an easy bucket as the Mules opened a 51-45 lead with four minutes to go in the game. The Wildcats cut the margin to two before T. Black picked up a loose ball and drove the floor on a fast break.

The Wildcats, Huseman hit his third trey of the night with 22 seconds on the clock and cut the Mules, lead to a single point. Sheets made one-of-two from the line with

nine ticks to go.

T. Black and Kindle each had chances to increase the Mule margin from the line but their shots would not fall. Littlefield's desperation shot from near mid-court banged off the rim.

Trent Black said after the game, "We worked hard to get ready for this game because we knew Littlefield would play us a tough game. I think we were better prepared for them than they were for us. We definitely need to work on our free throw shooting before the next game."

Mule coach Ralph Mason was looking for volunteers to help free throw shooting after the game.

Arsenio Geter led the Mules with 12 points and Tyler Sheets dropped in nine. Kindle added eight points and T. Black and B. Black made seven points apiece. Turnbow had five points, Myles James four and Kory Atwood chipped in two.

The Mules shocked the Mustangs with their tough defense in the first period as the Mules raced out to an 18-5 advantage.

The Mules continued to pound the Mustangs in the second period with a 15-9 run to take a 33-14 lead to the dressing room at the half.

The two teams put up identical 16 points in the third period and the Mules out scored the Mustangs 18-16 in the final period.

"This was a practice game for us," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "But we did not want to go seven days with out playing and run the risk of losing our edge. We were better from the line in this game and Trevor (Turnbow) really did a good job of shooting the ball.

"He had five 3s and I do not remember him missing



Norm Brantley

Muleshoe's Trent Black shoots a jumper.

over two shots all afternoon. I was happy that everyone got in the game and scored. It was a good way for us to get ready for the second round of district."

Turnbow led the Mules with 15 points and B. Black had 13.

Kindle dropped in 10 points, Sheets eight and Atwood and Geter each had six points. Brad Henry made four points, T. Black and James had two each and Landon Wilson chipped in

one. The Mules traveled to Brownfield on Tuesday to meet the Cubs to start the second half of district. The Mules only home appearance in the last half will be Friday, Feb. 1.

The Mules host the Levelland Lobos for Senior Night in what could be a battle for a share of the district title. The Mules finish up the regular season on the road against Lubbock Cooper and Littlefield.

District Results

Tuesday Girls

Lady Mules (18-8, 4-1) defeated Littlefield (6-17, 1-4) 41-37
Lubbock Cooper (10-16, 3-2) defeated Brownfield (n/a, 0-5) 40-31
Levelland (19-6, 4-0) open

Boys

Mules (14-10, 3-1) defeated Littlefield (10-15, 1-2) 54-52
Brownfield (14-11, 1-2) defeated Lubbock Cooper (10-16, 0-3) 74-67 double OT

Friday Girls

Littlefield (7-18, 2-4) defeated Brownfield (n/a, 0-6) 43-23
Levelland (20-6, 5-0) defeated Lubbock Cooper (10-17, 3-3) 67-27
Lady Mules (18-8, 4-1) open

Boys

Levelland (17-10, 4-0) defeated Lubbock Cooper (10-17, 0-4) 54-29
Brownfield (15-11, 2-2) defeated Littlefield (10-16, 1-3)
Mules (15-10, 3-1) defeated Sweetwater 67-47 non-district game.

JV Mules slip past Littlefield, overwhelm Sweetwater, 71-45

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules battled back in the second period to take a 28-25 lead at the intermission against the Littlefield Wildcats.

The Mules hung on in the second half to down the Wildcats 43-39 last Tuesday night.

The Mules had a practice game in Slaton on Saturday afternoon against the Mustangs of Sweetwater. The Mules had an easier time with the Mustangs and out raced them 71-45.

Littlefield jumped on top of the Mules 4-11 in the first five minutes with only Brant Hamilton and Rudy Gonzales scoring for the Mules.

Gonzales added four-of-six from the charity line in the last three minutes of the period and Garrett Riley added two from the line. The Mules trailed 10-13 after one period.

Cory Wallace hit a trey from the right wing to tie the game as the second period began.

Riley and Kirby Kimbrough were perfect from the line in the first two minutes of the second period to give the Mules a 17-15 advantage with six minutes left before half.

The Wildcats tied the game before TJ Brantley found Kimbrough open on the base line for a bucket that put the Mules on top.

Littlefield would take one final lead with a bucket at the 4:18 mark.

Hamilton drained an 18-footer to put the Mules on top for good.

Cade Smith beat his man off the dribble from the top of the key and laid the ball up and in.

Eddie Alvarado drained a 3 from the corner and Gonzales picked a Wildcat's pocket and drove the floor to push the Mule lead to 28-22.

Littlefield canned a 3 to cut the Mule lead to 28-25 at the intermission.

Neither team could find the range in the third period as they put identical five points on the board.

The Mules out scored the Wildcats 10-9 in the final period with Hamilton putting in eight for the Mules.

Hamilton paced the Mules with 12 points and Gonzales and Riley each added eight.

Kimbrough dropped in four points, Wallace, Alvarado and Smith each had three points and Dustin Barker made two. The Mules owned a 30-20 lead at the intermission of their game with Sweetwater.

The Mules fired up their offense in the second half with 19 and 22 points in the final two periods. The Mustangs only managed 16 and nine in the last two quarters.

Hamilton again set the scoring pace for the Mules with 14 and Riley dropped in 10. Kimbrough and Eric Washington each added nine points and Alvarado scored eight. Brantley made six points, Smith five, Gonzales four, and Barker and Wallace had three points apiece.

The Mules traveled to Brownfield on Tuesday night and return home on Friday for their final home appearance of the season against the Levelland Lobos.

The Mules final two games are on the road in Lubbock Cooper and Littlefield.

