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## Road rally

Motorcycle enthusiasts from around the area and the county traveled to Muleshoe March 20-21 to participate in the annual Muleshoe Roadriders' Motorcycle Rally. According to club officials, at one point, the Bailey County Coliseum's parking lot was holding about 400 motorcycles.

Photographs  
by Larry Thornton



## Annual chamber celebration set for Saturday at coliseum

### Texas Tech defensive coordinator to speak

The 59th annual Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet, on March 28, will be a night of celebration, with the community gathering to honor its own, along with organizations and individuals that have contributed to making Muleshoe the place it is.

Muleshoe football players will serve as waiters at the banquet, which will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum starting at 6:30 p.m.

This year's featured speaker is Ruffin McNeill, the Texas Tech



Ruffin McNeill  
Red Raiders Defensive Coordinator.

In his 23rd season on the collegiate level, assistant head coach Ruffin McNeill has been a member of Mike Leach's staff for nine years, most

recently serving as the defensive coordinator.

McNeill, who also coaches the linebackers, has been described as one of the most versatile coaches on the staff and one of the most beloved by the Red Raider football team.

McNeill began his coaching career as a defensive coach at Lumberton (N.C.) High School from 1980-84, before taking his first collegiate position as a graduate assistant coaching linebackers at Clemson during the 1985-86 seasons.

The Tigers won the Atlantic Coast Conference title in 1986 and advanced to the Gator Bowl, a year after appearing in the Independence Bowl.

McNeill tapped the professional ranks for experience, working as a summer intern with the Miami Dolphins in 1996.

From there he went to UNLV in 1997 and 1998 as defensive coordinator in both seasons and assistant head coach in 1998.

A four-year letter winner at East Carolina from 1976-80, McNeill was a three-year starter at defensive back and was the team captain for two seasons.

He helped lead ECU to the Southern Conference Championship in 1976 and an Independence Bowl berth in 1978.

McNeill graduated from East Carolina in 1980 and received a master's degree in counseling from Clemson in 1987.

As for Muleshoe, this year's banquet will allow  
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### Ribbon cutting set for weekend

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation will be hosting a ribbon cutting for the recently restored Stegall School Building and the recently constructed Bundrant Half-dugout on Saturday, March 28, at 3 p.m., as part of the weekend chamber celebration.

### MEDC approves grant

The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation approved a grant request from the Muleshoe Area Hospital District during the corporation's March 18 meeting.

The grant, which is not to exceed \$80,000, will be used for "site

enhancement" at the district's rural health clinic, across the street from the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, according to MEDC Director Janet Claborn.

According to Claborn, the site improvements will be part of the ongoing clinic expansion project, which has been temporarily delayed which the hospital board reaches some final decisions concerning the project's finance package.

The MEDC approval must next receive the approval of the Muleshoe City Council.

## Child death deemed a 'preventable accident'

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

It's the kind of tragedy that can haunt a parent for the rest of his or her life... a small child's life lost to what seems like a senseless accident.

Such no-doubt is how it must seem after Thursday's incident when an 18-month-old child died as the result of an accident in a home in Muleshoe's Leneau addition.

According to Muleshoe

Police Detective Cassie Crandell, emergency personnel were dispatched to a local residence in the early afternoon of March 19 following the report of an accident in the home.

Crandell said the female child, a relative who was visiting in the home of the Muleshoe resident, was reportedly pulling on the doors

of a small television stand when the 27-inch television it bore tipped forward onto the child.

While death was probably instantaneous, Lt. Benny Parker said an unsuccessful attempt was made to revive the child was made.

She was later pronounced dead at Muleshoe Area Medical Center Hospital by County Judge Sheri Harrison.

"It was a preventable accident," Det. Crandell said. "That's the hard part of it."

While the child's mother was present when the accident occurred, no one realized it would take so little force to topple the front-heavy television, Crandell said.

According to Parker and Crandell, there have been an unusually high

number of accidental infant deaths in Bailey County during the past couple of years, a problem which Crandell said is largely due to a lack of education.

She explained that

several of the deaths have been the result of suffocations, either due to the placement of the child in a makeshift bed that prevented the child from breathing when it

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### Who is escorting whom?

Sometimes it's hard to decide who is escorting whom.

Pictured on the right, Iraqi children accompany a squad of Army Reservists as they patrol a community neighborhood in Iraqi.

The soldiers are under the command of Major Ernie Vela, the son of Joe and Susie Vela of Muleshoe.

Major Vela, a Muleshoe High School graduate, who is soon to be promoted to Lt. Colonel Vela, is serving his second tour of duty in Iraq, and will writing an occasional column about his time in Iraq for the *Journal*.



"As we were walking the little girl was waving to us as we passed by her," Vela wrote. "In a split second she ran in between the two soldiers, looked up at them, waved to each one

and walked with us to end of the street.

When he isn't on active duty, Vela is a counselor at Fritch High School, where his wife, Robin, is an English and drama teacher.

The have three sons — Timothy, who attends West Texas A&M; Tyler, who attends Mount Marty College in South Dakota; and Travis, who attends Fritch High School.

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### Youth softball sign ups

Sign ups for girls fast pitch softball will be in the Watson Junior High gymnasium foyer on 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.

### 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 call 806-965-2870.

### Fine Arts Night to Shine

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Boosters' annual Fine Arts Night to Shine is set for Monday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at Kerry Moore Auditorium. There will be performances by the Muleshoe High School One Act Play, Choir, and Band, and displays by the visual arts department.

A live auction will be held in the auditorium during a break in the performances with items such as beauty services, automotive services, autographed MHS footballs, season tickets to the 2009 football season as well as many other interesting and valuable items.

The cost of the performance is \$2 per person, school-age children through adult. For more information contact Nick Stephenson or Lorissa Mason at the high school.

### Other March 28 events

In addition to the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Banquet several other special activities are planned on Saturday, March 28.

- The Oneita Wagon Senior Center, at 319 S. Main, will hold a fundraising lunch featuring a Mexican pile-on from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

- At 3 p.m., the Muleshoe Heritage Center, on N. American Blvd., will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Stegall School and the Bundrant half-dugout. Refreshments will be served.

### FUMC 'healing service' to be held

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second, will be holding a "healing service" on Sunday, March 29, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call 272-5517 for additional information.

### Calvary Baptist concert

Jack Stone will be performing in concert at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 1733 W. Ave. C, in Muleshoe on Sunday, March 29, at 6 p.m.

## Letter to the Editor

### Resident speaks out about city's grass cutting ordinances

**To the Editor:** Where is the freedom of living at your own house when you have the city telling you how to live. People know when they have to cut their grass. Do us citizens have a say anymore?  
**Navor Salas, Muleshoe**

## What qualifies as a genuine disaster?

In the event of a disaster, I am now ready. I think.

I don't suppose I'll know until I'm faced with one. But I just installed software to back up my computer and create a disk for "disaster recovery." So now all I need is a disaster.

For a moment or two last week, my computer and I thought we were looking disaster in the face. I'd installed a new program on that machine, and its little cursor almost quit "breathing." Then a backup hard drive hardened into rigor mortis. That's when I bought a new one, backed up everything, and created a disaster recovery CD.

If I had lost everything on that computer last week, I'd have been in a snit for sure. It's good to have that CD ready for computer CPR.

But I've been wondering a bit about that word "disaster." A computer fritz deserves a place on the "disaster scale" above an almost eternal meeting or fingernails on a chalkboard, and below an attack of hemorrhoidal suffering or a run-in with a boss who is rumored to have last passed out a compliment during the Eisenhower administration.

### Banquet...

Continued from page 1 local residents the opportunity to express their appreciation to those who have helped the community.

At this year's celebration, the chamber will also recognize out-of-town foundations, individuals, businesses and governmental agencies that have donated time, money and effort to the community.

As is customary at the annual chamber banquet, a steak feast will be served. However, earlier stories which listed a menu of steak and shrimp for the event were in error.

