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## Contract approved for new county attorney

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court approved a contract for a new county attorney during Monday's special meeting.

Under an interlocal agreement with Lamb County, Assistant County Attorney Scott Say will be providing the needed prosecutorial services on a part-time basis.

County Judge Sherri Harrison reported that office space for the new county attorney has been set up in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center Outpatient Clinic, 118 W. Second.

Because the building is already owned by the county, Harrison said rent and utilities wouldn't be an issue.

And, with information from MAMC administrator Ray Mason that the clinic's remaining services would probably be moved to one of the hospital district's other provider locations, Harrison said other county services — such as Adult Probation or the Bailey County Extension, could be moved into the building as well.

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### Local Weather

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**Friday**  
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## Celebrating Five Area's past and potential

Although the Five Area Telephone Cooperative has been working on upgrading its equipment, including the installation of fiber optic cables in Muleshoe that will allow for an increase in services provided, these two youngsters at the Five Area Telephone annual meeting weren't

interested in anything more modern than a 1950s era Radio Flyer. Of course, with Saturday's meeting being a celebration of the cooperative's 50th anniversary, their playful presence unintentionally marked both the memories of the organization's past and the possibilities of its future.

## MISD board discusses Dillman project

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The members of the

Muleshoe Independent Board of Education met with representatives of Lee

Lewis Construction Co., the construction manager at risk firm hired by the school district on Oct. 25, Monday to discuss how the cost of expanding Dillman Elementary could be trimmed.

Although the construction committee discussed a wide variety of ways the costs could be cut, the one area the school board members were not willing to trim concerned the safety of the students... particularly when it came to the proposed school bus loading lanes.

"I don't feel good about

saving money there," board member Cindy Purdy said in her request to "readdress the issue."

The construction of the bus loading lanes is estimated at \$100,000 and with the project's tight budget, there had been some discussion about postponing the construction of the lanes until a later time.

At Monday's meeting, the school board members expressed their concerns.

"I feel real uneasy about moving the buses," Purdy added.

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## Chamber banquet set

The 57th annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet has been set for Saturday, March 3, with the doors opening at 6 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Entitled "A Night Out with the Stars," the event will include several traditional chamber banquet items — including a great steak and shrimp

dinner, a silent auction, door prizes and the annual awards ceremony.

Entertainment for this year's banquet will be provided by the Jeff McCreight Band and Studio B.

Tickets for this year's event remain at \$40 per person, or \$35 each if four or more are purchased.

Call 272-4248 for additional information.

## Five Area Cooperative reports another successful year

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Residents from surrounding communities gathered in Muleshoe Saturday for the 50th annual meeting of the Five Area Telephone Cooperative, held at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The event, which included the traditional meal and door prizes, included moments of reminiscing from the early days of the cooperative, a report of its financial condition, and the election of directors.

Dist. 4 director Ann Sowder of Needmore opened this year's festivities talking about how the telephone cooperative was formed in 1957. "I think it is important to show pride in our past.

"That's what it was," Sowder said, "just a plain old telephone service."

However, the telephone cooperative that was formed to provide service to the rural community, starting with eight-party lines, has



Photograph by Larry Thornton

*This year's gathering of the Five Area cooperative members*

grown over the years and is now providing a wide range of services to customers ranging from the Lehman area to Olton, through West Plains Telecommunications.

"When a coop provides the best service possible with the best rates possible and has one dollar left... it is a success," she added.

But, according to the figures provided during the coop's annual financial report, the Five Area Telephone Cooperative has gone far beyond the mark of success referred to by Sowder.

Listing a total revenue for the year ending Dec. 31,



SANDY VANDEVENDER

2006, of \$2,857,412, and total expenses of \$2,595,559, the coop lists its total assets as \$15,705,052.

Wade Wilson, the cooperative's CPA,

commended Five Area's accounting department, and told the members in attendance the cooperative was in "very sound financial standing."

As part of Saturday's meeting, elections were held for Dist. 1 (Lariat) and Dist. 3 (Lazbuddie) with the Dist. 1 seat going to Chris Bass, and the Dist. 3 seat going to incumbent Ronnie Holt.

The Dist. 1 seat was formerly held by Norris Conklin who having served 12 years on the board of directors was not up for reelection.

"I have enjoyed serving the cooperative and ask that

you as members continue to support Five Area and its subsidiaries." Conklin said his letter to the members was included in the annual written report to the membership. "Buy your services from yourself" is a motto we should all remember."

In the annual report from General Manager Sandy Vandevender, he spoke of the importance of cooperatives across the nation, adding that coops represent rural people.

Vandevender said water, renewable power and eminent domain were the three key issues facing the rural population, both in Austin and in Washington, D.C.

When talking about new services that could be provided by the cooperative in the future, Vandevender said the cooperative's board of directors had to be selective. "We want it to be a service you need and will stand the test of time," he said.

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**Scholarships to be awarded**

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from Muleshoe High School counselor Gayla Gear. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. The final day to apply is March 5.

**AA meeting**

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

**Thrift Store donations needed**

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Last month, hundreds of people shopped at the Heritage Thrift Shop and bought thousands of articles. The articles they bought came from your generous donations.

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Bring donations to the Thrift Shop on Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible and proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

**Retirement celebration**

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting a retirement celebration honoring Linda Lopez's 31 years of service on March 2, from 2-4 p.m. in the Anne Camp Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend.

**Grain sorghum workshop set**

Grain sorghum production is the focus of a Texas Cooperative Extension workshop in Muleshoe, Friday, March 2.

Dr. Colvin Trostle, extension agronomist from Lubbock will present the program.

Hybrid selection, seeding rate and planting date, fertility, and weed control will be discussed as well as strategies for choosing planting date and sorghum maturity.

