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Muleshoe Dist. 2 candidates speak out

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, the candidates for the City of Muleshoe's Dist. 1 and Dist. 2 council positions were asked to respond to questionnaires.

Last week, responses from the Dist. 1 seat were published. This week, the Dist. 2 candidates were their time on the soap box.

The Dist. 1 candidates are Alfredo "Freddie" Anzaldua, Wes Conway, Irene Mason, and Donald Phelps.

(1) Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Anzaldua — Anzaldua was born in Mercedes in 1954, moved to Muleshoe in 1957 and graduated from Muleshoe in 1972. He served four years in the U.S. Air force, and worked in his family business until 1985, when he took over the business, and has been self



'FREDDIE' ANZALDUA
employed since then.

In 1972, he married Mariann Madrid. They have one daughter, Audree Halcomob, and three grandsons — Zachary, 9, Nicholas, 6, and Watt, 14 months.

Conway — Conway is a native Texan, father of four grown children, a husband and a member of 16&D Church of Christ.

He has been in the irrigation business for more than 40 years and now works for the Muleshoe



WES CONWAY
Independent School District Transportation Department.

Mason — I am married to Ray Mason and have three stepchildren and three wonderful grandchildren.

I was raised in Whiteface, and have had the experience of being a



IRENE MASON
teacher, school counselor, school administrator, administrative assistant, consultant, board member of non-profit organizations and volunteer among many other rewarding positions.

I am currently a substitute teacher for the Muleshoe



DON PHELPS
Independent School District, a Sunday school teacher, a member of Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association and volunteer.

Phelps — I was born in 1932 to Monroe and Lucile Phelps, and served in the U.S. Army Engineers during the Korean War.

I graduated from Manitou High School, Manitou, Okla., and moved and worked in construction and the postash mines, before coming to Muleshoe, where I worked on the Lewis

Scroggin Farm. I have also worked in the Bovina, Friona and Hereford areas, and bought the house where I presently live in 1980.

I have worked for Earl Ladd and Sons, Fry & Cox, C&H Equipment, and Wiedbush & Co. I am presently employed with Muleshoe ISD.

(2) Please list your qualifications for the Muleshoe City Council, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Anzaldua — I have been in the military. I have been an employee. I have been and am "the boss." All of these require looking at any problems from different angles.

This past experience gives me a wide perspective in which to work from. I am willing to work for and with

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Memorial '3 on 3' tournament set to honor Muleshoe graduate

Sometimes... bad things happen to good people. When those tragic times occur it's often difficult for the survivors to understand all of the turmoil that has suddenly erupted in their lives.

But sometimes, the memories of that individual have the opportunity of



reaching out and helping others, continuing work the loved one who has passed away would have thrown himself into if his life hadn't ended so abruptly.

Such is the case with Heart of Life 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament scheduled for May 18-19 in Muleshoe.

Just before Christmas 2006, Tyler Sheets lost his life in a tragic automobile accident, but many of the problems he was concerned about continue to plague

others.

"Have you ever held a dying baby in your arms? Have you ever seen a mother in tears because she cannot look after her children?"

"Have you ever watched a small child playing and know that the only thing her parents left her was the AIDS virus? ...Have you ever been moved by the fact that 19,000 children die each day in Africa

"Have you ever thought 'that's awful'? Somebody should do something. Have you ever realized that someone could be you?"

Such thoughts have not only taken root in the thoughts of Muleshoe

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Franklin Piland, pictured above shaking hands with school board president David Tipps, was one of a large number of Muleshoe High School students honored Monday for their UIL academic achievements.

New high school principal hired

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District welcomed next year's high school principal during Monday's board meeting.

Prior to entering into a closed session to discuss personnel, school board member Bruce Barrett's motion to hire Elizabeth Ward of Granbury received a second by board member Cindy Purdy, followed by a unanimous vote.

In his recommendation to the school board,



ELIZABETH WARD

Superintendent Gene Sheets talked about the words used to describe Ward by people who had worked with her at other school districts.

Integrity, honesty, a love for the students, and a focus on improvement, were some of the descriptors the superintendent shared.

Prior to her time at Granbury, Ward was with Weatherford ISD for 10 years. Sheets said she has experience as an assistant principal and counselor, has taught mathematics, and has also spent time coaching various sports.

"I can't think of a better person to recommend to you all," Sheets said.

"I am thrilled to be here," Ward said. "This is where we were meant to be."

Ward will be taking on the position currently held by David Jenkins, who is retiring as Muleshoe High School principal.

In other business, the school board recognized the accomplishments of a large number of high school students in the district and regional UIL competitions.

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Early voting begins in city, state elections

Early voting for the City of Muleshoe and Bailey County May 12 elections opened on Monday, April 30.

Early voting polls will be closing on Tuesday, May 8.

Between May 1 and May 8, Muleshoe City Hall will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for registered voters to cast their ballots.

Early ballots in the State of Texas' special constitutional election may be cast at the Bailey County Courthouse, in the office of the County Clerk, from 8:30 a.m. - noon, and from 1-5 p.m.

Applications for ballots by mail may be received by contacting Gallman at the city hall, or Benton at the courthouse.

All ballots by mail must be received by May 4.

The May 12 regular election ballots may be cast from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The polling place for the municipal election is Muleshoe City Hall.

The polling place for the county election is the Bailey County Coliseum.

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors has cancelled its May 12 election.

Don't forget to vote!

Local Weather

Thursday
Pt. Cloudy..... 81/50

Friday
Sunny..... 85/53

Saturday
I. T-Strm..... 78/48

Sunday
I. T-Strm..... 78/48

Monday
I. T-Strm..... 76/49

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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— Don Harold

Words to ponder from Beverly

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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

Getting ready for the prom

The time has come once again for the juniors and seniors to dress up and prepare for the Junior, Senior Banquet and Prom.

It seems as if it were yesterday. I was getting ready for prom this time last year and was so excited about how the night might go

As a senior this year, I and the senior class as well as the parents don't have to worry about the decorating and getting ready for Saturday night. The juniors have that responsibility and decorating is pretty fun, so have fun juniors and parents! Everything is worth the time and energy.

Everyone knows the cautions for this time of year... to be careful when driving and to be alert for other drivers on the road.

Prom is a time for the upperclassmen to have a fun time and get dressed up for one night. It creates one more memory for the soon to be graduating seniors (18 days and counting), a memory they can take with them as they leave high school.

One of the many things that is common to talk about when prom season is here is how you are going to

arrive at prom and maybe impress a few people and possibly even crack a few laughs on your mode of transportation.

In a small community like this and a school like Muleshoe High School, there is no telling what kind of vehicles are brought to prom, but one can only imagine the different modes of transportation with a community like Muleshoe (no offense to some).

Other common topics typical among the girls are the different styles of dresses and how everyone is doing their hair and nails, common things among us. We want to look our best for a night, even if it is only one night.

This weekend is a time for upperclassmen to have a little fun and get ready for the end of the year, which is coming pretty quick.

After prom, the rest of the school goes pretty fast.

Everyone is so concerned about getting ready for prom. And then after prom, what are we to talk about... there is nothing left to talk about... unless you're a senior and fretting about research papers.

But that is another topic for another time.

Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2007 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for this year's graduates.

Your donation will help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Olton. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free, parent sponsored graduation celebration event!

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold sponsor — cash donation of at least \$100, Silver — cash donation of at least \$50; Bronze — cash donation of at least \$25; Honorable mention — cash or prize donation less than \$25. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Donations for "Project Graduation 2007" should be addressed to: Project Graduation 2007, 143 FM 1731, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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.

Mule Putt opening set

The Jennyslipper Mule Putt Golf Course will be hosting its annual grand opening on Saturday, May 5, from 3-11 p.m., with live musical entertainment and fun for all.

Donations sought

Donations are being sought for the Flores family, which recently lost all of their possessions and mobile home to a house fire.

Any donations — whether clothing, household items, furniture, toys, food or money, would be appreciated, and may be dropped off at a relative's home, 1505 W. ave. B, Muleshoe.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, May 10, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimer's disease patient are family members. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimer's disease. Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support.

Come join us for lunch and a time for learning and sharing. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences agent, 272-4583.

