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Washington nixes Sooners for TTU Red Raiders

Montejano signs with WT A&M

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Many different college caps decorated the signing table in the Commons Area of Muleshoe High School Wednesday, Feb. 2, as a large crowd of students, faculty, administration, family and friends of Sergio Montejano and Cooper Washington gathered to witness the two athletes sign their letters of intent to play college football.

What wasn't known to the majority in attendance, however, was an upset was already in the making.

MHS Principal Steve Myatt, who was serving as master of ceremonies, first spoke of this being



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Cooper Washington's parents congratulate him on his decision.

a life changing day for these two young men and their families. Myatt then ask the two athletes to stand.

He called on Montejano to go to the front of the table and chose the cap of the college of his choice. Montejano ambled to

the front of the table and immediately put on the cap from West Texas A&M University to a chorus of cheers.

Then, it was Washington's turn.

Banners decorated the walls, congratulating Washington on becoming

an Oklahoma Sooner. He had given a verbal commitment to Oklahoma University almost a year earlier.

However, as Washington went to the front of the table, he strolled past the expected OU cap and picked up a Texas Tech University cap and placed it on his head.

Surprise and cheers abound through the crowd as Washington turned to face the group.

The athletes and their parents signed their respective letters to a host of camera clicks and video cameras churning out footage of the event.

Montejano said after signing with WT, "Today is a great day for me and my family and the feeling is just amazing. There is no

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Lady Mule Baylee Bessire pass the basketball.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mules down to final season game

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules are down to one final game to play in the season.

They lost to both the Littlefield Lady Cats and the Floydada Lady Winds this past week.

The Lady Mules jumped in front of the Littlefield 11-10 in the first quarter.

The Lady Cats came racing back in the second period with 22 points and that carried them to a 56-34 win.

Floydada jumped out of the gate and went on an 8-0 run in the opening period. They never looked back or let up after that and defeated the Lady Mules 59-36.

Yvonne Gardea made seven of the Lady Mules' 11 first period points against Littlefield. She had three hoops and a

free throw. Sandy Mojica and Dominique Mata hit a basket each. The Lady Mules led 11-10 after one quarter.

Gardea hit six free throws and a hoop in the second period for eight points. Devine Orozco dropped in a free throw to open the quarter and added a basket.

The Lady Mules had fell behind 32-21 at the half.

Gardea made two baskets in the third quarter and Jandy Gomez hit a short jumper. Littlefield led 38-27 with one quarter left to play.

Gardea only made three points in the final eight minutes. Ariel Castorena dropped in two free throws and Mata made one.

Gardea had a game high 22 points to lead

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Hitting the ice in Muleshoe

It's not the kind of thing you expect to see in West Texas, and Bailey County in particular, where surface water is known to be at a minimum, but Thursday

afternoon found Arlyn Giesbrecht skating on Lake Muleshoe, in the New City Park.

Giesbrecht said he'd been waiting for the ice to be thick enough to

attempt the feat, and said he tested it and found the ice was about five inches thick before lacing up his skates.

Although there isn't a local ordinance about skating on the ice-covered pond, city officials caution local residents about the dangers of hypothermia and the potential of drowning should anyone break through the ice and fall into the frigid water below.



This week's online videos include:

- 2011 Letter of intent signing
- Giesbrecht ice skating.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

MISD employees lauded for efforts

Last week, Muleshoe experienced record cold temperatures that caused disruptions and problems all over town.

However, the problems at Muleshoe Independent School District, due to the efforts of its employees, were less than you might expect.

"I am very proud of the way our employees handled everything that has to do with getting things ready for our students to have a warm, safe environment for learning," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

"There are many people who go above the call of duty on days like this to make sure our students are warm and

safe. Richard Hawkins, Carl Krug and I drive the streets from 5-6 a.m., during those cold days to help make the decision about starting school. Richard actually began driving the roads earlier than that!"

He also



spoke about the efforts of the district's maintenance staff and their work during the frigid temperatures.

"I drove by the campuses before school very early on

Wednesday morning. I saw our custodians and maintenance workers scraping ice and snow off of the sidewalks," Sheets said, "and watched teacher assistants help children into the buildings."

Serving children in this way on such a cold day shows the dedication of the people who take care of Muleshoe's children, the superintendent said.

"I saw the cars of cafeteria workers who were already at school preparing breakfast for our students that morning, and watched bus drivers deliver every child safely to their school."

"If you think you

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Around Muleshoe...



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Rotary flag service

The Muleshoe Rotary Club provides a flag service to individuals and business' in Muleshoe on eight national holidays as a fund raising event to support the club's various community projects throughout the year.

The cost for the service is \$25. If you would like to begin or continue your participation this year, contact Brian Frieda at 806-272-4569, or Mark Morton at 806-272-4569, or another member of the Muleshoe Rotary Club.

AA meetings set

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



Business of the Month honored

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Maple Coop Gin of Muleshoe as the business of the month. Pictured above are Mark Anthony, Doyleene Wischkaemper, an employee of Maple Coop Gin, and Scott Simmons.



Employee of the Month honored

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Janette Thorn, an employee of Muleshoe State Bank, as the employee of the month. Pictured above are Mark Anthony, Janette Thorn and Scott Simmons.



Grand 're-opening' held at Edward Jones

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held a ribbon cutting for Wayne Pierson - Edward Jones grand re-opening on Thursday, Feb. 3. The new Edward Jones office is located at 104 W. Second Street. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Front row - Gina Wilkerson, Dana Remppe. Wayne Pierson, Jo Pierson and Scott Simmons; back row - Mark Anthony and Dave McNeill.

Pastry party members unit!

It's been a difficult month, with the various illnesses making their way through the Muleshoe community, but there is definitely light at the end of the tunnel.

Monday before last, among the myriad of emails I received at the office, was a little gem of a news release that basically said... it wasn't me. More specifically, it said the reason I was overweight... to be perfectly accurate it said "fat," but what's a few pounds between friends.

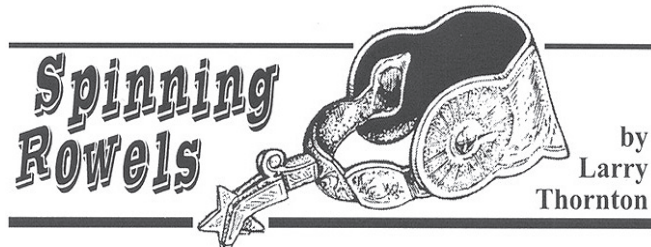
Anyway, the reason I'm fa... excuse me, overweight, is because of modern food packaging practices using such things as corn syrup and monosodium glutamate.

