

## Bailey County burn ban is back in effect

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Although the Bailey County Commissioners Court temporarily lifted the county's burn ban during a special meeting Saturday, it is back in effect, according to county officials.

With damper weather moving in Saturday and rain expected Sunday, County Judge Sherri Harrison and Commissioners Butch Vandiver and C.E. Grant met in special session Saturday and issued a temporary stay on the county's burn ban, which allowed many rural residents to dispose of trash and garbage that had been accumulated since the burn ban went into effect on Jan. 3.

However, at noon on Monday, March 20, the burn ban went back into effect.

On Jan. 3, Judge Harrison issued a "Declaration of Disaster" that authorized her to issue a burn ban due to the extremely dry weather conditions and the high risk of wildfires in the unincorporated areas of Bailey County.

This initial ban remained in effect until Jan. 9, when the county commissioners court issued a 90-day ban. At this time, the burn ban is

### A burn ban is in effect in Bailey County

scheduled to expire on April 10.

The City of Muleshoe isn't included in the county's burn ban, according to City Manager David Brunson, who added that cities aren't normally as susceptible to the threat of wildfires.

Brunson said burning within cities is controlled by state law and the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, and noted that a state-wide burn ban is also in effect.



### Roadriders' rally draws a crowd

Saturday's overcast skies didn't keep the crowds away from the annual Muleshoe Roadriders' Motorcycle Rally at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Photos by Larry Thornton



## MAHD board cuts Home Health program

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The Muleshoe Area Hospital District voted to halt operation of its Home Health unit as of May 1 during Thursday's regular meeting.

At previous MAHD meetings during the past fiscal year it had been noted that the Home Health unit didn't appear to be cost effective, primarily because its services were being provided by other organizations, some of which were based as far away as Lubbock.

"There's only so many slices of the pie," Mason said.

With the declining number of patients being received into the program, increasing fuel costs and other expenses, according to MAMC Administrator Ray

Mason, the program was costing much more than could be recuperated. He said the unit had lost about \$20 thousand so far this year, and if it continued was expected to cost three times that by the end of the fiscal year.

"It's better to cut our losses," Mason said. "We got to a point that we had to make a decision."

However, the building that Home Health has occupied on the west side of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, won't be vacant for very long, as plans are underway for it to become the hospital district's School of Nursing, which is being formed in cooperation with South Plains College and the Muleshoe Area

Education Foundation Board.

Monday, Mason explained that while a great portion of the expenses from the Home Health unit weren't recoverable by the hospital district, the small

own," he said. It is hoped that by the education relationship local students develop with SPC and Muleshoe's hospital will translate into nursing students with the desire to remain firmly rooted in the Muleshoe area.

"We're excited about this," Mason said.

Although the hospital district and the SPC had originally considered utilizing some of the space across from the hospital's dining room for the nursing school, Mason said it was determined to be too cost prohibitive.

According to Mason, Home Health personnel would be working to place its remaining patients with

other home health organizations prior to the unit's closing date.

In other business, the hospital board voted to review its "charge master," the list of fees charged for hospital services, to bring it more in line with national averages.

According to Mason, this should bring up the hospital's bottom line, but it didn't mean there would be an across-the-board rate increase because it wasn't unusual to find some services being charged at a higher than standard rate.

"This will help us to stay in line with the market," Mason said, also describing the updated charge master as a "wonderful tool" for the hospital district.

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— Ray Mason

### Local Weather

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### Mud puddle mirrors

Along with much needed moisture, the rain that fell Sunday night in the Muleshoe area brought with it something that hasn't been seen for several months... reflective pools that in some cases seem as deep as the skies they mirror. Pictured on the right is the fire hydrant across from the post office in Muleshoe.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Sudan planning Memorial Celebration

Area residents are invited to Sudan on Saturday, May 20, as Muleshoe's neighbor hosts its first annual Memorial Celebration in conjunction with the community's honoring of its veterans during services on the following Monday.

Saturday, May 20, activities will kick off with a parade, followed by such events as a tractor pull and a "coin dig" and live music provided by local bands.

Afternoon activities currently scheduled include a cake walk, dominos, horseshoes wheelbarrow relays and 3-on-3 basketball, a car show, a homemade ice cream contest, karaoke and a

tricycle race. The day will wind down with an evening meal and street dancing.

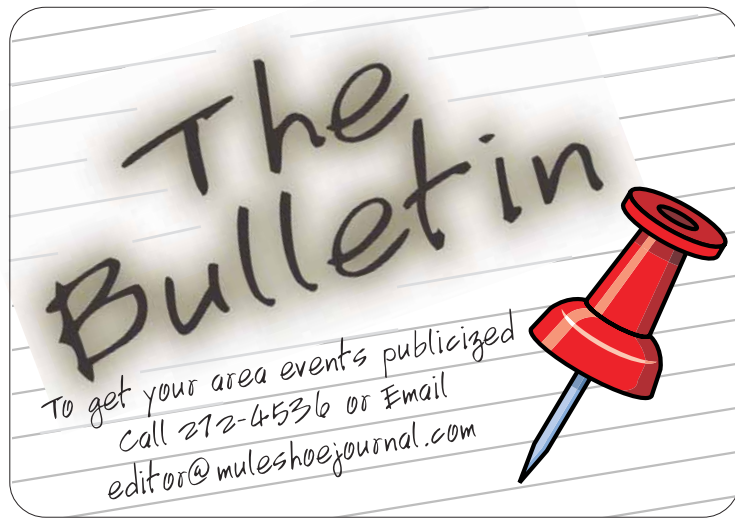
Previously, Sudan held a community-wide Independence Day celebration, however, it was discontinued several years ago.

"Currently, we are looking for any volunteers to help with events," said event official Kim Messamore.

"If you are interested in helping, please contact David or Shawnda Wood. We are also looking for any vendors who would like to join our activities that day."

For booth information, contact Larry Dial at 806-438-1431.





**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 28, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

This program is free of cost to everyone interested. Diabetics and care givers are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the recommended ranges.

The third session topics include "Nutrition: First Steps to Diabetes Management," which will focus on dietary recommendations for nutrition and healthful eating and exercise habits, and "Health Checkups," which will cover ways to be a good partner with your doctor.

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.

**AA and Al-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 Al-Anon in general call 806-965-2870.

**Drivers License office closed**

The Drivers License office in Muleshoe will be closed from April 19-25.