The program 8:30 -11:00 am program will meet at the Bailey Co. Coliseum, and will offer two CEU's including half a unit in IPM.

For further information contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County ag agent, at 272-4583.

**War veterans to be honored**

The First Assembly of God will be honoring war veterans during its Sunday morning service on March 4, at 10:30 a.m.

During the youth service, at 6 p.m. on March 4, Russ Murphy, who wrote the song, "Welcome Home, Soldier," which went on to be number one on the music charts, will be in concert in the Family Life Building.

Several athletes from Texas Tech will also be giving their testimony.

Following the service, pizza will be served.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information, call 272-3017.

**MAHD special meeting called**

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors have scheduled a meeting for Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m., in the dining room of the hospital.

The meeting's agenda includes an executive session with the hospital district's legal counsel over the possible sale of Park View Nursing Care Center, followed by an open session discussion of procedures for the nursing home's sale.

**Calvary Baptist blood drive set**

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the Calvary Baptist Church Blood Drive, 1733 E West Ave. C, on Thursday, March 8, from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., in the church's fellowship hall.

Call the Rev. Jeff Coffman to make an appointment today.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

**Food safety program offered**

Eating out has never been more popular. Almost half of the money we spend on food is spent away from home.

Each year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that approximately one in four Americans will get sick from eating contaminated food at home or at food service establishments.

This spring, Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey, Cochran, and Hockley County are offering training to reduce those numbers of illnesses.

The Food Manager Certification Training Program, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" seeks to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. By taking the course, food service managers can receive the latest information on personal hygiene, how to use thermometers, how to store food safely, how to prepare and serve food properly and how to keep the food preparation areas clean and sanitized.

Participants can fulfill requirements for food manager certification if they pass the certification exam offered at the end of the course.

The training session will be offered for \$89 on March 8 and 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Hockley County Extension Office at 1212 Houston, Levelland.

The cost includes training materials and the state food manager certification examination. Deadline for registration will be March 2.

For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, 806-272-4583.

**Muleshoe youth softball signups**

Muleshoe Youth Softball signups are set for Tuesday, March 6, at the Watson Junior High Gymnasium foyer, from 6-8 p.m.

The payers must be from in second-12th grade.

For more information call Eddie Alvarado at 272-5588, Frank Baca at 272-3043 or Julie DeBruin at 272-4410.

Other signup dates are Thursday, March 22, and Saturday, March 24.

**Private applicator training, testing set**

There will be a Texas private applicator training and testing program March 9, at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. The training will begin at 9 a.m. and testing should conclude by 2:30 p.m.

The Texas Cooperative Extension will provide the training and the Texas Department of Agriculture will administer the test.

Lunch will not be provided, but a break is scheduled between the training and testing sessions. There will be a \$20 charge which includes a private applicator manual.

For more information call Monti Vandiver at 806-481-3300, Curtis Preston at 806-272-4584, or Cody Hill at 806-481-3619.

**Cancer screening clinic set**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on March 5, 15 and 16.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Salcido honored**

Joel J. Salcido of Muleshoe has been included on the Dean's List for the 2006 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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# Editorial

# Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

## Help wanted!

Would you like a job that's guaranteed to increase your stress level, at least occasionally?

Would you like a job where you can be a target of anger by local merchants, residents and maybe even your own spouse or grandmother over a seemingly innocent decision?

If your answer is "yes," you might need to consider the salary range offered with the position — "Zelch... zero!" That's right. Although you're being asked to take on numerous headaches, your only reward will be the gratitude of your supporters and the possible condemnation of the opposition.

And if you happen to accept some type of financial remuneration, you can just about guarantee that somebody wearing a star that says "Texas Ranger," will be talking with you at some point.

Aah, yes, the joys of public service...

But don't let this dismal portrayal of what you could be facing dissuade you from tossing your hat in the ring for one of the positions up for election at the City of Muleshoe, Muleshoe Area Hospital District or Muleshoe Independent School District.

The truth is that for our system of grassroots government to work, people like you have to take the time to serve on such public boards.

Would you rather the decisions in your community be made by strangers in Austin or Washington, D.C.?

Who knows the problems facing your city, hospital or school district better than you, and more important who cares more about the people served by these public entities?

And if you know somebody you feel can help provide the type of leadership needed, why haven't you been talking with them, encouraging them to run?

## Sheriff issues appeal to fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Richard Wills recently announced that Bailey County citizens are being invited to become associate members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies. and provide

scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

"The associate membership drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Wills.

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org).

The associate membership program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Wills. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an associate member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

## Court...

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In other business, the court:

- Discussed the possibility of selling the Sheriff's Departments old units at auction with Sheriff Richard Wills.

- Approved the payment of county bills totaling \$104,970.16.

- Approved the adoption of a county road map, authorizing the judge to sign an agreement with the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Pollan & Caroom, LLP, to provide the services.

According to Harrison, the estimated cost would be about \$8,000 because Bickerstaff, Heath would bill on an hourly rate, which she said was significantly less than the costs estimated by firms doing the work in some larger Texas counties.

- Approved ordering a motor grader for Precinct #2 through the state Buy Board.

- Approved county road easements for the installation of an eight-inch water line for North Muleshoe Dairy, and a fiber optic cable for West Plains Telecommunications.

As most parents know teenagers often play loud, obnoxious music the parents don't care for or care to listen to.

My parents are the same way sometimes. The artists these days have released gold, platinum, and even double platinum records they know will appeal to a young audience, mostly teenagers.

There are artists that I like and some I don't and that is fine with me. I don't know what other teens' favorite artists are, but I have my select few.

I was raised listening to Christian and pop music and when I was with my cousin a lot of pop and not a single country song.

