



Ring presentation  
(Part 2)...  
Page 14



National FFA  
Week...  
Page 12



New fish problem  
for TDPW...  
Page 2

# Muleshoe Journal



Striving to be your source for local news

50¢

Volume 90, No. 10

www.muleshoejournal.com

Muleshoe, Texas

February 26, 2009

## School board tours construction sites

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe school board toured the construction sites at DeShazo Elementary and Muleshoe High School Monday, checking out the recent work including the initial steel work that will span the new gymnasium's roof at the high school.

One of the major concerns at DeShazo was the color combination for the exterior bricks, which according to some of the MISD officials on the tour appeared to be darker than ordered.

On a brighter note, however, was the report

that work on DeShazo should be nearly complete by May.

The staff and board members touring the site at the high school appeared pleased with the over-all work in progress,

**"Things are looking good..."**  
— Gene Sheets

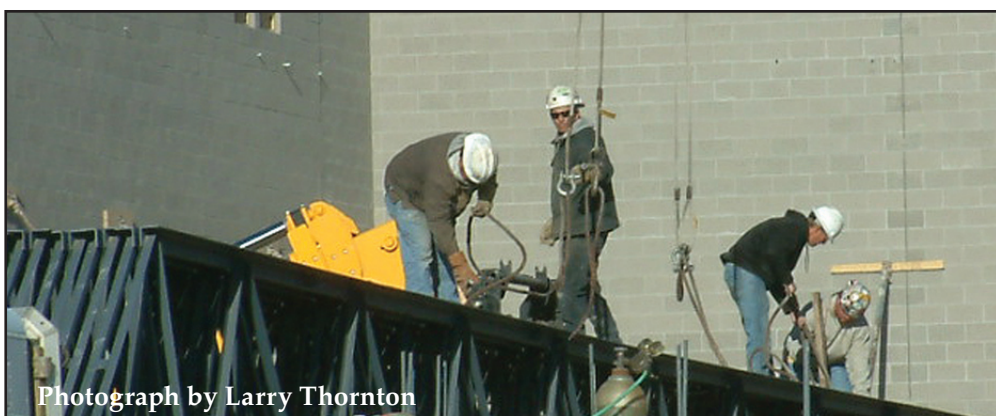
pausing occasionally to discuss a question or concern with Lee Lewis Construction personnel and Melanie Meixner of MWM Architects.

"Things are looking good," Superintendent

Gene Sheets said, "bricks are going up."

Among the administrative reports received upon the school board's return to its meeting room was a report concerning the Coordinated Review Effort audit that was recently conducted of the district's food services program, provided by Aramark under the supervision of Robin Thacker.

Assistant Superintendent Don Wood said the CRE audit, which is conducted every five years, was passed without a single mark against it, crediting the success to Thacker's



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Construction workers unload steel supports at the high school.

leadership and the training her staff have received.

"We had a perfect audit because of Robin," Wood said. "Robin and her staff have done an excellent job in getting us prepared."

Wood said success in such an exhaustive

inspection took months of preparation, beginning from the first days of school, suggesting it was something of which both the food services department and the entire school district should be proud.

Board president David Tipps, and member

Thurman Myers praised Thacker for the program's success during her seven years as the district's supervisor, and her active participation in other programs in the district.

"You've done a great job," Sheets added. "We

Continued on page 3

## Liquor petition has enough signatures

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The petition to place the liquor sales issue on the May ballot for Muleshoe voters has passed another obstacle, according to Bailey County Tax Assessor and Collector Melba Clark.

Upon receipt of

the petition, it was the responsibility of the tax assessor's office to verify the signatures on the petition before sending it on to the Bailey County Commissioners' Court, where it will be ordered placed on the upcoming ballot.

According to Clark, the initial petition contained

466 signatures, of which 367 were determined to be valid.

Clark said the majority of signatures that were disallowed were from individuals who didn't reside within the Muleshoe city limits.

Although the liquor sales election held in November was conducted

county-wide, this most recent effort is restricted to the Muleshoe voters. State law prohibited a second "county-wide" ballot until a year had passed from the previous vote.

The issue is set to appear on the commissioners' court's March agenda.

## Chamber banquet has football theme

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The 59th annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be featuring a football theme this year, no surprise in a community that recently gathered to honor its varsity football team's

gridiron championship.

But this year's event steps off the high school field with the announcement that Ruffin McNeill, the defensive coordinator for the Texas Tech Red Raiders will be the featured speaker.

As has become customary at Muleshoe's chamber banquet, a steak and shrimp feast will be served at the Saturday, March 28, event at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Other activities will include the announcement of the winners of the 2008 chamber awards.

Nomination ballots are currently being collected by chamber officials to determine the recipients of this year's awards.

The 2007 award winners included Farm Family — Brian and Tiffany Boehning; Man — Todd Newberry; Woman — Pat Angeley; Employee — Ginger Richie; and Business — Leo's Blacksmith and Machine Shop.

## Rockin' away...

Muleshoe choir students were kept busy last week delivering belated musical valentines to individuals and business. Pictured on the right, a group of singers stopped by the *Muleshoe Journal* to serenade its staff. The traveling troubadours included Brittany Crandall, Ton Alvarado, Xandra Ballenger, Samantha Campos and Robert Brewster.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

## NWS to recognize Muleshoe as a 'storm ready' community

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe is about to take a leap forward in storm preparedness with the pending announcement of it being a "Storm Ready" community, according to Police Chief Brian Frieda.

Representatives of the National Weather Service were in Muleshoe recently conducting the inspection necessary for the Bailey County

seat to be recognized for its extensive effort to keep local residents safe during hazardous weather.

According to the police chief, with the city and county sharing its emergency operation center, both entities will receive the special recognition.

"The weather service representatives said they were impressed with our level of investment," Frieda said.

Everything from the city's siren system, its ability to break into local cable channels to alert residents of approaching weather problems, to its tower-mounted camera were included in the NWS survey.

But, there is still work to be done, according to the police chief.

Volunteers interested in working along with city officials are always in

need, either through the Volunteers in Police Service program or through citizen emergency

response team training. According to Frieda, a class is being scheduled on April 15, 7:30 p.m., at the Muleshoe Fire

Department. Contact the police department for additional information.

While the effectiveness of weather radios have been "hit and miss" in the Muleshoe area, the police chief said steps are being taken to solve this problem.

Gov. Rick Perry has declared the week of Feb. 22-28 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the State of Texas. This is an annual safety campaign designed to promote

severe thunderstorm and tornado awareness and safety.

Along with serving as Muleshoe's police chief, Frieda is chairman of the South Plains Citizens Corps, which provides equipment and training to prepare communities to meet hazardous situations ranging from terrorist activities to dangerous weather conditions.

In a previous 2008

Continued on page 3



Carolyn's

Mon. thru Sat. 10-6 • Sun 1-6  
106 E. American Blvd. • 272-5911





# New fish problem arises for TDPW

The Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife apparently has a new problem on its hands, and it's a lot bigger problem than the poaching that was recently reported southwest of Muleshoe.

In fact, what makes this problem so big is because the perpetrators are so small.

And, it has come to my attention that the Lone Star State isn't alone in this particular problem. The states of New Hampshire, Washington, Massachusetts and most recently Florida are facing similar problems as well.

In case you haven't heard about it, the State of Texas is among the states that have outlawed fish pedicures. That's right...

## Vandevendor elected vice president of NTCA board

Sandy Vandevendor of Five Area Telephone Cooperative has been elected as vice president of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

The NTCA Board of Directors elected its 2009 officers at the organization's annual meeting in Long Beach, Calif.

Harry Thomas of Venture Communications Cooperative of Highmore, S.D., was elected board president, and Curley P. Huggins of Horry Telephone Cooperative in Conway, S.C., was elected secretary-treasurer.

The board also seated two new members, James M. Dauby of PSC in St. Meinrad, Ind., and Allen Russ of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation in Shallotte, N.C.

Dauby replaces outgoing board member and immediate past president, Chris A. Bonner of Pulaski-White Rural Telephone, Star City, Ind.

Russ was elected by NTCA's Region 1 voting members to replace outgoing member Dennis Wallace who recently retired from Tri-County Telephone Membership in Belhaven, N.C.

Joining the aforementioned members on the NTCA board are: Loren Duerksen of Diller Telephone Company, Diller, Neb.; Terry Force of Blue Valley Telecommunications, Home, Kansas; Gregory A. Hale of Logan Telephone



by Larry Thornton

it is no longer legal to have your toes tickled by tiny tuna, trout or talapia as you soak your poor, tired feet.

Granted, this action was apparently initiated by the cosmetology boards of the states in question, but we all know how bureaucracies work. When the Wright brothers took off at Kitty Hawk there wasn't even a man with a flashlight at the other end of the beach, now discussing an old World War II movie at the airport could lead

to a very uncomfortable afternoon, and a missed flight.

It shouldn't be long before the state's game wardens take action at lakes, water tanks and tidal pools everywhere.

If you've ever watched an old Amazon jungle movie, you always knew a time would come when someone would step into the piranha-infested water. If it was the heroine, you knew her scream would bring someone to pull her to safety, but if it was a luckless, and often obnoxious, member of the expedition his little mishap was sure to result in a boil of fish and water.

But here in Texas, the guppies don't even have to have teeth to get you in trouble.

Can't you see it? An innocent child of three or four steps into the shallows of a Texas lake, giggles at the cool sensation of water on a hot summer afternoon, and is suddenly surrounded by game wardens with guppy nets and ticket books. The question is... who gets the ticket?

Sure, in a beauty shop you can cite the person providing the service, or maybe the shop owner, but we're talking about a kid who suddenly found himself assaulted by a bunch of baby bluegill. Obviously, it's the fish that should receive the citation. But that being the case, do you cite the school, or the individual fish?

As for Bailey County, there probably won't be a lot of work for the guppy patrol, considering our general lack of surface water, but it does raise the issue of why the City of Muleshoe is really draining the pond in the new city park.

## Muleshoe chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is selling tickets for its annual banquet, set for Saturday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The tickets are \$35 per person, or \$250 for a table of eight, and are available from chamber board members or at the chamber office. Call 272-4258 for more information.

## Wilcox benefit supper set

A benefit steak supper and dessert auction has been set for Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Live entertainment will be provided.

The tickets are \$50 per couple. For additional information call 946-7363 or 946-9129.

## Baptist ensemble to perform

The Arlington Baptist Ensemble will be performing at Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe on March 1, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

2007 Muleshoe graduate James Coffman is a second-year member of the ensemble. The public is invited to attend the free concert.

## Championship T-shirts

Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces that the Championship shirt and cap orders are available for pickup at Muleshoe City Hall and Adrian Photography. Orders for each school campus have been distributed.

## Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program during 2009.

Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas at 804 W. American Blvd., or call 272-7537.

## Alzheimers support group to meet

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, March 12, at noon, in Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room. Contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at 272-7578 for additional information.

## Youth softball sign ups

Sign ups for girls fast pitch softball will be in the Watson Junior High gymnasium foyer on Feb. 26, March 10, March 12 and March 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Girls, ages 7-16 as of Dec. 31, 2008, are eligible to play. Contact Julie DeBruin at 806-946-6236 or Chris Kennemer at 806-786-0778 for additional information.

## Vasquez account set up

An account to assist the family of the late Hugo Vasquez of Muleshoe has been established at Muleshoe State Bank.

## AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.



Sandy Vandevendor Cooperative, Auburn, Ky.; Kevin Hranicka of Van Buren Telephone, Keosauqua, Iowa; Donald D. Miller of Northwest Telephone Cooperative Association, Havelock, Iowa; and William Rohde of Mark Twain Rural Telephone, Hurdland, Mo.

"NTCA is honored to have these outstanding professionals serve as officers on our board of directors," said Michael E. Brunner, NTCA chief executive officer "Each is dedicated to the rural telecom industry and to supporting the association in all its efforts, and I look forward to working with this distinguished group on behalf of our members."

## Lance Insurance

**Competitive Rates, Variety of Leading Companies  
For Home, Auto, Commercial and Crop**

# 806-227-2466

## Dr. J.W. Haltom

*Family Dentistry & Orthodontics*

For A Limited Time

# \$50 OFF

Crowns and Bridges

Erika Trotter, Amber Garcia, Jessica Haltom & J.W. Haltom

- Emergencies Seen Promptly
- Adults & Children Welcome
- Insurance Accepted
- Televisions & Head Phones In Treatment Rooms
- Patient Financing
- Relaxation Gas

# 806-385-6935

320 East 8th Street, Littlefield, Texas

The family of Hugo Vasquez, wishes to thank everyone for all your loving support given to our family. Above all, your prayers were very helpful during his illness and in facing the loss of Hugo- our husband, father, son, brother and uncle. Thank you for all the cards, visits, phone calls, food and floral arrangements. Thanks to the Muleshoe Community, your kind expressions of sympathy and love they are greatly appreciated. Words cannot express our thankfulness.

Yolanda, Victor, Samantha & Uriel Vasquez

Consuelo Vasquez, Mother

Margarita Gutierrez Family

Rosa Vasquez Family

Joe & Consuelo Facundo Family

Maria E. Reyes & Lupe Blanco Family

Juana Vasquez & Benigno Rodriguez Family

Francisco & Mary Vasquez Family

Isauro & Maria Vasquez Family

Israel & Lizette Vasquez Family

Marco & Angelica Vasquez Family

Alberto & Hope Vasquez Family

Joel & Rolando Vasquez Family

## Muleshoe Journal USPS 367820

Established Feb. 23, 1924 Published by Panhandle Weeklies, LLC.  
Every Thursday at 201 W. Ave. C, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347.  
Periodicals paid at Muleshoe, TX.

Postmaster: Send address changes to the Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

We are qualified members of the Panhandle Press Association, West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association

**Sandra Aven, Publisher**  
*saven@hearstnp.com*

**Larry Thornton, Managing Editor**  
*editor@muleshoejournal.com*

**Terry Brewster, Ad Representative**  
*adsales@muleshoejournal.com*

**Ad Design / Classified Advertising**  
*advertising@muleshoejournal.com*  
*classifieds@muleshoejournal.com*

**Subscriptions:**  
By Carrier Yearly — \$22  
Bailey County, by mail — \$24  
Elsewhere — \$35  
By E-mail — \$22

Advertising rate cards on request

© 2009

\*Advertisers should check their ad the first day of insertion. The Journal will not be liable for failure to publish an ad or for a typographical error or errors in publications except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first day of insertion. Adjustment for errors will be limited to the cost of that portion of the ad where the error occurred."

