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## Solutions sought for burglary problem

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A large number of Muleshoe citizens and business owners met with city officials Thursday to discuss concerns over the rash of burglaries that have plagued the area, along with ways the community could assist law enforcement with the problem.

More than 50 Muleshoe and Bailey County residents gathered at city hall Thursday evening, some of

whom no doubt wished to complain about the situation, only to encounter a police chief who was prepared both to answer their complaints and to go a step further and talk about what could be done to reduce the impact of crime in the area.

During his presentation, Police Chief Brian Frieda gave an overview of law enforcement and citizen interaction programs — such as Citizens on Patrol,

Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Patrol Academy, and Community Emergency Response Teams — and discussed how Muleshoe could benefit from such involvement.

The police chief said his department was looking for qualified people who were willing to “step up” and help address the problem.

“Burglaries and thefts are through the roof...,” said Frieda, “that’s why we’re coming to you.”

However, he also pointed out that such watch groups “are not vigilantes and should not assume the role of the police.”

Frieda explained that while it isn’t known who has

been burglarizing local businesses, the police are following up on a list of suspects.

And, he added that for the safety of the public, while the police department wanted citizens to be observant and to pass a long information to law enforcement agencies, the general public lacked the training and equipment needed for more active participation.

“We don’t want you making contact with these people,” Frieda said. “We don’t want you hurt.”

“We are taking this very seriously,” Frieda said. “We

understand your frustration.”

“We take it quite personally,” he added, referring to the general mood of his department over the burglaries, noting also that the police department has been logging a large amount of overtime in an effort to stop this recent crime wave.

The police chief said that while recent arrests have reduced the number of vehicle and residential burglaries, the crime problem continues.

However, Frieda noted that in some of the burglaries it was probably only a matter of time before the suspects were identified. He explained that the burglars hadn’t been as “careful” as they could have

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## Municipal elections end in run off

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Muleshoe’s Dist. 1 and Dist. 2 voters will be heading back to the polls in the weeks ahead, as the top four candidates try to increase their share of the ballot boxes.

Saturday’s election drew a minimal number of voters, especially in the Dist. 2 race in which less than five percent of the registered voters bothered to stop by Muleshoe City Hall and cast a ballot.

In the Dist. 1 race, a total of 75 votes were received — 24 during the early voting period, and 51 on election day.

Of the votes cast, Richard Galt received no early votes and only one vote on May 12.

Incumbent Richard Orozco received 15 early votes and 22 on Saturday.

And, Isidoro Trevino received nine early votes and 28 on election day.

With 37 votes each, Orozco and Trevino will face each other in the run off.

Although two provisional votes were received in the Dist. 1 election, both of these ballots were later determined to have been cast by individuals who did not live in the district.

Although the candidates are not required to reside within the district they seek to represent, election laws require voters to live in the district.

In the Dist. 2 race, Freddie Anzaldua received no early votes and four votes on election day.

Wes Conway received two early votes and four votes on May 12.

Donald Phelps received one early vote and eight votes on Saturday, for a total of nine.

And Irene Mason received eight early votes and six votes on election day, for a total of 14.

Because none of the Dist. 2 candidates received at least 50 percent of the total votes cast, Phelps and Mason

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## Hearst Newspapers acquires the Journal

Hearst Newspapers, a unit of Hearst Corporation, has announced the acquisition of two Texas Panhandle area newspapers, the Muleshoe Journal and The Canyon News, on May 10.

The announcement was made by Hearst Newspapers President George Irish.

Both newspapers will maintain their staffing and editorial independence and will report directly to Sandra Aven, the publisher of Hearst’s Plainview Daily Herald.

The Canyon News is the bi-weekly newspaper of record for Randall County. The newspaper has a circulation of 3,074 and was established in

Canyon in 1896.

The Muleshoe Journal, published once weekly, was established in 1919 in Bailey County. It has a circulation of 1,640.

Commenting on the acquisition, Irish said, “The Canyon News and Muleshoe Journal are well-respected and vital newspapers and Hearst is looking forward to leading these strong publications to continued success in the years ahead.”

Leah Bell, general manager of the Muleshoe Journal said, “We look forward to working with Hearst and assure our readers that the local staff will continue to produce the high quality

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## Local Weather

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## Commissioners court declines vehicle bid

The Bailey County Commissioners Court declined the only bid it had received for an old ambulance during Monday’s regular session.

The \$220 sealed bid received from D.T. Garth was rejected at the suggestion of Commissioner Butch Vandiver, who suggested the van be auctioned off with several other old vehicles and surplus equipment owned by the county.

The commissioners court also discussed the repairs needed on the parking lot at the Bailey County

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## More disagreement over reimbursement policy

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

More disagreement arose over the motel and hotel tax funds reimbursement policy during Monday’s Muleshoe City Council meeting.

During the discussion of El Comitè Patriótico’s request for a \$532.39 reimbursement for expenses incurred during

Cinco de Mayo, it was noted that \$122.30 of the requested amount was used to print raffle tickets.

At the recommendation of city officials, the council approved the reimbursement of \$410.09 used to advertise the event in a split vote.

“People come to the event to see if they win

something,” said Juan Chavez, representing El Comitè Patriótico, in his effort to convince the council members that the raffle tickets were another form of advertising rather than merchandise.

“I personally think you ought to consider that,” Chavez said. “To me it is advertising.”

“They have to have already seen the advertising to know about the raffle,” councilperson Sharon Grant replied.

“When you sell the raffle tickets, you receive money that should pay for the tickets,” added Mayor Cliff Black.

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Principal’s Award presented

Muleshoe High School senior Andrew Precure received the Principal’s Award from Principal David Jenkins during Monday’s awards assembly. Prior to his announcement of the recipient, Jenkins said he tried to select a student who was an inspiration to him. Along with the award, Jenkins presented Andrew with a bottle of his favorite beverage.



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## Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

### Band trip was a blast!

I have lived in Muleshoe for over two years and this past weekend I had my first glimpse at a large Texas metropolis like Dallas and many of its surrounding suburbs.

The band performed at Irving at a performance center and then we got to relax the rest of the day and go to Six Flags, which was totally awesome!

When I lived in Oklahoma, there was a park similar to Six Flags, but it was smaller and the rides weren't near what the ones at Six Flags are like.

Because the park is so big, a lot of walking takes place unless you are smart and make very good use of the train that usually runs around the park making getting to different places a lot easier.

I am a water person and love all different water rides of any kind, but this last weekend I didn't want to ride any rides whatsoever that had to deal with water, so my friends and I all decided to ride roller coasters all day.

I was nervous on a lot of them because I wasn't prepared for what might happen, but in the end I had the best time ever and enjoy roller coasters only that much more.

The day was a long day because of the long bus trip and not enough sleep because nothing can take the place of your bed at home.

I had energy when we first arrived at Six Flags and

was ready to go and experience as many rides as I could.

As the day wore on and the morning coolness was replaced by the humid heat of the afternoon I was really dragging and ready for any chance to beat the heat.

Luckily for all who were at Six Flags there were many buildings that had air-conditioning and in several parts of the park were fans with little sprayers which was pretty cool and helped if we were standing in a long line.

The reason I was so excited about this little trip was because I have no clue if I am ever going to have the opportunity I did and be able to go to Six Flags and just have fun like I did this weekend.

Luckily, I didn't sunburn as bad as I have already this season. Thanks to tennis, just a little red on the face, but nothing to serious.

The main point is that I had fun with this being my senior year and my last year in band; I was able to enjoy with my friends and we were just able to relax and enjoy everything around us.

### 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.

### Project Graduation

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

### LISD Kindergarten registration

Lazbuddie Schools will be holding Pre-K and Kindergarten registration May 21-23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents registering their children will need to bring the child's birth certificate along with their immunization records. For more information contact Alicia Pacheco at 965-2153.

### Dillman Elementary roundup set

Dillman Elementary will be holding its spring roundup on May 14, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-3:30 p.m., for children for entering Pre-K, Headstart and Kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year.

To qualify for Pre-K the child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, be eligible for the Bilingual Program and qualify for free or reduced lunches.

To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five years old on or before the same date.

Parents should remember to bring the following information to register a child: An updated shot record; and the child's birth certificate, Social Security card; the parent's proof of income (income tax or W-2); and a Medicaid card for Headstart.

For additional information call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

### Drivers license office closed

The Bailey County Drivers License Office will be closed May 18. It will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on May 21.

### AARP driving program

An AARP Safety Driving program, aimed at improving the skills of older motorists, is being offered May 22-23, at the Five Area Telephone training room.

The course, which also can earn drivers insurance discounts, will be held in two four-hour sessions, from 8 a.m. until noon.

There is a \$10 fee to be paid to AARP, and the class size is limited to 30. For more information, call Charlene Treider at 272-5738

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### DeShazo activities schedule change

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the end of the year schedule at DeShazo Elementary has changed.

According to school officials, the new schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, May 21

Circle of Champions trip for students.

Tuesday, May 22

8:15 a.m. — Circle of Champions award recognition for students who have made the circle of champions all three times.

10 a.m. — Fifth grade rocket launch, right after the award recognition. All students attend. Concession stand available.

Wednesday, May 23

Fifth grade field trip to Roller World.


Thursday, May 24


9 a.m. — Awards assembly.

1:20 p.m. — Early release. Parents may take students home after the awards assembly.

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## Burglaries... Continued from page 1

been — had injured themselves in the process of committing their crimes, and said the DNA evidence had been collected, and been submitted to the state's forensic laboratory.

The police chief also said both county and state law enforcement agencies have been assisting in the investigations.

In fact, Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills was also in attendance at Thursday's meeting, provided information concerning security cameras, and offering to

help businesses wishing to install such equipment, as his time allowed.

When talking about the reason for the increase in property crimes, Chief Frieda said other communities across the region have been experiencing similar problems, and said part of the problem was the result of illegal drug use, especially methamphetamine, and the rise in living expenses, primarily due to the soaring cost of fuel.

"Gas prices have to figure

into this thing," said Frieda.

Along with security cameras, law enforcement officials at the meeting suggested increased lighting around both businesses and residences, but warned against position lights in a manner that allowed criminals could hide their activities behind a "wall of light."

Other suggestions included improving locks on both residences and businesses, and having a security analysis done to address security weak points.

Frieda said the police department would be receiving brochures in the next few days that would better detail the steps that needed to be taken prior to a security analysis.


"Make it as difficult as possible for them to get in," Frieda said.

At one point, local business woman Dawn Williams asked how business owners could help.

"Do you want us to sit in our parking lots?" she asked, also asking if the city needed more police officers.

"...Right now, any kind of help would be beneficial," Frieda said.

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The city's reimbursement policy suggests such reimbursements be restricted to advertising of an event.

However, as noted in its decision to approve a \$1,000 "non-advertising" reimbursement to the Muleshoe Sports Academy in April 2006, the mayor said the council has the option of

## Newspaper...

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paper you've come to expect. It's an exciting time for all of us."

Jim Moser, managing partner of Lambai Publishing LP (former publisher of the *Muleshoe Journal*) and Palo Duro Publications LP (former publisher of *The Canyon News*) commented, "I'm proud to pass the ownership of these fine newspapers to the Hearst Corporation.