Ex-Students to meet

The Muleshoe Ex-Student Association will be meeting on May 9, at 2 p.m., at the Onieta Wagnon Senior Citizens Center. Contact Laura Seales at 925-6781 for additional information.

MHS Athletic Banquet

The Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet is set for Monday, May 7, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased from a member of the Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club, or at the door.

Free child safety seat checkup

Is your child safety seat tight in the vehicle? Are you using the safety seat correctly? Studies show that the misuse rate of child safety seats is at 85 percent.

Alpha Zeta sorority and Bailey County Extension are sponsoring a free child safety seat checkup on May 22, from 2-5:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Bring your child and know his or her weight, and come have certified technicians help make sure your child is riding safely.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 806-272-4583.

MAHD election is canceled

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors has cancelled its May 12 election.

At a later date, Wayne Pierson, who was the only candidate for the Place 4 seat, will take that seat.

The board of directors will be required to appoint a director to fill the Place 2 seat as there were no candidates who filed for the position.

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Pioneer women's handiwork to be displayed at coliseum

The Bailey County Extension Education Association will be hosting Reggie Knight on Tuesday, May 15, at 2 p.m., in the Bailey County Coliseum lobby, for the program *Pioneer Women's Handiwork*.

Knight will take you on a journey into the past on the apron strings of a 10 year old girl as she travels along the trail of a wagon train.

Learn of the simpler life

Births

Ayden Coers

Lance and Mandy Coers of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Ayden Ladell Coers, on April 16, 2007, at 2:59 p.m., at Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock.

Ayden weighed six pounds, 1 ounce at birth and was 20 inches in length.

His grandparents are Bill and Trista Mayes of Honey Grove; Linda Coers and Bob Coers, both of Lubbock; and Garry and Sherri Shipman of Muleshoe.

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Para más información, llame Bea o Rosemary al numero 806-272-5560.
Horas de oficina: Lunes por viernes, 8:00 mañana-5:00 por la tarde



Muleshoe UIL academics students honored

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At the district competition in March, Muleshoe students "blew away" their competition, scoring a "landslide" victory over its competition.

According to Jenkins, Muleshoe tallied 562 points at the district meet.

"I've never witnessed such a landslide in UIL history," Jenkins said.

"This is a great bunch of kids," the superintendent said, "... and they do represent the school district well."

Friona placed second in the competition with 296



TYLER SHEETS

'3 on 3' tonrney...

Continued from page 1 graduate Brady Black, they have also blossomed into an effort to reach out to the same people Tyler and his family reach out to during their medical mission trips to Africa.

"We all knew Tyler as an individual who selflessly served in the most gracious manner," Black said. "He knew that the Heart of Life was so 'good,' and the joy that lived within him radiated in every life he touched."

Dedicated to the memory of Tyler Sheets and his love for people in desperate medical need around the world, Black, and Tyler's friends and family, will be hosting a '3 on 3' basketball tournament later this month to raise funds to support Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad, a charity that serves in medical missions throughout the African continent.

There is a \$60 entry fee for the four-member teams. For additional information, go to www.theheartoflife3on3.org, or call Black at 806-535-6103, or Sara Sheets at 325-829-9686.

Individuals who wish to donate but are not able to attend the tournament may do so online.

Thanks for reading!

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Dillman Elementary expansion project groundbreaking set for May 16, 2 p.m.

points.

In the facility update the school board received, the superintendent said the district's construction manager at risk, the Lee Lewis Construction Company, would be receiving the documents needed for subcontractor bids within a few days, and would be opening the bids on May 22.

A groundbreaking ceremony has been

planned at Dillman on May 16, at 2 p.m.

According to the superintendent, Lee Lewis is expected to provide the district with its "guaranteed maximum price" for the construction at Dillman on or about May 25. After the GMP is received, the school board will have to meet to approve the fee.

Actual construction is expected to begin on or about June 4.

Teacher...

Continued from page 1 had not followed proper testing procedures during last month's TAKS tests.

After investigating the allegations, Sheets said it was decided the appropriate way to handle

the situation was to recommend Chitwood's suspension.

Sheets described Chitwood as a "wonderful teacher," but said the school board felt it had no choice but to take the action it did.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our payers and thoughts go out to Nona and Olan Clements on the loss of her sister. We hope for a safe trip to Austin for them.

Remember the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens' Center if you would like to give a gift of love for someone. We are a nonprofit organization and any donation is tax deductible. The center needs and appreciates your support.

The Friday night dance with our neighbors from Clovis will have their own disc jockey, Darryle Stephens. Make plans to come and join in the fellowship and fun. Sandy will be playing for our senior dance on Tuesday, May 8.

The senior citizens are coming from all over the area. They have a great time. We invite you to come and just listen to the music and visit if you do not dance.

The Ex-Student Association will be meeting at the center on Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 2 p.m. We are happy to have the group meet at the center.

We have had several new prizes donated for our bingo on Thursday. We thank the citizens that have supplied us with the prizes. We invite you to come and play with us. The bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. and ends around 3 p.m. Good refreshments are served and a lot of visiting with friends.

Aurora Gomez is back with us after her surgery. We are very happy to have her back and doing well. Our thanks go to Evelyn Ellington

for her good help during Aurora's time off.

A reminder to our senior citizens who have not visited us to come in and look around at the plaques on the wall of the Area Pioneers, visit our library, use the computer, play dominoes or any game you wish to play. We welcome our new participants and look forward to others coming and joining us.

We are averaging 70 per day for lunch. We urge you senior citizens who are alone and do not eat well, to come and join us. We serve from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. We do ask for a \$3 dollar donation and if you need someone under 60 to bring you, they are welcome to eat for \$5.

Menu for May 7-11:

Monday, May 7 — Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, tator tots, and pudding with cookies.

Tuesday, May 8 — King Ranch chicken, steamed carrots, salad, salsa, chips and peach cobbler.

Wednesday, May 9 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.

Thursday, May 10 — Brisket, potato salad, baked beans, salad, roll, jello and fruit.

Friday, May 11 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Other school board business handled Monday included:

- The approval of minutes from the April 9 meeting.
- Approval of a budget amendment.
- Approval of the Text Book Committee's recommendations.
- Approval of an eight period day for high school and junior high.
- Approval of a legal policy update which would allow volunteers within the school district to operate a school vehicle if the need arose.
- Appointing the

superintendent as the district's representative on the Region 17 advisory committee.

• Discussion, but no action, about the district's stipend and extra duty pay schedule.

• Accepting the resignations of Connie Kenmore, J'Layne Kemp, Amy Shelburne, Desirae Gallman and Jack Willis.

• Approving the hiring of Jimmy Wilson Jr. as junior high coach, Steve Mayatt as AEP coordinator and assistant principal, Darla Myatt as diagnostician, Keith Rogers as a high school science teacher, and Dana Rogers in elementary special education.

• The next school board regular meeting is set for May 21, at 7 p.m.

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T.J.



Matthew

Congratulations to T.J. Brantley and Matthew Richards who were both presented a \$250 scholarship by Don Sharp of First Ag Credit, Muleshoe, recently.

T.J. is the son of Curby and Kay Lynn Brantley of Muleshoe. He plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in criminal justice.

Matthew is the son of Michael and Maria Richards of Muleshoe. He plans to attend the Spartan College of Aerodynamics and Technology and major in aircraft maintenance.

In order to get this scholarship these young gentlemen had to meet the following requirements: 1.) Is a resident of Parmer, Bailey, or Lamb County; 2.) Currently has a 'B' or above average; 3.) Will be a full-time student at a college or university in Fall of 2007; 4.) Parents and/or grandparents are members of First Ag Credit, Muleshoe Branch.

Baby Showers

Warren shower held

Sylas James Warren, the son of Russell and Beth Warren, was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, April 1, in the home of Billie Graves.

Hostesses for the event included Vicki Black, Tammy Black, Suzie Claunch, Billie Graves, Jana St. Clair, Sherry Barrett, Lindy Schuster, RayAn Doshier, Gwen Sinclair, Juanna Shelburne, Suzanne Nichols, Aida Pacheco and Pat Young.