The 2009 chamber awards will also be announced, including Farm Family of the Year, Man and Woman of the Year, and Employee and Business of the Year.

Celie Parham, president of the chamber, emphasizes that the banquet is the chamber's primary fundraising event.

Parham stresses how important it is for everyone to support the chamber and the work it does.

### Infant death...

Continued from page 1 rolled over, or when the mother rolled over onto the infant when it was placed in the parent's bed.

It's one of the safety awareness issues that have come to light more often in recent year, the police detective said.

"No matter how tired you are," Crandell warned, "you shouldn't put the child in bed with you."



**Focus On Faith**  
Curt Shelburne

But, really, "disaster"? The 9/11 attacks deserve the name (along with "despicable" and "cowardly"). A tsunami killing thousands is a disaster. An airplane crash killing hundreds is a disaster.

World-class greed plunging our economy into recession? "Disaster" might come to mind. And which is the larger disaster? To let failed companies fail or to let government get its claws even more deeply into big banks and big business. We'll see.

"Disaster" is a relative term.

I read an article about how times are hard for the folks in my church tradition who produce directories listing "our" churches. Increasing diversity in worship and practice is making it hard to know who's "in" and who's "out." That's not a disaster. That's progress.

It seems to me that a culture that has allowed front porches and family meals to be supplanted by mind-numbing TV and non-stop "busy-ness" is in the midst of a true disaster.

For society to decide that all you have to do to be "successful" is to have a lot of money. That's a disaster.

To trade time with your kids that matters for one more meeting at work

that doesn't. To have no life but work. To never read a book to try to learn something. (Not a new book that will be around for ten minutes, but an old one invested with age-tested wisdom.) To never read a book just for fun.

Disasters. To live evidently hoping that a spreadsheet and a résumé will be stapled to your tombstone. To be

the kind of person who can bring light and color, laughter and joy, into any room just by leaving it. Those are disasters. To pass up any chance to have a tea party with your granddaughters. That's a disaster for sure.

"Disaster" is a pretty big word. I doubt a disaster recovery CD will help much with recovering from a real one.

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# Columnist responds to a question he couldn't answer

Several years ago, about 1947, we — the Bailey County Commissioner's Court, had finished the construction of 76 miles of paved Farm to Market road and the engineer took the judge and two of us commissioners on a little trip to Eagle Nest, N. M., just to relax a bit.

It was winter time and I had developed a head cold, so I spent most of my time in the lobby of the motel visiting with the couple that owned and operated it.

She had a little 15-year-old sister who lived in Kansas but was visiting her at that time.

I had served one term on the Stegall Board, where we lived at that time.

The little girl went to school where she lived in Kansas. So, naturally we soon began talking about our schools, and the sister said they had a little Black boy in school with them, and the other kids liked him — they liked to play with him.

But when I told her that in Texas the schools loaded the Black children in the back of a bus and transported

*Something worth saying...*  
By Glen Williams

them to another school, one that might be in another county, or even in another state, that that is substantially the way all Texas Schools were operated.

"Black children don't go to school with white children." I told her. But when she found that out she couldn't understand it.

So she asked me, "Why don't you treat the children that have black skin the same way you treat other children?"

And she also said "That's the only difference I see in them, can't understand why you treat them different. Why don't you them the same way you treat white children?"

So I tried, honestly, to explain it. I spoke of the difference in their native lands, the differences in their upbringing, the way Texas laws are written, rules are made by the schools.

"We need more and

better understanding between the races, etc. etc." She acknowledged all of that, but again the question:

"Why don't you treat them the way you treat white children."

As I said, I tried to satisfy that little lady, because the fact that we made that much difference seemed to trouble her. She couldn't understand it.

And I soon concluded that I couldn't explain it because I really didn't believe in it myself.

When I first ran for Bailey County Judge in 1954, the office was also ex officio county school superintendent.

And when I assumed office that situation was still with us.

The first day I campaigned west of town, and at the first house I stopped, the people asked: "What do you think about all these black folks we have with us, and in the event you are elected what do you think ought to be done about them?"

At that time there was many more Blacks here than there is now, and it was obvious that I was talking with good sensible people, and that they had a genuine concern about what might be done about it.

So I simply said, in effect, that they are with us partly because many of them were brought in to help with the crops. "In fact, I brought some of them in myself," I said. "So I think the sooner we stop trying live separate from them, on a governmental level, the better it will be for them, and for us, too."

Those people later became good friends of my wife and I, and they remain so until this day, March 11, 2009.

But it wasn't long after that that the Muleshoe School Board met in special session and voted to open our schools to people of all races.

And I think that our people are to be complimented for the way in which we have made Bailey County's resources available to the people of Bailey County.

Now the thing that called this to my attention recently was a telecast

of the activities of our First Lady Michelle Obama, and some of the comments following it. How should we treat her seemed to be a matter of concern.

"Should we be different because she is Afro-American?" someone asked. And

"how should we 'be' toward her?"

So here we have that question again: As the 15-year-old girl would ask. "Why don't we 'be' toward her the same way we have 'been' toward other first ladies?"

I can answer that question today.



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He has 28 years of banking experience.

Messenger is past president of the Muleshoe Rotary Club, Muleshoe Area Industrial Foundation and Work Source of the South Plains. He currently is chairman of the Methodist Church Administrative Council.

He and his wife, Sally, have two married children and one grandchild.



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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

This was a busy week at the center. Hope all of you senior citizen's have taken part in the activities.

The senior center will open Saturday, March 28, at 9 a.m., for the days activities.

Several out of town guests are expected to come by the center to visit and have lunch.

We need to show them how much we appreciate their help in establishing the center. So make plans to come to the center on Saturday.

Saturday, March 28, the center will be open for a taco salad lunch.

We will start serving at 11 a.m. and serve until 2 p.m. The lunch is open to the public. The cost is \$5 per person, \$3 for children 10 and under. Come out and join your

friends for lunch.

A domino tournament will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28.

All you domino players come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. NursCare is sponsoring the tournament. There is no fee, just come and have fun.

All of you "Eighty" players should come out on Saturday to play. We need to have every table in use on Saturday.

Also you Bunco players can come play too. Call a friend and join in the activities.

There will be several activities going on Saturday afternoon at the Heritage Complex.

Make plans to attend and see the great work that has taken place there. We compliment the workers and their

good work.

Make plans to attend the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet Saturday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Tuesday, March 31, will be Bunco playing day at the center. The players have begun to come out and enjoy the game and fellowship. Interim Home Health sponsors the game. We do appreciate their help and time.

**Menu for March 30 - April 3:**

Monday, March 30 — Grilled chicken breast, carrots, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, March 31 — Brisket, barbecue sauce, potato salad, pinto beans, pickles, onions, peppers, cornbread and cake.

Wednesday, April 1

— Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Thursday, April 2 — Creamed beef on biscuit, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad and banana pudding.

Friday, Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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# Obituaries

## Pablo Monreal, Sr.

Church services for Pablo Monreal, Sr., 82, of Earth, were held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth with the Rev. Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating.

Rosary was said on Thursday, March 19, at the same location.

Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Monreal died on Tuesday, March 17, in Lubbock. He was born on June 7, 1926, to Rafael and Vicenta Monreal in Devine, and married Lucia Gonzales in Devine on July 24, 1949.

Monreal moved to Earth in 1956 from Devine. He was a farmer and a member of St. Mary Magdalene Church of

Earth. Survivors include his wife — Lucia Monreal of Earth; six sons — Pablo Monreal Jr. of Kennedale, Rudy Monreal of Earth, IX, Lorenzo Monreal of Canyon, Henry Monreal of Olton, Richard Monreal of Floydada and Manuel Garza of Plainview; two daughters — Francis Alcala of Plainview and Josie Longoria of Elbow Lake, Minn.; two sisters — Paula Monreal of Devine and Francis Salinas of Plainview; four brothers — Salmon Monreal of Earth, Steven Monreal of Natalina, Anselmo Monreal of Devine, and Rafael Monreal of Sterling City; 32 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

## Van Pinson

Memorial services for Van Pinson, 55, of Muleshoe, formerly of Abilene, were held on Wednesday March 25, at the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene.