My cousin and I were so close that when I was younger when she said not to listen to country music, I didn't and I still don't sometimes. But there are a few select country songs I do listen to, but it is mostly pop music.

Pretty much any of the hot and popular artists of today I like, there are again a select rare few that I don't care for because of their songs' content.

As we get older our taste in music changes, including

what is soothing to our ears.

There are some older adults who don't care for the music teens play. They prefer the softer side of music, and surprisingly they aren't that bad. You really just have to listen and understand them.

There are a few songs off Broadway that I like. I like the *Phantom of the Opera* and basically any song that comes from that play I like.

Teenagers may enjoy the louder, obnoxious, unapproved music by parents, but what they didn't think about is the type of music we listen to can sometimes reflect our personality or the type of mood we are in at the time.

When I am in just any type of mood, there are songs that I like to hear that help me when I am down, depressed, or just flat out mad.

Music is just another way to soothe the soul and it calms me down a lot.

I was raised around music. It is a passion I have had since I was little and one I don't intend on giving up on anytime soon.

But that doesn't mean I'll be going to Los Angeles to make it big as a music artist. ...I'm not that good.

I might have had a dream to be a big music star when I was younger, but I have since learned that a singer's life is not for me.

I have found the life, college and career that is best suited to what I want to pursue in life, and none of them include music.

Still, music should be something you enjoy, so I'm going to keep it that way.

## MISD...

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Board president David Tipps expressed similar concerns, noting that once the construction at Dillman was completed the focus would change to other campuses, and he was uncertain about how long it would be before the school district would get around to building the bus lanes.

"Anytime you have kids moving between buses makes me nervous," Dillman Principal Todd Newberry said.

Superintendent Gene Sheets pointed out that the current plan was to list the construction of the bus loading lanes as an alternative, and noted that the other construction cuts that had been discussed should be sufficient.

"I think we're in pretty good shape," Sheets said.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the minutes from its Feb. 19 meeting with correction.

- Entered into an executive session to discuss personnel as well as — according to the superintendent — "the purchase of property," which was not listed on Monday's posted agenda.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Greetings from the seniors at the center. No matter what the weather, you can come to the center and enjoy the day. We hope we do not have many days like we had last Saturday, but if you have lived in this country very long, you endure and know it will be a better weather day tomorrow.

February is gone, and March with St. Patrick's Day is here. Once again Joyce and Fred Clements, along with Darlene Henry, Olgaline Pruitt and a few more have decorated the center with the luck of the Irish. Come in and visit and see our beautiful center. Our sincere thanks go to you who did such a

great job.

The pictures we made of all our sweethearts are really good. They are on display in the center. If you should want one, just let us know and we can print one for you.

Tuesday, March 6, the Bootscooter Band will be playing for the dance. Come and listen to our local band, they play great music.

Call a friend, bring a dish for pot luck supper, and come enjoy. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Our crowds are increasing all of the time. We had 71, with 19 area towns represented last Tuesday night. Everyone has a great time visiting.

Remember the Bingo on

Thursday at 1:30 p.m. A lot of laughter and fun is had by all. Prizes and refreshments are furnished.

To those who have furnished prizes for the Bingo, a great big thank you. It is greatly appreciated.

Please bring a can of food for the food bank, when you come to play.

Many thanks go to the ones giving memorials for loved ones, friends, and family members. The center is very grateful.

Acknowledgements are sent to the appropriate individuals and thank you messages are sent to the giver. The center is operated on donations, and we are tax deductible.

Menu for March 5-9:

Monday, March 5 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, wheat rolls and cobbler.

Tuesday, March 6 — Baked ham with pineapple, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, sliced tomatoes, wheat rolls, cookies and pudding.

Wednesday, March 7 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and cake.

Thursday, March 8 — Stew, salad, cornbread and brownies.

Friday, March 9 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.



## DeShazo Elementary winners

DeShazo Elementary has released information about its recent spelling bee, which included the following winners: DonAnn Rempe, first place, Daniela Diaz, second place, and Payal Patel, third place.

## Scholarships to be awarded

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from Muleshoe High School counselor Gayla Gear. The final day to apply is March 5.

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# Obituaries

## Harvey Bass

Funeral services for Harvey Lee Bass, 88, of Snyder, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in Snyder Cemetery.

Bass died on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, in Snyder. He was born on Oct. 11, 1918, in Jones County, the last of 13 children born to Henry Isom Bass and Mary Evaline Jones Bass. He married Marie Bingham on July 24, 1946, in Crosbyton. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Bass and his wife moved to Muleshoe in 1948, where they were blessed to own and operate a furniture and appliance store until 2003, prior to moving to Snyder.

He was also a Paul Harris Fellow, a charter member of the Muleshoe Rotary Club, helped organize the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, served on several local boards and committees, tirelessly working to promote Muleshoe and Bailey County. He also served as the Democratic chairman of Bailey County for 26 years.

Bass graduated from Meadow High School in 1939, after which he worked for Burleson-Garrett Engineering, laying telephone line in East Texas.

Before World War II, he

began working for North American Aviation in Hawthorne, Calif., building P-51 Mustangs and B-25 bombers. During his time in California, he joined the Primitive Baptist Church in Lindsey.

After the war, Harvey returned to Texas joining his brother-in-law, Afton Richards, in publishing *The Aspermont Star*, and *The Banner of Love*, a Primitive Baptist publication.

The focus of Bass' life was the Primitive Baptist Church, his family, his work and his community. He served as deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church first in Rule and then in Muleshoe, teaching church singing schools in Texas and Oklahoma.