**Babe Ruth baseball sign up**

Individuals wishing to sign up for the Babe Ruth Baseball league (13 to 15 years of age) may do so on Friday, March 25, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Muleshoe State Bank. There is a \$50 fee. For information, contact Heath Brook during the day at 925-6669 or evenings at 676-2735, or Stacy Conner at during the day at 272-4224 or evenings at 272-5125.

**Texas Farm Bureau asks for help**

The Texas Farm Bureau is asking its members to om other parts of the state to help farmers devastated during the recent wildfires in the Texas panhandle. Individuals wishing to help with donations ranging from hay to fence posts and wire, personal items and monetarily should call 806-665-8451.

**Little League sign up**

The last chance to sign up for Little League will be Thursday, March 23, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Watson Junior High Gymnasium. Players must be six years of age by Aug. 31 to sign up. There is a \$25 registration fee, and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required. For additional information, call Jenna Hardwick at 272-3072.

**Golf scramble set for May 6**

The Bailey County EMS Organization is hosting 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. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. There is also a "hole in one" prize of two jet skis. For additional information, call Alex Garcia at 272-4390, or Dustin Jesko at 577-0027. To enter, fax name, phone number and handicap to 272-3141.

**Cancer screening to be held**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, in Muleshoe on April 3.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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**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.

**MAEFB to hold 'Gator Giveaway'**

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board will be holding a "Gator Giveaway" to be 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.

**Hospital Report**

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

March 13 - Jonathan Jesko,	March 15 - Armando Flores
March 14 - No report.	March 16 - James Elder, Danny Wheeler
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	March 19 - No report.

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### No 'write in' candidates for May 13

The registration period for write-in candidates for the May 13 board elections closed Monday, March 20, with the only races appearing in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors.

With Monday's deadline, there are only two positions at the hospital district still up for election: Place 1, currently held by Lary Hooten; and Place 5, currently held by Mike Miller.

Prior to March 6, incumbent Miller had filed for re-election. Place 3 incumbent Ronnie Dent also filed but neither a candidate nor a write-in candidate filed against him.

Other candidates for the

MAHD positions include Bob Donaldson and Wayne Pierson, both of whom have filed for the 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. Since there weren't any write-in candidates to file, Gallman said the city will be closing its election, but will still be handling the elections for the Muleshoe Independent School District and the hospital district.

At MISD, incumbent candidates Curtis

Shelburne and Thurman Myers are not opposed. While the election for their trustee positions will be closed, the school district will also be conducting a bond issue election on May 13 at Muleshoe City Hall.

### MAHD...

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The hospital board also:

- Approved the minutes from its Feb. 16 regular board meeting.

- Received a report that the recent fund raising event held by hospital employees to help tile a portion of the hospital's floor had been successful, with the proceeds exceeding the project's \$5,000 goal. "The employees did an outstanding job," Mason said.

- Approved a depreciation policy for the hospital district.

- Approved new mailing equipment from Pitney Bowes that Mason said is supposed to save the hospital about \$700 per month in mailing costs.

- Approved the purchase of new oxygen concentrators for Park View.

- Approved financial reports, including a \$41,761 bad-debt writeoff.

- Returned from closed session with the board's attorney during which a pending law suit at Park View was discussed.

### Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Ice feathers... my pickup was covered in them. The windows, the hood... Monday morning the entire truck was covered with some of the most beautiful ice art that I've seen this year.

Feathery crystals of ice that swirled across the surface of the truck and made me wish I had a camera in hand to document and display their fragile beauty.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a camera with me and I was in a "catch 22" situation. I couldn't start the truck or clear the windshield to drive to the office to get a camera without losing the art I wanted to preserve.

Sadly, this is the way with many earthly things. They may be beautiful, but their life expectancy is fleeting at best.

Our jobs, worldly possessions and honors... everything we accumulate as we travel this mortal sod will one day disappear like an icicle grasped in your hand.

Several years ago, I purchased a brand new graphite fishing rod, grabbed the rest of my gear and headed out for an afternoon of bass fishing at a large pond.

This particular pond was surrounded by dense trees, which required the fishermen honored with access to do so by foot.

As I traveled down the path toward the water, I was enjoying the day, the sunlight and the adventure that lay ahead, but I wasn't watching the tip of my new rod as it drifted back and forth in front of me. So, when the tip encountered a scrub oak tree and shattered, I was greatly surprised.

A second earlier, I had a promising afternoon ahead of me. With the new rod in hand, I'd left other rods at home. Now, all was gone... both the new rod and my plans for the afternoon.

But God reminds us that his promises are eternal, and that the treasures we store in heaven are neither fragile nor short-lived.

Matthew 6:19-20 says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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...THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN AN ARDUOUS ONE FOR JACOB HAS OBEYED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS FATHER ISAAC, AND GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO AVOID ANY CONTACTS WITH THE CANNANITES ON HIS TRIP...

SOON NOW, I SHOULDST COME TO HARAN WHERE MY KINSMAN, LABAN DWELLETH.

...AS JACOB APPROACHES THE OUTSKIRTS OF HARAN...

THIS IS THE TOWN WHERE MY KINSMAN LIVES—I SHALL INQUIRE OF HIM!

MY BRETHREN, OF WHAT TOWN BE YE?

OF HARAN ARE WE.

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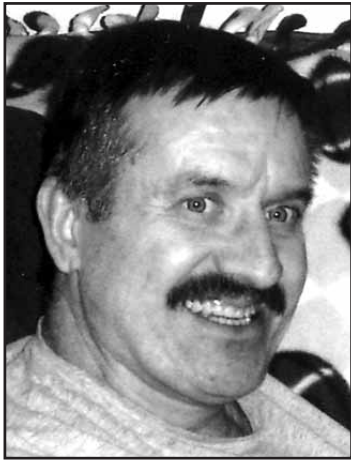
## Daniel Cargile

A church service for Daniel Wade Cargile, 47, of Farwell, was held on Thursday, March 16, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Elder Steve Baldock and Elder Vernon Venable, both of Clovis, officiating. Burial followed in the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

Cargile died on March 14, 2006, in Lubbock at Covenant Hospital. He was born on Dec. 26, 1958, in Muleshoe and married Cindy Harris in Muleshoe on Feb. 17, 1979.

