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Newspaper wins big at press association banquet

The *Muleshoe Journal* brought home a large stack of awards from the 2007 Panhandle Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Saturday.

The event, which was held in Amarillo, featured newspapers from across the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, as well as western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico.

All in all, the *Journal* accumulated a total of 15 awards, ranging from first place to honorable mentions, acknowledging the efforts of its staff during the 2006 publishing year.

In Division I, the *Journal* took first place for its website at

www.muleshoejournal.com. The newspaper also received a third place award for managing editor Larry

Thornton's news writing, about which the judges said, "Good local coverage..." and editorials, which drew the comment, "interesting and effective analogy," about the decisions the Muleshoe Independent School District faced prior to the May 2006 bond approval.

Thornton also received a third place award for his serious columns, which were described as being

**Judges say
Journal
provides
'Good local
coverage...'**



Delton Wilhite, Leah Bell, Larry Thornton and Debbie Aylesworth display some of the awards received at the Panhandle Press Association banquet

"nicely written, with good overall flow and readability."

In the humorous columns category, general manager Leah Bell received a third place award, and the comment that her column entitled "The large and small of it," was "very sarcastic and witty."

In sports photos, photographer Norm Brantley and Thornton shared the credits for third place with Brantley's football photographs, and Thornton's team roping photographs.

"That roping shot is a difficult shot to get... football

shots are both strong, particularly the 'slobber knocker." You can feel the hit," the judge said.

In feature photos, Thornton took second place.

Bell's work also garnered a third place award in advertising initiative for her

"creative and fun" entries. In sports writing, Delton Wilhite placed third with entries detailing the games of Muleshoe's young athletes.

The *Journal's* society and lifestyles sections took a second place award, and a third-place award for headline writing, which were described as "clever" and "enticing."

The *Journal* also received honorable mentions for Thornton's entries in the feature stories, spot news photos, special edition section, and front page layout categories.

Incidentally, the Olton Enterprise — which was associated with the *Journal* in 2006, received a second place award for its entry of the joint "agricultural tab" that was designed by the *Muleshoe Journal's* staff.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe High School prom, banquet focus on a fun future

Muleshoe High School students, faculty members, and even some parents, gathered at the high school cafeteria Saturday evening, for the 2007 Junior, Senior Banquet and Prom.

This year's celebration included the transformation of the secondary cafeteria into a glamorous holiday cruise by the Junior Class and their parents, seeking to wish this year's graduates a "bon voyage," and a fun-filled future.

Pictured at the top, far left, some of the students gather by a limosin. Pictured in the middle, some of the students pose for one of many photographs. And pictured below, some of the students prepare to leave the banquet in the limosin.

More photographs on page 14.



Country music performance to benefit cancer society

Proceeds from a country and gospel music review set for May 18 have been designated for the American Cancer Society.

During the past seven years, Reydon Stanford, formerly of *The Anchor Brothers Band*, Betty Hutton, Ken Richards and several other musical members of the Muleshoe community have performed "Christmas in the Country," a show full of live Christmas music in order to raise

money for "Bailey County Meals on Wheels."

The show has raised in the neighborhood of \$20,000 during that time for the organization.

Now comes an addition to that work with "The West Texas Friday Night Hayride," a variety show patterned after the *Grand Ole Opry*.

The show will feature classic and current country

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It is time to start riding your bicycle because the 13th annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride is coming to the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, June 16.

As in previous years, the event is expected to draw cyclists from across Texas and the surrounding states.

There were more than 200 riders last year.

Participants are encouraged to register by June 12 to be eligible for the \$500 drawing that will be held immediately after the last rider is in.

Early registration will be available at the coliseum from 7-9 a.m. on the morning of the ride.

The ride is set to begin at 9 a.m.

All riders are eligible for door prizes donated by area merchants.

Tour packets containing a collector T-shirt, a spaghetti lunch ticket, a water bottle, ride number and a route map will be given to all who register on the morning of

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Red flags pop up, stretch across the nation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Red flags that "popped up" in Muleshoe this past week have since stretched across the United States.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, what started out as a relatively straightforward report of a suspicious customer at a local store has drawn the attention of national broadcast news reporters and journalists, and a case that was thought by federal authorities to be "closed," is suddenly on the verge of being forced wide open, leaving the City of Muleshoe in the limelight.