The hostess gifts presented included a baby stroller, swing, high chair and a diaper genie.

Special guests in attendance included Ricki Warren, Euleta Stockard, Linda Nichols, Allyne Jordan, Rhonda Kline, Rebecca Reynolds, Reagan Reynolds and Reese Reynolds.



BETH AND SYLAS JAMES WARREN



WJHS Students of the Week

Watson Junior High School Students of the Week for the week of April 30, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — Cathy Galindo, Chuy Valdez and Adam Quiroz; and back row — Trevor Alexander, Britney Crandell and Veronica Hernandez.

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Our Group by Max Lucado

"Teacher, we saw someone using your name to force demons out of a person. We told him to stop, because he does not belong to our group." - Mark 9:38

John has a dilemma. He and the other disciples ran into someone who was doing great work. This man was casting out demons (the very act the disciples had trouble doing in Mark 9:20). He was changing lives. And, what's more, the man was giving the credit to God. He was doing it in the name of Christ.

Everything about him was so right. Right results. Right heart. But there was one problem. He was from the wrong group.

So the disciples did what any able-bodied religious person would do with someone from the wrong group. "We told him to stop, because he does not belong to our group" (v. 38).

John wants to know if they did the right thing. John's not cocky; he's confused. So are many people today. What do you do about good things done in another group? What do you do when you like the fruit but not the orchard?

I've asked that question. I am deeply appreciative of my heritage. It was through a small, West Texas Church of Christ that I came to know the Nazarene, the cross, and the Word. The congregation wasn't large, maybe two hundred on a good Sunday. Most of the families were like mine, blue-collar oil-field workers. But it was a loving church. When our family was sick, the members visited us. When we were absent, they called. And when this prodigal returned, they embraced me.

I deeply appreciate my heritage. But through the years, my faith has been supplemented by people of other groups.

A Brazilian Pentecostal taught me about prayer. A British Anglican by the name of C.S. Lewis put muscle in my faith. A Southern Baptist helped me understand grace.

One Presbyterian, Steve Brown, taught me about God's sovereignty while another, Frederick Buechner, taught me about God's passion. A Catholic, Brennan Manning, convinced me that Jesus is relentlessly tender. I'm a better husband because I read James Dobson and a better preacher because I listened to Chuck Swindoll and Bill Hybels.

And only when I get home will I learn the name of a radio preacher whose message steered me back to Christ. I was a graduate student who'd lost his bearings. Needing some money over Christmas break, I took a job driving an oil-field delivery truck. The radio only picked up one station. A preacher was preaching. On a cold December day in 1978 I heard him describe the cross. I don't know his name. I don't know his heritage. He could have been a Quaker or an angel or both for all I know. But something about what he said caused me to pull the pickup onto the side of the road and rededicate my life to Christ.

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Obituaries

Jack Aduddell

Funeral services for Jack C. Aduddell, 80, of Littlefield, were held on Saturday, April 28, at the First Baptist Church of Littlefield with Bro. Joe Stewart officiating.

A military, graveside service followed at Littlefield Memorial Park.

Aduddell died on Friday, April 20, 2007, at Lubbock Vista Vare Hospice at the Carillon. He was born in McNary, Ariz., to John L. and Anna Myra Aduddell.

He graduated from Sudan High School in 1943, served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. On June 11, 1947, he married Nina Mae Nichols at Bula.

Aduddell was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Littlefield. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife — Nina Aduddell of the home; a daughter and her husband — Lana and Ken



JACK C. ADUDELLE

Overland; three sons — John Aduddell of Carrollton, Kevin Aduddell of Littlefield, and Randy Aduddell, who is living in France; three sisters and their husbands — Betty and Dewitt Filler of Bula, Marilyn and Kirby Carrell of Carrollton, and Marsha and Bob Pettit of Corinth; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Vista Care Hospice Foundation or the International Fellowship of Christians & Jews.

John Payne

A funeral service for John Otis Payne, 76, of Spring Branch, formerly of Muleshoe, was held on Tuesday, May 1, at Blackburn Shaw Memorial Chapel of Amarillo, with the Rev. Robert Lindley of Lubbock officiating.

Pallbearers were Jeff Cannon, Brian Cannon, Eric Payne, Mark Tickner, Johnny Sanders and Kenneth Sanders. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmie Johnson and J.R. Tickner.

The family received visitors Monday, April 30, at the chapel.

Payne died on April 27, 2007, in San Antonio. He was born on June 18, 1930, in Loco to Eugenius Sterling and Ruby Jewel Payne, and married Joyce Rice, who was born on Dec. 2, 1932.

Payne graduated from Wellington High School in 1948.

Payne sold farm equipment for most of his career, and managed Muleshoe Ford Tractor.

He owned a sewing machine repair shop at the time of his retirement, and continued to repair machines for several years afterward.



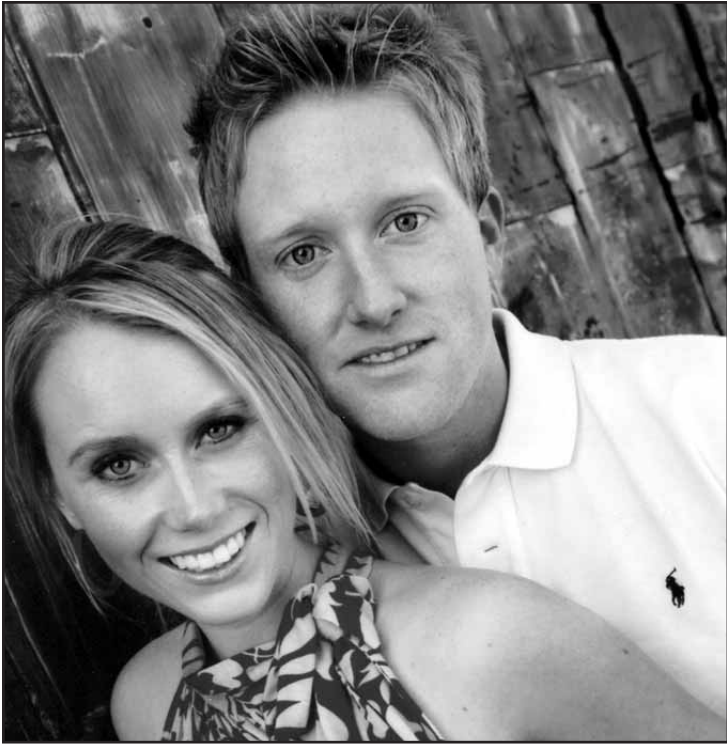
JOHN OTIS PAYNE

He was a long time Baptist church member, and an active member of Lion's Club International for several years.

Payne was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters — Blonde Nadine Payne Field, Catherine Joy Payne Johnson and Ruby Jeannette Payne Tickner. Survivors include his wife — Joyce Rice Payne of Spring Branch; two daughters and their husbands — Vickie and Doug Cannon, and Lisa and Al Cave; a son and his wife — Jay and Marci Payne; a son — Alan Payne; two sisters — Mattie Marie Payne Porter and Sylvia Lois Payne Sanders; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association.

Engagement



MELANIE HOLSAETER AND JAMES BARRETT

Holsaeter, Barrett to wed

Janet and Matti Holsaeter of Edmond, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Holsaeter, also of Edmond, to James Barrett.

The prospective bride is a 2002 graduate of Edmond High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is currently attending the University of Oklahoma Medical School.

The prospective groom is the son of Cindy and Bruce

Barrett of Muleshoe.

He is a 2000 graduate of Muleshoe High School, attended Texas A&M University, and is now attending West Texas A&M, where he plans to graduate with a degree in mass communications.

The wedding has been set for Saturday, June 2, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., with a reception following at Gaillardia Country Club.

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The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Carbohydrate Counting" presented by Janice Powell, registered dietician.

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.



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Christ Is "Coming Again in Glory"!

I enjoyed a good laugh recently when a dear friend and fellow pastor asked another mutual friend and highly-respected preacher, "What's your sermon title for Sunday?" The good gentleman replied with mirth and mischief, "Why Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins Have Left Me Behind." He was kidding. But just about the title.