Pinson died on Sunday, March 22, in Muleshoe. He was born pm Nov. 19, 1953, to Oles V. and Bernice K. Pinson in Victoria.

Background Pinson moved to Muleshoe in 2005 from Abilene.

He was a member of

16th and Ave. D Church of Christ in Muleshoe. He was a Social Worker. Survivors include his parents — Oles and Bernice Pinson of Comanche; a sister — Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe; three brothers — Keith of Cookeville, Tenn., Fay of Abilene, and Paul Pinson of Ft. Worth. Memorials may be sent to Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad, PO Box 489, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

## J. D. Rucktashel

Funeral services for J. D. Rucktashel, 92, of Lampasas were held on Wednesday, March 25, at the First Street Church of Christ in Lampasas with Lon Jones officiating. Burial followed at Smith School Creek Cemetery.

Rucktashel died on March 22, 2009, at his residence. He was born on July 25, 1916, to Leonard and Eva Rucktasbel near Duncan, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his wife — Louise, and a daughter

— Rita Jackson. Rucktashel owned a Western Auto-True Value Hardware store in Lampasas for 12 years, and had also been a farmer for several years. He had lived in Lampasas since 1962 and was a member of the First Street Church of Christ. Survivors include two daughters and three sons-in-law — Mona and Trent Lancaster of Lampasa, and Dyna and Dr. John Kohler III of Atlanta, Ga., and son-

## Rozella Stephens

Memorial services for Rozella Marie Stephens, 84, of Sudan were held on Friday, March 20, at the Sudan Church of Christ with Terry Wilson officiating.

Burial followed at the Littlefield Cemetery, Littlefield.

Stephens died on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, in the Harmonee House in Amherst. She was born on Jan. 11, 1925, to Nelson Henry and Elsie Rosella Reeve in Hermosa Beach, Calif., and married Walter Orville Stephens in Las Vegas, Nev., on Sept. 2, 1945.

He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2004. She was also preceded in death by two daughters — Francine Cooper and Georgia Bailey; three sisters and two brothers; a grandson and a great granddaughter.

Stephens was a member of the Sudan Church of Christ. She moved to Sudan in 1946 from Los Angeles. She was an artist and a member of the West Texas Water Color Association.

She was selected by the Sudan Chamber of Commerce as Woman of the Year in 1986.

Survivors include a son-in-law — Bill Cooper

of Odessa; a daughter and her husband — Bette and James Withrow of Sudan; and sisters — Virginia Riley of Liberal, Mo., and Jessie Swann of Lancaster, Calif.; a brother — Jimmie Reeve of Bend, Ore.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79423, or The Shiprock Fund, Church of Christ, Sudan, Texas 79371.

## Howard Powers

Funeral services for Howard Powers, 75, of Roosevelt County, N.M., were held on Saturday, March 21, at Wheeler Mortuary Chapel with Ron Wood officiating. Burial followed in the Floyd Cemetery.

Powers was born on Nov. 17, 1933, in Arch, N.M., to Floyd and Trixie Powers, and died on March 19, 2009, in Muleshoe, where he had made his home for the past seven years.

He graduated from Portales High School in 1952, and Eastern New Mexico University in 1956.

On March 15, 1958, he

married Marjorie Miller in Portales.

Howard was a basketball and baseball coach in Dora for a year, and a farmer until his retirement in 2002.

He attended Trinity Christian Fellowship in Muleshoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife — by Marjorie Powers of Muleshoe; a son — Bryce Powers of Amarillo; two daughters and a son-in-law — Jo Lynn Powers of Muleshoe, and Marla and Scott Schumacher of Phoenix, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

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in-law J. David Jacobson of Island Park, Idaho; a sister — Garvis Morris of Corpus Christi; two sisters-in-law — Mabel Dow of Littlefield and Evalyn Brewster of Muleshoe, and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cherokee Children's Home.

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## Need Money for College? Time is running out! Deadline April 6, 2009

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.

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# Sports

## Mules take an early lead in district play

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules jumped out to an early lead in Dist. 2-2A baseball race by defeating the Childress Bobcats Tuesday.

It was the first game scheduled in the district and the Mules took the game 7-5 with a seventh inning rally.

The Mules hosted Tahoka Saturday and sent the Bulldogs home with a 16-10 loss on their record.

Childress jumped out early with two runs in the first inning. Victor Vasquez struck out the two Bobcats in a row to end the inning and call a halt to the rally.

The Mules broke the scoring ice in the bottom of the second. DJ Atwood doubled to lead off and worked his way around the bases for the Mules' first run.

Neither team scored in the third inning but the Bobcats hung three on the board in the top of the fourth to take a 5-1 advantage.

The Mules' bats were virtually silent through the first four innings but they woke up in the fifth inning.

Jared Skipworth



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule third baseman DJ Atwood puts the tag on a runner in the Mules' win over Tahoka Bulldogs.

walked to start the bottom of the fifth inning. He went to second and third on passed balls and scored on a single to right field by Jonathan Garcia. Garcia cut the Bobcats lead to 5-3 when he crossed the plate.

Vasquez struck out two Bobcats in the top of the sixth inning and got the third to fly out to Gunner Kerby at second.

Atwood scored his second run of the game in the bottom of the sixth after being hit by a pitch. The Mules trailed 5-4 going into the final inning.

Kerby settled under a pop fly and made the snag

at second for the first out of the inning. Vasquez struck out the second batter before giving up a single to left field. Kerby scooped up a ground ball to second a fired to Dameron Snell at first for the final Childress out.

Vasquez and Marshall Head walked to put two Mules on the base paths with one out. Kerby singled to score Vasquez and went to second on the throw.

Snell's blast to right center scored Head and Kerby to end the game.

Vasquez struck out nine during the game while the Mules scored seven runs on five hits.

The Bulldogs of Tahoka led through five and half innings before the Mules took over the game. The Mules had only scored three runs in the first four innings but exploded for 13 in the final three.

Caleb Conner tripled to right center and scored the Mule's only run in the first inning. Jared Skipworth turned a walk into a run in the second inning.

Head singled and scored in the third inning. The Mules trailed 7-3 after three innings.

The Bulldog bats began to cool down as the Mules heated up. Head and Vasquez scored in

the fifth inning to cut the Tahoka advantage to 8-5.

The Mules shut out the Bulldogs in the sixth inning. While the Mules hung four runs on the board in the sixth inning, Saul Elizalde singled up the middle to lead off for the Mules and Adrian Chacon singled.

Conner singled and Garcia reached on a fielder's choice but both Elizalde and Chacon crossed home plate. Conner and Garcia were both cut down at second base on fielder choices.

Head reached on a fielder's choice to give the Mules two outs. Vasquez singled to left and both Head and Vasquez crossed the plate before the final out.

The Mules led for the first time in the game with a 9-8 advantage with one inning to play.

The Bulldogs turned a walk and a base hit into two runs and retake the lead 10-8 with the Mules coming to the plate for the final time.

Atwood singled to right center to lead off for the Mules. Skipworth

laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Atwood into scoring position. Elizalde singled to right to score Atwood. Elizalde stole second and Chacon drew a walk.

A passed ball allowed Elizalde to move to third and Chacon to second. Conner singled to center to score two runs.

Head singled to right field and moved to second and third on passed balls. Vasquez blasted a double to right that scored Head.

Vasquez took advantage of Tahoka's pitcher and catcher and stole third and home while Kerby was taking four straight pitches for a walk.

Kerby moved around the base paths on passed balls to score the Mules final run.

The Mules were back in action Tuesday with Floyd, New Mexico for their final non district game.

The Mules host the Floydada Whirlwinds Saturday March 28 and travel to Dimmitt to tangle with the Bobcats March 31.

## Lady Mules receive post season honors

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Two Lady Mule basketball players received individual post-season honors this past week.

