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## Mason gets MAHD board's nod for CEO

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors returned from closed session at the end of Thursday's lengthy regular meeting and offered interim administrator Ray Mason the position he's held for the last three months on a permanent basis.

When asked by board president Mike Miller if he needed time to think about the offer, Mason paused for a moment before telling the board he didn't. "I'd be honored," Mason said, "and I appreciate the complements. You've been very supportive."

The compliments referred to by Mason were apparently exchanged during the closed session, during which Miller was joined by board members Ronnie Dent, Marilyn Riley and Lary Hooten. Board member Ann McElroy wasn't in attendance at Thursday's meeting. Also invited into the closed session was Jim Wurts, senior vice president of Covenant in Lubbock.

Following the adjournment of the MAHD board, Riley said, "I think Ray is going to do a great job."

Dent said, "I think we're very fortunate to have a man

of Ray's character and abilities, and I look forward to working with him."

And Miller said, "I am very pleased with the decision," adding that the hospital district has had a significant turn around in the last three months while Mason has been serving as interim administrator of the hospital and chief executive officer of the hospital district.

Miller said the hospital district is going in a "positive direction" and attributed the success to "the positive leadership" Mason has provided.

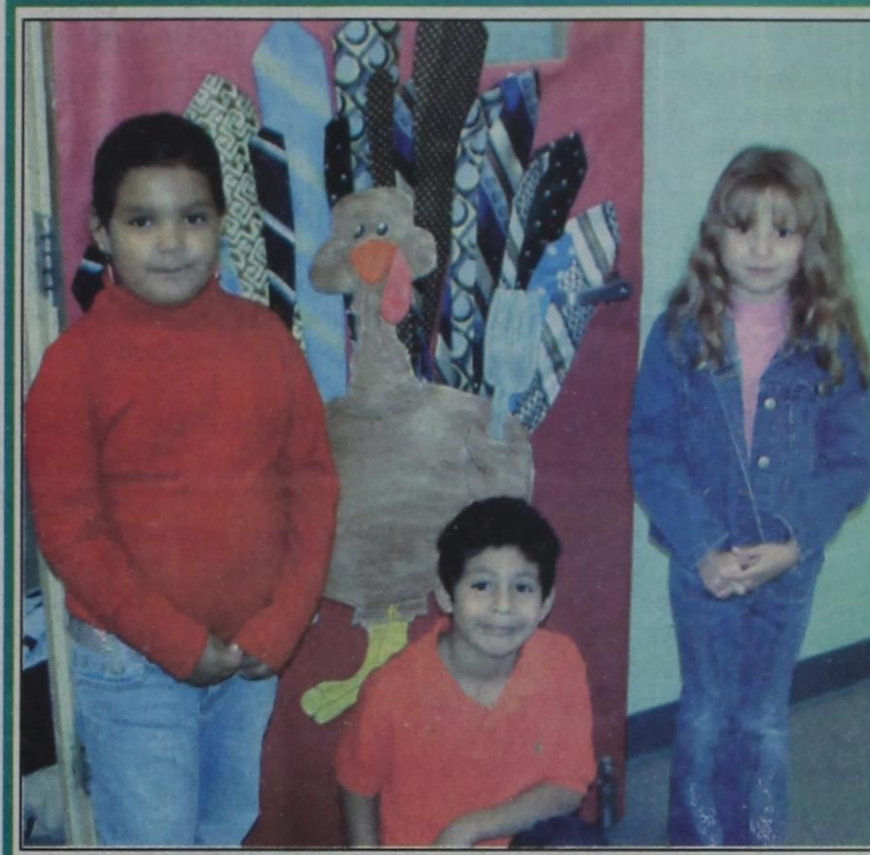
When asked about the board action from a few minutes earlier, Mason said, "I'm very excited, and very pleased with the honor."

"We've got a lot of positive things going," Mason added, referring to MAHD and the hospital, "and I'm pleased to be their administrator."

Mason came to Muleshoe in August after former administrator Jim Bone was transferred "to another position within the Covenant family," as reported in the Sept. 1 issue of the Journal.

During his first interview, Mason stressed that the person who leads the hospital district had to be accountable to the community of Muleshoe...

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## Time to to 'talk turkey' at Dillman

Students at Dillman Elementary have been displaying a wide variety of turkey's during the past week, in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. Pictured on the left are three students from Shann Glover's first grade class, from left to right — Marisol Serrano, Justin Reyes and Brittany Wolfe, standing by the 'tie-turkey' on their classroom door. Pictured below, Dillman students have listed the things for which they are thankful.



## SPC, MAMC may join in nursing education

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Representatives of South Plains College addressed the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors during Thursday's regular meeting, seeking a new education partner in Bailey County.

Specifically, the SPC representatives wanted to know if the hospital district might be interested in providing space for nursing classes to be conducted at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

"Access is critically important in our rural areas," Jim Walker, SPC's dean of Continuing and Distance Learning. "Not everyone can drive to Levelland to

take our courses."

If space is available, SPC hopes to install an ITV learning center. "The beauty with ITV," Marla Cottenoir, dean of Health Occupations at SPC, who accompanied Walker, "is that if you have only one student, we can still do it."

Similar possibilities were

discussed in August when college and local officials announced the opening of a similar learning center at the WorkSource office, located on Main Street in Muleshoe.

"You tell us what you need, and we'll deliver the faculty to teach the course," Walker said.

When asked about the

benefit the proposed project would be to Muleshoe, Walker said, "This is an investment in your future, especially with what is happening in nursing right now."

Board member Ronnie Dent voiced agreement to Walker's statements. "It

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## Hurricane relief impacts charities

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

With so much attention being directed at the hurricane victims of South Texas and the gulf coast, representatives from some of the Bailey County charities have begun to grow concerned as they've watched a reduction in the amount of donations required to local needs.

Compassionate Care Among the local charities that have seen such a reduction is Compassionate Care, headed up by David Pollard, who said Thursday, "Basically, we've pretty



The Rainbow Room on West American Boulevard.

much dried up." Compassionate Care came into being about three years ago when residents in the Muleshoe area realized the need for Christian-based pregnancy counseling and related services.

According to Pollard,

Compassionate Care has been working toward an association with Care Net, which is endorsed by Focus on the Family, but that until the organization has its building completed much of what they hope to do within the community isn't possible.

"We've got plenty of manpower," Pollard said, but the funds for the materials needed to renovate the organization's building on West American Boulevard aren't coming in.

He said representatives from local churches have promised to help once everything is "up and running," but until that point is reached that source of assistance won't be available.

"The hardest thing we have is the education," Pollard said about the need for pregnancy counseling among the young men and women of the area. "It's not something we take lightly," he said. "We believe we've been called by God."

He explained that Compassionate Care hopes to offer counseling both prior to and after pregnancy, as

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### Local Weather

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## Park View smoking ban discussed by board

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

"Smoking in the boys' room" may have outraged the teachers in 1973 when Brownsville Station recorded the tune, and worry current educators as well, but it was the possible banning smoking by residents at Park View Nursing that raised concerns during Thursday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

At the beginning of the meeting, Bill Lyles addressed the hospital board's members during the open forum portion of the meeting, and referring to the item listed on the posted agenda, said, "I wish you'd give that some hard consideration before you do it."

He added that his mother was one of the smoking residents at the nursing home and said it would be "unfair" if the residents had to go outside to smoke.

Although the issue wasn't addressed at that point during the meeting, nursing

home administrator Paul Chaisson addressed the issue later, explaining that at some point in the future he believes the smoking room — which it was noted was

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## Lamplight By Larry Thornton

When is the best time to thank God for all of the blessings he bestows on us?

Well, Hebrew 13:15 says, "Through Jesus let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name." Some would argue this verse has more to do with praising God rather than offering him our thanksgiving.

But our thanksgiving is as much a part of our praise of the Almighty as is our recognition of who he is... our adoration.

However, the truth is that none of us thank God as often as we should. Each one of us tend to take for granted the



countless blessings we receive from him each day, hour and minute. And if you wanted to thank God for the breaths you take or the heartbeats that keep you on this earthly sphere, you can quickly see why God deserves our continual praise and thanksgiving.

Isaiah 63:7 says, "I will tell of the kindness of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us..."

And, Ephesians 5:20 says, "Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Each time we wake up in the morning, look upon the faces of our children or even drink a cup of water, we encounter God's blessings.

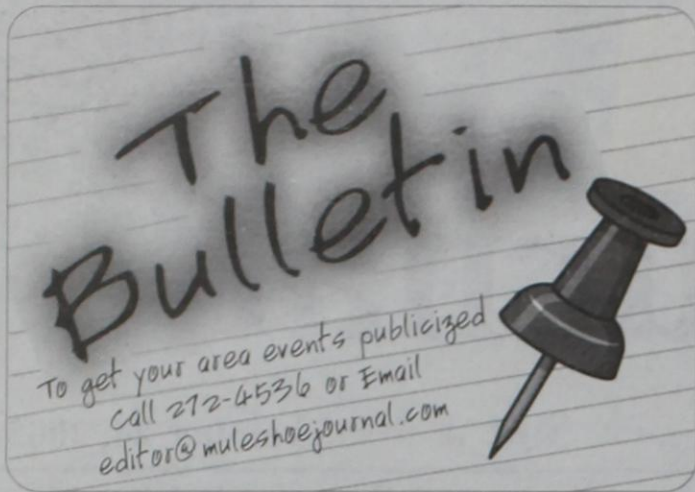
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**Pheasant hunt breakfast planned**

The annual Bailey County EMS Pheasant Hunt breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, with the doors opening at 5 a.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy will be served. The organization is also raffling a Browning BPS shotgun with the drawing to be held during the breakfast. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Call 272-4390 for additional information.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled**

The Bailey County Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Estension have announced their 27th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.. at the Bailey County Civic Center, at 2200 W. American Blvd. Admission is free.

**Christmas concert set for Dec. 1**

The sixth annual performance of "Christmas in the Country" is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., at Trinity Christian Center Church.

This year's program will include classic Christmas music and Southern Gospel music featuring Reydon Stanford, Kenneth Richards and Sandy Watson of the Anchor Brothers.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Muleshoe's Meals on Wheels. Refreshments will be served during intermission. For more information, call 272-3877.

**EMT classes to be offered**

Bailey County EMS will be holding EMT-B classes beginning Jan. 23, 2006. Students must be registered by Jan. 13. For more information contact Chris Thompson at 272-4390.

**Boy Scout food drive begins**

The Boy Scouts will be delivering plastic sacks so that Muleshoe residents may donate non-perishable food for the local food bank on Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. Scout leaders ask that everyone out driving that morning to please watch for the scouts. The sacks will be picked up on Dec. 10 at 8 a.m.