LaHaye and Jenkins have left me behind, too, most notably in book sales. What follows is

Christianity down through the ages have bought.

And, yes, I readily admit that the religious tradition from which I hail has had plenty of its own proprietary theological notions that seem strange, even cultish, to many in the larger stream of Christendom. So don't think I'm making fun of anyone!

I don't know when Christ is coming back—Jesus said that no human knows—but I firmly believe that he is. The sooner the better. I don't care how. I don't care whose "end times" chart is right. I fit in best with folks who don't make end-times charts, but I'm planning to spend eternity in heaven with many folks whose end-times theories I think are nuts. Maybe we'll have a good laugh about it.

What's not funny is when Christians get so serious about side issues that they fight and divide and cause unbelievers to mock Christ's name as his followers fuss. Then it doesn't matter who is "right." No one is.

What's also sad is that "end times craziness" and endless argument cause even Christians to be slow to open Revelation and drink in its beauty and joy, excitement and hope. Anyone who says he understands it all is sadly deluded and arrogant. But be assured that the point of the book is clear: Victory comes through Christ! Those who are in Christ will ultimately be victorious no matter what happens here. Because our faith is in "the Lamb who was slain," our hope is in his victory over Satan, over death, over all the evil of this world. Our hope in the Lamb is well-founded indeed as we lift our voices and join in the mighty angelic song: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb / be praise and honor and glory and power, / for ever and ever!" Amen!



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

likely just jealousy.

I'm glad the "Left Behind" series has people thinking about what it means to follow Christ, to live ready for his coming. I know scads of folks who've enjoyed the books, and that's good. I just can't turn off my theology long enough for my own reading in them to be much fun. (No surprise. Preachers can't even go to *Star Wars* movies without getting lost mulling over the theology of "The Force.")

With Christians across the centuries, I joyfully affirm my deep belief that Christ "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end."

But, if I'm not mistaken, the end times theories of the "Left Behind" guys, ideas shared by many, and very popular in the last few generations, are pretty "Johnny Come Lately" as far as serious theological thought is concerned. They're largely based on views of Matthew 24-25 and Revelation that not many in the larger stream of

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

The family of Frank "Pudd" Wiseman would like to thank all who cared for our family by visiting and being with us at the hospital, praying to Pudd and all of our family, sending cards, flowers, food and memorials during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the hospital for the special care given Pudd and family during his stay.

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The Family of Winnie Mills would like to say thank you to everyone for the calls, prayers, cards and food in the loss of our wife, mom and grandma. A special thank you to Park View Nursing Home who did an excellent job taking care of mom and all of us. Special thanks to our family at Calvary Baptist Church and to Samaritan Hospice of Hereford.

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Sports

Varsity Mules have a tough time at Region 1 track meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules placed 20th out of 36 teams that scored in the Region I Track Meet in Abilene on Friday and Saturday.

They scored their 10 points in two events.

The 4x100-meter relay team won their qualifying heat with a time of 43.63 seconds.

That was the third best qualifying time. Dusty Clayton started the relay, Brant Hamilton carried the baton on the second leg,

Eric Washington ran the third leg and Timothy Conner crossed the finish line. The Mules finished fifth in the finals with a 43.67.

Hamilton picked up the only medal for the Mules



Photograph by Delton Wilhite

A varsity Mule answers the question: Yes, Mules can jump!

with a bronze medal time of 49.82 in the 400-meter run. He qualified for the finals by winning his heat in a time of 50.79.

Hamilton probably summed up the feelings of all the Mule competitors when he said, "I should have run faster."

Hamilton qualified for the finals of the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.09. He finished seventh in the finals with an 11.25. Clayton had

a qualifying time of 11.50 but did not make the finals.

Colby Carpenter finished the eight lap 3200-meter run in 12th place with a time of 11:16.20.

Zane Matthews was the alternate from the Dist. 2-2A meet but got to compete in the regional meet. He finished 24th with a time of 12:20.37.

Victor Vasquez had a triple jump distance of 39 feet, 9.5 inches for 21st place in the event.

Ray Ramirez placed 18th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.42.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Clayton, Washington, Doc Fullmer and Bradley Branscum ran a ninth place qualifying time of 1:33.16.

The Mule high jumpers,

Garrett Riley and Adam Zamora, were scheduled to jump at noon on Friday.

Their phone rang at 8:30 a.m. and was told the schedule had been changed and the competition would start at 9 a.m.

Riley and Zamora both cleared five feet, eight inches and tied for 19th place.

Austin Wright placed ninth in the pole vault by clearing 12-06.

Wes Wood took 10th with a vault of 12-00. Washington was 12th in the long jump with a leap of 20-10.5.

Ramirez placed 18th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:01.31.

Carpenter finished 20th with a 5:01.53.

Lady Mule brings home a gold medal from regional meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules placed 22nd at the Region I UIL track meet in Abilene this weekend.

There were 31 teams that scored points and many others that were entered but did not score any points.

Kyra Kimbrough earned all the Lady Mules' points in the pole vault with a bronze medal performance.

"Kyra (Kimbrough) entered the competition at nine feet as she had done all season and she had never failed to clear the bar on her first attempt," said Lady Mule track coach Benji Jay.

"She not only missed once today, she missed twice. That came back to haunt her in the end," said coach Jay.

"She warmed up and was vaulting better than the girl from Wall until they had to take the 30-minute break and wait for the defending state champion to enter the contest," added the coach.

Kimbrough got off to a slow start and failed to clear her opening height of nine feet on her first two attempts. She moved to nine feet six inches and cleared on her second try and seemed to be gaining momentum.

The bar was moved to 10-

00 and Kimbrough went over the bar with room to spare on what may have been her best vault of the day. The delay was caused when the defending state champion had to run the anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay before entering the pole vault competition at 10-00.

The extended break may have cost Kimbrough her timing and despite clearing the bar at 10-06 she scraped the bar on the way down and it rattled around before falling.

The two misses at nine feet cost Kimbrough the silver medal and a trip to the Texas State Meet in Austin.

Kimbrough cleared 4-6 in the high jump but did not place in the event. Lupita Andrade finished 10th in the grueling 3200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes 57.79 seconds on Friday morning.

Sarah Johnson placed 23rd with a time of 14:03.68 in the same event.

Amelia Clemmons had a time of 13.58 in her qualifying heat of the 100-meter dash. She did not qualify for the finals.

Kelsey Tipps time of 50.19 in the 300-meter hurdles did not get her to the finals.

Tipps placed 22nd in the triple jump with a distance

of 31-6.5. Andrade finished 13th in the 1600-meter run Saturday afternoon with a time of 5:54.95

Johnson ran 23rd with time of 6:16.98 in the 1600.

"I was proud of our girls and the way they competed these last two days," concluded Coach Jay. "The Lady Mules always give their best."



Photograph by Delton Wilhite

Kyra Kimbrough in action at regional meet

Fullmer wins district championship in tennis

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Tara Fullmer won the District 2-AA championship in girl's singles at the district tournament in Plainview.

Wes Wood and Lane Wood joined Fullmer in the winners circle as the boy's doubles district champions.

Fullmer defeated Thelma Medrano of Dimmitt 6-2, 6-2 in the opening round.

Fullmer just needed two sets in the second round to send Stephanie Aguirre of Friona to the loser's bracket 6-1, 6-2.

It took Fullmer three sets to take the championship game from Janae Denman of Dimmitt. She won the first set 6-3, lost the second 5-7 and bounced back for the win 6-2.

Denman had defeated

Jessica Thornton 6-0, 6-0 in the opening round.

The team of Wood and Wood defeated Stetson Reed and Joey Dickson 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round.

They dropped Matt Medina and Dontey Walters of Highland Park 6-3, 6-2 in the second round.

They had to come back against Alex Gurley and Ryan Geries of Friona in the

finals 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1 for the championship.

Colt Ellis defeated Bryan Charvia of Highland Park 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 in a hard fought second round match. Patrick Precure defeated Jarrett Ross of Tulia 7-5, 6-3 in the second round.

Sawyer Reed of Friona defeated Ellis in the third

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Sports

Lady Mules save best games for bi-district tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules had a long bus trip Thursday and Saturday to meet the Childress Lady Cats in a best two-out-of-three series for the bi-district championship in softball.