## Letters Policy

Letters to the editor are written by readers of the newspaper. They are brief expressions of opinion, most concerning issues of local interest, and should be limited to about 250 words. Letters must be legible. They may be edited for content, length and space, or number of endorsements. All letters must be signed by the writer and must include a daytime telephone number for verification. Third party and unsigned letters will not be published.

## Find the perfect tax pro. You've got people.

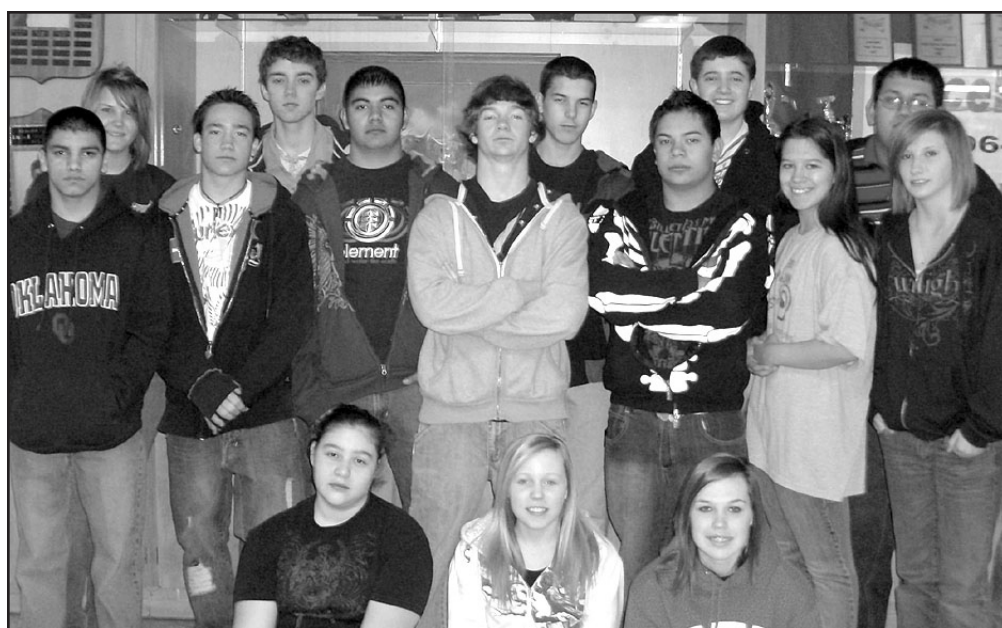
### H&R Block Tax Pro Finder

Only H&R Block Tax Pro Finder lets you review credentials of thousands of H&R Block tax professionals so you can find the one that's right for you. Hand pick your own at [hrblock.com/taxprofinder](http://hrblock.com/taxprofinder).

Visit the H&R Block office location listed below.  
For other locations call **1-800-HRBLOCK** or visit [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com).

**H&R Block**  
104 E Ave C  
Muleshoe, TX 79347  
806-272-3332  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00-6:00  
Sat 9:00-5:00

©2009 HRB Tax Group, Inc.



### Lazbuddie students place Seminole meet

Students from Lazbuddie ISD competed in the powerlifting regional qualifier meet at Seminole on Feb. 21. The results were as follows: Tasha Barnes, third place, 114 Class; Jordan Hernandez, eighth, 148 Class; Carrie Beth Gilly, ninth, 148 Class; Desirea Hargrove, 10th; 148 Class; and Paola Estrada, third, 220+ Class; Angel Samarron, fifth, 114 Class; Charles Baca, fifth, 132 Class; Matthew Samarron, fifth, 181 Class; Richie Aguilar, sixth. 275 Class.

### Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met on Wednesday, Feb. 18, with president Pat Kirk calling the meeting to order with a prayer of gratitude led by Deborah Noble.

February birthdays included Donna Glover, Janelle Turner, Melody Hettinga, Helen Templeton, and Glenda Ott.

Sheila Stevenson called roll and read the minutes from the January meeting.

There were 22 present, with one guest — Billie Lewis, Elinore Yerby's sister.

Marlene Martin gave the treasurer's report.

Due to the cold weather, there were no golf teams. There were 12 card players.

Playday awards went to:

Jan. 21 — Cards, Anita Black, first pat hand.

Jan. 28 — Cards, Templeton and Jerie flowers, most points first game.

Feb. 4 — Cards, Templeton and Judy Wilbanks, best score second game.

Feb. 11 — Treena Matthews, worst score.

As for new business, the ladies decided to sponsor a tee box at the Women's West Texas Golf Association.

Jeanetta Precure gave a report on getting carpet for the ladies' locker room and pro shop.

It was suggested to look into rubber tile for the hallway because of the people coming in from the swimming pool.

Flowers will head the committee to repair the ladies' bathroom and paint the entrance door a terra cotta.

High Plains chairperson Sheryl Engelking said it was time to start signing up for the High Plains.

The door prize was drawn by our guest, Billie Lewis, and won by Matthews.

### MISD school board...

Continued from page 1 appreciate your work."

Concerning the effort that went into preparing for the audit, Thacker praised her staff, telling the board how "wonderful" they were.

In other business, the school board:

- Recognized the achievements of a large number of high school students, including the varsity ladys' basketball team, choir and DECA students.

"This is one of my favorite parts of the job," Muleshoe High School Principal Elizabeth Ward

said as she prepared to distribute the awards during Monday's ceremonies.

- Approved the minutes from the Feb. 9 meeting.

- Approved the district's new policy concerning donations received as the result of the district's successful state championship in football.

**Subscribe to the Journal!**

## Dr. A.R. Ploudre OPTOMETRIST



Quality Family Vision Care  
Tricare, Medicare, Medicaid  
VSP, Eye Med, Others

**If You Suffer from Migraines  
Come See Us! We Can Effect  
Total Relief Without Medication**

For As Long As You Would Have Migraine Episodes  
**ONLY ONE VISIT REQUIRED**

1515 GIDDING STREET • CLOVIS

**575-762-2951**

¡Se Habla Español!

### Publication of announcements in the Journal

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

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

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit.

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

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

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

including grandparents.

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

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

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

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

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

### Weather...

Continued from page 1 interview, the police chief said the volunteer effort "isn't so much to help the police department... it's to help themselves."

Other areas individuals may volunteer are through the Fire Corps, and the Medical Reserve Corps.

For additional information concerning storm safety, go to [http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/safety/swaw/add\\_info.php](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/safety/swaw/add_info.php).

**Thanks for reading!**



**If we can't fix it, throw it away!**

Sheetrock, Drywalling, Tape & Bed, Patch Up Jobs, Acoustic & Paneling, Small Concrete Jobs, Picket Fences, Bathroom Remodeling, Floor Tile, Sky Lights, Carports, Garage Doors, Insulation, Etc. Add On's and Roofing – References Available

## Handy Randy

*We will travel!*

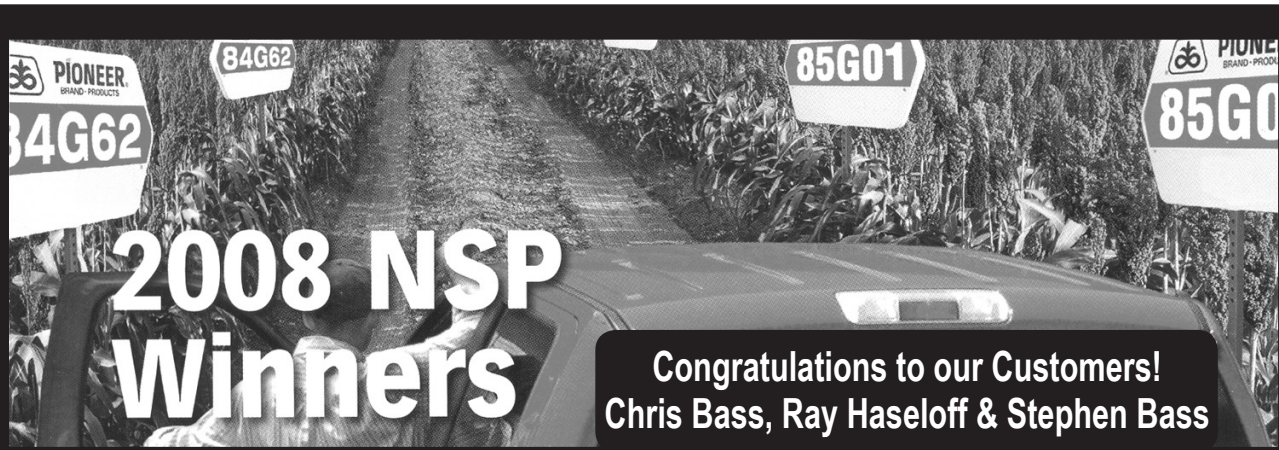
Pager: 766-9342

Home: 806-385-3103

Member of BBB of Lubbock

Cell: 806-632-5261

Littlefield, TX



#### National Winner

##### Conventional-Till Irrigated

Place	Winner	State	County	Co. Avg. (bushels)	Yield (bu/ac)	Score (bu/ac)	Seed Variety
1st	Chris Bass	Texas	Bailey	66.7	201.76	135.06	Pioneer 84G62

#### National Winner

##### Bin Buster Irrigated

Place	Winner	State	County	Co. Avg. (bushels)	Yield (bu/ac)	Score (bu/ac)	Seed Variety
1st	Chris Bass	Texas	Bailey		201.76		Pioneer 84G62

#### State Winners

##### Conventional-Till Irrigated

State	County	Name	Co. Avg. (bu/ac)	Yield (bu/ac)	Score (bu/ac)	Seed Variety
Texas 1st	Bailey	Chris Bass	66.7	201.76	135.06	Pioneer 84G62
Texas 3rd	Parmer	Ray Haseloff	94.8	201.57	106.77	Pioneer 84G62

#### State Winners

##### Mulch-Till Non-Irrigated

State	County	Name	Co. Avg. (bu/ac)	Yield (bu/ac)	Score (bu/ac)	Seed Variety
Texas 2nd	Bailey	Stephen Bass	28.4	72.37	43.97	Pioneer 85G01

## Jarman Seed

801 West American Blvd. • Muleshoe

(806) 272-5985 • (806) 392-1456 Wes • (806) 946-7349 Gene



**PIONEER**  
A DUPONT COMPANY

Science with Service  
Delivering Success™

# Barbers and the God who knows our hair count...

When you need a good brain surgeon, you really need one. But for most of us, most of the time, a good barber is of a great deal more practical use.

I like barbers. Come to think of it, I find it hard to imagine a more honorable line of work.

When a barber's done and the "snip, snip,

snipping" sounds fall silent... When he swings the chair around with you in it, and with bull-fighter finesse, swishes the cloth from around the neck

you've just entrusted to him, aims you at the mirror and awaits your approval, he's done you a real service. Real work, requiring real skill.

Call a friend and



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

You could make a good case that not only does a good barber serve each of his customers, his

is a service to the whole community because, after all, we do have to look at each other, and we spend a good deal more time looking at our fellow citizens than we do looking at ourselves (I hope).

Your barber gives you a good excuse, in a hyperactive society so

sick that you may need one, to do something really simple: sit still for a moment.

It's sitting still that's most conducive to thinking. We ought to try it more often under the stars or on our porches or in the back yard in a good chair under a nice old tree. Most of us

aren't that disciplined. But, disciplined or not, we do grow hair. And so we're pretty much required to sit down for a few moments at least once a month or so.

Once we've sat still long enough to have an occasional thought, well, behind us happens to

Continued on page 9

## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We really appreciate the Rotary Club joining us for lunch.

We hope the information given to them about the center helped to understand just how it began and how funds are acquired to keep things in operation.

We are a nonprofit organization. We do receive a small sum of money from SPAG, but it is less than 50 percent

of what we actually need. Any donation given to the center is tax deductible, so instead of giving your money to Uncle Sam, remember we could use it for the community.

We are so glad to have any of you that would like to come in for lunch and see our center.

All you Bunco players mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 3.

Call a friend and

come join in the fun and fellowship.

Interim Health supplies the prizes, for which we are greatly appreciative.

Wednesday, March 4, Chad Partington with Health Source will be bringing a program on equipment needed to assist the seniors in being able to be up and around. Make plans to come and have lunch with us.

Thursday, our Bingo

day, is always a great fun time. NursCare sponsors the Bingo. We are greatly appreciative of their help.

Saturday, March 7, is our quarterly pancake breakfast. The serving time will be from 7-11 a.m.

The menu will be all the pancakes you can eat, sausage, bacon, all flavors of syrup, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost will be \$5 for adults,

and \$3 for children 10 years of age and under. Make plans to bring your family to the center on this day. Open to the public, all or anyone is encouraged to come.

**Menu for March 2 - 6:**

Monday, March 2 — Chicken and dumplings, peas & carrots, salad, biscuits, fruit.

Tuesday, March 3 — Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, onions, cheese,

salsa, chips, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday — March 4 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, fruit cobbler.

Thursday, March 5 — Beef tips, brown gravy, potatoes, carrots, onions, salad, wheat roll, iced cake.

Friday, March 6 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

**"THE FIVE AREA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC."**  
West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.  
Five Area Systems, Inc. • Plateau Wireless  
Five Area Long Distance • Five Area Internet  
302 Uvalde Muleshoe, USA (806) 272-5533

**MULESHOE VALLEY INC.**  
2601 W. American Blvd. P.O. Box 631 Muleshoe, Texas  
(806) 272-4266  
Mobile (806) 946-8763  
mviinc@fivearea.com

**MCDONALD'S OF MULESHOE**  
1315 W. American Blvd. • 272-3333  
Open at 5 AM every day! i'm lovin' it

**PAGO FEED YARD, INC.**  
Commercial Cattle Feeders  
P.O. Box 956, Friona 265-3281  
Feller Hughs - Mgr.

**MAPLE COOP GIN**  
927-5501  
Maple, Texas

**Pizza Hut**  
1412 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe • 272-4213  
Open: Sun.-Mon. 11AM-11PM  
Lunch Buffet: Sun.-Fri. 11:30 AM-1:30PM  
Monday Night Buffet: 6-8PM  
PIZZA HUT WING STREET IS HERE!  
"Gather round the Good Stuff"

**Ray Lee EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.**  
2800 West American Blvd. Muleshoe 272-4296

**MULESHOE PEA & BEAN, INC.**  
1680 CR 1044, Muleshoe • 272-5589  
Nicky & Chad Nickels

**United Supermarkets**

**IRRIGATION PUMPS & POWER**  
**Zimmatic** W. Hwy. 84  
CENTER PIVOTS 272-5597

**Muleshoe Journal**  
www.muleshojournal.com  
201 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe  
806.272.4536 FAX 806.272.3567

**Interim HEALTH CARE**  
110 E. Ave. C Muleshoe 272-5549  
www.InterimHealthcare.com  
LeAnn Altman • Olivia Barrera • Arlene Brozek  
Brenda Testerman RN • Kristy Peck, LVN

**Lowe's MARKETPLACE**  
401 W. American Blvd. • Muleshoe • 272-4585

**Facts About The BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI  
Copyright © John A. Lehti, National Representative: Daily Advertising Service, P.O. Box 10276, Durham, NC 27602

WHEN THE GREAT PROPHET ELISHA LAY UPON HIS DEATH BED, JOASH KING OF ISRAEL, CAME TO MOURN HIM AND ELISHA BADE HIM PICK UP A BOW AND ARROW AND POINT IT IN THE DIRECTION OF SYRIA AND SHOOT IT OUT THE WINDOW. JOASH DID AS THE PROPHET DIRECTED. THEN ELISHA TOLD JOASH TO TAKE THE REST OF HIS ARROWS AND STRIKE THEM UPON THE FLOOR....

