

Muleshoe Journal

Court approves burn ban variance

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court approved a burn ban variance during Monday's regular meeting to allow L&L Pallet Company to dispose of several months of accumulated pallets and other trash.

Frank Landry of L&L Pallet addressed the court Monday, talking about the growing trash problem at his business, located west of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

"We see it on the verge of becoming a hazard," Landry told the board, speaking not only of the potential fire hazard the enormous stack of waste wood and other combustible items posed but also the health hazard it presented as more and more rodents sought refuge in the debris.

While all of the county commissioners expressed an understanding of the problem L&L faced, comparing it with similar problems others businesses and farms were having because of the burn ban the court implemented due to the extreme dry weather, they were also concerned about the potential danger to surrounding property should a controlled burn get out of control.

Commissioner Joey Kindle asked Landry about liability insurance and learned that L&L had such insurance in place. Landry also said company employees would be on hand with a 1,000 gallon tanker truck in the event fire escaped the pallet

A burn ban is in effect in Bailey County

company's burn pit.

"We just want to solve a problem before it gets out of hand," Landry said. "My business depends upon getting rid of this trash."

Landry also discussed the construction of an incinerator – at an estimated cost of as much as \$50,000 – which would allow the company to burn throughout the year, even during dry time when burn bans were implemented.

But, Landry said it wouldn't be cost effective if such an incinerator didn't meet the requirements for an exemption.

At the request of the court, Landry said his company would provide the court with a "letter of responsibility" similar to that provided in February by Bamert Seed Company. He



Hot air rising

Pictured above, a massive column of smoke rises in the distance as Bamert Seed employees burn off an acreage north of Muleshoe. The Bailey County Commissioners Court took no action on the company's request for a variance during its Feb. 13 meeting because it was determined the company was already within the county burn ban's exempt operations.

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How old is old?

Seniors voice opposition to age rule

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Someone once said, "You're as young as you feel," but events at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center makes one wonder if its current slogan shouldn't be: "If you're as young as you feel, you may be too young for us."

If you haven't heard about it on the street, members or rather "participants" at the senior center in Muleshoe have recently been feuding over the inclusion of guests under the age of 60 at the various functions held at the center.

During an open meeting Thursday, these problems came to a head when a group of about 15 participants confronted the center's board of directors and the center's director Lavern Winn after guests of participants who were under the age of 60 were apparently asked to leave the center's Tuesday night dance.

"This is bad for our community," Elmer Davis said. Davis also talked about his granddaughter, who stayed with them last summer, and how much she had enjoyed attending the dance and relating with the senior citizens there.

"She was the first one dressed, and the last one to leave," Davis said about his granddaughter.

Mary Nell Bleeker, who is a member of the center's advisory board, noted that the younger crowd attending the dance were for the most part individuals and couples in their 50s and urged the board to allow them access to the center either as guests or "associate participants."

"They're our kids who are

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Give It A Thought

"A vision is not a vision unless it says yes to some idea and no to others, inspires people and is a reason to get out of bed in the morning and go to work."

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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Additions made to May 13 candidate list

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The registration period for the May 13 board elections closed Monday, March 13, with the only races appearing in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors.

At the hospital district, there are three positions up for election: Place 3,

currently held by Ronnie Dent; Place 1, currently held by Lary Hooten; and Place 5, currently held by Mike Miller.

Prior to March 6, incumbents Dent and Miller had filed for re-election.

Other candidates for the MAHD positions at the close of registration include Bob Donaldson and Wayne

Pierson, both of whom have filed for Place 1 seat; and Zona Gatewood and Sean Mason, both of whom have filed for the Place 5 seat.

In the municipal mayoral election, the only candidate to file for the seat has been incumbent Cliff Black, according to City Secretary LeAnn Gallman.

And at Muleshoe Independent School District, the trustee seats held by

incumbents Curtis Shelburne and Thurman Myers are up for election. Both have filed for re-election.

Voting for all three elections will be held on May 13, at Muleshoe City Hall under the direction of the city secretary.

March 20 is the last day write-in candidates may declare for the May 13 elections.

New wildlife biologist assigned to Bailey County

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"Wanted... hard worker willing to travel great distances, work outdoors with animals and indoors with children... and if you're lucky, learn how to catch bears."

Such would be the classified ad that would catch the eye of Bailey County's new wildlife biologist, Jason Brooks of Kress, who started out college to be a veterinarian and switched to animals that we could best be described as the "non-barnyard" varieties.

After graduating with a bachelors degree in pre-vet

medicine from San Angelo, and receiving a masters degree from Texas A&M, Brooks began working for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Wildlife Division in May, and is trying to get to know the people and surroundings in the 10-county section of the Panhandle that has been assigned to him. Bailey County is in the southwest corner of his area.

While in college Brooks started working for the wildlife extension and spent two years working as a graduate research assistant on a bob white quail project

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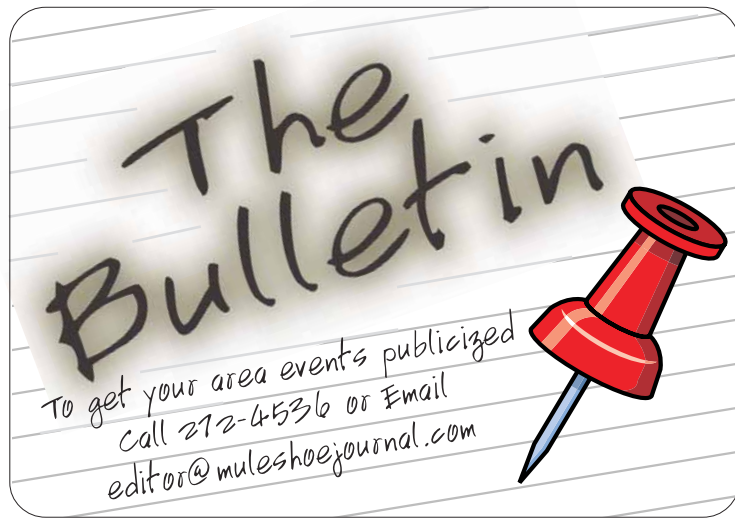
Business after hours

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held the March Business After Hours gathering Thursday, at the Art Loft and Tre's Chic. Pictured above, chamber members try some of the refreshments offered to those in attendance at the event.