Sarah Johnson, a junior, was chosen by the Texas Girls Coaches Association as a member of the All Region 1 Team. Janae Pyle, a senior, was named to the Academic All-State Team.

Johnson was the Lady Mules' point guard and finished the 2008-2009 season with a total of 528 points. She surpassed the 1000-point mark for her career during the district portion of the season. She made 135 2-pointers, 57 three-pointers and 87 free throws.

Johnson set a new school record for assists during a season with 154. She also pulled down 107 rebounds, made 85 steals and blocked 16 shots.

Janae Pyle, a senior post for the Lady Mules, was named to the Class 2A Academic All-State Team.

She contributed 56 points to the Lady Mule efforts with 20 two-pointers, 16 free throws and a three-pointer. She also had 179 rebounds, 18 assists, 12 steals and blocked 10 shots.

Joining Johnson on

the All Region I Team were: Haley Havens and Sandi Kinast, Abernathy, Morgan Halfmann, Ballinger, Kayle Reaves and Megan Workman, Bowie, Emily Yates, Clyde, Sydney Skeen and Tresta Donahoo, Early, Renee' O'Dell, Rita Day and Shelby Easterling, Jim Ned, Keslie Satterwhite, Panhandle, Tori Velasquez, River

Road, Haylee Oliver and Shelby Hardy, San Saba, Brittney Scaff and Haley Burton, Shallowater, and Karli Kellermeir and Sally Higgins of Wall.

### Mules take part in Levelland meet

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Region I Powerlifting Meet was recently held in Levelland and four Mules participated in the meet. "Weston Griswald, Eddie Herrera, Caleb Conner and Clay Pena earned their way to the regional meet with a great lifting season," said Mule powerlifting coach Kirk Byrd.

"They attained a high

enough weight total during the season to make the regional meet. This was the last meet for the Mules."

"I would like to thank all our lifters for coming out this season and participating. I would also like to thank their parents for all their help during the season. It was a great experience for all of us and I am looking forward to next season," concluded Coach Byrd.




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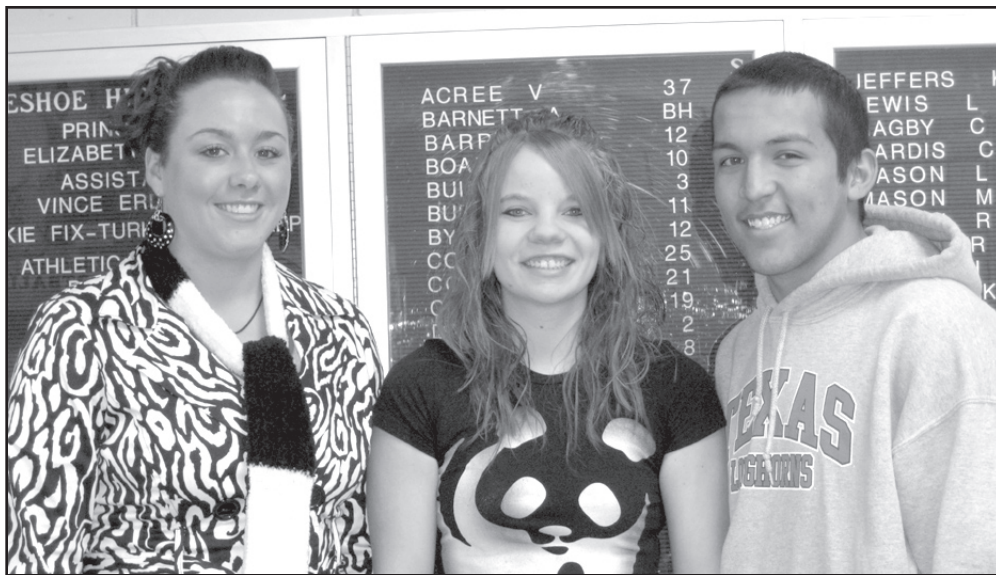
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Fourth place team — Jessica Behrends, Alyssa Martinez and Victor Hernandez.



At-large team — Janae Pyle, Xandra Ballenger and Nathaniel Chavez.

## Muleshoe teams compete in Area 5 Academic Challenge

A few weeks ago, Muleshoe High School competed in an academic contest that resembled an athletic contest.

Teams from across the South Plains area competed in the Area 5 Academic Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Schools.

The contest was held at South Plains College on Feb. 25.

Each team consisted of three High School students (three levels based on GPA averages).

There are four rounds

of five questions each that are asked of each team member.

The students have 15 seconds to answer each question.

The competition gets intense and exciting as students compete for college scholarships.

The top five teams from each of the six Area Contests held around the state qualify for the State Contest in April held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton.

The next five highest scoring teams in the state

also qualify for the State Contest as "At-Large" teams.

Gene Sheets, superintendent of Muleshoe ISD, is the state director for the Academic Challenge.

April Smith, business and technology teacher at Muleshoe High School, was the area contest director.

Assisting Smith in conducting the contest were Muleshoe ISD Assistant Superintendent Don Wood; Muleshoe ISD Federal Programs Director Dave McNeill;

Muleshoe High School English teacher Vickie Burch; Muleshoe High School librarian Belinda Head; and four professors from South Plains College who acted as judges.

Muleshoe High School had two teams qualify for the state contest at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton on April 5.

And MHS had one team that won fourth place. Team members included Jessica Behrends, Alyssa Martinez and Victor Hernandez.

A second team from

MHS also qualified for the state contest. This team qualified as an At-Large Team.

Five teams from across the state qualify for the state contest because their scores were the next highest scores in the state after the top five teams in each Area Contest.

Members of this team included Janae Pyle, Xandra Ballenger and Nathaniel Chavez.

Results for the first through fifth places and total amount of scholarships won for each team:

I: \$1,563.95

Second Place—Denver City High School Team Q: \$1,303.29

Third Place — Denver City High School Team I: \$1,042.63

Fourth Place — Muleshoe High School Team I: \$781.97

Fifth Place — Olton High School Team I: \$521.32

"We want to congratulate each team that participated," Sheets said.

"We are proud of the way our students represented Muleshoe High School in this year's Academic Challenge."

### Waiting for the call...

Even the fans in the stands should be able to make this particular call. Pictured on the right, Mule Ryan DeLeon knocks the ball free as he slides into home during a recent baseball game.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt	CWT or PH
PHILLIP CROSS, PLAINVIEW	190	BLK STR	190	\$310.00 PH
GREG YOUNG, MULESHOE	291	4 MXD STRS	291	\$125.00
TRIPP TOWNSEND, EARTH	365	2 MXD STRS	365	\$119.00
TRIPP TOWNSEND, EARTH	418	2 MXD STRS	418	\$116.00
TRIPP TOWNSEND, EARTH	543	4 BLK STRS	543	\$107.00
KIEHNE RANCH, ORLA	362	5 MXD BULLS	362	\$115.00
KIEHNE RANCH, ORLA	423	4 MXD BULLS	423	\$110.00
TORIN TATE, CLOVIS	423	3 MXD STRS	423	\$110.00
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	448	3 BLK STRS	448	\$111.00
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	502	6 BLK STRS	502	\$100.00
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	612	6 BLK STRS	612	\$97.00
BILL MYATT, LEVELLAND	539	7 BLK STRS	539	\$101.00
TOM JINKS, MULESHOE	230	2 BLK STRS	230	\$290.00 PH
TRIPP TOWNSEND, EARTH	333	2 RWF HRS	333	\$103.00
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	388	2 BLK STRS	388	\$96.00
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	539	8 BLK HRS	539	\$88.50
DUNCAN FARMS, LOVINGTON	700	5 BLK HRS	700	\$78.75
GREG YOUNG, MULESHOE	350	5 BLK HRS	350	\$106.00
EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ, HEREFORD	399	10 MXD HRS	399	\$95.00
EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ, HEREFORD	471	11 MXD HRS	471	\$89.50
STEVE FURLOW, BROWNFIELD	458	3 BLK HRS	458	\$90.50
KIEHNE RANCH, ORLA	488	9 BLK HRS	488	\$87.50
KIEHNE RANCH, ORLA	591	11 MXD HRS	591	\$83.50
BILL MYATT, LEVELLAND	662	12 MXD HRS	662	\$78.50
JACK DOUGLAS, LITTLEFIELD	692	12 BLK HRS	692	\$81.25
JEFF DALLIGE, TULSA	630	14 MXD HRS	630	\$75.00
PHIL GARRETT, MULESHOE	8	3 BLK PAIR	8	\$700.00
BILL MYATT, LEVELLAND	8	2 BLK COWS	8	\$730.00
BILL MYATT, LEVELLAND	8	CHAR COW	8	\$700.00
LDC, INC., HART	8	6 BLK COWS	8	\$810.00
LDC, INC., HART	7	7 BLK COWS	7	\$800.00
BILL MYATT, LEVELLAND	1045	BWF COW	1045	\$49.00
4B LIVESTOCK, MULESHOE	1440	CHAR COW	1440	\$50.00
DK GABEL, SUDAN	1225	BLK COW	1225	\$50.00
JACK STEELMAN, BOVINA	1715	RED COW	1715	\$47.25
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**Women In Arts and Sciences!**