"They are a quality organization and these two communities can expect great things under their leadership," he added.

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waiving policy.

"It's really up to the council about what they do... Policy allows us to consider requests on a 'case by case' basis," Black said at an April 2006 meeting.

At Monday's meeting, Grant said, "Mr. Mayor, I think we need to stay with criteria we've set in the past," prior to her motion to decline the reimbursement for the tickets.

As previously noted, her motion, which was seconded by councilman Earl Behrends, received a 3-1 vote, with councilman Richard Orozco voting against the measure.

On an unrelated issue, Chavez addressed the council concerning a request by the Muleshoe Softball League Association, asking that control of the city's existing softball field be turned over to the league, which is trying to raise funds to pay for the

## Election...

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will be in a run off election. According to Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman, early voting for Dist. 1 and 2 will open May 24 and continue until June 1.

The runoff election will be held on Tuesday, June 5.

Bailey County precincts' polls were also open Saturday, as county voters cast ballots on a state 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."

According to Paula Benton, Bailey County Clerk, 116 registered voters cast ballots in the state election, with 108 approving the proposed amendment, and eight voting against it.

construction of two additional softball fields in the new city park.

Although the mayor was about to respond to Chavez's comments, City Manager David Brunson pointed out that discussion of the issue should be postponed until it could be placed on the agenda at the council's next meeting.

As suggested by Chavez at Monday's meeting, placing the existing fields under the league's control would require any other organization wishing to utilize the softball fields for a tournament would have to pay the softball league for their use.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a \$1,567.60 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Roadriders from the motel and hotel funds for advertising related to its March 16-17 rally.

Daniel Guzman, representing the roadriders, said it was a successful event, and thanked the city for its support.

- Called a special meeting for May 18, at 7 a.m. to canvas the May 12 election.

## Commissioners...

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Coliseum. The issue of repairing the damaged caused by semi-tractor trailer rigs parking overnight on the asphalt of the coliseum has drawn the attention of the commissioners court on more than one occasion.

In other business, the court:

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$297,919.50.

- Approved the Bailey County treasurer's report for March 2007.

- Approved soil conservation worksheets.

- Approved budget amendment 7 to the FY2007 budget.

- Approved the minutes from the April 9 regular meeting and the April 23 special meeting.

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## Local students send 'thanks' to Iraq

The Student Community Action Club and Mrs. Benham's third grade class teamed up to send a token of their appreciation to the troops in Iraq recently. The third graders made a laminated coaster with USA on one side and on the other side the words "Because of you."

The third grade students then listed what they have the freedom to do. Mrs. Benham included a note of introduction and thanks as did the Student Community Action Club president, Kate Lepard, on behalf of the club. SCAC students put the coaster and notes together for an entire Battalion to be sent to Iraq.



## WJHS Students of the Week

Watson Junior High School's Students of the Week for the week of May 14, pictured from left to right, are: Front row — Megan Mumau, Jr. Baca and Navit Esparza; back row — Dominique Mata and Bert Torres. Not pictured is Joey Ramirez.

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## Peace for Anxious Days by Max Lucado

When my daughters were single-digit ages—two, five, and seven—I wowed them with a miracle. I told them the story of Moses and the manna and invited them to follow me on a wilderness trek through the house.

"Who knows," I suggested, "manna may fall from the sky again."  
We dressed in sheets and sandals and did our best Bedouin hike through the bedrooms. The girls, on my instruction, complained to me, Moses, of hunger and demanded I take them back to Egypt, or at least to the kitchen. When we entered the den, I urged them to play up their parts: groan, moan, and beg for food.

"Look up," I urged. "Manna might fall any minute."  
Two-year-old Sara obliged with no questions, but Jenna and Andrea had their doubts. How can manna fall from a ceiling?

Just like the Hebrews. "How can God feed us in the wilderness?"  
Just like you? You look at tomorrow's demands, next week's bills, next month's silent calendar. Your future looks as barren as the Sinai Desert. "How can I face my future?" God tells you what I told my daughters: "Look up,"

When my daughters did, manna fell! Well, not manna, but vanilla wafers dropped from the ceiling and landed on the carpet. Sara squealed with delight and started munching. Jenna and Andrea were old enough to request an explanation.

My answer was simple. I knew the itinerary. I knew we would enter this room. Vanilla wafers fit safely on the topside of the ceiling-fan blades. I had placed them there in advance. When they groaned and moaned, I turned on the switch.

God's answer to the Hebrews was similar. Did he know their itinerary? Did he know they would grow hungry? Yes and yes. And at the right time, he tilted the manna basket toward earth.

And what about you? God know what you need and where you'll be. Any chance he has some vanilla wafers on tomorrow's ceiling fans? Trust him. "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes" (Matthew 6:33-34).

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# Obituaries

## Harold Burge

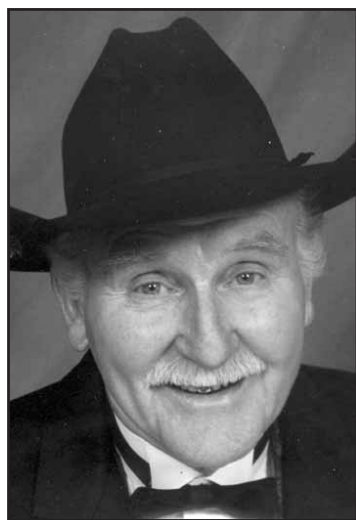
A church service for Harold C. Burge, 80, of Muleshoe was held on Monday, May 14, at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner, officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Burge died on May 11, 2007, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on Sept. 22, 1926, in Haynesville, La., and married Dorothy R. Glover in Sierra Blanca. She preceded him in death in 1995. He then married Mary Jo Archer in Muleshoe on Sept. 6, 1995.

Burge had lived in Muleshoe since 1986, after moving from Pecos. He worked as a geophysical surveyer in the oil industry.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He was also preceded in death by a son — Wayne Alexander, and a sister — Helen Hemperley.

Survivors include his wife — Mary Jo Burge of



HAROLD C. BURGE

Muleshoe; two sons — Dr. Harl Hargett of Golden, Colo., and Aaron Hargett of San Angelo; two daughters — Marietta McClintock of Clovis, Calif., and Joetta Stewart of Littleton, Colo.; a sister — Shirley Brown of Homa, La.; a brother — David Burge of Waldo, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Senior Center or Meals On Wheels.

## Bob Masten

Church services for Bob Masten, 79, of Lubbock, formerly of Morton, were held on Monday, May 14, at the First Methodist Church in Sudan with Kerry Hurst of Lubbock and Pastor Ron Colwell of Sudan officiating. Burial followed in the Sudan Cemetery.

Masten died on May 10, 2007, in Lubbock. He was born on Jan. 7, 1928, in Wellington, and married Virginia Martin in Coleman on Aug. 23, 1944.

He had lived in Lubbock for the past five years, moving from Morton.

He was a pilot, and a farmer, and a member of the

## Mary Smith

Funeral services for Mary M. Smith, 82, of Cochise, Ariz., were held on Tuesday, May 14, at the Willcox United Methodist Church of Willcox, Ariz. Graveside services are set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, at Lawn Haven Cemetery,

First United Methodist Church in Sudan.

Masten was preceded in death by three brothers and a grandson.

Survivors include his wife — Gina Masten of Lubbock; a son and his wife — Mike and Cindy Masten of Milan Mich.; a daughter and her husband — Vicki and James Bryant of Magnolia, Miss.; a daughter — Carol Anne Bellar of Lubbock; a sister — Charlene Wood of Morton; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Sudan First United Methodist Church, 411 Main, Sudan, TX 79371.

Clovis, N.M.

Smith died on May 10, 2007. She was born on April 11, 1925, in Wellington.

She married Joe L. Smith on Aug. 12, 1943, in Muleshoe.

Smith was preceded in death by her parents — Eddie James and Lela Mae Gulley; a son — Billy; and three brothers.

Survivors include her husband — Joe Smith of Willcox; a son — Les Smith of Willcox; a son and his wife Ronald and Susan Smith of Kearny, Ariz.; four sisters — Betty Jo Renner of Friona, Jimmie Philpott of Rogers, Ark., Lynette Taylor of Guymon, Okla., and Alice Jefferson of Rogers, Ark.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

## Philomena Malone

Funeral services for and married Henry H. Philomena "Penny" J. Malone of Midland, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, May 10, at St. Paul's Anglican Church of Midland.

Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Malone died on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. She was born on Sept. 16, 1922, to James and Margaret McCuskey in Blackwater Town, County Armagh, Northern Ireland,

and married Henry H. Malone, Jr., on July 6, 1946. He preceded her in death in 2000.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband — Donna and Ed Omar of Denver, Colo., a son — Hank Malone of Corpus Christi; two brothers — William McCuskey of Dungannon, Northern Ireland, and Brendan McCuskey of Bendigo, Australia; and three grandchildren.

## United Supermarket blood drive set

United Supermarket of Muleshoe will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, May 26, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in The United Blood Services donor bus.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center hope all you Mothers had a good Mother's day weekend. I for one had a great one, with my son and daughter visiting, going to church, and of course, going to Leal's for Sunday lunch.

If you have been by the center you can see the sidewalk has had some repair work done. Many thanks go to Joe, Kenneth, Darlene, Wanda, Lewis Wayne, Frank and Fred for their help.

The center lost another one of our group this week. Our prayers go out to Mary Jo Burge in her loss. Also we want to remember Aurora in our prayers on the loss of her son.

The center was busy this week. Mandi Seaton, with the Bailey County Extension

Office, gave a wonderful program on Tuesday.

Leslie Biediger, registered dietician from Texas Tech Health Science School, was a visitor at the center on Tuesday. We appreciate her taking the time to pay a visit to the center.

Remember, the Tuesday night dance will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m.

There is a break at 8:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper. If you have not visited the dance you are missing a great time. Lots of friends and fellowship are here.

LaShea Mason, our caller for Bingo will not be with us this Thursday, but there will be a caller here to help us out.

The bingo games are fun with a lot of fellowship going on. If you can, join, us each Thursday, the games begin

at 1:30 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Remember! The center will open at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the May 19, for a play day. Call a friend and come play dominoes, eighty, cards, or just come and visit.

**Menu for May 21 - 25:**

Monday, May 21 — Chicken ala king, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, wheat roll and frosted cake.

Tuesday, May 22 — Taco salad, beans, Mexican rice, lettuce tomatoes, onions, cheese, chips, salsa and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, May 23 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Thursday, May 24 — Beef tips, rice, carrots and peas, salad, wheat roll and peaches, and birthday cake.

Friday, May 25 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.


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# Sports

## Mule bats fall silent in run for state playoffs

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Mules won the District 2-2A Championship. That was the first district title in 12 years and the Mules had great hopes of advancing in the state playoffs.

As district winners the Mules had to wait for the second round of the playoffs.

Abernathy defeated Post in two games that could have been titled "The Battle of the Antelopes" as both teams use the same mascot. Abernathy took the bi-district title by defeating Post 3-2 in the first game

and 12-5 in the second and final game.

The Mules met the Antelopes in Littlefield's Wildcat Stadium. The stadium has turf on the infield and almost became the Mules home away from home early in the season. They scrimmaged and played in the Wildcat Tournament early in the season.