JOASH DID SO, BUT IN A PERFUNCTORY MANNER, FOR HE COULD SEE NO IMPORTANCE IN THIS ACT. LAZILY STRIKING THE FLOOR THREE TIMES, ELISHA BECAME ANGRY AT THIS DISPLAY OF LAZINESS FOR HAD JOASH STRUCK THE ARROWS SIX TIMES, HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY DEFEATED SYRIA TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM, BUT SAID THE PROPHET, NOW HE WOULD ONLY DEFEAT SYRIA IN THREE BATTLES—NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE ISRAEL! ALL THIS WAS BORNE OUT AFTER ELISHA'S DEATH—SURE ENOUGH, JOASH WON ONLY THREE BATTLES AS THE PROPHET HAD DECLARED!

**NEXT WEEK: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THE BIBLE!**

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAP-BOOK

This devotional & directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

<p><b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Ryan Pate 521 South First Street 272-3017 S.S. 9:45 am, W.S. 10:30 am &amp; 6:00 pm, Wed. 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>CATHOLIC</b> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 805 E. Hickory Leonardo Pahamtang, Min.</p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN</b> ST. JOHN LUTHERAN Lariat, TX • David Symm, Min. S.S. 10:30 am; W.S. 9:30 am</p>
<p><b>EL BUEN PASTOR</b> 415 E. Ave. F - 272-5455 Pastor Domingo Luna - 272-4542 S.S. 9:45 am, W.S. 11 am &amp; 6 pm; Wed. 7 pm</p>	<p><b>EPISCOPAL - CHARISMATIC</b> <b>ST. CLEMENTS CHURCH COMMUNION OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER</b> Hwy. 214 South • 272-5954 Father Sergio Leal Sun. W.S. 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>METHODIST</b> FIRST UNITED METHODIST 507 W. 2nd St. S.S. 9:45; W.S. 11:00; Praise &amp; Prayer 6 PM; Weds. 6 PM Youth Activities; Sun. 5 PM Jr. High Bible Study; 6 PM Sr. High Bible Study Pastor Monty Leavell, 272-5517</p>
<p><b>BAPTIST</b> CALVARY BAPTIST 1733 W. Ave. C. Rev. Jeff Coffman <b>CIRCLE BACK BAPTIST</b> Intersection FM 3397 &amp; FM 298 <b>FIRST BAPTIST</b> 220 West Ave. E Dr. Stacy Conner <b>FIRST BAPTIST</b> Lazbuddie • 965-2126 <b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> 223 E. Ave. E Interim Rev. Troy Smith <b>PRIMITIVE BAPTIST</b> 621 South First Elder Bernard Gowens, Min.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN</b> <b>TRINITY CHRISTIAN CENTER</b> 1723 W. American Blvd. 272-3877 Reydon Stanford, Pastor Sun. W.S. 10:30 am <b>CENTRO CRISTIANO</b> 117 E. Birch St. Hermanos Barron S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LAZBUDDIE METHODIST</b> S.S. 9:30 am; W.S. 10:30 am Pastor Ken Peterson 965-2121 <b>EL DIVINO SALVADOR U.M.C.</b> 619 E. 5th Street &amp; Ave. G, Fernando Sanchez, Pastor 272-6888</p>
<p><b>PROGRESS BAPTIST</b> Progress, TX <b>PROGRESS SECOND BAPTIST</b> Arthur Hays, Min. - 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays <b>RICHLAND HILLS BAPTIST</b> Bro. Larry Thornton 17th &amp; West Ave. D S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am &amp; 6 pm; Women's Bible Study Thurs. 6 pm www.rhbc-muleshoe.org <b>TRINITY BAPTIST</b> 314 E. Ave. B - Bennie Wright, Min.</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST LARIAT CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Wesley Roach, Min. S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. <b>LAZBUDDIE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Nathan Crawford, Min. S.S. 9:30 am; W.S. 10:20 am &amp; 5 pm; Wed. 7 pm <b>MULESHOE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 22nd &amp; W. American Blvd. S.S. 9:30 am; W.S. 10:20 am &amp; 6 pm; Wed. 7:30 pm <b>16th &amp; AVE. D CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Curtis Shelburne, Min. 272-4619 S.S. 9:30 am; W.S. 10:30 am; Growth Gr. 1:30 pm; Wed. 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>PENTECOSTAL</b> <b>UNITED PENTECOSTAL LIGHTHOUSE</b> 207 East Ave. G 1-800-454-6051 S.S. 10 am; Thursday, Bible Study 7 pm</p>
<p><b>God Bless You!</b></p>	<p><b>INTER DENOMINATIONAL NEW COVENANT</b> Plainview Hwy. Steve Claybrook, Pastor W.S. 10 am; Wed. 7 pm <b>MULESHOE COWBOY FELLOWSHIP</b> 710 E. American Blvd. Steve Friskup, Minister 272-5199 Service: 7:30 p.m. Thursday</p>	<p><b>BOEHNING DAIRY</b> 690 CR 45, Earth "MILK - A PART OF EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD!"</p>

**Antiques & Fine Things**  
2104 W. American Boulevard  
Muleshoe • 272-4217  
**Trollbeads**  
every story has a bead!

**TEXAS FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO.** **FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
1612 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe • 272-4567

**CENTRAL COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE**  
SUDAN, TEXAS

**Deaf Smith County Grain, Inc.**  
Cliff A. Skiles, Jr.  
Job S. Skiles

**MCCORMICK SEEDS, INC.**  
400 East Ash • 272-3156  
Muleshoe, Texas  
A COMPLETE LINE OF FIELD SEEDS  
Tim McCormick

**ST. BANK** MEMBER FDIC  
202 South First 272-4515

**Lial's TORTILLA FACTORY**  
105 E. Ash St., Muleshoe • 272-5772  
Phillipians 4; "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**MULESHOE ANIMAL CLINIC**  
GENERAL PRACTICE  
**MVS** MULESHOE VET SUPPLY  
1430 US Hwy. 84, Muleshoe Office: 272-3061

**LAW OFFICE OF TINA DAVIS-RINCONES**  
CRIMINAL-PROBATE-FAMILY LAW  
101 S MAIN, MULESHOE • 272-7776

**BOEHNING DAIRY**  
690 CR 45, Earth  
"MILK - A PART OF EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD!"

**BCEC** BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION  
Muleshoe — 272-4504 Morton — 266-8600

**WAYNE COPLEY TRUCKING**  
CALICHE, SAND & ROCK PRODUCTS  
P.O. Box 63 Muleshoe, Texas 79347 (806) 272-3697 Mobile: (806) 946-8072

**J&S Dairy**  
1260 CR 1038, Muleshoe 272-7706

# BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

# Obituaries

## William Sowder

Funeral services for William S. Sowder, 78, of Littlefield, were held on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with Robert Roecker and Billy Tiller officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Sowder died on Feb. 18, 2009. He was born on Aug. 23, 1930, to Everett and Opal Ruth Sowder in Lubbock County, and married Peggy Campbell on Aug. 14, 1949 at Enochs. She preceded him in death in March 1999.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters.

Sowder graduated from Three Way High School. He was a third generation farmer in Bula and in the Bailey County area, until moving to Littlefield in 1982.

He was a member of the Bula Lions Club, served on the Bailey County School Board and Bailey County Electric Co-op's board.



Bill Sowder

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sudan.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Terry and Joan Sowder of Enochs and Jerry and Cheryl Sowder of Sudan; two daughters and their husbands — Joyce and Pat Risinger of Lake Brownwood and Rhea Lyn and Steve Newton of Ralls; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers — Joe Sowder of Muleshoe and Roger Sowder of Ruidoso, N. M.; and a sister — Janice Farris of San Antonio.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sudan.

## Bob Handy

Funeral services for Bob Handy, 70, of Portales were held on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Trinity Christian Center of Muleshoe with the Rev. Raydon Stanford officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Handy died at his home in Portales, N.M., on Feb. 19, 2009. He was born on Nov. 10, 1938, in Quanah, to Katherine and Aaron Handy, and married Ramona Espinosa on Dec. 16, 1973, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Handy grew up in Quanah and Amarillo, and served in the U.S.

Navy.

He lived for several years in Muleshoe and was a member of New Covenant Church, before moving to Portales, N.M., in 1990.

Handy was employed as parts manager for a local car dealership until 1994 when he retired.

Survivors include his wife — Ramona of the home; two sons — Anthony Handy of Granite, Okla., and Scott Handy of Portales, N.M.; a daughter and her husband — Janie and David Wortham of Granite, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and a sister — Ann Riley of Amarillo.

## Ethel Hendrix

Funeral services for Ethel Mozell Hendrix, 93, of Sudan were held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tracey Spencer officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Hendrix died on Feb. 20, 2009, in her residence. She was born on Nov. 14, 1915, in Gatesville to David Lee and Effie Sharp, and married J. R. Hendrix Jr. in Gatesville on Oct. 8, 1946. He preceded her in death

on June 8, 1991.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and four brothers.

Hendrix was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband — Georgia Mae and James Williamson of Sudan; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Sudan EMS or Sudan Fire Department, P.O. Box 491, Sudan, Texas 79371.

# Heritage center opens new exhibits

There's something new at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Three new buildings are now open for free tours. Kenneth Henry and Sammie Simpson announced that the Stegall School, the "White House," and the Bondurant Half-Dugout are ready for visitors.

Although the ribbon cutting won't take place for several weeks, the buildings are now on the official tour which is offered Monday – Friday, 1-5 p.m.

Delores Harvey, center hostess, conducts the tours, which can be lengthened or shortened based on the time and interest of the visitor.

When the Heritage Foundation's board met on Monday, Feb. 16, the three new exhibits were the main topic of

## Heritage Board Report

conversation.

The meeting was conducted by Tom Watson, president.

Board members present were Jean Allison, Ladene Spears, Bobbie Harrison, Jenne McVicker, Jay Cage, Ann McElroy, Sheila and Joe Bob Stevenson and center hostess Delores Harvey.

The board discussed the "Trees for People" project. The purpose of the project is to fund the purchase and planting of shade and ornamental trees at the center.

Marshall Cook will be responsible for overseeing the planting of the trees.

Watson asked Sheila Stevenson and Kenneth Henry to develop the project details and

promote this opportunity to Muleshoe residents.

Details are not yet available, but anyone interested in being involved in this program may call the heritage center and leave their contact information.

In addition, Watson reported that Henry is exploring the idea of creating an exhibit of brands and branding irons on the façade of the "barn" that's currently being finished with weathered wood.

Henry believes that brands are an important part of our history and that this display will help honor this part of our past.

Spears reported that the

"love bucks" Valentine's Day promotion at the Thrift Shop was a big success.

She said that the event gave the store a party atmosphere and everyone was eager to win "love bucks" to help offset the cost of their Thrift Shop purchases.

Inventory at the store is a little low and Muleshoe residents are encouraged to donate gently-used clothing (particularly blue jeans) and other items.

The economic hard times have hurt many of the customers who rely on the Thrift Shop for their basic needs.

The heritage center is open for public tours and is also available for private events and meetings.

Call 272-5873 for information.

## Heritage center seeks activities director

The Muleshoe Heritage Center is a fabulous place. It would be even better if more people used it.

The Heritage Foundation is looking for an energetic volunteer to coordinate community activities who can be held at the historic village.

Think of the things that could happen at the center:

- Moms and their kids could enjoy mornings out at the fully-furnished depot. They could do art projects, read books or "show and tell."

- Good cooks could do their version of "Rachel Ray" at the fully-equipped kitchen at the depot. And, not-so-good

cooks could learn some new ways to spice up their menu planning.

- Ladies could spend leisurely afternoons playing cards, Scrabble™, backgammon, etc.

- Needle workers could meet to work on projects, share ideas, or swap materials.

- Movies could be shown in the evening. People could eat popcorn and chat with friends.

When the weather warms up, movies could be shown outside and kids could play on the grounds. Families could have picnics.

- Guest speakers could be invited to conduct interesting programs for

various ages or interest groups.

The list is endless. All that is needed is an energetic and creative person to help make these events happen.

For additional information call Jean Allison at 272-4469.

BOOTS Work & Dress  
SHOES Casual & Athletic  
CLOTHING Western & Athletic

**GENERAL WILLIAMS STORE**

SINCE 1963

1405 West American Blvd.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
806-272-MULE (6853)

## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

Several new items have been acquired by the Muleshoe Public Library. Among these items are:

**Easy** — *We're All In the Same Boat* by Zachary Shapiro; *My Little Girl* by Tim McGraw.

**Junior fiction** — *Scat* by Carl Hiaasen; *Going, Going Gone with the Pain and the Great One* by Judy Blume; *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Regular print fiction** — *The Keepsake* by Tess Gerritsen; *Dark Summer* by Iris Johansen; *Lethal Legacy* by Linda Fairstein.

**Large print fiction** — *Final Justice* by Fern Michaels.

**Adult non-fiction** — *To Love What Is: A Marriage*

Transformed by Alix Kates Shulman; *Love Matters: Remarkable Love Stories That Touch the Heart and Nurish the Soul* by Deliah

**DVDS** — *Candles on Bay Street*; *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*; *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*; *Gone with the Wind*.

Here is another suggested book I read. *The Constant Princess* by Philippa Gregory.

Here is a link that gives you a good idea about this book: [www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/074327248x.asp](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/074327248x.asp).

Katherine of Aragon is the main character. She was the first wife to Henry VIII.

I liked this books so much I have read it twice!

**COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

**Burton Service Center**

272-5330  
Cell: 946-8274

**IRRIGATION ENGINES & SERVICE**  
**COMPUTER DIAGNOSTICS**  
**OIL CHANGES STATE INSPECTIONS**

803 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your loving response during my illness in 2008.