Isn't that wonderful! Here I had been blaming a couple of restaurants, one for that extra bowl of tortilla chips, and the other for catfish Fridays. Granted, there are other places I've been visiting on other days of the week, but I don't want to give the impression that I bounce from one eating establishment to another.

Bounce? Of late bouncing has been out of the question, and it takes a good stiff wind to get a solid roll under way. Fortunately, wind is rarely lacking in West Texas.

What's even better about the news release is that during a recent trip to the doctor, he wondered how I'd been doing on a certain medication, which he revealed had a tendency to cause weight gain. Who was I to contradict a physician?

Until this bit of news, I'd been questioning my will power, but now armed with the doctor's statement and the news release the week was



by Larry Thornton

definitely beginning to improve.

Let me tell you, it is such a relief to be able to put all of this behind me. It is so much easier to fail at something... especially dieting, when it's not your fault.

But then, when I took a gander at the weekend's email this Monday, I found a news release from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs suggesting that I, and the state's other "full figured fellows" who don't meet the criteria of current "height/weight charts." are responsible for a large hunk of the Lone Star State's financial woes.

Granted Combs' office generates nearly as much PR paperwork as Gov. Rick Perry's, undoubtedly directed at keeping her name in front of the voting public, but at a time when the state is facing major budgetary shortfalls, why is the comptroller's office spending public dollars studying the obesity of its citizens?

Pork belly may have been responsible for the state's estimated \$15 to 27 billion deficit, but I doubt if it's the kind of pork belly that ends up on our plates and eventually our hips.

According to Combs' office, "obesity costs Texas businesses \$9.5 billion annually," totally ignoring the fact that

the state's porcine-prone population has been generating increased taxes for the state in the process of reaching their current condition.

Instead of accusing us of being a burden to business, the comptroller should be praising those constituents who have done their best to increase state funds at the expense of their own diminutive girth.

Over the years, I've

learned that "phatter physicians" complain less about my weight, and maybe we need to use the same litmus test for our politicians. I've never been a fan of former Pres. Bill Clinton, but until his daughter got married, at least he knew how to appreciate a doughnut.

This past election, the Tea Party had a significant impact on both the national and state races... maybe it's time for the Pastry Party to have its say, as well.

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way for me to explain it."

"I am expecting a good year and ready to play right now. I do not know at this point if I will be playing when the season starts or be a red shirt. Either way I plan to work hard and continue to improve my skills. That is what I have all ways done and it has brought me to this point."

Montejano was recruited by WT as an offensive lineman. He graded out at 95 percent for the season. He had 55 pancake bocks, 13 downfield blocks and 89 knock down blocks. On the defensive side of the ball for the Mules he had 14 solo tackles, 23 assists, three tackles for losses, a sack and eight quarterback hurries.

Montejano was named to the second team Texas Sports Writers All-State Team as an offensive

lineman. He also made the Old Coach All-State team on offense, All-West Texas Team, All South Plains and the Golden Spread teams.

Washington was wearing a little more than a Mona Lisa smile as he said, "I like surprises. I began to have doubts about my commitment to OU about a month ago. I have a lot of relatives that live in Oklahoma and I may have allowed them to influence my initial decision."

"I did not like the idea of moving so far away from my family and Tech has always been my favorite team. Tech was my first college football experience when an aunt took me to one of their games as a kid."

"I had not been sure about what I was going to do even though I said I was going to Oklahoma. I was cleaning my room

last weekend and found an old letter from Tech. All it said is, 'We want your Muleshoe magic. We're looking forward to you being a West Texas legend.'"

"I knew I had Coach Sonny Cumbie's phone number. I found it on a Post-It note in my drawer and decided to give him a call. He answered with a, 'Hey, Cooper.' I asked him if they might still have a place for me and he said yes."

"I am pretty sure I will be a red shirt but will work hard to try and earn a spot of the team as a freshman. I am very happy with my final decision."

Washington was recruited as a defensive end and finished the 2010 season with 41 solo tackles, 27 assists, 16 tackles for losses, five sacks, 17 quarterback hurries, caused two

fumbles, broke up four passes and had one interception for a touchdown.

He was moved to quarterback on offense and rushed for 780 yards, scored 10 touchdowns on 110 carries. He was completed 180 of 283 passes for 2348 yards, had 13 intercepted and 30 touchdown passes.

Washington was chosen to the Old Coaches All-State Team as a defensive lineman as well as the All West Texas All-State Team. He was an Honorable Mention at quarterback and defensive line for Associated Press All State Team. Washington was the Defensive MVP of the All South Plains Team.

"Both of these boys started on the varsity when they were sophomores," said Mule Coach David Wood.

"They showed signs of expertise even at that young age. They will be a great asset to both schools and made Muleshoe very proud of them."

"Sergio (Montejano) knew he wanted to play even at a very young age. He continued to grow and improve and now is an accomplished 300 pound lineman. He could have gone to several different schools but chose WT. They are fortunate to have him."

Wood continued by saying, "Cooper (Washington) has always been bigger than

everyone else at his age but a lot of folks have that advantage and just seem to throw it away. But he stayed with it and developed into a player and leader for us."

"These guys have what it takes to continue to grow and develop their talents and be the players they have always dreamed about being," he said. "We are proud that they are Mules and will do what it takes at the next level. We as coaches and I am sure as a community want to wish them the very best."

MISD winter weather efforts lauded...

Continued from page 1 had it bad braving the cold temperatures last week, think about this: As I was driving by Watson Junior High, I saw something that put it in perspective for me." Sheets said.

"I saw Jeff Carpenter on top of the building

— at 7 a.m., with winds blowing 20-30 mph — working on a heater. He was on top of the building trying to get one of the heaters going so our students would have a warm environment in which to learn."

On Thursday morning, at DeShazo Elementary, Carpenter, the district's assistant maintenance director, was at it again, on top of the roof at 7 a.m.

"The air was so cold that it was not allowing the heaters to work properly," the superintendent said, "Someone had to go on

top of the building and close the outside dampers on each heater so the cold air would not come into the heating system."

"I am very thankful we have people like Jeff Carpenter taking care of our facilities."

"I am very impressed with the dedication of every person in our district, but I am especially proud to be associated with people who take care of our children no matter what, even if the weather conditions are horrible," he added.

"It is wonderful to

know that our folks are going to take care of our children. That's what our employees do... we take care of our children." Sheets said.