The Mules have not won a playoff game since 1991. The playoff drought continued for the Mules as they went against the Antelopes. Abernathy shut the Mules out in the first meeting and took the game

14-0.

Friday proved to be almost a devastating for the Mules as Abernathy pounded out 15 hits to out score the Mules 15-3. Nether playoff game lasted longer than five innings.

Josh Garcia, a sophomore pitcher, rocked the Mule bats to sleep with a hard biting curve and managed to nick the outside corner of the plate with his fast ball.

Victor Vasquez had a two-out bloop single to left to spoil Garcia's no hitter.

Leonard Trevino was the first batter to the plate Thursday evening and

blasted Elias Alvarado's fourth pitch of the day over the left center field fence. That would have been enough to defeat the Mules but Trevino added a two run homer in the third inning.

"We knew Garcia was a very good pitcher," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "But I never would have thought we would only have one hit. Abernathy came out of a tough baseball district and we knew we had to be ready to play."

The Mules did not fair much better in the Friday afternoon match. They did record five hits and scored

three runs in four innings. Abernathy's bats continued to be hot. They had 11 hits, seven for extra bases. The Antelopes had five home runs in the series.

"Our seniors took these losses very hard and knew these were not their best games," continued Ramirez. "I know they are disappointed but I hope they will remember the great season they had and not dwell on the losses."

"I am proud of these guys and what we accomplished this year. I also want to thank the parents, fans and students for all the support they have given us all

season. We had great crowds at home and on the road. The number of fans that have been here for the playoff games is appreciated by the kids, Coach Boatman and me."

"We will lose four seniors to graduation and they have given us leadership all season. That leadership came on the field and in the dugout. We had fun all season and these guys were a joy to coach. I have to believe those that are returning are already looking forward to next season and try to build on what we accomplished this year," concluded Ramirez.



Brant Hamilton runs during the state meet.

### Hamilton experiences both victory, defeat at state meet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

Mule Brant Hamilton experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat all in 400-meters and 51.05 seconds at the Texas State Track and Field Meet.

The state meet is held annually in the Mike Myers Stadium on the University of Texas Campus, Austin.

Hamilton had finished third at the regional meet

and was an alternate for the state meet. The gold medal winner had to withdraw from competition for disciplinary reasons giving Hamilton the opportunity to participate in the largest high school event in the nation.

Hamilton had a full week leading up to the meet and the weather was not conducive to preparing for

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## Mules, Lady Mules honored at athletic banquet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters celebrated the accomplishments of all the Mule and Lady Mule teams during the 2006-2007 school year. Jim Daniels was the master of ceremony for the event.

Daniels introduced the administration and school board members present. He also introduced and thanked Maganne and Jack Rennals of Channel 6 as well as Ronny Jones and Bob Graves for their work in televising many of the Mule and Lady Mule games during the year.

Delton Wilhite, sports writer for the Muleshoe Journal and sports announcer for KMUL radio, was introduced and thanked for his endeavors. April Smith had assembled a video highlight film of all the sports activities that was shown during the meal. Smith was present a bouquet of flowers for a job well done.

Coach David Wood, Coach Ralph Mason, Muleshoe High School principal David Jenkins were called to the stage for the first of three farewells. Jody Wood read a tribute to memory of Tyler Sheets.

Dr. and Mrs. Kyle Sheets and their family were invited to the stage and presented a shadow box that contained

pictures of Tyler's junior and senior years in Muleshoe athletics and his basketball jersey. A video of Tyler and his team mates was shown.

The second goodbye was to retiring high school principal, David Jenkins. Daniels read a salute from Coach Wood that said, "We have had the privileged of having Mr. Jenkins run our school. I can say without hesitation that we are better people for having you as our principal. On a more personal note, I will miss our early morning visits when we solved all the worlds' problems."

"Thanks for your wisdom, advice, support and most of all your friendship. Mr. Jenkins would you please step to the microphone and say those words we all love to hear one more time," concluded Wood.

Mr. Jenkins stepped forward and in a voice filled with emotion shouted, "How 'bout those Mules!"

Jenkins had to take a few moments while the stage was readied for him to do the Senior Spotlight. Each senior athlete, trainer, manager and cheerleader took their turn in the spotlight beneath the lighted mule shoe as Jenkins read their accomplishments, most memorable moment and plans for the future.

The Legends Award is presented to an individual,

business, fan or special person in the community that gives their ultimate support to Muleshoe athletics. They show unconditional loyalty and encouragement for the athletes and try to be present at all athletic events. The Legends Award was presented to Norm Brantley.

Each freshman and junior varsity team was asked to stand and be recognized prior to the varsity team members taking the stage. The coaches and sponsors of the freshman and junior varsity groups all had high praise for their groups.

Varsity cheerleader sponsor, Judy Steinbock, said, "The Varsity cheerleaders did an awesome job this year at camp and brought home the following awards: Team Award, Stunt Smart Award, a Spirit Stick and numerous Superior ribbons. They also received a National Bid."

"Our All-American Nominees were Amberlee Steinbock, Kate Leopard, Jacy Lawrence and Kaitlyn Geissler. Steinbock, Lawrence and Geissler were all named to the All-American Team. Our Mascot, Flor Rosales brought home a trophy for Most Improved Mascot.

"Amber lee (Steinbock) was named as the NCA Top All-American. She will be working on the NCA staff this

summer as an instructor at their summer camps."

"I have six seniors that will be greatly missed and I want to thank them for all their hard work, leadership and dedication to MHS cheerleading the past four years," concluded Judy Steinbock.

Coach David Wood had the varsity football team join him on stage as he said, "This season was marked with many changes and uncertainty. We had to replace all 11 starters on defense and 10 on offense. We also changed offenses and did not know what the future might hold for us."

"One thing always remains constant for the Mules, our will to win and devotion to hard work. That is our trademark."

"Our record was nine wins and three losses. We never had to encourage the boys to practice or spend extra time in the weight room. When we announced we were changing offenses you could see the excitement in the player's eyes."

"I have talked a lot about our offense, but our defense was second to none. Our kids know how to keep opponents out of the end zone. Friday nights in Texas does not get any better than in Muleshoe."

He presented team

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# Sports

## Muleshoe Athletic banquet... Continued from page 6

captains Brant Hamilton, Eric Washington, Garrett Riley and Tony Guzman with miniature helmets.

Wall of Fame recipients were Hamilton for his All-District honors for three years and Honorable Mention All State Punter in 2006. The second inductee was Junior Martinez for District Defensive MVP and Honorable Mention All State Defensive Lineman. Timothy Conner was the final honoree for being chosen as Honorable Mention All State Receiver.

Wood presented the Fighting Heart Award to TJ Brantley. The Most Improved Award went to Eric Washington. The Offensive Player Award went to Brant Hamilton. Junior Martinez was presented the Defensive Player Award. The Football MVP Award was given to Garrett Riley.

Wood concluded by honoring two senior trainers by saying, "These two seniors have traveled more miles, taped more ankles, fetched more towels and treated more athletes' injuries than you can imagine. I do not know what we would have done with out them. You are truly life savers Travis Thompson and Charles Hammer."

Cross-country coach Carey Sudduth praised Zane Matthews as the sole Mule to compete in cross-country. "He ran well all year and achieved his goal advancing to the Region I Meet by placing eighth at the District 2-2A Meet." He presented Matthews with the Boys Cross-Country Award.

"The Lady Mules again proved to be one of the best teams in this part of the state. They ran hard every Saturday and were seldom out of the top three finishers. They dominated the district competition to win their sixth consecutive District Championship."

"The Girls Cross-Country Award goes to our little energizer bunny. She just keeps going and going and going. The award goes to Chelsi Hawkins," concluded Sudduth.

The Lady Mule basketball team was the next group honored. Coach Shana Simms said, "Tradition means the handing down of information, beliefs or customs from one generation to the next. That definitely applies to this program."

"For nine years in a row this team has experienced the playoffs and it has become a tradition. This is a major accomplishment that is not easy to follow. There is a lot of pressure on these ladies to fill big shoes that have been left vacant by graduation. We have felt the pressure each of the eight years and each season the girls continue to deliver despite the pressure."

"Success just does not just happen; it takes hard work, dedication and commitment by each member of the team. From the seniors that do not get to play many minutes to the freshman that is thrust into the role of running the team, it takes each one to make a team. There was no secret to this team's success. It was hard work," continued Simms.

Team work yields individual honors. Those honored this year by District 2-2A were Chelsi Hawkins, Defensive Player of the Year and Sara Johnson named Newcomer of the Year. Cholor Hernandez, Kyra Kimbrough and Kate Leopard were named to the All-District Team. Cecilia Reyna was named an Honorable Mention All-District.

Chelsi Hawkins and Kate Leopard were chosen by the team as the captains. The Fighting Heart Awards were

presented to Irma Torres and Cecilia Reyna. The Defensive Players of the Year were Chelsi Hawkins and Kyra Kimbrough. Cholor Hernandez was named as the Most Valuable Player for the Lady Mules.

Coach Simms concluded her presentation by thanking the girls, their parents, the fans and the community for believing in the system and supporting the Lady Mules. She also had special praise for the team trainer, Travis Thompson. "He took care of all our aches and pains this season. We would not have been as successful with you Travis."

Coach Simms is leaving at the end of the school year. Coach Wood asked her to stay on stage. "We would like to recognize Coach Simms and what she has accomplished here in Muleshoe over the last eight years. She has amassed a record of 175 wins, 80 losses, three district championships, two trips to the Region I Finals and eight straight years in the playoffs. Congratulations on a fabulous career and good luck with your endeavors in the future."

Wood presented Simms with flowers during a standing ovation.

Coach Ralph Mason called the Mule basketball team to the stage. As they approached the stage he said, "This group of guys came to play every day whether it was a practice or a game. They competed well and played extremely hard. Thanks for an exciting and enjoyable season."

Garrett Riley was named as First Team All-District. Dustin Barker and Colby Carpenter were selected as Second Team All-District. TJ Brantley and Eric Washington were named as Honorable Mention All-District.

The Mule team captains were Dustin Barker, Eric Washington and Garrett Riley. The Highest Free Throw Percentage Award went to Garrett Riley. The Most Assist Award was presented to Colby Carpenter.

Most Rebounds Award went to Garrett Riley. The Offensive Player of the Year was Dustin Barker. Garrett Riley received the Defensive Player of the Year Award. TJ Brantley was presented the Hustle Award. Eric Washington took the Fighting Heart Award. The Sportsmanship Award went to Patrick Precure. Garrett Riley was named as the Mules Most Valuable Player.

Coach Joe Pat Wright introduced the Mule Power-Lifting Team and said, "Bad weather limited us to only two meets this year. We had great improvement in our weight totals in those two meets. This sport takes a lot of dedication and extra time in the weight room after school."

"I am very proud of these kids and the extra effort to improve their strength. It takes commitment to be in the weight room every."

Wright presented the Boys Power-Lifting Award to Kendall Johnson.

Coach Simms returned to the stage with the Muleshoe Tennis teams. "This year was a lot of fun and successful for our tennis teams. This is an individual sport and it is up to each player to be as good as they desire. All of our players raised the level of their play and became better. The season is short but the kids competed hard at every meet."

