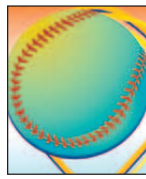




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## Still time to register for May 12

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Muleshoe residents wishing to vote in the May 12 municipal election have until April 12 to register at the Bailey County Tax Assessor's office.

According to City Secretary LeeAnn Gallman, to be eligible to vote residents must have registered 30 days prior to voting, which means voters wishing to cast their ballots during the early election — set for April 30 until May 8, must have registered by April 12.

The municipal ballot will be for Dist. 1 candidates: Rick Galt, Richard Orozco, incumbent, and Isidore Trevino.

And, Dist. 2 candidates: Freddie Anzaldua, Wes Conway, Irene Mason and Donald Phelps.

The period for filing a declaration as a write-in candidate closed Monday, March 19, with no one filing.

There is also a special State of Texas election concerning public school funding set for Saturday, May 12, by Gov. Rick Perry.

Individuals wishing to cast their ballot in the state election may do so at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Early voting for the state election also runs from April 30 until May 8.



Photographs by Larry Thornton



## Let 'em roll

Spectators look on as participants in Saturday's motorcycle games at the 25th annual Muleshoe Roadriders' Rally try their skills.

A large crowd of motorcycle enthusiasts gathered at the Bailey County Coliseum to share their interest in two and three-wheeled transportation.

This year's rally began with a "parade of lights" on Friday evening, and continued Saturday with motorcycle tours of the surrounding area.

More photos on page 16.

## Art show set for April

Plans are underway for the Muleshoe Art Association's 2007 Art Show, set for April 2-4, at Muleshoe State Bank's community room.

Entries may be submitted on Monday, April 2, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and the judging will be conducted on April 3, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The winning paintings will be on display until April 13, but should be picked up by 3 p.m. on that day.

The categories are oil, pastel and watercolor.

All members of the Muleshoe Art Association are eligible to enter. Non-members have the option of either joining the association, by paying the \$20 membership fee, and paying the reduced \$5 entry fee for members, or paying a \$10 "non-member" entry fee.

This year's event will be judged by Dr. Jan Lloyd, PhD, an instructor and division chair for Fine Arts and Communication at Clovis Community College.

Lloyd received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in art education, and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University in animation. She received her doctorate in educational administration from New Mexico State University.

For additional information concerning competition rules and entry fees should call Ginnie Seifert at 505-763-4998, or Mildred Williams at 806-272-3359.

## Local Weather

### Thursday

I. T-Storms..... 67/34

### Friday

S. T-Storms..... 69/41

### Saturday

Sunny..... 71/40

### Sunday

Sunny..... 71/40

### Monday

Sunny..... 75/42

### Tuesday

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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## Refuge budget cut; personnel reduction planned

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge — winter home to thousands of sandhill cranes, is among several wildlife programs in southwestern states target for budget and manpower cuts according to refuge manager Harold Beierman.

With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facing huge budget problems, a large number of cuts are planned in the operation of wildlife refuges across Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

According to Beierman, a total of 38 positions in the southwest are being cut, including his own, through retirement, attrition and relocation.

According to the wildlife service, 22 vacant positions in the southwest region will be left unfilled, and the need to additional cuts will be decided upon in future years.

However, with the staff reduction at the Muleshoe refuge occurring in about

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plan to cut NWR staff by a third

two years, coinciding with Beierman's retirement, the impact it will have on existing personnel at the Muleshoe refuge are expected to be limited.

Beierman's retirement will leave only the administrative secretary and maintenance man positions at Muleshoe.

Beierman has been at Muleshoe NWR since May 2003, and currently has 29 years with the wildlife service.

According to Beierman, the wildlife manager at the Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, near Umbarger, will probably take on the management responsibilities at Muleshoe NWR.

The wildlife service's budget cuts are being made in three tiers, with Muleshoe NWR being placed in Tier 2, which calls for staffing reductions, and possibly

Beierman attributes part of this decrease to higher gasoline prices and the distance to the refuge.

Should the wildlife service receive additional funding, he said the monies would go to the "focused refuges" first in an effort to keep them strong and enhance their programs.

Across the Lone Star State, about 11 percent of the staff at the wildlife refuges are being cut.

Muleshoe NWR is the oldest national wildlife

refuge in Texas. It is part of a chain of refuges in the nation's central flyway.

Located on the high plains of west Texas in south Bailey County, Muleshoe NWR, composed of almost 6,000 acres, was established in 1035 as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl and sandhill cranes.

It has three "sink-type" lakes without outlets that depend entirely on runoff water, and are periodically dry.



Sandhill cranes gather at the wildlife refuge in January 2006.

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## Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

### Spring break memoirs

As Muleshoe students know, last week was Spring Break for us, enabling us to have a week of relaxation and the opportunity to rest our brains from all the learning we've taken in so far this year.

I know a lot of students were planning on taking some sort of vacation with their family and there were others who stayed home and worked. I chose to work last week.

Spring Break is a week where students can completely unwind. But I've heard that some college students go crazy during Spring Break and go to favorite spots like Miami or Cancun.

While I think it would be pretty cool to go to one of those spots, what happens there during Spring Break is something I don't want to get involved in or deal with.

When I was little and I still lived in Oklahoma, my brother and I would always

spend Spring Break with my mother's parents at their home on a lake in Oklahoma.

I always would find some way to have fun or find some way to get into trouble, because if you ask any of my family, I do that a lot.

Since I've moved to Texas, going up and seeing all my old friends and family has become harder. Because of the distance, I can't see them on a daily or weekly basis like I was able to in the past.

I see my family mainly during the holidays, and hopefully in little more than a month when some of them will come to Muleshoe for graduation.

Spring Break, I think, was created to give teachers and students a break from each other halfway through the second semester. This semester is the craziest with sports and other activities.


Why the week long I have no clue, but I don't mind the break. Everyone needs a break to get energized and ready to tackle the rest of the semester and make the day we get out of school seem a lot closer than what it is.

To me, this semester has gone by so fast and coming back from Spring Break seems to only speed up the time.

Last week was my last Spring Break as a high school student, this time next year I will be a college freshman. Pretty weird, but cool at the same time.

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### Fine Arts 'Night to Shine'

The annual Muleshoe High School Fine Arts to Shine is set for Monday, March 26, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will consist of performances by local band, one-act, art and choir students.

In addition, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria, and there will be a silent and live auction. Donations to the auction were made from local and area businesses.

Proceeds from the event will be support the Fine Arts Programs, including a band trip to Dallas for a performance at the Six Flags Festival.