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Tips offered on colorectal cancer care

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Having conversations about our "private parts" is difficult for many of us, but it's important to have these conversations, especially with our doctors.

Now is the perfect time to talk to your doctor since March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is a serious threat, with approximately 56,000 Americans dying from it yearly.

But you don't have to be one of these statistics; when colon cancer is found early, it is very curable!

Colon cancer occurs in the colon or rectum. The colon is the same thing as the large intestine. Food that is eaten passes through the colon, where it turns into waste matter or bowel movement.

The rectum is the last 8-10 inches of the large intestine. Bowel movements travel through the rectum and pass out of the body.

Colorectal cancer tends to occur in midlife, with 90 percent of colorectal cancers being diagnosed in persons aged 50 or older.

No racial or ethnic group is spared from this disease, although some may be at a higher risk of developing the disease. Colorectal cancer tends to occur and kill African-Americans more often, followed by Caucasian, Asian Americans, Hispanics, and American Indians.

If you are 50 or older, you should begin having regular tests for colon cancer. However, your doctor may have you screened earlier if you have a previous history of colorectal cancer or you have a family history.

There are five different types of screening tests. Talk to your doctor about the type of test you should have. These tests can find polyps,

which are growths inside the colon or rectum that are not normal. If these polyps are not removed, they can turn into cancer.

Courtney Schoessow, health extension program specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension, suggests some things you can do to decrease your risk for colorectal cancer:

- Increase your physical activity. Exercise at least 30 minutes a day, most days of the week.

- Don't start smoking and if you do smoke — quit. In the USA, one in five colorectal cancers in men and one in eight colorectal cancers in women may be due to cigarette smoking.

- Improve your diet by eating more fruits and vegetables. Limit your alcohol use. Limit the number of high fat foods in your diet, and red, charred or processed meat.

Now let's be honest, when was the last time you had a colorectal screening if you're over the age of 50 or have a family history of this cancer?

Remember that if polyps are found, they can be removed before turning into cancer. This cancer, when caught early, is highly curable, and you have a great chance of surviving this disease if it is caught early.

The Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Cancer Council encourage you to take charge of your health now, which will lead to a healthier tomorrow.

For more information on colorectal cancer, contact

Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West 2nd, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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Annual motorcycle rally set

Muleshoe Roadriders' 24th annual motorcycle rally has been set for March 17-18 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

This year's event will include a light show inside the coliseum, field events, a bike show and a parade.

Individuals wishing to participate in the event should call Daniel Guzman at 806-272-4953 or Tuffy McDaniel at 806-272-5205 for a registration form.

Project Graduation benefit dinner

Project Graduation 2006 will be hosting a brisket dinner on March 26, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Muleshoe High School Cafeteria. The menu will include brisket, potatoes, beans, bread and cobbler. Tickets are \$6 each, and carryout and delivery orders will be available. Call 272-7306 for deliveries on March 26 only between 10 a.m. and noon.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition will sponsor the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program. The second session will be on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the parlor of the Bailey County Coliseum.

The six-week educational series will help participants learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the recommended ranges.

This program is free of cost to anyone interested. Diabetics and/or caregivers are encouraged to attend. This second lesson topics are "For Good Measure" and "Eating Out." "For Good Measure" will cover reading nutritional labels, weighing food accurately, and the appropriate uses for nutritive and non-nutritive sweeteners.

The "Eating Out" session will suggest wise food choices when eating out and self-management tips for eating in restaurants.

For more information concerning diabetes or the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Blood drive set for March 16

Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe has scheduled a blood drive on Thursday, March 16, from 3-7 p.m., in the Fellowship hall. Call Jeff Coffman at 272-4012 for an appointment. In appreciation, donors will receive a coupon for a gallon of Milk from United, and there will be a drawing for a free meal at Leal's.

AA and AI-Anon meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd, Muleshoe. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA and AI-Anon in general call 806-965-2870.

Calvary Baptist to host Warren Family

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting a musical performance by the Warren Family on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 18th and W. Ave. C, in Muleshoe.

Muleshoe Youth softball signup

Registration for girls fast-pitch softball will be held on March 13 and 21, from 6 - 8 p.m., and on April 1, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the junior high gymnasium. The cost is \$25, plus a fundraiser, per child, and is open to second through eighth grade. Please bring birth certificates. Contact Eddie or Rachel at 272-5588 or Frank or Elisa at 272-3043 for additional information.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

March 6 — Jo Mayhugh, Hortencia Valencia, Joe Bara, Andrea Jaramillo and Jimmie McDaniel.

March 7 — Annie Floyd, Eulalia Hernandez and Alexandria Sanchez.

March 8 — Amber Armstrong, Ruth Kitchens, Christopher Martinez and Arlene Ortiz.