Bass was known for his positive attitude, optimistic outlook and tremendous enthusiasm.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Bass of Snyder; two daughters and their husbands — Carolia and Ron Johnson of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Vina and Thomas Strayhorn of Snyder; five grandchildren — Julie Johnson of Corona, Calif., Ellen Strayhorn Musallam, and her husband Hisham, of Ft. Worth, Carol Strayhorn of Ft. Worth, and David Strayhorn of Snyder; two great-grandchildren — Maya Musallam of Ft. Worth and Eva Johnson of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Bobby Gable

A church service for Bobby Gable, 75, of Muleshoe, was held on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Sam Billingsley officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gable died on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, in the Lubbock Heart Hospital. He was born on Oct. 6, 1931, in Muleshoe, and married Jenean Lunsford in Clovis on Dec. 16, 1950.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Gable was a life long resident of the Muleshoe

community. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was a farmer and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife — Jenean Gable of Muleshoe; and son — Kim Gable of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — RayAn and Cary Doshier of Muleshoe; a granddaughter; and a brother — Bill Gable of Burkburnett.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M., 88130-9411.



## Jesko wins at Ft. Worth show

Kayle Jesko of Muleshoe, Texas, a Lazbuddie FFA member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the Feb. 3 evening performance of the Rodeo at the 111th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Kayle is the son of Terry and Janene Jesko. The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners.

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## WJHS Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Feb. 26, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — Carlos Nunez, Stefanie Lopez and Tyler Cain; back row — Yagaira Rodriguez, Anabel Regalado and Eric Salcido.

## Spring classes announced

Spring classes at South Plains College's Muleshoe Center are:

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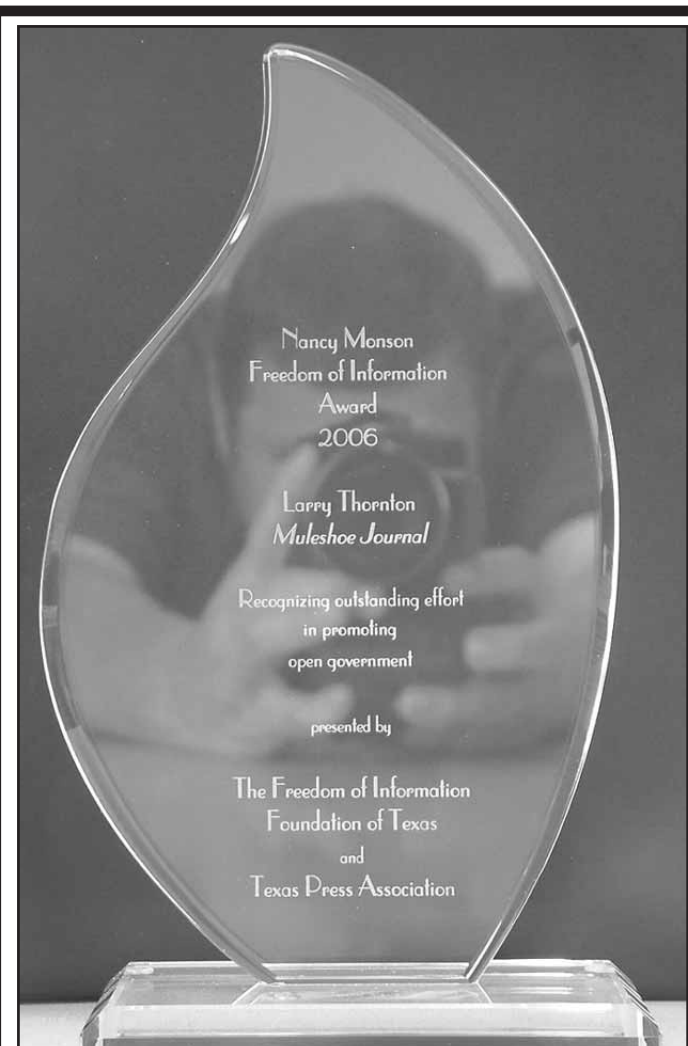
Chris Mardis will be the instructor. To enroll call Rafael at 806-747-0576 ext. 4906.

There will also be a Certified Nursing Aide class, beginning March 26.

Enroll at the Muleshoe Center on March 22, from 10 a.m. until noon.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules split games in Littlefield Wildcats Classic

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules split games in the Littlefield Wildcat Classic before the final games were cancelled because of high winds. They dropped their opener to Idalou 14-4 but bounced back in the second game to down Tahoka 19-6.

The Lady Mules got off to a slow start against Idalou and they gave up six unearned runs in the first inning. Idalou picked up one up in the second inning and five in the third. They scored one in each the fourth and

fifth innings.

The Lady Mules went down in order in the first. BreAnn Baca singled in the second but could not reach home before the final out. They broke the scoring ice in the fifth inning after Amber Fuentes drew a base on balls.

Jasmine Davenport reached on an error on the pitcher after Fuentes stole second base. Gabby Perez and Ali Eagle walked on eight straight pitches and forced Fuentes home for the Lady Mules first run.

An error at first allowed

Baca to reach first and scored Davenport and Perez. Eagle came home on a passed ball before the final out of the inning.

Eagle, Fuentes and Morgan Smith all pitched in the first game.

Smith pitched all five innings of the second game with Tahoka. She gave up six runs on three hits and faced 27 batters.

The Lady Mules allowed two runs in the first inning, two in the third and two in the fourth to the Tahoka offense.

Lupita Andrade led off for

the Lady Mules in the first and took the count full before walking and stole second. Fuentes was hit by a pitch to put two on base for Cecilia Reyna.

Reyna found a whole in the defense with a single to right field that scored Andrade and Fuentes. Reyna scored on a wild pitch to give the Lady Mules 3-2 lead after one inning.

Perez singled to start the second inning for the Lady Mules and stole second. Andrade singled to right to score Perez and went to second on the throw home. Reyna blasted the ball over the right field fence for a two-run homer to put the Lady Mules up 6-2 after two innings.