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Lady Mules down Littlefield, 41-37

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

It's a good thing they don't judge basketball like they do figure skating or the Lady Mules could have had their second loss in district. But instead it is the scores that go in the book and the Lady Mules downed the feisty Lady Cats of Littlefield 41-37.

"It was not pretty," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Littlefield took us out of game tonight and made it a very ugly. The girls did not get rattled and continued to keep the lead most of the night. Littlefield did hang close to us all night long."

The Lady Cats never led in the contest but tied the game at 24-24 in the third period and 26-26 to start the final quarter. They again caught up to the Lady Mules with just over two minutes left in the contest at 35-35.

The Lady Mules only allowed Littlefield a single bucket in the final two minutes. Amber Cowart, Lindsey Wood, Brandi Wood and Kelsy Friskup made six-of-nine free throws in the last two minutes to ice the game for the Lady Mules.

Whitney Huseman dropped in a trey to begin the final quarter and fuel the Lady Cat's final run at Muleshoe. B. Wood answered with an eight-foot jumper that hung around on the rim before falling in for two points.

Ashley Cunningham scored inside for Littlefield to cut the Lady Mule lead to two points and a turn over gave the Lady Cats an opportunity to tie the game or take the lead.

B. Wood went high in the air and picked off a Lady Cat entry pass and found Kate Lepard racing down the floor. Lepard put a move on the Lady Cat defender that had gotten back on defense. Lepard finished the break.

The Lady Cats scored on their next two possessions to tie the game at 35-35.

L. Wood got the Lady Mules off to a fast start in the game with a pair of free throws and a half-court assist to Friskup on a fast break.

Friskup converted the charity toss to complete a three-point play and put the Lady Mules on top 5-0.



Muleshoe's Kate Lepard brings the ball downcourt.

Kasey Wood drained a three from the right wing to end the period with the Lady Mules on top 8-4.

Friskup was able to deny the Lady Cats their inside game by keeping Littlefield's Ashley Cunningham farther from the basket than she was comfortable.

Cunningham only had four points in the first half while Friskup had seven.

The Lady Mules held a 20-14 lead at the half but Littlefield cut the Lady Mule lead to 26-24 in the third with a pair of 3-pointers.

Friskup led the Lady Mules in scoring with 10 points and L. Wood added nine.

B. Wood scored eight points, K. Wood five and Lepard had four.

Ashley Dickson and Jamie Carpenter each dropped in two points and Cowart chipped in one.

The Lady Mules were idle on Friday night but traveled to Brownfield on Tuesday night to tangle with the Lady Cubs.

The Lady Mules final home appearance will be Friday, Feb. 1, Senior Night, when they host the Levelland Lady Loboettes in a battle for a share of the district lead.

The Lady Mules final regular season game of is at Lubbock Cooper on Feb. 8.

JV Lady Mules fall to Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Lady Mules dropped their third game in row to the Littlefield Lady Cats. The Lady Mules have been operating short handed due to injuries and family illness. The Lady Mule lost a hard fought battle to the Lady Cats 35-37 on a last second shot.

The two teams had battled to a 10-10 tie in the opening period.

Kyra Kimbrough had all 12 of the Lady Mule points in the second period as they out scored Littlefield 12-11 to take a 22-21 lead at the half.

The Lady Cats ran away from the Lady Mules in the third period with a 14-3 scoring run. They took a 25-35 lead into the final quarter. The Lady Mules clamped down on defense in the final quarter and held the Lady Cats to a single bucket.

Madison Myers opened the period with a fast break bucket and Brittany Ambriz hit a long two from the corner. Irma Torres followed with a 3-pointer from the same corner to cut the Lady Cat lead to 32-35.

Kimbrough hit her third trey of the night to tie the game with 3:21 left.

Neither team could find the basket until Littlefield hit a 12-footer just before the buzzer sounded.

Kimbrough set the scoring pace with 16 points and Torres had nine. Monica Posadas added four points and Shayla Hall, Ambriz and Myers had two points each.

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Eighth-grade Mules defeat Brownfield, finish season at home Monday

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Cubs of Brownfield quickly jumped in front of the eighth grade Mules with back-to-back buckets by their big post player.

The Mules clamped down the defense on the inside and out scored the Cubs 17-8 in the second period and cruised to a 48-40 victory.

Victor Vasquez found Lane Wood open running the baseline to stop the Cub scoring run.

Neither team could score for almost three minutes before Austin Wright hit Brian Poynor with a pass on the blocks.

Poynor gave his big defender a head fake and turned in the lane for a short jumper.

Poynor would add two free throws before the period ended with the Mules leading 6-4.

Vasquez finished a break to open the second frame and 10 seconds later he picked off a Cub pass and found Ray Ramirez open.

Ramirez was hammered on the shot but converted both shots from the charity line.

The Cubs answered with a pair of buckets before Poynor added two free throws.

Wes Wood answered a Cub trey with a put back of a backside rebound.

W. Wood pushed the Mule lead to 16-11 with a reverse layup.

The Cubs scored their final point of the half with a free throw. Nathaniel Chavez finished a fast break with just over a minute left in the half and W. Wood got the ball to Vasquez running on a break.

Chavez put back an offensive rebound and added a free throw for an old fashion three-point play. Chavez charity toss ended the half with the Mules leading 23-12.

The two teams played to a 10-10 dead lock in the third frame. L. Wood scored on a baseline jumper to start the final quarter.

The Cubs hit three treys during the quarter to cut into the Mule lead.

Dillon Gallman scored from the elbow as the Mules held on in the final minutes.

Poynor led the Mules in scoring with 17 points and Wes Wood added 10.

Vasquez and Chavez dropped in five points each, L. Wood four and Wright three.

Gallman and Ramirez each chipped in two for the Mules.

The Mules traveled to Levelland on Monday to meet the Lobos and the Mules finish the season Feb. 7 on their home floor against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates.

Ninth-grade Mules fall to Cubs

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The ninth grade Mules led the Brownfield Cubs 17-14 at the half but succumbed to full court pressure in second half.