"It doesn't matter which students are in our classrooms, or the lack of funding from the state, or the lack of parental support, or even the weather. We are going to do the job... no excuses."

"I am proud to be a part of that!" Sheets added.

News about your college student

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy Valentine to all next Monday. Bring your wife, sweetheart or friend to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center and have a good lunch on this day.

Monday, Feb. 14, will be the monthly board meeting at the center. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m., and are open to all senior citizens. We welcome any ideas or suggestions to make our center more enjoyable for the senior citizens of this area.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, is Bunco playing day. Call a friend and come on in by 10 a.m. Interim Home Health will be helping with the game.

If you want to learn

Thanks for reading the Journal!

a fun game just come on in.

Thursday, Feb. 16, is our birthday party during the lunch hour. You should receive a phone call inviting you to come and let us honor you for another birthday. Accolade Home Health provides the birthday cake for all. We appreciate all our helpers on this day.

Thursday is also Bingo playing day. It begins at 1:30 p.m. Come for lunch and stay and play Bingo. LaShea Mason with Samaritan Hospice is our caller and she does a great job. Lots of fun, prizes, and refreshments.

Our prayers and well wishes go out to all of you who are under the weather with health problems. We hope you get well soon and are back with us. You are missed very much.

We have lost several of our senior citizen friends the last few months. To the families our hearts and love go with you. God be with you all.

Menu for Feb. 14-18:
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Thursday, Feb. 17 — Chile with beans, salad, cornbread and banana pudding.

Friday, Feb. 18 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Seventh grade Mules 'caught in the gate'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules got caught in the gate on their final home appearance when the Dimmitt Bobcats came for a visit.

The Mules could not make up the difference and went down to defeat 32-19.

Simone Chaves had all four of the Mules first period points. He made a free throw with just over two minutes left in the quarter.

Chaves nailed a 3-pointer before the period ended to light the Mules' fire.

The Mules trailed 16-4 after one period.

The second quarter was all Mules as they held Dimmitt to just two points.

Tony Castillo hit a short jumper and Anthony Vasquez scored a hoop

to open the period for the Mules.

Josh Lopez converted a free throw and scored a bucket before the half ended.

The Mules had out scored Dimmitt 7-2 and trailed 11-18 at the half.

Dimmitt did not allow the Mules to get the upper hand in the second half.

Castillo and Chavez both hit a basket in the third period for the only Mule points.

Dimmitt led 26-15 with one period left to play.

Aaron Ross and Castillo score a hoop each in the final period.

Castillo and Chavez led the Mules in scoring with six points each.

Lopez finished with three points and Ross and Vasquez dropped in two points each.

The Mules will finish the season on the road.

They traveled to Littlefield Monday to tangle with the Wildcats and then go to Floydada on Feb. 14 for their final game.



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BAILEY COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Obituaries

Doug Bales

Church services for Doug Bales, 86, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, Feb. 7, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Mike McDonald of Lubbock, Sammy Flanary and Nat Cooper officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Bales died on Feb. 4, 2011, in Muleshoe. He was born on Oct. 16, 1924, to Marcus Alexander and Essie (Ratliff) Bales in Runnels County Texas, and married Eunice Whitt on Dec. 21, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

He married Anna Deaton in Muleshoe on Dec. 13, 2000

Mr. Bales was also preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a grandson — Chad Bales in 2003.

Mr. Bales had lived in Muleshoe since 1953, having moved from Levelland.

He was a member of Muleshoe Church of Christ, and served as a deacon for 30 years, and had served on the board of the Blackwater Soil Conservation District in Bailey County, and had served on the Needmore Co-op Gin Board and the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce



& Agriculture Board.

He was a member of the American Agriculture Movement, and was an honorary chapter farmer at Muleshoe FFA.

Mr. Bales served his country in the US Army Air Corp during World War II.

Survivors include his wife — Anna of the home; son — Kem Bales of Muleshoe; stepsons — Troy Watts of Salem, Ind., and Kevin Wattts of Fremont, Wis.; two step-daughters — Delonna Duncan of Orleans, Ind., and Charlotte Schmelz of New Salsbury, Ind.; a sister — Glendolyn Phillips of Levelland; a brother — Malcolm Bales of Waxahachie; two grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M., 88130-9411, or Bailey County EMS, 715 W. Second, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Ramon DeLaRosa

Church services for Ramon F. DeLaRosa, 69, of Sudan, were held on Monday, Feb. 7, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 4-6, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe.

Burial followed Monday's services in Sudan Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. DeLaRosa died on Feb. 3, 2011, in Lamb County. He was born on Nov. 16, 1941, to Antonio and Nicolasa (Falcon) DeLaRosa in Mexico, and married Francisca Zamora in Mexico on July 11, 1976.

He was preceded in death by his mother — Nicolasa DeLaRosa, and a brother.

Mr. DeLaRosa had lived in the Muleshoe-Sudan area since 1976. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

He loved his family and enjoyed going to horse races, raising goats and volunteering at his church.

Survivors include his spouse — Francisca Z. DeLaRosa of the home; two sons — Elias DeLaRosa of Puebla Mexico and Juan DeLaRosa of Amarillo; five daughters — Altagracias Acosta of Amarillo, Rafaela Perez of Sudan, Nicolasa Urquidi of El Paso, Silvia DeLaRosa of California, and Gloria DeLaRosa of Amarillo; three sisters — Antonia DeLaRosa, Francisca DeLaRosa and Guadalupe DeLaRosa, all of Mexico; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tarissa Rajon Thorn

Funeral services for Tarissa Rajon Thorn, 20, of Friona (Lazbuddie) were held on Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Lazbuddie Church of Christ with Mickey Chambliss, minister of the church, and Clay Mimms of House, N.M. officiating.

Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Thorn died on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center in Muleshoe. She was born on March 4, 1990, in Hereford to Garvin and Janette Reed Thorn.

She was a 2009 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and participated in 4-H, where she showed horses. She was a member of FCCLA.

Her favorite hobby was riding horses.

She was employed by Lazbuddie ISD as a teacher's aide.

She was preceded in death by her maternal



grandfather — Ralph Reed, her great-grandmother — Irene Thorn, and her uncle — Max Reed.

Survivors include her parents — Garvin and Janette Thorn of Friona (Lazbuddie); her maternal grandmother — Mary Reed of Happy; her paternal grandparents — Billy and Zelma Thorn of Friona (Lazbuddie); a sister — Triston Thorn of Dalhart; and a brother — Tray Thorn of Friona (Lazbuddie).