**Dimmitt to host Christmas gathering**

Plans are underway for the 2005 Christmas Open House in Dimmitt on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Retail Merchants' Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce selected "Bringing Christmas Home" as the theme for this year's Christmas promotion which offers shoppers the opportunity to win more than \$1,000 in Dimmitt Dollars, merchandise and gift certificates during the holiday season, with Lowe's Grocery Store providing free carriage rides for the community.

The Open House will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Santa visiting the gazebo at 2:30 p.m. A big-screen TV with built-in DVD player will be raffled off on Dec. 23, with tickets available for purchase during the open house.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 115 W. Bedford by calling 806-647-2524.

**VFW Ladies Auxillary special meeting**

A special meeting of the VFW Ladies Auxillary Post 8570 of Muleshoe has been set for Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., at the post, 203 E. Ash Ave.

The topic of the meeting will be the proposed disbanding of the auxillary. All members are asked to attend. Contact Phyliss Carrion at 272-8570, after 7 p.m., for additional information.

**Salvation Army bell ringers**

Salvation Army bell ringers will be located at Lowe's Marketplace on West American Boulevard, according to Debbie Crabtree of the Bailey County Office on Aging. Proceeds collected by the bell ringers remain in Bailey County. Crabtree also noted that Lowe's has apple and pumpkin pies available for \$5 each, proceeds of which go to Meals on Wheels.

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The six-lesson "Master of Memory" series is sponsored by Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. The sixth lesson will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 12:30 p.m., at the senior center. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

**Newspaper is going online**

Keep an eye on the internet as the Muleshoe Journal joins the "information highway" in the near future with an online edition.

Among the features of the website will be the availability for subscribers to download their newspaper, putting the problems and delays of out-of-state postal delivery behind them.

Other features will include on-line viewing of classified ads; subscriptions and ads may be placed online; sports highlights; and opportunities for advertisers to purchase a link to their websites at a low monthly fee.

At this time, the Journal's website is scheduled to open during the first weeks of December.

**Compassionate Care gala set**

Compassionate Care of Muleshoe has set its Christmas Gala for Dec. 3, from 2-4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Assembly of God Family Life building, 521 S. First St.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, wassail and coffee.

Decorated theme tables will have a variety of specialty items — including botique items — for sale and decorated chairs will be available for sale in a silent auction.

**Heritage Thrift Store needs donations**

Last month, hundreds of people shopped at the Heritage Thrift Store and bought thousands of articles. The articles they bought came from your generous donations.

"Because the needs of our community have recently been so great, the store is extremely low on inventory. We need everything but, in particular, there is a need children's clothes — especially sleepwear, shoes and warm clothing," a Heritage Center representative says.

Bring donations to the thrift shop, at 402 S. Main in Muleshoe, Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All proceeds from The Heritage Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center on West American Boulevard.

**Hale Center Festival of Lights set**

The Hale Center Festival of Lights has been set for Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. A musical program, featuring local talent, will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the lighting of thousands of lights in the Heritage Plaza, Library Plaza and the city park. The event is sponsored by the Hale Center Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and the Hale and the Hale Center Beautification Association.

**Miss Texas to appear Nov. 29**

Miss Texas 2005, Morgan Matlock of Lamesa, will be in Muleshoe on Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

For the past year, Matlock has worked as director of public relations for Grubbs Auto Group, Inc., and attended classes at Dallas Baptist University.

Prior to winning Miss Texas she had applied and been accepted as a senior at Texas Tech University where, following her year of service, she will complete her degree in psychology.

Matlock will speak to more than 100,000 students this year, through the Texas Cares for Children program, designed to help children and adults deal with the problems of bullying, gossip and how the long-term effects of things said can alter another's life.

The public is invited to hear Matlock's presentation and performance. She is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County Office; Muleshoe State Bank, Five Area Telephone, Muleshoe Motor Co., and the Muleshoe Rotary Club.

**Job training for seniors available**

Sally Farr of Experience Works will be conducting a job fair in Muleshoe on Monday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Heritage Depot, West American Boulevard, to help senior citizens, ages 55 and up, receive the training they need to upgrade their job skills.

For additional information, contact the WorkSource office in Muleshoe at 272-7540.

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# Editorial

We can't help but applaud Thursday's decision by the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors to hire interim administrator Ray Mason as the chief executive officer of the hospital district and the administrator of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

It's amazing, but it's only been a few months since MAHD residents were up-in-arms over the hospital district and its leadership. Citizens were filling the meeting room, and there were times in which we wouldn't have been surprised if buckets of tar and bags of feathers appeared.

But since that time there seems to have been both a change of leadership and attitude within the hospital district, and with them a change in the attitude of the public as well.

Sure, there are some changes that are still needed — changes that we, and others, continue to suggest — but we believe the hospital district is once again moving in a positive direction.

Since his arrival, Mr. Mason has proved himself to be a man of integrity who "fits well into the Muleshoe community."

Just as Park View administrator Paul Chaisson rapidly moved into the hearts of the nursing home residents and the citizens of Muleshoe, Mason has also shown that he not only wants to work at our hospital, but also wants to become part of this community.

When the administrator or an upper-level supervisor of such an entity as a hospital district isn't part of the community which it serves, compassion for the public quickly goes out the window and people become mere numbers. We are so pleased that Mr. Mason appears to be a man with compassion for both the residents of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and its employees.

With such an attitude, how can we do anything but welcome him?

## Smoking ban discussed

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only utilized by four or five of the residents — will have to be closed.

It was later pointed out that either a staff member or a member of the resident's family was required to be in the room with the smoking resident.

"It's not just an industry trend," Chaisson said, "it's a health care trend."

In response, board president Mike Miller asked if such action was necessary at a time when the nursing home is in need of additional residents at Park View.

Chaisson said it was placed on the agenda for discussion at this time, but also said, "Some day, we're going to have to cross this bridge."

In other business, the MADH board:

- Changed the official name of the nursing home from "Muleshoe Area Healthcare," which it had since prior to the move into the new facility, to Park View Nursing Care Center after Chaisson pointed out the center's "recognition problem."

- Approved a \$2,300 bid for trees to be placed at Park View's Arline Phelps Memorial Garden. At a previous board meeting it was noted that the nursing home had received a \$2,500 in-kind matching grant for the project.

- Tabled action on a rate

increase at Park View after lengthy discussion, which included discussion of some reduced rates which some of the residents in private rooms have apparently been receiving since prior to Chaisson's taking over as administrator.

Initially, Chaisson recommended all semi-private room rates be increased by \$2 per day and private rooms by \$3 per day, with the added resident benefit of the district dropping the \$40 per month laundry fee.

It was explained that, if approved, this would be the nursing home's first increase in four years. But it was the increase that some of the residents — who have only been charged a portion of the normal rate for an undetermined period of time — which brought the board up short the proposed rate increase.

It was pointed out by board members prior to tabling the issue that if the residents who have been paying the reduced rate had to start paying the required rate it would mean an estimated increase of \$400 per month.

- Briefly discussed the hospital district's collection during which Mason asked the board, "How hard do you want us to get?" and said, "We owe it to the taxpayers to get every penny we can."

- Approved a bad debt write off of \$40,972.59.

# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Nov. 9, Ben Gramling, a long-time resident of Muleshoe, since he came from California to accept a teaching job in 1961, said a sad, and brave farewell to his beloved home in Muleshoe.

He taught English at the local High School before he became a school counselor... in all, serving for about 30 years.

He had many friends from his "school days," which he kept in touch with on a regular basis. Ben will miss Ronnie Jones and his library of old classic movies. He will miss his dearest friend, Jimmie Crawford, who never failed to exchange newspapers with him, and who checked in on him every day.

Ben would like all of his

Muleshoe friends to know that they are all in his heart and that he cherished everyone's friendship over the years. He will especially miss the daily afternoon get-togethers at McDonalds, and all those at the Senior center.

Ben is doing quite well in his nice studio apartment at Sunshine Villa in Santa Cruz. He has a beautiful view, and the staff is very good to him.

The ladies there have already accosted him to go "here and there" with them, and he has been too polite to refuse. He is also eating much better than he has in years.

Ben would be happy to hear from any of his old friends, and he very much wants to be kept up to date on the Muleshoe Mules.

He can be reached at 831-471-9869. His address is 80 Front Street #205, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-5098.

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the Holy Spirit, we encounter one the blessings God has provided to help us get through the troubles of our worldly existence.

And, each time we give thought to God's forgiveness through the blood of his Son, contemplate Christ's resurrection and the promise believers receive from it, and reflect on the knowledge that all who believe and accept him as Lord and Savior will be justified, sanctified and eventually glorified, we encounter God's ultimate blessings and his hope and desire for each of us.

Yes, we should give thanks to God daily, but it is also right that we should

come together as a nation to give thanks to God, as we will Thursday, Nov. 24.

And while some would contend that this nation — which once considered itself "under God" enough to add it to its pledge of allegiance by a vote of Congress — should try to restrict God's involvement in government, it continues to amaze me that this particular government-initiated holiday has escaped the onslaught of those who normally object to government participation in such events.

Needless to say, it's just one more thing for which we can thank God.

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# Obituaries

## Clifton Finley



Clifton Finley

A church service for Clifton Finley, 92, of Muleshoe was held on Nov. 19 at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner and Curtis Shelburne officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Finley died on Nov. 16, 2005, in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on Dec. 10, 1912, in Bryan County, Okla., and married Owetha Clark in Muleshoe on Dec. 17, 1946. She preceded him in death on July 8, 1979.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Russell Finley.

Finley was a lifelong member of the Rotary Club. He was a community volunteer helping at the school, Meals on Wheels; and the nursing home.

Finley worked for the St. Clairs Department store for 35 years as the office manager. He retired in 1982.

He was also a Navy veteran of World War II, and the Korean War and a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a caring

friend to everyone.

Among his survivors are a son and daughter-in-law — Neil and Cindy Finley of Lubbock; a daughter and son-in-law — Nelda and Max Mayse of Lawrence, Kan.; a sister-in-law — Wilma Finley of El Paso; three grandchildren — Heather Finley, and Karen and Suzanne Mayse; several nieces and nephews and close friends Ralph and Maria Sanchez and family.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX 79423, or Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., P.O. Box 151200, San Rafael, CA 74915.

## Truman Stroud

A graveside service for Truman Stroud, 75, of Muleshoe was held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Bailey County Cemetery with Dale Griswold of Muleshoe officiating.

Stroud died on Nov. 17, 2005 in Park View Nursing Home. He was born on Aug. 23, 1930, in Turkey, and married Martha Tipton in Muleshoe on June 1, 1953.