The Cubs out scored the Mules 23-33 in the second half to take the game 40-47.

The two teams battled in the opening frame and the Mules came out on top 9-7.

Elias Alvarado answered a Cub bucket with a shot from the elbow.

Alvarado kept the Mules in front with a layup with five minutes left in the half.

Patrick Precure had a foot on the arc and was credited with two points as the period wound down. The Mules led 17-14 at the intermission.

Angel Regalado finished a fast break for the Mules as the second half began.

The Cubs went on an 8-2 scoring run to over take the Mules 21-23 with a minute and half left in the quarter.

Steven Dominguez stopped the scoring run with a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

The Cubs added five points in the final minute to take a 24-28 advantage into the final quarter.

Colby Carpenter chased down a long offensive rebound and hit Alvarado for a bucket.

The Cubs went on a 6-2 run to push their lead to 28-32 before Carpenter hit from the elbow.

The Cubs out scored the Mules 15-10 in the final four minutes of the game.

Alvarado paced the Mules with 11 points and Precure added nine.

Adam Zamora and Carpenter each added six points, Dominguez five, Regalado two and Dusty Clayton chipped in one.

The Mules traveled to Levelland Monday to meet

the Lobos. They return home Feb. 7 for their final game of the season against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates.

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WJHS names Students of the Week

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Seventh-grade Mules fall to Brownfield, 29-20

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Turnovers hurt the seventh-grade Mules as they fell behind the Brownfield Cubs early.

They could not make up the difference in the second half.

The Mules trailed 7-16 at the half and the Cubs held on to defeat the Mules 20-29.

Jared Skipworth dropped in a 3 in the opening period with 1:47 left. His 3-pointer was the only points the Mules could post and the Cubs led 3-6 to start the second period.

The Cubs opened a 3-14 lead before Caleb Conner drove from his wing position and made a reverse lay up. Skipworth picked off a Cub pass near mid-court and drove for the Mules final tally of the half.

Brownfield increased their lead to 7-19 when the second half began.

Skipworth canned a long deuce from the corner and

Larry Richardson dropped in a trey from the top of the key.

Brett Poynor added two from the charity line after being fouled on a drive down the baseline. Poynor's free throws cut the Cub lead to 14-20. The Cubs scored before the period ended to take a 14-22 advantage into the final quarter.

Poynor stopped a five-point scoring run by the Cubs with a pair of free throws. Skipworth stepped in the Cubs passing lane and grabbed the ball. He hit Poynor with a long outlet pass and Poynor finished the break.

Poynor picked a Cubs pocket late in the period and found Kyler Steinbock open for a layup.

Skipworth paced the Mules with seven points and Poynor added six. Richards made three points and Steinbock and Conner each chipped in two.

The Mules traveled to Levelland on Monday and finish the season on their home floor Feb. 7 when the Lubbock Cooper Pirates sail into Muleshoe.

Commentary

An agenda for a better America

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As great a nation as America is, there are always areas we need to address to manage changes in our economy and society. To that end, I recently joined my Senate colleagues to announce a "top ten" legislative agenda for the 109th Congress to set clear goals for the next two years to try to make our country a better place.

First, we are going to beef up our national security and support our military families. I am committed to expanding our resources to respond to bioterrorism and to acquire better technology to help the Department of Homeland Security detect, prevent, and apprehend terrorists.

The families of those soldiers making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom deserve our eternal gratitude. So we will work to increase the military death benefit to \$100,000. Our top domestic priority is to preserve and strengthen Social Security for future retirees. According to the 2004 Report of the Social Security Board of Trustees, beginning in 2018, the program's benefit payments will exceed the amount of payroll taxes being collected. The time to act is now, because every year we delay makes the cure that much more painful. I support President Bush's plan to offer younger Americans voluntary, personal accounts and we will consider other proposals to ensure this venerable program is there for generations to come.

Also high on our list is legislation to make our tax code fairer, more efficient, and much simpler. Over the past decade the length of the federal tax code has increased by 48 percent, requiring the average American to spend 23 percent more time filing the forms. We must do better. Adopting a less complex tax system will achieve greater tax fairness and be a significant boon to our economy. Promoting strong families is another priority. When we passed family tax relief in 2001, including a greater child tax credit and relief from the marriage penalty, we did so under the constraints of a 10-year limit. Those tax cuts were among the most effective ever passed and generated significant economic growth. Working families really saw the difference in their disposable income. So we want to make this permanent. People need to know that in 2011, they're not going to have to pay \$1,500 more, on average, because the marriage penalty is back. As a Texan, I will also work to keep the sales tax deductible from federal income taxes.

No list of legislative goals would be complete without a comprehensive energy bill. To boost our national and economic security, we must increase domestic energy production as well as our energy efficiency. A good start would be to enhance incentives for alternative energy such as wind, solar, and clean-burning coal.

We also want to sustain the job creation momentum we started with passage of tax relief in each of the past four years. Congress should make these tax cuts permanent to reduce the tax burden on individuals and small businesses and free up investment to create new employment opportunities for all Americans.

Our fellow countrymen also need to be fully prepared to compete in the 21st Century. Learning is a life-long process. From pre-school Head Start programs to improvements in primary and secondary education, we want to encourage accountability and results. Addressing the cost of higher education and providing incentives for Americans to enter the teaching profession are key aspects of our agenda as well.

An additional item on our list is to rein in out-of-control class action lawsuits, which prop up costs for consumers and harm the economy. This legislation would establish federal jurisdiction where the amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million and any member of the plaintiff class is a citizen of a different state than the defendant.

We must address problems in our health care system. This includes measures to make vaccines more readily accessible, improve public health preparedness, and increase the availability of affordable health care coverage through association health plans and expanded health savings accounts.

We want to promote families and protect children. The Child Custody Protection Act would strengthen state parental notification laws by making it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines to circumvent these statutes.