"The competition at the district meet was very tough and we had a great showing. Tara Fullmer was the District Champion in girl's singles and Wes Wood and Lane Wood were boy's doubles champions. Courtney Mardis won the junior varsity girl's singles District Championship."

The Girl's MVP Award went

to Tara Fullmer. The Boy's MVP Awards were presented to Wes Wood and Lane Wood.

Muleshoe Golf coach Carey Sudduth introduced the Mule and Lady Mule golf teams. "We had a great spring," said Coach Sudduth. "We worked on fundamentals of a game these kids can play for the rest of their lives."

"The Lady Mules finished fourth in district and Amberlee Steinbock was the second place medalist. She qualified for the regional tournament. The Mules won their third straight district championship. They earned numerous individual medals and were very consistent all season."

"Three of the Mules finished district in the top five places. Brian Poyner stared down the competition and earned the District Champion Individual Medal. The team finished 10th at the regional meet and gained valuable experience for the future."

The Girl's Golf Award was presented to Amberlee Steinbock. Brian Poyner received the Boy's Golf Award.

"Six Lady Mules qualified for the Region I Track Meet in Abilene," said Lady Mule track coach Benji Jay. "Kyra Kimbrough qualified in high jump and pole vault. Kelsey Tipps went in the 300-meter hurdles and the triple jump. Lupita Andrade and Sarah Johnson qualified in the 3200- and 1600-meter runs. Kathryn Owens was in shot put and Amelia Clemmons ran in the 100-meter dash."

Sarah Johnson was presented the Newcomer in Track Award. Kathryn Owens took the Most Improved Award. Lupita Andrade earned the Work Horse Award. Kelsey Tipps was present the Most Outstanding Award.

The 2007 Most Valuable Lady Mule in Track was Kyra Kimbrough. She set a new school record in the pole vault at ten feet one inch.

"This was a great year for the Mule track team," said Mule track coach Joe Pat Wright. "The Mules won two meets during the season and the District Championship. This group of athletes gives us a great foundation for the future."

"I would like to recognize our regional qualifiers," continued Wright. "Brant Hamilton qualified in the 100- and 400-meter dashes and was a member of the 4x100-meter relay team. Dusty Clayton started both the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays and ran the 100-meter dash."

"Eric Washington ran on both the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays and went in the long jump. Tim Conner was a member of the 4x100-meter relay and Doc Fuller ran on the 4x200-meter relay. Bradley Branscum anchored the 4x200-meter relay team."

"Colby Carpenter ran in both the 3200- and 1600-meter runs. Ray Ramirez ran the 800- and 1600-meter runs. Zane Matthews qualified in the

3200-meter run. Adam Zamora and Garrett Riley both qualified in the high jump."

"Wes Wood and Austin Wright went to Abilene in the pole vault. Victor Vasquez competed in the triple jump at the regional meet. We also have one member of the team that is going to the Texas State Meet in Austin, Brant Hamilton. He will be running in the 400-meter dash."

The Newcomer Award was presented to Doc Fullmer. The Most Improved Award went to Dusty Clayton. Eric Washington was chosen for the Mule Worker Award. The MVP Award went to Brant Hamilton. Hamilton set a new school record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.72 seconds.

Mule baseball coach Gilbert Ramirez did not hand out individual baseball awards as

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# Students take part in Longhorn Pride

Lazbuddie ISD is promoting student success with a program called Longhorn Pride in which qualifying students are rewarded every six weeks.

This year Longhorn Pride students were rewarded with a trip to the Lubbock Symphony, a trip to an Amarillo theatre to watch the movie "Amazing Grace," a motivational workshop with Eric Cupp, and a Longhorn Pride ink pen.

High School Students who qualified for four out of the five of six-week reporting periods were eligible for a surprise tour through New Mexico.

The group of 11 students and two sponsors started out on May 4 for their first stop — the Capulin Volcano near Rotan, N.M.

After the volcano the group traveled to Santa Fe and took part in a ghost tour of downtown.

Saturday, they visited the Natural History Museum, the Lodestar Observatory, and the Atomic Museum.

At the Atomic Museum, the Lazbuddie group was treated to a Chinese dinner in honor of Asian Appreciation Week.

Students went to the Hinkle Family Fun Center to play laser tag and drive go-carts.

Saturday night, students



Lazbuddie students pose in front of the New Mexico Natural History Museum in Albuquerque, N.M. Left to Right; Logan Mason, Chase Timms, Jacob Schacher, Trevor Coker, Bart Guillen, Brittney Schacher, Kinzi Schacher, Rochelle Smith, Mrs. Debbie Weir, Katie Chavez, Ryan Mason and Brittney Sexton.

participated in a teen worship service at the Calvary of Albuquerque.

Sunday's sightseeing trip was to the Bio Park which included a zoo, aquarium, and the Botanical Gardens.

On Monday it was on to Alamogordo to enjoy White Sands National Park, then to Carlsbad for a tour of Carlsbad Caverns.

After lunch, they went to WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) to view a presentation about the Nuclear Waste Repository.

Students also visited a

variety of interesting eateries which included the Cowgirl Hall of Fame of Santa Fe, Frontier Restaurant and Route 66 Diner in Albuquerque, Applebee's of Alamogordo, Red Chimney Place of Carlsbad, and a couple of picnic lunches.

Junior High Longhorn Pride qualifiers will be rewarded with their own surprise field trip.

The Longhorn Pride program promotes punctuality, attendance, exemplary citizenship, and

academic success.

To qualify for Longhorn Pride status for a six weeks, students must have a grade of 75 or better in each subject, a citizenship grade of "B" or better, no more than two absences in any class (three tardies equals one absence), no more than one visit to the principal's office for disciplinary reasons with a yearly limit of no more than three visits.

Trips and activities are paid for with fundraisers such as the Fall Auction and Spring 3-on-3 Tournament.

## Hamilton competes at state meet... Continued from page 1

the best his best possible time.

"When we came back from the regional meet in Abilene Brant (Hamilton) wanted to attempt to run a sub 50 second time," said Mule track coach Joe Pat Wright.

"We were not aware he would be going to the state meet at that time," he said.

"The weather was cool but he warmed up for his run. He tweaked his hamstring that day and it

tightened up on him. We then got the call that he was going to Austin."

"He worked on stretching and loosing his hamstring. The weather stayed wet and cold so he could do very little running. He stretched on Monday and Tuesday and did a little jogging on Wednesday before the meet."

Hamilton pitches and plays shortstop for the Mule's baseball team. They played Abernathy Thursday and Friday in the Area round of the playoffs. He pitched on Friday in his first loss of the season. His record on the mound was 7-1.

"We had to get up at five a.m. Saturday to catch a plane to Austin," continued Wright. "We grabbed a bite to eat and went to the stadium. He began to stretch and warm up for the 400-meter dash scheduled for 1:55 p.m."

"He was as ready as he could be under the circumstances and his determination showed in his face. As a coach we talk about having your game face on and you could definitely see Brant's."

He was running in lane five and had a sleeve on his leg to help support his hamstring. When the gun sound and he broke from the blocks the sleeve began to slip down his leg. In the first 100-meters the sleeve had reached his ankle. He kicked it off his leg and managed to maintain his stride.

The public address announcer called Hamilton's name and said, "Brant Hamilton is leading as they come out of turn two."

"It was about that time we saw Brant grab his leg and he began to loose speed. He said his leg did not feel

as strong after that and he just was not getting the push he needed. He gave his all today and was in great shape for medal."

"He ran the worst time of his senior year and finished eighth. He still managed to stay close to the leaders despite his injury. I was very proud of the way Brant worked and got better all season. He had a great year despite having to run injured at the state meet."

"Hamilton displayed the attitude of a Mule at the state meet and has raised the bar for other Mules to following him to Austin," concluded Wright.

## Athletes...

Continued from page 7 the team was still in the playoffs. He did congratulate the Mules, "This group of young men earned the honor of being the best baseball team in the history of Muleshoe baseball by setting a new record for wins with 17."

"I would like to congratulate each member of the team for winning the first District Championship in baseball in the last 12 years," concluded Ramirez.

"We had strong senior leadership," said Lady Mule softball coach Shane Fuller. "The girls were determined to not have a repeat of last season. We had seven returning players to build on and they did not disappoint us."

"The six new players also made significant contributions to the team. We finished the season with three times as many wins as the previous season and qualified for the playoffs. The girls have built on the foundation and made this program their own. We are losing the experience of four seniors but are looking forward to even stronger teams in the future."

The Leadership Award went to Brittany Ambriz. Jasmine Davenport earned the Defensive Award at the catcher position. Morgan Smith was presented the Offensive Award. Cecilia Reyna name was called for the Most Valuable Player Award.

It was a great year to be a Lady Mule or a Mule. The awards were all earned by hard work and determination.

**Mr. & Mrs. Alton Burton Celebrate Golden Anniversary**

Alton and Alma Burton of Muleshoe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Cagle Steak House in Lubbock on April 7, 2007. The celebration was hosted by their children, Terry & Donna Burton of Muleshoe and Doug & Tanya Crawford of Farwell. Alton and the former Alma Beckett were married April 6, 1957 in Clovis, N.M. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

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Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council would like to put your mind at ease regarding this false claim — antiperspirants "do not" cause breast cancer.

Researchers from both the National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration say "there is no conclusive evidence linking the use of underarm antiperspirants or deodorants and the subsequent development of breast cancer."

You might also wonder why doctors tell women not to use antiperspirant or deodorant on the day of a mammogram.

The American Cancer Society says the reason for this request is that "many of these products contain

aluminum, which is a metal and can show up on a mammogram as tiny specks in the area."

These specks can look like a possible sign of cancer on the mammogram film.

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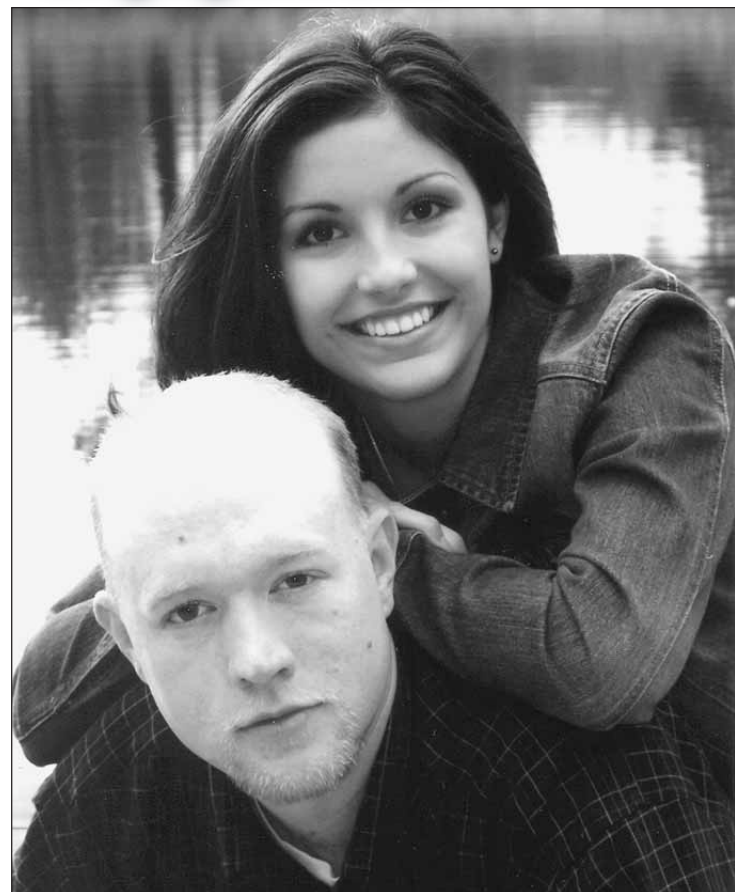
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# Engagement



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## Orozco, Thompson to wed

Christina Orozco of Muleshoe and Christopher Thompson of Littlefield announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The prospective bride is a 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High School and is currently attending South Plains College.