The Lady Mules saved their best games for the series.

The Lady Mules strung together 10 hits for 10 runs in Thursday's game. They chipped away at the Childress lead and tied the game at 9-9 at the bottom of the sixth inning. They fell to the Lady Cats 11-10 in eight innings.

The Lady Mules had Childress down in the first two innings Saturday afternoon. The Lady Cats took advantage of a very low and small strike zone and walked seven in the fourth inning to build an 18-8 lead. The Lady Mules could not come back and the game ended on the 10-run rule after four and a half innings.

Childress scored six runs in the third inning Thursday to take a 7-1 in the top of the inning. The Lady Mules fought back with April Gardea getting hit by the first pitch in the bottom of the third.

Gardea went to second on a passed ball. CiCi Reyna dumped a single over second base that moved Gardea to third. Jasmine Davenport brought Gardea home with a line drive single down the left field line.

Reyna went to third on the hit and Davenport alertly moved to second on the throw to third. BreAnn Baca took the count full and drew a walk.

Brittany Ambriz singled down the right field line to bring Reyna and Davenport across the plate. The Lady Mules trailed 7-4 after three innings.

Morgan Smith faced five batters, gave up two hits but only one run in the top of the fourth. Reyna grabbed a pop fly at short for the first out. Smith knocked down a line drive in the pitchers circle and tossed to Gabby Perez for the second out.

A single to left scored the only run of the inning. Gardea drifted back under a fly ball to center and made the grab for the final out and hold Childress to an 8-4 lead.

Gardea lined a shot to the short stop that was to hot to handle. The short stop bobbled the ball while Gardea streaked to first. Lupita Andrade sacrificed Gardea to second with a bunt down the third base line.

Reyna ripped a single to the fence in center to score Gardea and get the run back.

The Lady Mules trailed 8-5 after four innings.

Smith gave up a base on

balls to start the fifth inning. She fielded a bunt and made a spinning throw to first for the first out as the runner went to second.

Ali Eagle ran down a fly ball to left field and held the runner at second. Gardea settled under a high fly to center for the final out as the Lady Mule defense held Childress scoreless in the fifth inning.

Smith reached on a fielder's choice that forced Baca at second after she walked to lead off the Lady Mules. Smith moved to second on a passed ball.

Ambriz was hit by a pitch and Smith and Ambriz moved up a base on a double steal that did not draw a throw from the catcher.

Gardea singled to left to score Smith and trim the Childress lead to 8-6 after five innings.

Childress scored an unearned run in the sixth inning on a rare fielding error by the Lady Mules.

Reyna led off the bottom of the sixth with a ground rule double to center field. The ball bounce over the fence as Reyna pulled into second.

Reyna stole third to put pressure on the Lady Cat defense. Davenport walked on four straight pitches and moved to second on the first pitch to Baca.

Baca grounded out to first but her sacrifice scored Reyna and Davenport went to third.

Smith drew a base on balls and moved to second on the first pitch to Ambriz. Ambriz hit a sacrifice fly to deep right center that was caught but Davenport jogged home after the catch.

Perez placed a line shot passed the third baseman that had cheated in to defend the bunt to score Smith. The three runs tied the game at 9-9.

Andrade made the scoop at second and tossed to Perez for the first out of the top of the seventh. Eagle made a running grab on a fly ball that was drifting foul in left for out number two.

Smith recorded her only strike out of the game after the count had gone full.

Andrade was robbed of an extra base hit to right center. The right fielder made a running, leaping snow-cone catch to get Andrade and the game remained tied at 9-9 after seven innings.

A walk and a triple put the Lady Cats on top 11-9 in the top of the eighth inning.

Davenport got a slow roller passed the pitcher and

beat the throw from second a base hit. She stole second base on the first pitch to Baca and moved to third on a passed ball.

Baca went down on strikes.

Smith banged a triple off the fence in left center to score Davenport and cut the lead to one.

Ambriz lined out to first for the second out and what turned out to be the front end of a double play.

Smith tagged and attempted to steal home to tie the game but was tagged out sliding at the plate to end the game.

The Lady Mules returned to Sweetwater for the second game in the series in a must win situation. They jumped out to a 3-2 lead in the first inning.

Smith singled up the middle, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball to Andrade. Andrade was called out on strikes. Reyna grounded out to the short stop but got Smith home with the sacrifice.

Davenport walked on four pitches. Baca laced a ground ball the second baseman booted. Baca was safe at first and Davenport raced all the way to third.

Ambriz was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Perez. Perez ripped a line drive past third into left that scored Davenport and Baca.

The Lady Mules gave up two runs on one hit to lead 3-2 after one inning. Davenport blocked home plate and made the tag for the final out as the runner from third tried to steal home.

Gardea singled to left to lead off the second inning for the Lady Mules. She moved to second on a passed ball and stole third. Smith and Andrade struck out for the first two outs of the inning.

Reyna doubled to right center to score Gardea and went to third with out a throw. Davenport sent a ground ball to third and hustled toward first.

The third baseman tried to look Reyna back and threw the ball in the dirt at first for an error and allowed Davenport to reach and Reyna to score.

Baca ripped a single to third that was to hot to handle. Davenport raced home to push the Lady Mules to six runs.

Davenport made a sliding catch near the screen half way to first for the first out of the bottom of the second. Reyna camped under a pop fly at short for the second out.

The Lady Mules gave up three runs on three hits before Eagle moved under a high fly in right for the final out. The Lady Mules led 6-5 after two innings.

The Lady Mules could not score in the top of the third inning. Childress took the lead by sending eight up to bat but the Lady Mules held them to only two runs.

Baca scooped up a ground ball and fired to Perez for the first out.

The Chi Hernandez camped under a high fly in center for the second. A walk and single scored two runs before Hernandez chased down a second fly to center for the final out. Childress led 7-6 after three innings.

Reyna led off with a blast to short and reached on an error. She stole second but was called out attempting to steal third.

Davenport was hit by a pitch and stole second. Baca popped out to second. Ambriz hit a fly ball the center fielder could not hang on to and Davenport scored from second to tie the game at 7-7.

The strike zone had been squeezed down for Smith all afternoon and in the fourth inning Childress crowded the plate and glued the bat to their shoulders. Childress sent 17 to the plate and scored 11 runs.

The Lady Mules could not answer and were out of the state playoffs.

"We are a much improved team this year," said Lady Mule coach Shane Fuller. "I think we showed that in these two playoff games against a quality opponent. CiCi Reyna, Brittany Ambriz and Brittany Villa are our only seniors."

"Reyna and Ambriz have been the team leaders and this is the first year Villa played. She wanted to be a part of the squad and was our cheer leader. Most of the girls are sophomores and freshman and have really improved as the season went along."

"This playoff experience should really pay off for us next year. We have some good girls coming across the street for us next year. We are aggressive at the plate and have the speed to steal bases and charge teams when they make a mistake."

"We were never shut out during the year and we played some very good

programs during the predistrict part of the season. It is scary to even think about what we may be able to accomplish next season," concluded Fuller.

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Sports

Muleshoe golf team competes in Region 1 tournament

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule golfers were in Baird this past week to compete in the Region I Golf Tournament.

The tournament was held on the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird.

The Mules finished in 11th place with a two day total of 691. They were learning the course the first day and carded a 350.

The second round proved to be better as the Mules trimmed nine off their score for a 341.

Spearman won the tournament with a total score of 604, Sonora was second with a 644 and Coleman placed third with 661.

Bryan Poynor led the Mules and shot a 77 both days for a 154 total. Cade Smith had a 173 total with

an 86 on the first day and an 87 the second.

Patrick Precure had a 93 the first round and improved to an 86 for a 179. Brett Poynor carded a 94 and a 91 for a two day total of 185.

There was a tie for low individual between Stuart Martin of Spearman and John Duke Hudson of Sonora. The each had a two day total of 142.

Amberlee Steinbock competed as a medalist from the Lady Mule team. She had a first round total of 103 and shot a 109 on the second for a total of 212.