"We have taken steps to do something that no other agency has done," Chief Frieda said. "We've tried to

find out what's going on."

The police chief explained that the problem centers around the potential use of prepaid cellphones to be used as detonators in places such as the troubled Middle East.

"It should be an eye-opener, even here," Frieda said, noting that events occurring here in West Texas can have an impact on the lives of servicemen on the other side of the world.

"There was nothing to hold him on," Frieda said.

According to a local police report, on Monday, April 30, an officer with the Muleshoe Police Department was

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Meals on Wheels raffle

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Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, May 10, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served. Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimer's disease patient are family members. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimer's disease. Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support. Come join us for lunch and a time for learning and sharing. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences agent, 272-4583.

Free child safety seat checkup

Is your child safety seat tight in the vehicle? Are you using the safety seat correctly? Studies show that the misuse rate of child safety seats is at 85 percent. Alpha Zeta sorority and Bailey County Extension are sponsoring a free child safety seat checkup on May 22, from 2-5:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Bring your child and know his or her weight, and come have certified technicians help make sure your child is riding safely. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 806-272-4583.

Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2007 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for this year's graduates. Your donation will help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Olton. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free, parent sponsored graduation celebration event! Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold sponsor - cash donation of at least \$100, Silver - cash donation of at least \$50; Bronze - cash donation of at least \$25; Honorable mention - cash or prize donation less than \$25. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations for "Project Graduation 2007" should be addressed to: Project Graduation 2007, 143 FM 1731, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

LISD Kindergarten registration

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

Dillman Elementary roundup set

Dillman Elementary will be holding its spring roundup on May 14, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-3:30 p.m., for children for entering Pre-K, Headstart and Kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year. To qualify for Pre-K the child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, be eligible for the Bilingual Program and qualify for free or reduced lunches. To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five years old on or before the same date. Parents should remember to bring the following information to register a child: An updated shot record; and the child's birth certificate, Social Security card; the parent's proof of income (income tax or W-2); and a Medicaid card for Headstart. For additional information call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. The program will be "Carbohydrate Counting," presented by Janice Powell, Registered Dietician. The program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Pioneer women's handiwork

Bailey County Extension Education Association will be hosting Reggie Knight on Tuesday, May 15, at 2 p.m., in the Bailey County Coliseum Lobby, for the program "Pioneer Women's Handiwork." Knight will take the audience on a journey into the past on the apron strings of a 10-year-old girl as she travels along the trail of a wagon train. Learn of the simpler life of days gone by and the almost forgotten traditions of family and crafts passed down from mother to daughter during an era of pioneers. The program is open to the public. For more information contact Bailey County Extension at 272-4583.

'Pheasant Appreciation Day' planned for May 15

Interest in Texas pheasants is gaining more momentum, both for hunting and for just observing them, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. This has prompted a number of "Pheasant Appreciation Days," county-level Extension meetings aimed at showing how pheasant-friendly land management can be achieved, said Ken Cearley, extension wildlife specialist in Canyon. The first of the meetings will be targeted to the Swisher and Castro counties area, Cearley said. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. May 15 at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth. Other meetings will be planned through the summer and fall. Young said a number of civic groups host hunts and breakfasts for the out-of-town hunters. Some local hunting outfitters will be on the agenda to talk about how they work with landowners and how adopting favorable land management practices can benefit them. "The number of Texas pheasant hunters coming to the Panhandle to hunt, as well as the number of folks coming from out of state, is growing," Cearley said. "And local communities stand to gain." The meeting will start with a hands-on presentation of some specific characteristics of pheasant anatomy which affect management practices, he said. There will also be discussion on sound land management for the birds and information on the economic contribution made by pheasant hunting. "We will report for the first time the results of a pheasant hunter survey

which was administered last year," Cearley said. "We'll also explain the types of assistance that are available." Natural Resource Conservation Service officials will discuss farm bill provisions that benefit pheasants, and the Texas Forest Service will offer a wildlife seedling packet for pheasants, he said. A noon meal will be provided. The meeting is free, but a head count is needed for lunch. For more information or to sign up, call the extension office in Castro County at 806-647-4115 or in Swisher County at 806-995-3726.

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Spinning Rowels

by Larry Thornton

Legislation needed to tackle 'big' problem

At last, sensible politicians have surfaced in national government. For a little while, I was becoming fearful that the legendary smoke-filled rooms of Congress had been completely replaced with trappings of tofu.