We have a lot to do in the 109th Congress. Together, we can get the job done, which is why my number one priority is always listening to my Texas constituents and representing their views in Washington.

Honors

CCC announces Fall 2004 Vice Presidential Scholars list

The following area students were named to the Fall 2004 Vice Presidential Scholars list, according to Dr. Becky Rowley, executive vice president.

The students earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more credits during the semester.

- They are:
- Bovina:** Annabel Loe, Josh Quintana, Diego Ruiz.
 - Earth:** Kayla Claybrook, Lorenzo Trevizo.
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 - Muleshoe:** Lucy Anguiano, Kristin Fulton, Connie Kemp, JoAnn Mendoza, Bridget Reyna, Jamie Smyer.
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TWYLA GEAR

Gear feted with shower

A shower for Twyla Gear, daughter of Joe and Gayla Gear of Muleshoe, was held Jan. 30, 2005, in the home of Alice Liles. She is the bride-elect of James Polasek of Ropesville, the son of Loretta and Gene Polasek.

Special guests attending included Mekayla Polasek, daughter of the groom from Ropesville; Loretta Polasek, mother of the groom from Ropesville; Gayla Gear, mother of the bride from Muleshoe, Maurine Hooten, grandmother of the bride from Muleshoe; Hollye Hooten, aunt of the bride from Muleshoe; and Amy Turner, cousin of the bride from Lubbock.

Hostesses were: Hellen Adrian, Michele Barton, Cindy Purdy, Debbi Hutto, Connie Kenmore, Linda Wood, Sally Messenger, Cindy Barrett, Pat Young, Jo Jinks, Ruth Locker, Diana Harrison, Rickie Warren, Lanelle Skaggs, Joan Lewis, Carol Cox, Alice Liles and Lindy Schuster.

The hostess' gifts were a Bissell vacuum cleaner and a Rival crock pot.

Library News

Storytime for children ages 2 to 11 is every Tuesday from 4:00 - 5:00. Storytime programs for the month of February:

Feb. 1 - Bad Hair Day
We are going to read one of my favorite books, "Stephanie's Ponytail" by Robert Munsch

Feb. 8 - Love
We will be celebrating Valentine's Day today. We will read books, sing songs and learn fingerplays.

Feb. 15 - Picky Eaters
We will be talking about children who are very picky about their food. We will be singing the song "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" She wasn't a very picky eater, now was she?

Feb. 22 - Crazy Critters
We will be reading stories about some animals that are doing some crazy things. "Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing" by Judi Barrett and "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type" by Doreen Cronin. Do you really think cows can type?

The library has purchased:

Light on Snow by Anita Shreve

Demon Rumm by Sandra Brown

Nights of Rain and Stars by Maeve Binchy

The Broker by John Grisham

Northern Lights by Nora

Roberts
Blue Dahlia by Nora Roberts

Dyan's picks of the month:

Picture books:
Stephanie's Ponytail by Robert Munsch

This is one of my very favorite children's books!

Junior Chapter Books:
The Magic Shop Book Series by Bruce Coville

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher; The Monster Ring; Jennifer Murdley's Toad; The Skull of Truth

These books talk about bullying, being responsible, learning that the outside of a person isn't as important as the inside and lying!

Youth Fiction:
Are You There God, It's Me Margaret. By Judy Blume

This book discusses some of the hard topics all younger girls have to handle.

Adult Fiction:
Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks

This is one of those books that just touches your heart. You just have to read it!

Keeping Faith by Jodi Piccolt

I'm suggesting this book because I want others to read it so I can discuss it with them. I have questions left after reading this book!

Adult Non-Fiction:
The Seven Dumbest Re-

lationship Mistakes Smart People Make by Carolyn N. Bushong

We won't even discuss how many of these mistakes I have made!

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Commentary

What is diabetes?

Am I at risk?

By Mandi Seaton, Bailey Count Extension Agent-FCS

Type 1 diabetes is when the body, for unknown reasons, stops producing insulin. As a result, glucose cannot get into the cells. With type 2 diabetes, the body produces insulin, but doesn't properly use the insulin.

Anyone can get diabetes. Statistics show about 17 million Americans have diabetes. Of this 17 million, over 5 million don't know they have it. A simple blood test by a physician or health care provider is required for a diagnosis. Symptoms of diabetes include: Failing eyesight, frequent urination, feeling tired, having a sore that will not heal, "tingling" or loss of feeling in your feet.

Being older, overweight, and physically inactive can increase your risk of developing diabetes. Being aware of the symptoms, can lead to an earlier diagnosis of the disease. After the age of 45, you should have your blood glucose level checked every three years.

For more information on living with diabetes—especially Type 2—plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program in Muleshoe, hosted by the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition and Texas Cooperative Extension. Contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583 for more information.

In the past decade or so, research has improved and expanded the dietary choices of people with diabetes. No longer are they limited to the exchange method of meal planning.

Recent focus has been on carbohydrate counting. Because starches and sugars—carbohydrates—account for most of the glucose in the blood, especially right after eating, many health professionals believe glucose levels can be better controlled if dietary carbohydrates are better controlled.

In addition to counting carbohydrates, people with diabetes also benefit from controlling portions. Both techniques are important keys in planning meals and controlling glucose levels.

COUNTING CARBOHYDRATES: Because carbohydrates affect blood sugar levels more than other foods, and because controlling blood sugar levels help prevent the start of diabetes complications, focusing on and controlling carbohydrate intake can make a difference in blood glucose levels.

The more starches and sugars—carbohydrates—you eat, the harder it is to control blood glucose.

Research has shown the amount of carbohydrates in foods is more important than what kinds

of carbohydrates are eaten. That means people with diabetes can occasionally eat sweets as long as they count the carbohydrates in those sweets. But remember: Sweets usually also have a high fat content, and so are more likely to provide more "empty calories" with less nutrition than other foods.