Ambriz led off the third and was hit by a pitch. Eagle drew a walk as did April Gardea to load the bases. Andrade was hit by a pitch to force Ambriz home. Fuentes walked to force home Eagle.

Reyna drove home three

runs with a triple to right and stole home on a passed ball. The six runs gave the Lady Mules a 12-4 lead after three innings.

Ambriz got the Lady Mules started in the fourth with a walk and she stole second. Perez popped up to the pitcher but she could not hang for the out and allowed Perez on base. Andrade picked up Ambriz and Perez with a line drive to center.

Andrade stole her way around the bases and scored before the final out of the inning. The Lady Mules led 12-6 going into the final inning.

Davenport was hit by a pitch to start the Lady Mules

half of the fifth. Baca and Eagle each drew walks to load the bases. Perez walked to force in Davenport and Gardea walked to score Baca.

Eagle went home on a passed ball to end all scoring. The Lady Mules had sent 23 batters to the plate and scored 19 runs on seven hits.

The Lady Mules traveled to Brownfield Tuesday and return home March 6 to meet the Slaton Lady Tigers at 11 am. The JV Lady Mules are also scheduled to meet Brownfield and Slaton. Their games begin 30 minutes after the end of the varsity game.

## Ladies all-district selections include Muleshoe's starters

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

District 2-2A coaches showed the Lady Mules tremendous respect in their selections for All-District. The starting five for the Lady Mules were all chosen to exemplary status or to the district's first team.

"Being in a new district this year I was not sure what to expect when we went to the district meeting," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "But there were no hidden agendas and I felt the kids that deserved to be honored were elected."

"I was very proud of our players all season and was very pleased to find that the coaches in the league had great respect for them also. Different kids stepped up each game and that made it very difficult for a team to know how to play us."

Chelsi Hawkins was selected as a Co-Defensive MVP along with Til-Lois Fifer of Tulia. Both girls were playing their senior season.

Sarah Johnson, a freshman, was chosen as Co-Newcomer of the Year. Alyssa Johnston, a junior, of River Road was also picked.

Kyra Kimbrough and Kate Leopard two of the three senior starters for the Lady Mules were honored as first team selections. Cholov

Hernandez, a junior, was also selected to the prestigious first team. She will return next season along with Johnson.

Rounding out the first team selections were Kelsey Kiker, a senior from Tulia and Krista Graham, senior, from Friona. Tori Velesquez and Jeffreann Bingham, a sophomore and senior respectively from River Road were also named.

Cecilia Reyna, a senior Lady Mule, was named as an All-District Honorable Mention.

Shayli Reed and Staci

Murphree, both of Friona were named as the leagues Co-MVPs.

Those named to the All-District Second Team were Lisa Adams of Bushland, Addison LeMaster of Tulia, Chelsea Buckley of Dimmitt and Chelsea Drillett of Highland Park. Rounding out the team was Jessica Siegal of River Road, Erica Davila and Tiffany Vasquez both of Friona.

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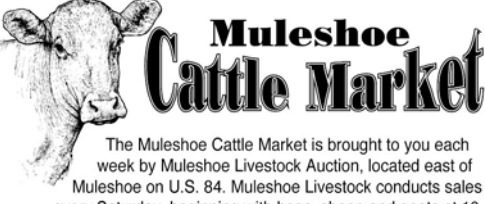
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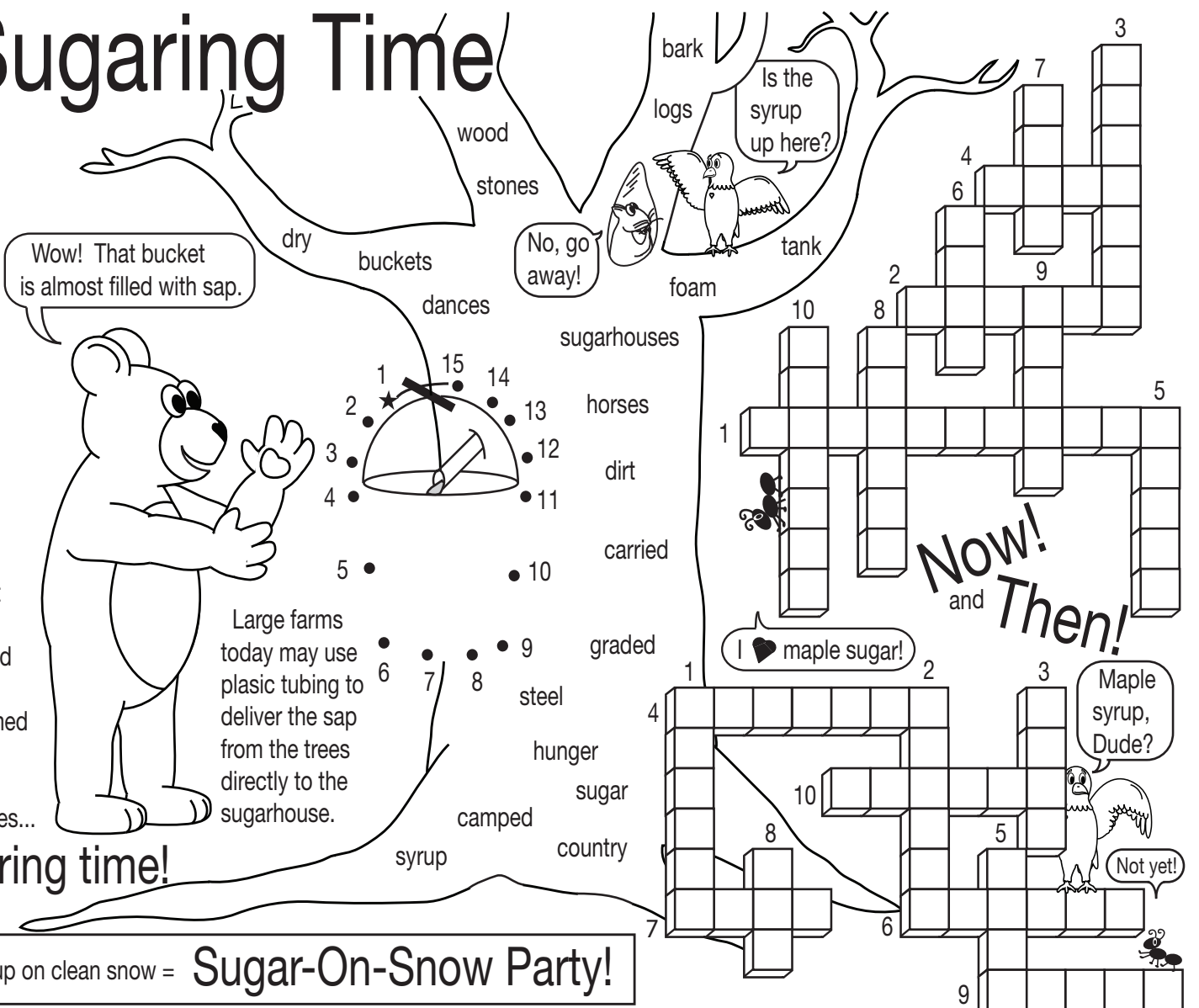
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**Maple-Sugaring Time**