But recent news items have spoken loudly, and have assured me that the conservation efforts of the far left are still in place.

And even though the initial efforts have taken place within the legislative halls of our northern neighbors, I'm fully confident that it won't be long before individuals and groups here in the United States will recognize the need and join Canada's efforts.

In case you haven't been keeping up with the political processes of North America of late, Canadian politician Mike Lake has called for Bigfoot to be protected under Canada's Species at Risk Act. Obviously, our national leaders need to follow the lead of our northern neighbors and seek passage of similar legislation here.

I admit that I am not up on the migratory paths followed by these elusive and hairy bipods, but I seem to recall a documentary from several years ago made by a family of scientists... I think their last name was Henderson or something, that should quickly prepare the "powers that be" in our nation's capital for the decisions they need to make.

In fact, I wouldn't be at all surprised if legislation is already being prepared to add Bigfoot, or Sasquatch as I understand he is known in more polite society, to the endangered species list.

When's the last time you recall encountering one of these creatures in downtown Muleshoe, or even in the deep forests of Bailey County? Don't tell me... I already know the answer. It's been at least week, maybe even two. That in itself should tell you that such legislation is needed.

Why, I seem to recall hearing about a time when the Llano Estacado was virtually covered with these furry fellows. As I recall, the plains simply abounded in Bigfoots... or is that Bigfeet? Let me think for a moment. "I before E, except after Sunday... or is that O after E, unless it's a Monday.

Oh, well, you get the picture, they're gone, and it doesn't really matter if it's because they had a bad hair day, or whether they failed their TAKS test.

Our national leaders owe it to us to protect such critters. And after that, maybe they can do something about global warming.

Music performance...

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A donation will be taken with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society, helping cancer survivors and families here around America.

Local singers and musicians scheduled to perform include Stanford and Hutton, along with Courtney Morris, Heather Harrison, Blayne Shipman, Jean Kemp, Presley Newton, Charles Schovasja and many others.

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Tour...

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Tour officials also note that "there is a ride for everyone... a 10-mile, 40-mile and a 100K.

Something new this year will be a Bicycle Rodeo for the kids — Kindergartners through the fifth grade, next year.

All kids get a free water bottle and ribbons for winners. Individuals who have not received a registration brochure can pick one up at Adrian Photography, the Muleshoe Heritage Center, or from any Heritage Foundation board member.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Ice cream... it does a body good!

With a smile that could melt the coldest heart, and a warm hand that does the same for the contents of her cone, the youngster pictured above pauses during her ice cream feast Saturday, at the annual opening celebration of Mule Putt, operated by the Jennyslippers.

Births



BRYSON FRANKLIN

Bryson Franklin

Jaydee and Diana Franklin of Levelland are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryson Mack Douglas Franklin, on April 5, 2007, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

Bryson weighed six pounds, 10 ounces at birth, and was 19.5 inches in length.

His grandparents are Cathy Branscum of Muleshoe, Carl Gable of Muleshoe, Peggy Franklin of Levelland, and Mike and Latayne Franklin of Idalou.

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Benefit lunch offered during tourney

A "brown bag" benefit lunch is being offered during the Heart of Life 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament set for Friday, May 18, in Muleshoe.

Proceeds from both the lunch and the tourney will go to Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad in memory of Tyler Sheets.

The menu for the benefit will include a hamburger, chips, and a cookie.

All tickets are \$6, and the meal will be available from 6-8 p.m. at the Muleshoe

Muleshoe grad honored at WBU

A Muleshoe resident was honored at a recent recognition chapel at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Christy Morgan, the daughter of Ron and Janet Morgan of Muleshoe, received the award for being the Outstanding Student in Elementary Education.

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The 'high road' isn't always the best path for a Christian to follow

"...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble..." — James 4:6, NIV.

God tells us to be "in the world," but not "of the world." That's because, in this world, we are told that to lead you must "take the lead." But in the kingdom of God, we're told that to be a leader, you must serve others.

What I'm getting at is that "being on top" may be your goal on earth, but to reach what should be your highest goal as a Christian, taking the "high road" often isn't the best path to follow.

In the life of a Christian, it's often the "low road" of suffering that leads to increased faith.