Stroud moved to Muleshoe in 1945 from Dallas. He was a truck driver and drove a school bus.

He was preceded in death by a son — Ronald Stroud, in 1955; a daughter — Karla Stroud, in 2000; and a sister — Darleece Sanders.

Survivors include his wife — Martha of Muleshoe; a son and daughter-in-law — Joe and Kathleen Stroud of Muleshoe; a daughter and son-in-law — Lori and Brandon Hall of Muleshoe; a sister — Juanice Bridgeman of Tulsa, Okla.; a brother — Ray Stroud of Muleshoe; and four granddaughters.

Memorials may be sent to Samaritan Hospice, P.O. Box 1999, Hereford, TX 79045.

## James Thomson

A funeral service for James Morrison Thomson, 66, of Morton was held Monday, Nov. 21, at Cochran County Memorial Cemetery, Morton, with Fr. Bill Anton and the Rev. Jon Foster officiating.

Thomson died on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005. He was born in Pauducah and graduated from Quanah High School. He was an electrical engineer.

Thomson was preceded in death by his wife, Dianne Thomson.

Survivors include his parents — Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Thomson of Morton; a daughter — Catherine Jane Davidson of Belmont, Calif.; a son — Michael James Thomson of San Jose, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law — Janie and Gary Willingham of Morton; a brother and sister-in-law — Tommy and Summer Thomson of Fallen, Nev.; and three grandchildren.

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"I think it needs to be done," Dent added.

It was noted during the discussion that there was a very large possibility that the hospital district would receive a grant to fund the ITV installation.

"I think it's an excellent

idea," board president Mike Miller said, however, he added that more in-depth information was needed before the hospital board could take any action. "If we can financially make it work, I don't see a reason not to," he added.

According to SPC's officials, if the learning center is approved, it would be about a year before the first class is held at the facility.

## County Questions

In 1903, who purchased land in several Texas panhandle counties that became known as the Muleshoe Ranch?

Answer on last page.

## Muleshoe Boy Scout food drive begins Dec. 3

The Boy Scouts will be delivering plastic sacks so that Muleshoe residents may donate non-perishable food for the local food bank on Dec. 3 at 8 a.m. Scout leaders ask that everyone out driving that morning to please watch for the scouts. The sacks will be picked up on Dec. 10 at 8 a.m.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules drop the ball during Shallowater, Nazareth games

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules dropped both games this past week to traditionally strong programs. They fell to the Shallowater Fillies 50-38 on Tuesday night and to the Nazareth Swiftettes 49-35.

Shallowater jumped out to a 5-1 lead before Brandi Wood dropped in her first of two 3-pointers. Kasey Wood ripped a defensive rebound out of the hands of a Fillie and tossed to B. Wood for an easy bucket to put the Lady Mules on top 6-5.

B. Wood returned the favor late in the quarter with a lead pass on a fast break for a lay-up that gave the Lady Mules a 9-8 advantage as the first period came to a close.

Ashlie Dickson has the job of defending the opposing team's big girl and did her job by shoving the big inside players off the blocks and out of their comfort zone. Dickson showed she could draw fouls as well as being called for fouls. She converted a charity toss with three minutes left in the first half to cut the Shallowater lead to one.

The Fillies converted a three-point play with just over a minute left to take a 14-10 margin. Ashley Grumbles converted a pair of charity tosses with under a minute left. Kate Lepard forced a Fillie turnover by closely guarding the ball handler for five second.



Lady Mule Ashley Dickson leaps for the ball during the game against Shallowater.

Amberlee Steinbock called "glass" as she put up a last second shot from behind the arc. She banked in the 3-pointer to knot the game at 15-15 at the intermission.

K. Wood snapped the tie by looping around the defense from the corner until she found a seam and drove toward the bucket. She pulled up 12 foot from the hoop and dropped in the shot.

Lepard got position and grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back to give the Lady Mules a 19-15 lead two minutes into the second half. Shallowater scored on their next trip down the floor.

B. Wood spotted up behind the line on the right

wing for a trey and a 22-17 lead by the Lady Mules. Shallowater went on a 7-1 run to close out the period with a 26-23 lead.

The Lady Mules had to weather a storm of fouls being called on them in the third frame. The foul count paid big dividends for the Fillies in the final eight minutes of the game.

Dickson was saddled with four fouls by the time the final period began and the Fillies pounded the ball inside to take advantage of her. The Lady Mules scored 15 points in the final frame but gave up 24.

B. Wood had 10 points against the Fillies and Lepard had nine. K. Wood made five points, Dickson four and Steinbock and

Grumbles had three each.

Nazareth made a living from the 3-point line Saturday afternoon as they knocked down eight in the contest. They hit three in the opening frame to jump out to a 17-10 lead.

B. Wood grabbed a defensive rebound as the second frame began and found Lepard with the outlet pass. Lepard pushed the ball ahead to K. Wood streaking to the other end for the lay-up to cut the Nazareth lead to 17-13.

B. Wood ripped a defensive rebound out of the hands of a Swiftette as she was going to the floor. She tossed the ball across the lane to Lepard for the put back and make it a two-point game.

## JV Lady Mules start season with streaky offense

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules have an early season tendency to be streaky on offense. They only scored two points in the opening quarter against Shallowater Tuesday night and repeated the feat in the third period.

But when the Lady Mules score, they score big. The had 17 points in the second period to take a 19-18 lead at the intermission and pumped in 15 in the final frame to over come a seven

point deficit to defeat the Fillies of Shallowater 36-31.

Amy Withrow scored the only two points for the Lady Mules in the opening frame and the defense gave up 15. Withrow got the Lady Mules offense started in the second frame with a free throw after being fouled on a fast break lay-up.

The Lady Mules froze the Fillies to 15 points as they went on a nine-point run. Kelsey Tipps hit a 10-foot baseline jumper and then finished a fast break after a

defensive stop by the Lady Mules.

Withrow picked off a pass out front and drove the floor for an easy two. Post to post passing is a very effective offense and Janae Pyle drew the defense at the high post and dropped the ball down low to Tipps for a short shot.

The Fillies finally scored with 2:40 left in the second period. Pyle had back-to-back buckets as the Lady Mules went on their second run of the period. Cecilia

Reyna picked a Fillies pocket and found Withrow running on the break. The bucket knotted the game at 17-17 with 1:14 left in the half.

Shallowater converted one of three from the charity line for their thirdpoint of the period. Reyna added the final two points of the period to give the Lady Mules a one-point lead at the break.

Jacy Lawrence had the Lady Mules only bucket in the third period as the Fillies

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Nazareth went on a seven-point run before B. Wood drove the baseline and dropped in a 10-foot jumper. Nazareth led 29-17 at the intermission.

Kyra Kimbrough answered Nazareth's opening four points with a put back and then a strong drive down the lane. Lepard finished a break and K. Wood knocked down a pair free throws as the Lady Mules cut the Nazareth lead to six.

K. Wood added a fast break bucket and B. Wood hit Lepard with a cross-lane toss for a bucket to complete a 12-point run by the Lady Mules. The Swiftettes milked the clock down to the two second mark before

launching a trey to end the period leading 36-29.

Irma Torres and Gabby Agundis each scored in the final eight minutes as Nazareth out ran the Lady Mules 13-6.

Lepard paced the Lady Mules with 12 points and K. Wood dropped in eight. B. Wood added five, Kimbrough four and Agundis, Grumbles and Torres each had two points.

The Lady Mules traveled to Lubbock to meet the Lubbock Trinity Christian Lady Lions Tuesday night and then take the Thanksgiving holidays off before returning to action Nov. 29 at Portales.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Nazareth Tournament Dec. 1-3.

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# Sports

## Freshman Lady Mules fall to Ladycats, 57-28

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The freshman Lady Mules dropped their opening game of the season to the Littlefield Ladycats 57-28. The Ladycats put together four double digit periods while the Lady Mules could get out of single numbers in the third frame.

Cassie Steinbock was hammered on a give-and-go. She made both charity tosses as the game got under way. Kathryn Owens stuck back a rebound for a Lady Mule two point lead.

Littlefield finished the period with a nine-point run. Steinbock briefly interrupted the scoring run as the second frame began with a free throw before the Ladycats added a pair of buckets.

Amelia Clemons made two of four from the line and Vanity Garcia added a charity toss.

Littlefield poured in 15 points before Clemons stuck back a rebound. Brandi Hamilton dropped in a trey as the half ended with the Lady Mules trailing 30-13.

The third period was the Lady Mules strongest offensive showing of the night. Steinbock got the period started with a charity toss and Owens added a free throw.

Littlefield made back-to-back 3-pointers to get off to a strong third period of their own.

Garcia answered with a trey of her own and Owens scored inside. Garcia added two free throws before Hamilton dropped in her second trey of the night. The Lady Mules trailed 42-25 with a minute left in the period.

Following a Littlefield trey

Clemons added a free throw to end the period with the Ladycats leading 45-26.

Steinbock had the only two points for the Lady Mules in the final period.

Steinbock, Hamilton and Garcia dropped in six points apiece. Clemons and Owens added five points each.

The Lady Mules battled Morton Monday and return to district action in Brownfield against the Lady Cubs November 28.



**Up and away...**

A JV Lady Mule takes a shot during the game against Shallowater.

## 7th grade Lady Mules defeated

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules came up short in the final period Thursday night. The Lady Mules had been tied with the Littlefield Ladycats 11-11 after three quarters. The Ladycats put 10 points on the board and the Lady Mules could only muster 4 in the final frame.

Mindy Hamilton put the Lady Mules on the board with a free throw to break a four-point run by Littlefield. Valerie Olivas was defending the in bound pass and blocked the pass back out of bounds to the Ladycat to give the Lady Mules the ball.

Erika Rodriguez drove to the hoop on a fast break late in the first period. Sandy Mojica was fouled shooting in the final 12 seconds. She converted one of the two charity tosses to end the opening frame with the Lady Mules trailing 5-4.

Littlefield scored to open the second quarter. Ivone Mendoza found Alejandra Gomez open on the base line for a short jumper. It was Mendoza to Gomez with a cross-lane pass and she

scored with a short jumper to give the Lady Mules an 8-7 advantage with 4:23 left in the half.

The Ladycats regained the lead with a basket but Rodriguez drove from the wing, stop and popped from six feet. The Lady Mules led 10-9 at the intermission.

The third period was a defensive battle as the Lady Mules held Littlefield to a single bucket. Rodriguez made a free throw for the Lady Mules only point of the period.