### Meals on Wheels raffle

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the homebound food program. First place is a painting by a local artist, second place is a quilt and third place is a \$50 cash prize.

The tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing is set for May 11. The painting and the quilt are available for viewing at the Bailey County Courthouse Aging Services office.

### Project Graduation benefit luncheon

Project Graduation will be hosting a brisket luncheon Muleshoe High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 25, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. to raise funds for this year's event.

The menu is brisket, potatoes, beans, bread, cobbler and ice tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children. Carryout and delivery are available. Call for 272-7306 from 10:30 a.m. until noon for deliveries.

All proceeds will be used to provide Muleshoe's graduating seniors with an alcohol-free, drug-free, parent sponsored celebration immediately following graduation.

### Muleshoe youth softball signups

Muleshoe Youth Softball signups are set for Thursday, March 22, and Saturday, March 24, at the Watson Junior High Gymnasium foyer, from 6-8 p.m.

The payers must be from in second-12th grade.

For more information call Eddie Alvarado at 272-5588, Frank Baca at 272-3043 or Julie DeBruin at 272-4410.

### AA meeting

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

### Cancer screening clinic set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on April 2 and 19.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Babe Ruth baseball

Parents interested in helping with Muleshoe's Babe Ruth baseball program should call Stacy Conner at 806-272-4224.

### April's Holy Week schedule released

The following schedule for Holy Week, April 1-8, in Muleshoe has been released:

Sunday — Community Service at Cowboy Fellowship Church at 7 p.m.

Monday — Noon meal and message at First Baptist Church.

Tuesday — Noon meal and message at First United Methodist Church.

Wednesday — Noon meal and message at First Assembly of God Church.

Easter Sunday — Sunrise service at 7 a.m. at the park by the tennis courts.

Donuts, juice and coffee to be served following the service in Richland Hills Baptist Church. In case of inclement weather, service is moved to Richland Hills Baptist Church.



**MULESHOE LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT SELECTIONS**

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# Editorial

## Scorpion stings happen

Probably the biggest "non-story" to flood the press rooms and television stations across the nation of late is the turmoil about the alleged wrong-doing of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in the firing or dismissal of several U.S. attorneys.

The simple truth is that "United States attorneys are appointed by — and serve at the discretion of — the President of the United States..." That means, they... like the attorney general, serve at the pleasure of the President.

The position of U.S. attorney has always been a "political appointment," and when the U.S. attorney in a district takes a fork in the road that moves him away from the political position held by the President, he shouldn't be surprised if he is asked to leave.

While there are some Presidential appointments who don't serve at the pleasure of the President, such as federal judges, the President retains the prerogative to remove most of his appointees.

Is it the best system? To be honest, we're not sure. There are definitely good and bad aspects of "serving at the pleasure of" any political position... whether it's a city manager, who in many cases has such control over his municipal department heads; a county sheriff, whose entire department serves at his pleasure in many states; or a U.S. senator or representative, whose staff is required to push its employer's political position.

There's a story about a scorpion who asked a frog to carry it across a stream, promising not to sting the frog during the trip.

However, halfway across, the scorpion went ahead and stung the frog.

"Why did you do that," the frog asked.

"What do you expect," his passenger said, "I'm a scorpion."

It's the nature of the beast.

The fact that previous attorney generals have or haven't replaced U.S. attorneys partway through a Presidential term of office doesn't remove a President's right or prerogative to do so. Neither does it remove the authority by which a member of the President's staff discusses the removal of a "problem appointee" with that appointee's direct supervisor, in this case the attorney general.

The U.S. Supreme Court has routinely held that "serving at the pleasure of" means just that. When the political climate changes, so does the certainty of a person maintaining the position to which he or she was appointed.

What disturbs us most isn't that the U.S. attorneys in question were replaced but rather that Congress is apparently trying to change the rules in the middle of the game.

Would they be more willing to take the side of the attorney general if the U.S. Department of Labor, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was able to cast a similar light on the removal of a congressional aide?

## This is Poison Prevention Week

Each year since 1962, the third full week in March has been designated as National Poison Prevention Week.

The week gives poison educators an opportunity to remind the public of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and demonstrate ways in which homes and communities can become "Poison Safe."

This year the Texas Panhandle Poison Center, which serves residents within the 71 counties that comprise Texas Public Health Regions I and II, is focusing on "Prevent Poisonings—Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet" as its theme for National Poison Prevention Week.

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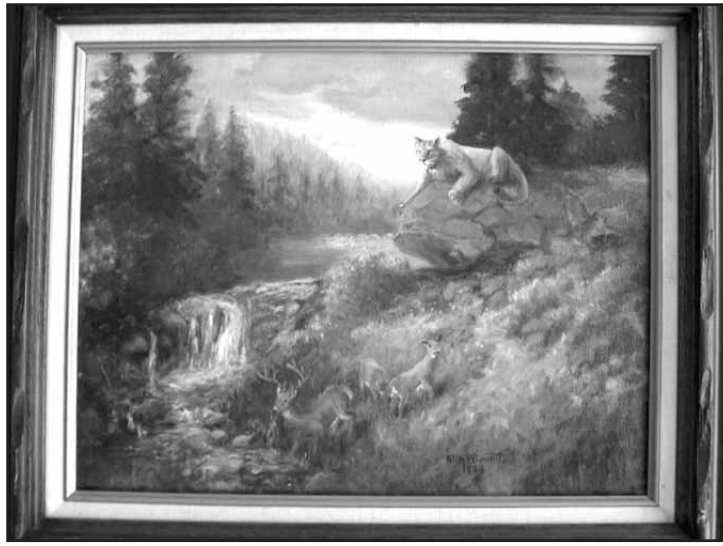
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## WJHS Students of the Week

The WJHS Students of the Week for the week of March 19, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — David Flores and Jasmine Hernandez; back row — Eric Martinez, Marissa Ramirez and Beau Avila. Not pictured is Shelbi Harrison.



## Meals on Wheels painting displayed

The painting, pictured above, is offered as second prize in the Bailey County Meals on Wheels raffle is on display at the courthouse.

## Births

### Braeden and Brennen Henry

Beau and Kimberly Henry of Abilene announce the birth of their sons, Braeden Lain Henry and Brennen Zain Henry, on Feb. 22, 2007.

Braeden was born at 6:46 p.m., and weighed five pounds, four ounces. He was 17-1/2 inches in length.

Brennen was born at 6:47 p.m., and weighed six pounds, seven ounces. He was 19 inches in length.

Their grandparents are David and Belinda Head of Muleshoe, and Craig and Sherri Doty of Sudan.