Cargile was a life-long member of the Farwell and Lazbuddie communities. He graduated from Lazbuddie High School, volunteered as an ambulance driver for the Farwell EMS and was a member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Clovis. He was a farmer and took care of lawns.

Survivors include his wife —Cindy Cargile of Farwell;



**DANIEL WADE CARGILE**  
three daughters — Leslie Cargile of Canyon, and Tara and Danielle Cargile, both of Abilene; parents — Preston and Charlene Cargile of Farwell; a grandmother — Annie Cargile Elder of Farwell; three sisters — Cassandra Ann Baker of Lockhart, Karen Lee Barnes of Farwell and Donna Elaine Stevenson of Hayden, N.M.  
Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

## Miranda Wildman

A memorial service for Miranda Wildman, 32, of Muleshoe, was held on, March 18, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating.

Wildman died on March 14, 2006, in Muleshoe. She was born on Aug. 26, 1973, in Dallas.

Wildman was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe, and had lived in Muleshoe for

the past 13 years after moving from Dallas. Shewas a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters — Raenee Autumn Wildman and Hailey Ember Wildman, both of Muleshoe; her father — Richard Dean Arnold of Garland; her mother — Rhonda Calvery of Muleshoe; her grandmother — Helen Free of Muleshoe; a sister — Mary Beth Arnold of Dallas; and a brother — Jeffrey Arnold of Garland.



## Harrison honored

Watson Junior High sixth grade English teacher Diana Harrison, pictured on the left, was recently honored as an Outstanding Student Council Sponsor.

Harrison received her award at the annual Student Council Convention on Feb. 28.

## Muleshoe Area Hospital District to upgrade its telephone system

Within the next few weeks the Muleshoe Area Hospital District will be updating services from its phone system.

“Due to changes we have begun in admissions and in our outpatient registration process we feel that the phone service has not been at the professional level that

we prefer for our patients,” MAHD CEO Ray Mason said. “With our new ‘Standards of Performance’ that have recently been implemented in our hospital district we feel that it is in our patients best interest to install a system that will allow for voice mail and direct dial to extensions.”

“We realize that some citizens may not feel comfortable having the phone answered by a recording, but be assured that the option to speak to an operator will always be available for those who wish to speak to a real person,” said Mason. “We truly feel that this will allow for better service for all involved. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding through this transition.”

“Please know that everything being done in our hospital district at this time is done in an effort to improve all of our services for the community that we serve,” he added.

Philippines and the Army of Occupation in Japan. He was a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church.

Fitzgerald was preceded in death by his parents and a brother — Johnnie.

Survivors include his wife — Bettie Fitzgerald of the home in Clovis, N. M.; a son and his wife — Vic Carrol and Kathie Fitzgerald of Zellwood, Fla.; a daughter and her husband — Sherri Kathleen and Garry Shipman of Muleshoe; three sisters and their husbands — Winnell and Bob Loe of Canyon, Martha and Jack Palmer of Plains, Linda and Cordell Huddleston of Canyon; a sister-in-law — Melba Fitzgerald of Plains; nine grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kingswood United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.



**MELVIN CARROL FITZGERALD**  
Tech College, and married Bettie Kathleen Starnes on April 25, 1943, in Tokio, which is near Plains. He was part of the 1279th Engineers stationed in the

## Melvin Fitzgerald

A funeral service was held for Melvin Carrol Fitzgerald, 81, of Clovis, N.M. on March 17 at Kingswood United Methodist Church of Clovis with the Rev. Dr. Brad Reeves, the Rev. Dr. Mark Scott, and the Rev. Ross Dunn officiating. Burial followed on March 18 at Plains Cemetery in Plains.

Fitzgerald died on March 14, 2006. He was born in Tokio on Aug. 21, 1924, John E. and Dillie Smith Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald grew up on a ranch near Plains and graduated from Plains High School. He attended Texas

## Benefit dinner set for Sunday

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.

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# Sports

## Mules' hopes for Lockney tourney win fade due to rain

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules continued to find ways to win in the Lockney Field of Dreams Classic baseball tournament this past weekend. The Mules reached the finals by defeating O'Donnell 4-3 on Thursday and Amarillo Tascosa's JV 6-5 on Friday.

The Mules were scheduled to play the Littlefield Wildcats for the second time this season in the finals of the tournament. Mother Nature changed those plans with some much needed rain Saturday afternoon. The tournament will not be completed but the Mules and Wildcats met in their first district meeting Tuesday on the Mule Diamond in the Park.

Zane Johnson pitched a complete game in the opening round in Lockney for the Mules. The Mules jumped out to a two run lead in the bottom of the first inning but O'Donnell came back in the third to take a 3-2 lead.

O'Donnell hung on to their lead until the bottom of the seventh inning. Garrett



Behrends drew a walk after two outs in the final inning. Behrends was racing toward second for a stolen base when Eddie Alvarado laced a double down the third baseline. Behrends did stop running until he crossed the plate for the Mule win.

Timothy Conner took the mound for the Mules against Tascosa and pitched a complete game. Conner and the Mules gave up two hits and two walks in the first inning that Tascosa converted to four

runs. Behrends led off with a single to center and Ed Alvarado singled to short left field. Brant Hamilton dumped a single into left to load the bases. Jarad Flores doubled to center to clear the bases and bring home three runs.

The Mules held Tascosa scoreless in the second inning. Geoff Sirkel took a three and two pitch for a walk to lead off the Mule's half of the second and stole second base. Sirkel scored on Ed Alvarado's single to short left field to tie the game at 4.

A double and a single pushed a run across for Tascosa and give them a 5-4 lead until the bottom of the seventh.

Ed Alvarado stroked a double to left center to lead off the seventh for the Mules. Flores was walked

intentionally as was Victor Vasquez to load the bases. Conner popped out to second for the Mules second out.

Caesar Lopez took one for the team and Ed Alvarado trotted home to tie the game at five and make room for Lopez on the bases. Sirkel came to the plate and had two strikes and ball when a pitch got passed the catcher. Flores raced home for the winning run on the passed ball.

The Mules wrapped up their non-district season at 12-2 and hosted the Wildcats Tuesday and then take the weekend off for an open date. The Mules return to action March 28 in Brownfield against the Cubs. The Mules host the Levelland Lobos April 1 at 6:30 p.m. The JV Mules also host the JV Lobos at 4:30 p.m.