When winter is ending and snow is disappearing; when spring is coming, before buds are appearing; When the temperatures rise to warm the day; when the temperatures drop to freeze the night; When the sap begins to flow from the maple trees; when farmers tap the trees to collect it in their buckets; When the sap is gathered into tanks on sleds; when a team of horses pulls it to the sugarhouse; When the sugarhouse is opened and roaring fires are built; when the sap is boiled, skimmed filtered and canned; When the first syrup is poured sweet and warm over pancakes...

Wow! That bucket is almost filled with sap.  
 No, go away!  
 Is the syrup up here?  
 I ♥ maple sugar!  
 Maple syrup, Dude?  
 Not yet!



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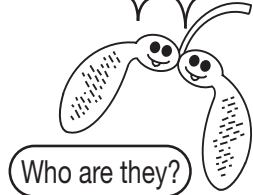
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It's maple-sugaring time!

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We are the "keys" to the future of the maple trees. We ripen in late summer. We swirl through the air on a soft breeze!



Who are they?

They are winged seeds. They will land and grow into new maple trees.

Native Americans were the first to discover and process the sweet gift of the trees. Then, they used small birch bark parts to catch the maple tree sap. Now, you may find a large farm using a network of plastic tubes to deliver sap directly to the sugarhouse. Maple-sugaring has changed! Use the "Now" and "Then" clues below to complete the "Now" and "Then" crosswords above:

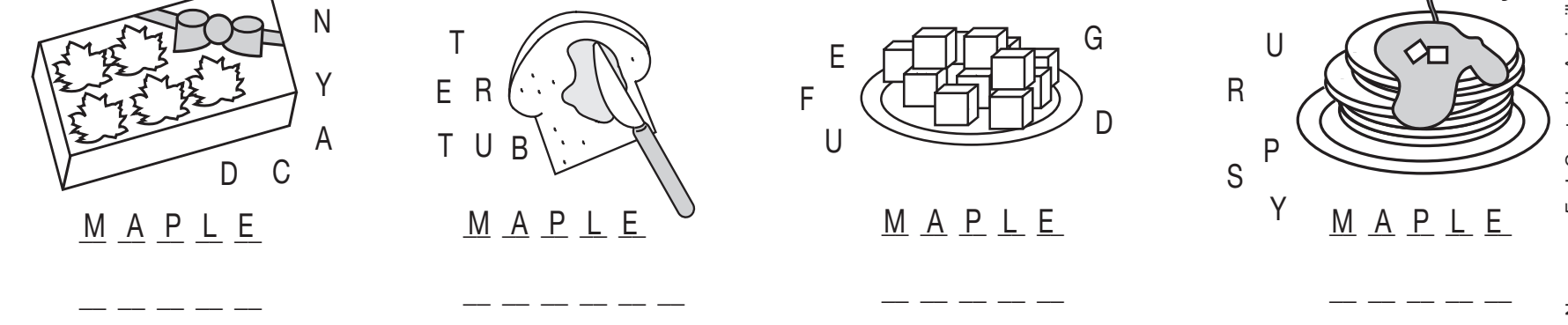
- Now! (farmers)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ are built in groves to store equipment and for boiling sap
  - teams of \_\_\_\_\_ are prepared to pull sleds to gather the sap
  - holes drilled in trees, spouts placed in trees, tin \_\_\_\_\_ with covers hung to catch sap
  - sap gathered into a \_\_\_\_\_ on a horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
  - sap boiled in shallow rectangular stainless \_\_\_\_\_ pans
  - a roaring \_\_\_\_\_ fire kept going in firebox under pans
  - sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, \_\_\_\_\_ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
  - sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, \_\_\_\_\_ "A" or "B" and canned
  - \_\_\_\_\_ used on pancakes, in beans, on meats
  - used by family, sold on their farms, delivered by truck to supermarkets around the \_\_\_\_\_

- Then! (Native Americans)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ in maple groves
  - had ceremonies and \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate the sap harvest and coming of spring
  - peeled loose birch \_\_\_\_\_ to make pans; cut trees and placed pans to catch sap
  - gathered sap in containers, \_\_\_\_\_ it to sugar camp
  - boiled it in hollowed-out \_\_\_\_\_
  - dropped hot \_\_\_\_\_ into sap to boil it
  - skimmed scum and \_\_\_\_\_ from the top
  - kept boiling until almost \_\_\_\_\_ or grainy so it would keep a long time
  - ate dried yellow \_\_\_\_\_ + corn meal + beans
  - used to sweeten, satisfy \_\_\_\_\_; sometimes sold to local markets or to fur-trapping companies

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## Bridal Shower



AMANDA LOPEZ

### Lopez honored with shower

Amanda Lopez was honored with a bridal shower on Feb. 11, at La Tea Da Tea Room in Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Rachel and Mike Lopez.