Great-grandparents are Marshal and Jo Anne Head of Muleshoe, Pat Nickels of Lubbock, Lafarn Doty of Sudan, and Joyce

Thompson, also of Sudan, and Marcia Henry Mardis of Wichita, Kan.

The twins' great-great-grandparents include Verdie Gann of Sudan, and Nell Henry of Canyon.

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## Publication of announcements in the Journal

The *Muleshoe Journal* invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit. If the photo and announcement run longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family, including

grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@muleshoejournal.com.

# The Old Testament prepared mankind for the arrival of the Anointed One

The Old Testament prepared mankind for the birth and mission of the Messiah. It documents what God had been trying to teach his chosen people, and the world, from the very beginning... that man can't live under the law... that man's only hope resides in God himself, and the grace that comes only from God.

But even as God told us death is our only option under the law, the Old Testament begins telling us that God has prepared a way for us that supersedes the law. There wasn't a need for a new law, the need was for freedom from the consequences of our disobedience.

Even though the price for

## Lamplight By Larry Thornton

man's sins remained, God promised a perfect sacrifice that would once and for all remove the stain of sin from all who placed their faith in God's anointed one, the Messiah.

The Bible tells us of the birth and mission of the Messiah, but the Old Testament also speaks of these events, and the promises behind them.

Many people have a hard time understanding Christmas. They try to shut it up into a winter holiday season, separating it from God's reality. The truth of the matter is that Christmas is

just a stepping stone on the path to the Cross and should be remembered in our hearts throughout the year.

While it is a joyous time because of the incarnation of Christ, we need to remember that the child who was laid in the hay trough was God's fulfillment of the law... his sacrifice for all mankind. Through this baby, all of God's promises would come to fruition.

In preparation for his mission on earth, the Messiah lived the life of these beings he created from the dust of the earth. But the Bible reminds us that

he didn't walk the earth for his pleasure. He walked the earth out of his compassion for us... to make his Father more fully known to us, and ultimately to pay the price that we couldn't.

At the beginning of man's time on earth, when sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, God promised to redeem man through Eve's offspring.

God's love for mankind was there as Abraham placed his own beloved son on the altar and prepared to follow the instructions he'd received from God.

And in the wilderness, God foretold the manner of Christ's death, proclaiming the day when Israel's salvation would

depend upon their repentance and faith in the cleansing blood of his only begotten Son.

God promised to send one who would free us from sin, but even more than that, God has promised that we would be with him in paradise.

Isaiah 25:8, says, "He will swallow up death forever."

God's anointed would have victory over death. But while the Old Testament talks about our eternal existence with God, it is the New Testament in which God clearly lays down his promise of eternal life in words we can all understand, reminding us that our hope in the resurrection resides entirely

in the resurrection of the Son of God.

John 11:25, says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"

Only after Christ rose from the grave was God's plan of salvation complete.

As we draw closer to Easter, and the celebration of the resurrection of Christ, let us continue look toward that day when we shall all join our Savior at the wedding feast he has promised.

And until that time, let us continue to approach the throne of God with an humble heart and a repentant spirit.

# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

## He Bore It All

by Max Lucado

*Then the soldiers bowed before Jesus and made fun of him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on Jesus. (Matt. 27:26-31)*

The soldiers' assignment was simple: Take the Nazarene to the hill and kill him. But they had another idea. They wanted to have some fun first. Strong, rested, armed soldiers encircled an exhausted, nearly dead, Galilean carpenter and beat up on him. The scourging was commanded. The crucifixion was ordered. But who would draw pleasure out of spitting on a half-dead man?

Spitting isn't intended to hurt the body-it can't. Spitting is intended to degrade the soul, and it does. What were the soldiers doing? Were they not elevating themselves at the expense of another? They felt big by making Christ look small.

Ever done that? Maybe you've never spit on anyone, but have you gossiped? Slandered? Have you ever raised your hand in anger or rolled your eyes in arrogance? Have you ever blasted your high beams in someone's rearview mirror? Ever made someone feel bad so you would feel good?

That's what the soldiers did to Jesus. When you and I do the same, we do it to Jesus too. "I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" (Matt. 25:40 NLT). How we treat others is how we treat Jesus.

"Oh, Max, I don't like to hear that," you protest. Believe me, I don't like to say it. But we must face the fact that there is something beastly within each and every one of us. Something beastly that makes us do things that surprise even us. Haven't you surprised yourself? Haven't you reflected on an act and wondered, "What got into me?"

The Bible has a three-letter answer for that question: S-I-N. Allow the spit of the soldiers to symbolize the filth in our hearts. And then observe what Jesus does with our filth. He carries it to the cross.

Through the prophet he said, "I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting" (Isa. 50:6 NIV). Mingled with his blood and sweat was the essence of our sin.

God could have deemed otherwise. In God's plan, Jesus was offered wine for his throat, so why not a towel for his face? Simon carried the cross of Jesus, but he didn't mop the cheek of Jesus. Angels were a prayer away. Couldn't they have taken the spittle away?

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# Obituaries

## Bertha Stradley

A church service for Bertha Conner Stradley, 91, of Springlake, was held on Monday, March 19, at the First Baptist Church of Springlake with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating. Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery.



BERTHA CONNER STRADLEY

Stradley died on Friday, March 16, 2007, in Runningwater Draw Care Center in Olton. She was born on Aug. 28, 1914, to Andrew and Annie (Bean) Newson in Cass County, and married Henry Conner in Cass County on Dec. 11, 1930. He preceded her in death on March 20, 1963. She married William Stradley on Jan. 31, 1967, in Littlefield. He preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1981.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter — Joyce Vanneman; a sister, three brothers and a grandson.

Stradley moved to the Springlake area in 1950 from Plainview. She was a homemaker and a member

of the First Baptist Church of Springlake.

Survivors include two sons — A.L. Conner and Robert Conner, both of Springlake; two daughters — Gay Nell Moree of Springlake and Treva Crocker of Howe; two sisters — Ella Stewart of Hughes Spring and Dora Lee Hutchinson of Springtown 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Springlake Cemetery or the First Baptist Church of Springlake.

## Carlton Howard

A graveside service for Carlton "Buddy" Howard, 85, of Brownfield, formerly of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, March 17, at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Muleshoe.

Howard died on March 14, 2007, in Brownfield. He was born on July 18, 1921, in Olney, and married Christine Davis on Dec. 13, 1941 in Clovis, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Andrew Steven and Sarah

Ellen Richardson Howard, a son — Jerry Howard in 1989, two sisters and four brothers.

Howard was co-owner of the Howard and Green Butane Company.