Carbohydrates—starches and sugars such as those found in pasta, beans, cereal, fruits, rice, bread, vegetables, juices, milk and other dairy products, and anything made with added sugar such as cakes, candy and pie—are an important part of nutrition. Counting carbohydrates can allow for variation in foods eaten every day by provided a variety of choices. It can also be used to match and adjust insulin to food intake.

In order to count carbohydrates, you must know: how many grams of carbohydrates your body needs each day; how many grams of carbohydrates are in different foods; and how to use this process in planning meals.

As a broad rule of thumb, about half of the daily calories should come from carbohydrates. But because everybody is different, individual carbohydrate needs will vary from person to person. To find out how many grams of carbohydrates you should eat each day, work with your health care professional, such as a dietitian or certified diabetes educator.

For more information on diabetes and portion control, see next week's paper.

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Obituaries

JUSTA FLORES

Services for Justa Flores, 74, of Muleshoe were Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with Father Filomeno Cabulosan officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Flores died Jan. 26, 2005, in the Mi Casita Nursing Home in Lubbock. She was born June 28, 1930, in Yorktown. She married Juan Antonio Flores in September of 1956, in Mercedes.

Mrs. Flores had lived in Muleshoe since 1969, moving here from Mercedes. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jose Rodriguez.

Survivors include her husband of Lamesa; five sons, Juan and Lee Roy Flores, both of Muleshoe, Tony Flores of Lubbock, Abelino Flores of Levelland, and Rudy Flores of Raleigh, N.C.; two daughters, Diana Gallegos and Liberty Hernandez, both of Muleshoe; two sisters, Adela Alanis of Phoenix, Ariz. and Guadalupe Gonzalez of Edinburgh; a brother, Juan Rodriguez of Toledo, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road, Ste. 3, Lubbock, TX. 79407 or Mi Casita Nursing Home, 2400 Quaker Ave., Lubbock, TX. 79410.

DANNY C. WOOLAM

Services for Danny C. Woolam, 52, of Levelland were Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Morton with the Rev. Dee Woolam and minister Jon Foster officiating. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Woolam died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born June 17, 1952, to Thomas Clinton and Buna Faye Hayes Woolam in Clovis.

He married Chris Akins on Aug. 7, 1980, in Lubbock.

Mr. Woolam moved to Texas from Clovis with his parents in the late 1950s. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-1975. He was a Vietnam veteran.

He graduated from South Plains College with an associates degree in electronics and worked in that industry for 20 years.

In 1999, the Woolams moved to Levelland from Austin to be closer to their children, where he started his own self-storage business.

In 2001, the couple purchased the *Morton Tribune*. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Morton.

Survivors include his wife of Levelland; a daughter, Heather Woolam Scoggins and husband Brent of Morton; a son, Bradley Clinton Woolam and wife Michele of Lubbock; a brother, Dee Woolam and wife Laura of Sundown; a grandmother,

Nina Parmenter of Sundown; and seven grandchildren, Katie, Cailer and Jacob Woolam, all of Lubbock and Lane, Caleb, Holli and Brighton Scoggins, all of Morton.

Mr. Woolam was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pattie Jan Woolam.

RALPH O'DELL WENNER

Ralph O'Dell Wenner, 84, of Del Rio and formerly of Lazbuddie, died at home on Jan. 22, 2005.



WENNER

He was born Nov. 12, 1920, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Frank Leslie and Josephine Henry Wenner.

The family moved to a farm near Lazbuddie on Jan. 4, 1927. Mr. Wenner next relocated to San Diego, Calif., and later went into the service where he served during World War II, earning several medals and a Purple Heart. Afterwards, he returned to San Diego where he worked in the Convair airplane factory for 28 years and owned orange groves.

He then came back to Texas and farmed in the Hub Community.

He then went back to San Diego for a few years before moving to his ranch near Del Rio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Reafor, Delter and Gilbert; and two sisters, Deola Merriott and Dorris Ashford.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemarie Wenner of the home; two granddaughters, Maritza Strati of Del Rio and Katya Strati of Italy; two great-grandchildren, Alex Navarro and Veronica Monguzzi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

ANTONIO S. ALFARO

Services for Antonia S. Alfaro, 67, of Muleshoe were Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at Roca De Salvacion Nazareno Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Rafael Quezada officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Alfaro died Jan. 27, 2005, in Lubbock. She was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Castolon. She married Manuel Alfaro Sr. in Mexico on Oct. 18, 1971.

She was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Alfaro in 1968; and three sisters, Ruth Salazar, Cuca Salazar and Agustina Leyva.

Mrs. Alfaro had lived in Muleshoe since 1975, moving from Amherst.

She attended Roca De Salvacion Nazareno Church in Muleshoe. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by four sons, Manuel Jr., Juan and Oscar Alfaro, all of Muleshoe and Jonas Alfaro of Lubbock; seven daughters, Oralia Sotelo, Olivia Barrera, Lydia Alfaro, Sonia Rejino and Nora Cruz, all of Muleshoe, Irma Marquez of Clovis, and Erika Lopez of Lubbock; five step-children,

Ponciano, Angelina and Esperanza Alfaro, Maria Torres and Irene Sanchez; two sisters, Petra Garcia of Fabens and Amelia Macias of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Felipe Salazar of Homestead, Fla., Jesus Salazar of Alamogordo, N.M. and Mario Salazar of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 27 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

BERYL WINGO

Services for Beryl Wingo, 93, of Littlefield were Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery in Littlefield.

Mr. Wingo was born May 8, 1911, in Abilene. He died Jan. 28, 2005, in Littlefield.

He married Mildred "Pet" Fowler on June 21, 1932, in Clovis. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Muleshoe, and had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1941. He was the salutatorian of the 1928 graduating class at Sudan High School.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Church in Big Sandy and a member of Masonic Lodge No. 1237 in Muleshoe. He was a farmer.