The prospective groom, Lee Perez, is the son of Marylou Perez of Sudan.

Hostesses for the event included Jo Ellen Cowart, Tammy Black, Robin Welch, Kaylynn Brantley, Christy Whitt, De Ann Wilson, Peggy Lowrance, Sherri Doty, Pam Atwood, Ana Mendoza, Linda Flores, Kelly Heinrich, Staci Buie,

Anna Guterrez, Angelica Toscano, Jane Foster, Staci Burris, Kay Moncrief, Terry Marricle, Linda Lee, Dani Heathington, Shirley Aguirre, Mabel Jaime, Jenna Parish, Josie Ovalle, Becky Gonzales, Roseann Gloria, Susanna Elizarraraz, Sandy Chaves and Sandra Richards.

The gifts presented during the shower included a comforter set and a gift card.

Special guests included Marylou Perez, Rachel Lopez, Ramona Lopez and Tricia Becerra of Hobbs, N.M.

## Baby Showers



ERIN BOATMUN AND SYE WESLEY BOATMUN

### Boatmun baby honored

Erin Boatmun, the mother of Sye Wesley Boatmun, was honored with a baby shower on Feb. 11, at the 16th & D Church of Christ.

Hostesses for the event included Patti Kent, Margaret Hamilton, Robin Welch, Peggy Buhrman, Linda Latham, Jody Wood, Juana Shelburne, Janet Claborn, Sharon Stegall, Donna Mason, Dana Wright, Linda Wood, Buffy Mullins, Betty Poynor, Diane

Skipworth, Leah Poynor, June Conway, Amy King, and Hellen Adrian.

The hostesses gift included a swing, a stroller, money and a gift card.

Among the special guests were Nelda Wilhite, Emma Lue Wilhite, Marilyn Winders, Brenda Wauson, Pamela Beard, Staci Winders, Randee Winders, Mary Ruth Jones, Lena King and Myranda Wilhite.

### Calvary Baptist blood drive set

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the Calvary Baptist Church Blood Drive on Thursday, March 8, from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., in the church's fellowship hall. Call Jeff Coffman to make an appointment.

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### "I Say We Oughta Just Bill 'Em!"

By Curtis K. Shelburne

I had an interesting meeting at lunch today with some of our leaders. I have little doubt that most of the good things accomplished in this world are accomplished in spite of meetings, not because of them. We didn't solve every issue-not even close-but I thought we at least came up with some worthwhile ideas, so I was pleased.

We talked first about some of our challenges.

It's hard to know how to encourage folks who are dropping off on their attendance. You want them to know they're missed, but you don't want them to think you're ragging on them.

Somebody suggested a bit of a harder line. We need to expect folks who aren't willing to show up and work to go ahead and send in some extra dollars to at least help pay for what needs to be done. Maybe what we've come to expect as normal is for 20% of folks to pay 80% of the freight and do 80% of the work, but it's just not right.

Somebody else, though, made a great point. "You know, at least a few of those who don't come or only come rarely are still fairly faithful at sending in checks. At least some of them are trying to help. They feel like a part of this group even if they don't show up much."

Still another said, "We just need more members! Let's start inviting more people to come." More members, they reasoned, would mean more critical mass. Yes, we'd get some we'd rarely see, but surely there'd be maybe a few real workers among the bunch.

"I still think we oughta just bill 'em!" one guy said. "If they don't show up and help, just come when they very well feel like it, don't give all that much, and pretty much think they have as much right to an opinion as anyone else, I say bill 'em!"

"Wow! Tough church!" you say.

Huh?! Oh, wait a minute! You thought . . . Oh, that's funny! You thought I was talking about the church!

No, I'm talking about my civic club that meets on Tuesdays!

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

## Engagements



SHERRI LYNN PINKSTON AND JAMES ELGIN COX

### Pinkston, Cox engaged

Larry and Cheryl Pinkston are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri Lynn Pinkston of Sugar Land, to James Eldin Cox, also of Sugar Land.

The prospective bride is a 1998 graduate of Sinton High School. She completed a pre-pharmacy curriculum at Texas A&M University in 2000, and completed a Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 2004. She is currently employed as the internal medicine clinical pharmacist at The Methodist Hospital in Houston.

The prospective groom is

the son of Edwin and Carol Cox of Muleshoe. He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School in 1997. He completed a pre-pharmacy curriculum at Baylor University in 2000, and a Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 2004. He is employed as the oncology clinical pharmacist at The Methodist Hospital in Houston.

A family wedding ceremony has been set for May 26, 2007, at 6 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Sinton, with a reception to follow, at 7:30 p.m., at the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi.



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**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

Though we see some occasional growth and have even had what you might call a growth spurt-at least a growth trickle-or two, it's a challenge to hang on to members. It's a pretty big challenge just to bring in as many as go out. We're all getting older, some are sick or tired, some are already overworked. It seems like the very same folks we have always counted on are the very same ones still working and rarely complaining, but they desperately need some relief, some help.

Yes, but you know how it is: it's always easier to sit around and criticize than it is to jump in and help.

Some folks seem a little discouraged. They've gotten busy with other things and it seems increasingly easy for them just not to show up. In our busy mobile society, anybody who wants a reason to be away surely doesn't have to work very hard to find one.