Survivors include a daughter — Sandra Meyers of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law — Karen Jones Howard Green of Granada Hills, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of South Plains, TTU - HSC, 3601 Fourth St., Rm. 3A 116, Lubbock, TX 79430.

## Arlyne Ashley

A chapel service for Arlyne Ashley, 89, of Earth was held on Monday, March 19, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe with the Rev. Cecil Golden officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Cemetery.

Ashley died on Friday, March 16, 2007, in Hereford Medical Center. She was born on Feb. 9, 1918, in Canyon, and married Howard L. Ashley in Hereford on March 9, 1972. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1989.

She was also preceded in

death by two brothers — Clifford Layman and Donald Layman.

Ashley moved to Earth in 1993 from Hereford. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth. She was a licensed vocational nurse, and worked for hospitals in Muleshoe and Hereford before her retirement.

Survivors include her son — Lexie Royce Welch of Plainview and a brother — L.G. Layman of Littlefield.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Earth.



## Meals on Wheels quilt

The quilt offered as second prize in the Bailey County Meals on Wheels raffle is on display for viewing at the courthouse.

## Births

### Jordyn Archuleta

Dayna and Jeremy Archuleta of Clovis, N.M., announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn Cecilia Archuleta, on Feb. 20, 2007, at 1:33 a.m., at Plains Regional Hospital of Clovis, N.M.

Jordyn weighed eight pounds at birth and was 20-3/4 inches in length.

Jordyn has one brother, Charles, 15.

Her grandparents are Cecil Yandell of Clovis, N.M., and Charles and Margaret Hamilton of Muleshoe. Her great-grandparents are Procopio and Tillie Archuleta of Clovis, N.M.



JORDYN CECILIA ARCHULETA

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

## Project Graduation luncheon set

Project Graduation will be hosting a brisket luncheon Muleshoe High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 25, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. to raise funds for this year's event.

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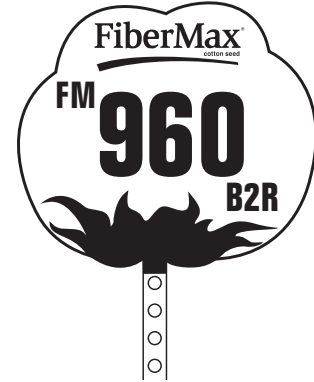
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**REPRESENTATIVE SALES SAT, MARCH 17, 2007**

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Jimmie Cooper, Monument	31	Bk. str.	625 lbs.	at \$118.75
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Peter Reimer, Muleshoe	5	WF str.	618 lbs.	at \$105
Peter Reimer, Muleshoe	8	Bk. str.	683 lbs.	at \$103.50
Peter Reimer, Muleshoe	10	Bk. str.	700 lbs.	at \$100
Samantha Soltz, Olton	2	Mxd. str.	673 lbs.	at \$109
Gilberto Hernandez, Petersburg	4	Mxd. str.	729 lbs.	at \$103
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# Sports

## Mules baseball has a 'great week' during spring break

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules may have taken spring break from class but not from baseball. They played five games during the week and had another scheduled that was called because of Monday's rain.

"It was a great week for us," said Mule baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez. "These guys are really coming together and playing as a team. We scored 48 runs in five games and only gave up 16."

"We had a practice Saturday morning before going to Lockney for the championship game and nobody complained. We had some strike outs so we concentrated on hitting with two strikes. It paid off in today's game as we only struck out three times and sent 32 batters to the plate."

"Winning the double hitter in Dilla Villa against River Road got us off to a great start on the week Monday and winning all three games in the tournament capped it off."

The Mules defeated the Lockney Longhorns 11-7 to take first place in the Field of Dreams Classic Tournament Saturday afternoon. Elias Alvarado was honored as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Mules did not score in the first two innings and gave up one run in the second inning on to base



Photograph by Norm Brantley

A Mule team member swings during a recent game.

hits. Caesar Lopez dashed the hopes of the Longhorns for a run in the first inning. A walk had given Lockney a base runner and the third batter of the inning hit a line shot at Lopez. He made the catch and threw to Tanner Bales at first to double off the runner before he could return to first.

The Mules got on the board in the top of the third when Dusty Clayton beat out an in field hit to short. He went to second on a passed ball scored on a line drive to left center field by Victor Vasquez.

Timothy Conner got the Mules started in the top of the fourth with a double to right center and moved to third on a passed ball. He scored on a wild pitch.

Lopez drew a two out walk in the top of the fourth

and Ray Ramirez walked on four straight pitches. Lopez advanced to third and Ramirez moved to second on a passed ball. Lopez came home on a swinging bunt by Clayton that was allowed to stop rolling on the fair side of the line in the third base path.

Ramirez moved to third on the play and scored on a passed ball before the Mules made their final out. The Mule led 4-2 after three and half innings.

Vasquez gave up back to

back base hits before striking out the next two batters. Two runs scored on Lockney's third hit of the inning to tie the game at 4-4. Lopez had to charge a slow roller and fired a strike to Bales at first for the third out before more damage could be done.

The Mules exploded in the top of the fifth with six runs on just two hits. Longhorn pitchers gave up walks to four Mules. Vasquez reached on an error on the first baseman to lead off the inning.

Brant Hamilton sent a Texas leaguer to left center for a base hit. Vasquez advanced on a passed ball to Conner. Conner drew a walk to load the bases for Elias Alvarado. Alvarado looped a single to right center that scored Vasquez.

Matthew Richards picked up an RBI the easy way. He walked on five pitches and Hamilton walked across the plate. Conner walked home on a base on balls to Lopez. Clayton got a free pass on balls to force Alvarado across the plate.

Richards scored on a throwing error on the pitcher on a fielder's choice. The pitcher over threw the

catcher for a force at home. Lopez scored on a miss handled pop up at third and Clayton scampered home on a passed ball. The Mules led 10-4 after four and half innings.

Vasquez came off the mound to field the ball and threw to Bales for the first out. He walked the next man and the third batter singled to score a run. A second base hit scored a second run.

TJ Brantley scrambled to the backstop to retrieve a passed ball and Vasquez

covered the plate with a man coming home from third. Brantley's throw was on the mark and Vasquez tagged the runner as he slide toward the plate.

Vasquez gave up his second base on balls. Alvarado came on in relief and recorded a strike out for the final out.