Last week we learned about women leaders in politics, medicine and writing. They have shown leadership and skills that have changed how people think about what women can do.

This week we are going to learn about more women leaders in the arts, sciences and home and community. You should "reach for the stars," too!

These women had their feet firmly on the ground even though two of them went into outer space! **Read the sentences on the chimp's sign and fill in the women's names:**

Turnbull  
Tereshkova  
Ride  
Bajcsy  
Goodall  
Curie  
Earhart

1. **Ruzena** - is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California, Berkeley. Her work allows robots to respond and react to their environments. It is a major milestone for modern robotics technology.

2. **Margaret** - is an Astrobiologist who studies the universe. She is the lead scientist of NASA's New Worlds Observer mission to search stars and space for alien life and earth-like planets!

3. **Jane** - is best known for living in Tanzania with Chimpanzees during a 45-year study. Her institute protects chimpanzees and other primates.

4. **Marie** - was a famous scientist who won two Nobel Prizes for science. She coined the term "Radioactivity" and has some elements named after her, such as Curium.

5. **Valentina Vladimirova** - was the first woman to orbit the earth in space! She did it in the Soviet Spaceship Vostok VI.

6. **Amelia** - was the first woman to fly an airplane alone across the Atlantic Ocean. She is also known for her mysterious disappearance in the South Pacific.

7. **Sally** - was the first American woman to orbit the earth, on space shuttle Challenger in 1983.

**Arts and Entertainment**

The women in this puzzle were or are all tops in the fields of arts and entertainment. **Find and circle their last names. Then, follow the letters in the rows or columns to find out more about them!** One is done for you:

1. Queen **Latifah** started her career as a rapper and a singer...

2. "Grandma **Moses**" was a popular folk artist...

3. Conchita **Cintron** was born in Chile...

4. Cicely **Tyson** was on stage, film and T.V...

5. Miley **Cyrus** has one of the biggest T.V... shows in America called "Hannah Montana"...

6. Annie **Leibowitz** is a famous photographer...

7. Judy **Garland** started on stage at 3 years old...

8. Isadora **Duncan** started schools to teach children her art...

9. Marla **Olmstead** is a child painter with her own gallery...

10. Nadia **Comaneci** was 14 when she competed for Romania in gymnastics in the 1976 Summer Olympics...

Even I wouldn't dare to chew a hole in this!

Sign up for the reading club. **It's free!**

Visit our website [www.readingclubfun.com](http://www.readingclubfun.com) to see the answers to the puzzles. While you are there, join our national reading club. Check out Forest's Diary.

I love this painting! It's sooo modern.

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**Home and Community**

These women contributed their time and talents to improving the home and community. **Can you match each woman's name to the description of her?**

I'm cooking Chitter's favorites in a healthier way.

1. Fannie Farmer  
2. Alice McLellan  
3. Juliette Gordon Low  
4. Martha Stewart

1. Rachel Ray  
2. Celia Rufey  
3. Julia Morgan  
4. Jessica McClintock

A. is known for her wide range of talents in gardening, cooking, sewing and decorating!  
B. started Girl Scouts of America to get all kinds of girls outside and learning skills.  
C. enjoyed trying new things with food and is well known for using measurements to help people copy her recipes. She was the first to make cookbooks!  
D. started the Parent Teacher Association, known as the PTA, a group that helps schools!

A. one of America's first female architects, she has designed over 700 buildings and homes in California.  
B. is a decorator who answers people's questions and solves problems in her magazine column.  
C. is a T.V. hostess who has fun, new, easy recipes for everyday. She has a cooking magazine too!  
D. designs dresses, especially for weddings - also many other items to complete an outfit!





# The Sudan Buzz

## New waste materials ordinance is in effect in Sudan

The City of Sudan's new ordinance #251, which deals with waste materials, trash, junk, rubbish, weeds, and other non-maintained vegetation as well as any objectionable, unsanitary, or unsightly matter of whatever nature is now in effect and will soon be enforced.

The main reasons for this ordinance is to control pests such as skunks, snakes and rodents which have become a major concern and to improve health,

safety and fire hazards in Sudan, according to a city official.

This will also improve the general appearance of Sudan, the official noted.

New ordinances addressing junk vehicles and dilapidated structures are in the planning stages. The City of Sudan has such ordinances in place, but they are working to revise and improve them.

The city will also be enforcing violations in these two areas as well.

The City of Sudan is

participating in the "Great American Cleanup."

The kick-off event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11.

The city will have a drop-off site again this year, but in a different location.

It will be open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Citizens may call City Hall for the location and details at 806-227-2112.

If a notice of ordinance

violation is received prior to this event, citizen should not wait for this event to begin their cleanup effort.

Waiting may result in a violation of time restraints with a citation being issued and fines applied.

A citizen may call

Sudan City Hall for a work order to set up an alley pickup, or to arrange for a trailer in the event of larger cleanups.

### All-district honors are announced

The following Sudan Hornets received the following All District selection for basketball.

District MVP- B.J. Davis-Jr., MVP Offense-Cragar Swarb -Jr., All-District Team-Jae Koontz, Sr., Honorable Mention All-District- Logan Lance-Sr., Chance Doty-Jr., Derek Wood-Jr. T.A.B.C. All Region- B.J. Davis, Cragar Swarb, T.A.B.C. All State-B. J. Davis.

### Sudan's band bring home gold again

Sudan High School Bold Gold Band received its 10th consecutive sweepstakes at UIL Concert/Sight Reading contest recently.

To qualify for sweepstakes at this competition the band had to receive all ones at the marching competition.

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## Oh Baby - Oh Baby, Look at these Cutie Pies!

Say hello to the contestants in the Muleshoe Journal's 15th Annual Cutest Baby Contest. No doubt, this year's competition was the toughest we've ever seen, but there could be only one winner chosen. Thank you to all who entered an adorable baby. A panel of unbiased judges chose the Cutest Baby 2008.

And the winner is....Lane Kline!



**Graceson R. Phillips**

Graceson R. Phillips is the son of Jeffrey & Miriam Phillips. He was born at Lubbock, TX, on June 10, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Rosa Davis & Steven Phillips and Ramon & Carmella Hernandez.



**Lane Kline**

Lane Kline is the son of Scott & Rhonda Kline. He was born at Lubbock, TX, on January 30, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Richard & Rickie Warren, and Mike & Kathleen Kline.

**CONGRATULATIONS LANE!**



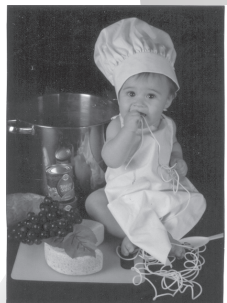
**Lance Richards**

Lance Richards is the son of Ellen & Luke Richards. He was born at Midland, TX, on December 5, 2008, weighed 9 lbs., 6 1/2 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Hal & Linda Wood and Guy & Renee Richards.