There is no way to fully express my gratitude. We are so blessed to have wonderful people and churches in our town.

Thank you again and bless you.

Pat & Delmar Clements and Family

**Who are they?**

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

The photographs above, and a large number of other photographs, have accumulated at the news office. Please reclaim these pieces of family history.

**McDaniel's APPLIANCE** 1020 Main Street, Clovis, NM 505-762-4481 or 800-682-7891

Time for new appliances?  
WE ARE YOUR HOMETOWN WHIRLPOOL DEALER.

WE NOW CARRY SPEED QUEEN!

Whirlpool

Names Numbers

**Support Medical**

Your Hometown Medical Store

One Stop Shopping

CHEROKEE inspired comfort

Dickies MEDICAL UNIFORMS

LAYAWAYS AVAILABLE

NEW SCRUBS INVENTORY EVERY 2 WEEKS

NEW SPRING LINE ARRIVING SOON!

I Love my Koi Scrubs!!  
Kathy Peterson  
AnaBelia, CNA

NURSE MATES

103 S. Main • 272-7552  
www.supportmedical.com  
Open Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:30

Support Medical Company

# Sports



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Yvonne Gardea shoots during a recent game.

## Lady Mules fall in bi-district game

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules entered the Canyon High School gymnasium to meet the Spearman Lynxettes in the Bi-district round of the Texas State Playoffs.

This was the first playoff game for Lady Mules since second-year Coach Val Acree assumed the reins.

The Lady Mules reached the playoffs with a 19-13 season record and wrapped up the District 2-2A race in a tie with Friona for third place.

The Lady Mules avoided a playoff game for third place by defeating Friona in their final regular season game. It was Friona's second loss to the Lady Mules.

Spearman finished second in District 1-2AA with a 25-5 season record and went 8-2 in district

1-2A. Their district losses were to the district champion Panhandle Pantherettes.

The Lady Mules could not hold off Spearman in the second half after taking a 15-12 lead into the intermission. The Lynxettes claimed the lead with just less than six minutes left in the third period.

Spearman opened an 11-point lead in the final quarter. The Lady Mules battled back and chopped the Spearman lead to a single point. But the Lady Mules could not retake the lead and lost their bid for the Bidistrict title 43-35.

Sarah Johnson broke the scoring ice 32 seconds into the game with a basket. The Lady Mules fell behind 4-2 until Val Olivas dropped in a basket to knot the score.

Sarah Johnson dribbled

out the final seconds of the quarter before sinking a 3-pointer from the wing to give the Lady Mules a 7-4 lead to start the second quarter.

The Lady Mules matched Spearman point-for-point in the second quarter to hang on to their three-point advantage. Yvonne Gardea finished a fast break and Gabby Agundis stuck back and offensive rebound.

Olivas hit a six-foot baseline jumper and Janae Pyle ripped down an offensive rebound and put it back on the glass. The Lady Mules led 15-12 at the half.

Spearman made changes to their offense and used motion in the third period to create scoring opportunities. They out scored the Lady Mules 15-8.

Johnson, Gardea, and Olivas each made a

basket each in the third quarter. Morgan Smith drove from the left wing for a lay up to complete the Lady Mules' eight points.

They made a run at the Lynxettes in the final quarter and chopped their lead to one after having trailed by 11.

Johnson led the Lady Mule's charge with a 3-pointer, a basket and a free throw for six of the Lady Mules' 12 points in the period.

Agundis and Olivas each added a hoop in the final quarter. Smith made two from the charity stripe but it was not enough to catch Spearman.

Johnson finished the Lady Mules final game of the season with 13 points. Olivas had a basket in each of the four quarters for eight points. Gardea,

Continued on page 7

## Final varsity Mules game ends with heartbreaking loss

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules lost a heart breaker to the Childress Bobcats last Friday creating a must win situation for them.

Floydada came to town with the district race all neatly tied up and would be advancing to the state playoffs.

The Mules had 19 free throw opportunities during regulation and made 10 of them.

If the Mules had made just one more free throw during the first 32 minutes they would have avoided the four minute overtime period.

The Floydada Whirlwinds blew away the Mules 14-6 in the extra four minutes to defeat the Mules 69-61.

Had the Mules defeated Floydada and

the Childress 76-62 win over the Dimmitt Bobcats would have put the Mules in a tie for the third spot.

A playoff game with Dimmitt would have been required to determine the third place representative from District 2-2A.

Both teams got off to a slow start before Cooper Washington scored the first point of the game with 6:30 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Whirlwinds exploded for 14 points to out run the Mules 14-9 after one quarter.

Washington added a basket in the first quarter. Nathaniel Chavez made a pair from the charity stripe plus a basket for four points.

Dillon Gallman scored from inside the arc for

his first two points in the game.

Floydada added 19 in the second quarter to take a 33-22 lead over the slowing starting Mules.

Wes Wood nailed a 3-pointer and added a basket in the second period for five of the Mules' 13 points in the quarter. Washington, Zach Toscano, Nick Hurtado and Chavez made two points each in the second period.

The Mules turned the tables on Floydada in the second half and chipped three off the Whirlwinds lead in the third quarter.

The Mules out scored Floydada 16-13 to trail the Whirlwinds 46-39 as the two teams entered the final eight minutes of play.

W. Wood repeated his second quarter feat of a 3-pointer and a basket for five points.

Washington opened the third quarter with a free throw and then converted an old fashion three-point play for his four points.

Toscano dropped in a basket and made a charity toss for his three points. Hurtado made two from the free throw

line and Chavez drained a 3-pointer.

The Mule defense held Floydada to just nine points in the final quarter while scoring 14 to tie the game at 55-55 at the end of regulation.

Washington exploded for four buckets as the Mules pounded the ball inside to their big post player.

Gallman made a free throw and a basket and W. Wood dropped in a basket. Lane Wood chipped in a free throw to knot the game.

The Whirlwinds took over in the extra four-minute quarter. Floydada made eight-of-nine free throws to defeat the Mules.

W. Wood accounted for five of the Mule's six points with a 3-pointer and a basket.

Washington made the Mules final point with a free throw. Washington led the Mules in scoring with 18 points.

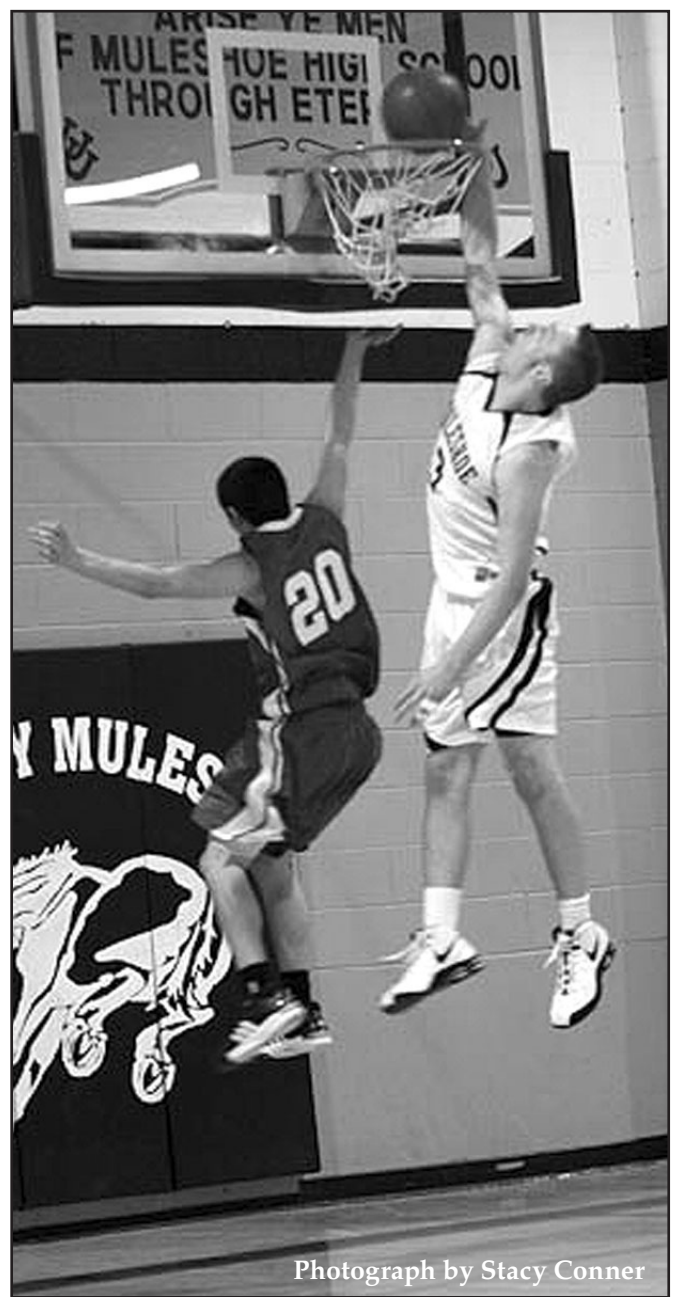
W. Wood was close behind with 17 and Chavez had nine. Toscano and Gallman dropped in five points each, Hurtado added four and L. Wood chipped in one.

This was the final game in a Mule basketball

uniform for seniors Wes Wood, Stevie Cisneros, Isaac Bryan, Dillon Gallman, Lane Wood, Nathaniel Chavez and

Devin Bullock.

The Mules missed the playoffs but will move on to the spring sports for other opportunities.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Cooper Washington takes it to the net.

### Youth softball sign ups set

Sign ups for girls fast pitch softball will be in the Watson Junior High gymnasium foyer on Feb. 26, March 10, March 12 and March 26 from 6-8 p.m.

Girls, ages 7-16 as of Dec. 31, 2008, are eligible to play. Contact Julie DeBruin at 806-946-6236 or Chris Kennemer at 806-786-0778 for additional information.

### Championship T-shirts available

Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces that the Championship shirt and cap orders are available for pickup at Muleshoe City Hall and Adrian Photography. Orders for each school campus have been distributed.

## Support the Boosters Who Support Our Teams, Schools and Community!

**minsa**  
Hwy. 84 E. of Muleshoe • 272-5545

**MULESHOE ANIMAL CLINIC & MULESHOE VET SUPPLY**  
1430 US HWY. 84, MULESHOE  
272-3061 OR 272-4990

**United Supermarkets**  
104 W. 9th St.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
272-3120

**AGRO DISTRIBUTION, LLC**  
Clovis Hwy. West  
Muleshoe • 272-4203  
Bruce Bruns, Location Mgr.

**Lial's RESTAURANT**  
1010 W. American Blvd.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
272-3294  
"The Original - Since 1957"

**LOWE'S MARKETPLACE**  
401 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe

**Irrigation Pumps & Power**  
www.drippi.com  
West Hwy. 84  
Muleshoe • 272-5597  
**Zimmatic**

**BCEC BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSN.**  
305 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe  
272-4504

**MILK FOR THE SOUL DRINK ORGANIC**  
**BOEHNING DAIRY FARMS**

**WESTCARD 66**  
**Western "66"**  
607 N. 1st St.  
Muleshoe • 272-4556

**FIVE AREA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**  
302 Uvalde  
Muleshoe, TX  
272-5533

**Pizza Hut**  
1412 W. American Blvd.  
Muleshoe • 272-4213

**T&S CONCRETE, INC.**  
Two Locations  
Muleshoe • 272-4501  
Friona • 250-5066  
Terry Copley  
Shannon Cochran

**GO MULES & LADY MULES!  
WE'RE BACKIN' THE MULES!**

**HARTLINE HEATING & A/C**  
**(806) 272-7162**  
Factory Authorized Dealer  
Carrier  
Turn to the Experts

# Sports

## JV Mules end season with win over Floydada

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules wrapped up their basketball season on a high note with a 56-43 win over the Floydada Whirlwinds Tuesday night.

The Mules and Whirlwinds battle through the first half in a low scoring affair.

The Mules had opened only a 21-19 lead at the intermission.

They returned to the floor in the second half and to take over the game. They clamped on a full-court press in the fourth period and pressured Floydada into turnovers that exploded into Mule points.

Jonathan Perez provided the punch for the Mules in the opening quarter as he drained a 3-pointer and added two baskets for seven of the

Mules' nine points in the period.

Ryan Hall was fouled and dropped in a pair of charity tosses for the balance of the nine points. The Mules led 9-7 after one quarter.

The second period was a dead heat with both teams scoring 12. Ryan DeLeon poured in six points from the floor.

Rico Alarcon dropped in a pair of buckets and

Isaias Guerro chipped in a basket to complete the Mule run.

Matthew Martinez found the range from outside the arc and drained a pair of 3-pointers and a basket for eight of the Mules' 14 points in the third quarter.

Perez ripped the net from outside the arc for three points and Guerro made a pair of charity

tosses. Hall chipped in one free throw.

The Mule full-court defense held the Whirlwinds to 11 points and the Mules increased their cushion to 35-30.

The final quarter belonged to the Mules with eight Mules pumping up the points. Mark Quezada made a pair from the charity stripe and added a basket for his four points.

Sergio Montejano, DeLeon, Guerro and Perez all made three points each.

Montejano made a basket and a free throw. DeLeon drained a 3-pointer, Guerro made a

bucket and a charity toss and Perez made three free throws.

Larry Richardson chipped in a free throw as the Mules pounded the Whirlwinds 21-13.

Perez led the Mule scoring parade with two 3-pointers for 13 points. DeLeon dropped in nine, Martinez added eight and Guerro made seven points.

Alarcon finished with six points, Hall made five and Quezada had four. Montejano dropped in three points and Richardson chipped in one.

The Mules will now transition to spring sports.

## Lady Mules softball is going strong!



The Lady Mules' softball team has probably been enjoying the warmer temperatures of late as they hit the field during the spring sports season. Pictured on the left, Tori Alvarado is safe at home. Below, left, pitcher April Gardea throws. And below, rightfielder Yagaira Rodriquez scoops up the ball.



Photographs by Stacy Conner



### Varsity Lady Mules...

Continued from page 6

Agundis and Smith each finished with four points and Pyle chipped in two points.