The family requests memorials be sent to the Rajon Thorn Scholarship Fund, c/o Lazbuddie Schools, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

Jessie Gray

Church services for Jessie Gray, 89, of Muleshoe, are scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 11, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Mike McDonald of Lubbock officiating.

Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mr. Gray died on Feb. 5, in Muleshoe. He was born on October 23, 1921, in Lorenzo to William Scott and Mary Vinar (Wilson) Gray, and married Phebe (Clark) Gray in Muleshoe on March 31, 1942.

She preceded him in death in 2000.

He married Celia Guerrero in Farwell on June 2, 2008.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Gray had lived in Muleshoe since 1954, moving from Farwell. He was a member of Muleshoe Church of

Christ.

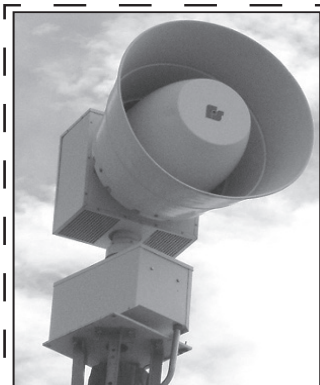
Mr. Gray was a farmer, and served his country in the US Army Air Corp during World War II.

Survivors include his wife — Celia of the home; a son — Clifford Gray of Bullard; daughters — June Patrick of Muleshoe, and Geraldine Kiser of Fort Sam Houston; a stepson — Rueben Lopez of Levelland; stepdaughters — Onieda Deleon of Lubbock, Chriselda Rojas of Midland, Delilah Garza of Levelland and Iris Bollinger of Amarillo; a sister — Dell Scroggins of Round Rock; three brothers — San Gray of Jonesboro, Ark., Ed Gray of Lorenzo and Paul Gray of Levelland; six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

Death Notices

Pamila Martinez

Pamila Kaye Martinez, 50, of Muleshoe died on Feb. 4, 2011, in Muleshoe. She was born on July 24, 1960 to Berlin and Laverne Harvey in Clovis, N.M. Her remains were donated to the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. No



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Our deepest longing may be the desire to be home

We are all on a journey. What is particularly ironic about the journey is that we spend most of our lives trying to get back where we started.

We spend most of our lives trying to fulfill our deepest longing, the desire to be home, truly home.

If you think about the journey as beginning with an earthy mother and father, you're right, of course. But I'd suggest you start farther back.

God assures us that he knew us even before we were formed in our mothers' wombs and that the gift of life comes directly from his hand.

When we are physically born, we are born for sure with the sinful nature that will one day cause us to go our own way and sin against our Father, but we nonetheless arrive in the most sinless, innocent, pure, and trusting condition we humans will ever know here.

No wonder Jesus tells us that unless we become as trusting, loving, and pure as little children, we can't enter the kingdom of heaven.

We grow up and spend most of our lives trying to regain that purity and innocence and loving trust in our Father.

We spend our lives trying to regain the capacity for joy and delight and spontaneity that little children are filled with.

Maybe we adults feel that loss more than we realize. Maybe that's one reason we have such a deep longing to be children again in our true home.

Where is our real home? Home is where the Father is. Our longing for home is all wrapped up in our longing to be with the Father.

When we see in our human fathers what is



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best, we're led to long even more to be with the best Father of all.

When we see in our human fathers deep weakness, we're led to long even more to be wrapped up in the arms of the best Father. We might not put it that way, but the longing is there. We want to find our way home, home to the Father.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are distressed as he has been talking about leaving them.

In the 14th chapter, he assures them, "In my Father's house are many rooms, and I'm going to prepare a place for you so that one day I'll come and take you to be with me where I am" (Shelburne translation).

Then Jesus says, "And you know the way to the place where I am going."

That's when Thomas, whose love for the Lord was second to none and who was unwilling to endure the perplexity any longer, absolutely boils over: "Lord, what are you talking about? We don't know where you're going, so how in the whole wide world can you expect us to know the way?!"

Jesus' answer? "Oh, Thomas, you do know the way, because you know me, and I am the way."

How do we get home, home to the Father? We follow the One who is the Way to the Father, and, walking with us all along the journey, he leads us home.

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Sports

Basketball Mules fall to Littlefield, but end week well

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules finished the week in better shape than many feared after a disappointing loss to the Littlefield Wildcats on Tuesday night.

Friona helped the Mules by blasting Dimmitt 64-47.

The Mules held on to sole possession of second place in the district with a record of 8-3.

The Mules played well against the Littlefield Wildcats but could not get their shots to fall.

The Mules led 14-8 after one quarter but the Wildcats caught up and tied the game by the half.

The teams traded punches for the last 16 minutes of the game and Littlefield managed to slip past the Mules 52-48.

The Mules bounced back Friday night when the Floydada Whirlwinds blew into town. The Mules used a huge final period to stop Floydada 64-46.

Tyson Turnbow made the first basket for the Mules against Littlefield and finished the period with seven points.

Nick Hurtado drained a 3-pointer and Beau Avila and Zach Toscano each added a basket.

The Mules led 14-7 after one quarter.

Cooper Washington got hot for the Mules in the second period and scored the Mules first basket of the period and added two more hoops from inside the paint for all six of the Mules' points.

Littlefield tied the game at 20-20.

The second half was a battle. The Mules appeared to be to have a two-point advantage going into the final period but Littlefield hit a trey at the buzzer to go up by one at the half.

Turnbow hit the Mules first bucket of the third period and added two free throws.

Sergio Montejano scored in the paint and chipped in a free throw. Washington and Isaias Guerra made a basket each.

The Mules trailed 32-31 with one quarter left to play.

Turnbow was on fire in the final period and scored as many points in the final eight minutes as he had made in the first 24.

He opened the final quarter with a hoop. He then added a pair of free throws before his second bucket.

Turnbow made two-of-four free throws before sinking a 3-pointer that left the Mules a single point behind.

Hurtado was fouled shooting a 3-pointer and nailed all three charity tosses. Jonathan Perez made three-of-four from the line.

Littlefield converted 11-of-24 free throw attempts in the final quarter but it was enough for the win.

Turnbow finished the night with a game high 22 points. Washington added eight and Hurtado dropped in six.

Perez and Montejano finished with three points each. Avila, Toscano and Guerra chipped in two points each.

The Mules jumped out 18-8 in the opening period against Floydada.

Turnbow and Washington made two hoops and a free throw for five points each.