Mr. Wingo was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 14, 1989; a son, Robert Earl Wingo in 1979; and two brothers, T.P. Wingo in 2002 and John Hubert Wingo in 1995.

Survivors include a son, James Dale Wingo of Richardson; two daughters, Mary Ellen Anderson of Amarillo and Linda Beth Lane of Littlefield; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 300 S. 1st Ste. 110; Muleshoe, TX 79347 or First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 507 W. 2nd, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

CLIFF BUCKNER

Services for Cliff Buckner, 66, of Muleshoe were Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Bennie Wright of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park, Muleshoe.



BUCKNER

Mr. Buckner died Jan. 30, 2005, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He was born March 17, 1938, in Decatur.

He married Rose Bush on Nov. 7, 1959, in Whitharral.

He had lived in Muleshoe since 1962, moving from Levelland.

He was the owner and operator of Cliff's Tire Company in Muleshoe.

He attended Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe and was a member of the Littlefield Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of Muleshoe; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary Lynn

and LaDonna Herring of Amarillo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Gary Johnson of Muleshoe and Edna and Roger Cockrell of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice of Plainview; 4418 Olton Road, Plainview, TX 79072.

MARY LOU LANCASTER

Graveside services for Mary Lou Lancaster, 90, of Garland were Dec. 6, 2004, at Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple with the Rev. J. Clay Womack officiating.

Mrs. Lancaster died at home on Dec. 2, 2004, five days short of her 91st birthday.

She was born at the Neal family farm in Pendleton, the second child of Denny and Eula Pernice Wormelduff Neal. She married D.B. Lancaster of Oenaville at her home in Temple on June 11, 1937. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Garland.

A retired math teacher, she was a 1937 graduate of San Marcos State Teachers College and taught in Youngsport, Muleshoe, Henderson and Florence.

Her husband, Darrell Boyd Lancaster, a pioneer in bringing electricity to rural Texas, preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2003.



LANCASTER

She taught math in Muleshoe High School from 1952-1967 while her husband was manager of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative and Five Area Telephone Cooperative.

Survivors include two children, Linda Lou (Lancaster) Brown, a 1956 graduate of Muleshoe High School, now of Columbia, Mo., and Darrell B. Lancaster, Muleshoe High School graduate of 1961, now of Garland; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren, Lance

Memorials may be made to: Methodist Children's Home, Box 5010, Waco, TX., 76708-9989.

GLENNIS WHISENANT SPENCER

Chapel services for Glennis Whisenant Spencer, 74, of Lamesa were Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Branon Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Spencer died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Nov. 1, 1930, in Lamesa. She married Charles Frank Spencer Dec. 23, 1946, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death Sept. 13, 1993.

The Spencers lived in

Lamesa, Lake Thomas, Bronco and Plains for 28 years before retiring to Lake Brownwood. Mrs. Spencer moved back to Lamesa in 1994 after her husband's death. She worked at the county clerk's office in Yoakum Co. and was a lifetime resident of Dawson Co. She had been a member of Northside Baptist Church for 11 years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Lena Sue Whisenant, and a brother, Floyd Whisenant.

Mrs. Spencer is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Wanda Spencer of Lamesa; one daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Jim Pat Claunch of Bula; one brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Freda Whisenant of Lamesa; one sister and brother-in-law, Mickie and Norman Roper of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Corie Langford of Amarillo, Sterling Spencer of Granbury and Jacen Claunch of Bula; three great-grandchildren, Curtis Johnson of Amarillo and Cheyenne and Stephanie Spencer of Granbury.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe First Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church or to one's favorite charity.

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Agricultural News

Ag marketing seminar rescheduled

AMARILLO - A two-day Advanced Topic Series seminar originally scheduled for Dec. 16-17 has been rescheduled for Feb. 9-10. The seminar is designed to help agricultural producers better understand futures and options, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"We will focus on how options fit with cash sales and hedging in a marketing plan, why options work and when they don't work," said Steve Amosson, Extension economist based at Amarillo. "We will also discuss development of marketing strategies and how to use these strategies based on market conditions."

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo. Alan Brugler of Brugler Marketing and Management will lead the workshop. Brugler, a former director of marketing for Data Transmission Network, provides a market commentary for the network.

"He developed the Brugler Cycle Indicator used by many market traders, and has more than 20 years experience as a commodity analyst," Amosson said. "We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training."

Registration is \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Spouses can attend for the same fee, as long as the couple shares materials, Amosson said.

Pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is Feb. 9. To register or to get more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600. Registration forms are also available at Extension offices.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops statewide each year. Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Amosson said.

The series is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

Meteorites - The Unexpected Cash Crop

By McCartney Taylor, BS, ME, EIT, IMCA, DMA

Keep a sharp lookout. There's a crop in your fields that you may not even know is there. Unless you were nearby when it came in, and if that is the case, you'll never forget it for the rest of your life.

I refer, of course, to meteorites.

A cotton farmer near Lubbock wanted to remove a large stone that was going to possibly damage his equipment from his field. When he picked it up, he got a surprise.

What should have been about a 15-pound stone weighed 37 pounds. It was then he knew something was odd about the rock and stored it for 5 years in his garage. Finally in October 2004, it was discovered to be a meteorite, and he got a nice check for it.

Meteorites are not the glowing kryptonite lumps you remember from cartoons. In fact, our ideas from Superman may be why most people don't recognize meteorites when they see them. Meteorites are not porous like lava rocks; they look more like rusty limestone rocks. In fact, Caliche, the water-deposited whitish mineral, will form on them after a few decades. Oh, and take

a guess which occupation finds the most meteorites in the world? Yes, you guessed it - farmers.

The science of meteorites, called meteoritics, is still undecided about how many meteorites are on the ground. However, a current best guess is about one meteorite per 5.5 acres. One meteorite may only be the size of a pea and probably can't be found. Larger meteorites, perhaps the size of a golf ball, may exist every 100 to 200 acres, and these might be turned up by a plow. The occasional whopper, football sized or larger, may show up every 1,000 acres or so and a plow will definitely catch it.