### Muleshoe vs. Dimmitt

Pictured in the photograph on the left, Dimmitt catcher Aaron Herrera awaits the arrival of a Mule runner. Pictured above, Mule Elias Alvarado gets a hit during the game against Dimmitt. Photographs by Davie Browder

## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday, March 15, at the Muleshoe Country Club with 16 members and one guest present.

The meeting was called to order by LGA president Judy Wilbanks, the prayer was given by Sheryl Engelking, and minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report by Pat Kirk.

We welcomed a new member Treena Matthews.

The birthdays for March included Claudine Elliott, Sheryl Engelking and Judy Wilbanks.

Sheryl Engelking reported that High Plains Golf will start April 19 with the first game in Caynon.

The door prize was won by Renee Allison.

Janet Claborn reported that a health fair would be held in Muleshoe on May 21 to benefit the South Plains College School of Nursing.

No golf today as the greens are being worked on and it was too windy, 12 members played cards.

The next meeting will be April 19.

The members was present included Pat Kirk, Marlene Martin, Judy Wilbanks, Renee Allison, Anita Black, Analeta Haley, Kay Field, Lavern Winn, Janetta Precure, Elinor Yerby, Claudine Elliott, Sheryl Engelking, Helen Templeton, Pam Miller, Melody Hettinga, Janet Claborn and new member Treena Matthews.

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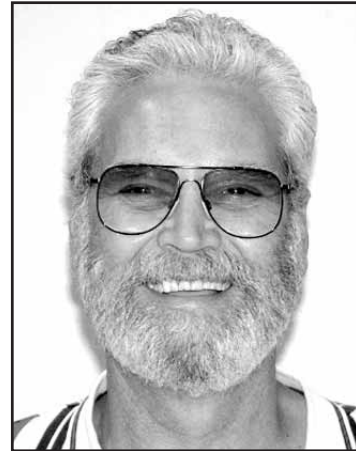
The serving table featured a pink dotted-swiss organza overlay on a white cloth, centered with an arrangement of pink spring flowers.

Refreshments of pink sherbet punch and thumbprint cookies were

served from crystal appointments. Additional tables were covered with white cloths and centered with white bears nestled in pink netting.

Special guests included Sherri's children, Megan and Colby; her mother, Erma Brown; her grandmother, Luella Drake; her sister and niece, Jana Barnett and Briar; her aunt, Betty Reeve; and cousins Becky Reeve and Denae McLellan and her children Macy and Averil. Bret's mother, Norma Whitten, and his aunt, Kay Hungate, were also special guests for the occasion.

Hostesses for the shower were Sharla Stanford, Debbie Kemp, Sherri Shipman, Louvenia Garlington, Glenna Yell, and Judy Cox, and Pat Watson.



few more free throws or another trey or two would have sent the Mules to the regional tournament.

I do not think the winning is over for the Mules or Lady Mules. The Mule baseball team has a strong team should reach the playoffs. The Lady Mules softball team is very young but they have come a long way since the first pitch of the season. The baseball and softball teams began district this week.

The boys and girl golf teams should do well and find their way to Odessa for the regional tournament. I feel sure their will be Mules and Lady Mules competing at the regional track meet in May as should some of the tennis teams.

I have said all this to try to encourage you to get off the couch and come out and support the Mules and Lady Mules in which ever spring sport you enjoy. Better yet get out and support all the spring sports. It is a lot of fun to watch these kids compete.

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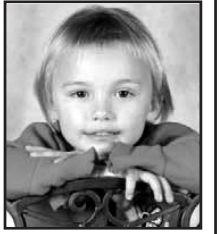
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## From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

The seasons are changing and I am not talking about what happened on Monday when winter turned to spring... at least on the calendar. It will not be long before you will start hearing about changing your clock and springing up or falling forward or something like that. I never seem to get that right!

The change I am writing about is moving from the winter sports to the spring sports. School starts in the fall and that signals it is time for football and cross-country and then before the final football game is played the basketballs come out and those teams get ready to take center stage.

Even though it was still technically winter time the spring sports began to tune-up. Their non-district seasons got underway as weather permitted.

Spring sports covers a broad spectrum of sports and they have to battle the elements. They endure cold temperatures, high wind (that normally brings blowing dust in our area), a rare snow or rain out and an occasional beautiful warm day.

The tennis teams, track teams, golf teams baseball

and softball teams are all in action this time of year. It is a very busy time of year for me to even attempt to keep up with all the Mule and Lady Mule teams.

I have been ask if I have a favorite sport and the answer is absolutely. It is the one I am watching at the time you ask. I love to watch the Muleshoe teams compete and it does not matter to me if it is junior high, freshman, junior varsity or varsity. Getting to watch these young athletes develop is a real privilege for me.

It has been a great year so far with the Lady Mule cross-country team winning district much to everyone's surprise except the Lady Mules. The football team reached the playoffs and even though they lost in the first round had a season to be proud of.

The Lady Mule basketball team not only made the playoffs, they picked up the bi-district gold ball. They also played the much bigger Abilene Wylie a better game than their two opponents in the regional tournament.

The Mules won two gold balls in the post season basketball playoffs and played six quarters of almost flawless ball. Just a