Hurtado drained a 3-pointer and Montejano made the Mules' first hoop

of the night. Matthew Martinez added a basket and a charity toss.

The Mules added one to their lead by the intermission by out scoring the Whirlwinds 15-14.

Turnbow hit a trey and two hoops. Hurtado hit a rare deuce and made two free throws. Washington and Eric Orozco made a hoop each.

The Mules led 33-22 at the intermission.

The Mules got off to a slow start in the third period and Floydada went on a 10-0 run.

Turnbow nailed a 3-pointer with just over three minutes left in the period for the Mules first points of the second half.

He added two more hoops before the period ended.

Hurtado drained his second trey of the game and Avila beat the buzzer with a trey.

The Mules held on to a 46-40 lead.

The Mules tightened up their defense in the final eight minutes and created enough turnovers to string together an 11-0 run on the Whirlwinds.

Turnbow converted an old-fashion three-point play for his first point of the fourth quarter.

He added two more hoops before the game ended.

Toscano made two

baskets and Hurtado dropped in his third trey of the night.

Washington and Martinez chipped in a hoop each.

Turnbow finished with a game high 26 points. Hurtado added 13 and Washington dropped in nine.

Martinez had five points, Avila three and Montejano and Orozco chipped in two each.

The Mules hit the road Tuesday to play the Friona Chieftains.

They stay on the road Friday and play in Abernathy at 6:30 p.m. since the Lady Mules finished their season in Friona.

The Mules return home for their final regular season contest against the league leading Idalou Wildcats. Game time is at 6:30 p.m.



Got it!

Mule Cooper Washington wins the tip during the recent game against the Littlefield Wildcats.

Photograph by Stacy Conner



Close...

Mule Tyson Turnbow struggles to remain in bounds during the recent game against Floydada.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Varsity Lady Mules

Continued from page 1
The Lady Mules in scoring. Orozco and Mata finished with three points each. Mojica, Castorena and Gomez chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules finally got untracked after an 8-0 run by Floydada. Gardea scored two hoops and two free throws for six points. Orozco made the first five points for the Lady Mules with a hoop and a 3-pointer.

The Lady Mules trailed 16-11.

Gardea made all seven second period points with a hoop and five free throws. The Lady Mules had dropped behind 30-18 at the half.

Mata made two free throws and a basket in the third period. Carly Krug hit a 15-foot baseline jumper. Floydada led 46-24 with eight minutes to go in the game.

Gardea made two free throws and drained a trey as the game drew to a close. Orozco made her second 3-pointer of the game. Gomez hit a shot from the elbow and added to free throws.

Gardea set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 18 points. Orozco finished with eight. Mata and Gomez had four points each and Krug chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules finished up on the road in Friona Tuesday night.



Lady Mule Dominique Mata tries to retrieve the ball during a recent game.

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Sports

JV ladies 'shut down' Floydada's hopes for victory

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules and Floydada had played to a dead heat after three periods.

The Lady Mules pulled out all the stops in the final frame to drop the Lady Winds 50-41.

Cheyenne Meadors got

the Lady Mules started with a basket.

Liliana Vasquez stuck back a pair of rebounds for four points.

McKenna Dunham made a basket and then hit a free throw for three points.

Gisela Perez added a hoop and the Lady Mules

led 11-10 going into the second period.

Neither team could gain an advantage in the second period as they played to a 12-12 dead heat.

Dunham opened with a hoop and hit a trey from the top of the key. Vasquez, Meador and

Perez added a hoop each.

Adrienne Precure made a free throw before the half ended. The Lady Mules led 23-22 at the half.

Floydada made up the one-point deficit in the third quarter.

Dunham hit the Lady

Mules first hoop of the second half and she added a free throw before the quarter ended.

Precure picked a Lady Wind's pocket and out ran the defense down the floor for a lay up.

Linda Sanchez found the hoop for two points. The game was tied at 30-30 going into the final quarter.

The Lady Mules cranked things up on both ends of the floor in the final period. Perez set the tone with a 3-pointer from the top of the key as the quarter began.

Vasquez chipped in a charity toss and Mandy Scolley hit a basket. Sanchez dropped in a 3-pointer.

Dunham broke a 39-39 tie with a hoop with

two minutes left to play. Meadors pushed the Lady Mule lead to 44-41 with a trey.

Dunham made a pair of free throws with 45 second left in the game to push the difference to 46-41.

Ten seconds later Precure made two free throws and Sanchez finished the game with a hoop with 10 ticks on the clock.

Dunham led the Lady Mules with 15 points. Perez, Sanchez, Meadors and Vasquez all finished with seven points each.

Precure made five points and Scolley chipped in two.

The Lady Mules will finish their season on the road in Friona Tuesday night.

JV Mules take the wind out of the 'Winds

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Bad weather prevented the JV Mules from playing Tuesday against Littlefield but they took on Floydada Friday.

The Mules and Whirlwinds were tied after one period at 12-12. The Mules left no doubt after that and calmed the Whirlwinds 76-40.

Saul Elizalde scored eight of the Mules first quarter 12 points. He made three baskets and two free throws.

Eli Leal made the other four points with a free throw and a 3-pointer.

The Mules clamped down the defense and cranked up the volume of

the offense in the second quarter.

The Mules held Floydada to just four points in the second quarter.

Leal hit his second trey of the game and added two more hoops for seven points.

Elizalde was not far behind him with three hoops for six points.

Blaine Hurtado scored two baskets and Louie Guzman dropped in a 3-pointer.

Matthew Barron and Christian Rocha both hit a hoop. The Mules had scored 24 points to lead 36-16 at the intermission.

The Mules added five

to their lead in the third quarter by out scoring Floydada 15-10 in the third period.

Leal made two hoops and Rocha completed a three-point play. Hurtado, Shaun Atwood and Elizalde added a basket each.

The Mules led 51-26 with eight minutes left to play.

The Mules continued to increase their lead in the final frame. Elizalde went back to work with four hoops for eight points.

Leal made three baskets for six points. Barron and Junior Baca hit two buckets each. Carlos Sosa and Atwood

made a hoop apiece. Ryan Johnson chipped on one free throw before the game ended.

Elizalde finished with a game high 24 points. Leal was not far behind with 21 points.

Barron dropped in eight points and Hurtado added six. Rocha finished with five points.

Baca and Atwood had four points each, Guzman three, Sosa two and Johnson one.

The Mules traveled to Friona Tuesday to meet the Chieftains and then go to Abernathy to battle the Antelopes.

The Mules return home for their final game of the season against Idalou.