To our friends and neighbors,  
We were blessed with your many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one, Doyce Turner. We will always be grateful to all of you who offered prayers, brought food, sent a card or simply gave us a hug. Doyce was always so proud that Muleshoe was his home and you have honored his memory with your gifts of love and concern. May God bless each of you.

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Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay

For Life takes place from 7 p.m. on June 8 until 7 a.m. on June 9 at the Benny Douglas Stadium.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist.

Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they take

part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

Teams from companies, churches, organizations, hospitals, and schools collect donations and can win individual and team prizes for their efforts.

"Relay For Life brings the progress against cancer to the forefront," said Alana Carr, ACS Staff Partner. "Many participants are our family, friends, and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not in cancer cure rates, but

in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

"The funds raised enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services to patients," said April Castillo, event co-chair.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available from the American Cancer Society at 806-792-7126. For more information, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour hot line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the web site www.cancer.org.

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## Nursing Home News

Butch Vandiver called Bingo at the Bingo Bash! Saturday afternoon. Betty Ramage baked chocolate chip cookies for refreshments following the games.

Jr. Mills, Gayle Morris and Jimmie Mills visit Winnie Mills just about everyday.

Dana Heathington visited Beverly Heathington and Hattie Heathington Monday afternoon.

We wish to express our sympathy to the dear friends of Bill Wilkins. Bill loved and was loved by many.

Art and Edna Freeman of Littlefield directed a Celebration of Life Service for Bonnie Tibbetts, Tuesday afternoon.

James Wedel comes every Wednesday morning to go shopping and run errands for Park View.

David Cavalbero visited Bill Lambert and Marie Lane Monday. Woody Lambert visits Bill and Marie daily.

Pat Watson came Friday morning and gave a great "Music Therapy" program.

Pat played the residents favorite songs and asked the residents for requests. Pat read poetry that encouraged reminiscing.

Ladies from the 16th & D Church of Christ baked and served homemade pies Friday afternoon. The residents chose pies from a great array of tasty pastries. June Conway, Clara Harbin and Melody Sheets served the pies.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

Ruth Hall from the First Baptist Church taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

The Earth Church of Christ came Sunday afternoon for a church service.

LeShea Mason and Shirley Hood from Nurscare Home health called Bingo Monday afternoon.

Pat Watson, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, Jan Crawford and Josie Ovale came Tuesday afternoon to shampoo and style the ladies hair. Josie gave several haircuts.

Ms. Byerly was visited by her good friends Dub and Peggy Hallmark and Carl and Mary Lou Morman of Lockney Monday.

Leal Crawford's son Marvin Crawford visited her over the weekend Marvin took Mrs. Crawford out for breakfast Friday morning.

Odie Gregory's family visited her several times a week.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell served Coffee and Donuts to the residents at the Second Cup Café, Wednesday morning.

Buster, James Sinclair, Loyce Killingsworth and JoEllen Cowart directed the Singing and devotional time following the Coffee and donuts.

Glenda Jennings and her puppets gave a grand performance for the residents, Wednesday afternoon.

Jo Campbell received visits from her son David, her sister Mrs. Winders and Cecil Golden and Bill Anderson of Earth.



## Being prepared for all kinds of weather

Members of Muleshoe's Boy Scout Troop 620 traveled to Tres Ritos, N.M., Jan. 13-15 for a winter camping experience.

Among the activities in which they took part were snowmobiling, skiing at Sipapu Ski Resort, snowshoeing, winter tracking and winter survival. The participants were Mike Richards, Kalam Puckett, Andrew Santos and Steven Richards. Temperatures ranged from a high of +30 to a low of -17 and snow depths of up to 36 inches.

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## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Muleshoe Country Club with 20 members present.

Glenda Ott being our new member.

Marlene Black called the meeting to order. Lavern Winn gave the prayer. Treena gave the call to order and read the minutes.

Hostesses for the month of February were Analita Haley and Jennie Bamert. The members were served Mexican food and a Texas torte for dessert.

Our February birthdays were Glenda, Melody Hettinga and Helen Templeton.

The 23rd treasurer's report was given by Pat Kirk.

Memorial donations were taken in honor of Gene Templeton and Doyce Turner. Monies were donated to Springlake-Earth FFA, due to the fact that Gene loved that organization. We picked Meals on Wheels for Doyce's memorial.

It was voted to replace the carpet in the ladies bathroom with Texas beige tile.

Playday chairperson Judy Wilbanks gave out prizes for the card winners in Shanghai.

Jan. 10 winners were Jerie flowers and Helen, 17th were Marlene and Jennie and 31st were Melodie and Claudine Elliott.

Feb. 7 winner was Helen and 14th Anita and Treena won.

As for the new business, our annual Ruidosa trip will be held July 12-15. Aug. 18 will be the Jennislipper tournament, and our Memorial Day tournament will be held May 16.

Sheets were passed around to sign up for the High Plains tournament competitions, which are usually held on the second Wednesday every month, starting with April and ending

in October. Sheryl Engelking will find out more details during the March meeting. Any one wanting to sign up needs to contact Sheryl. Start practicing, fun is just around the corner.

Today, Feb. 21, we had one table of cardplayers and three teams of golfers.

Team #2 won with the score of 71. This team consisted of Kay Field, Helen and Lavern Winn, Claudine and Anita Black,

Members present were Treena Matthews, Jeanetta Precure, Marlene Black, Pat Kirk, Jerie Flowers, Jo Rempe, Judy Wilbanks, Anita Black, Elinore Kerby, Lavern Winn, Claudine Elliott, Helen Templeton, Jennie Bamert, Pam Miller, Glenda Ott, Kay field and Deborah Noble.

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