She is the daughter of Shonia and Dale Smith of Beech Grove, Ark., and Anthony and Amelia Orozco of Roswell, N.M.

The prospective groom is a graduate of the Texas Tech Paramedic program and is currently employed as a Flight Paramedic for Southwest MedEvac.

His parents are Karen

Sue and Terry Mullins of Littlefield, and Gary and Michelle Thompson of Amarillo.

Grandparents of the future couple include Flora Orozco, Marvin and Shirley Carpenter, all of Muleshoe, and Ophelia Kerby of Littlefield.

The couple plans to be married on July 4, 2007, at the Trinity Christian Center Church in Muleshoe at 2 p.m.

# Military News

## Ramirez completes electronics course

Air Force Airman 1st Class Cruz A. Ramirez graduated from the electronic computer and switching systems apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

Ramirez is the son of Daniel and Maggie Ramirez of Muleshoe.

He is a 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School.



## Lazbuddie students honored

Lazbuddie Elementary honored Kindergarten student Andres Solano, the son of Sulema and Javier Solano, pictured above on the left, and fourth-grade student Josephine Samarron, the daughter of Jose and Marie Samarron, on the right, as Students of the Week.

# Births

## Ashlee Rodriguez

Adam and Araceli Rodriguez of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlee Deseree Rodriguez, on May 13, 2007, at 1:19 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center.

Ashlee weighed eight pounds, six ounces at birth and was 20.5 inches in length.

She has a brother, Jacob. Her grandparents are Jesus and Lupe Quintana, and Raul Rodriguez.

## Symm receives music scholarship

Elizabeth Symm of Farwell has recently accepted a Music Scholarship Award from Valparaiso University. The award was recommended by the faculty of the Department of Music at Valparaiso, based on an audition in voice.

Symm plans to enter Valparaiso University as a first year student this fall, where she expects to major in music.

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# Some Thoughts on Skedaddling and Worship

It's getting harder and harder when you're out traveling to find a church to visit that agrees with you on the fine print of the Christian faith. These days diversity even between churches whose signs are painted with basically the same denominating words is greater every day, and the proliferation of "stealth" churches whose signs submerge their brand complicates things even more.

Personally, I enjoy seeing how "the other half" — more like the other 95.5% of Christians — worships God. When I'm visit-

community Easter event. That did it. They skeddaddled.

Last Sunday we jumped into our first song which included taped accompaniment (the vast majority of our songs don't). That was all it took to send a visiting couple out the door. We counted them for the worship attendance number anyway. They were there. And they were breathing.

It happens. Fairly rarely. But it happens. And that last instance has been bugging me and forcing some thought.

That last skeddaddling couple seemed nice enough. Why did they feel such a need to get out? I'd bet they are usually courteous people. By its very nature such skeddaddling seems a tad impolite. They didn't "make a scene," they just left in haste lest they be tainted in any way. So, I genuinely wonder, what's up with that? Why abandon ship at worship? The "lest I be tainted" logic just is not clear to me. Is it really logical? Right? Even holy?

I was told by several on Sunday not to worry about it, that it's more a matter for pity than anger that "religion" could so stifle and dwarf spirits.

It was Plato who said that the unexamined life is not worth living. We all bring some large presuppositions with us to worship. They need to be examined from time to time. It would probably be helpful even to make a list of them. To buy into the wrong ones is not only dangerous to the worship of our God, it is dangerous to our spirits, deadly to the relationship God wants with us, and mortally damaging to anything approaching real joy.

If these folks' presuppositions were right, I suppose they were, too, in their actions. If not, well, that kind of "belief" is as hard, in every sense, as it is sad.

I can't imagine Jesus doing that or feeling a temptation to do that. In fact, I don't think he did Sunday.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

ing away, unless I have friends from my tradition I want to worship with, I enjoy the rare opportunity to "taste" worship in a church from a different branch of the Christian tree.

Evidently, not everyone feels that way. Fairly regularly, visitors looking for a place to worship on their way to wherever show up at the church where I preach. We like visitors, and, if I may say so, we are good at being nice to them. Most like us. Some even make it a point to come back whenever they're in our neck of the woods.

But about once or twice a year for the last decade or two, our church has witnessed the same phenomenon. At some point during or even before worship, the visiting individual or couple notices that our worship style or whatever is not exactly what they expected, and they rise up and leave.

I remember one instance years ago when we still re-announced aloud the announcements in the bulletin, when one visiting couple heard we were participating in a

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

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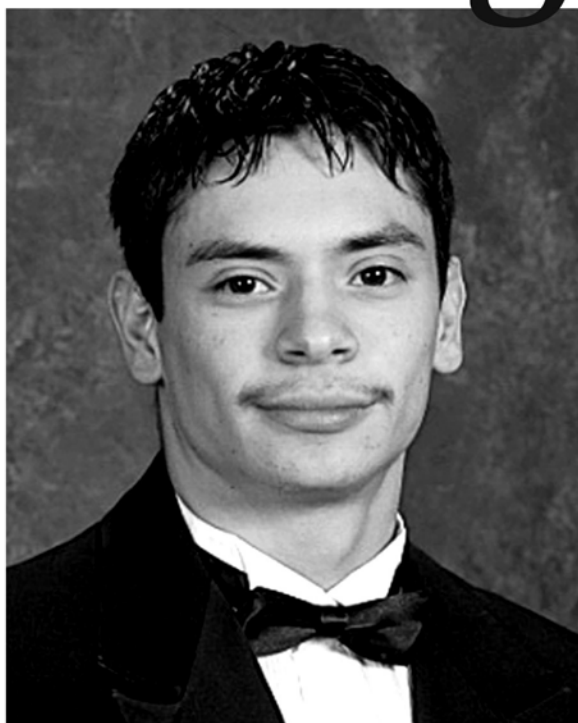


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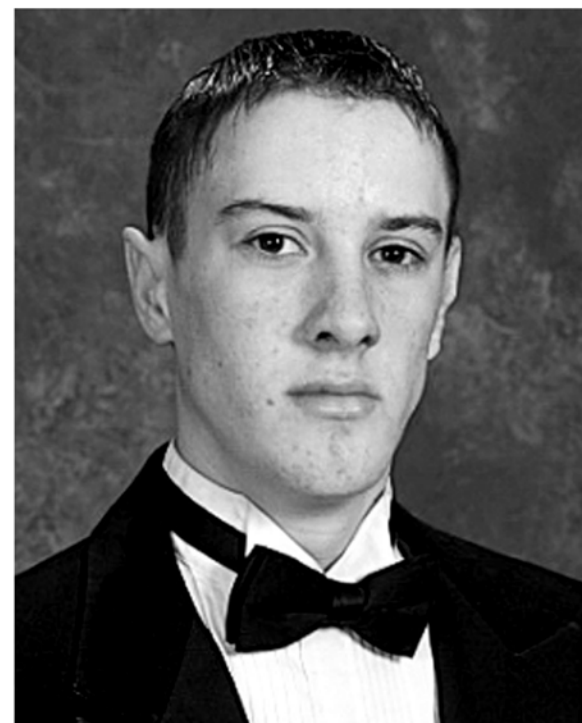
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**Activities/Organizations involved in during high school:** Robotics, FFA, NHS, UIL  
**Awards/Recognitions received in high school:** Outstanding Leadership, UIL Compute Applications – 5<sup>th</sup> place; Outstanding Judge; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – Literary Criticism  
**Future Plans:** Attend Clovis Community College and degree in Cosmetology and later earn my RN degree.  
**Interests/Hobbies outside of school and work:** Shopping and the movies.  
**Strongest Personality quality to bring to a job or other challenge:** The ability to lead but I also understand that there are times when I must follow rather than lead others.  
**Weakest quality that you plan to improve upon in the future? What is your plan?** Being a perfectionist. I realize not everyone's perfect and we were not made perfect. I hope to improve in the future and stop panicking about everything being perfect.



**Jesus Gomez**

**Activities/Organizations involved in during high school:** UIL, FFA, One Act Play, Yearbook, Robotics, football, basketball, track  
**Awards/Recognitions received in high school:** All District First Team Punter and Special Teams; Academic All District Football; Invited to play in the District 7-1A Six Man Division II 2007 All-Star Game; Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Area Qualifier – Pole Vault  
**Future Plans:** Attend college at ENMU and study criminal justice. Future plans is becoming a police officer.  
**Interests/Hobbies outside of school and work:** Play basketball and go out and have fun.  
**Strongest Personality quality to bring to a job or other challenge:** My sense of humor.  
**Weakest quality that you plan to improve upon in the future? What is your plan?** My height – I'm short. I can't reach things on the top shelf. Hopefully, my daughter will be taller than me so she can help me reach things.



**Bryce Haney**

**Class Vice President**

**Activities/Organizations involved in during high school:** Football, basketball, golf, tennis, track, powerlifting, One Act Play, FCCLA, FFA, Robotics  
**Awards/Recognitions received in high school:** District and Area Champion – Pole Vault, Regional Qualifier Pole Vault, Football Defensive MVP  
**Future Plans:** Plan to attend college at WTAMU.  
**Interests/Hobbies outside of school and work:** Working on old cars, racing dirt bikes, hanging out with friends.  
**Strongest Personality quality to bring to a job or other challenge:** My confidence in everything I do.  
**Weakest quality that you plan to improve upon in the future? What is your plan?** Sometimes being laid back. Some people think that I don't care, but that is not the case. My plan is to become more outgoing, and not hold everything to myself.



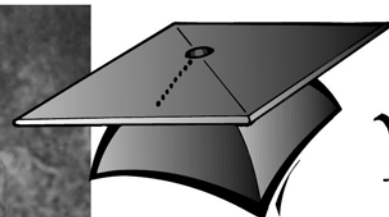
**Addie Treider - Valedictorian**

**Activities/Organizations involved in during high school:** Robotics, One Act Play, UIL, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Voice of Democracy Essay Contest, Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest, Soccer  
**Awards/Recognitions received in high school:** Principal's A/B Honor Roll (Grades 9-12), Outstanding Student Award – Science (Grades 9-11), Outstanding Student Award – Mathematics (Grade 11); Invitational UIL Science – 5<sup>th</sup> place (Grade 11); Voice of Democracy Essay – 1<sup>st</sup> place; National Mathematics Award, One Act Play All-Star Cast  
**Future Plans:** Plan to go to college at West Texas A&M – field of study in the Japanese language and science.  
**Interests/Hobbies outside of work and school:** Music, foreign languages (specifically Japanese), drawing, science, and animals  
**Strongest Personality quality to bring to a job or other challenge:** Determination to get the job done on time and correctly.  
**Weakest quality that you plan to improve upon in the future? What is your plan?** Tend to do things at the last minute. My plan is to start working on projects ahead of time.