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885 head of cattle, 92 hogs and 459 sheep and goats for a total of 1,436 livestock sold at the March 18 sale. Market steady on all classes of cattle except packer cows and bulls which were 1-2 lower.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
JRC Ranch, Plains	17	Blk. str.	262 lbs.	at \$173.00
HG Morgan, Muleshoe	2	BWF bulls	263 lbs.	at \$172.50
HG Morgan, Muleshoe	5	Blk. bulls	361 lbs.	at \$151.00
HG Morgan, Muleshoe	2	Mxd. bulls	408 lbs.	at \$136.00
David Robinson, Eunice, NM	1	Blk. str.	310 lbs.	at \$141.00
JCL Inc., Sudan	8	Mxd. str.	337 lbs.	at \$157.50
Brandon Gatlin, Friona	1	RWF str.	355 lbs.	at \$142.00
Lee Bilbrey, Bledsoe	6	Mxd. bulls	374 lbs.	at \$127.00
Gerald Floyd, Canyon	11	B&BWF str.	487 lbs.	at \$135.00
Guy York, Ft. Sumner, NM	5	Char. bulls	492 lbs.	at \$125.00
Guy York, Ft. Sumner, NM	3	Char. bulls	610 lbs.	at \$110.00
Carroll Cook, Friona	4	Mxd. bulls	559 lbs.	at \$113.00
Myatt Farms, Levelland	6	Mxd. str.	703 lbs.	at \$104.00
JRC Ranch, Plains	8	Blk. hfrs. per hd.	214 lbs.	at \$395.00
Doyce Barnett, Friona	1	BWF hfr.	460 lbs.	at \$121.00
Randa York, Ft. Sumner, NM	2	Char. hfrs	460 lbs.	at \$128.00
Howard Trust, Anton	3	Blk. hfrs	563 lbs.	at \$113.00
Guy York, Ft. Sumner, NM	4	Char. hfrs	569 lbs.	at \$110.50
Jesus Hernandez, Muleshoe	11	Mxd. hfrs	559 lbs.	at \$107.00
Jesus Hernandez, Muleshoe	77	Mxd. hfrs	643 lbs.	at \$102.50
Jesus Hernandez, Muleshoe	28	Mxd. hfrs	731 lbs.	at \$94.25
Myatt Farms, Levelland	13	Mxd. hfrs	617 lbs.	at \$103.00
Myatt Farms, Levelland	10	Mxd. hfrs	690 lbs.	at \$95.50
Myatt Farms, Levelland	22	Mxd. hfrs	804 lbs.	at \$89.25
Jesse Casanova, Muleshoe	1	Blk. pair		\$1160.00
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HG Morgan, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow P7		\$840.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	1	Red cow P7		\$750.00
Doyce Barnett, Friona	1	BWF cow P7		
Jesse Casanova, Muleshoe	1	Red cow	1460 lbs.	at \$54.25
Raul Marquez, Dora, NM	1	Yell. cow	1225 lbs.	at \$54.00
HG Morgan, Muleshoe	2	Blk. cows	1255 lbs.	at \$53.50
Myatt Farms, Levelland	1	RMF cow	1075 lbs.	at \$53.25
Osterkamp Dairy, Hereford	1	Hol. cow	1545 lbs.	at \$52.50
G. Osterkamp Dairy, Muleshoe	1	Hol. cow	1265 lbs.	at \$52.50
Enrique Marquez, Pampa	1	Blk. cow	1220 lbs.	at \$52.50
Teresa Howard, Rogers, NM	1	BWF cow	1305 lbs.	at \$52.00

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**250th Anniversary of Mozart**  
 People are celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birthday all year long. In Austria, they had a party in the streets, complete with a 4-layer, chocolate birthday cake that weighed over 300 pounds!

**Read the clues about Mozart's life to fill in the crossword.**

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:**

- was born in Salzburg, \_\_\_\_\_ in 1756.
- was believed to have started composing music at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- had his first work published when he was about \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- moved to Vienna at the age of 25 because he wanted to be independent and to play \_\_\_\_\_ his own way.
- wrote the first of his 3 comic \_\_\_\_\_ in 1786. It was called "Le Nozze di Figaro" or "The Marriage of Figaro."
- traveled to cities in other countries to play music, but he lived in \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of his life.
- composed the score for "The Magic \_\_\_\_\_," which became one of his most famous pieces.
- was \_\_\_\_\_ and had two surviving children.
- did not handle \_\_\_\_\_ well and was often in debt.
- died at the age of 36 from a \_\_\_\_\_ and was buried in an unmarked grave.

**op Quiz!**  
 After you finish the puzzles this week, have someone ask you five questions about Mozart.  
 5 correct = yay!  
 4 correct = nice!  
 3 or less = read again!

Do you recognize the country of Austria by its shape? All of the words inside tell you a bit about Austria. **Can you find and circle the words that are in bold print in the puzzle below?**

**Austria**  
 Euro (money) Vienna (capital)  
 weiner schnitzel (breaded veal cutlets)  
 Salzburg (Mozart's birthplace)  
 Swiss Alps (mountains) waltz (dance music)  
 Danube (river)  
 Austrians (people)  
 German (official language)  
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**What Are They Doing to Mozart's Music?** People are listening to Mozart on the radio. They are selling toys, busts and T-shirts of Mozart for souvenirs. To find out what some people are "doing" to Mozart's music, finish the message below. The lines and spaces of the musical staff have letter names. Study them for a minute. Next, fill in the blank spaces by putting the name of the note above the blank.

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 C B A G F E  
 B A G F E  
 A G F E  
 F E

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# Weddings

## Maxwell, Haseloff united in holy matrimony

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shane Haseloff are at home in Farwell after a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, N.M., following their Feb. 18 wedding at St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat.

The bride is the former Mindy Anne Maxwell, daughter of Leroy and Linda Maxwell of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Richard and Pam Haseloff of Farwell.

The couple exchanged double-ring vows in a formal ceremony at 5 p.m. with the Rev. David Symm, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, officiating.

Matron of honor was Melissa Maxwell of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridal attendants were Chrissy Maxwell of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride; Dana Scoggin of Farwell, sister of the groom; and Marcia Haseloff of Farwell, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Cambree and Kylie Haseloff of Farwell, nieces of the groom.

Serving his cousin as best man was Ray Haseloff of Farwell. Groomsmen were Darren Haseloff and Derrick Haseloff, both of Farwell, brothers of the groom; and David Maxwell of Amarillo, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Logan Maxwell of Amarillo, nephew of the bride.

Ushers were Daniel Maxwell of Amarillo, brother of the bride; and Kirk Lingnau of Farwell, friend of the groom. Candle lighters were Ethan Maxwell of Amarillo, nephew of the bride; and Cameron Scoggin of Farwell, nephew of the groom. Passing out bubbles to guests was Wade Brown of Amarillo, nephew of the bride.

Soloist was Lorre Haseloff of Farwell, sister-in-law of

the groom. She sang *The Parents' Prayer*.

Special guests included Beulah Dean of Oklahoma City, Okla., maternal grandmother of the groom; and Adolf Haseloff of Farwell, paternal grandfather of the groom.