March 9 — No report.
 March 10 — No report.
 March 11 — No report.
 March 12 — Israel Arevalo.

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If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

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in Fisher County. It was during this work with wildlife that he decided to switch from a pre-vet major to wildlife biology.

"I enjoy working outdoors," Brooks said, and especially likes the opportunities he has to help the wildlife population.

Although he grew up fishing and hunting, Brooks — who graduated from high school at Greenwood, outside of Midland — said he hadn't thought a career as a biologist. Now, he has the opportunity to not only work in the field but also work with civic groups and school children, sharing his knowledge of wildlife in the



JASON BROOKS

Texas Panhandle and maybe even spark a young mind's interest in wildlife biology.

The Texas Panhandle has a wide variety of wildlife, both four-legged and feathered, according to Brooks, from the prairie

chickens here in Bailey County to the American bison herd at Caprock Canyon. And the Parks & Wildlife Department has a variety of methods it uses to improve the wildlife population.

While the past year has produced a bumper crop of pheasant in Bailey County, Brooks indicated the prairie chicken population isn't believed to be as strong. For this reason, funding is expected to become available for area landowners interested in improving the habitat needed for prairie chickens.

Brooks also noted that there is even some

possibilities for improving the habitat on CRP land. "Some wildlife friendly practices can be implemented on CRP land," he said, referring to what he described as "mid-contract" management.

But while he enjoys working with the panhandle's wildlife, Brooks is also looking forward to an upcoming training opportunity that probably won't see much use in the West Texas area... hopefully... catching bears.

Individuals wishing to contact Brooks about improving wildlife habitat on private land may contact him at 806-684-2678.

Commissioners court... Continued from page 1

also agreed to notify the sheriff's office, the Muleshoe Police Department and the Muleshoe Fire Department when L&L would be burning.

Bailey County's burn ban remains in effect until April 10, according to County Judge Sherri Harrison.

Although the court briefly discussed the problem area farmers who have an incinerator are having, the court withheld taking action on the matter until next month's regular meeting.

Should the court decide to compile a list of area farmers wishing to use their incinerators for consideration, Commissioner Joey Kindel

said, "They're going to have to jump through some hoops," adding that incinerator operators would have to man them until the flames went out.

During the discussion, Sheriff Richard Willis referred to Bamert Seed Company and the work the company put into its recent controlled burn.

"I sat out there watching Bamert," the sheriff said, "they knew what they were doing."

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Approved minutes from its Feb. 13 meeting.
- Received the January 2006 county treasurer's

report.

- Approved in-county travel forms.
- Approved the payment of county bills.
- Approved soil conservation worksheets.
- Set juror pay for the remainder of 2006.

The pay rate will be \$6 if called, \$12 days for jurors who are called and serve the first day, and \$40 per day for jurors who serve the second day.

- Approved a waterline easement for Hein Hettinga

which will allow an eight inch line crossing under the intersection of CR 1018 and CR 143.

- Authorized the county judge to sign the annual contract with the Department of State Health Services.
- Ratified the signature of the county judge on the Bailey County Homeland Security Grant program's grant award notice.

Approved FY 2006 budget amendment #4.

Seniors... Continued from page 1

growing up. I think we should open it up to them," Bleeker said.

Currently, a large sign posted in the center makes it clear to the participants and any guests they have that the equipment in the center is only for the use of those over 60 years of age.

While the participants attending Thursday's meeting were united in their belief guests of the center's participants should be allowed, it was clear that Winn and the board members were united in their opposition, and made it clear that they as the organizations governing body would make the decision.

"The board has final say," Winn snapped at one point, responding to a question from the floor. Her demeanor was mirrored by the board members, who met the participants' questions and requests with crossed arms and stern expressions.

And, when the board members were asked if a vote could be taken on the issue, Winn added, "That doesn't matter."

"All these people who are over 60 worked to get this place and now you want to turn it over to the 50-year-olds to tear up?" Winn said.

"This is not a community center, it was built for senior citizens," one of the board members said.

During the discussion, it was pointed out from the floor that while the center was built as a "senior center," there were a large number of people within the Bailey County area who aren't eligible to be listed as participants who also contributed to its existence and are still contributing.

When it was pointed out that Muleshoe resident

Anne McElroy, who had written several grant documents for the center, wouldn't be allowed if this current policy continued, Winn pointed out that she would because her husband was over 60. It was also pointed out that the bylaws allowed caretakers who transport one of the center's participants to a function to stay.

And when asked if the Tuesday night dance's disk jockey, Sandy Vandevender, who is under 60, would be asked to leave a dance at which he wasn't working, Winn said he would.

During the meeting, Winn also claimed that Vandevender told her the dance floor wasn't large enough to accommodate the larger crowd that would be expected if a younger crowd began to attend. However, the Journal was later contacted by Vandevender who denied making such a statement.

"If all we're going to do is fuss and fight," board president Kenneth Henry said, "we shouldn't have a dance."

Sharon Grant also appeared in opposition to the current policy, noting that the City of Muleshoe had "stuck its neck out" for the senior citizens by putting in place the \$1 monthly donation on the municipal water bill, which gathers about \$1,500 per month for the center — most of which comes from residents who aren't old enough to be guests at the center.

It should be noted that no municipal funds are received by the senior center.

Grant also pointed out that Muleshoe's center was the only one in the area operating under such a policy.