When we talk about people of the Bible who suffered, we often think about some of God's greatest followers. Men like Job — who lost all of his children, and Paul — who was imprisoned, and like many others died for his faith.

Suffering is the way of the world. Although it wasn't God's intention when man was placed in the Garden of Eden, through man's actions, sin and suffering was brought into the world. It is something that each of us has to deal with, but it is something that each of us can overcome.

But we need to remember that overcoming suffering doesn't mean we will

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

necessarily be delivered from suffering,

Jesus told us that we would suffer. He said we would be persecuted by the world... he said there would be "rainfall" in our lives, just as there would be in the lives of nonbelievers.

But in Mark 4, and Luke 8, Jesus reminds us that while we might not avoid the storms, his strength is sufficient to get us to the other side.

1 Peter 4:12, NIV, says, "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were

happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the suffering of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."

The greatest glory for God occurs when our strength is gone, and we — along with all the world, recognize that it took God's strength to get us through.

2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

And it is on the "low road of mourning" that so often leads to divine comfort.

Matthew 5:4, NIV, says, "Blessed are those who

mourn, for they will be comforted.

Prior to the death of Christ, he promised to send his followers a comforter. He knew they would be mourning his death, but he was sending someone who wouldn't be "with them," but rather "in them."

He was promising they would be experiencing a "closeness" with God that man hadn't ever experienced before.

"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy," the Bible says in John 16:20, NIV.

Yes, we will grieve, just as those early followers of Christ did when their

"teacher" was no longer with them. But our grief will be short-lived, because "the God of all comfort" is waiting to turn our sorrow into joy, and we in turn are charged with sharing that same joy with others.

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, to raise Lazarus from the grave, the Bible tells us he saw Mary and Martha's heartache, and he comforted them as no other could, by raising their brother from the dead.

John 11:25-26, NIV, says, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes

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The Potter and the Clay

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Destruction is certain for those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot ever argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, "Stop you are doing it wrong!" Does the pot exclaim, "How clumsy you can be!" How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father and mother, "Why was I born? Why did you make me this way?" This is what the Lord, the Creator and Holy One of Israel, says: Do you question what I do? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands? I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the millions of stars are at my command. **Isaiah 45: 9-12.** (NLT)

Do you ever wonder why we fight it? We are thrown into the world just as the potter throws the clay on the spinning wheel. Then, God takes His creative hands and wraps them around us with loving and forceful care. He pounds and molds and works us. He has a vision of a beautiful creation in mind. He is molding a son or daughter of the Kingdom-YOU! It's true, clay sometimes isn't as responsive as the potter would like it to be... but with a small amount of submission, some new shape, new form, new beauty, new life will be experienced.

We all wonder, "What's happening to me?" during the trying or painful experiences of our lives. Did you ever consider that maybe, just maybe, it is at that very moment that the shaping of THE Potter is occurring in ways you could never understand or appreciate? Pottery is only created as the clay is moldable in the hands of the craftsman that enables it to evolve from worthless earth to a thing of beauty. The beauty of the final creation is what the Potter has in mind as He shapes and molds.

Instead of being worried about the type of man or woman you are becoming, we need to celebrate the man or woman that God has given us opportunity to be. God's molding and shaping is an ongoing process. Don't get too wrapped up how it will take place in the future because there is enough shaping going on in your life today! The future of what God has in store for your life will be beautiful — if you stay pliable in His loving hands. And remember, any hurt that accompanies God's shaping process is for your good. Today, may your heart stay soft and open to The Potter's work!

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Obituaries

Georgia Lowe

A church service for Georgia Byrd Lowe, 89, of Monahans, formerly of Muleshoe, was held on Thursday, May 3, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with Phil Donaldson officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Lowe died on April 30, 2007, in the Monahans Managed Care Center. She was born on Jan. 5, 1918, in Indahoma, Okla., and married Gene Lowe in Texico, N. M., on Jan. 11, 1937.

Byrd was a lifelong resident of the Muleshoe community. She was the secretary for Lowe's Irrigation in Muleshoe, which she co-owned and operated with her husband Gene.

She saw good in everyone and was loved by everyone. She was a seamstress and an active member of the Lubbock Christian University Associates.