**Stephanie Williams**  
**Class Secretary**

**Activities/Organizations involved in during high school:** FCCLA, NHS, FFA, One Act Play  
**Awards/Recognitions received in high school:** National Honor Society; Tri-State Fair Best of Show Quick Bread – 1<sup>st</sup> Place;  
**Future Plans:** Plan to attend college at Frank Phillips and degree in Ag Business.  
**Interests/Hobbies outside of school and work:** Working with animals, team roping, and hanging out with my friends and family.  
**Strongest Personality quality to bring to a job or other challenge:** Can talk to people and listen as well to what they are saying. Like helping people.  
**Weakest quality that you plan to improve upon in the future? What is your plan?** Not being able to say no to people when asked. Learn to say no when I do not have the time to help.



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# Sudan High School



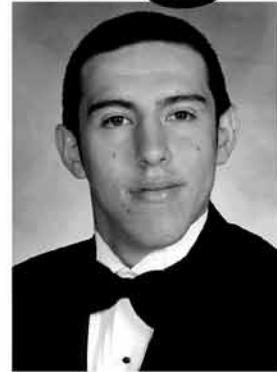
**Jose R. Agundiz**  
Son of Ramiro & Gloria Agundiz. Plans to attend Austin College in Sherman and major in Chemistry, then transfer to get a degree in chemical engineering.  
Favorite subjects: Band and chemistry  
HS honors: All-State Honor Band, Area Band, All-Region Honor Band, All-Region Band, TSA State, State FCCLA  
Organizations: Band, Spanish Club, Family Career and Community Leader of America, TSA, UIL, Cross Country, Track, Tennis



**Karla Alcaraz**  
Daughter of Rosendo & Socorro Alcaraz. Plans to attend So. Plains College and study Radiological Technology.  
Favorite subjects: Pre-cal. and English  
HS honors: State TSA, All-Region Band, Marching Band State, AB Honor Roll, Regionals in Track  
Organizations: National Honor Society, Spanish Club, TSA, UIL, Journalism, Band, Track



**Donovan Castillo**  
Son of Carlos & Patricia Castillo. Plans to go to college and "let the rest fall into place."  
Favorite subjects: Journalism, woodworking and economics  
HS honors: AB Honor Roll, TSA State, State Band  
Organizations: TSA, Journalism, Spanish Club, Football, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Powerlifting, Band



**Cecil Chavez**  
Son of Cecil & Fernanda Chavez. Plans to attend WTAMU and major in Mechanical Engineering.  
Favorite subjects: AP Cal., government and economics, art, woodworking, AP Chemistry  
HS honors: District UIL Number Sense winner, District UIL Science Team, Regional UIL Science Team, District UIL Number Sense qualifier, District UIL Science Overall & Chemistry Award, Regional qualifier Chemistry  
Organizations: Spanish Club, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, Track, UIL, Journalism



**Janie Davila**  
Daughter of Cesario & Yolanda Rodriguez. Plans to go to attend So. Plains College, start her life and career and later, begin a family.  
Favorite subjects: English  
Organizations: Spanish Club, FCCLA, Journalism, Theatre, One Act Play



**Larry Martin Dial**  
Son of Larry & Patricia Dial. Plans to enlist for 4 years in the Army and then attend college at UT Austin.  
Favorite subjects: Autotech, computer technology  
HS honors: District SKILLS USA, State SKILLS USA, District and Area One Act Play qualifier, Second Team Offensive & Defensive Lineman  
Organizations: SKILLS USA, Student Council, Theatre, UIL, Spanish Club



**Adrian Gonzales**  
Son of Barbara Gonzales. Plans to finish job training for the Army Reserves and then attend college at So. Plains to major in Communications.  
Favorite subjects: Athletics and Auto. Tech.  
HS honors: State Auto. Tech. contest winner in 2007  
Organizations: Football, Powerlifting, Cross Country, Track, STUCO, VICA, FCCLA



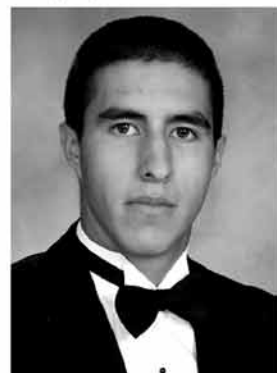
**Ryan Harper**  
Son of Greg & Ginger Harper. Plans to attend SPC and major in welding technology.  
Favorite subjects: Athletics  
HS honors: Littlefield and San Angelo Stock Shows and South Plains Fair winner (grand), Defensive MVP, State Land Judging, District Champion in Basketball, Football Champion, Area Champion in B-Ball  
Organizations: FFA, Football, B-ball, Golf, Track, One Act Play, Spanish Club



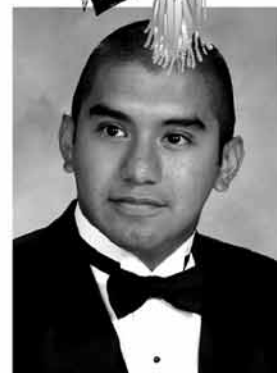
**Jazmin Mojica**  
Daughter of Eugenio & Silvia Mojica. Plans to attend SPC for 2 years, then transfer to Uni. of Miami, majoring in Electrical Engineering.  
Favorite subjects: Pre-Calculus, economics and band  
HS honors: All-Region Band, State in Debate, State in Ready Writing, Regional in Editorial, Homecoming Queen candidate, voted friendliest, State Marching, State Ensemble  
Organizations: FTA - president, Spanish Club - president, TSA, NHS - vice pres., FCCLA - vice pres. and correspondence, Track, Tennis, Cross Country, Debate, UIL, Cheerleading



**Persilla Marie Montes**  
Daughter of Roy & Mary Montes. Plans to attend Midwestern State and major in Education & Family Consumer Science.  
Favorite subjects: Band  
HS honors: National Honor Society, AB Honor Roll, State Marching Band  
Organizations: FCCLA president, FTA vice president, NHS, STUCO parliamentarian, Spanish Club, Band, Flag Corp. Tennis, UIL Spelling



**Matthew Montoya**  
Son of Linda Montoya. Plans to attend college at SPC and continue in the Army Reserves.  
Favorite subjects: Architectural Graphics, art, English and financing  
HS honors: Track, basketball, football, cross country, AB Honor Roll, art  
Organizations: Spanish Club, TSA and Architectural Graphics



**Michael Moron**  
Son of Imelda & Lupe Moron. Plans to go to college to become a physical therapist.  
Favorite subjects: Athletics, band and science  
HS honors: State Marching, Sweepstakes, State Ensemble, District Champions Football, Track Regionals and AB Honor Roll  
Organizations: Band, Football, Track, Powerlifting and Student Council

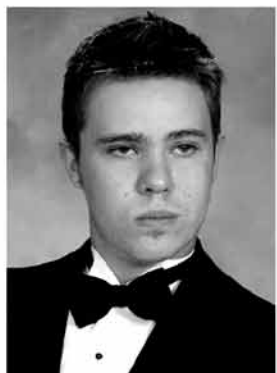


**William Perez**  
Son of Jorge & Carmen Perez. Plans to attend SPC, major in Biology, and get a teaching certificate.  
Favorite subjects: Biology, chemistry, social studies and wood-working  
HS honors: NHS, State Band, Basketball District Champions, AB Honor Roll, numerous teacher's awards  
Organizations: Band, NHS, Spanish Club, TSA, UIL and Athletics



**Kurt Pierce**  
Plans to attend So. Plains College and major in Computer Information Systems.  
HS honors: State Marching Band  
Organizations: Band, One Act Play and Spanish Club

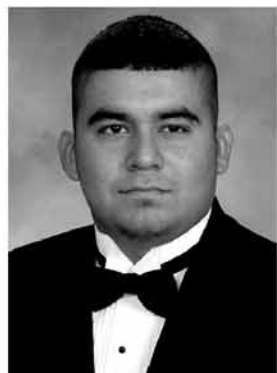
Good luck & best wishes for future success!



**Jordan Richards**  
Son of Scott & Nicole Richards. Plans to attend So. Plains College and major in music.  
Favorite subjects: English, auto mechanics and art  
Organizations: FCCLA, VICA, UIL Ready Writing, Feature Writing, Football, Track and Spanish Club.



**D.J. Robertson**  
Son of Darwin & Mary Ellen Robertson. Plans to attend So. Plains College and Texas Tech and major in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance.  
Favorite subjects: Math  
HS honors: Basketball District & Bi-District Champions, Whittarral Basketball Tourney MVP, All-Star Cast One Act Play, District Champion Golfer, State Land Judging FFA, Metal Fabrication winner in San Angelo, Junior Class Pres., Senior Class Vice Pres., FFA Pres., Grand Champ pig & Showmanship Award (Bailey Co.), Senior Showmanship (Lamb Co.)  
Organizations: Football, Basketball, Golf, Junior PGA, Track, FFA, One Act Play, 4-H, Spanish Club, FCCLA, Livestock Show participant at county, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston) and UIL



**JR Rodriguez**  
Son of Ramon & Martha Rodriguez. Plans to attend So. Plains College and major in Diesel Mechanics.  
Favorite subjects: Automotive Tech.  
HS honors: District & State Champion in Auto. Tech competition (2 years in a row), Second Team Offensive Lineman  
Organizations: Skills USA (Auto. Tech.), TSA, FFA



**Efrain Roman**  
Son of Rosa & Ubaldito Roman. Plans to go to college.  
Favorite subjects: Auto. Tech and football  
HS honors: Football, Powerlifting, Track, FCCLA, Woodworking, Student Council and Auto. Tech  
Organizations: Football (DT), Powerlifting, Track (shot put and discus), Woodworking, FCCLA, Student Council and Auto. Tech



**Lydia Maréen Seeling**  
Daughter of Martin & Gudrun Seeling. Plans to attend college to major in Music.  
Favorite subjects: Economics/government  
Organizations: Band, One Act Play, UIL, Cross Country, Track and Golf



**Montana Steinbock**  
Daughter of Charleson & Belinda Steinbock. Plans to attend Texas State Uni. while cheerleading and graduate with a masters in Accounting.  
Favorite subjects: Accounting, athletics and calculus  
HS honors: 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, high jump and pole vault district champion, District Basketball, Area & Regional Champions in Basketball, Homecoming Queen, Cross Country Regional qualifier, UCA and NCA All-Star cheerleader  
Organizations: Student Council, National Honor Society, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Cheerleading and Spanish Club



**Amber Synatschk**  
Daughter of James & Jana Synatschk. Plans to attend WTAMU and major in counseling.  
Favorite subjects: Journalism/yearbook, theatre and college trigonometry  
HS honors: All-State Marching Band, State Solo & Ensemble winner, One Act Play, District All-Star Cast, 4-H, Record Book State winner, Gold Star, I Dare You Award, Champion Black OPB Barrow at Ft. Worth, Champion Limousin Steer at San Antonio, Champion Brangus Steer at Houston, Res. Grand Steer at Austin.  
Organizations: Band, Student Council, Athletics, Journalism/yearbook, National Honor Society, FTA, Spanish Club, 4-H, People To People Student Ambassador to United Kingdom