Freshmen Mules clawed by Dimmitt's Bobcats, 58-51

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules stayed close to the Dimmitt Bobcats for three quarters Monday night. But in the fourth quarter Dimmitt ran away from the Mules for a 58-41 win.

David Diaz stuck back a rebound for the Mules first hoop. He added a second basket before the period ended.

Jaxiel Lopez drained a trey from the corner

and Matthew Barron added a pair of baskets. The Mules trailed 16-11 after one quarter.

The Mules trimmed one off the Dimmitt lead in the second period.

Austin Ross opened the scoring for the Mules with a hoop. He added two more before the half.

James Mendoza finished a break with a lay up and M. Barron dropped in a hoop.

AJ Barron chipped

in a free throw and the Mules trailed 26-22 at the intermission.

Lopez opened the second half for the Mules with a hoop. Ross scored on a delayed break down the lane.

A. Barron went coast-to-coast after a steal and finished a break for a second hoop.

The Mules had dropped farther back and trailed 39-30.

Dimmitt put together their strongest scoring run in the final frame.

Diaz sank the opening basket for the Mules. Lopez made two baskets and chipped in a free throw. Mendoza and M. Barron scored a basket each.

Lopez led the Mules with 10 points. M. Barron and Ross both finished with eight points and Diaz made six.

A. Barron dropped in five points and Mendoza had four.

The Mules will complete their season on the road.

They went to Littlefield Monday and travel to Floydada on Feb. 14.

Eighth grade Mules defeat the Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules completely bottled up the Dimmitt Bobcats in the opening quarter Monday night.

The Mules held Dimmitt scoreless and posted a first quarter 10-0 score.

The Mules dominated all but one quarter to bounce the Bobcats 39-24.

JJ Gandara picked off a Dimmitt pass and took it to the hoop for the opening basket for either team. He added a second hoop before the period ended.

Blayne Shipman dropped in two buckets and Saul Sanchez hit from the elbow.

The Mules backed off the heat in the second period but increased their margin by one point. Roman Franco scored the Mules

opening hoop. Grey Johnson dropped in a basket and chipped in free throw.

Sanchez picked off and in bound pass and put the ball on the glass. Gandara chipped in a free throw. The Mules led 18-7 at the intermission.

Dimmitt came out hot after the break and cut four points from the Mules' lead. Gandara opened the second half for the Mules with a deuce.

Sanchez hit from the elbow and added a second hoop before the quarter ended. Israel Rubio chipped in a free throw.

The Mules led 25-18 with one quarter left to play.

The Mules heated up in the final period and out ran Dimmitt 14-6.

Sanchez sank the Mules first basket and hit a second before the

game ended. Twice, Gandara found the range from out side the arc in the final quarter and sandwiched a deuce between them with a fast break.

Braden Bessire picked a Bobcat pocket and went the length of the court for a lay up.

Gandara set the scoring pace for the Mules with 15 points. Sanchez was not far behind with 12.

Shipman made all four of his points in the opening period and Johnson finished with three.

Franco and Bessire made two points each and Rubio chipped in one.

The Mules will finish their season on the road.

They traveled to Littlefield Monday and go to Floydada on Feb. 14 for their final game of the season.

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The Sudan Buzz

Sudan Student Council is keeping busy

The Sudan Student Council has been busy this year preparing for community service opportunities and activities for the school to be involved.

Many of their volunteer opportunities have included Red Ribbon Week, food drive, coat drive, Breast Cancer Awareness events, Veteran's Day festivities, and Eighth Grade Olympics.

The student council has also teamed up with Sudan FCCLA and Sudan NHS to be involved in Volunteer Lubbock, a nonprofit organization who provides funding for organizations to perform community service projects.

This year the Sudan groups decided to buy sleeping bags for the Salvation Army to give to the homeless.

The student council had already held a coat

drive for the Salvation Army and Goodwill, but the Salvation Army had specifically asked for sleeping bags to for the homeless for them to stay warm this winter.

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The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties; and that part of Randall County that lies north and west of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27; then running north along Interstate Highway 27 to the Potter County line.

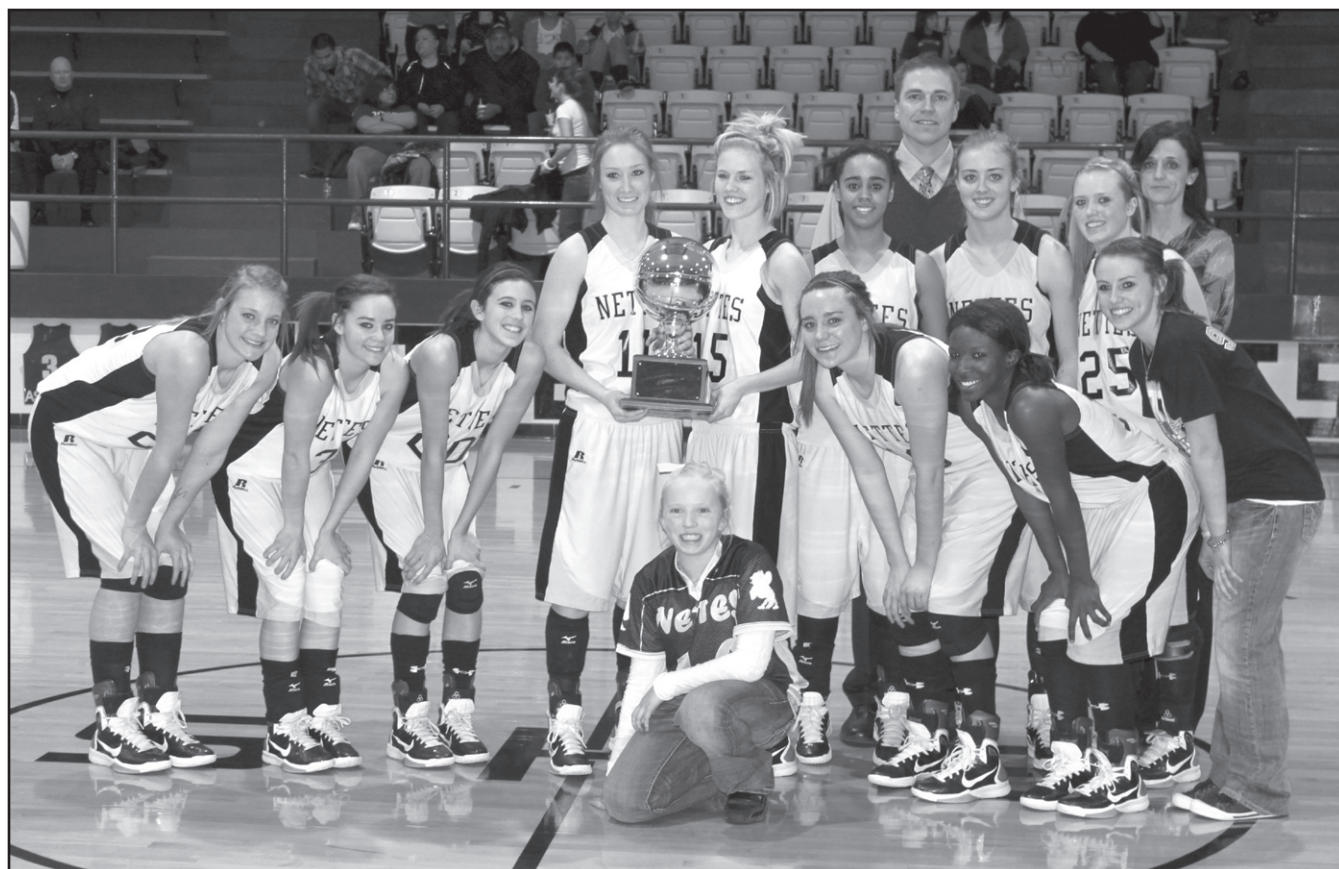
Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Northwest Plains Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by February 7, 2011, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by February 22, 2011. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2011, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2010 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Northwest Plains Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.