"I was proud of the way the kids competed," said Muleshoe golf coach Carey Sudduth.

"The course was beautiful and they provided the kids with a great experience. The boys are young and this was the first time for some of

them to experience the pressure of a big tournament," the coach said.

"It was good for all of them and gives them a reason to play more golf this summer and get better. Cade (Smith) is our only senior and we will miss his leadership," said the coach. "But that is what is supposed to happen at the high school level. Kids move on and give others the opportunity to develop."

"Amberlee (Steinbock) played well. This was a tougher course than we are use to in our part of Texas. She handled it well and it was a good experience for her. She is a senior and I want to wish her the best in her college experience. I hope she continues work on her golf," concluded Sudduth.



Photograph by Delton Wilhite

Getting ready to kick

Eric Washington and Brant Hamilton compete.

Muleshoe at district tennis tourney...

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round 6-0, 6-1. Rolando Castanon of Friona downed Precure 6-4, 6-4 in the third round.

The losses pitted Ellis against Precure for third place. Ellis won the match 6-1, 6-4 for third place and moved Precure to fourth.

The mixed doubles teams of Colby Carpenter and Corie Ann Black and Doc Fullmer and Caitlin Wills were both defeated in their first round matches.

Courtney Mardis won the district championship in Junior Varsity girls singles. Katie Hale and Autumn

Rainey were eliminated from the JV girls doubles in the opening round.

Fullmer was defeated by Brittany Estes of Mason 6-0, 6-1 in the opening round at the Region I Tennis Tournament in Odessa.

"The match was closer than the score indicates," said Muleshoe tennis coach Shana Simms. "Tara took a lot of games to deuce before Estes would make a great shot to win the point and the game. I was proud of the way she hung in and battled a seeded player."

Wood and Wood lost to the team of Jiminez and

Heintelman of Reagan County 6-3, 6-4.

"The Reagan County players made the most of a few breaks to get the match to go in their favor," said Simms. "Wes and Lane played well all year and really played well in their match."

"I was proud of all the kids who played tennis this season," said the coach. "They were a lot of fun to coach and they worked hard on their game. Each of them improved as the season progressed and tennis is a sport they can play the rest of their lives."

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More from the Region 1 Track Meet...



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Students take part in music festival

On Saturday, March 24, piano students of Fran Hamilton traveled to Texas Tech University to participate in the Pastoral Festival.

The festival is sponsored by the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

At the festival, the students prepare two pieces on the piano and play them

in front of a judge.

This is not a competition but an opportunity to perform and receive evaluation.

All of the students received a rating of superior, excellent or very good.

Kari Mendoza, Baylee Ruthardt and Shea Scott all received a superior rating and will advance to the state level, which will take place

on May 19 in San Marcos at Texas State University.

Kari Mendoza is the daughter of Jaime and JoAnn Mendoza of Muleshoe.

Baylee Ruthardt is the daughter of Jedon and Tonya Ruthardt of Muleshoe.

Shea Scott is the daughter of Lee and Carolyn Scott of Lazbuddie.

Proper use of a child's safety seat is not as easy

Submitted by Mandi Seaton Bailey CEA-FCS

One way parents can show their love for their children is to make sure they are seated in proper restraint systems every time they ride in a vehicle, says Bev Kellner, Texas Cooperative Extension program coordinator for passenger safety.

"From 1975 to 2005, 7,500 children (nationwide) have been saved by the correct use of child safety seats. Choosing a safety seat for children isn't as simple as going into a store and buying one," Kellner said.

"The child's height, weight, and age must also be taken into consideration," she said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "4 Steps for Kids," lists four different types of child safety seating for children of different ages and sizes:

Step 1 — For the best possible protection keep

babies in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat.

At a minimum, keep babies rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds.

Step 2 — When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

Step 3 — Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat (usually around age 3 4 and 40 pounds) they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle safety belts fit properly.

Safety belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall).

Step 4 — When children outgrow their booster seats (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall), they can use the adult safety belt in the back seat,

if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest).

Parents and other caregivers who want to learn more about the correct use of child safety seats should plan to attend the checkup event sponsored by Alpha Zeta Sorority and Bailey County Extension.

The checkup event will be held in Muleshoe, on May 22, from 2 - 5:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Certified technicians will be available to help make sure young Texans ride safely.

For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, at 806-272-4583.

Innes graduates

Andrew A. Innes of the Muleshoe area is among the 368 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring.

Seven students have applied for associate's degrees, 282 for bachelor's degrees, and 79 for master's degrees.

Innes is a candidate for a bachelor of science in agricultural business.

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Join Us As We Celebrate CINCO DE MAYO

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, the 5th Of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle Of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with some recognition in other parts of the Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverages and festivities, with music playing a more visible role as well. Several cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week prior to May 5th, so that Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday north of the border than to the south, and adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

[Sources: Encyclopedia Encarta, Encyclopedia Britanica, Prescott's Mexico:1900, HistoryChannel.com, other sources.]

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During this period of struggle Mexico had accumulated heavy debts to several nations, including Spain, England and France, who were demanding payment. Similar debt to the U.S. was previously settled after the Mexican-American War. France was eager to add to its empire at that time, and used the debt issue to move forward with goals of establishing its own leadership in Mexico. Realizing France's intent of empire expansion, Spain and England withdrew their support. When Mexico finally stopped making any loan payments, France took action on its own to install Napoleon's relative, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, as ruler of Mexico. France invaded at the gulf coast of Mexico along the state of Veracruz and began to march toward Mexico City, a distance today of less than 600 miles. Although American President Abraham Lincoln was sympathetic to Mexico's cause, and for which he is honored in Mexico, the U.S. was involved in its own Civil War at the time and was unable to provide any direct assistance.

Marching on toward Mexico City, the French army encountered strong resistance at the Mexican forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. Led by Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín, a small, poorly armed militia estimated at 4,500 men were able to stop and defeat a well outfitted French army of 6,500 soldiers, which stopped the invasion of the country. The victory was a glorious moment for Mexican patriots, which at the time helped to develop a needed sense of national unity, and is the cause for the historical date's celebration.

Unfortunately, the victory was short lived. Upon hearing the bad news, Napoleon had found an excuse to send more troops overseas to try and invade Mexico again, even against the wishes of the French populace. 30,000 more troops and a full year later, the French were eventually able to depose the Mexican army, take over Mexico City and install Maximilian as the ruler of Mexico.

Maximilian's rule of Mexico was also short lived, from 1864 to 1867. With the American Civil War now over, the U.S. began to provide more political and military assistance to Mexico to expel the French, after which Maximilian was executed by the Mexicans - today his bullet riddled shirt is on display in the museum at Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City. So despite the eventual French invasion of Mexico City, Cinco de Mayo honors the bravery and victory of General Zaragoza's small, outnumbered militia at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

Local gym announces contest winners

Stormy Kitchens, owner of Xtreme Fitness in Muleshoe announced this week the winner of the second annual Xtreme Challenge — a contest similar in premise to the popular television show "The Biggest Loser."

According to Kitchens, "The difference is that we measure more than just weight loss. We determine a winner by total body transformation."

Each contestant was asked to push themselves to change their body within a 12-week period. Winning the competition required the contestant to change his or her body the most.

Teresa Slayden was able to accomplish this feat with the most successful results.

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The contest recognized two other contestants with a



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variety of donated prizes.

Second place went to Donna Ellis while Isaac Rodriguez finished the challenge in third place.

The challenge started with 27 people vying for the title, but in the end only 12 people were able to finish the competition.

Judges were Gilbert Navajar - ACE, CPTT, NISMA Master Personal Trainer and fitness challenge judge expert, Shawn Vincent - ACE, NISMA Master Personal Trainer and fitness challenge judge expert, and

Karen Porter - ACE, NISMA Master Personal Trainer, NDIETA Group Fitness certified and fitness challenge judge expert.

"Each of our winners worked so hard and made such a huge change in their appearance. They should be recognized for their determination and drive," said Kitchens. She added, "Xtreme Fitness is proud for each contestant and recognizes them for pushing through when it was hard, for accomplishing their goals and setting a precedence."