**Sudan Class of 2007:**

**Class colors:**  
Black and Silver

**Class flower:**  
White Rose

**Class motto:**  
"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

**Class Song:**  
Small Town Kid  
by Eli Young Band



**Crystal Valenzuela**  
Daughter of Leticia & Baudilio Valenzuela. Plans to start college this fall at So. Plains, and then start her career.  
Favorite subjects: Band  
HS honors: Band, FCCLA, FTA, Spanish Club, Track, Tennis and Theatre



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## Class of 2007

# Springlake-Earth High School



**Victoria Conner**  
Daughter of Gaylon & Rhonda Conner of Springlake. Plans to attend SPC and get a degree in Counseling. Favorite subjects: English III and IV. HS honors: Keyboarding Award. Organizations: UIL and One Act Play



**SALUTATORIAN**  
**Laurie Davis**  
Daughter of Delbert & Rosie Davis. Plans to attend Texas Tech and major in English. Favorite subjects: English, Computer Applications, Regional qualifier - UIL Literary Criticism, MVP Cross Country. Organizations: Basketball, Track, Cross Country, National Honor Society, Class President



**Tanner Dear**  
Son of Jan & Larry Dear. Plans to attend SPC and get a degree in Computer Science. Favorite subjects: Web Mastering and Physics. HS honors: Grand & Res. Grand Champion steers at the Earth Livestock Show. Organizations: FTA



**Justin Ray Gallegos**  
Son of Johnny & Mary Gallegos. Plans to attend Eastern New Mexico Uni. and then become a police officer. Favorite subjects: WPA and Speech. HS honors: Second Team Line-man and Football King. Organizations: Band, Football and Basketball



**Haleigh Glasscock**  
Daughter of Hoyt & Carrie Glasscock. Plans to attend SPC then receive a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in Exercise & Sports Medicine. Favorite subjects: Aide for 2nd & 3rd grade P.E., Spanish III. HS honors: Basketball All-District, Newcomer of the Year Award, Basketball State runner-up, Bi-District champs, Golf Regional qualifier, Golf District champs, Track Area qualifier, Track District champs, Team Captain - Basketball, FFA Vice Pres., Lion's Club Queen and Princess. Organizations: FFA, Basketball, Track, Golf, Cross Country, Livestock Show participant (market barrows)



**Jayme Howard**  
Daughter of Ted & Tammy Barnhill. Plans to attend SPC and major in Pre-Physical Therapy then transfer to Midwestern State Uni. to get a masters degree. Favorite subjects: English IV & BCIS. HS honors: Varsity Cheerleader, Var. Cross Country, Var. Basketball, Var. Track and Golf. Organizations: Student Council, FFA and Livestock Show participant (pigs)

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**Abby Killion**  
No information available.



**Andrew Lancaster**  
Son of Stan & Debbie Lancaster. Plans to attend Texas Tech and graduate with a bachelor's in Computer Engineering. Favorite subjects: Calculus AP, Ag and sports. HS honors: S-E Fighting Heart Award, Texas FFA Lone Star Degree, Aggie of the Year Award, Cross Country MVP (2 years), Academic All State Second Team Football, All-District Honorable Mention Kicker, First Team Tightend, Second Team Kicker, Second Team Defensive Back, Academic All District Basketball, Track MVP, Basketball Defensive MVP, Basketball King 2007, Pre-AP English II, Biology, Chemistry, U.S. History Awards, FFA Barrow Feeder of the Year Award. Organizations: Cross Country, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Track, Golf, FFA, Student Council, Class Officer all four years and NHS Vice Pres.



**Orlando Longoria**  
Son of Tony Sr. & Josie Longoria. Plans to attend SPC to become a Diesel Mechanic. Favorite subjects: Two-hour Ag HS honors: Honorable Mention Defensive End, Pole Vault District champ, Regional qualifier 400M Dash and Mile Relay, Area qualifier Pole Vault, 400M Dash, 800M Run, 200M Dash, and Area qualifier 400M Dash. Organizations: 4-H and FFA



**Meagan Lowe**  
Daughter of Mitch & Shelby Lowe. Plans to attend Midwestern State Uni. and major in Nursing. Favorite subjects: English and BCIS. HS honors: Student Council serving as Rep., Executive Member, Parliamentarian and Sr. Rep., Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Tennis, FFA member, Newsletter Officer for Teen Driving Coalition (TCADD), Multi-Media Award and voted Most Beautiful



**Haley Lunsford**  
Daughter of Jerry & Tania Lunsford. Plans to attend WTAMU and major in Elementary Education. Favorite subjects: Algebra and First Grade Aide. HS honors: NHS, 2nd place Calculator Team at District, Showmanship Award at county livestock show. Organizations: Lamb Co. 4-H, UIL Calculator, NHS and JV Basketball



**VALEDICTORIAN**  
**James Logan McCurry**  
Son of Jimmy & Betty McCurry. Plans to attend Texas A&M Uni. to study Chemistry, then join the U.S. Air Force. Favorite subjects: Calculator and Chemistry. HS honors: First team All-District Running Back and Linebacker, First Team All-District Defensive Back, First Team Academic All-State Football Team, UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest State qualifier, State lone Star FFA Degree recipient, UIL Mathematics Regional qualifier. Organizations: Football, Track, FFA, Nation Honor Society



**Robert Saenz**  
Son of Robert & Nora Saenz. Plans to attend Eastern New Mexico Uni. and then become a UFC Fighter. Favorite subjects: Math, FCCLA, Band, Football, Track and Powerlifting



**Kristi Miller**  
Daughter of Jerry & Arlene Miller. Plans to attend AIM. Favorite subjects: Independent Study. HS honors: Algebra II Award, Pre-Calculus Award, Health Award, Academic All-District, Football Queen, Most Courteous, Student Council President, FCCLA Community Service Coordinator, Honor Society Pres., Class Vice Pres., FCCLA State qualifier, Number Sense State qualifier 3rd Place, English II Award. Organizations: Student Council, FCCLA, Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Tennis, One Act Play, GT, Honor Society, Cheerleading and UIL



**Vanessa Monreal**  
Daughter of Rudy & Rosemary Monreal. Plans to attend SPC. Favorite subjects: English and Yearbook. HS honors: Perfect Attendance, AB Honor Roll, Reading Award, Distance Champs, showed Res. Breed Champion in stock show. Organizations: 4-H, Yearbook, Band and Sports



**Nicole Nieto**  
Daughter of Max & Margarita Nieto. Plans to become an RN nurse. Favorite subjects: English and Algebra II. Organizations: FCCLA



**Klarissa Renea Olvera**  
Daughter of Irma & Jessie Olvera. Plans to attend SPC, then transfer to International Business College in Lubbock. Favorite subjects: All classes, especially Web Mastering. HS honors: S-E Band Leadership Award, Homecoming Spirit Queen, All-American Mascot, Food Science & Technology Award, Web Mastering Award, Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award, Mascot Award, Beyond Award, Senior Homecoming Court, Sr. Class Best Dressed, Class Best Personality, Senior Class Wiltiest. Organizations: Student Council, FCCLA, One Act Play, UIL Accounting, HS Band Drum Major, Band Pres., Dist. V Student Council Executive Board member, Student Council committees - member of DASH (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety & Health), member of TEFD (Energy & Environment), Chairman of Community Service, Chairman of Teacher Appreciation, Chairman of OSC (Outstanding Student Council), HS Boys Basketball statistician, member school of TCADD (Texas Coalition Against Destructive Driving) TCADD Underage Driving Committee member



**Erica Proctor**  
Daughter of Duncan & Leann Proctor. Plans to attend WTAMU to study Pre-veterinarian classes. Favorite subjects: English, Physics and Calculus. HS honors: 2nd Place Calculator Team, LD Debate Regional qualifier, Drum Major, Band Vice Pres., Student Council Jr. Rep. & Vice Pres., TEED Chairman, 3rd Place UIL Math Team. Organizations: Band, Student Council, FFA, Cheerleading, UIL, showed pigs at various livestock shows



**Judith Reyes**  
Daughter of Aureliano & Hortencia Gonzalez. Plans to attend SPC to become a lawyer. Favorite subjects: English, Economics and Algebra II. HS honors: Chemistry, English II and Child Development. Organizations: Leadership



**Olga Rodriguez**  
Daughter of Julian & Olga Rodriguez. Plans to attend SPC and get a degree in Respiratory Therapy. Favorite subjects: Web Mastering and Geometry. HS honors: Child Development Award. Organizations: S-E Band, FCCLA and Community Service Coordinator



**Dustin Washington**  
Son of Mary, Walter & Rosie Washington. Plans to attend ACC in Austin and then transfer to UT to become a Music Producer. Favorite subjects: English. Organizations: Football



**Deborah Tovar**  
No information available.



**Julie Salcido**  
Daughter of Rosa & Loren Salcido. Plans to get married, have a baby girl and then become a Surgical Technician. Favorite subjects: English, Speech and Yearbook. HS honors: Perfect Attendance, Who's Who-Creative Writing, AB Honor Roll, 4th Place Showmanship San Antonio Ag Mechanics Show, 3rd Place Showmanship Houston Ag Mechanics Show. Organizations: FFA, FCCLA, Sports, Yearbook and Band



**Jesus A. Trevizo**  
Son of Lorenzo Trevizo of Earth and Maria L. of Plainview. Plans to get a degree in Criminal Justice, then work on becoming a lawyer. Favorite subjects: Social Studies. HS honors: Multi-Media and Powerlifting. Organizations: FFA

*Springlake-Earth Class of 2007:  
Class colors: Navy Blue and Silver  
Class flower: Multi-colored Gerber Daisy  
Class motto: "We've walked so far together,  
we've grown so very close, but yesterday became  
today and we are on the verge of tomorrow when  
we must go alone to find the dreams we all  
dreamed of together."  
Class Song: Whenever You Remember  
by Carrie Underwood*

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*Good luck & best wishes  
for future success!*





## 'Stargazing party' set for May 19

Area residents are invited to a Nighttime Stargazing Party at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, May 19.

View the beautiful West Texas night sky with the naked eye and through binoculars and large telescopes, with the assistance of members of the Lubbock Astronomy Club and other trained amateur astronomer volunteers.

The event — which is being sponsored by the Bailey County Historical Commission, Cochran

County Historical Commission, Texas' Last Frontier Museum of Morton, Muleshoe Heritage Center, Hockley County Historical Commission, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge — will be held at Paul's Lake on the east side of Highway 214 at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

4: p.m. — Early arrival for solar viewing

5:30 p.m. — Arrival and set-up for night viewing

6:30 p.m. — chuckwagon supper

Twilight — Star talk  
Dark — Night viewing (2-3 hrs)

Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably and to bring flashlights and folding chairs. The price of the tickets which covers the chuckwagon supper and costs of transporting and setting up the viewing equipment is \$25.