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Clinton Dillard

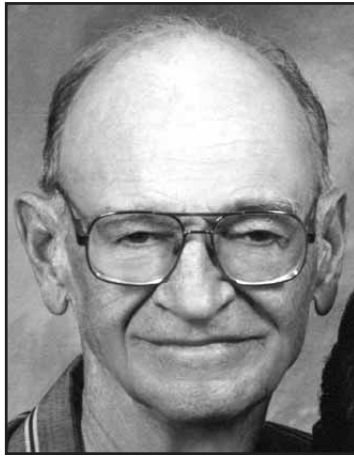
A funeral service for Clinton Lee Dillard, 69, of Plano was held on Monday, March 13, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plano with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker officiating.

Burial followed in Plano Mutual Cemetery.

Dillard died on March 10, 2006. He was born in Wellington to Rueben and Minta Dillard. He was raised in Muleshoe, and was a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University. He retired from the telecommunications industry.

Dillard was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife,



CLINTON DILLARD

Judy Dillard; two sons — Lee dillard and David Kent; a daughter and her husband — Dena and Brent Hurst; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church General Fund.

Wedding Showers

Magby wedding shower held

A wedding shower was held for Buffy Magby, the bride of Eric Magby, on Saturday, Feb. 18, in the home of Janice Bradshaw.

The table was decorated with wildflowers, leather accents, and pewter and leather serving dishes.

Cinnamon rolls, sausage balls and chili-cheese squares were served to guests along with orange juice with ginger-ale.

Special guests were Wilma Magby, Tonya Gartin and Vickie Burch.

The Hostess gifts were a set of Faberware cookware and a Western print by Kenneth Wyatt.

Hostesses for the occasion were Sarah Black, Claire Brown, Janice



Buffy Magby at her wedding shower.

Bradshaw, Paulette Foster, Linda Martin, Reta Mimms, Vicki Morris, Marca Morris, Jana St Clair, Mandi Seaton and Jan Via.

Golf scramble set for May 6

The Bailey County EMS Organization has scheduled a three-man golf scramble on Saturday, May 6, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

There is a \$150 entry fee per team, and their will be a cash prize for first, second and third place.

A "hole in one" prize of two bombardier jet skis with a trailer will also be on the line.

For additional information, call Alex Garcia at 272-4390, or Dustin Jesko at 577-0027.

Or, fax name, phone number and handicap to 272-3141.

Senior Citizen News

The senior citizens who come and enjoy the fellowship, fun, and a good balanced meal each day at the center want to thank each of you who have donated your time, money, and goodies for the center. We have been told by several people that we have the topnotch center in this part of the state. We are dedicated to work and keep the center for our senior citizens to enjoy. Perhaps you have a mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or just a good friend who come and enjoy the facilities. Again we say thank you.

On Tuesday, March 21, Mandi Seaton from the Extension Office will present the program at noon for us. Mandi is a great speaker and her programs are very informative and enjoyable to listen to. Make plans to come eat and enjoy the program.

The March birthday party will be Wednesday, March 22. You should receive a phone call reminding you of the party, if you have a birthday in March. All of you 60 and over senior citizens come and

enjoy the festivities even if it is not your birthday month.

Pat Watson, our creative writing helper, will be here at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22. If you have not attended one of the meetings, you should plan to be here. It is very constructive and a lot of fun.

Remember! Bingo is every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. We are having great crowds. Everyone is laughing and having a good time. Refreshments and fellowship follow the bingo game.

Menu for March 20 - 24:
March 20 — Chicken pattie on bun, tater tots, corn, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad.

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Sports

Tulia defeat leaves the Mules at 7-2

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules and Tulia Hornets battled back and forth for six and a half innings Friday. The Mules blew the game open in the bottom half of the sixth scoring five runs on four hits to take a 15-7 lead.

Tulia tried to come back as Timothy Conners' pitching arm began to tire in the seventh. They scored three runs before Victor Vasquez came on in relief. The Hornets picked up a fourth run before the final out that left the Mules in front. Conners recorded the 15-11 win and Vasquez got the save.

The Mules pounded out 17 hits and took advantage of two Hornet errors while limiting Tulia to 12 hits.

The Hornets scored twice in the first inning and the Mules answered with two. Garrett Behrends led off and reached on an error and went to second on the first pitch to Eddie Alvarado. Ed Alvarado blasted a fly ball to deep right field to sacrifice Behrends to third.

Brant Hamilton picked up the RBI with a triple to center. Hamilton scored on a tap to short by Jarad Flores. Flores was called out at first.

The first two Hornets went down in order before Conners hit the third batter. TJ Brantley gunned down the base runner attempting to steal second on a perfect throw from the plate to Flores at second base.

The Mules took their first lead of the game in the second inning. Conners led

Longhorn Pride to host tourney

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride will be sponsoring its annual '3 on 3' basketball tournament April 21-22 at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium.

The games will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and resume at 8 a.m. on April 22.

There is a \$50 entry fee for advance registration. For additional information contact Lazbuddie ISD.

off with a single and stole second. Brantley picked up Conners with a single to right moved to second on an error. Zane Johnson swapped places with Brantley with a doubled to right.

Behrends scorched a triple to right center to score Johnson and Behrends came home on a passed ball to put the Mules in front 6-2.

The Mules made two errors in the top of the third that allowed Tulia to score five runs on three hits to

pass the Mules 7-6. The Mules did not stay down long. Flores and Conners crossed the plate on slap single up the middle by Johnson.

Conners got the Hornets in order in the fourth. Flores tripled in the Mules' half of the inning to score Hamilton from first. Vasquez single to right to score Flores and push the Mule lead to 10-7.

Neither team scored in the fifth and the Mules held Tulia scoreless in the sixth. Ed Alvarado singled to start the Mule's sixth inning rally

and moved to second on a balk. An error allowed Brant Hamilton to reach.