Cotton Market Weekly

U.S. cotton futures prices on the New York Board of Trade took a big step to new contract lows Thursday. Observers attributed the decline to pressure from speculative-led liquidation, and even a healthy export sales report from USDA was not enough to buoy the market.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended April 19 totaled 499,800 bales, slipping from the previous week's marketing year high but still eight percent more than the four-week average. Featured buyers were China, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

Export shipments, however, reached a marketing year high at 333,100 bales. The figure was 35 percent more than the week before and 30 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included Turkey, China, Indonesia, and Mexico. Sales of 26,900 bales for delivery in 2007-08 were primarily for Pakistan, India, and Japan.

"Despite a marketing year high in weekly shipments, the figure still was a bit shy of the average needed to reach USDA's forecast of 13.5 million bales, but we're getting closer," one analyst said. "The fact that nearly all of the

sales were for nearby shipments leads us to believe the pace of exports will accelerate considerably in the weeks and months to come," he added.

Slower-than-expected U.S. export sales in the current 2006-07 crop year have hurt the market, as China, the world's number one cotton importer, has bought much less cotton from the United States. Cumulative export sales for the year are 6.67 million bales, almost 38 percent below the levels at the same time last year, illustrating the problems with export demand.

In the spot market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 27,512 bales in the week ended April 26 compared to 14,499 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 42.34 to 46.15 cents per pound compared to 42.38 to 44.88 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, U.S. consumption data came in weak, but still was in line with industry expectations. Based on U.S. Census Bureau data, the National Cotton Council (NCC) pegged March mill use at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 4.793 million bales. The

number is lower than a revised February figure of 4.808 million and the year-ago adjusted figure of 6.019 million bales.

In other news, USDA reported 11 percent of the U.S. cotton crop has been planted in the week ended April 22, up from nine percent the previous week, but down from 21 percent planted one year ago and the 16 percent five-year average. Most West Texas producers are waiting for soil temperatures to rise before planting. The Lone Star state is 14 percent planted, down from 23 percent one year ago and the 19 percent five-year average. Underground moisture levels are a concern in other areas of the Cotton Belt.

Soil moisture levels showed further deterioration across the South, according to USDA's drought monitor data for the week ended April 24. Key cotton growing areas from Georgia to Mississippi were categorized in moderate to severe drought while the remaining states were considered abnormally dry. Light to moderate precipitation was received in South Texas this week with heaviest amounts recorded in the Upper Coastal Bend.

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Bailey County is now accepting applications for Maintenance Personnel with benefits. Responsibilities include upkeep and maintenance of County properties and lawn care. Jailer license will be obtained after hire to oversee inmate labor. Requirements - must be at least 18 yrs. old, no felony record, have H.S. diploma or G.E.D. and pass a drug test and physical. Salary \$9.50/hourly, \$822.92/semi-monthly, \$19,750.08/annually. Apply in person at 300 South 1st.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will offer for sale by means of competitive bids, a 1984 Ford Van Ambulance VIN # 1FDJS34LOEHA62507, owned by Bailey County. It can be inspected at the Muleshoe Airport, no keys. All bids must be in writing, in sealed envelopes, marked as follows: "Bid for Purchase of Ambulance," and submitted to the County Judge's office (300 S. 1st, Muleshoe) no later than 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 14, 2007.

The Ambulance will sell "AS IS." The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Muleshoe I.S.D. will be accepting bids for custodial/janitorial, and maintenance supplies. Bid list may be obtained at the M.I.S.D. administration office or by calling Sam Whalin, at 806-272-7330, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2007. Please send bids to Muleshoe I.S.D., 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Muleshoe I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in the best interest of the district.

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JUST LISTED - Exceptional two-story country home south of Farwell situated on 11.411 surveyed acres. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, two car garage, lots of storage/closet space, central heat, 81/2 ft. ceilings. You will not believe the hardwood floors in this home!!
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Muleshoe ISD is accepting bids for athletic supplies and equipment. Please send bids to David Wood, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347. We will accept bids until May 4, 2007.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the **Dillman Elementary - New Classrooms, Administration, Cafeteria and Kitchen. Muleshoe Independent School District, Muleshoe Texas. Proposals are due by 4:00pm, Tuesday, May 22, 2007.** No proposals will be accepted after this time. We specifically invite **Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns, and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals.** Plans are available from: Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., 7810 Orlando Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79423, 806-797-8400. Plans are available for viewing in the following locations:

AGC Plan Room - Lubbock
Dodge Plan Room - Lubbock
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A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at 1:30PM on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 in the cafeteria of Dillman Elementary School located at the corner of 18th and K, Muleshoe, Texas.
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Bed-king/cal king pillow top mattress and box. \$239. In plastic, warranty. 806-549-3110. .sch5-3

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REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE

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 "Real Estate Just Became A Breeze"

Hart Farm — These two half sections are 2 miles apart north and west of Hart. The north half section has 3 wells, 2 are 500 gpm and one is 200 gpm. The south section has 3 wells all about 500 gpm. All wells were metered in Nov. '06.

Bailey County Farm — 547 acres setup for cow/calf operation. Four center pivot sprinklers, four different improved grasses, four 200 gpm wells, permanent fencing, and a 2650 sq. ft. house. Adjacent to this property is an additional 160 acres that could be bought and another 160 acres that could be leased.

Muleshoe — 6000 sq. ft. space for lease on American Blvd. next to Dollar General and across the street from McDonald's. As is or build-out would be considered for a long term lease.

Muleshoe Area Farm in Prime Dairy Location — 1149 acres NE of Muleshoe. This farm consists of seven quarter sections that have been very well maintained with newer center pivot sprinklers all packaged for 700 gal/min.

Lazbuddie — 2451 County Road X: House and 8 acres of land two miles N of Lazbuddie. This is a well maintained country home with many updates and additions as well as a 50' x 60' shop building.

Olton — 160 acres NW of Olton. Valley with 750 gpm pack water. Pack water of Olton both with 7 tower Valley sprinklers & 550 gpm packages.

Lazbuddie Farm — 1120 acres with center pivots on all quarters. Two beautiful homes and two miles of highway frontage.

Dodd Farm — 967 acres with center pivots 2 miles E of Dodd in a good water area. A very nice home and barn on the highway.

Muleshoe — 105 acres 3 miles E of Muleshoe. 50 acres under a pivot and 2 wells.

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• **Irrigated farms** — Spade, Earth, Levelland, Plainview and Littlefield.
 • **Amherst** — 2 irr. labors. 5/2/2 on 2 acres, \$43,000.
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REAL ESTATE

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 • **Lamb/Castro County Line**— 316 acres north of Earth, 2 central pivots, 4 wells. Very productive.
 • **Northwestern Lamb County** — 160 acres, 2 wells, Center pivot, perimeter fence, 2 circle of improved grasses, good allotments.
 • **Lamb County - Northwest of Littlefield.** 5 labors, 5 pivots, good allotment. Growing alfalfa and wheat for hay. A lot of depreciable assets.
 • **Lamb County - Earth** - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 4 park garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.
 • **Bailey County** - 350 acres, joining Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. Some cultivated, some native. Excellent potential to develop as a hunting or recreational place. Financing possible for qualified buyer.

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LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA
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 • PRICE REDUCED-VERY NICE 4-2 Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-in, 28' x 56', Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, vaulted ceiling, storm windows & doors, large lot!!
 • VERY NICE 2-2-2 carport Home, cent. heat unit, 3 win. refrig. air units, 5 cell. fans, woodburning stove in den, sunroom, hardwood, carpet, & tile, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$44500!!

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 • GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! \$400K
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• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
 • 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
 • Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$39.5K!!
 • FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 108' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!
FARMS
 • LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!
 • CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

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 • CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!
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 • NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Cent. A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
 • PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!
 • 3-2 BRICK HOME on .67 acre, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! \$120K!! Additional 6.66 acres can be purchased!!

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Park Ridge - Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, built-ins, central heat & air, fire place, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage.

New Listing - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, cent. heat and air, sunroom, large utility, storage, sprinkler system, fenced back yard.

New Listing - Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick home, cent. heat & air, built-ins, large utility, new flooring, nice storage, fenced back yard. 2 separate garages, all on corner lot!!