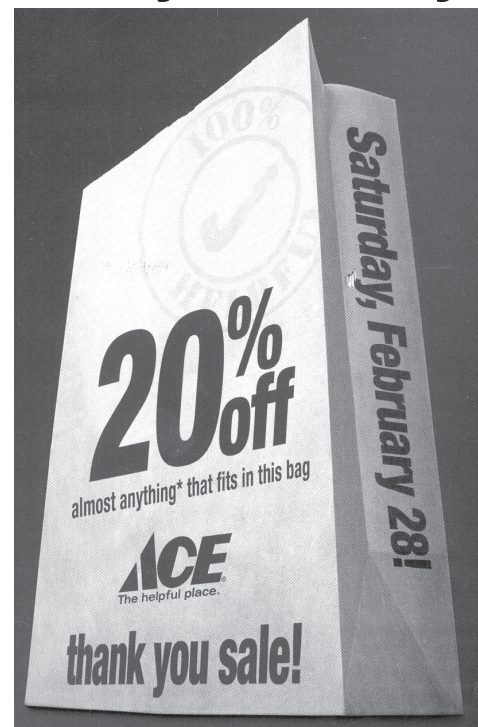
This was the final game in a Lady Mule uniform for seniors Gizell Vasquez, Gabby Agundis, Morgan Smith, Gabby Perez and Janae Pyle. Tears were shed following the game but the Lady Mules demonstrated great sportsmanship by returning to the floor to congratulate the Spearman team and applauded as they accepted the Bidistrict gold ball.

The Lady Mules will now move on to their chosen spring sports.

### Vasquez account set up

An account to assist the family of the late Hugo Vasquez of Muleshoe has been established at Muleshoe State Bank.

## Thank You Sale! Saturday, February 28!



\* Power tools and small appliances qualify for 10% discount.

**Higginbotham  
Bartlett**



Building Center

1516 West American Blvd., Muleshoe • 272-3351  
8:00-5:30 M-F and 8:00-5:00 Sat.

## MULESHOE Print Shop

Graphic Arts and Supplies

### ORDER NOW for Personalized Graduation Announcements

- Forms
- Letterhead
- Envelopes
- Booklets
- Personalized Graduation announcements
- We can send and receive faxes

*For all your printing needs!*

Come by or call  
See Kent or Berna



221 E. Avenue B • 272-3373  
Open M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### 52nd Annual Membership Meeting

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

**BAILEY COUNTY COLISEUM**

Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch after meeting  
(River Smith's Chicken & Catfish)  
Prizes and Door Prizes  
"Please come"

**FIVE AREA TELEPHONE  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

\* Only members of Five Area Telephone Cooperative are included in this membership.

**ALVARADO PARTY RENTALS**

**INFLATABLE BOUNCER**  
Safe - Affordable Fun For Kids!  
BEST PRICES AROUND

**272-5588**  
2 Hrs. \$50 - 4 Hrs. \$75 - 6 Hrs. \$100  
8 Hrs. \$125

Birthday Parties • School Functions • Special Events  
**DELIVERY, SETUP & PICKUP**  
SE HABLE ESPAÑOL. EDDIE & RACHEL ALVARADO  
DJ SERVICES ALSO AVAILABLE

2231

**RED WING SHOES**

**The Fair Store**  
120 Main 272-3500

**Muleshoe Bail Bonds**  
**Anzaldua Tax Service**  
**272-3001**  
Notary Public service available.  
516 N. 1st Street, Muleshoe

**Advanced Lube & Wash**  
**Advanced Towing & U-Haul Service/Boxes**  
**272-5842**  
Now doing Certified State Inspections  
OPEN AT 8:30 AM - Need an affordable oil change or detail car wash? We pick up and deliver free of charge within the city limits! Call 272-5842 for service!  
502 N. 1st Street, Muleshoe

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

**REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., FEB. 21, 2009**

718 head of cattle, 131 hogs and 541 sheep and goats for a total of 1390 livestock. Market steady on stocker calves 500 lbs. and under. Feeder cattle 3-5 lower due to downward trend in futures market. Pairs and Bred cows steady with good demand, Packer cows 1-2 lower.

**FOR INFO. ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE - 272-4201**

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt	CWT or PH
RAMINO NICOLAS, BOVINA.....	3	BLK STR	320	\$116.00
JIM PAT CLAUNCH, MULESHOE.....	3	BLK BULLS	375	\$116.00
JIM PAT CLAUNCH, MULESHOE.....	2	Mxd BULLS	452	\$107.50
RICHARD ANTONIOS, LOVINGTON.....	2	CHAR STRS	408	\$114.00
JERMAH GONZALES, SUDAN.....	3	BWF BULLS	457	\$102.00
BILL BENHAM, MULESHOE.....	2	CHAR STRS	458	\$108.00
WATSON CATTLE, MULESHOE.....	4	Mxd STRS	471	\$101.00
T.C. LYNCH, MORTON.....	1	CHAR BULL	485	\$96.00
DELWIN CARTER, LUBBOCK.....	3	CHAR STRS	495	\$105.00
DELWIN CARTER, LUBBOCK.....	17	CHAR STRS	606	\$98.00
JOE BEAKLEY, CAUSEY, NM.....	2	BLK STRS	543	\$95.50
CADE HOOTEN, MULESHOE.....	63	Mxd STRS	844	\$81.00
JAVIER VELASQUEZ, MULESHOE.....	1	BLK HFR	210	\$290.00 PH
JESUS ORENELAS, LOVINGTON.....	1	BWF HFR	210	\$275.00 PH
JIM PAT CLAUNCH, MULESHOE.....	3	BLK HFRS	362	\$100.00
JIM PAT CLAUNCH, MULESHOE.....	10	Mxd HFRS	460	\$97.00
B&M CATTLE, LUBBOCK.....	2	CHAR HFRS	440	\$94.00
BILL BENHAM, MULESHOE.....	4	CHAR HFRS	449	\$96.00
FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD.....	6	BLK HFRS	458	\$93.50
FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD.....	5	BLK HFRS	635	\$84.00
ARMANDO SALAS, HEREFORD.....	2	BLK HFRS	505	\$85.00
DELWIN CARTER, LUBBOCK.....	10	CHAR HFRS	636	\$80.00
LARRY CAMPBELL, ANTON.....	1	BWF PAIR		\$910.00
LARRY CAMPBELL, ANTON.....	1	BLK PAIR		\$860.00
J.K. OGLE, AMHERST.....	1	RED COW	.P8	\$635.00
GARY BIGHAM, AMHERST.....	1	BLK COW	.P7	\$760.00
PAULA NIX, SPRINGLAKE.....	1	RWF COW	1115	\$50.00
PARTICIA AZUA, SUDAN.....	1	RED COW	1095	\$49.00
JUAN KLASSEN, SEMINOLE.....	1	CHAR COW	1095	\$49.00
TAYLOR GREY, PLAINS.....	1	HOL COW	1195	\$48.00
TAYLOR GREY, PLAINS.....	1	HOL COW	1130	\$47.25
WATSON CATTLE, MULESHOE.....	2	Mxd COWS	1158	\$47.50

**NEWTON APPLIANCE SERVICE**

"We sell & service heating & air conditioning units"

**NEW Crosley Appliances**

**Cedar Creek Antiques & Used Furniture**

215 Main St., Muleshoe  
Open Tues.-Fri. 10-5  
**806-272-3272**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**

Ask Terry how to rent this space for just \$9-11.25 per week!

**272-4536**

**Tickled Paint**  
806-272-7720  
www.tickledpaint.com

**Ladies Night is Back!**

**Saturday the 28th**  
**6-10pm Food+Fun \$5**

Holiday gift giving is over, so paint something for yourself!  
1523 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX

**South Plains College Muleshoe Center**

**621 W. 2nd, Muleshoe**

For information on **College Credit Classes & various Health Occupation Classes** available at the Muleshoe Center, call **Connie Kenmore 272-3346**

Or go by the Center, **Mon. or Tues. 9 AM-4 p.m.**

*This ad sponsored by the Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation*

**Carolyn's Christmas Creations**

106 E. American Blvd.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
272-5911  
www.visitcarolyns.com  
Open Daily

*'Tis Always Christmas at Carolyn's!*

We're going to visit our library to look... ...for African-American folktales.

**Newspaper Fun!**  
www.readingclubfun.com  
Annimills LLC © 2009 V6-N7

**LOWE'S**

**Lowe's MARKETPLACE**

401 W American Blvd.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
272-4585

**BCEC**

**BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

305 E. Ave. B  
Muleshoe, Texas  
272-4504

**SHIPMAN'S BODY SHOP, INC.**

410 N. 1st Street  
Muleshoe  
**272-4408**

• 24 hr. Wrecker Service  
• Complete Collision Repair  
• Glass Work

Family owned for over 35 years  
Garry Shipman

**FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP**  
Symbol of Superior Service

**FARMERS**

Julie DeBruin  
Agent

Call for a free quote  
**AUTO • LIFE HOME • BUSINESS**

1602 W. American Blvd.  
Muleshoe, Texas  
**272-7548**  
jdebruin@farmersagent.com

**African-American Life in Books**

These writers add much to the world of spoken and written words. Some of their books tell simple, warm stories of African-American families or community life. Other books are packed with folklore, history or information about Africa.

- Brenda \_\_\_\_\_ gives us 23 mini-biographies of **African American Women Writers**.
- Walter Dean \_\_\_\_\_ uses his energetic poetry and beautiful artwork to bring classic African-American music to life in **Jazz**.
- Mary \_\_\_\_\_'s book, **Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan**, tells the true story of 30,000 orphaned boys who walked across Africa to escape war.
- Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ weaves ghosts, secret passageways and a cave into her book **The House of Dies Drear** (which was made into a TV movie).
- Mildred \_\_\_\_\_ wrote **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, about a family surviving the Great Depression in the Deep South.
- In **Some of the Days of Everett Anderson**, which has a small poem for every day of the week, Lucille \_\_\_\_\_ describes the daily experiences of a six-year-old boy.
- Ellington Was Not a Street** is the story of Ntozake \_\_\_\_\_'s neighborhood when she was a young city girl living in a time of terrible racial hatred.
- Julius \_\_\_\_\_ has collected the memories of slaves and ex-slaves. His book, **To Be a Slave**, is about their experiences coming to America in the 1800s.
- Sharon G. \_\_\_\_\_ tells of a girl who is teased simply because of the color of her skin.
- Robert D. \_\_\_\_\_'s book, **The Hired Hand: An African American Folktale**, is about Old Sam, his son and his helper. It's a tale of tragedy and greed.
- Laurie Halse \_\_\_\_\_ tells the story of a 13-year-old slave girl sold around the time of the founding of America in **Chains**.
- Christopher Paul \_\_\_\_\_'s book, **Bud, Not Buddy**, tells of an orphan in 1930s Chicago who tries to make new friends and struggles to adapt to his new life.
- In **Keeping the Night Watch**, Anita Hope \_\_\_\_\_ tells the story of a 13-year-old boy and his family's struggle with their past.
- Kadir \_\_\_\_\_'s book, **We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball**, tells the true story of how African-American baseball players tried hard to be accepted.

Did you hear Dr. Elizabeth Alexander read her poem, "Praise Song for the Day," at the Inauguration of President Obama?

Yes! Her poem was heard by millions of people.

I read that she has published poetry books and teaches at Yale University.

**My Family Stories**

Do you know interesting stories about your family? Get some paper and write them down. Draw some illustrations. Put it all into a notebook to start your own book.

**Who Makes the Pictures?**

**I'm a jumping mouse. Maybe I'll jump over to the library to borrow that book about the mouse.**

**Follow the numbers to connect the dots.**

1. Floyd Donald \_\_\_\_\_ worked in advertising. He illustrated the book called **Grandpa's Face**.

2. Donald \_\_\_\_\_ shows busy roads, lots of signs and, of course, trucks in the book **Trucks**.

3. The artwork of Tom \_\_\_\_\_ has been added to poetry in a book called **Soul Looks Back in Wonder**.

4. The work of Charles \_\_\_\_\_ has been seen in magazines. His pictures can be found in **Philip Hall Likes me. I Reckon Maybe**.

5. John \_\_\_\_\_ has wonderful black-and-white illustrations in **The Story of Jumping Mouse: A Native American Legend**.

6. Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ has worked on record album covers and on postage stamps. His work is in **Happy Birthday Martin Luther King**.

Joyce Cooper is a librarian who has traveled and collected folktales. She has written the stories down. Her book about a clever arachnid is called...

**The Adventures of \_\_\_\_\_**

While you are visiting the library check out the African-American folktales for great stories!

**Books and Their Authors!**

Study the picture clues to fill in the names of the 4 books. Next, match each book to its author.

- The Day \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_
- Seven for Kwanzaa \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: author's name begins with "A")
- S + - FL = \_\_\_\_\_
- The Could Fly: **American Black Folktales** \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: author initials are "V.H.")

A. Virginia Hamilton  
B. Andrea Davis Pinkney  
C. William H. Armstrong  
D. Ezra Jack Keats



# The illegal trial of Jesus... Part One

I have a little book entitled, *The Illegal Trial of Jesus*, and have read it several times.

The writer points out several errors that was in it, and they are obvious. But I doubt that they render the trial as being illegal.

For my understanding is that, even though errors are committed by the court, unless or until it is appealed and

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

reversed, it stands and is enforceable.

So I think the trial was legal because there was no appeal, and it was held by a duly constituted court of law — the Sanhedrin court.

I'm not a lawyer, but I hope I don't make any improper statements about this or any other subject.

For as I read the Good Book it says God is a Spirit and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

I have no desire to mishandle the word of God, or any other word for that matter.

I joined the church in August 1948. I was 33 years of age at that time. I had no idea then that I would ever be active as a minister. But I was ordained in September 1951, at the age of 36 years.

I suppose it's fair to say that I have been interested in public affairs all of my adult life. I sold war bonds during World War II.

I served on the local school board, on the county school board, and two terms as county commissioner before moving to town as county judge in October 1954.

I have been active since then about as much as my health would permit.

Both of my parents were church members, but they seldom attended church, they never taught the

scriptures to us children, and I never heard either of them say a prayer.

I seldom attended Sunday Schools or Bible teaching classes, but I did enjoy listening to preachers preach the word.

I become more interested in both public affairs and the teachings of scripture, after Pearl Harbor, and during World War II.

I bought a radio so I could keep up with the progress of the war, and a Bible so I could search for the teachings of scripture.

I spent many long hours searching for the truths of scripture. I corresponded with members of congress and other leaders trying to get an accurate picture of things. I have continued that practice until today.

I have always thought that the more we know about our background of a writer, his age, family relations, occupation, his faith, temperament, and character, the more accurately we can evaluate his writings. That's one reason I like for people to know me and what is my motive for writing.

I grew up on the farm, and as I said. I was never greatly influenced by one faith or the other. I attended meetings and listened to preachers of different faiths.

I developed a vision of Christ as being a very brilliant, sinless, patient, lovely and wholly spiritual person.

Others were extremely jealous of him, that they abused, mistreated, and finally murdered him. But after a bit of reading the scriptures, I learned that is not what happened.