The bride chose a formal-length white gown with fitted bodice, halter neckline and a full gathered skirt. Lace appliques and beading decorated the dress and the appliques featured illusion-filled cut-work on the cathedral-length train. Fabric roses delineated the center line of the back. She wore a chapel-length veil of illusion anchored by a rhinestone tiara and topped by a fingertip-length veil adorned with seed pearls. She also wore a blusher veil, which was removed by her father as he presented her to the groom. Her cascade bouquet of white and sapphire silk roses was accented with English ivy. Her jewelry included a horseshoe-shaped pendant necklace, a gift from the groom.

The bridal attendants wore matching floor-length gowns of sapphire taffeta with matching stoles and shoes. They also wore horseshoe pendants that matched the bride's. Each carried a single long-stemmed white rose adorned with blue ribbon.

The flower girls wore matching white dresses, which were styled with a fitted bodice and full gathered skirt, accented with a matching sash. They wore jeweled tiaras in their hair and carried blue wicker baskets.

The groom wore black jeans, a tuxedo jacket with tails and a white waist coat



MR. AND MRS. DUANE HASELOFF

and bow tie. The male attendants all wore tuxedo jackets with sapphire vests and bow ties.

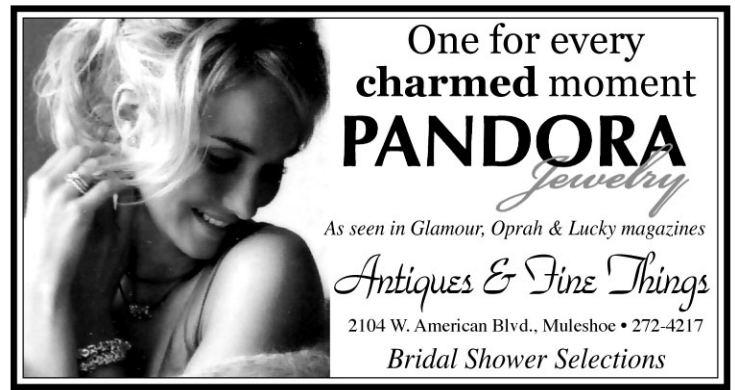
The church decorations included two large baskets of fresh white flowers, including roses and carnations, mixed with greenery, placed on each side of the chancel. Flanking them were two candelabra holding seven white and sapphire tapers and decorated with the same fresh flowers and greenery. White candles in hurricane glass chimneys sat on each window sill of the auditorium, surrounded with greenery and blue flowers. Arrangements of blue and white silk roses decorated the end of every other pew along the center aisle.

A dinner reception and dance followed the ceremony at Muleshoe Country Club. The bride's white cake was made of four heart-shaped tiers separated by pillars with cascades of roses and forget-me-nots down the sides. The top piece featured

boy and girl figurines kissing in front of an inverted horseshoe arch. The groom's square three-layer chocolate cake also carried out the western theme, featuring the outlines of cowboy hats and boots in the frosting.

Donna Ratke of Farwell, who made the cakes as a gift for the couple, also helped in serving. Other members of the house party included Tina and Elizabeth Symm of Lariat and Sharla Smith of Farwell.

Sandwiches and finger foods were served buffet-style, and a slide presentation was shown featuring photos of the couple from throughout their lives. Dance music was presented by D.J. Steve Phillips of Muleshoe.



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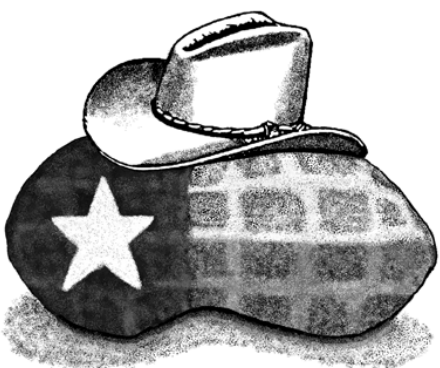
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Please make plans to attend your annual meeting. State Issues Consultant, Gary Walker and Washington Attorney, Mike McLeod will be giving updates on a number of issues that may directly affect area peanut producers.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. followed by the updates and business meeting.

### Tentative Agenda

- Welcome**.....Ted Higginbottom, President
- "Austin Update"**.....Guest Speaker: Gary Walker, State Issues Consultant
- "Washington Update"**.....Guest Speaker: Mike McLeod, Washington Attorney
- Call Business Meeting to Order**.....Ted Higginbottom, President
- Minutes and Financial**.....Jimbo Grissom, Secretary/Treasurer
- Election:**.....The membership will be nominating and electing directors to fill the positions of three expiring terms.
- National Peanut Board Update**.....Texas Delegate, Roger Neitsch
- Other Business**
- Adjourn**

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### Students of the Month announced

The Students of the Month for January have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary.


These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership, and have proven to be an asset to their class and their school.

The students are as follows: Pre-kindergarten — Kionna Uvalle, the daughter of Maria Davila; Kindergarten — Ginsyn McGehee, the daughter of Kevin and Malessia McGehee; First — Kenlea Barnes, the daughter of Doug and Amy Barnes; Second — Peter Guenter, the son of David and Eva Guenter; Third — Haldon Ivy, the son of Lance and Shelly Ivy; Fourth — Austin Mason, the son of Sean and Julie Mason; Fifth — Kolten Morris, the son of Gail and Marca Morris.

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### WJHS Photo Camp students

Area students from Watson Junior High, as well as home schooled students, participated in a Photography Camp, sponsored by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation March 6-8 with proceeds from a grant from Excel. Tammy Killough was the instructor of the course, which culminated with a reception and a display of the student's work on Thursday, March 9. Pictured above are the WJHS students and Killough: Elvia Bajo, Alyssa Martinez, Belinda Pacheco, Patrick Mendoza, Daniela Aburto, Jordan Stroud, MacKenzie Elledge and Cristian Godinez.

**FYI**

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.



### Watson Junior High Students of the Week

Watson Junior High's Students of the Week for the week of March 20 are, from left to right: Front row — Angel Alvarez, Cathy Galindo and Hernan Cruz; back row — Jeffrey Vasquez, Brenda Rodriguez and Adelene Rivas.

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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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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Length at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mom & Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_





## Nursing Home News

Bro. Jack Stone and Renee West, a visiting evangelist from Oklahoma, visited the residents at Park View Tuesday morning, giving a devotional and singing.

The Church of God in Christ youth of Farwell came and sang hymns Friday morning.