Hamilton stole a pass and drove the floor for a lay-up and score on a second fast break to put the Lady Mules up by four as the final period got under way. Littlefield then shut down the Lady Mule offense and put 10 on the board in the final 2:19 of the game.

Hamilton and Rodriguez paced the Lady Mules with five points each. Gomez dropped in four points and Mojica added one.

The Lady Mules traveled to Texico Monday to take on the Lady Wolverines and travel to Brownfield Nov. 28 to resume their district schedule.

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## God's People Are to "Overflow" with Thanksgiving

Sometimes we just make things too hard.

I was listening to one of Garrison Keillor's "News from Lake Wobegon" stories one day as he was talking about the deer hunting season that had closed up in (fictitious) Lake Wobegon right before Thanksgiving.

Keillor painted a word picture (which I've embellished a bit) of the locals watching as city folks came up in droves in their high dollar Hummers and SUVs. The city guys flocking over to the Chatterbox Cafe for Dorothy's coffee (any way you want it as long as it's black and doesn't end in é—as in *latte* or *brevé*) and a

pound gives.

But the local guys who can go out and get a deer pretty much whenever they want one? Keillor says they drive out and park their old picklers, set up purple & lilac recliners, smoke cigars, play cards, tell jokes (often about city boys who dress like Rambo and spend \$200 per pound for meat) and "ever so often a deer comes along and they shoot him."

I'll leave you to guess whose deer-bagging average is better.

Sometimes we just make things too hard.

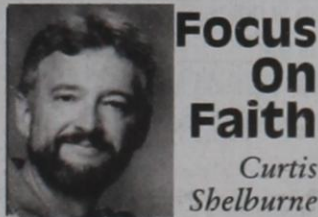
Like giving thanks. I'll admit it—some biblical commands in that regard are a bit daunting. Giving thanks "in all circumstances" is a pretty tall order. I'm still working on "most"—with somewhat modest results. "In everything give thanks"? Well, ditto.

I'm afraid the witness of the church and Christian experience is unanimous: we don't get to pick just the easy commands to try to obey. But the "giving thanks" injunction I'm focusing on this week, also from St. Paul's pen, is this one: "overflow with thanksgiving."

In my experience, "overflowing" usually holds a significant element of surprise. I'm thinking of "overflowing" sorts of experiences after eating too much Halloween candy as a child. Or too much paper down the porcelain. Or forgetting to turn off the water while filling the baptistry. Nobody plans those things; they surprise you—negatively.

Ah, but "overflowing" with thanksgiving is a great experience! First, we choose to be grateful people. Then God surprises us by opening our eyes over and over again to the bottomless depth of his goodness and grace, and the countless reasons, large and small, we have to be thankful.

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



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

chance to retell last year's hunting tales, were armed with brand new rifles with electronic scopes. They had their faces painted black, anti-scent scent sprayed all over their skin and the "camo" clothing engulfing their bodies, a dozen assorted deer calls stuck in their pockets along with their GPS devices, and you knew they'd just been tracking deer because of tell-tale pieces of bark still stuck behind their ears from the tree branches they'd been wearing on top of their hats. If you walked in the cafe door and hollered, "Hey, Bubba!" half the guys in the restaurant would break their necks even though these guys might be computer programmers or investment financiers in their day jobs. They went up to Lake Wobegon both to bag a deer and to snag the unique excitement that buying meat at \$200 per

## JV game...

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opened a 28-21 lead.

Morgan Smith picked off a Fillie pass and found Reyna running on the break. She made the lay-up on the fast break and knocked down a pair of free throws after being fouled on the next possession.

Reyna saw Smith racing through the back door and tossed her the ball. Smith's bucket cut the Fillie lead to 28-27. Withrow knocked down a pair of charity tosses and made a fast break bucket to give the Lady Mules a 31-30 lead with 4:21 left in the game.

Shallowater tied the game at 31-31 with a free throw before Reyna untied the knot with a trey as the clock went under a minute. Smith hit Withrow with a lead pass on a fast break to clinch the game for the Lady Mules.

Withrow paced the Lady Mules with 13 points and Reyna had nine. Tipps dropped in six points, Pyle had four and Smith and Lawrence had two each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Lubbock Tuesday night to battle Trinity Christian and then go to Portales November 29.

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Many famous people have lived or worked in Delaware.  
**Can you match these people to their accomplishments?**

1. E.I. du Pont      A. helped more than 2,000 slaves reach freedom  
 2. Thomas Garrett      B. famous for method that saves people who are choking  
 3. N.C. Wyeth      C. started giant chemical company  
 4. Dr. Henry Heimlich      D. did illustrations for classics like "Treasure Island" and "Robin Hood"

Answers: 1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B

Can you find and circle at least 15 words on this page that end with the letter 'd'?

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## 8th grade Lady Mules defeat Littlefield Ladycats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules demonstrated intensity in their game as they defeated a much larger Ladycat team from Littlefield 24-23. Littlefield made three treys in the contest to stay close in the contest.

Sarah Johnson got the Lady Mules started by driving to the hole after grabbing the ball on the opening jump.

The Lady Mules ran an in bound play from the side line. Brenda Rodriguez took the in bound pass from Johnson and gave the ball back as Johnson broke to hoop. Johnson was fouled shooting and converted a free throw to give the Lady Mules a 3-1 lead.

Littlefield tied the game with a bucket.

Johnson faked an in bound pass to the left and found Marisela Casanova open breaking to the bucket to her right. Casanova canned the shot. Johnson added a free throw as the first period wound down with the Lady Mules leading 6-3. Littlefield hit a trey at the buzzer to knot the game 6-6.

Stephanie Garcia pushed the ball ahead to Ashley Cisneros for a Lady Mule fast break to open the second period.

Ali Eagle was fouled out front and converted the front end of a one-and-one. Melissa Mendoza hit from just inside the arc on an in bound play to give the Lady Mules an 11-8 margin at the half.

Johnson had the only bucket for the Lady Mules in the third period while Littlefield dropped in seven points to take a 15-13 lead into the final frame.

Cisneros drove the base line to knot the game at 15-15 as the final period began. Johnson picked a Ladycat's pocket and flew to the other end to give the Lady Mules a two-point advantage.

Johnson got rebounding position and was fouled on the put-back attempt. She knocked down both charity tosses for two Lady Mule breathing room. Littlefield converted an old fashion three-point play to cut the lead to one.

Brenda Rodriguez canned a long deuce as the clock went under three minutes. Breann Baca was fouled out front and made the front end of a one and one for a Lady Mule four point lead.

The Ladycats hit a trey to cut the margin to a single point and took the lead with a put back with 17 ticks left in the game.

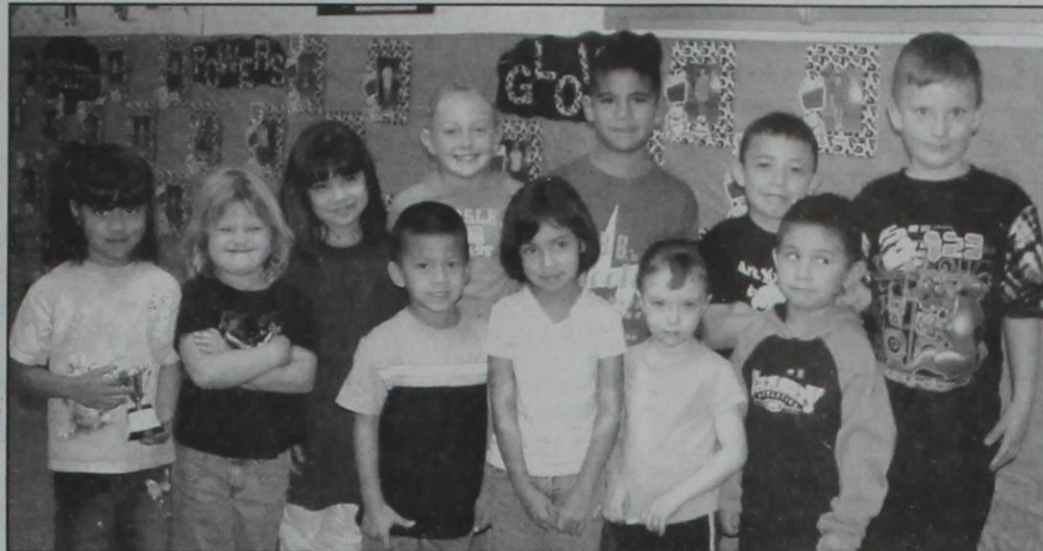
The Lady Mules ran a fast break on the in bounds after the shot and Rodriguez

sank a 10-foot jumper to seal the deal for the Lady Mules.

Johnson set the scoring pace with 10 points and Cisneros and Rodriguez had four each. Casanova added two points and Baca

and Eagle chipped in one each.

The Lady Mules traveled to Texico on Monday and return to district action Nov. 28 in Brownfield against the Lady Cubs.



### PTA's Fall Festival poster winners

Among the Dillman Elementary students, pictured above from left to right, who were poster winners at the Muleshoe PTA's Fall Festival were: Front row — Brittney Cabrera, Jesus Torres, JanNie Jiang and Josue Acosta; back row — Bonnie Elizarraraz, Alyssa Clark, Sheridan White, Erica Strawn and Emanuel Morales.

DeShazo Elementary students, pictured below from left to right, who were poster winners were: Back row — Libby Marrufo, Keiaura Nelson, Samantha Cortez, Kristen Carnes, Jesus Rodriguez, Beto Diaz and William Wauson; front row — Luke Del Toro, Laura Chavez, Destiny Nixon and Giovanni Rodriguez. Also honored was Tristen Bomer who is not pictured.





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# Commentary

## A time to share some thankful thoughts

By Leah Bell  
General Manager

This time of year always makes me nostalgic and full of thoughts about the little things in life for which I am thankful.

I'm thankful for restaurants. Someone my age wasn't cooking back in the day when a woman was expected to have a meal cooked, the laundry done, the house cleaned, the yard mowed and the car tuned up by 6 P.M.

I find it incredibly difficult to have all of those things done in a 24-hour period, much less by the time the family arrives home from their day.

I'm thankful for computers. Though I had a typewriter throughout college, computers save hundreds of dollars a year on correction tape, at least

in my case.

I'm thankful for family and friends who let me be me, even though I'm full of flaws and cranky in the morning.

I'm thankful for satellite TV. All day coverage of sports sure makes for a good Sunday nap.

I'm thankful for rush-hour traffic because it's a big reminder of why I love living in Muleshoe.

I'm thankful for six-foot body pillows because I wouldn't have a decent night's sleep without one.

I'm thankful for compassionate veterinarians who understand when I talk about my pets as though they're human and don't laugh at me (in front of my face at least) when I insist they understand what I'm saying.