**Dylan Quade Black**

Dylan Quade Black is the son of Bobbie & Tyler Black. He was born at Lubbock, TX, on April 16, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Tim & Tammy Black and Jack & Nancy Benham.



**Jaxson Erik Mendoza**

Jaxson Erik Mendoza is the son of Gabriel & Apryl Mendoza. He was born at Amarillo, TX, on January 2, 2008, weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Heriberto & Lupe Mendoza and Peggi & Wylie Chaney.



**Taylor Lane Wood**

Taylor Lane Wood is the daughter of Kasey Wood. She was born at Amarillo, TX, on May 27, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Don & Tonda Wood.



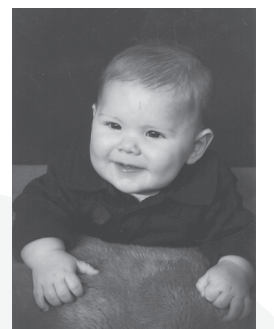
**Maci Jo Stearmer**

Maci Jo Stearmer is the daughter of Jason & Brittany Stearmer. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on August 26, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Craig & Carolyn Kirby and Bobby Stearmer.



**Nayeli Audrina Muniz**

Nayeli Audrina Muniz is the daughter of Raul & Theresa Muniz. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on July 18, 2008, weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was 18 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Jose & Tirsia Muniz and Juan & Josie Fragoso.



**Callen Wayne Green**

Callen Wayne Green is the son of Lance & Shai Green. He was born at Clovis, NM, on May 6, 2008, weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Shannon & Linda Bomer.



**Jacob Kelly Lillard**

Jacob Kelly Lillard is the son of Codi and Danny Lillard. He was born at Santa Maria, CA, on May 10, 2008, weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19 1/4" long at birth. Grandparents are Becky Sain & Gary Smith and Great Grandparents are Rose & Walt Sain.



**Graham Andrew Sanders**

Graham Andrew Sanders is the son of Robin & Dayne Sanders. He was born at Lubbock, TX, on April 22, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Larry & Nancy Kirk, Mark & Dee Sanders and Great Aunt & Uncle are Donna & Lacie Kirk.



**Braylee Mason**

Braylee Mason is the daughter of Brittany Sexton. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on May 23, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Anna DePalma & James Jennings.



**Lainey Shayne Sanders**

Lainey Shayne Sanders is the daughter of Rowdy & Jamie Sanders. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on September 23, 2008, weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Wade & Kelly Sanders and Curtis & Shelli Carpenter.



**Kyla Rose Rodriguez**

Kyla Rose Rodriguez is the daughter of Taylor & Martin Rodriguez. She was born at Clovis, NM, on October 4, 2007, weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Kim & Gary Cox and Nancy & Humberto Rodriguez.

**You're All Winners In Our Eyes!**



## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met on Wednesday, March 18, with club president Pat Kirk calling the meeting to order with a prayer of gratitude led by Sheryl Engelking.

March birthdays included: Engelking, Lynn Campbell, Claudine Elliott, and Judy Wilbanks.

Sheila Stevenson called roll and read minutes from October's meeting.

There were 20 present, and four guests. Jill and Abby Duvak, the daughter and granddaughter of Deborah Noble, and Stephanie Stevens and Tory Harris, the sister and daughter of Trenea Matthews were the special guest.

Marlene Martin gave the treasurer's report.

As for new business, Martin was appointed concession stand chairperson.

Wilbanks suggested the June 25-26 as the best time to go on the club's annual trip to Ruidosa, N.M.

Matthews and Noble volunteered to be in charge of the meal at the April luncheon.



**March 18 scramble winners** — Stephanie Stevens, Analita Haley, Trenea Matthews and Kay Fields.

Engelking reported that High Plains was to be played Wednesday, April 8, at Tulia with tee off time being 10 a.m.

Those who would like to play High Plains should contact Engelking.

Muleshoe will be hosting the High Plains Tournament on May 13.

Play Day awards were given by Helen Templeton:

- Feb. 18 — Claudine Elliott, Jeanetta Precure, and Templeton won first pat hand.

- Feb. 25 — Kay Field, Kirk, and LaVerne Winn won the longest drive.

- March 4 — the scramble team that won was Precure, Engelking,

Analita Haley, and Templeton.

The best score on the second hand of cards was Anita Black and Wilbanks.

- March 11 — Precure and Templeton won best score on second hand of cards.

March 18 — scramble team winners were Stevens, Haley, Matthews, and Field with a score of 71.

The door prize name was drawn by Matthews and won by Templeton.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15.

Anyone with questions should call Deborah Noble at 272-4711.

## 59th Annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Banquet

**Speaker: Ruffin McNeill**  
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## Library News

Dyan's Suggestion Table...

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Books added to the library on March 10:

Here is a list of new books ready to be checked out!

**Regular print fiction:** Into the Fire by Suzanne Brockmann; The Hostage by W. E. B. Griffin; The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards; A Mending at the Edge by Jane Kirkpatrick.

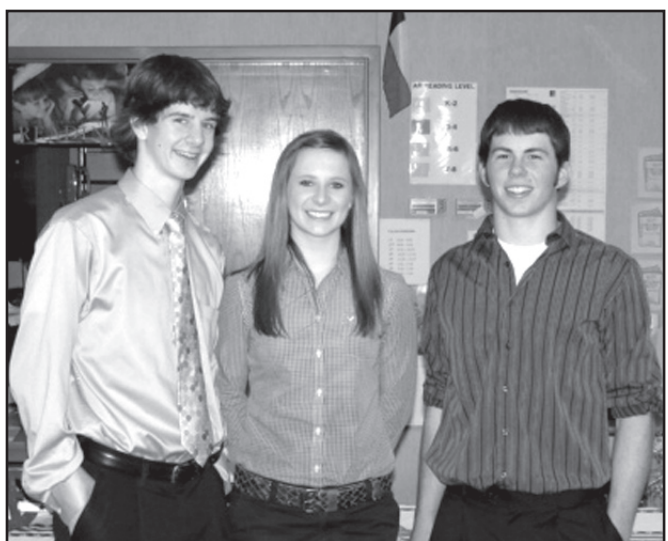
**Adult non-fiction:** Where Did that Come From? by Victoria Thomas Poller; Love Dare by Stephen and Alex Kendrick; Fireproof Your Life by Michael Catt; Heart in the Right Place by Carolyn Jourdan

(Large Print purchased with Loan Star Libraries money)

**Large print fiction** (purchased with Grant Money from Loan Star Libraries):

Until We Reach Home by Lynn Austin; Twice Loved by Lori Copeland; Shade by John B. Olson; Sweet Caroline by Rachel Hauck; Stepping into the Sunlight by Sharon Hinck; The Julius House by Charlene Harris; A Vintage Murder by Michele Scott; Stand the Storm by Breana Clarke; A Dog Named Christmas by Greg Kincaid; Elvis and the Dearly Departed by Peggy Webb; How Dolly Parton Saved My Life by Charlotte Connors; iamond Duo by Marcia Gruver; The Bordeaux Betrayal by Ellen Crosby; The Secret's in the Sauce by Linda Evans Shepard and Eva Marie Everson; Three Bedrooms, One

Corpse by Charlene Harris; The Lover's Knot by Clare O'Donohue; The Eleventh Man by Ivan Doig; The Outsider by Ann H. Gabhart; Whirlwind by Cathy Marie Hake; One Perfect Day by Lauraine Snelling; The Bone Box by Bob Hostetler; Home Another Way by Christa Parrish.



Logan Lance, Skylar Sowder and Marshal Head

## BCEC tour winners announced

Bailey County Electric Cooperative hosted the 2009 Government-in-Action Youth Tour interview contest with area high school students participating from Lazbuddie, Sudan, Springlake-Earth and Muleshoe High Schools on March 1 at Sudan ISD.