Rather he was apprehended, forced to appear in court, charged with wrong doing, tried and convicted. That conviction was legal, otherwise, as far as redemption is concerned, it would have been meaningless.

I believe that every person for whom Christ lived and died stands redeemed.

However it is my purpose to discuss that at this time. Now, what about the trial? What was he convicted for?

What had He done wrong?

When we consider the answers to these questions, we can say with the Jews "We have seen strange things today."

He hadn't done anything wrong. He claimed that he was the divinely begotten Son of God. That was true, but Mosaic law said that for a person to claim to be the Son of God or try to relate himself to God was

blasphemy. Blasphemy was punishable by death. That is what he was convicted of.

How it was scriptural, legal, and proper is a bit technical. We hope to discuss it sometime soon. Now about the errors, the high priest that heard the case was prejudice.

The court was convened at an illegal time. Christ was arrested with out warrant.

He was not advised of his rights. He was not given legal representation or allowed to subpoena witnesses.

The charge was changed after he was arrested, and there were several other errors.

In conclusion/we find these things documented in chapter 26 of the book of Matthew, verses 57 to 66.

Christ arrested, false witnesses sought, he held his peace, (as depicted by the sheep that opened not his mouth in the case that involved the Eunuch of Ethiopia).

He was charged with having said he could build the temple in three days. He claimed to be the Christ, the Son Of God, and the judgment "he is guilty of death."

Everyone of those actions were reversible errors, but therein rests our hope for salvation.

## Focus on Faith...

Continued from page 4  
be a real person providentially provided for us to bounce a thought or two off of while our ears are being lowered and our cell phones are mercifully muted.

Even like what you're sitting in while you're thinking, listening, and talking about real life with a guy who is not burdened by having to look across a desk, or through a bureaucracy, or around a horde of indentured servants trying to eke out a living.

I quickly admit that some of the figures behind those desks do indeed manage to stay connected to real life and real people and do great work, but it's harder. Such connecting comes a good bit more naturally to a guy who is as close

to real life as crotchety customers who need their eyebrows trimmed.

Oh, yes, I was going to mention that chair. Have you taken a good look at your barber's chair recently? Chances are it's almost beautiful in its antiquity. Built as solid as an anvil, it was crafted with some style and class by someone who took as much pride in his work as does the guy swiveling you around in it to see what you think about the work he's just done on your behalf.

I put a lot of faith in my barber. And I like knowing that while he's working and my excess hair is floating downward like snow (and, aargh!, almost that white!), the God who numbers the hairs of our heads is still taking care of us both.



# The Sudan Buzz

## Simple dish offered for this week's recipe

The recipe this week comes from the kitchen of Ann Carson.

Ann says that this was one of the first dishes that she ever fixed after she and her husband Bobby were married.

She also says that it is still a favorite of

## Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

theirs after 40+ years of marriage.

**Mexican food**  
Brown 2 pounds of hamburger meat, and drain.

Add 1 Tbsp. cumin, garlic, salt and pepper to taste.

1 Cup tomatoes or tomato juice

2 Cans green chilies or 3/4 can hot peppers

Cook 30 minutes over medium-low heat.

Fry corn tortillas until

crisp. Drain on paper towel.

On dinner plates, layer tortillas, meat mixture, grated Velveeta™ or cheddar cheese and chopped onions.

Serve with salad, chips and beans.

It freezes great, and Ann says, if you are in a hurry, you can serve over tortilla chips instead of fried tortillas.

## Wind energy meeting called

There will be a special meeting of the Sudan City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m. in the Sudan Community Center.

Tom Morrison asked for a special meeting to present a proposal from

Xcel Energy on a wind energy program for cities and colleges.

Morrison is managing partner with U.S. Wind Energy, LLC.

This meeting is open to the public and everyone is urged to attend.

## Sudan Happenings...

- March 2 — UMW Circle, 5 p.m.
- March 4 — Church of Christ Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- March 4, KFC4 p.m.

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." — Proverbs 3:3-4

Call 227-2024 or e-mail charlesb@fivearea.com. If you have any school news, or any news happening in Sudan that you would like to have printed in the Buzz.

**HILL SERVICE CENTER**  
E. Hwy. 84  
Sudan, Texas  
**Complete Auto Repair**  
Minor John Deere Tractor Repair  
**227-2373**

**KING AG AVIATION, INC.**  
Specializing in Aerial Spraying - Insecticide, Herbicide & Seeding - Field Scouting Service

---

**Johnny King**  
P.O. Box 189  
Sudan, Texas 79371  
Business (806) 946-3399

Home (806) 227-2211  
Fax (806) 946-3659  
Mobile (806) 946-7309  
Vernon Office (940) 552-6102

**SUDAN ISD**  
EXCELLENCE  
IN  
EDUCATION

**WWW.SUDANISD.NET**  
HWY. 303 PHOENIX: (806) 227-2431  
SUDAN, TX 79371 FAX: (806) 227-2146

**Church of Christ**  
P.O. Box 98  
Sudan, Texas 79371  
Phone (806) 227-2129

*Our sufficiency is from God...*  
II Cor. 3:5

Bible Classes.....9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:30 PM



## TOTAL PACKAGE 55 CHECKING

- Free Checking
- Customized to meet the needs of customer's age 55 or better
- Free first order of checks and discounts on additional check orders

Open your FREE Total Package 55 Checking Account Today!



*Bank Smart. Live Well. Enjoy the Ride.*

www.FirstUnited.Net

# Education A note from the Superintendent

By Gene Sheets  
MISD Superintendent

Have you ever wondered just how we select the different color combinations for the new construction at each campus?

Here is an example of how the process works for selecting the exterior materials and colors.

First, our architect suggests a range of colors and materials for the project.

The contractor collects samples of the materials in the colors recommended by the architect.

Then, we have a Color Committee that looks through the suggestions and selects several possible colors that may work on the particular project.

The contractor then builds several "mock-ups" of the area with some of the samples.

The Color Committee then selects the best combination of colors for the project.

The contractor will then build a "mock-up" of the selection by the Color Committee for their final approval.

If it meets their approval, the materials are ordered and installed.

We have had several different Color Committees on the various projects in the school district.

But several people have



been involved in all of the committees on every campus.

In this picture, you can see two of the people who have been involved at every campus, Don Wood and Marilyn Riley, trying to work through the process of selecting the exterior brick and split-face block that will go on the outside of the Muleshoe High School addition.

Hank Dymond (left) and Tom Dulin (right), with Lee Lewis Construction, are helping the committee members view different options for the colors.

The other committee members are standing behind the camera man and adding their comments with each color option.

Other Color Committee members that have been on all of the projects include Phil Kent and the

principal at each campus. There were several staff members at each campus that were involved in the committees as well.

The members of the Color Committees have given many hours of volunteer service and expertise to help us create the best color scheme possible for the projects.

Our appreciation goes out to all of the committee members over the past

several years at each campus. They have done an outstanding job of selecting the colors and materials for all of the projects.

If you want to catch an early glimpse of the color scheme for our latest projects, drive by DeShazo Elementary and the high school.

The contractor is beginning to put up the brick on the west side of the new gymnasium at the high school.

## Dairy prices to trigger MILC payments

Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County announced Thursday, Feb. 19, that due to low milk prices FSA will be making payments in April to producers through the FSA's Milk Income Loss Contract, or MILC, program.

The 2008 Farm Bill made changes to the MILC program, most notably the addition of a dairy feed ration cost adjustment in addition to changes to the payment rate and modifications to the per-operation poundage limit, depending on when the milk is produced.

"We will be making MILC payments as a result of the low prices but because of the changes to the program ordered in the 2008 Farm Bill, the payments may be higher but will take a bit longer to gather the required data before payments can be made," Hanlin explained.

FSA makes MILC payments on a monthly basis when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt) as adjusted for feed costs. The monthly Boston price is posted online at [http://www.fmmone.com/Northeast\\_Order\\_Prices/NE\\_Prices\\_main\\_new.htm#Advance](http://www.fmmone.com/Northeast_Order_Prices/NE_Prices_main_new.htm#Advance).

FSA determines the per hundredweight payment rate for the applicable month by subtracting the Boston Class I price for that month from the \$16.94 MILC payment trigger price as adjusted for feed costs, and multiplying the difference by 45 percent.

The payment factor of 45 percent will decline to 34 percent on Sept. 1, 2012.

The MILC payment trigger price of \$16.94 is adjusted upward when the National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost for a month is greater than \$7.35 per cwt. This rate will change to \$9.50 on Sept. 1, 2012.

The dairy feed ration cost is calculated each

month from the price of feed ingredients used to create a 16 percent protein dairy feed as reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). "While the dairy feed ration cost adjustment benefits producers when feed costs are high, it also means we must wait until that month's National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost is known before the MILC payment rate can be calculated," explained Hanlin.

"For example, while the Boston Class I price for February is \$13.97 and below \$16.94, we still won't know the actual MILC payment rate until late March when we receive final figures from NASS for determining the National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost. That means the MILC payment for February cannot be made until April."

FSA issues payments not later than 60 calendar days after FSA receives production evidence for the applicable month or the entire month's National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost is posted for the applicable month, whichever is later.

FSA makes payments on up to the maximum eligible pounds of milk produced and marketed by each operation per fiscal year. The annual maximum eligible pound limit per dairy operation is 2,985,000 pounds per fiscal year. The amount drops to 2.4 million pounds per fiscal year on Sept. 1, 2012.

MILC participants must select a month for which FSA will begin issuing payments for each fiscal year. Starting with the dairy operation's selected month, FSA will issue MILC payments based on that month's milk production and the milk production for each consecutive month thereafter with an effective payment rate until the operation reaches the production cap or the fiscal year ends.

Dairy producers must select a start month on, or before, the 14th of the month before the month which they want to receive payments and before the selected month's Boston Class I fluid price is announced to the public. Or the dairy producer has the option to select the month in which the contract application is submitted as their start month.

For subsequent years or if they wish to change a previously selected start month the producer must select a start month prior to the 14th of the month before the month which they want to receive payments and before the selected month's Boston Class I milk price is announced to the public.

In addition, if changing a start month selection, the change has to be made by the 14th of the month before the month originally selected. Producers may contact their local FSA office to sign up for the MILC program.

## Producers may apply for crops not covered by federal crop insurance

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's disaster assistance programs.

The application closing date for coverage in Bailey County is March 16 for spring seeded crops, vegetables, haygrazer, etc.

Producers must purchase at least

catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops or FSA's Non-insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Hanlin.

NAP is a federally-funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including

but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops.

However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said Hanlin.

"Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date.

Application sales closing dates vary by crop.

For county and crop-specific information, contact the Bailey County FSA office at (806)272-4538.

### Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

### Muleshoe Tire, Inc.

107 Main Street • Muleshoe • 272-4594

**Keinin Says Buy Your Tires from David!**

# Need Money for College?

APPLICATIONS FOR AT LEAST FOUR \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED THIS SPRING BY BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC ARE DUE AT THE MULESHOE OFFICE BY APRIL 6TH.

APPLICANTS MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO WILL GRADUATE THIS SPRING OR HAVE RECEIVED THEIR GED. SENIORS GRADUATING IN MAY AND WILL BE ATTENDING AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, JUNIOR/COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL AND LIVE IN THE AREA AND HAVE RECEIVED ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICES. FULL RULES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ARE PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION FORMS.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL RICKIE WARREN AT BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC, 806-272-4504.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND MULESHOE STATE BANK.

## PROVEN HYBRIDS. POWERFUL PROTECTION.

Mycogen® brand grain corn hybrids are proven to perform on your farm. We use elite genetics so you get top-performing hybrids, excellent standability and, ultimately, higher yields. And our hybrids are available with HERCULEX® XTRA *Insect Protection*, the broadest-spectrum in-plant insect protection available.

For more information, call ECS:

*This is the best place to get your seed.*

Darren Box, ECS Sales Rep | 866.655.7380  
806.946.7636 | ECS-Forage-Turf-Seed.com

[www.mycogen.com](http://www.mycogen.com)

\*\*\*Mycogen and the Mycogen Logo are trademarks of Mycogen Corporation.  
 \*\*\*HERCULEX and the HERCULEX Shield Logo are trademarks of Dow AgroSciences LLC.  
 ©2007 Mycogen Seeds. Mycogen Seeds is an affiliate of Dow AgroSciences LLC.  
 HERCULEX *Insect Protection* technology by Dow AgroSciences and Pioneer Hi-Bred.

# Guantanamo closure is premature without plan

On Sept. 11, 2001, the United States peered into the face of evil when 19 foreign terrorists brought the violence of Islamic extremism onto our soil, claiming the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans.

That day changed the course of history, delineating the post-9/11 era from the days that came before.

In the eight years since, America and its allies have boldly waged the Global War on Terror in an effort to prevent terrorism from ever reaching America's shores again and to protect free nations across the world.

This conflict has presented our nation with unique operational challenges for which there is no wartime precedent, such as where and how to detain captured terrorists, including the self-confessed mastermind of 9-11, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Since shortly after 9-11, enemy combatants have been detained at a prisoner facility at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

Now, the Guantanamo



## Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Bay detention facility has become a point of contention.

Just two days after Pres. Obama's inauguration, he issued an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay terrorist detention facility within a year.

I believe this action is premature, and I am extremely concerned about the fast-looming deadline, particularly when no viable alternative for housing these dangerous terrorists and enemy combatants has been outlined.

Pres. Barack Obama's executive order states that the closure, which would require the release or transfer of nearly 300 detainees, should be practicable and consistent with national security interests.

This cannot happen without a full discussion

and thorough plan for the detainment of these enemy combatants.

The policy contemplates five scenarios for handling current detainees: hand them over to their home countries for incarceration; transfer them to a neutral country; transfer them to prisons on U.S. soil; send them to U.S. facilities abroad; or release them outright.

Unfortunately, all of these alternatives heighten the threat to the lives of Americans at home and abroad.

Without question, the worst of these options is to send Guantanamo prisoners to domestic prisons in the United States.

By taking this action, we would essentially place terrorists in the neighborhoods and

communities of American citizens.

In 2007, the U.S. Senate expressed its firm opposition to any plans to release Guantanamo detainees into American society or to house them in U.S. facilities, by a vote of 94-3. Vice Pres. Biden (then-Senator of Delaware) was among the 94 Senators opposing transfer of the prisoners to the U.S.; Pres. Obama (then-Senator of Illinois) was not present for the vote.

Alternatively, transferring enemy combatants to prisons in foreign states or releasing them to their home countries is also a dangerous proposition.

In January, it was reported that former Guantanamo detainee Said Ali al-Shihri, who had been released into

the custody of Saudi Arabia, has subsequently resurfaced as a terrorist operative.