The Sudan Buzzy



'Nettes capture another district basketball trophy

By Savannah Sain Sudan Correspondent
 The Sudan Nettes were awarded the District Championship trophy Friday, Feb. 4. The Nettes were undefeated going in to the next to last game. They had sealed the championship before playing Bovina. The Nettes defeated Bovina on Friday and will finish their district play against Farwell on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Look for game results in next week's Muleshoe Journal.

The Nettes have qualified for the playoffs every year for more than 20 years. Members of the Varsity Nettes are Mariah Steinbock, Chelsea Locke, Bailee Black, Danielle Logan, Victoria Williams, KyLee Shultz, Janelle Vanderlei, Jade Goen, Kaylie Miller, Ashlee Koontz, and Keela Chester. The Nettes are coached by Jason Cooper, Lisa Logan, Mark Scisson, and Belinda Steinbock.

Academic team members place at Idalou meet

By Savannah Sain Sudan Correspondent
 The Sudan Academic Team participated in the Idalou Academic Meet on Feb. 5.



Sudan ISD's award-winning academic team

Sudan took many of their teams to the competition, and some of the students competing for the first time medaled at the event.

Sudan competed against schools in their district plus larger districts such as Lubbock Cooper, Denver City, and Seminole.

The computer science team placed first in the tournament. Also in computer science, Adam Harper placed first as an individual, and James Markham placed

third individually. Adam Harper also placed first in mathematics among other freshmen.

The Accounting Team placed second against many other teams at the tournament.

Marlynke Vanderlei

placed fourth as an individual, Emylee Gonzales placed fifth, and Jade Goen placed seventh.

Other academic achievers include Mitch Edwards placing sixth in

science among all juniors, Alex Hernandez placing fifth in literary criticism, Chelsea Locke placing second in headline writing, and Dex Baker placing sixth in informative speaking.

CX Debate team to compete for chance at Texas State Debate Tournament

By Savannah Sain Sudan Correspondent
 The Sudan CX Debate teams will be competing on Thursday, Feb. 10, for the chance to attend the State Debate Tournament in March as they compete at the district CX debate tournament in Sudan.

The Sudan CX Debate teams have worked hard this year in order to prepare for the opportunity to represent Sudan in Austin.

They have attended many of the area debate tournaments and have worked long hours after school.

Several of the members

have won awards at the tournaments and have won many of their rounds.

The teams competing are James Markham and Doug Ames as Team #1, Joaquin Azua and Deric McCurry as Team #2, and Alex Hernandez and Andrew Ames as Team #3.

James Markham attended the state tournament last year with another debate partner. James has received many top speaker rankings and honors.

Their coach is Jonathan Robertson.

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 Dunham Appliance Service

Earl Ladd & Sons, Inc.
 Farmer’s Coop Assoc. of Sudan
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 First United Bank
 Five Area Telephone
 Fred Bruegel/Westway Feed -Products
 Gallman Payloaders
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 Gebo Distribution
 Gladys Black
 Great Plains Ag Credit
 H & H Trailers
 Hurst Farm Supply, Inc.
 J Ob Farming, Inc.
 James L. Wedel
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 Jay Cage
 John Roley Auto Center
 Julie DeBruin Ins. Agency
 Kelly Kettner
 King Ag Aviation
 Kyle & Bernita Sheets
 Leo’s Blacksmith & Machine Shop
 Lewis Wayne Shafer
 Maple Co-Operative Gin
 McCormick Seed
 McDonald’s
 McIntyre Ins. Agency, CP
 Michael Camp, Ins.
 Michael DeLeon
 Mike Slayden
 Monty Leavell
 Muleshoe Abstract Co.
 Muleshoe Rotary Club
 Muleshoe State Bank
 New-Tex Feed Yard
 Pat Angeley – CPA
 Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
 PYCO Industries, Inc.
 Randall L Field
 Ray Lee Equipment
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 Ron Backus
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 Shipman’s Body Shop
 South Plains Waste Service
 Southside Welding
 Stanley Ray Jones
 State Farm Ins.
 T & S Concrete
 Talk Station/Excel Energy
 Triple Nickel, Inc.
 Vic Coker Land Co.
 Wayne Copley Trucking
 West Camp Gin, Inc.
 Western “66” Company
 Wilbur Ellis
 WTG Fuels, Inc.