The participants were Devlin Thompson, Chase Timms, Hunter Jones, Logan Lance,

Steven Richards, Juan Salamanca, Marshal Head and Skylar Sowder.

After a difficult decision the winners were Marshal Head from Muleshoe, Skylar Sowder from Sudan, and Logan Lance from Sudan as alternate.

The youth tour will be held June 11-19, with the students traveling to Washington, D.C. beginning at Irving, with approximately 110 other students.

## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2009 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2008, you won't need to reapply for 2009 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2009. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became *disabled*, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by **April 30** at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

Bailey Central Appraisal District  
302 Main Street  
Muleshoe, TX 79347  
806-272-5501

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:



Texas Comptroller Susan Combs  
Property Tax Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-3528  
or call: (800) 252-9121

or on the Web at: [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/)

## ¿Varias exenciones de residencia pueden bajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. está incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2009 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad o más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa anterior, a su nueva casa.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si recibió una exención de residencia en el 2008, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2009—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2009. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede contactarnos en:

Bailey Central Appraisal District  
302 Main Street  
Muleshoe, TX 79347  
806-272-5501

Si desea más información, visítenos y obtenga una copia gratis de

"Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos"



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# CLASSIFIEDS

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF BAILEY §  
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 287<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Court of Bailey County, on the 5th day of March, 2009, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:  
**Cause No:** 7984  
**Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Jimmy Belvin  
**Legal Description:**  
1. A 1.00 acre tract of land out

of the Southwest Quarter of Section 52, Block Y, of the WD & FW Survey, Bailey County, Texas.  
**Cause No:** 8044  
**Styling:** Sudan Independent School District, et al v. Rocking B Oil Company  
**Legal Description:**  
2. The West Half of the North Half of Section 25, Block "C", MB & B Survey, Abstract 134, Bailey County, Texas.  
**Cause No:** 8455  
**Styling:** Bailey Central Appraisal District, et al v. Ince Oil Company, Inc.  
**Legal Description:**  
3. Lots 1 through

6, Block B of the Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas.  
and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 5th day of March, 2009, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered

cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.  
ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5 DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

Richard Wills, Sheriff, Bailey County, Texas  
By: Deputy

Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 12, 19 and 26, 2009.

**NOTICE FOR SALE**  
Commercial Building located east of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Interested parties may submit a **SEALED**

**BID** to the Administration office of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or call 806-272-4524 X 104 for more information. Bids

must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Building will need to be removed or torn down no later than thirty (30) days from the date the bid is

accepted by the Board of Directors of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

Published in Muleshoe Journal March 19 and 26, 2009

## HELP WANTED

Charles Oil & Gas CDL Driver with Hazmat Certifications needed. Call 806-251-1284.<sup>fn2/19</sup>

Bus Driver/Custodian, TMC Head Start Muleshoe Center. Requires a CDL with PS endorsement. Apply at 719 W. Gum, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or send resume to 806-763-9136 or jim.rodriguez@mail.tmccentral.org. EOE <sup>1ch3/26</sup>

**IMMEDIATE JOB OPPORTUNITY** for 2nd shift Friona, TX. Need to have some mechanical experience. Job requires working on air, hydraulic and electric tools. Must be reliable. Good Benefits and pay. Call: 806-674-3497 or 860-830-2076.<sup>2ch3/26</sup>

Applications for receiving and shipping position are being accepted. Must have strong people and communication skills. Able to multi-task and be detail oriented. Knowledge in word and excel. Ag background a plus. Able to work long hours during harvest seasons. Qualified persons may pick up applications at Muleshoe Pea & Bean or contact Kayla at 806-272-5589.<sup>2ch3/19</sup>

**CITY BANK** is looking to fill a full time teller/new accounts position in Springlake. The hours are M-F, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please return all applications to the Springlake location at Highway 70 in Springlake, TX. City Bank is an equal opportunity employer.

Cargill Cattle Feeders, Bovina Texas - Has a position available in the yard department. The applicant must have strong work ethic, good communication skills and possess integrity. Yard department's responsibilities include heavy equipment operation, maintenance, and mechanical duties. Applicants must be willing to perform all of the above jobs. Work schedule will average 50-60 straight wage no overtime. Full benefits including 401K and Insurance available. Interested applicants should apply in person at Cargill Cattle Feeders 600 US HWY 60. (806) 225-4400.<sup>2ch3/19</sup>

**NOW HIRING** Support Medical has an opening for a Customer Service Representative. Applicant must be self starter good computer skills, and a people person. Pickup applications at 103 S. Main, Muleshoe.<sup>fn3/26</sup>

**PEN RIDERS** Experience required. Employee must provide their own horses and tack. Good benefits, feed and care provided for (3) horses. Top pay for qualified applicants. Send application and references to Cattlemen's, P.O. Box 676, Olton, TX 79064 or call 806-285-2616.<sup>2ch3/26</sup>

**PART-TIME HELP WANTED** Customer Service Oriented, good computer skills are a must. Please mail resume's to: RESUME c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347.<sup>fn3/12</sup> **SERIOUS APPLICANTS ONLY**

## ESTATE SALE

1514 W. Ave C Sat., Mar 28 8 am to ???  
Dishes, knick knacks, silverware, paintings, frames, king brass headboard, wood & glass coffee table, ladies clothes, lamps, golf accessories.<sup>1ch3/26</sup>

**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER**

1973 Cabaret, 14x64 Mobile Home, appliances included. **CARPETS JUST CLEANED.** Must be moved. \$7800. Call 806-257-2146.<sup>fn2/26</sup>

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## FARMWORK GRAIN I

9 positions. 04/30/09 - 11/30/09., Operates self-propelled custom class harvesting machines to harvest a variety of grain and oilseed crops. Services machinery and makes in field repair. Drives heavy truck to transport product to elevator or storage area. Drives transporter truck to haul harvesting machine between worksites. High school degree, 3 months prior experience required. Must have or be able to obtain appropriate CDL drivers license. 48hr/wk. \$10.00 per/hr in CO., \$9.90 per/hr in KS, \$10.00 per/hr in N.M. & \$1800.00 per mo. in TX. free housing. 3/4 work period guaranteed. Tools & Equip provided. Transportation to and from workplace of recruitment will be paid upon completion of 50% of work contract. Job location is at, Albos Custom Harvesting, Muleshoe, TX. Must Pass Drug Screen. Apply for this job at the nearest Texas workforce Commission office using job listing number 6738249.<sup>2p43/26</sup>

## HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

SUDAN - 701 Furneaux. REMODELED 3 Bdr, 1 Bath and laundry room. Dean 806-227-2598.<sup>2p43/26</sup>

2 acres, 2 large barns, 3 BDR home. Info please call 806-965-2326.<sup>fn2/12</sup>

## FOR RENT

1021A W. 3rd St., Muleshoe, 2 Bdr, 1 Bath Mobile Home, fireplace, cent H/A. \$450/mo w/\$150 deposit. 806-283-7069.<sup>fn3/26</sup>

Recently refurbished 2 Bdr house w/garage attached. Located approx. 4 miles West of Progress on CR 1018. Call 806-315-0249.<sup>2ch3/26</sup>

**Great Buys are in the Classifieds**

## NOTICE

Is here by given that the following units will be offered for sale by public bidding to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lien.

The public bidding will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009, 9am till 3pm.

Location: Sparkle Self Storage, 406 South First Street, Muleshoe TX 79347.

We reserve the right to refuse any bid or cancel the Public Bidding.

Unit 11; Donna McGuire 2280 CR 20 Muleshoe TX 79347, Misc.

Unit 14; Eliana Ramirez 308 East Ave D Muleshoe TX 79347 Misc.

Unit 37; Don Heathington 1706 West Ave F Muleshoe TX 79347 Misc.

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## 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. **Sold** 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. **Sold** 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 **Sold** ins eac. 2late model center pivots. This is an exceptional Lamb Co. farm.

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**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.