Elias Alvarado ripped the ball down the line past third to pick up his brother. Vasquez struck out before Conner reached on an error. Brantley singled to load the bases. Geoff Sirkel cleared the bases with a double to left that gave the Mules a 15-7 lead.

The win pushed the Mules season record to 7-2 and they met the River Road Wildcats Saturday in a double header.



Photo by Norm Brantley

A Mule dives to safety during the game against Tulia.

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A "teaser" on the front of the little magazine touted an article inside: "How To Triple Your Answers to Prayer!" I'm wondering what might be prescribed.

Incantations? A caldron filled with a steaming potion featuring eye of newt, tongue of frog? Could I get more answers to prayer (answers that I like) if my technique was better or my recipe more precise? Is the bottom line the number of really "good" answers I get and catalogue?

I think I'd like the guy who said that any Christian who says to another believer undergoing pain, "If you had enough faith, you wouldn't hurt," needs very

catalogue 143 direct "results."

The same thing is true for the very same reasons regarding our worship. In a society that values nothing unless it produces measurable results—the bigger, the better—why worship?

To get re-charged spiritually. To have fellowship with God's people.

To be able to leave to serve. To fill up so we can do all sorts of obviously beneficial stuff and carry on all sorts of programs, the kind that can be measured and look good in church flyers and bulletins.

Well, I'm for all those "results" and more. But we worship for one reason that overshadows any other and needs no defense: we worship to glorify the God who is absolutely worthy and deserving of all praise.

An old kind of pragmatic legalism says, "You can only be saved if you do enough to be worth saving." A modern kind just as seductively says, "Your prayers and your worship are only worthwhile if they produce visible and measurable results."

Both ideas are as wrong as they are, in the final analysis, cruel.

Our prayers and worship are precious to God not because they're so good at producing impressive results. They're precious to God because we're his precious children, completely loved and accepted by our Father already.

In that knowledge, we worship and pray. And living in that knowledge, we find that God has indeed provided "in advance" plenty of good works for us to do, some of which can probably be listed in a church bulletin, but lots of which don't look particularly "religious" at all. But the marvelous fact remains: God loves and accepts us before we're able to do a single one.

Our Father is amazingly impractical that way.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

badly to be hit over the head with a baseball bat to help him test his own theory.

I believe St. James when he says that God's people sometimes "don't have" because they "don't ask" or "ask wrongly." A right attitude is important.

But the bottom line on prayer is nothing that can be quantified, measured, or catalogued. Thank God for heartwarming answers, but, most of all, thank God for the growing and soul-warming relationship time in prayer builds between you and the Father who gave you life and wants to spend time with you, his child. To a skeptic watching you bend the knee, you're just talking to yourself. Prayer is worthless, he thinks, because he sees it producing no practical results. But to you, child of God, and to your Father, it is precious and would be no more precious if you could accurately

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Sports

Mules baseball is still going strong

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules blasted the River Road Wildcats Saturday afternoon in the first game of a double header. The Mules pounded out 19 hits, scored 14 runs and held River Road to seven runs on 10 hits. Elias Alvarado recorded his second win of the season.

The Mules bats cooled during the 30-minute break between games and the Mules fell behind 5-2 after three and a half innings. The Mules put together a five-run two-out rally in the bottom of the fourth to take their first lead of the game. The Mules held on to take a 12-9 win in the second game. Zane Johnson pitched a complete game for his second win of the season.

Garrett Behrends blasted a triple to left center field in the second inning to push Geoff Sirkel and Rudy Gonzales across to give the Mules a 2-1 lead in the first game. The Mules took the game over in third after the Wildcats knotted the score at 2-2.

The Mules scored four runs in the third with Brant Hamilton leading off with a triple to left field. Jarad Flores followed with a home run over the right center field fence. Timothy Connors singled to right and advanced to second on a fielding error.

TJ Brantley was hit by a pitch putting runners on first and third with one out. Geoff Sirkel sent the ball sky high to right field. The ball bounced off the fence for a double that scored Connors and Brantley.

Victor Vasquez relieved El Alvarado in the fifth inning and the Wildcats went three up and three down with a tap to Eddie Alvarado at third. He scooped up the ball and fired it across the diamond to Sirkel on first. A pop fly was handled by Hamilton at short and a tap back to the mound resulted in the final out.

Behrends, Ed Alvarado, Hamilton and Flores crossed the plate in the fifth inning to give the Mules some insurance. Six Wildcats came to the plate in the sixth inning and had the bases loaded with two out. Vasquez recorded his first K of the game for the final out.

Caesar Lopez banged a single to left to lead off the bottom of the sixth. Ed Alvarado singled to center before Hamilton blasted a ground ball up the middle to score Lopez for the Mules final run. The Mules gave up two runs in the seventh but it was too little too late for the Wildcats.

The Mules tied the second game at 2-2 with a home run blast over the center field fence by Sirkel that brought Brantley



Photo by Norm Brantley
Rudy Gonzales connects in a game against River Road.

home. The Wildcats retook the lead in the third with two runs and the Mules could not push across a run.

An error gave the Wildcats an unearned run in the fourth. The Mules exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fourth. Brantley drew a lead off walk. Rudy Gonzales hit a ground ball to the short stop.

The short stop fielded the ball but made a bad toss to second base and allowed Brantley to arrive safe. Behrends walked to load the bases. Ed Alvarado was hit by a pitch to force Brantley home and left the bases loaded.