Today, he is al-Qaeda's deputy leader in Yemen and is charged with planning and executing acts of violence against the U.S. and its allies. And al-Shihri is not the exception.

According to the Pentagon, as many as 61 enemy combatants released from Guantanamo have since reconnected with terrorist networks and renewed their commitment to destroying America and our way of life.

Even more frightening, these 61 former prisoners came from the group of 500 that were deemed less dangerous and were thus released. That means that the approximately 270 detainees currently in Guantanamo represent the most violent and nefarious prisoners.

Clearly, a viable alternative to Guantanamo has not

yet been identified. Expediting closure of this detention facility without absolutely ensuring American lives won't be endangered would place misguided foreign policy goals above the protection of our homeland. Moreover, it signals a dangerous return to the pre-9-11 mindset.

On Feb. 11, 2009, I sent a letter to the President, urging him to reconsider his executive order and to reject any option that could land terrorists in Texas or anywhere else on American soil.

Before setting a deadline to close the detainment camp at Guantanamo Bay, the American people must first be assured that the transfer or release of detainees will not increase the risk of harm to American citizens at home or abroad. As it stands, the administration cannot give that assurance today.

## Muleshoe students listed on ENMU honor roll

Four students from the Muleshoe area are attending Eastern New Mexico University and are among the 558 students on the 2008 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

They and their majors are: Alicia Brand, communication; Janice Pacheco, music education; Franklin Piland, music education; Samuel Villarreal, music education.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

ENMU opened in 1934 and today has an enrollment of over 4,000 on its main campus in Portales. Eastern, which also has branch campuses in Roswell and Ruidoso, offers 72 undergraduate and graduate programs.

## Baby Showers

### Kennedy shower held

Shelby Kennedy was honored with a baby shower on Jan. 31 in the home of Bernita Sheets.

Hostesses for the event included Sheryl Altman, Brenda Black, Carren Black, Susie Claunch, Robin Friskup, Desire Gallman, Myndi Green, Suzanne King, Abby Kirby, Jan Laurence, Jill Morris, Kaci Morris, Rhonda Myers, Kimberly Nickles, Deb Nitzel, Callie Partain, Karie Partain, Karie Preston, Bernita Sheets and Lisa Whalin.

The hostess gift presented during the event was a pack-n-play. Special guests



Shelby Kennedy

attending included Kathy McCullough, Sumer Shortes, Beth Bundick, Sherri Kennedy, Keila Morris, Gloria Kennedy, Donna Wilke, Margaret Lacy, Debbie Thornton and Cheyenne Thornton.

### Ott baby shower held

Tarah Ott was honored with a baby shower on Jan. 31 in the home of Sherri Kennedy of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Carren Black, Jo Ellen Cowart, Robin Friskup, Keila Morris, Deb Nitzel, Cindy Harrison, Crystal Helton, Laven Hunt, Rhonda Myers, Tenda Wood, Connie James, Sherri Kennedy, Debra Kettner, Cindy Magby and Lisa Whalin.



The hostess gift presented to her was a DaVinci Modo 3-in-1 convertible crib.



## One tile at a time

Roofers install a tile roof on the west side of Muleshoe. Photograph by Larry Thornton

### Baby Shower Selections

Cole & Lezlie St. Clair  
"Baby Boy"  
March 7 @ 10:30 am  
Home of LaDonna Scott

**Williams General Store**  
1405 W. American Blvd • 272-6853

## BARRETT PRODUCE CO.

**PRICES REDUCED**

**RUSSETS (WHITE BAKING POTATOES)**  
50 lb. Box 40, 50, 60, 70 Count ..... \$25 Now \$20  
50 lb. Sack #2 Large Russets ..... \$15

**NEW RED POTATOES**  
50 lb. Box Size A Red #1 ..... \$25 Now \$20  
50 lb. Sack Size A Red #2 ..... \$15

**YELLOW ONION**  
50 lb. Sack US #1 Jumbo ..... \$20

**SWEET POTATOES**  
40 lb. Box #1 Med. Size ..... \$25 Now \$20

**PINTO BEANS #1**  
20 lb. Bag US #1 ..... \$15  
50 lb. Bag US #1 ..... \$30

**VARIETY PACK**  
50 lb. Box Mixture of Above Products ..... \$30

February is National Potato Lovers Month

Buy 50 lb. Box Share with Family & Friends

**Healthy & Economical for all You Potato & Pinto Lovers**  
Barrett Produce Co. • 1 Mi. E. of Red Light on Hwy. 84 • 272-4546

CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE CITIZENS BANK OF CLOVIS PRESENT

# BYE BYE BIRDIE

MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> | 7 PM | MARSHALL AUDI.  
\$20 General Admission | \$15 Seniors/Military/Students  
Tickets: 575.769.4035 | www.clovis.edu | Information: 575.769.4956

"The funniest, most captivating musical comedy!"  
~ The New York Daily News

# MOVING

Dr. Bruce Purdy of Muleshoe Family Medicine Clinic wishes to announce that Dr. Grant Nitzel will be joining the clinic staff on a full-time basis starting Monday, March 2, 2009.

Appointments may be made by calling 806-272-7531. Dr. Grant Nitzel is excited about continuing to see his established patients as well as accepting new patients.

# In Proud Recognition of Our Future Farmers



2008-2009 Muleshoe FFA Officers

Front: Chelsea Moore, Steven Richards, & Tyson Turnbow  
 Back: Claire McBane, Jackson Myers, Craig Black, & Austin Bamert



2008-2009 Lazbuddie FFA Officers

Standing: Jacob Schacher, Kayle Jesko, & Logan Mason  
 Sitting: Chase Timms, Kinzi Jo Schacher, Colton Weaver, & Darin Ivy

Muleshoe and Lazbuddie FFA Chapters are celebrating National FFA Week Feb. 21-28, 2009. Step Up, Stand Out is the theme this year and more than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels. Stepping up and standing out is not only a way of life for FFA members, but it's also a call to action for others. FFA members set a positive example with their leadership, work ethic and community service activities.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell America about the great opportunities available for youth in agriculture. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. From urban to rural schools, FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills and preparing members for a lifetime of success in one of the 300 careers in agriculture.



## We Proudly Support FFA!

Join these local businesses in Recognizing our local FFA members for their hard work. We wish you continued success in 2009 & beyond!

**Treider Hardware & Supply  
 Trieder Electric, Inc.**

P.O. Box 99, Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2191

**Russell Spraying**

637 Hwy. 214, Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2624

**Shane and LeShea Mason**

Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2170

**Clays Corner Gin**

558 Hwy. 214, Muleshoe  
 806-965-2176

**Muleshoe Valley, Inc.**

2601 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-4266

**Dale Oil Co., Inc.**

413 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-5576

**Irrigation Pump & Power  
 Zimmatic**

W. Hwy. 84, Muleshoe  
 806-272-5597

**Capital Farm Credit**

1601 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-3010

**Five Area Telephone  
 Cooperative, Inc.**

302 Uvalde Ave., Muleshoe  
 806-272-5533

**Foster Fertilizer**

P.O. Box 52, Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2921

**Ray Lee Equipment**

2800 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-4296

**Dairy Direct**

E. of Loves Truckstop, Clovis  
 575-762-7997

**The Altman Group**

310 Main Street, Muleshoe  
 806-946-9129

**Bailey County Farm  
 Bureau**

1612 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-4567

**Muleshoe Animal Clinic  
 & Vet Supply**

1430 US Hwy. 84, Muleshoe  
 806-272-3061

**Muleshoe Livestock  
 Auction**

P.O. Box 754, Muleshoe  
 806-272-4201

**Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher**

Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2389

**Lowe's Marketplace**

401 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 806-272-4585

**Blackwater Agri. Assn.**

W. Hwy. 84, Muleshoe  
 806-272-4962

**Muleshoe Tire, Inc.**

807 Main Street, Muleshoe  
 806-272-4594

**Lazbuddie Garage & Supply**

P.O. Box 100, Lazbuddie  
 806-965-2188

**Bailey County Electric  
 Cooperative**

305 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe  
 806-272-4504

**NATIONAL FFA WEEK  
 February 21-28, 2009**

# CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline is Monday  
at 5 PM to place  
a Classified ad.  
Call 272-4536.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The City of Muleshoe does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

David Brunson  
215 S. First Street  
Muleshoe, Texas 79347  
(806) 272- 4528 Voice  
( ) - TDD

has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Published in the Muleshoe Journal February 26, 2009.

## HELP WANTED

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Department: Curry County Adult Detention Center  
Position: Adult Detention Officer  
Wage Level: Min \$11.63 - Midpoint \$14.54 Per Hour DOE  
  
Position: Sergeant  
Wage Level: Min \$13.49 - Midpoint \$16.86 Per Hour DOE

Curry County Personnel Department is accepting applications for the position of ADULT DETENTION OFFICER UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED AND SERGEANT UNTIL MARCH 6, 2009 for the Curry County Adult Detention Center. A copy of the Position Specifications and Qualifications will be available at the Curry County Administration Office at the Curry County Courthouse (575) 763-6016 or visit our website at currycounty.org.

#### This job offers:

- Certified Detention Officer Training through an academy.
- Training in Defensive Tactics
- Excellent medical benefits
- P.E.R.A. retirement benefits

Curry County desires to obtain the best possible employees and affords equal opportunity for employment to all. Curry County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability.

### SERCO of Texas Request for Quotes

SERCO of Texas is requesting quotes for Gas Cards for Workforce Solutions South Plans eligible participants located in the counties of Dickens, Motley, Yoakum, Lynn, Terry, Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Floyd, Hale, Crosby, King, Garza, and Lamb. Details may be obtained from SERCO of Texas, 1301 Broadway, Suite 202, Lubbock, TX 79401 beginning February 24, 2009. Deadline for quotes is March 10, 2009 5:00 PM. To obtain the Request for Quotes, call Yvonne Evans at 806-687-5627, ext. 2028 or email yvonne.evans@spworkforce.org.

SERCO is an Equal Opportunity employer/program. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB's) are encouraged to apply. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Telephone access is available by dialing 711.

The Muleshoe Police Department is accepting applications for a relief dispatcher. High school diploma or GED required. Must type 25-30 words per minute minimum. Ability to multi task. Computer skills a must. Upon employment, subject may be required to pass a drug test. Apply at Muleshoe Police Department, 215 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe, TX. EOE, ADA.



Accolade Home Care is seeking a Branch Agency Director in the Morton area. It is an honor to care for our employees & to serve our patients. We offer competitive salaries, benefit packages, supportive work environment, tuition assistance and online CE courses. Opportunities for advancement are offered to all who work hard with a great attitude. Happiness & joy are cornerstones of our workplace. Prefer an RN with 1 year experience. Please call our office at: 806-266-0022 Fax: 806-266-0196 Email: Shelly.Olis@FMS-Regional.com

Charles Oil & Gas CDL Driver with Hazmat Certifications needed. Call 806-251-1284.

Legacy of Love Hospice RN Case Manager needed for Littlefield and surrounding areas Mileage, Health Insurance. Good Team to work with. 125 E. Marshall Howard Blvd., Littlefield, Texas 79339 806.385.9329.

Looking for employment that offers a competitive salary, career opportunities, health, life, dental and vision insurance, an excellent retirement program, employer sponsored training and professional development, and a wellness program?

The City of Muleshoe has an opening in the Public Works Department. For an application, contact the Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S First, Muleshoe, TX or the Texas Workforce Commission.

## FOR LEASE

8 miles North 1 mile East 3/4 mile North of Muleshoe on Friona Hwy. 3 Bdr with water, sewer, garbage furnished. \$500 per month lease, 1st and last months rent as deposit. Call 806-559-6391.

Great Buys are in the Classifieds!

### COVER CROP SEED SPECIAL

- Rye: \$12 Bag
  - Triticale: \$9 Bag
  - Wheat: \$7 Bag
  - Oats: \$13.75 Bag
- Browning Seed Inc. 806-293-5271

### EMERY DIRT and SEPTIC SERVICE

Septic Systems Installed & repaired. (806) 787-2457

## SERVICES

### Need Fertilizer?

Call Ronnie Black at Blackwater Agriculture Association for a quote. Competitive prices and great service! 806-272-4962 or 806-946-8943.

### Concealed Handgun Classes,

call for class dates, also private classes available, Certified Instructor Toby Turpen, 806.364.6362.

Is it time to clean out the Garage? Sell those unwanted items here!

Call 272-4536 to place an ad.



## REAL ESTATE



Lamb County - 160 Acres northwest of Earth. Excellent soil. Lays perfect, 3 wells, Center pivot. Good set of catch pens for livestock.

Southern Parmer County - 160 acres. Late model sprinkler. 2 wells make good p.m. Good bases & yields. Corners in CRP at good rate.

Northern Lamb County - 320 acres, 2 sprinklers, 5 wells all tied together. Lays perfect. Excellent. Excellent soil. Good fertility.

Lamb County - Amherst Area - 177 acres of grass with 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with basement. Has 30 x 50 Metal barn. Grass was previously in CRP, currently has allotments with good direct payment. House and barn with 5 acres can be sold separately or grass can be sold separately.

Bailey County - West of Muleshoe. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with small barn on 20 acres \$75,000.

Lamb County - North of Earth - 1280 acres. 7 pivots. Good bases & yields. Can be sold all together or in as many as 4 tracts 1-160 acre tract lays in Castro County. Balance is all contiguous. Other listed farms also contiguous.

Cochran County - 354 acres, 316 acres of C.R.P. with 2 years remaining. 3000' cultivated. Barn and other outbuildings. Previously irrigated 2 wells. 2 pivot pads and underground pipe still in place.

Bailey County C.R.P. - 354 acres, 1 year left on contract. Good grass cover, can be good improved pasture or return to dryland production.

Lamb County - Springlake Area - 397 acres. Excellent water, 4 wells make 500 to 600 gallons each. 2 late model center pivots. This is an exceptional Lamb Co. farm.

316 Main Street • Muleshoe, Texas  
Office: 806-272-3100 Home: 806-965-2468  
Website: www.vicoland.com

LAND - (Frenship Tracts & lots of farms) for building, hunting or ag. (Also comm. bldgs) Please call for a list. See our homes at FarrarandAssoc.com. 806-894-7099

### FARRAR & ASSOCIATES 806-894-7099

Beautiful country home - 3/2, brick w/FP, sunroom, barns, 11 acres, \$125,000.

Bailey County - 320 acres, CRP, \$495/acre.

Bailey County - 377 acres, CRP, 3 wells, \$550/acre.