Conner beat out an infield hit to start the sixth inning. He moved to second on a throwing error on the third baseman and went to third when Alvarado was picked

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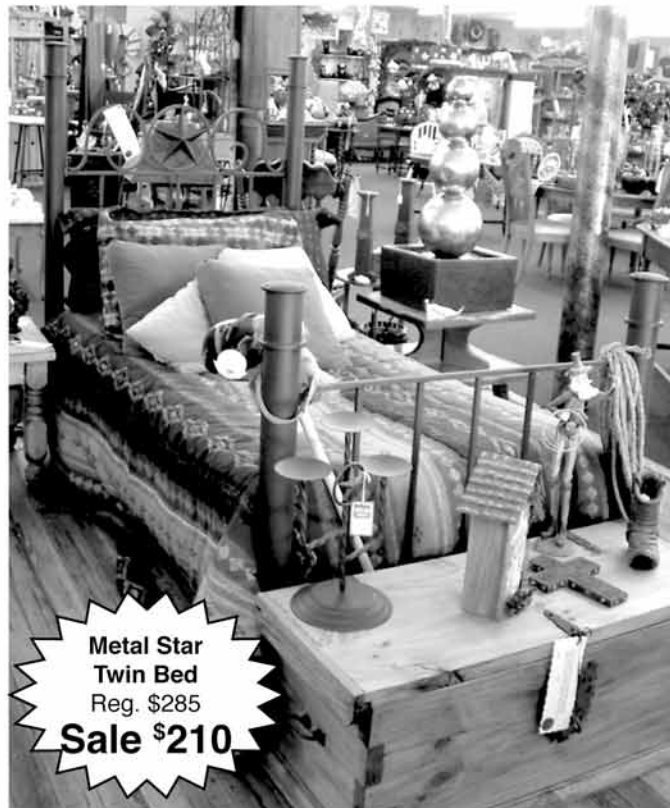
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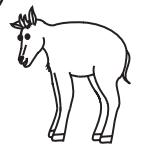
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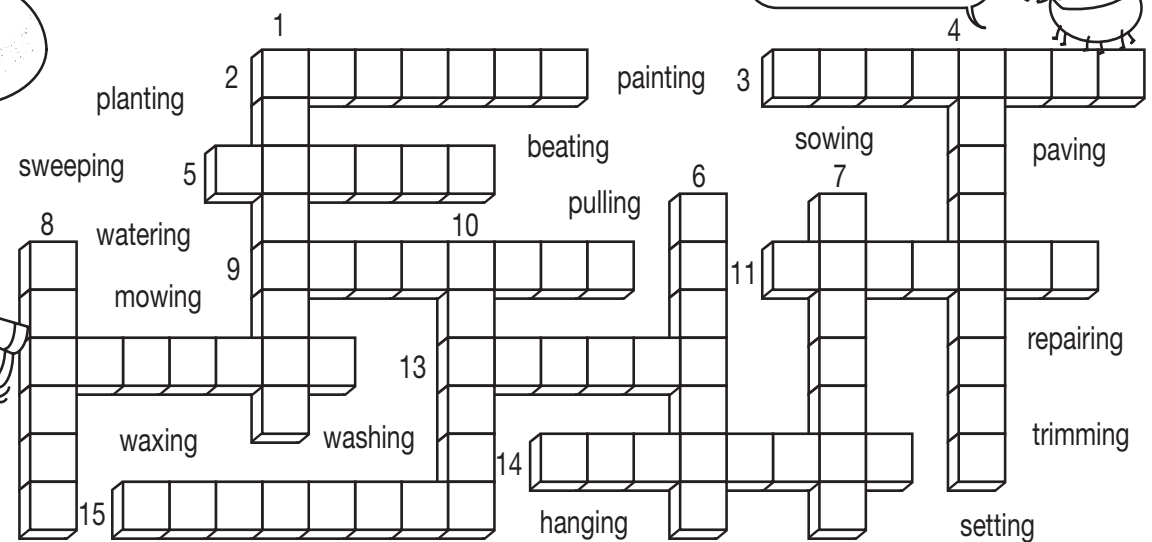
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**Spring Cleaning!**

I spring upon the pests in gardens to help clean them out!



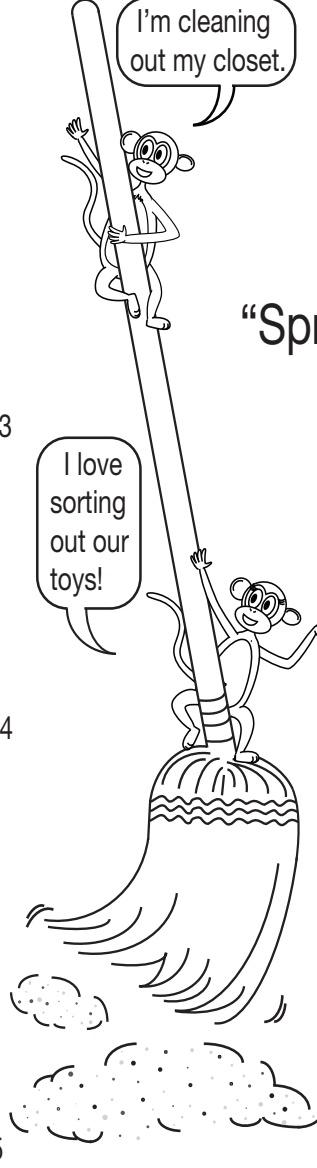
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I'm setting up a fresh, clean nest!

**A Sunny Chore!**

Almost everyone everywhere has to wash these! If we didn't clean them, they soon would be so dirty that no sunlight could come into our homes. How dismal that would be! **Connect the dots to see the object of this Sunny Chore.** (Hint: use a ruler to help keep lines straight.)

There are many jobs to be done after a long winter. People in the city, town and country all do spring clearing and chores according to their needs. **Fill in the puzzle above. How many of these jobs have you seen people doing? How many did you help to do?** (Hint: use a pencil to fill in the clues below first. This is tricky!)



I'm cleaning out my closet.

I love sorting out our toys!