New Listing - 160 acres on highway includes very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Refrigerated air and central heat. Built-ins, fireplace, large utility and 2 car garage. Has circular sprinkler, 2 wells, 70'x100' hay barn, 24'x25' storage building, and more.

New Listing - Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, sunroom, 2 fireplaces, built-ins, large master bedroom, lots of closet and storage space, indoor grill, finished basement, sprinkler system, storage building, fenced back yard, plus more.

New Listing - Country home on 30 acres, 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath brick home, central heat, built-ins, utility, single car garage, storage buildings, plus a lot more!!

Spacious - 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home, built-ins, refrig. air/central heat, 2 living areas, utility room, sunroom, built-in grill, fireplace, dining room, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage. Plus more!

Lazbuddie area - 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick home, built-ins, ref. air/central heat, 2- car garage, all on approximately 2-3 acres.

NEED HOUSE LISTINGS! HAVE BUYERS! GIVE US A CALL!!

New Listing - Clay's Corner - 5 acre tract for sale.
New Listing - 320 acres, Clay's Corner Area. 2 valley circular sprinklers. 3 wells, Lays wells.

Home and 5 acres - Very nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, built-ins, ref. air, central heat, sunroom with fireplace, patio, 2 car garage, 45 x 85 Quonset barn and more!
Country Home on Hwy - Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on approx. 3 acres, ref. air, central heat, lg. utility, fireplace, built-ins, spacious living area, finished basement, 2 car garage, 30 x 30 barn + more.

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Conway — I am a responsible husband, citizen and Christian. I can disagree without being disagreeable and respect the views of others without compromising my core values and beliefs.

I have no personal agenda, or prides to burn.

Mason — Because of the positive opportunities I have had in my life, I have been able to travel and meet so many varied individuals in unique settings.

In paid and volunteer positions, I have had the experience of working with small and large groups and learned how important it was to listen!

Communication is the key to successful relationships on all levels. Expressing opinions and choosing words wisely in order for a message to be sent is vital.

As an employee, supervisor, trainer and volunteer, I have learned the importance of teamwork as well as standing up for what is right even though it may mean standing up alone. I have learned to be patient, energetic, compassionate, and respectful in situations where it is not always easy to display these virtues because of difficult circumstances.

There is no doubt in my mind that these skills and virtues I have developed will be beneficial in serving on

the city council. Be assured that I am a hardworking and trustworthy candidate.

Phelps — I have lived in Muleshoe for 27 years, and served on the fire department for three years.

I believe in stability for the city.

I've also worked as a construction supervisor for Gearn Industries, formerly Tagco, in Hereford for two years.

(3) What do you perceive to be Muleshoe's greatest assets?

Anzaldua — The people of Muleshoe are its greatest assets. They are hard working and care about the community and each other. They support on another regardless of political views.

For example, the cowboy church, nursing school, senior citizens, nursing home, school and sports.

Conway — It's citizens, who are hard working and honest, and our agricultural resources.

Mason — Since I have lived here, I have witnessed the cooperative effort of many individuals helping others in time of crisis, coming together to support a local event, and financially supporting organizations.

It is amazing how many people are involved with helping one another is one form or another. By continuing in this spirit, I feel that everyone can come together in agreement so that Muleshoe can be showcased, to respectfully

voice opinions, and to move forward in order to prove that a community can reflect honesty, hard work, respect and strength.

In a time when society as a whole seems so negative and the future somewhat frightening, I believe the citizens of Muleshoe can rise above the negative and dare to be a positive influence.

Phelps — The citizens of Muleshoe, and the friendliness and love of the people when disaster happens within this community.

There is a good fire department, and a good hospital.

I don't know of any place that I would rather live than Muleshoe.

(4) What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the city, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Anzaldua — Crime. There are not enough police officers to cover the entire city. Currently, there are six officers and three shifts. There should be at least two officers on duty at all times. We need more police officers.

Conway — To not over tax our citizens, but yet keep our city government, streets, schools, etc., in good to excellent condition. We must maintain responsible conservative government for Muleshoe and its citizens.

Mason — First of all, I would like to change the word problems to challenges. By stating that Muleshoe has challenges, it changes the way we look at specific situations to where the approach to a solution may be more positive.

It appears that Muleshoe has a tremendous opportunity for growth and positive change. The biggest challenge faced by this is being prepared for it. What does our city look like to a guest or potential new resident? Are we open to new opportunities? Is our city clean? Change can be a bit unnerving, but it can also be so beneficial.

I feel that informing citizens of opportunities to benefit our community is vital, but it goes both ways. It takes every single citizen taking pride in this city, and if something is not understood... ask!

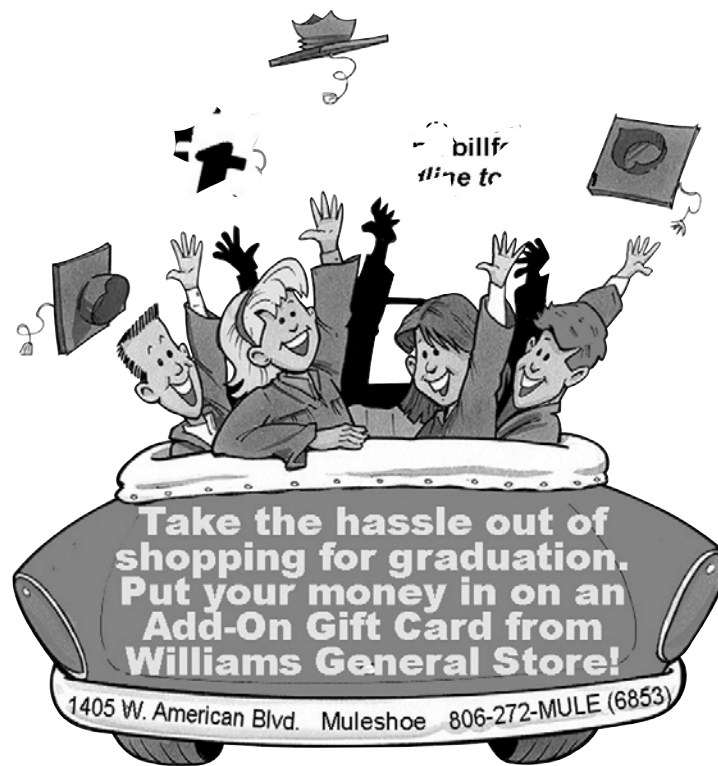
So many situations can be resolved through effective

communication. I still believe that having faith, being honest, trustworthy, and respectful and having a spirit of cooperation can take us down a successful road.

Phelps — I don't see a big problem in the city. Muleshoe is growing and when there is growth, there are going to be issues that will need to be faced.

I think the issues need to be faced for the betterment of the city and the citizens of the city.

I will do my best to fair and honest about these issues.



Engagement



N. MASON CONKLIN AND JESSICA COLLEEN LITTLE

Little, Conklin to wed

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Little, Jr., of Canton, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Colleen Little, to N. Mason Conklin.

A small family wedding ceremony has been planned for June 30, in Canton, Ga.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Cherokee High School. She is a graduate of Converse College, and obtained a masters degree in music from the University

of Oklahoma.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He graduated from Baylor University with a masters degree, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in music education from the University of Oklahoma.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Conklin, and the grandson of Laurantette Mason and the late Raleigh Mason, all of Muleshoe.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A reunion of the students of Anthony Gibson, band director of the Mighty "M" Band from 1984-1986 will be held on June 9th at Trinity Christian Church beginning at 4 PM.

We're asking that anyone who has friends or relatives who participated in band during these years to contact them about this event. Band members may contact Leah Bell by email at leahrhea@fivearea.com or by phone at 272-4536. Email information is the best resource at this point. Thanks for your help!

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Xtreme Fitness would like to thank the following sponsors of our 2nd Annual Xtreme Challenge. The contest was a huge success and 12 contestants finished the challenge with flying colors. They all worked so hard to accomplish their goals. Three winners rose above the competition and walked away with a leaner, healthier look. Thanks to you they also walked away from this competition with some really amazing prizes. Thank you so much for donating to this wonderful experience. You are greatly appreciated!

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