For additional information or tickets contact Pat Clayton at (806)266-5038, or Dorothy Barker, Chair of Commission, at (806)266-5484.

## Allison graduates from ISU

Wyndi Allison of Spokane Wash., formerly of Muleshoe, the daughter of Nancy and Jim Allison, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a minor in Spanish from Iowa State University on May 4.

She is the granddaughter of Jean and the late Harold Allison of Muleshoe, and Ruth Webster of Denton, and the late Dan Webster.

She will be continuing her education by pursuing a doctorate in psychology at ISU.



WYNDI ALLISON

## Karah Gilbert signs with Wayland Baptist University

Karah Gilbert, a Canyon Lady Eagle Basketball player signed a scholarship letter on May 8.

Karah signed to play her college basketball at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She has been described as an integral part of the State Championship won by the Lady Eagles this year.

She was approached by the coach of Wayland University after winning the MVP of the Golden Spread All-stars Game last month in Canyon.

Karah is the daughter of Gaynelle and Denny Babcock of Canyon and the granddaughter of Joy Williams and the late Johnnie Williams of Muleshoe.



KARAH GILBERT

## Sudan Farmers Co-op celebrates another record setting year

By Joe Gonzales

Make that three straight record years for the Sudan Farmers Co-op.

This year, dividend checks totaling \$3,810,909.34 were handed out to the stockholders at the annual meeting Thursday, April, 27 at the Sudan High School Cafeteria.

Since 1993, the Sudan Farmers Co-op has paid \$21,847,064.63 to stockholders in cash dividends.

The bale count this year was a record high 95,978, up 1,205 from last year's 94,773.

"For customers, patronage dividends remain one of the most tangible measures of our success," said Farmers Co-op Sudan General Manager Dennis Flowers.

A meal of brisket and fish was served at the meeting.

Retiring Board member Jim Newman was presented with an engraved clock for his 18-years of service to the Sudan Co-op.

After the dinner, Co-op Board President Edward Fisher conducted the business meeting and introduced the guests.

Randy Field of Randall Field Certified

Public Accountants took the podium and presented the guests with the annual audit report. Field advised the stockholders that the Co-op had another record-setting year in profits, totaling \$5,081,212, which broke last years record of \$3,314,094.

"In 2006, we continued to build our history of consistent financial performance. The strong showing allowed the Co-op to give \$3,810,909.34 million in patronage and stock retirements to customer-owners for another record high year," said Flowers.

Board member Brent Nelson then called for nominations for the election of board members.

The members whose terms were expiring were: James Synatschk, Edward Fisher and retiree Jim Newman.

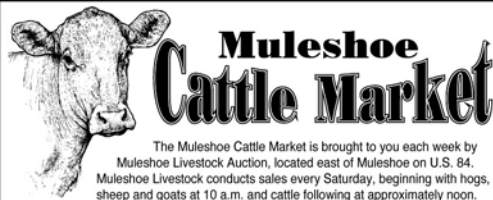
Fisher and Synatschk were re-elected and Bryan Baker was elected to the board.

The Sudan Farmers Co-op was established in 1935, and has about 347 stockholders.

The meeting was adjourned with door prizes and the distribution of the dividend checks.

## Don't forget your photographs...

The Muleshoe Journal publishes a large number of photographs — from wedding announcements to obituaries — along with related news stories. Sadly, many of these important photographs are never picked up from the news office. If you would like to retrieve a photograph that you've left with the newspaper, stop by during normal office hours.



## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., MAY 12, 2007

1142 head of cattle, 171 hogs and 535 sheep and goats for a total of 1,848 livestock sold at the May 12 sale. Market steady to a dollar higher on stocker-feeder cattle compared to last week. Pairs and bred cows fully steady. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 dollars higher.

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| Seller, City                 | #  | Type           | Wt.       | CWT or PH   |
|------------------------------|----|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 2  | Red bull       | 230 lbs.  | at \$166.00 |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 3  | Red bulls      | 205 lbs.  | at \$380.00 |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 2  | Blk. bull cifs | 160 lbs.  | at \$340.00 |
| John Teichroeb, Seminole     | 4  | Blk. str.      | 291 lbs.  | at \$151.00 |
| John Teichroeb, Seminole     | 5  | Char. str.     | 327 lbs.  | at \$136.50 |
| John Teichroeb, Seminole     | 12 | Blk. str.      | 637 lbs.  | at \$118.50 |
| John Teichroeb, Seminole     | 13 | Mxd. str.      | 725 lbs.  | at \$109.50 |
| Randy Hall, Morton           | 3  | Yell. bulls    | 477 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| Jack Tarver, Portales        | 3  | Mxd. str.      | 520 lbs.  | at \$126.00 |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 13 | Mxd. str.      | 552 lbs.  | at \$126.00 |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 45 | Mxd. str.      | 617 lbs.  | at \$120.00 |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 36 | Mxd. str.      | 567 lbs.  | at \$122.75 |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 53 | Mxd. str.      | 655 lbs.  | at \$117.00 |
| Orbie Luman, Milnesand       | 3  | Red str.       | 637 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| Larry Jesko, Muleshoe        | 10 | Red str.       | 641 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| J-Merge Inc., Earth          | 14 | Blk. str.      | 622 lbs.  | at \$114.00 |
| J-Merge Inc., Earth          | 14 | Blk. str.      | 721 lbs.  | at \$108.50 |
| Kelly Cure, Olton            | 2  | Char. bulls    | 668 lbs.  | at \$96.00  |
| Prairie View Dairy, Muleshoe | 17 | Blk. str.      | 981 lbs.  | at \$93.25  |
| Ben Dora Dairy, Amherst      | 10 | Hol. str.      | 836 lbs.  | at \$74.25  |
| Ben Dora Dairy, Amherst      | 3  | Swiss str.     | 902 lbs.  | at \$81.50  |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 2  | Red hfrs       | 210 lbs.  | at \$340.00 |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 4  | Blk. hfrs      | 335 lbs.  | at \$140.00 |
| Backus Cattle, Muleshoe      | 1  | Yell. hfr      | 335 lbs.  | at \$132.00 |
| Carreoli Cook, Friona        | 1  | Red hfr        | 340 lbs.  | at \$137.00 |
| John Teichroeb, Seminole     | 8  | Mxd. hfrs      | 432 lbs.  | at \$121.00 |
| Eliseo Castaneda, Bovina     | 1  | BWF hfr        | 515 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 10 | BWF hfrs       | 527 lbs.  | at \$112.50 |
| J-Merge, Inc., Earth         | 17 | Blk. hfrs      | 669 lbs.  | at \$101.00 |
| J-Merge, Inc., Earth         | 19 | Blk. hfrs      | 780 lbs.  | at \$94.50  |
| J-Merge, Inc., Earth         | 1  | Red pair       |           | \$900.00    |
| Rick Wall, Seminole          | 3  | Char. pair     |           | \$1270.00   |
| TTW Cattle, Littlefield      | 1  | Blk. pair      |           | \$950.00    |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 5  | Mxd. pairs     |           | \$940.00    |
| John Hall, Seminole          | 1  | Blk. cow P7    |           | \$775.00    |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 8  | Blk. cows P8   |           | \$785.00    |
| NM Ranch, NM                 | 8  | Blk. cows P7   |           | \$725.00    |
| 4B Lustk, Muleshoe           | 1  | Blk. cow       | 1540 lbs. | at \$59.00  |
| 4B Lustk, Muleshoe           | 1  | Blk. cow       | 1340 lbs. | at \$59.50  |
| CV Farms, Inc., Maple        | 1  | Blk. cow       | 1185 lbs. | at \$58.00  |
| Alkali Cattle, Muleshoe      | 1  | Red cow        | 1740 lbs. | at \$56.75  |
| Jordan Busby, Springlake     | 1  | Yell. cow      | 1380 lbs. | at \$55.25  |
| Elmo Sorrels, Tulia          | 1  | YWF cow        | 1110 lbs. | at \$55.00  |
| Frank Banman, Seminole       | 1  | Blk. cow       | 1180 lbs. | at \$54.25  |
| Frank Banman, Seminole       | 1  | Blk. bull      | 1730 lbs. | at \$70.00  |



2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS — The Sudan Farmers Co-op Board of Directors were recognized Thursday night after the cooperative's annual stockholder's meeting. The board consists of: (from left to right) Greg Harper, Board President Edward Fisher, Bryan Baker, Board Secretary Brent Nelson, James Synatschk, Haldon Messamore, Board Vice President Bobby Carson and Gin General Manager Dennis Flowers. (Lamb Co. Leader News photo)



18 YEARS OF SERVICE — Retiring Sudan Farmers Co-op Board Member Jim Newman was presented with an engraved clock April 27 at the Sudan Farmers Co-op Stockholders Meeting. He and his wife, Geneva Newman are lifelong Sudan residents. (Photo by Joe Gonzales)

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• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$145,000!!

**LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA**  
• 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H (elec. heat pump), built-ins, auto. opener, 3 fans, 60' x 100' area, 10' x 10' lot!! \$67.5K!!

• 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, hdwood, carpet, & tile, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$44,500!!

**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**  
• VERY NICE 4-2 Home, approx. 2310' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fans, nice carpet & vinyl, large utility/storage, auto sprinkler, fenced yard, stor. bldg!! \$119,500!!

• VERY NICE 3-1 1/2-1 Brick Home, Cent. A&H (elec. heat pump), stove, dishwasher, 6 fans, auto. opener, fenced yd., workshop/storage!! \$65K!!

• NICELY REMODELED 2-1-2 carport, new electrical, plumbing, fixtures, cabinets, texture & paint, Cent. A&H (elec. heat pump), new shingles & storm windows, workshop/storage!! \$47,500!!

**COMMERCIAL**  
• VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - MAY BE SOLD SEPARATE!! Priced to sell!!

• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! \$400K

• OASIS ICE CREAM-NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, \$42K.

• 40' x 75' METAL BLDG. w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!! \$85K!!

• 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building + approx. 1440' storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!

• 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. + 1080' 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 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!!

**RURAL**  
• SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!

• 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!!

• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central 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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## REAL ESTATE

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**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 (town) Valley with 750 gpm package and 550 gpm package. Call for details.

**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.

**623 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX** - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Great opportunity!

**311 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX** - An established business that carries everything for your farm animal needs. Currently, this business carries hay, Hi-Pro feed for large and small animals and a wide variety of animal care essentials. It is located in an area surrounded by feed yards, dairies and farmsteads.

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**Report of the Annual Membership Meeting of the  
Farmers Cooperative Association  
Sudan, Texas**

**Held April 26, 2007**

**Total Cash Dividend Paid:  
\$3,810,909.35**

**Which included:**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cash Patronage Dividend ....</b> | <b>\$2,967,070.93</b> |
| <b>Cash Equity Retirement .....</b> | <b>\$843,838.42</b>   |
|                                     | <b>\$3,810,909.35</b> |

**Bales Ginned: 95,978**

**General Manager: Dennis Flowers  
Manager: Larry Baker**

**Directors:**

**President: Edward Fisher (re-elected)      Vice President: Bobby Carson  
Secretary: Brent Nelson**

**Haldon Messamore  
Greg Harper**

**Bryan Baker (newly elected)  
James Synatschk (re-elected)**

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