10 • 1, 11, 12 • 17, 18 • 23, 24 • 25 • 58, 57, 13 • 16, 56, 19 • 22, 55, 54 • 9 • 52, 53, 51, 14 • 15, 27, 20 • 21, 26 • 31, 28 • 29, 42 • 41, 30, 36 • 35, 8 • 50, 49, 48 • 47 • 46, 43 • 40, 37 • 34, 45, 44 • 39, 38 • 33, 32 • 5, 7, 6

- \_\_\_\_\_ trees
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- \_\_\_\_\_ windows
- \_\_\_\_\_ cars
- \_\_\_\_\_ fences
- \_\_\_\_\_ sidewalks

**"Spring" Sayings!** Can you find and circle 20 words that begin with the letter "s"?

Lots of things spring to mind when we think of the word "spring." **Can you match the use of the word "spring" to how it is used in each sentence?**

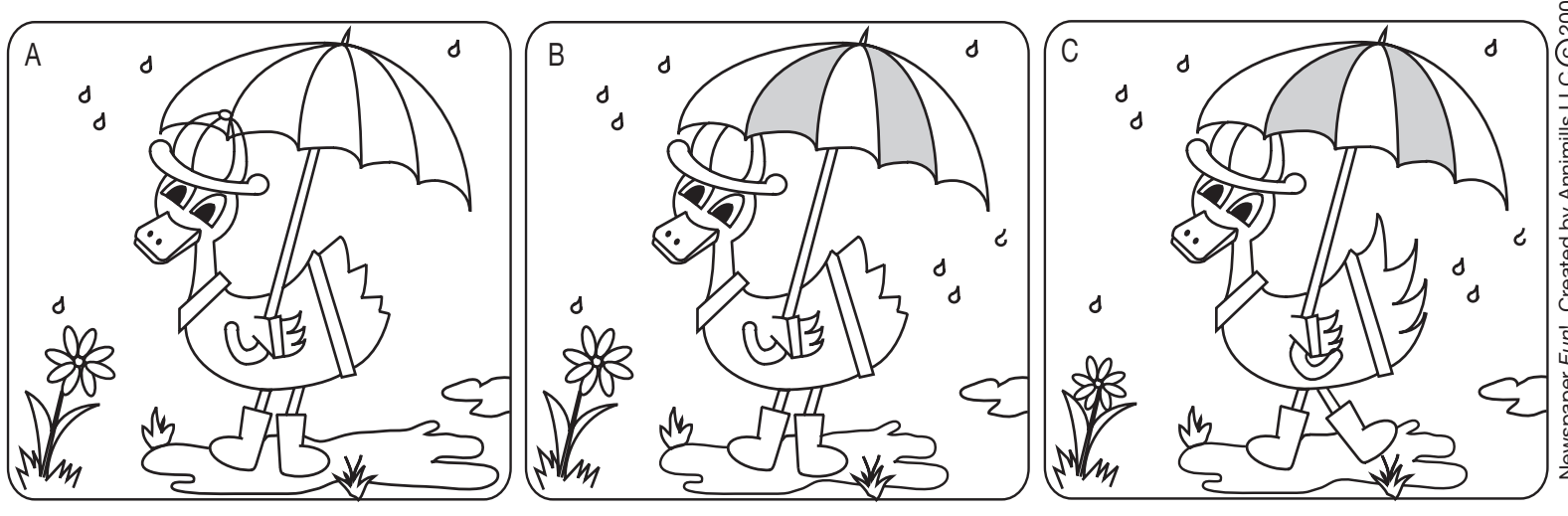
- She's no spring chicken.
  - The ideas spring to mind.
  - The dogs spring to life when I feed them.
  - Daffodils are springing up.
  - I will spring for a new basketball.
  - My little brother likes new jokes that he can spring on me.
- A. growing  
B. not young anymore  
C. thought of it right away  
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## Bridal Shower



### Tipps feted at bridal shower

Megan Tipps, the daughter of David and Liz Tipps of Muleshoe, and the prospective bride of Trent Terrell, the son of Ken and Donna Terrell, was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, March 18, in the home of Debbi Hutto.

The prospective bride received patio furniture as a hostess gift.

Hostesses for the event included Hellen Adrian, Cindy Barrett, Nancy Barrier, Terry Byers, Sandi Chitwood, Amy Gilleland, Donna Green, Hollye Hooten, Wanda Hooten, Debbie Hutto, Jo Jinks, Connie Kenmore, Jan King, Kay Leopard, Jan Morris, Lindy Schuster, Juana Shelburne, Pam Thomason, Shelly Turnbow and Terry Young.

Special guests in attendance included Hillary and Kelsey Tipps, Donna Terrell, Tracee Cumming, Anna Beth Cumming, Dorothy Jackson and Jamie Jones.



### Service honored

Billy Tiller of Sudan was honored during this year's annual Five Area Cooperative meeting for his 20 years of service to the customers and members of the cooperative on the Five Area and West Plains Boards of Directors. Pictured above Tiller receives a gold watch from General Manager Sandy Vandevender.

### Mule baseball... Continued from page 6

off first. Riley laid down a sacrifice bunt that scored Conner.

It was three up and three down for the Longhorns in the bottom of the sixth. The Mules did not score in the top of the seventh and gave up one run to Lockney in the bottom of the inning.

Hamilton moved to his left to take a hit away from a Longhorn for the first out. A single to left brought home the run for Lockney.

The Mules ended the game with a classic 6-4-3 double play.

Hamilton scooped up the ground ball at short and made the short toss to Clayton at second for the force. Clayton stepped second and fired a strike to Bales at first for the final out

of the game.

The Mules had reached the finals by defeating Littlefield 8-3 Thursday afternoon in the opening round. Slaton fell to the Mules 15-5 in Fridays match. The Mules exploded for nine runs in the fourth inning against the Tigers.

River Road was a victim of the Mules twice Monday afternoon in Dilla Villa in Amarillo. The Mules took the first game 3-1 and blasted the Wildcats 11-0 in the second game.

The Mules hosted the number five state ranked Abernathy Antelopes Tuesday afternoon and open district play in Friona on Saturday afternoon. They host Tulia on March 27 and Dimmitt on March 31.

## Warning: Grumble At Your Own Risk

Grumbling is risky business.

Of course, like any temptation, it feels good at the moment we fall to it. The act of grumbling stokes the fires of our sinful pride. It also stokes the fires of hell—the one hereafter and the one we may be creating here and now.

Aside from the fact that we're flirting with spiritual suicide when we play with this powerful poison, grumbling

against to improve lest we, at least theoretically, have to quit grumbling.

And grumbling snowballs—not only in our own hearts as we fall to its seduction more and more often, but also in our society with others. Habitual and dedicated grumblers always attract a following because everyone enjoys the poisonous pleasure grumbling affords. We all like to feel superior to those in authority. We all like to complain and take no responsibility for doing anything constructive.

I'm at least as prone to grumbling as anyone, so I need to say it again—grumbling is risky business.

If we grumble often and long enough, we so twist, contort, and poison our souls that pretty much all that is left in us is a slimy, stinky, malignant grumble where once resided a warm human heart.

Because he loves us, God hates grumbling. Evidence abounds, but stark testimony is found in Numbers 21. After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites are fed up. Among other things, they're fed up with manna! They're tired of the "miserable food" they eat each morning. They've become finicky eaters complaining against the cook. I mean, The Cook, and his staff.