The drier the ground, the longer meteorites will last before weathering into soil. Estimates are from 50 years in wet areas to 10,000 years in North African deserts. Due to drier soil conditions, cotton farmers have an advantage of finding a meteorite. These numbers, of course, are variable and dependant on many things, like rainfall, geology, soil chemistry, etc.

There are three types of meteorites:

1. Stone,
2. Iron, and
3. Stony-Iron.

Ninety-three percent of all meteorites are of the stoney type, 6% are the iron type, and 1% are of the stony-iron type. Meteorites can further be divided between falls and finds. Falls are meteorites which are seen to fall, complete with fireball in the sky and sonic boom. Finds are just

meteorites found on the ground, often hundreds of years after they fall.

In the vast number of cases, farmers will plow up a stone meteorite. Most of the time, these meteorites are tossed into the 'rock pile' or a ditch, to be lost to science. If the farmer is curious about an oddly heavy rock, it might be saved to be identified as a meteorite.

Identifying a meteorite:
Stone Types: This is the type most commonly found. A stone meteorite is a rock with about 25% iron in it. This will make it unnaturally heavy,

which is the first clue to notice. Naturally, the iron in it will rust in moist climates and it will simply look like a rusty rock on the ground. The outside will be dark brownish rust color, with the inside being either black, ash grey, brown, or even white.

Testing is easy.
• Test #1 - Does it attract a magnet? Put a magnet (a refrigerator magnet is fine) on a string and bring it close to the suspected meteorite.
• Test #2 - Is it heavier than a normal rock? Meteorites will commonly seem twice as

heavy relative to native limestone rock and solid with no holes.

• Test #3 - Are metal flakes present? If you can grind a little corner of the rock, you may see small specks of shiny metal. You barely have to grind the rock to see this, 1/32 of an inch is plenty.

• Test #4 (Optional) - Chondrules? If it's a broken piece, you might see tiny little balls called chondrules that look like small bb's the size of

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Chamber ribbon cutting



Open for business — New Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture member KK's Clothes & More cut their grand opening ribbon this past Tuesday morning. The store, located in the former Damron Drug location on Main Street, specializes in gently used clothing and other items. Pictured here are (l-r): Heather Foley, Chamber vice president, store co-owner Kim Cook holding Cody "Bug" Cook, co-owner Karen Carpenter, and Chamber Board members Terral King and Mark Beard.

Military News

Army Pvt. Russell W. Muleshoe, graduate of Muleshoe High School. Byers has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The private is a 1999 School.

During the eight weeks of training, he received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

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Meteorites, continued from pg. 12

a pinhead.

A magnifying glass will help here. Not all meteorites have these, but if you see these and Tests 1-3 are positive, then it's a meteorite.

Iron Types:

• Test #1 - Does it attract a magnet?

• Test #2 - Are the edges rounded and smooth? Meteorites have no sharp edges; the fiery entry to earth melted them smooth.

• Test #3 - Is it solid and lacking bubble holes? Needless to say, iron meteorites are very heavy and solid.

• Test #4 (Optional) - Does it have 'thumbprints' on it? Small dimples form on the outside of some meteorites. These look like someone squished their thumbprint into soft clay.

I encourage every farmer to keep a small magnet stuck to his tractor or in his combine. The magnet test on a suspicious heavy rock in the field will quickly filter out junk rocks from ones worth examining closer at home.

While meteorites may just be heavy rusty rocks, they still have value to universities and museums. To encourage recovery of more meteorites; the author is putting a bounty of up to \$100/pound. A recovery bounty is an 80-year-old tradition from the days of Dr. Nininger, the father of modern meteoritics. (Back then it was \$1/pound)

Oh, about that cotton farmer near Lubbock, his whopper meteorite brought him \$3,300. How's that for a rusty brown rock?

If you think you have found

a meteorite let us know, we request that any possible meteorite pass Test #1 and #2. The author can be reached at mt@blackbartdata.com or at 512/773-7811. The easiest thing to do is to mail a piece of it in and let us sort out the meteorites from the 'meteorwrongs'.

McCartney Taylor is a petroleum engineer and bookstore owner. He's an avid field researcher for meteorite recovery, traveling throughout Texas and Mexico.

He's been a member of the Meteoritical Society which focuses on Planetary Sciences, and he's currently active with the International Meteorite Collectors Association (member #2760).

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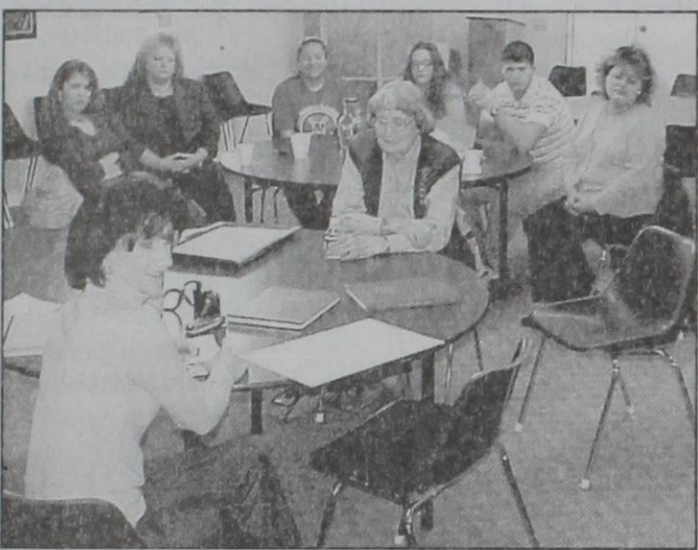
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An introduction — Above, Jim Allison introduces Jean Allison to Christine Smith, a *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reporter. Smith came to the depot on Friday, Jan. 21 to gather information for an article on the Muleshoe Heritage Center to appear in the Lubbock paper.