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 Alan Harrison
 Bamert Seed
 Betty Kirby
 Boehning Dairy
 Brady Black
 Brenda Black
 Brittany Stearmer & Dustin
 Buddy Embry
 Cade Hooten
 Caprock Dairy
 Carolyn Kirby
 Todd, Cindy Bessire & Baylee
 Cliff Black
 Corvette Farms
 Craig Kirby
 Dutch Road Dairy
 Earl Behrends
 Eileen Morton
 Farmers Insurance
 Florence DeBruin

Garrison Myers
 Gene Sheets
 Great Plains Ag
 Hoksbergen Trimmings
 J & S Dairy
 Jack Dunham
 Jackson Myers
 James Turnbow
 Janelle Smith
 Jared Lee
 Jay Cage
 Jedon Ruthardt
 Jerry Ruthardt
 Jesse Waggoner
 Jim Pat & Suzy Claunch
 Joel Shearer
 Johnny & Julie DeBruin
 Karie Preston
 Kathy Carr
 Kelly Kettner
 Kurt Miller
 Michael Dunham
 Muleshoe Feed Barn
 Muleshoe Animal Clinic
 Nancy Beckerink
 Norene Pearson
 Pam Miller
 Rama Smalling
 Rhonda Myers
 Robert Hooten
 Rodney & Nellie Baker
 Ronnie Altman
 Sam Whalin
 Scott Kline
 Scott Miller
 Shelby Harrison
 Starla Ellis
 Steve & Sherri Kennedy
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 Todd Newberry
 Travis Bessire
 Triple M Cattle
 Wayne Wauson
 William Wauson

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 Alco
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 -Bureau
 Bailey County Propane
 Barb Sears
 Brittany Stearmer
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 -Creations
 City of Muleshoe Youth
 -Advisory Council
 Dannah Brown
 Debbie Walters
 Dianne Brown
 Dinner Bell
 Frank Wuerflein
 Fry and Cox
 Gary Skaggs
 Gladys Black
 Higgenbotham-Bartlett Co.
 Hi-Tek Automotive
 Honey Comb
 Honey Do Bar B/Q Wagon
 Jarman Seed
 Joe’s Boot Shop
 Kayla Preston
 Lacey Timmons
 Lasting Impressions
 Mandi Shearer
 Mohawk Auto
 Muleshoe Animal Clinic
 Muleshoe Auto Parts
 Muleshoe Feed Barn/Arlyn
 -Giesbrecht

Muleshoe Hat Co.
 Muleshoe Valley Inc.
 Muleshoe Vet Clinic
 Partain Chiropractic
 Pearson Meat Co.
 Precure Electric
 Ruby Green
 Schafer Nursery
 Select Sires
 Sparkle Cleaners
 Star Studded Jewelry/Kathy Carr
 The Fair Store
 The Studio/Kyla Hooten, Dusty
 -Gorman, & Megan Broyles
 Triple S Auto Glass
 Walco Intl.
 Wilbur Ellis-Earth
 Williams General Store
 Wilson Drilling

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 Bamert Seed
 Betty Kirby
 Black Show Pigs
 Black Show Steers
 Boehning Dairy
 Bovina Feeders
 Caprock Dairy
 Citizen State Bank - Clovis, NM
 CK Nickels
 Corvette Farms
 Crop Production Services
 Deaf Smith County Grain
 Dutch Road Dairy
 Frank Weurflein
 Henry Insurance
 Hereford Feed Ingredients
 Hoksbergin Trimmings
 J & S Dairy
 Jim Pat & Suzy Claunch
 Kelly Kettner
 King Ag Aviation
 Lowes Supermarket
 Muleshoe Livestock Auction
 Muleshoe Vet Supply
 Murray Davis
 Pam Miller
 Rodney Baker
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 Scott & Tamara Churchman
 Scott & Rhonda Kline
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M E D I C A L repair operate
TECHNOLOGIST: tractor, rock picker,
Full time position in plow, disc, drill,
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BS in Medical BS in Medical
Technology, sprayer, grain truck,
plus two years read and speak
experience; fax sufficient English.
resume to 806- Ulmer Farms,
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03/08/11 to 12/31/11 @ 10.57
p/hr. Housing provided, 48 hrs p/
wk. ¾ guarantee, 50% completion
of contract. Tools, equipment
& subsistence provided at no cost.
Min. 3 months experience. Duties:
drive, plant, harvest, store grain,
repair operate tractor, rock picker,
plow, disc, drill, harvest equip,
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Webster, ND, Interested? **Apply**
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3 temp positions: Farm work general,
03/04/2011 to 12/31/11 @ 15.00
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Everlasting Life, what is that, what is life? Well I would say we must find answers to the questions if we are to benefit from them. And that, I trust is the purpose of this writing. But we are not likely to find the answers unless we know what we are looking for.

"Life", according to Webster, is an animate existence, vitality. The period between life and death. Or the union of soul and body.

"Eternal" means everlasting or forever. "Continued duration in past time and future." According to *Strong's Concordance* it appears about 70 times in the New Testament and two times in Old Testament.

In the Old Testament it refers to "the eternal God of thy refuge," and to "eternal excellency".

It is interesting to note that the expression "eternal life" does not appear in the Old Testament — and neither does "kingdom of God" or "Kingdom of heaven."

The reason for that is the laws governing the Israelites was also the laws under which they worshipped God.

They were not spiritual laws. We don't read about them being born again, being baptized or other things of that nature.

Furthermore all the Jews or people of Israel were subject to the laws of Moses.

But under the New Testament the laws, rules, and commandments are spiritual. In the Kingdom of God baptism, eternal life, and such like, are spiritual, but they are binding on no one.

What I am saying is; we have no legal obligation, or duty to give attention or obedience to the scriptures. But our interest in support of, or obedience to them is a matter of choice.

If or when we make that choice (if we do) it is because of a feeling of devotion to and belief of a Higher Power that lives in our mind.

I can't explain it to my satisfaction, but it is with me, and in my inmost feelings there is a sense of humility and love for our

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

fellow man-and to live an honorable life.

I never attended Sunday Schools, or other bible teaching classes. My parents never discussed Bible teaching with me, and we seldom attended church. So I had no genuine interest in church affairs.

But I did go to the revival meetings that was held a few times in our community, and I listened to the things they were teaching.

On one occasion I was invited to go with a group to some foreign country for two weeks of meetings. I did however decide I wanted to know more about the teachings of the scriptures-where they came from, what is their purpose, what do they teach, etc.

So, I bought a Bible, King James Version, and set out to study it. I wanted to know then, and I would like to know and understand it, that

is — what is its purpose, and what does it teach. I was never interested in the particular teaching of one faith-this faith or that faith. What I have always wanted, was and is, what is its purpose, and what does I teach?

One of the first questions that comes up is about eternal life. And differing beliefs about what it is, and how we obtain it results in differing beliefs about other things also.

Now, do I have all the answers? Of course not. But I have always thought it proper, and certainly is a teaching of the scriptures, that we share with others.

And so, in what I hope is the attitude of Peter; Gold and silver I have none. But such as I as I have I will give unto you.

I will try therefore to present my views on the subject in the next writing. Until then I hope things are well with you.

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