Bill Lambert's family hosted his 101st birthday celebration Saturday afternoon at Park View.

Bill had family members attending from several states as well as from Muleshoe.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from earth

directed a music, song and praise session Tuesday morning. Judy also gave a fun and interesting music program, of which everyone so willingly participated.

Eva Nell Dale and Dolores Garrett came Tuesday afternoon and shampooed and styled the ladies' hair. Doris Palmer also gave a helping hand.

Buster Kittrell and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents at the Second Cup Café Wednesday morning.

Thursday morning, the residents painted ceramics prepared by Nancy Lemons in craft class.

Zona Gatewood directed a music and song program in the Day Room as well as in Special Care. Bill Lambert and members of his family participated in the program.

Dianne Brown, Marilyn Wilson, Glenda Dale, Linda Trussel, Anna Bales, Marsha Wiseman and Billie Powell baked homemade pies for the residents Thursday. Dianne and Marilyn cut and served the pastries.

Friday morning, the Barry Wiseman family from the Muleshoe Church of Christ came and sang songs for the residents.

Saturday afternoon, Butch Vandiver called at the Bingo Bash.

The Earth Church of Christ came for church services and communion Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to Lela Crawford for being interviewed by Channel 6. Her story will be aired on March 27, at 12:30 p.m.

Butch Kittrell, Anna B. Lane, Loyce Killingsworth and Jo Ellen Cowart directed the singspiration time Wednesday.

Nathan Bemmer gave an inspirational testimony of his life before and after his accident three years ago. Nathan inspired us all by saying "never give up."

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins came Wednesday to entertain and direct a sing-a-long.

Peggy Dent visited Park View Wednesday and gave a tour to an out-of-town visitor.

Betty Burlsmith and Cozetta Black of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, visited Hattie Heathington Tuesday.

## Democrats to meet Saturday

The Bailey County Democratic Party will hold its convention on Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Courthouse, second floor.

Delegates for the Texas Democratic Convention at Ft. Worth in June will be elected.

Other business and

discussion are on the agenda as well.

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## Senior Citizen News

The senior citizens who had lunch with us last Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, had a real treat. Our helpers, Phylis, Sherlon and Veronica, entertained us with a skit, "How much is that dogging in the window."

Phylis closed the program with an Irish prayer. There was lots of laughter and a good time was had by all. Our sincere thanks go to our dedicated helpers.

Mandi Seaton, with the Bailey County Extension office, brought another of her most interesting programs on Tuesday of this week. We appreciate her sharing her time with us. Her programs are always informative and interesting.

The Bootscooter Band will be playing for the Tuesday night Senior Dance on March 28. Mark your calendar and make plans to come and enjoy the great music and fun.

Remember our Bingo on Thursday, from 1:30 -3 p.m. Everyone is having a great time. Prizes and refreshments are furnished.

### Menu for March 27-31:

Monday, Mar. 27 — BBQ beef, ovenroasted potato, broccoli & cheese, salad, roll, pears and peanut butter cookie.

Tuesday, March 28 — Baked Ham/pineapple, rice, salad, mixed vegetables, wheat roll and cobbler.

Wednesday, March 29 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apricots.

Thursday, March 30 — Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, tator tots, pinto beans, peaches and cookies.

Friday, March 31 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

## Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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## Some Thoughts on Crushed Oreos and Gentleness

Gentleness. What a beautiful quality! In fact, I've been enjoying the studies we've had at church recently on what St. Paul calls the "fruits of the Spirit." We're just now studying "gentleness." I even taught one class. Yes, I seem to remember closing the discussion that morning with the observation that gentleness is great to talk about in theory, but the real test comes when somebody has just crossed us, when we're about to boil over, when gentle words and kind thoughts are not what



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spring to mind. You already see what's coming, don't you? And you're right—I set myself up.

Now, be gentle. The test I'm thinking of came a week or two after I'd taught. I was rusty. And I wasn't the real teacher anyway. I was subbing. I have lots of great excuses, and I've got this theory about what driving cars, standing in lines, and being "protected" at airports does to our "gentleness quotient."

Okay. I confess. My wife and I and our youngest son—I'm speaking of the baby, the last of our little boys, fourth and final in birth order, *numero cuatro*, still the pink baby in our eyes even if he is pushing 200 pounds and of formidable stature—had just driven to the airport and were standing in line. Joshua was about to climb aboard a plane and fly off toward Africa. Picture in your mind days of planning, procuring passports,

scheduling flights, getting shots, much miscellaneous preparation, and, most recently, packing.

Picture my wife, Mrs. Ph.D in packing, meticulously layering 69 1/2 pounds each of supplies for Josh and care packages for his two African siblings (already in Uganda) into two trunks. I've seen her do this. She is quite capable of spooning a reasonably-sized house into a five-cubic-foot trunk.

Picture us standing in line at the airport, watching the security folks open the trunks. Picture one guy, who evidently has read the situation and knows, perhaps from agricultural experience, that you don't get between a mama of any variety and her young, conduct a reasonable, gentle, somewhat light inspection of one trunk, close it, and back off.

But picture this guy's female counterpart keeping us safe from the hoards of terrorists threatening Lubbock International Airport by waving her little explosives sensor over bags of Oreo cookies and Milk Duds, pulling stuff out with reckless abandon, dumpster-diving to the bottom of the trunk she'd commandeered. Picture Mama watching as Betsy Bureaucrat half-heartedly attempts to cram the stuff back in, crushing non-explosive Oreos and creating havoc. Picture Mama coming to a slow boil. Picture Dad, who'd already quietly boiled, sensing his calm wife's temp rising and deciding to back off so that only one parent would end up in jail.

Well, no one ended up in jail. And Josh will soon be landing in Uganda. If you're there long enough, even crushed Oreos are precious. But did I mention that this gentleness stuff is easy—until you get crossed?

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

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# Heritage Board Report

At the monthly Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board meeting held March 6, members were excited to hear about the Spring Break photography cultural program conducted by Tammy Killough at the Heritage Center.

Sixth through eighth grade students of Watson Junior High School attended all-day classes Monday through Wednesday of their spring break to learn as much as possible about photography techniques.

This was the first completed project to fulfill the X-Cel grant requirements from the grant recently received by the Muleshoe Heritage Center. Tammy reported that the students used light-sensitive paper, and it was amazing what the students were able to do using computers.