Both as punishment and as a way to save others from the infection, God wipes out a big bunch of grumblers. When I catch myself grumbling, I need to heed the warning: Danger! Grumbling Is Very Risky Business. It easily spreads to all parts of our lives, and in the final analysis, "The Management" we grumble against is God.

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



### Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

feels good to us because grumbling is by its very nature a complaint against "The Management." It implies a superiority of intelligence or dedication or proficiency over a group or person—be it a boss or governing body or organization or business or colleague or coworker or family member, or . . . Whether he says it or not, and he probably does, the grumbler is loudly implying, "Why, if I was in charge, things would be better! What's wrong with these idiots? Can't they see . . ."

Grumbling's poisonous and seductive appeal is heightened because it is so easy to do and, at the very same time, requires no positive action at all. When we grumble, we don't have to bestir ourselves to do, well, anything but grumble. And, in fact, as we allow ourselves to enjoy the presently sweet poison of grumbling, the very last thing we want is for the situation or people we're grumbling

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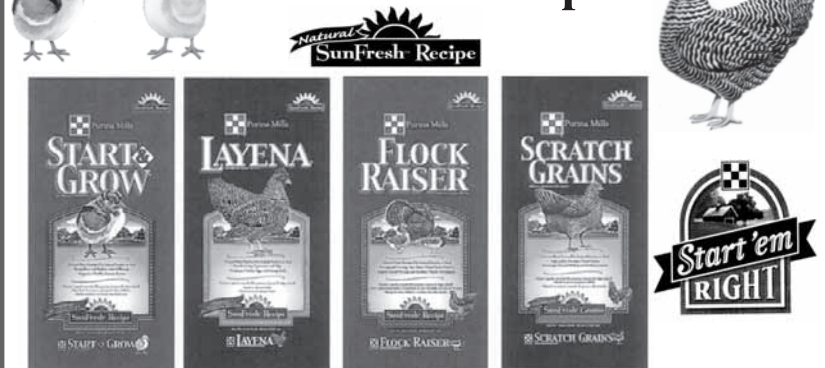
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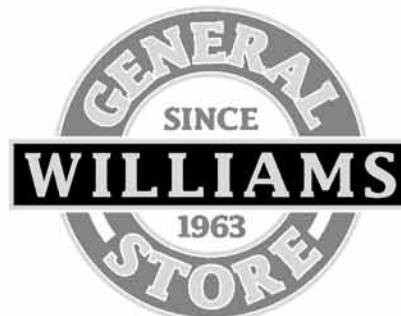
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## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The center was very active Saturday morning for our pancake breakfast. A sincere thank you to all who came out and supported us. We had a great crowd. Our thanks to our cooks and volunteers that made the meal so good.

We had a great surprise on Thursday, March 15, seven guests from Parkview Nursing Home came to join us for bingo. Everyone had a good time visiting with friends. One or two even won a game. We sincerely hope they come back real soon to enjoy the center.

Sandy, our great disc jockey, will be playing the music for the Tuesday night dance.

If you like good western and country music, you need to come out. You can enjoy the fellowship and fun even if you do not dance. Bring a dish for the pot luck supper break and come join in the fun.

Our birthday party will be on Thursday, March 29. We invite all our senior citizens with birthdays in March to come join us for lunch and to be honored.

All who have signed to go to the Cactus Theater on March 31, need to have your money into the center by Friday, March 23. You

can bring it by or mail it in.

We are looking forward to all having a great time.

Make plans to come by the center on Tuesday, April 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. SPAG will be holding a home health fair. More information on all the activity will be forth coming.

On Wednesday, April 18, Vista Care Hospice will be sponsoring a domino tournament at the center. All you domino players plan to join us for a great time.

The games will start at 9 a.m., and continue until 11:30 a.m.

**Menu for March 26 - 30:**  
Monday, March 26 – Beef tips with noodles, carrots, broccoli, tossed salad, wheat roll and cake with glaze.

Tuesday, March 27 – Hot dog, weiner, chili, cheese, onion, pickles, relish, potato chips and brownies.

Wednesday, March 28 – Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Thursday, March 29 – Pork chop with mushroom gravy, sweet potatoes, black eyed peas, salad, cornbread, gelatin and fruit.

Friday, March 30 – Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.



### Pancakes galore

Area residents stop by the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center for Saturday's pancake breakfast.  
Photograph by Mike Jones

### Project Graduation benefit luncheon

Project Graduation will be hosting a brisket luncheon Muleshoe High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 25, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. to raise funds for this year's event.

The menu is brisket, potatoes, beans, bread, cobbler and ice tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children. Carryout and delivery are available. Call for 272-7306 from 10:30 a.m. until noon for deliveries.

All proceeds will be used to provide Muleshoe's graduating seniors with an alcohol-free, drug-free, parent sponsored celebration.



### Lazbuddie students honored

Lazbuddie Elementary recently honored Kindergarten grade student Damian Juarez, pictured above on the left, the son of Juarez and Anais Gonzales, and fifth grade student Katlyn Hicks, pictured on the right, the son of Scott and Tiffany Hicks as Students of the Week.

### Addresses for charitable giving

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- New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411
- Muleshoe Masonic Lodge No. 1237, P.O. Box 521, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Olton Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1055, Olton, TX 79064
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

For a complete list of local and national agencies, contact the Muleshoe Community Foundation; Gary Sirkel, 272-4710 or Kay Mardis, 272-3349.

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# Agricultural News

## Wheat producers encouraged to vote in board election

The Texas Wheat Producers Board biennial election will begin on March 26. Any person qualified to vote may pick up a ballot at the county agricultural extension service office, the county Farm Service Agency office, or at their local elevator.

Ballots must be mailed to the polling place at 5405 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas 79106, with a postmark on, or before, April 10.

This year, the six-year term of five of the current 15

board members will expire. Board members are responsible for the allocation of funds from a state-wide wheat producer assessment of two cents per bushel. These funds are applied to wheat research, education and market development. The Texas Agricultural Commodity Referendum Law prohibits such funds from being used for lobbying or legislative efforts.

Board members terms expiring in 2007 include:

Dist. I — Cagle Kendrick of Stratford; Dist. II — Tommy Womack of Tulia; Dist. III — Fred Dwyer of Wichita Falls; Dist. IV — Ken Davis of Grandview and Jack Norman of Howe. All of these board members are eligible for re-election.