With two outs the Mules were off and running at the crack of the bat. Hamilton banged a high hopper to short. The short stop could not find the handle and Gonzales scored. Flores doubled and cleared the bases to give the Mules a 7-5 lead.

The base umpire committed the cardinal sin in the top of the fifth inning as he changed his call not once but twice. He first called the River Road player safe and then changed his call to an emphatic out. After a conference with the Wildcat coach and home plate umpire the call was changed back to safe.

The Mules gave up three runs and the lead to trail the Wildcats 8-7 after four and a half innings. Brantley walked to lead off the Mules half of the fifth and El Alvarado smacked a double behind the runner to right.

Sirkel bounced a hit over the center field fence for a ground rule double to score Brantley and El Alvarado. Sirkel's double gave the Mules a one run lead.

The lead off batter for the Wildcats singled to start the sixth inning. He stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. The second batter walked but Brantley gunned him down when he attempted to steal second. Hamilton was covering and made the tag.

Johnson got a called third strike for his second K of the game for the second out. A base hit to left scored the runner from third for the Wildcats final run and knotted the game at 9-9. Hamilton

third. A pop to third left Hamilton on third with two outs.

Brantley drew his third consecutive walk. El Alvarado picked up Hamilton with a single to right and move Brantley to third. Sirkel doubled to right to push Brantley and El Alvarado across for a couple of insurance runs.

Johnson got the final three batters to go in order in the top of the seventh. He struck out the first batter and got the second to fly out to Rudy Gonzales in center. A ground ball to Hamilton at short ended the game. Hamilton played the ball to perfection and fired a strike to Sirkel at first.

The Mules put their 9-2 record on the line in Dimmitt Tuesday afternoon against the Bobcats.

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MAEFB to hold 'Gator Giveaway'

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board met at the Muleshoe City Hall meeting room on March 8 to make further plans for the "Gator Giveaway" to be held on May 21, to raise money for Project for the South Plains College, Muleshoe Center, School of Nursing.

The raffle tickets have been printed and distributed to individuals and businesses that will be selling them for \$5 each.

Funds raised at this "Gator Giveaway" will go to the Muleshoe School of Nursing and will be held in conjunction with the Muleshoe Health Fair.

Members attending the March 8 meeting included Barbara Finney, Renee Allison, Jeff Coffman, Margaret Heathington, Eileen Morton, Georgia Pena, Cindy Purdy, Frances Recio, Sandy Vandevender, LeAnn Gallman, David Brunson and Sharon Grant.

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Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Use the alphabet code below to fill in the blanks and see the answer to the riddle.

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- with marching bands and floats in _____.

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2. _____

3. _____

Ireland:

- lost a lot of people when they had to move away due to a _____ (a great hunger, lack of food)
- is an _____.
- has beautiful green lands - its nickname is the _____ Isle.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated:

- with big meals of corned beef and _____.
- by people wearing something _____.
- with marching bands and floats in _____.

Connect the dots to see what treasure he keeps in his pot on top of the gold.

A Green Thumb

Every good gardener knows that a shamrock is a plant that has leaves with three small leaflets. Every good leprechaun grows and takes care of his own patch of this green symbol of Ireland. But, the shy leprechaun below has a special "green thumb."

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Music to My Ears!

Irish jigs and reels are an important part of Irish celebrations. Flat, goatskin drums called bodhrans and drumsticks called bones are used by drummers. Reed pipes are played by pipers. At one time, the music of harps was the favorite sound in Ireland.

Follow the color key to color in this puzzle to see what fiddlers play:

Use this Color Key:
 B = Brown
 G = Green
 K = Black

Fiddlers Play!

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Chamber Business of the Month

The La-Tea-Da Tea Room of Muleshoe was selected as the Muleshoe Business of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured above, Janelda Moore of La-Tea-Da receives the award from chamber president Tadd Young.



Chamber Employee of the Month

Larry Thornton of the Muleshoe Journal was selected as the Muleshoe Employee of the Month by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Pictured above, Thornton receives the award from chamber president Tadd Young.

Stone, Wilcox attend training sessions

Bailey County Justice of the Peace Deb Stone and justice clerk Gail Wilcox joined more than 75 justices of the peace and Justice Court clerks for training on magistrate's duties in Lubbock on March 9.

Included in the program were presentations on several magistrate issues, such as: magistrations at the jail, indigency and the appointment of an attorney, emergency protective orders, warrants, and the appointing of interpreters.

The training was sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of Texas Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

"Texas is one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard Avery, director of the institute.

Justice Court judges and clerks attending the training received 6.5 hours of state-mandated training.



Nursing Home News

Peggy Dent visited the residents and staff Tuesday afternoon. Ronnie Dent visited Park View Tuesday morning.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard gave Park View a large fresh flower bouquet.

The Followers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church gave a donation to Park View. The gift was delivered by Ruby Green.

Wanda Kittrell served cinnamon rolls to the residents and coffee time Wednesday morning.

Anna B. Lane, Eva Nell Dale, and Bro. Bennie Wright directed the singspiration and devotional time Wednesday morning.

Doris Palmer assisted Haze Waddell and other residents plant pansy's on flower plants Wednesday afternoon.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins entertained and directed the sing-a-long

Wednesday afternoon.

Rick Hunter received a visit from his mother Joyce Hunter Wednesday.

Harold and Avis Carpenter visited Park View, Friday afternoon. Harold played the residents favorite songs and songs of yester-year. Avis directed the songs and kept everyone on track.

Saturday afternoon, Butch Vandiver directed the Bingo Bash and made sure everyone had a good time.