She also noted about the excellent cooperation extended by WJHS Principal David Dominguez during this program. She expressed appreciation to United Supermarkets for food and drinks furnished and to Lowe's Market for fifteen throw-away cameras which were used by the students during this activity.

A showing party was held Thursday night at the Muleshoe Depot and board members and guest were amazed at the creativity shown by the ten students who attended these cultural

activities. The 10 students, recommended by teachers, were proud to display what they had learned during this learning activity. Each student was presented a camera at the conclusion of the evening by teacher Tammy Kellough. Students participating were Alyssa Martinez, Daniela Aburto, Elvia Bajo, Cristian Godinez, Mackenzie Elledge, Belinda Pacheco, Taylor Prather, Jordan Stroud, Patrick Mendoza, and Stephanie Stancell.

To begin the monthly board meeting Jo Bob Stevenson gave the opening prayer followed by minutes read by secretary Jenne McVicker. Gary Hooten gave the treasurer's report and both minutes and the treasurer's report were approved by board members attending.

Center hostess Dolores Harvey said that a new vacuum has been

purchased, most of the money was given by bridge club members who use the depot at their monthly meetings.

Harvey reported that two tours are scheduled for the month of March: A church group on March 11 and a Red Hat Club of "Pink Ladies" from Portales, N.M., on March 18. She also reported that her husband Charles will no longer be able to do the yard work at the center.

The president reported that Lonnie Adrian, board member, chairman of the annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride has requested that the sponsorship money be turned in soon in order to send out bulletins, etc. for the ride which will be held in June. This activity brings

many visitors from across the state of Texas and surrounding states to Muleshoe.

Dan Throckmorton gave an update about restoration going on at the Figure 4 Ranch House. He stated that Pat Watson had

brought the dinner bell and the rope used from inside the house to call workers on the ranch in to eat. The bell will soon hang on the outside of the Figure 4.

Jim Allison noted that there are now three vacancies on the board due

to the resignations of long-time members Vivian White, Larry Nickels and Poppy Beard. A discussion was held about possible new members which will be chosen soon to fill these vacancies.

Meeting adjourned.

*I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during my campaign for County Commissioner. The kind reception and hospitality I encountered made me appreciate the good people in the Muleshoe area even more. I made new friends, reacquainted with old friends, and enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you for sharing your time with me. You made the campaign well worth the run. Also, I want to thank our local media — Channel 6, the Muleshoe Journal, and XMUC — for their excellent service. It was a pleasure to work with you.*

*Rex Harris*

## Photographs no longer available

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• NICE 3-1.5-1 Carport Home, 1380' lv. area, Cent. A&H, remodeled, new paint, carpet, stove, W&D, Thermal windows, metal trim, corner lot!! \$65K!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, built-ins, fans, workshop/stor. bldg., fenced yard, MORE!! \$71K!!  
• 2-2 Bdrm., 1 bath units & 1-1 Bdrm., 1 bath unit, Cent. Elec. Heat Pumps, appliances, furniture, fenced!! GOOD RENTAL PROPERTY!! \$85K!!  
**COMMERCIAL**  
• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/ paved area!! \$49.5K!!  
• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY!! - 2-4 unit, 1-8 unit, and 1-2 unit apartments!! CALL FOR DETAILS!!  
• 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!  
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated

bldg., 2 other sheettin bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!  
• Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$35K!!  
**RURAL**  
• 1968.9 Acres with 1667.6 acres in CRP and approximately 301.3 acres in native pasture!! \$290.00 per acre!!  
• NEEDMORE - NICE 3-2-2 Brick home on Hwy. 214, 1.14 acres, Call for details. Stor. bldg., horse pen. MORE!!! PRICE REDUCED \$74.9K!!  
• NEEDMORE - 3-1.5 Home on 2.5 acres, Cent. heat, evap. air, metal siding, 1920' barn, 320' shed bldg., & 304' shed. MORE!! \$32.5K!!  
• SUDAN - NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3200' lv. area, cov. patio, 2 stor. bldgs. MORE!! \$95K!!  
• SUDAN - NICE 2-1-2 carport Home, Cent. A&H (Heat Pump), built-ins, fans, thermal win. & doors, fenced yd. stor. bldg.!! MORE!! \$40K!!  
• VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Home on 3.67 acres, 1271 Hwy. 214 S., cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., nicely landscaped, 2900+ lv. area, 680' additional area stor., gazebo, barns, MORE!! \$129K!!  
• LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!



# Jennyslipper News

By Nelda Merriott

The Jennyslippers met for their regular meeting in the Girl Scout Little Hut on March 14.

Those present included Elaine Parker, Alene Bryant, Thursie Reid, Ruby Green, Ellen Ladd, Anna Bales, Bobbie Harrison, Brenda Tapley, Peggy Bruton, Lucy Mardisand Bernita Sheets.

Also guests, Janie Posadas, Kay Gray with Muleshoe Area Home Health, Patricia Hardin and Lupe Eubriate with South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. attended.

The meeting was called to order by president Elaine Parker. She extended a welcome to our guests and new members.

A written treasurer's report by treasurer Brenda Tapley was handed out.

It was accepted as read.

A very special program was brought by Patricia Hardin, who spoke on the South Plains Senior Companion Program.

This program is for seniors over 60 years of age who wish to be senior companions to older adults. There is a limited income guideline for senior companions.

They can volunteer 15 to 40 hours a week for a small

stipend.

They provide companionship and encouragement and perhaps a friendship that can last a lifetime.

People who need this service and those who would like to provide it should contact Janie Posadas at South Plains Community Action, 804 W. American Boulevard In Muleshoe or call 272-7537.

Applications and much information are available for both client and provider.

The meeting adjourned.



## Hospital fund raiser deemed a success

Hospital employee Maria Barron won the drawing held March 10 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center to raise the funds needed to replace tile in an area of the hospital. Pictured above, hospital administrator Ray Mason draws the winning ticket for the Ruidoso N.M. getaway, plus \$50 in cash.

## Democratic Convention set for Saturday

The Bailey County Democratic Party will hold its' convention on Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Courthouse, second floor.

Delegates for the Texas Democratic Convention at Ft. Worth in June will be elected.

Other business and discussion are on the agenda as well.

All Democrats are welcome to attend.

Thanks for reading!



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