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**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.**

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## RICHLAND HILLS - PARKRIDGE - HIGHLAND

- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, approx. 1718' lvg. area, fenced yd.!! **PRICE REDUCED - \$98,000 \$92,000!!**
- 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/eff. aptmnt. workshop!!!! **PRICE REDUCED!! \$149,500 \$109,500!!**
- 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!!! \$124,000!!**
- 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!! REDUCED \$200K**
- 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!!

## HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- NICE 2-1 1/2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened yard, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! **REDUCED \$82,000 \$75,000!!**
- REMODELED 3-1 Home, Cent. A&H, New paint, carpet, siding, fenced yd., **IN CONTRACT!! \$60K!! Reduced - \$55,000**

**SWISHER CO., TX** - 640 acres expiring CRP, irrigation potential.

**CHOICE DRYLAND/BAILEY CO., TX** - 160 acres, all weather road.

**LAMB CO., TX** - permitted 400 acres, currently in grass, CRP and dryland farming, irr. wells on property, access by county road with railroad/hwy 84 frontage. Also listed 265 acres available within two miles of property.

**SUNNYSIDE, TX** - 320 ac. with two wells and two sprinklers one mile off of hwy. 385, county road on two sides.

**HWY. 1057 CASTRO CO.** - permitted for dairy, 1,168 ac. with one mile hwy. frontage, irr. wells, sprinklers & precon. pens, adjoins the Castro Co. 4,949 acres in four tracts.

**PERMITTED** - Castro Co., 1808 acres +/-, 7,200 cow dairy permit (4,000 milking), precon. pens permitted for 10,000 head, fully developed with pivot sprinklers, irr. wells, homes, barns, grain storage with dump pit and elevators, hwy. frontage, well developed. Additional 4300 acres +/- in three tracts, optional, irr. permitted. Can divide!

**SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS** - 3 bdrm., 3 bath, basement, brick with metal room, 3,581 sq. ft. +, family room with fireplace, large game room with fireplace, formal living room, dining room, kitchen, utility, lots of storage, double garage, central heat/air.

**COCHRAN/YOAKUM CO, TX** - 2400 acres including 625 acres CRP, 3 pivots, good water.

**WESTERN PARMER CO.** - 1280 ac. in close proximity to many Texas & NM dairies with 1097.3 ac. CRP, plus 182.7 ac. grassland and irr. wells, & underground line.

**DIVIDED BY HWY. 70 WEST OF OLTON** - 141 acres with pivot sprinklers - Talk to us about dividing.

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**READY TO MOVE IN!!** Very nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, central H/A, FP, built-ins, tile floors, sunroom, gorgeous landscaping, fenced backyard, 2 car garage, plus 3 car carport in back. **A MUST SEE!!!**

**IN COUNTRY ON HIGHWAY** - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, central air and heat, **IN CONTRACT** wood floors, storage building, this home will not last long, priced to sell.

**PRICE REDUCED!!!!** - Dropped from \$110,000 to \$95,000. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home, central A&H, appliances, lg. family room. Storage buildings, fenced backyard, single car garage, carpet. **This is a MUST see home!**

**Commercial Listing** - 120 W. Ave C., approx. 2100 sq. ft., building will make a nice office space, good location.

**TO BE MOVED** - 16x80 Fleetwood, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, built-in, heat pump, all electric, nice porch, great starter or get away home. Priced to sell.

**NEW LISTING** - Parmer County 1680 acres, good producing quarter with good water. Call Carleton Johnson 806-789-4289.

**NEW LISTING** - 128 acres w/ pivot. Will divide. Call Carleton Johnson 806-789-4289.

**IN COUNTRY** - Hwy. frontage, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, storm cellar, storage house, domestic well, new roof. All on 5 acres.

**NEW LISTING** - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, central air and heat, built-ins, single car garage, nice fenced back yard.

**NEW LISTING** - Two buildings available near downtown Muleshoe. One can be used as house or business and include large store building and 2 car garage. Contact: Carleton Johnson 806-789-4289.

**NEW LISTING** - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, central A/H, built-ins, fireplace, new roof, this home is very open and has been remodeled. Two car garage, fenced backyard with patio, all on corner lot.

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## TSCRA elect new board members

Pete Bonds of Saginaw, part owner of Wes-Tex Feedyards in Muleshoe, was among the recently elected executive committee members at the 132nd annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth.

Other members

elect to the executive committee included David DeLaney of Kingsville, and Jerry Taylor, of Raymondville. DeLaney is vice president and general manager of livestock and operations for King Ranch Inc.

Taylor is general manager of the El Sauz Ranch near Raymondville

and the El Panal Ranch near Rincon.

New board members, honorary board members elected at the convention included Emry Birdwell, Jr., of Henrietta, Grant Jones, of Brady, William H. McCall of Fort Worth, Christopher Clark Welder of San Antonio, Missy Bonds of Saginaw, and James L. Donnell, Jr., of Fowlerton.

## Buy-in waiver extension approved for disaster assistance programs

Producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, according to Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Hanlin.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18.

Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

In the case of each non-insurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose

to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

For non-insurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008

SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, contact the Bailey County FSA office at (806)272-4538 or visit the national website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



## Clowning around...

Skeeter the Clown, with the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus was at the Muleshoe Public Library on Friday, March 20, where she gave a presentation on the history of the circus and clown entertainment.

## YOU'RE INVITED!!! SUPER SATURDAY MARCH 28

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Bundrant Half-Dugout and**

**Stegall School**

Heritage Center

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Free Refreshments



### Mexican Lunch

Oneita Wagnon Senior Center  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm \$5/plate



### Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Bailey County Coliseum at 6:30 pm

\$35/person - \$250/table of eight

Featured Speaker: Ruffin McNeil

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## Senior Planning helps Jim Yardley preserve 100 percent of assets

In September of 2008 Stanton resident Jim Yardley was faced with placing his wife of 22 years, Geraldine, into a nursing home because she had Alzheimers.

Well-intentioned friends warned Yardley that Medicaid would take his money and all his assets in return for paying for Geraldine's nursing care. Even some professional money managers to whom he talked did not have a very positive solution.

Then the director of the Stanton Senior Center suggested Yardley call Senior Planning Services, which Yardley did.

Senior Planning consultants Don Allen and Ed Marcum looked over Yardley's assets and affirmed that they could help Yardley keep them. Part of that process involved completing the very complicated Medicaid paperwork and making some adjustments in how Yardley's assets were held.

"Our clients have discovered that our knowledge and experience in Medicaid are unsurpassed," Marcum states. "Senior Planning Services knows which financial instruments clients are allowed to use to preserve assets."

"There is no cookie cutter format," Marcum continues. "We carefully look at every case individually to see what is needed."

Before talking to Senior Planning Services, Yardley had not realized that there were certain defined strategies within the Medicaid rules that allowed him to keep his home and his other assets even though his wife had to be put in a nursing home.

Marcum points out that, when an individual calls Health and Human Services, the person on the other end is speaking from a script that carefully controls what they can tell a caller. The HHS representative is not there to suggest the allowable alternatives that Senior Planning can suggest for their clients.

Marcum is quick to state that he, alone, does not know all the answers, but he has a team of former Medicaid



**NO WORRIES** Stanton resident Jim Yardley, right, is resting easy about his finances, even with his wife in a nursing home. Ed Marcum of Senior Planning helped Yardley through the maze of Medicaid paperwork, preserving 100 percent of Yardley's assets.

managers and others to whom he can go for those answers.

"We were able to help Jim preserve 100 percent of his assets," Don Allen is pleased to report. "Jim's wife was qualified for Medicaid in 30 days."

Yardley admits that, even after meeting with Senior Planning for the first time, he had his doubts as to whether Senior Planning could help him. Now he is convinced.

"Senior Planning was a Godsend for me. There was no way, in my mind, for them to do what they did." He adds, "What I have (now) is the same assets as when we first started. They did all the paperwork and I just had to do some legwork."

"Now I don't have to worry about Geraldine," Yardley continues. "She'll be taken care of for the rest of her life."

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