Cathy Wilson returned to Park View after being hospitalized. Welcome back Cathy We all missed you very much.

Each Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ, Communion Ministry, directs a communion service for the residents.

The United Methodist Church directed a communion service and church service Sunday afternoon.

Several of the residents

enjoyed the nice spring like weather, sitting out on the patio Monday afternoon.

G.R. Lasiter called bingo at the bingo games Monday afternoon.

Louise Agee went out with her daughter Lou Ann Black Monday.

Pauline Guinn is visited by Lillian Street just about everyday.

John Brown Carter received a visit from his daughter Barbara McCamish Monday.

Nathan Bemmer is visited several times a week by Jerome Clemmons. Nathan is expecting visits from his mother and several other family members this week.

Tuesday morning Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth, directed a memorial

service for Juanita Buhman. Congratulations to Cynthia Crawford on the birth of a new little great granddaughter Julia Elaine. Julia weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Clark, Pat Watson, Josie Ovale, Dolores Garrett, and Dianne Brown shampooed and styled the residents hair. Pat Clark and Josie Ovale gave several haircuts.

Diane Wildebush entertained her mother, Pauline Chappell, Elosie Cosca, and other residents outside on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

Milligan returned to Park View Tuesday after being hospitalized. Welcome back Mrs. Milligan.



Oh, baby! It's time to enter!

Enter any child born in 2005 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

The Muleshoe Journal's 12th Annual Cutest Baby Contest

This year's contestant will appear in the April 13 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2005 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 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 17, 2006. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

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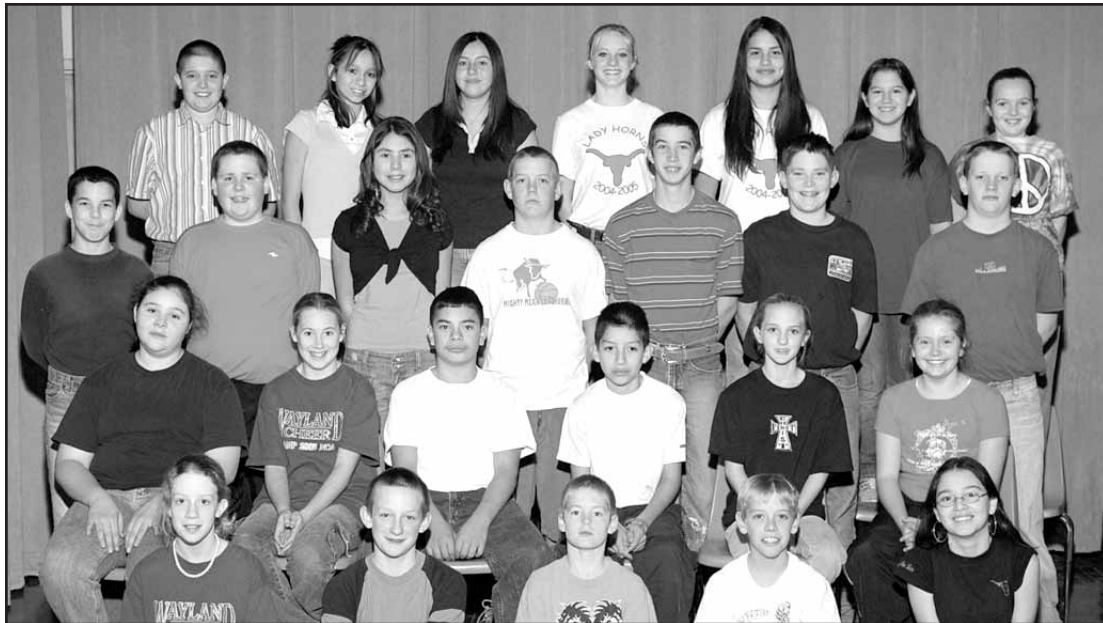
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Lazbuddie Junior High UIL District results released

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Sixth Grade
 Oral reading — Justin Schacher, 3rd, Jarrod Jesko, 4th, Todd Nichols, Emily Agee.
 Ready writing — Emily Agee, 4th, Jarrod Jesko, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher.
 Music memory — Jarrod Jesko, Todd Nichols, Kenton Randolph, Paola Estrada.
 Spelling — (1st Team) Jarrod Jesko, 4th, Kylie McGehee, 5th, Emily Agee, 6th, Todd Nichols.
 Number sense — (1st Team) Jarrod Jesko, 1st, Emily Agee, 3rd, Todd Nichols, 6th.
 Calculator — (1st Team) Todd Nichols, 1st, Emily Agee, 2nd, Jarrod Jesko, 4th, Kylie McGehee.
 Dictionary — (2nd Team) Todd Nichols, 4th, Jarrod Jesko, 5th, Emily Agee, Paola Estrada.
 Listening — Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols
 Maps, Graphs & Charts — Dallas Cox, 6th, Kylie McGehee, Jordan Mason, Jarrod Jesko.
 Mathematics — (3rd Team) Jarrod Jesko, 2nd, Todd Nichols, 5th, Emily Agee, Kylie McGehee.
Seventh Grade
 Oral reading — Tori Pollard,