Any person living within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, wheat for commercial purposes, is

eligible to vote and have their name on the ballot. This includes owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment that is collected on a refund-only basis on wheat within the following counties:

Dist. I — Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

Dist. II — Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

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Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay. Dist. IV — All other counties in Texas.

For more information, contact the Texas Wheat Producers Board office Toll-free at 1-888-40-wheat.

### Bailey County Extension Office News

## Preparing for tornadoes

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Tornadoes are generally associated with the spring and summer months and are more frequent in the Plains States; but, given the right conditions, tornadoes can occur anytime and anywhere.

The National Weather Service issues tornado watches and warnings as soon as conditions are identified.

A Tornado Watch means weather conditions are right for the formation of tornadoes. If a tornado watch is issued:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or watch television for updated information.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions.
- Be prepared to go to a tornado safe place.

A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued:

- Go to your safe place — a basement, storm cellar, center hallway, bathroom, or interior closet. Stay away from windows.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to seek shelter in another building with a strong foundation.
- If you are outdoors or in a car, get inside a strong building, or ditch. Never try to out-drive a tornado.

Each household should assemble and maintain a Disaster

Supplies kit in the event of a tornado or other disaster. The portable kit should include:

- A flashlight, portable battery-operated radio, and extra batteries.
- A first-aid kit and manual, and essential medicines.
- At least three gallons of water per person.
- Emergency food.
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so.
- Cash and credit cards.

For credible and reliable information relating to

disaster preparedness and recovery, contact Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 272-4583.

## Ag employment conference set

A two-day conference designed to help agriculture human resource managers will be held April 3-4 at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The conference, Effective Employee Management in Agribusiness, will feature experts from around the country who will address problems of hiring, retaining and disciplining employees, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo. The experts also will discuss the paperwork involved in dealing with a multi-cultural workforce.

Dr. Bernie Erven, with Ohio State University, will talk about transformational leadership and conduct a break-out session, "Being a boss vs. being a friend."

The registration fee is \$150 per person, and is open to any interested individuals.

Other speakers are Dr. Gregory Billikopf of the University of California Agricultural Extension and Sarah Fogleman of Kansas State University Extension.

For a registration form, go to <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>. For more information, contact Margaret Freeman at 806-677-5600.

## Latest Texas milk totals unchanged from 2006

Texas milk production totaled 569 million pounds during February, unchanged from last year's production of 569 million pounds.

January 2007 production totaled 618 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during February averaged 347 head, up 19,000 head from last year and unchanged from the January 2007 number.


Production per cow averaged 1,640 pounds during February, 95 pounds less than last year and 140 pounds less than January 2007.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from production in these same states in February 2006.


January revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2006.

Production per cow during February averaged 1,586 pounds, unchanged from a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.28 million head, 71,000 head more than last year but 3,000 head less than January 2007.




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## Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade crumbled into the close on Thursday on modest selling after trading slightly firmer much of the session. Trading has been somewhat uninspired this week.

"Paint dries faster than the cotton market traded this week," one trader said. "There were tidbits of interest here and there, but nothing to really affect the cotton trade."

Weekly export sales figures from USDA had little impact on the market as the report held no surprises. Net export sales of 227,600 bales in the week ended March 8 were 26 percent more than the previous week but nine percent less than the four-week average. Primary buyers included China, Turkey, Pakistan and Hong Kong.

Export shipments of 193,000 bales were 17 percent lower than the previous week and seven percent less than the four-week average. Major

destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

"The U.S. needs many good weeks of sales to crawl back toward a normal pace," a trader said. "Otherwise, it will become inevitable that USDA will have to reduce its export forecasts."

In the spot market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 19,462 bales in the week ended March 15 compared to 11,274 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 42.52 to 49.05 cents per pound compared to 43.28 to 46.38 cents per pound the previous week.

Aside from export sales, there was very little fresh news to guide the market this week. Traders essentially are waiting until the March 30 plantings report to move the market substantially in any direction. The industry expects a decrease in the acreage planted to cotton as

farmers plant more corn due to higher grain prices.

"It's certainly not out of the question that 25 percent of the state's (Mississippi) cotton acres could go to corn due to the higher corn prices," said an agricultural economist from Mississippi State University.

"Farmers might not have enough corn seed of the varieties they would normally plant. If they have to replant for some reason, they'll plant soybeans, not corn, due to seed availability issues," he added.

Some Texas cotton growers also are likely to switch to corn in 2007, but exactly how many acres will be lost to grains is hard to pinpoint.

"North of Lubbock, Texas, certainly 10 percent of the cotton acreage could go to corn," a Texas A&M agronomist said. "A 10 percent switch from cotton to corn would probably be a solid prediction for East Texas and the Gulf Coast areas of Texas as well," he added. In heavy corn areas

south of Houston, seed dealers have doubled their corn and sorghum sales. So, if you consider corn and sorghum together, about 30 percent of the cotton in Central Texas could go away this year.

Despite the fact that market observers are anxiously awaiting USDA's acreage intentions survey, many feel the report is little more than an interesting tidbit.

"We continue to hear more and more stories of smaller and smaller cotton plantings," an analyst noted. "Of course, the number at the end of the month is just a tease, and we'll have to hold our breath for another three months for the actual plantings," he concluded.

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### 'Taste of Texas' barbecue cook-off set

The South Plains College Student Government Association and the Levelland Main Street Program have scheduled the third annual "Taste of Texas" Barbecue Cook-Off for Saturday, March 31, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$5, students with ID are \$2, and students without ID are \$3. Kids under 2 will receive a free hot dog.

Everyone who purchases a ticket will enjoy live entertainment from the South Plains College Music Department and a sampling of potato salad, coleslaw, beans and barbecue.

There will also be a rock wall there during the event for \$5 a climb.

"This is a great opportunity for the Levelland Main Street Program to once again join forces with the South Plains College Student

Government Association," said Debbie Wuerflein, Main Street coordinator for the Levelland Main Street Program.

Anyone or any business is welcome to enter the cook-off and the winner of the competition will receive a traveling trophy and all the bragging rights for a year as the "Best of the Best."

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### Meals on Wheels raffle set for May 11

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the homebound food program. First place is a painting by a local artist, second place is a quilt and third place is a \$50 cash prize.

The tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing is set for May 11. The painting and the quilt are available for viewing at the Bailey County Courthouse Aging Services office.



**Hurry! The deadline is approaching!**

**Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2006's Cutest Baby!**

### The Muleshoe Journal's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cutest Baby Contest

This year's contestants will appear in the April 12 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2006 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area. Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$15 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the adjacent coupon along with your child's photo and \$15 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 16, 2007. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

Enter any child born in 2006 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

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