Visit our website for all listings at www.streetsrealestate.com  
Sellers and Buyers • Farm • Ranch • CRP  
Hunting • Rural Properties  
STREET REAL ESTATE • PLAINVIEW, TX  
JOHNNY STREET • 806-847-7400



Country Charm with a Modern Edge - Sudan - Very nice extensively remodeled 3/2/1/1 home, central heat/air, large beautiful kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, ceramic tile, updated plumbing and gas lines, large bedrooms, sequestered master bed/bath, wood fenced backyard, storage buildings, automatic sprinkler system. MANY EXTRAS! A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! PRICE REDUCED! LIMITED TIME ONLY!!

Move to the Country - Sudan - 2/2/1 Country brick home approx 1310 sq. ft. on 1.5 acres, central heat/air, stained wood cabinets, metal roof, established trees and yard. Located approximately ten miles SW from Sudan, TX off FM 298 on CR 217. More acreage may be possible if desired. PRICED TO SELL AT \$49,500.

Monty Edwards, Agent  
(806) 786-5426

## MOBILE HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER

1973 Cabaret, 14x64 Mobile Home, appliances included. Must be moved. \$7800. Call 806-257-2146.

## HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

2 acres, 2 large barns, 3 BDR home, basement. For more info please call 806-965-2326.

3 BDR, Lubbock Ready Built Home, new roof, garage, carport, 500 gal propane tank on 1 acre land. \$10,000 Firm. Serious Buyers Only. 806-927-5325.

GREAT DEAL 1006 W. 6th St, Muleshoe, TX. Nice 3-2 on corner lot, approx 2,000 sq. ft., den, lvg room, utility, lg bedrooms w/x-lg walk-in closets, large master bat, kitchen-ceramic tile, double oven, 2 water heaters, central H/A, sprink sys, 14x24 workshop/storage. Asking \$99,500. Call Monica 272-2015.

Call Terry for all your advertising needs at 272-4536

## FOR RENT

3 BR refurbished house with double garage approx. 3 miles west of Progress. Call 806-925-6763 for more information.

2 BR refurbished house with garage approx. 3 1/2 miles west of Progress. Call 806-925-6763 for more information.

## FOR SALE

2008 Hay For Sale \$50 Per Bale Hybrid Sorghum Sudangrass Tridan (Sweet) 5x6 Round Bales 806-239-1942

32" Sharp LCD TV Screen NEARLY NEW! Reduced Price. Call 806-566-9652.

CHERRY 6-pc dining table & chairs with leaf. Still in box from factory. \$390. 806-549-3110.

F I R M ORTHOPEDIC queen size mattress & foundation, never used. \$125. 806-438-0081.

California King (LONG) complete mattress set. BRAND NEW!! \$250. 806-438-0081.

BLACK IRON canopy bed, rails, & NEW MATTRESS, forfeit. \$349. 806-438-0081.

OO--NO ACHES--new visco memory foam mattress set. In plastic. \$395. 806-549-3110.

100% leather SOFA, loveseat, & 3-pc table set. Lifetime warranty. Brand New!!! \$650. 806-549-3110.

E B O N Y DISTRESSED BEDROOM set 5-pc, Contemporary style. BRAND NEW. \$500. 806-549-3110.

HUGE 4 POSTER oak bedroom set. WIFE DIDN'T LIKE. \$875. 806-466-2645.

KING SIZE pillowtop mattress & box spring, BRAND NEW!! \$250. 806-549-3110.

5-pc. microfiber sofa, loveseat & cocktail table set. BRAND NEW!! Only \$550. 806-549-3110.

BRAND NEW CHERRY pedestal dining table, chairs, lighted china cabinet. \$990. 806-549-3110.

DOUBLE / FULL pillowtop mattress set, in plastic. NEW!! \$120. 806-549-3110.

Subscribe today!

# Nieman Realty REALTOR

116 E. Ave. C • George Nieman, Broker • 272-5285 or 272-5286  
CHECK OUR LISTING INFO., PHOTOS, ETC. ON-LINE AT WWW.NIEMANREALTY.COM  
COM HAVE BUYERS! NEED HOME AND LAND LISTINGS!!

### RICHLAND HILLS - PARKRIDGE - HIGHLAND

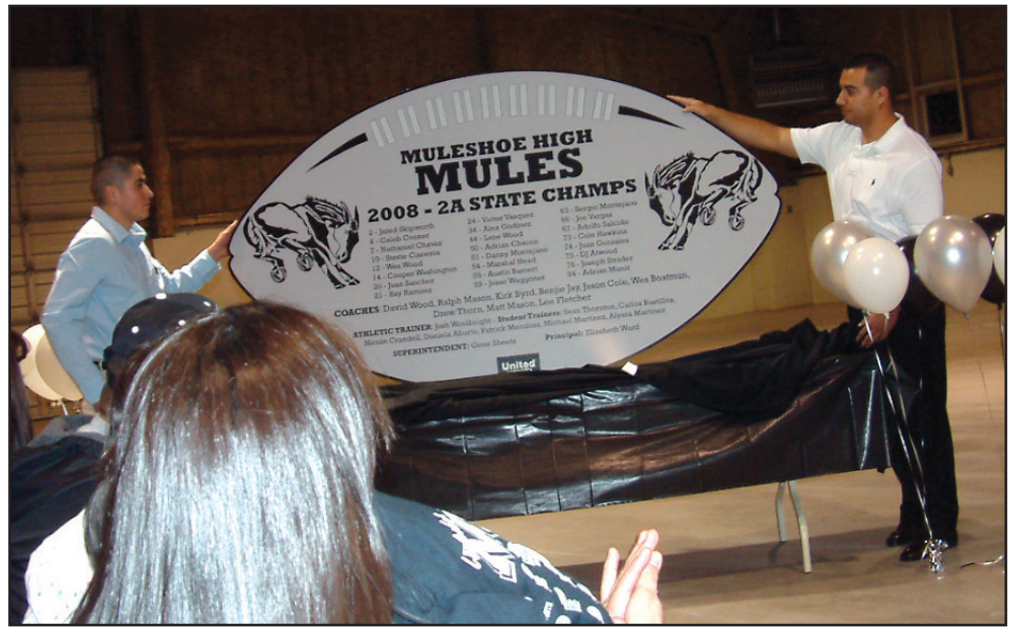
- NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto spkrl, fenced yd., covd. patio, workshop/stor. bldg. \$115K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, approx. 1718' lvg. area, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED - \$98,000!!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. Geothermal Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, approx. 2757' lvg. area, sunroom w/ wet bar, lg. basement, jacuzzi tub in master, auto spkrl., fenced yard., cov. patio, wkshp./stor. bldg.!! \$184,900!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, approx. 1973' lvg. area, guest cottage/leff. aptmnt. workshop!!!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$119,500!!
- VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lvg. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto. spkrl., large finished basement!!! MUCH MORE!!! PRICE REDUCED \$249K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lvg. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/workshop, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED \$129K!!!
- NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!
- NICELY REMODELED - 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lvg. area, auto. spkrl., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, isolated master, safe rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spkrl. sys., fenced yd.!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lvg. area, spkrl. sys., fenced yd., MORE!!
- 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!! \$130,000!! Price Reduced!! \$115,000.
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spkrl., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!! Reduced to \$149,500.
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lvg. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto. spkrl., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lvg. area, screened porch, cellar, auto spkrl., stor. bldgs. \$149K!!

### COMMERCIAL

- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!
- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP - Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent A&H, updated electrical & plumbing. PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$35K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

### RURAL

- EARTH - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, fenced yd., 16' x 20' workshop/storage!! \$74,500!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$92,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home, 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!



# Muleshoe coach concludes comments at presentation

**By Delton Wilhite**  
Sportswriter

The following is part 2 of the Muleshoe Journal's ring presentation story, including individual comments on the varsity team by Coach David Wood. Part 1 appeared in last week's edition.

Marshal Head was always the smallest player on the field since he started playing football. He never backed away from a challenge and in fact always wanted to go against the best player for the opposition and he seldom lost a battle.

Danny Montejano is one of my heroes said Coach Wood. No one worked harder in the off season. He took full advantage of his time during the summer and earned a starting position.

Sergio Montejano is Danny's younger but not his little brother. Little did we know what impact he would have when he started this season?

The Mules needed depth on the offensive line but Sergio had bigger plans. By the first ballgame he had worked himself to the top of the depth chart and is only a sophomore. He will play as a Mule for two more seasons.

Adrian Muniz had a huge question mark by his name when the season started. The coaches were not sure he had the size or experience for varsity.

He really needed a year on the junior varsity to gain the pounds and maturity necessary to play at the varsity level.

Mistakes plagued him early in two-a-days but he was a fast learner. He started every game for the Mules.

When the playoffs rolled around he was defending the best receiver for the opposition. That is the biggest complement a defensive back can receive from his coaches.

"Ray Ramirez has to be the toughest football player I have had the privilege to coach," said Coach Wood. "He was always in the hunt each week for the Slobber Knocker Award. His biggest hits came down field as a receiver when he was unselfishly blocking for his teammates." He played the final five playoff games with a torn ACL and meniscus. Knee surgery the day before the ring ceremony could not keep him from walking across the stage to accept his medal and ring.

Adolfo Salcido is the third Salcido brother to have Coach Wood. He did not miss a day of

working out during the summer and some days he worked out twice. He knew if you want something bad enough you just have to go and get it. He started every game for the Mules.

"Who is this guy?" Coach Wood said he was asked numerous times during the playoffs about Juan Sanchez. The Mules changed things up on defense once they reached the post season. Sanchez stepped into the inside linebacker roll and led the Mules in tackles in all five of the playoff games.

"He is the Mule's bowling ball and no one can stop a bowling ball. He is just a sophomore and will be back with us for two more seasons," said Coach Wood.

Jared Skipworth grew into the Mules' "Mr. Golden Toe" as he solidified the Mules' kicking game. The Mules had struggled during the first half of the season before Skipworth took over those duties.

He moved from quarterback to receiver for this season and is expected to move back to quarterback in 2009. He did not have to do it very often but Skipworth is also very good strong punter.

Joseph Strader is better known as "Indy" by his teammates. He is 6-3 and weighs 295 pounds and owned the line of scrimmage.

He demanded a double team every down and gave the Mule linebackers the opportunity to run to the ball. He is one of the big reasons the Mules became so dominate on defense.

Joe Vargas joined the team as a senior after having not played since he was a freshman. He had a goal and was not to be denied. He was behind

when two-a-days started but by the fourth game he had earned himself a starting position on the offensive line. He earned the title of "Mighty Joe Vargas" by the radio commentators.

Victor Vasquez is a three-year starter for the Mules and was voted a team captain. Coach Wood said, "The question is not what Victor can do but what he can not do? He can catch passes, run with the ball, pass the football, place kick, return punts and kickoffs, tackle, intercept passes, score, cook, sew, wash dishes and do the laundry. And he does them all so well he makes it look easy."

Dave Campbell's Texas Football selected him as the Utility Player of the Year on his All Texas Football Team. He has provided Mule fans with many memorable moments during his three-year career. He will be missed.

Jessie Waggoner suffered a knee injury in the spring that kept him side lined for several months.

He worked hard in two-a-days and earned a starting position only to have the same injury to reoccur. But he made it back into the rotation on the offensive line by playoffs.

It could be called fate, bad luck or déjà vu but Jesse suffered his third knee injury in the waning minutes against Kirbyville. But he had recovered a fumbled punt that gave us the momentum in the second half. He will work hard this summer and be ready for the 2009 opening game but in a knee braces.

Cooper Washington gave the Mules a quadruple threat on offense. As a defensive

end he had to have given a lot of offensive coordinators nightmares. No team the Mules played had an answer for the 6-5 Mule defender. Coach Wood predicted, "You will be seeing this guy play on Saturdays after his high school days are over. But we are fortunate to have him two more years since he is just a sophomore."

Washington was honored by the Dave Campbell Texas Football Magazine as the All Texas Football Team defensive end.

Lane Wood is a three-year starter that the team voted as one of their captains. Three years ago he only played on defense and thought of himself as a defensive specialist.

He led the Mules in tackles all three seasons. But Lane added a new dimension this season and established himself as a premiere running back and receiver. He accounted for 1502 yards rushing, 840 yards receiving and a total of

22 touchdowns.

Lane is a very unselfish player as demonstrated in the story Coach Wood told. "Lane was asked why he had taken himself out of the state final game after breaking loose for 56 yards on our first offensive play. Lane replied by saying, "I've scored a lot of touchdowns and I wanted Juan to score some." Lane was truly one of the hearts and souls of the Mule team.

Wes Wood was voted a Captain by his Mules teammates. The coaches were not sure if he could handle the controls of such a complicated offense. After the Levelland game some may have thought his performance could have been a fluke.

The Portales game proved what a competitor he truly is. He was fighting the flu and had four hours of IV's the morning of the game. He took the field and threw for seven touchdowns and ran for another against an eventual New

Mexico State Champion. His confidence seemed to blossom after that and it infected the rest of the team. He was always the last to leave the tunnel but when he did take the field nothing was going to stand in his or the Mules way. The rest is history.

Russell Athletics presented Muleshoe ISD with a team picture to be hung in the new high school building when it is completed.

Chad Lovell, the United Supermarket manager, took the podium and presented Muleshoe ISD with a large sign in the shape of a football with the players and coaches names listed on the sign. It will hang in the new high school.

The celebratory night was capped off with a showing of the Mules' film of the championship game. Coach Wood ran the projector and would back the film up and point out the action that took place away from the ball that made the plays work.

## The Muleshoe Journal's 15th Annual Cutest Baby Contest



**Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2008's Cutest Baby!**

This year's contestants will appear in the March 26 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2008 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area. Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Bring your favorite photo along with \$15 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the adjacent coupon along with your child's photo and \$15 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 31, 2008. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

Enter any child born in 2008 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc.

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information or clarification.

**Make a difference in a young child's life!**  
**Be a Head Start Teacher**  
with TMC Head Start  
Muleshoe Center for the 2009-10 Season.  
\$ 14 to \$ 15+ an hour with Bachelors/\$ 12+ an hour with Associates in Early Childhood or Child Development or a degree with at least 6 classes in Early Childhood or Child Development.  
Full-time position.  
Medical, dental, vision, life, long-term disability insurance.  
Pension with matching funds offered.  
Tuition Scholarship Program  
11 paid holidays per year  
2 weeks of paid annual leave per year.  
Off from Thanksgiving through New Years Day.  
Please send resume to  
jim.rodriquez@mail.tmccentral.org  
or  
806-763-9136 (fax).  
EEO

Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weight at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Length at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mom & Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grandparent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline: Thurs., March 19 at 5 pm**