Tanner Beasley, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver.
 Ready writing — Lacy Russell, 1st, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver.
 Spelling — Lacy Russell, Joseline Garcia, Tori Pollard.
 Number sense — (3rd Team) Tanner Beasley, 4th, Colton Weaver, Rodrigo Mata, Joseline Garcia.
 Calculator — (3rd Team) Tanner Beasley, 4th, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver, Joseline Garcia.
 Dictionary — Jordan Hernandez, Joseline Garcia, Colton Weaver.
 Listening — Jordan Hernandez, Lacy Russell, Colton Weaver.
 Maps, Graphs and Charts — Jordan Hernandez, Tori Pollard, Tanner Beasley, Arthur Gomez, Joseline Garcia, Colton Weaver.
 Mathematics — (2nd Team) Colton Weaver, 2nd, Tanner Beasley, 4th, Jordan Hernandez, Lacy Russell.
 Modern oratory — Lacy Russell, 6th, Tori Pollard, Jordan Hernandez, Joseline Garcia.
 Impromptu speaking — Arthur Gomez, 5th, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver
 Editorial writing — Lacy Russell, 5th, Colton Weaver, 6th, Tanner Beasley, Jordan Hernandez, Arthur Gomez.
 Science — (2nd Team) Colton Weaver, 2nd, Arthur

Gomez, 4th, Tanner Beasley, 6th, Jordan Hernandez.
Eighth Grade
 Oral reading — Katie Chavez, 1st, Monica Vera, 3rd, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher.
 Ready writing — Kayle Jesko, 1st, Kinzi Schacher, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy
 Spelling — Monica Vera, Katie Chavez, Lydia Campos.
 Number sense — (3rd Team) Kayle Jesko, 2nd, Dylan Haney, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy.
 Calculator — (2nd Team) Kayle Jesko, 1st, Kinzi Schacher, 2nd, Monica Vera, Katie Chavez.
 Dictionary — (2nd Team) Kayle Jesko, 4th, Kinzi Schacher, 6th, Katie Chavez, Dylan Haney.
 Listening — Monica Vera, 6th, Kayle Jesko, Riley Smith, Sandra Lucio.
 Maps, graphs and charts — (2nd Team) Logan Mason, 4th, Lydia Campos, Katie Chavez, Kayle Jesko, Darin Ivy, Riley Smith.
 Mathematics — Kayle Jesko, 6th, Darin Ivy, Kinzi Schacher, Katie Chavez.
 Modern oratory — Lydia Campos, 6th, Kayle Jesko, Katie Chavez, Logan Mason.
 Impromptu speaking — Kayle Jesko, 1st, Monica Vera, Kinzi Schacher, Lydia Campos.
 Science — (3rd Team) Logan Mason, Kayle Jesko, Darin Ivy, Dylan Haney.

SPC inducts PTK honor student

South Plains College inducted Brandi Wood of Muleshoe into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on March 7.

"It is exciting to see so many young people excelling in the classroom," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "These students are improving our lives by serving as leaders in the classroom and their own lives. They push SPC to continuously improve as an institution."

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Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 2, 9, and 16, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

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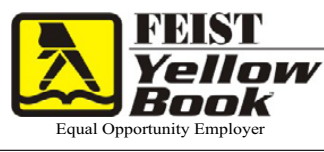
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Muleshoe school board acknowledges student accomplishments

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Acknowledging the accomplishments of Muleshoe High School students brightened a rather routine school board meeting Monday.

City council approves sewer jet purchase

Prior to getting down to business, the school board members took the opportunity to congratulate a large number of art, band, choir, debate, DECA, FCLA and Small School Academic Competition students who had brought honor and recognition to the school district through academic, instrumental and vocal competition.

Principal David Jenkins, who presented the students and their teachers with individual certificates of achievement, said, "We have a lot of good things going on, and that's because of a lot of great students."

Although the principal had words of praise for all of the student achievers, he seemed to take particular pride in the recent SSAC event, which was hosted by Muleshoe ISD. Jenkins noted that while teams from larger school districts, such as Littlefield and Levelland took part, the other schools returned home, but left all of the "hardware" in Muleshoe, whose teams captured the first, second and third place trophies.

Superintendent Gene Sheets agreed, adding, "We appreciate the way that you serve the school." The school board also discussed the upcoming bond election, noting that the ballot would contain two propositions.

The proposed text for Proposition # 1 is "Shall the Board of Trustees of the Muleshoe Independent School District be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes for the future maintenance of public free schools therein at a rate not to exceed \$1.50 on each \$100 valuation of taxable property in the school district, as authorized by Chapter 45, as amended, Texas Education Code, including Section 45.003, as amended, Texas Education Code?"

The superintendent reiterated statements made by Douglas Whitt of Southwest Securities, who explained previously to the school board that state law required the voters to approve this "update" in the wording of the school district's maintenance and operation levy. While this proposition doesn't change the amount of the allowable maintenance levy, voters wishing to pass the second proposition — calling for the \$25 million bond issue, also had to approve the language update.

The proposed text of the second proposition calls for and authorizes the issuance and sale of the bonds totaling \$25 million.

Referring to the wording of the propositions, Sheets explained that to approve the bond issue, the voters would have to vote "for" twice, once for Proposition #1, and once for Proposition #2.

According to City Manager David Brunson, the city received four bid packets for the sewer jet, the lowest of which was from Equipment Southwest, Inc. at slightly under \$38,500, with an optional rotating hose reel.

Brunson explained that the city's current sewer jet was 15 years old, and while still operational would be kept as a backup to the new unit.

In other business, the city council took no action on the requested reimbursement of receipts from Muleshoe Sports Academy's gymnastic competition from municipal motel and hotel tax funds. The mayor requested additional information and receipts be presented for further consideration.

The receipts received with the request were for "sanction fees" and insurance for the Jan. 28 event. Previously, the council has held to the policy that only advertisement expenses for an event could be reimbursed from the municipal fund.

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