I'm thankful for farmers

and ranchers who make the bountiful feast I enjoy Thanksgiving Day possible. Though I will blame them for causing me to break my diet this year.

I'm thankful for cold weather. Those of you who don't like the cold winds of winter are crazy. What do you think kills off a majority of the flies around here?

I'm thankful for our educational system and teachers in particular who stick with it despite being underpaid and overgoverned.

I'm thankful for small town merchants who haven't let huge discount stores push them around or close them down. My money will always go to mom and pop before Uncle Wally when possible.

I'm thankful for microwaves. Have you ever tried to cook without one?

I'm thankful for neighbors who watch out for each other. It isn't your job, but it's appreciated.

I'm thankful for country music. Though it isn't my favorite type of tune, country music reminds me that life could always be worse and that thankfully, tequila does not make my clothes fall off.

I'm thankful for Muleshoe Journal readers who read this whole article despite it's lack of newsworthiness.

I hope you had a laugh or two, but I truly hope you take a moment to think about the little things you're thankful for this coming holiday. We are all truly blessed.



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**'Business After Hours' held**

Pictured above, Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture manager Amy Young, on the left, and chamber president Heather Foley, on the right, present Angela Babcock, owner of The Spotted Leopard, with a certificate of appreciation for hosting November's "Business After Hours" on Nov. 14.



**Neal inducted into Kappa Mu**

South Plains College inducted Courtney Neal and Ashley Gutierrez, both of Muleshoe, into the Kappa Mu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on Nov. 15 in the SPC Sundown Room. Requirements for induction include attendance at an institution offering an associate degree program, completion of at least 12 hours of coursework and maintaining a grade point average of 3.5. Pictured above, Courtney Neal holds her certificate after the induction ceremonies..

**Senior Citizen News**

By Laverne Winn

We at the Onieta Wagon Senior Center have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. The many, many volunteers, merchants, and participants that support the center, we say thank you from our hearts.

The center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and we will open on Friday for games and lunch.

Mandi Seaton, from the Bailey County Extension Office, will be bringing her monthly nutrition program, and following the program, she will have her fourth session on Master Memory, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at noon. The Master Memory program has been interesting and knowledgeable for the ones staying for it.

The Calvert Home Health Group will be at the center on Monday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., to give flu shots. Any senior who is on Medicare can bring their card in and their will be no cost to them.

Anyone else can get one for a fee of \$25. Mark your

calendar and come by the Center if you need a flu shot.

The menu for Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 is:

Monday, Nov. 28 — Pork Roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit jello and wheat rolls.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 — Liver & onions, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and cobbler.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - Beef tips, rice, Italian vegetables, salad, rolls, cake

Thursday, Dec. 1— Chicken, black-eyed peas, brussel sprouts, rolls and apple cobbler.

Friday, Dec. 2 — Fish or pork roast, potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, hush puppies and brownies.



Happy Thanksgiving From The Journal Staff.. Leah Bell, Larry Thornton, Delia Marrufo, Larry Ayers & David Dominguez

**Crims' golden anniversary celebrated**

In celebration of their golden anniversary Barbara and Max Crim were honored with a family dinner in New Boston, at the home of their daughter Cindy Noey.

The occasion was hosted by the couples daughter Cindy and John Noey.

Their grandchildren are: Brandy and Phillip Green and Dustyn and Sierra of New Boston, Brittany Martin and Joshua May of DeKalb, Bryce Martin of Texarkana, and Baylee Martin of New Boston.

Barbara Ritchey and Max Crim were married August 21, 1955, in the home of her parents at Dalhart.

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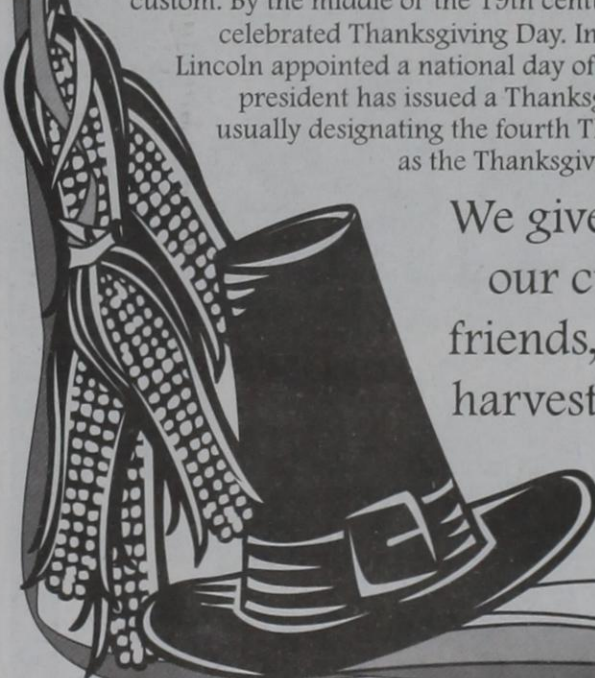
In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found that they had enough food to put away for the winter.

The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's), a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated Thanksgiving Day. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the Thanksgiving holiday.

We give thanks to you, our customers and friends, for a bountiful harvest. Thank you all for your business and support.



**Corrections**

**MISD cross country team**

The Lady Mules cross country team recently captured its fifth consecutive district championship. However, the Muleshoe Journal misidentified the award winning team members. The team members are: Amy Withrow, Sarah Sexton, Renessia Hernandez, Lupita Andrade, Ashley Grumbles and Kelsey Tipps. The Journal regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience it might have caused.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled**

The Bailey County Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Estension have announced their 27th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.. at the Bailey County Civic Center, at 2200 W. American Blvd. Admission is free.

**County Questions**

In 1955, a church from which community was honored as one of the nation's "Outstanding Rural Churches"?

Answer on last page.

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## Nursing Home News

The craft class made turkeys from candy and cookies Thursday morning. Zona Gatewood played the piano and sang with the residents Thursday morning.

Pat Watson and two Honor Guards from Cannon AFB directed a special tribute to veterans Friday morning, especially honoring the veterans who reside at Park View — Earl Talkington, Trueman Nix, Rick Hunter, Cynthia Crawford, Nathan Brenner,

Arnold Prater, Clifton Finley and G.R. Lasiter.

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

Butch Vandiver called the numbers at the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ conducted a communion service Sunday morning.

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

The Earth Church of Christ came Sunday afternoon for church services and to visit with the residents.

Monday afternoon Billie Mason, Lanell Stanell, Pat Watson and Dianne Brown came to set and shampoo the ladies hair. The residents will be ready for the Thanksgiving Tuesday night.

Mandi Seaton directed a "Apple Fest" program, Thursday afternoon in the dining room. Apples of all sorts and kinds were displayed around the room. Mandi shared facts and the history of apples as well as the nutrition values. Mandi made fried-apple pies as the residents looked on. Apples pies, apples muffins and apple cake all baked by Mandi. All served at the end of the program.

Marlin and Loma Mosley went out with Loma's niece Tamra to visit Jo Bates and Cara Bell Jennings, Thursday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from Earth came Tuesday morning and directed a praise, music and song devotional.

Mrs. Buie's class from Muleshoe High School came Tuesday afternoon and set up table and chairs for the residents and their families and friends Thanksgiving supper.

The residents and their families and friends enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving turkey, dressing and all the trimmings supper Tuesday night.

Park View provided the turkey, dressing, potatoes, corn and green beans and the resident's families, friends and employees brought pies, cakes, desserts, salads, casseroles, and many other delicious dishes of food.

Park View administrator Paul Chassion did a great job entertaining.

We had a wonderful turn out and we really appreciate everyone who attended and participated. We do have a lot to be thankful for.

Alliene Lasiter's son Darwin and his son, from Florida drove in, just in time to attend the Thanksgiving supper Tuesday.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents at Coffee Time.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, Jo Ellen Cowart and James Sinclair directed the Singspiration Time, Wednesday morning.

James Wedel came Wednesday morning to run errands and go shopping for Park View.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours from the residents and staff of Park View.

## Springlake-Earth High School honor rolls released

The Springlake-Earth High School's second six-week period honor rolls were recently released. Among the students honored were:

**"A" Honor Roll**  
Freshman — Amy Fennell, Heath Fennell and Hunter Jones.

Juniors — Logan McCurry and Kristi Miller.

Seniors — Zeth Collom, Melinda Garcia and Shelley York.

**"AB" Honor Roll**  
Freshman — Quay Collom, Kendra Davila, Lysette DeLeon, Blake Fennell, Amanda Proctor, Benjamin Sides and

Jennifer Silva.

Sophomores — Victoria Conner, Amanda Furr, Laura Geissler, Maty Gonzalez, Daniella

Martinez, Kayla Melendez and Kate Sides.

Juniors — Laurie Davis, Andrew Lancaster, Haley Lunsford and Erica Proctor.

## Annual Trinity Christian Center Christmas concert set for Dec. 1

The sixth annual performance of "Christmas in the Country" is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., at Trinity Christian Center Church.

This year's program will include classic Christmas music and Southern Gospel music featuring Reydon Stanford, Kenneth Richards and Sandy Watson of the Anchor Brothers.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for Muleshoe's Meals on Wheels. Refreshments will be served during intermission. For more information, call 272-3877.

## Hospital Report

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

Nov. 3 — Margarito Hernandez Jr.

Nov. 4 — No report.

Nov. 5 — No report.

Nov. 6 — Earl Finley.

Nov. 7 — David Bock.

Nov. 8 — Maria Campos, Shelton Gable.

Nov. 9 — No report.

Nov. 10 — No report.

Nov. 11 — Maria Toscano.

Nov. 12 — Wanda Stroud and Makayla Toscano.

Nov. 13 — Raul Torres.

Nov. 14 — Trueman Nix, Tammy Lafler, Malacai Mendoza and Margaret Wilhite.

Nov. 15 — no report.

Nov. 16 — Clara Castorena, Wanda Griffin and Manuela Villarreal

Nov. 17 — Lybia Castillo and Bill Nelson.

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## Agricultural News

### Texas feedlot cattle numbers are up

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.97 million head on Nov. 1, up three percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up five percent from the Oct. 1 level. Producers placed 670,000 head in commercial feedlots during October, up three percent from a year ago, and up 22

percent from the September 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 520,000 head during October, the same as last year and up two percent from last month.

On Nov. 1, there were 2.48 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 84 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up three percent from last year, and up five percent from the

October total.

October placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 566,000 head, up 21 percent from the September total. Marketings were down one percent from last month to 435,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.5 million head on Nov. 1. This inventory was one percent above Nov. 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.8 million head, three percent above October 2004.

October placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 880,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 790,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 600,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 525,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million head, three percent above 2004.

### National livestock identification system to be discussed at beef conference

Information on the National Animal Identification System will be among the items covered at the 2005 Panhandle Beef Conference at the Amarillo Civic Center.

According to the Texas Cooperative Extension beef cattle specialist Dr. Ted McCollum, the initial phase of an animal identification plan is set to begin in January 2008, and

producers have already begun signing up for their premises number.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials hope that implementation of the national identification system will improve the tracking of livestock and improve the nation's ability of monitoring animal disease.

Areas such as information management,

marketing, age and source verification should also be improved by the identification program.

This year's beef conference will coincide with the annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, in the Amarillo Civic Center's Grand Plaza.

Other items that will be discussed at the conference will include quality systems assessment for age and source verification and the role of cow-calf and stocker producers.

### Texas milk production is up

Texas milk production totaled 514 million pounds during October, up nine percent from last year's production of 470 million pounds.

September 2005 production numbers totaled 485 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during October averaged 320,000 head, the same as last year and the September 2005 number.

Production per cow averaged 1,605 pounds during October, 135 pounds more than last year and 90 pounds more than September 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.4 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from production in these same states in October 2004.

September revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.7 percent from September 2004.

Production per cow during October averaged 1,636 pounds, 53 pounds above a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.16 million head,

58,000 head more than last year and 4,000 head more than September 2005.

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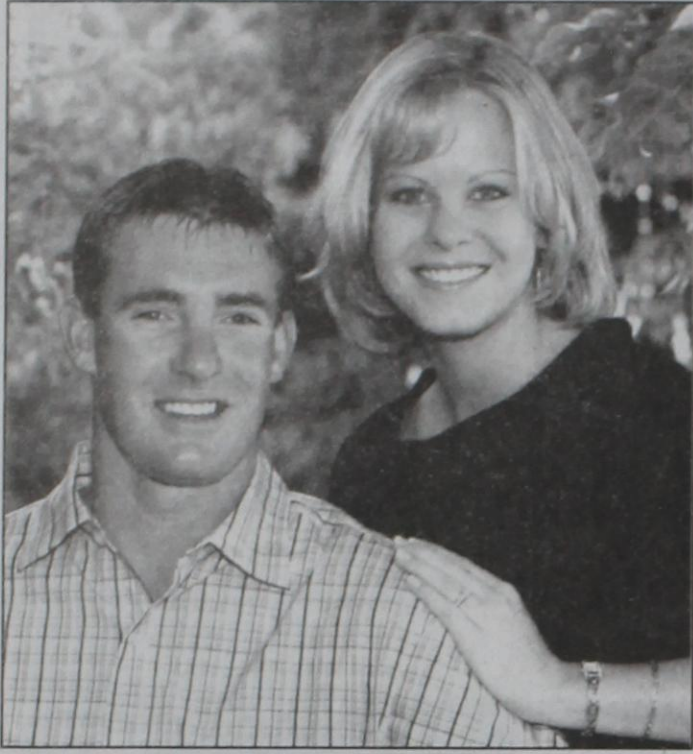
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## Engagements



Ellen Wood and Luke Richards

### Wood, Richards engaged

Hal and Linda Wood are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Ellen Wood of Muleshoe to Luke Richards of Midland Greenwood.

The prospective bride is a 1999 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2003 graduate of Angelo State University. She currently is employed by Ameritox of Midland.

The prospective groom is

the son of Guy and Renee Richards. He is a 1999 graduate of Greenwood High School, attended Angelo State University, and is a graduate of the Ocean Corp. Diving School of Houston.

He is currently employed by Richards Horticulture of Midland.

The wedding date has been set for March 11, 2006, at 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock.



Tiffanie Kittrell and J. Patrick Shuey

### Kittrell, Shuey engaged

Debbie Hunter-Williams and Kenny Kittrell announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffanie Kittrell of Lubbock, to J. Patrick Shuey, also of Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a 2000 graduate of New Deal High School, and is currently employed by Alamosa PRS as an indirect sales coordinator.

She is the granddaughter of H.D. and Helen Hunter and Buster and Helen Kittrell, all of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Ann and Grant Taylor and Eugene and Mickey Shuey.

He is the grandson of Robert J. and Pat Criswell, and Kent and Carol Taylor, all of Plainview, and Gene and Ethlyn Shuey of Carlsbad, N.M.

He is a 2000 graduate of Newman Smith High School in Carrollton. He is employed by Gene Messer Ford as a sales consultant.

The wedding has been set for Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Healthpoint of Lubbock.



Sonia Lozano and Pedro Bustillos

### Lozano, Bustillos engaged

Etelvina Lozano of Clovis, N.M., and Ruben Lozano of Kansas announce the engagement their daughter, Sonia Lozano, to Pedro Bustillos of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Ramon and Sally Bustillos of Muleshoe.

The wedding has been set for Nov. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, in Clovis, N.M., with a dance and reception to follow.

### County Questions

In 1950, Muleshoe schools' mascot changed from the Yellowjackets to the Mules. Who was the superintendent at the time the colors switched from yellow and purple to black and white?

Answer on last page.

## Wildlife Refuge News

On Nov. 15, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge had approximately 19,000 sandhill cranes. The duck population has declined. Less than 2,000 ducks were observed, with the majority being northern pintails. The Grulla National Wildlife Refuge had an estimated 65,000 sandhill cranes. "We are receiving reports that other lakes in the area are also being used by large numbers of sandhill cranes," said Harold Beierman of NWR.

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The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

### REPRESENTATIVE SALES



SAT., NOV. 19, 2005



1229 head of cattle, 251 hogs and 503 sheep and goats for a total of 1,983 livestock sold at the Nov. 19 sale. Market steady with good demand on all classes of cattle with a good offering on all classes. Remember, NO SALE next Saturday, November 26. We wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Jones Ranch, Dell City	8	Mxd. str.	372 lbs.	at \$145.00
Jones Ranch, Dell City	20	Mxd. str.	447 lbs.	at \$137.00
Jones Ranch, Dell City	51	Char. X str.	523 lbs.	at \$119.25
Tom Cattle, Andrews	5	Blk. str.	394 lbs.	at \$146.00
Tom Cattle, Andrews	16	Blk. str.	491 lbs.	at \$133.00
Tom Cattle, Andrews	36	Blk. str.	579 lbs.	at \$118.25
Tom Cattle, Andrews	14	Blk. str.	700 lbs.	at \$108.75
Steve Busby, Springlake	8	Blk. bulls	430 lbs.	at \$135.00
Hadley Howe, Crossroads, NM		Yell. str.	515 lbs.	at \$121.00
-C- Ranch, Hobbs, NM	3	Mxd. str.	525 lbs.	at \$124.00
Stan Adcock, Lubbock	2	BMF str.	658 lbs.	at \$110.00
Stan Adcock, Lubbock	6	Char. str.	722 lbs.	at \$106.50
CE Grant, Muleshoe	2	Blk. bulls	678 lbs.	at \$104.50
Jones Ranch, Dell City	12	Mxd. hfrs	363 lbs.	at \$133.50
Jones Ranch, Dell City	22	Mxd. hfrs	433 lbs.	at \$125.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	8	Blk. hfrs	381 lbs.	at \$133.00
Steve Busby, Springlake	17	Blk. hfrs	514 lbs.	at \$117.50
Steve Busby, Springlake	16	Blk. hfrs	597 lbs.	at \$109.25
-C- Ranch, Hobbs, NM	4	BWF hfrs	456 lbs.	at \$126.00
Tom Cattle, Andrews	28	BWF hfrs	462 lbs.	at \$122.50
Tom Cattle, Andrews	32	BWF hfrs	554 lbs.	at \$115.25
Alan Belcher, Pep, NM	10	Mxd. hfrs	453 lbs.	at \$124.00
Bill Spears, Seminole	9	Mxd. hfrs	538 lbs.	at \$114.00
Tommy Tatum, Friona		Blk. pair		\$1000.00
Johan Hildebrand, Wellman		Blk. pair		\$1025.00
BPW, Lubbock	3	Blk. cows P7		\$810.00
BPW, Lubbock	4	Blk. cows P7		\$775.00
Derenda Warren, Smyer		Blk. cow P5		\$750.00
Steve Busby, Springlake		BWF cow	1205 lbs.	at \$48.75
Steve Busby, Springlake		BWF cow	1345 lbs.	at \$48.25
Bud Hill, Dimmitt	3	Blk. cows	1405 lbs.	at \$49.75
Gerald Osterkamp, Muleshoe		Hol. cow	1730 lbs.	at \$45.75

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# Health

## Safety tips offered for frying turkeys

The three Texas Railroad Commissioners today urged Texans to practice safety when frying Thanksgiving turkeys using propane-fueled, hot-oil cookers.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Jones explained the RRC's role in propane safety. "The Texas Railroad Commission is the state agency charged with propane safety in Texas," Jones said. "This responsibility includes educating the public about the safe use of propane appliances."

"Each year, Americans buy an estimated half million hot oil cookers, and more than 10 million households cook with fryers. So, it's important that consumers know how to correctly use these devices," she said.

Commissioner Michael Williams noted that it is

important to pay attention to the location of a hot-oil cooker. "Cookers should be placed outside in an open area away from all walls, fences or other structures. You never want to place a cooker in, on or under a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or any structure such as a wooden deck that could catch fire. Also be sure to keep children and pets away from the fryer during and after use because the oil can remain hot for hours."

Commissioner Victor Carrillo said thawing and drying a turkey before it is placed in hot oil also is an important safety step. "Partially frozen turkeys placed in a fryer can cause a spillover effect when ice melts and water seeps into the boiling oil," Carrillo said. "Plan for about 24 hours to thaw every four to five pounds of turkey or about

two days if you are using a 10-pound turkey, which is the general size recommended for these hot oil cookers."

According to the latest figures available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there have been 112 incidents that involved fires or burns associated with turkey fryers since 1998.

### Turkey frying tips: Hot oil cooker set up...

- Place fryer on a flat stable surface in an open, low-traffic area away from all walls, fences or other structures.

- Never use fryer in, on or under a garage, breezeway, carport or any structure, such as a wooden deck, that can catch fire.

- Keep children and pets away from fryer during and after use as the oil can remain hot for hours.

- Keep the fryer in full view while the burner is on
- Make sure there is at least two feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.

- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any winds blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.

### Cooking process...

- Be sure to follow the manufacturer's cooking instructions, including the amount of oil needed to fry the turkey.

- Check the cooking oil temperature frequently. Never allow oil to exceed 375 degrees F.

- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn off the gas supply because the oil is overheated.

- Completely thaw and dry the turkey before adding it to the hot oil. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends 24 hours thawing time for every 4 to 5 pounds of turkey. Partially frozen or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil

splatter when the poultry is added to hot oil.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add.

- Cover bare skin when adding or removing food. Always use cooking mitts.

- Use only cookware and accessories designed for frying turkeys; never use glassware, ceramic or plastic cookware.

- Raise and lower food slowly to reduce splatter and avoid burns.

- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. Do not attempt to extinguish the fire with water. An operable, dry-chemical fire extinguisher may, in some circumstances, contain the fire.

### After cooking...

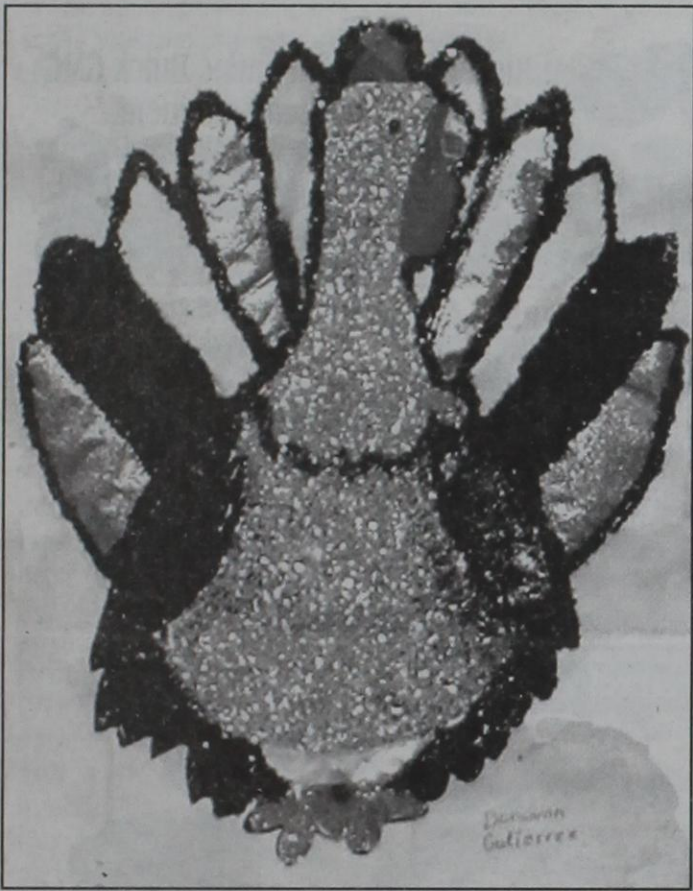
- Never move the cooker or pot while in use or hot.

- Allow the oil to cool completely before removing it from the pot.

### Class of 1991 reunion planned

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1991 will be holding a reunion on June 30 and July 1, 2006. The reunion mixer is set for June 30, and the reunion lunch will be on July 1.

Individuals wishing additional information, or with contact information for Class of 1991 students who have moved from the area may call 701-866-5063, or go online to [www.MHS1991.myevent.com](http://www.MHS1991.myevent.com).



### Too tough for the table!

Among the myriad of turkeys decorating the walls of Dillman Elementary was this example of a 'mule' turkey by Donovan Gutierrez. Obviously, this breed of turkey shouldn't be chosen for the Thanksgiving Dinner because, like all of the Muleshoe teams, they're 'too tough.'

## Baby's First Christmas

The Muleshoe Journal will be printing a special Christmas section devoted to personal greetings especially written by our readers. We're calling these greetings "A Family Christmas." Ads for this section start at \$45 and we encourage families to include a photo - or two!

It's a great way to send Christmas greetings to your neighbors, family and friends near and far.

If you have a baby celebrating his or her first Christmas, let the Muleshoe Journal make it a memorable one by including a special greeting to your little one during this once in a lifetime event! It's sure to be something you'll treasure for decades to come. Call 272-4536 and speak with Leah or Delia about getting your personalized Christmas greeting printed.

"A Family Christmas" will appear in the Dec. 22, 2005 edition.

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## Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Christmas parade on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Notice that this year the parade will be held in the evening! The theme for the parade will be "THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS."

We invite all to participate in this event. There is no entry fee. All floats/entries must be turned in to the chamber no later than November 28<sup>th</sup>. Because this is a night parade there will be no bicycles, pedestrians or horseback riders allowed.

All entries will be judged and awards will be given for the following categories:

- Best Light Presentation
- Best Theme Presentation
- Best In Show

Judging of the floats/entries will begin at 5:30 PM.

If any additional information is needed please contact the chamber office at (806) 272-4248 or email us at [chamber@fivearea.com](mailto:chamber@fivearea.com). Please return the bottom portion of this letter to the chamber office at 115 E. American Blvd. Thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful event.

Name of Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# Agricultural News

## USDA weekly weather, crop, livestock report released

Weather conditions were dry and colder across the state during the week. A fast moving cold front crossed the state in early week and brought the first hard freeze to many areas of the state.

Rain showers associated with the front were light and widely scattered, however, most areas remained totally dry. High winds caused some minor damage in varied locations, including damage to some remaining sunflower fields.

Planting and replanting of small grains continued to be slow as many producers were skeptical as to the availability of soil moisture in the near future.

Irrigation remained active in areas where possible and development of small grains was normal in these locations.

Range and pastures continued to decline across the state and many stock water ponds were dry and others were extremely low.

Supplemental feeding

remained necessary across the state and feed reserves continued to decline. Some producers have begun to burn prickly pear cactus to supplement their cattle herds.

### Field Crops Report

**Small grains...**  
Land preparation and planting continued, however was extremely slow. The emergence of earlier planted fields remained poor due to the continued dry conditions. Irrigation was active in areas where possible and for many producers, this was the only way to keep grain crops alive.

**Statewide, wheat condition** was rated at 53 percent of normal compared with 90 percent last year. Statewide, oat condition was rated at 27 percent of normal.

**Cotton...**

Harvest continued at a rapid pace across the Plains and other remaining locations. Ginning activities were strong. Many gins were running around the clock and were still behind schedule due to the

large volume of cotton already harvested. A few minor delays occurred in areas where light rain fell, however harvest resumed as drying occurred.

**Statewide, cotton condition** was rated at 80 percent of normal, compared with 74 percent last year.

**Corn...**

Harvest was generally completed in all remaining locations and only a few fields were left to harvest. Land preparation for next year's crops was underway in most areas as producers took advantage of the dry weather conditions. Some fertilizer applications were made for next year's crop.

**Sorghum...**

Harvest was mostly completed in all remaining areas across the Plains and North Central Texas. A few minor delays were reported, but drying out occurred quickly and harvest resumed. Shredding stalks and land preparations for next year's crop were in progress in a few

locations.

**Peanuts...**

Harvest continued at a rapid pace in remaining areas across the

state. Yields were reported as being excellent in most areas. Many

producers that had completed harvest were preparing land for next year's crops.

**Soybeans...**

Harvest continued, however was generally complete as the open conditions allowed most producers to complete harvest with only minimal delays.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report...**

Generally, range and pastures across the state remained in poor condition. Emergence of cool season forages was slow in most areas due to continued dry conditions. Producers were having difficulty securing adequate hay supplies for the coming months, and some producers continued to reduce the size of their herds. Field grazing was generally limited to those producers who had irrigation available.

## County Questions

(A) In 1968, the enrollment at Muleshoe schools was 2,150. How large was the graduating class?

(B) Moving back to Muleshoe in February 1947, he operated a store west of town for 21 years. Answers on last page.

### Country Christmas Jubilee

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### Watson Jr. High Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for Nov. 21 are, from left to right: Front row — Caitlin Sowder and Carlos Sosa, Caitlyn Durben; back row — Sandy Mojica, Juan Carlos Rodriguez and Guadalupe Hernandez.



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# Club News

## Muleshoe Retired Teachers meet, learn about Muleshoe NWR

The Muleshoe Retired Teachers met on Friday, Nov. 18 at the 16th and D Church of Christ with Georgia Pena, MRT president, opening with prayer.

James Sinclair introduced the speaker, Harold Byerman, director of the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge. He gave an interesting program on the refuge.

Did you know that the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge is one of 545 refuges across the U.S.? It is the oldest in Texas, being established 70 years ago in 1935.

Land was acquired after President Roosevelt signed the executive order creating the refuges.

The first tract of 737 acres was purchased from George and Mattie Robinson on Aug. 17, 1936. This is where the refuge headquarters is located.

The second tract of 2,214 acres was purchased from Henry and Vivian Wilson on Feb. 6, 1937, and included Goose Lake.

The Bureau of Biological Survey purchased 1416.80 acres, including Paul's Lake and all the land lying east of the abandoned right-of-way of the Muleshoe-Morton road from J.H. Paul and F.A. and Mattie H. Paul on Dec. 23, 1936.

The last tract of 1,440 acres was acquired from Isaac and Crawford Enocks as of Oct. 14, 1938.

This land was bought for about \$25,000. A Works Progress Administration (WPA) Project was established Feb. 1, 1938, and work started on the headquarters buildings and the residence diversion canal.

All buildings and major improvements on dikes and roads were completed between May 1, 1938, and May 24, 1942.

This was a WPA project, and it was terminated due to a lack of manpower.

During the early years, water was present in nearly all the lakes every year. The number of ducks using the refuge during the winter exceeded 300,000.

Geese were never present in large numbers like ducks, but several thousand usually used the lakes.

The number of waterfowl in recent years has been drastically reduced to less than 30,000 ducks and a few thousand geese. This can be attributed to the nation-wide decline in waterfowl numbers, less water available and the abundant available food supply near other panhandle lakes due to increased farming and irrigation.

During the early days, sandhill cranes numbered at 3,000 to 15,000, today the Muleshoe refuge is well known for the huge concentration of 100,000 to 250,000.

The sharp increase in sandhill cranes is probably the results of the reduced water in the lakes, leaving large open expanses for the cranes to roost on and the abundant food supply to irrigation.

The area is popular with migrant songbirds. Prairie chickens were observed this summer of the first time since 1988. Great horned owls are present and have been having their youth at the refuge for the last seven consecutive years.

Prairie dogs are coming back after being wiped out by a plague several years ago. The refuge had more than 400 acres of prairie dog towns, now it has about 50 towns with tow towns and an estimated 200 animals.

The Muleshoe refuge burned nearly 2,500 acres last spring and plans to burn an additional 1,200 acres late this winter or early next spring.