Let's talk — Below, Christine Smith, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reporter, interviewed Muleshoe Heritage Board members (not pictured) and Student Community Action Club member Shanna Rempe, sponsor Jessie Hanna, members Minerva Martinez, Ashley Beggs, SCAC president Niclas Green, ex-SCAC member Laura Leal, and Junior Historical Society founder and Bailey County History book initiator Lavonne McKillip.



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have lived in Bailey County for at least the last six months.

"If someone is interested, they can contact me or bring a letter or resume by and let me know they want to be considered," Cox said. "If they want to meet with the court on Monday at 10 a.m., they're welcome to come. It would be in their best interest to come to that meeting if they really want to be considered for the job."

Cox said her decision to retire after 14-plus years on the job came with mixed emotions.

"My husband Reagan is retiring so I am, too," she said. "Our plans are to travel some. We have an RV and a grandbaby that lives in California, along with our son and daughter in law and three other grandchildren who live in Temple. We'll visit them. Then, we're just going to pray and see how God would like for us to serve him in the

New application process announced for some commercial driver's licenses

Beginning Jan. 31, anyone applying for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a hazardous materials endorsement must undergo a security threat assessment. Beginning May 31, drivers who already have a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement will be required to undergo the security threat assessment when they renew their license.

The security threat assessment is required by Section 1012 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

The threat assessment includes the collection of the applicant's fingerprints and verification of the applicant's citizenship, immigration eligibility or permanent legal presence in the United States.

Applicants for hazardous materials endorsements will be required to meet all standard federal regulations for the class of license sought, complete all required forms and testing and pay the necessary fees.

If these requirements are satisfied, DPS will issue the applicant a CDL without the hazardous materials en-

dorsement until the TSA completes the threat assessment process.

DPS will provide the applicant with a fingerprint card to take to a local law enforcement agency to initiate the required background check. The local law enforcement agency will require the applicant to produce a valid Texas CDL for identification purposes, so applicants may not initiate the fingerprinting process before receiving the new license. Once fingerprinted, the applicant will mail the fingerprint card and a \$73 cashier's check or money order to DPS using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope they were given when they applied. (The local law enforcement agency may charge a fee for the fingerprinting service.)

For more detailed information regarding the Act, including the waiver and appeal process, is available at the TSA website at <http://www.tsa.gov> <<http://www.tsa.gov/>>. CDL holders with additional questions regarding the Act's requirements should contact their local driver license office or the License Issuance Bureau - CDL Section at 512/424-2010.



Quenching your thirst - The new ice machine/water dispenser has been installed at Park View thanks to Muleshoe citizens who donated money to the Christmas Card Project. The machine cost several thousand dollars but is well worth it, according to nursing home residents like Diane Copley (center) who uses it daily. Pictured with Copley are (left) Joyeline Costen, head of the Christmas Card Project, and Stancell.

The Wilcox family would like to especially thank Dee & Joanna Martinez, Kristin & Tyler Rice and all of those individuals who helped with the benefit roping. Thank you also for all of the food and other donations for the auction.
Dink, Barbra & Cheyayne Wilcox

The family of **Maria Teresa Valdez** would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers and kindness extended to us during the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Special thanks to the Guadalupe Society for the beautiful rosary recital and meal provided to us and to the Catholic coro for the music. Everyone's love, kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered and appreciated.
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Gallman from front pg.

to be accepted and also for having the ambition to do it," Brunson said. "There's a lot of hard work that comes with that. I admire her for doing that. She's already an asset to the city, this will just make her more of an asset." Gallman said she sees the whole process as personal growth for herself and a benefit for the city.

"It's a way to stay as informed and up-to-date as possible for the city," she said. "As city secretary, I'm responsible for all the keeping all the records of the city; keeping the city council up to date on rules and regulations, law changes; making sure the city complies with state statutes; staying up to date with election changes."

Keeping current on election law alone is a big job and with the city ready to call an election on May 7, her workload is increasing.

"There's always changes in the election law," Gallman said. "I just got back from election law seminar in Austin and they'll be bigger changes coming in the next year. That's something we have to stay on top of."

Gallman credits both the council and city manager with the city's continued progress and growth.

"I think Muleshoe is progressive and it shows in our continued growth," she said. "It's such an honor to get to serve our citizens - to be a public servant. I think the council and city managers have kept our town vibrant and alive."

Gallman has been employed with the City of Muleshoe since December 1980, serving as utility billing clerk and deputy city secretary before being appointed to her current position in March, 1999.

Gallman has been a member of IIMC since May, 1999.

Bass from front pg.

He admits to stay in farming, you have to be a bit of a gambler. But the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.

"I stay in it for the life-style," Bass said. "You have to want to farm to farm. It's a good life. It's a tough life and it's getting tougher. When I first started, you did a lot of labor work, now it's a lot more management. It's a business."

And the business of farming isn't attracting that many newcomers these days.

"There's getting to be less and less of us. I'm 38 and probably one of the younger farms. I can't tell you for sure, but the average age of farmers today is close to 40."

"That's getting serious because the young kids don't want to get in the business because it's so hard. So what's going to happen when all the farmers here are gone. You'll have to depend on the rest of the world to grow our food and that will be bad."

But for now, Bass and his family plan to enjoy the perks that came with the national recognition. (He did win third place Texas in 1999.) He will be recognized at an awards banquet set for Tuesday, Feb. 22, in conjunction with the first North American Grain Congress in Reno, Nev.

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She received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation in April, 2003. She has also served as chair of the Certification Committee with the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and as secretary and chair of the Nominating Committee with the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association.



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Enter any child born in 2004 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the March 24 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2004 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 201 W. Ave. C, 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, March 28, 2005. NOTE: Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, March 18 at 5 pm



Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

Baby's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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For more information, call the Journal office at 272-4536 or Email: ctyankee@fivearea.com. Pictures must be received by Monday, Feb. 7 to be included.