For the past three years, the refuge has been working to remove salt cedar trees. These trees use tremendous amounts of water and literally salt the ground. The refuge has enrolled several adjacent landowners in Partners for

Wildlife Programs to assist them in removal of salt cedar. The most effective method is spraying. They hope to have salt cedar completely removed by the end of the summer.

Decreasing budgets are making it difficult to accomplish much more than maintaining firebreaks and mowing.

Plans are to remove mesquite trees from grassland, rehabilitate the dike on White Lake, continue to remove unnecessary fenced to encourage prairie chickens and pronghorn antelope on the refuge.

This is expensive and with the budget restrictions, with only a maintenance staff it will be difficult to finish quickly.

Also, there is evidence in early history Indians came to the refuge area for hunting. There are many arrowheads there.

All members enjoyed the history of the refuge and the many interesting details of this is going on there.

Curtis Shelburne to the comments of the speaker, of his experience of scattering ashes after a funeral. Curtis also showed

engagement and wedding pictures of his son and new daughter in law.

The business meeting followed the program.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Nell Bleaker.

Members briefly discussed the last program and how the dairy industry was moving into our area.

Peña reminded the group to keep our volunteer hours to be turned in later, also about the children's book fund for Dillman Elementary. She read a letter from Nelda Merriott about a meeting we attended last year.

It was voted to give a memorial for Truman Stroud, since his wife Martha had been a MISD

employee for many years. James Sinclair made the motion. The memorial will be sent to the Opportunity Plan.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 16. There will be a luncheon and the program will be Christmas music. Bring a donation for the Ministerial Alliance.

Those present included: Georgia Peña, Mary Nell Bleaker, Lucy Faye Smith, Margaret and J.K. Adams, Wilma Smith, Bette Cowan, Norma Prather, Ann and James Sinclair, Alene Bryant, Evelyn Ellington and Mary Crane. Special guests were Harold Byerman and Curtis Shelburne.

The Adams gave an apple to each one present.

### 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.

## CARDIO CLINIC IN MULESHOE



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Cardiologist: Juan Kurdi, M.D.

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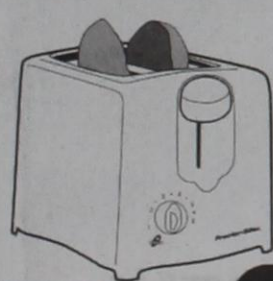
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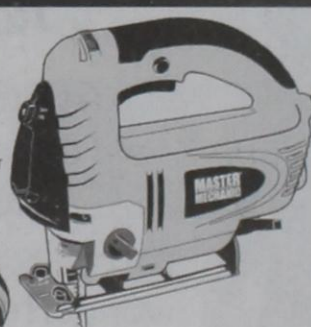
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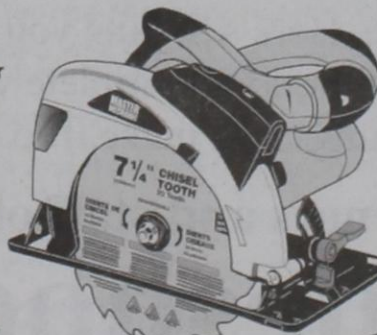
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## Letter to the Editor

### Resident responds to city council action

**To the Editor:**

I would like to express my opinion and comments to the City Council meeting of Nov. 14.

I felt the whole council was in defensive mode or does not like any ordinary citizen to voice judgment on a decision they have made.

This is in regard to Mr. (Juan) Chavez's request that the Council to revisit his reimbursement of \$300, which the Comite Patriotico paid to Ballet Folklorico Guadalupano.

The Ballet Folklorico Guadalupano is a cultural arts dance group. They perform and reenact the cultural dances of Mexican tradition, which is customary during this traditional Mexican celebration; the 16th of September is Mexico's Independence.

Now to me, seeing this form of cultural arts is good, because our kids with Mexican heritage can see where their parents' foundations, beliefs, morals and traditions come from.

It makes us proud to teach our children this. I myself have a young son who has enjoyed the 16th of September Fiestas and also the Cinco de Mayo celebration for their traditional value and meaning.

To me, sometimes cultural arts or any form of arts does become entertainment at some point and time, like the fireworks at the Fourth of July at the new city park.

Here again I teach my son the very important reasons why we celebrate the Fourth of July, and the meaning and tradition behind this very important event and holiday.

Another comment was the very unprofessional way Mr. Chavez was treated by some council members.

While I can understand that at times the topic was somewhat tense, I feel that our elected officials need to respond in a more professional manner and method.

I do not feel it was proper for the city's mayor to tell Mr.

Chavez that they were through with him and to "shut up."

Also, the point where the city attorney politely informed Mr. Chavez to stay focused on the agenda item and not on the monies approved to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

I would also like to point out that on Oct. 11, 2004, the city council adopted a policy titled, "City of Muleshoe Hotel/Motel Tax use policy." I believe all council members signed this.

"Purpose: The City Council for the City of Muleshoe hereby adopts this policy in order to assure compliance with Texas Statutes and to fairly and prudently distribute Hotel/Motel Tax Fund revenues for approved activities, programs and events.

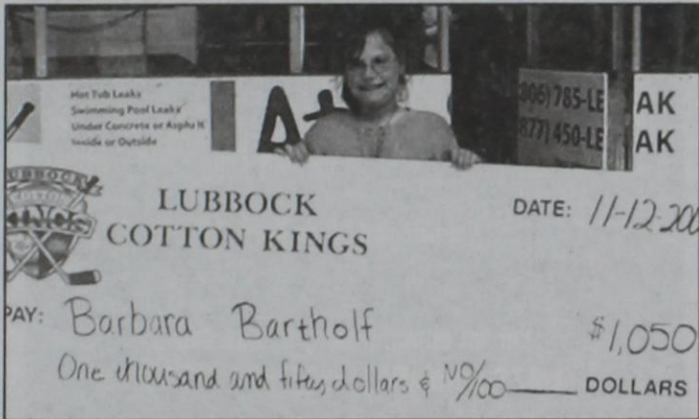
There is a two-part test that every expenditure of local Hotel/Motel tax revenue must pass to be valid. First, the expenditure must directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel/motel industry.

Second, every expenditure must clearly fit into one of the six statutory categories for expenditure of local hotel/motel tax revenue.

One of the six categories under this policy is number 4, "Fund programs that enhance the arts."

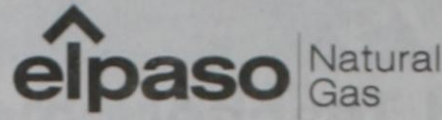
In closing, it is this writer's opinion that the council should be more fair in its decisions. After all, we all want what is best for our community.

Daniel Guzman,  
Muleshoe



### Puck-chuck winner

DeShazo Elementary student Barbara Bartholf, pictured above, "chuck'ed her puck" and hit the jackpot, winning \$1,050 in the Chuck-A-Puck contest held during the second intermission of the Kids Day Game of the Lubbock Cotton Kings on Nov. 8.



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• **SUDAN** - Nice 3-2 DBLWIDE Mobile Home, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, corner lot!! \$37.5K  
• 4-3-3 carport Home on 55.88 acre tract, edge of town, built-ins, FP, shop, barns, pens, 4" irrig. well, undergrd. line, MORE!! \$120,000!!

## Bailey County charities... Continued from page 1

well as post abortion counseling for both men and women, noting that many are unaware that many fathers in such relationships often discover their own need for counseling as well.

Also located on West American is the Rainbow Room, which works closely with child protective services in Bailey County.

"We're in need right now," Kay Graves said.

Graves explained that she has been ill of late, and is currently being treated for cancer, which limits the time and strength she has previously devoted to her fund raising efforts.

The Rainbow Room is actively involved in reuniting families, providing space for counseling services for children who have been

removed from homes in Bailey County as well as counseling for parents attempting to bring their families back together.

While financial assistance is desperately needed by the Rainbow Room, the organization also needs new and "gently worn" clothing and diapers for children.

In the past, there had been a problem when bags of clothing with too much wear and tear had been dropped off on the steps to the Rainbow Room, Graves said, but that problem — for the most part — has stopped.

She explained that while such donations were appreciated, the Rainbow Room dealt with many abused children, and it didn't seem right to dress them "abused clothing."

The Bailey County Food Pantry and the Bailey County Hope Chest are a couple of other organizations that have financial needs throughout the year, as they attempt to provide both food and financial assistance to county residents who are struggling to make ends meet.

Kay Mardis, who is involved in both the Food Pantry and the Hope Chest, said much of their funding comes from the Muleshoe Ministerial Alliance, adding that the BCMA Hope Chest also works closely with Community Action.

The Hope Chest, Mardis explained, provides assistance once a year to individuals who need help

with such things as a utility payment or prescription needs.

While the Food Pantry provides one to two sacks of food per month, depending upon the size of the family.

She explained that most donations to the organizations come in at the end of the year, so she wasn't certain how much impact the hurricane relief would have this year.

The South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. is headquartered in Levelland, but provides services in Bailey County out of its office in the 800 block of West American, across from United.

SPCCA offers a variety of services to Muleshoe and county residents, including assistance for low-income families, transportation services and housing assistance.

Readers are reminded that the above-noted charities are not necessarily the only Bailey County charities that may be feeling the financial impact of the hurricane relief.

### County Answers

Questions and answers selected for "County Questions" are from *Tales and Trails of Bailey County, 1918-1988*.

- Page 5 — Edward and Charles Warren.
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- Page 14 — C.W. Grandy.
- Page 16 — (a) 123 graduates; (b) John "Blondie" Puckett.

## Mason...

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accountable to the employees of the hospital district and accountable to the MAHD board.

"We have to make sure we're doing the best job possible," Mason said.

Since Mason's arrival, the hospital has initiated its change from an acute care hospital with about 35 hospital beds to a critical access hospital with only 25 beds. However, when the hospital district receives its final approval, it expects to be able to capture a higher rate of federal reimbursement.

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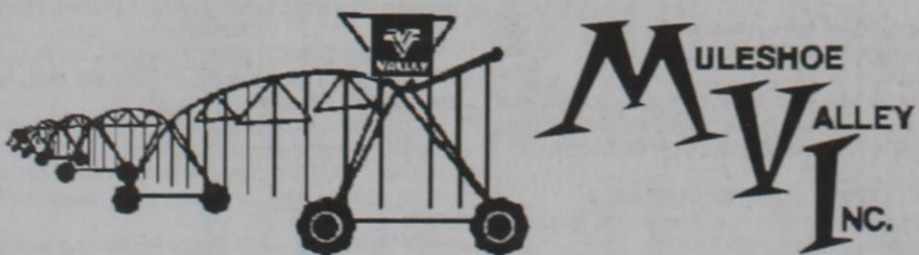
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