Lowe was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and a faithful Christian woman.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Gene, in November 2003.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Survivors include her son and his wife — Bob and Julianne Lowe of

Goldsboro; a daughter and her husband — Dolores and Dale Wood of Monahans; and a daughter — Glennas Wishert of Clovis; a sister — Flo Fuller of Lago Vista; five grandchildren and their spouses — Terri and Steve Steen of Monahans, Wayne and Kelly Wood of Midland, Elizabeth and Phil Donaldson of Grandview, Chad and Debbie Wood of Monahans, and Shawn and Jolene Wishert of Midland; 15 great-grandchildren — Jennifer Montgomery and her husband Jeramy of Sugarland, Rebekah Biddick and her husband Blake of Arlington, Coby and Bobby Wood of Midland, Cadi and Delani Wood of Midland, Callie Donaldson of Grandview, Haesten Heath and Hannah Wood of Monahans, Lacie and C.J. Wishert of Lubbock, Curtis Steen of Levelland, Brandi Wood and her fiancé' Thomas Marshall of Midland, Inabeth Donaldson of Cearcy, Ark.; and one great-great-granddaughter, Ryleigh Berlin Montgomery.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9813

Kay Graves

Services for Donna Kay Stanton Graves, 59, were held on Saturday, May 5, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, with Paul Poyner and the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

The testimony of her life was completed on May 3, 2007, at Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo. She was born on June 1, 1947, in Pampa, was baptized at the Lefors Methodist Church, and married John W. Graves in Lefors on June 24, 1973.

She was preceded in death by her parents — Clark and Ruby Stanton, and her sister Karen Sue Belt.

Her activities were many, and included Sunday School teacher, youth group sponsor, United Methodist Church, Wesley Service Guild, High Plains New Horizons and Llano Estacado Emmaus Communities, The Hearing Heart Internet Ministry, den master for Troop 620, volunteer and mentor for Muleshoe Independent School District and a lifetime member of the PTA.

As a natural organizer, Graves helped to develop several projects, including serving on the steering committee and as a board member for High Plains New Horizons Emmaus Communities, a board member for the MOST committee, Friends of the

Library, Muleshoe Blood Advisory Board, Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Hope Chest; Muleshoe Rainbow Room, Compassionate Care, and Bailey County Child Welfare Board.

She was honored to receive the following awards: Muleshoe High School Parent of the Year, 1992; Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year, Region I Volunteer of the Year Community Partners; and lay director for the first international Cleopas Walk to Emmaus

Graves is survived by her husband — John Graves of Muleshoe; a son and his wife — Adam and Jessica Graves of Amarillo; a daughter and her husband — Courtney and Jay Milleson of Amarillo; and two beautiful granddaughters — Madeline Kay Milleson and Zara Alise Graves; and those who knew her affectionately as "Mama K."

Her life was truly a "touch of heaven."

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Compassionate Care of Muleshoe, P.O. Box 92, Muleshoe TX 79347; The Hope Chest, c/o Seth Hickman, treasurer, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, TX 79347; or Odyssey Healthcare Foundation, Attn.: Marilyn, 6900 W. I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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in me will never die." From experience, I can tell you that while the grieving process is hard, it is far easier for a Christian, who while grieving the loss of a loved one, recognizes the truth and hope we share in the resurrection.

But not all the grieving that we do is the result of a death in our lives. Sometimes, the events of the world send us into a grieving mode, and we allow things that we cannot control assail our hearts and minds. But even here, God reminds us that he has the strength we need... if we will just turn our anxiety and concerns over to him.

Psalm 55:22, NIV, says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

And often the "low road of humility" leads to divine exaltation.

In many cases, God doesn't work through us because we don't allow him to. Instead of submitting to God's will, we try to get him to accept our plans as his own. We forget that you

can't put on a pair of gloves if somebody else's hands already fill them.

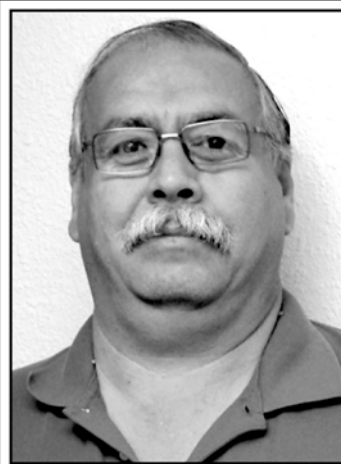
John 15:5, NIV, says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

We tend to forget that branch that bears the most fruit bows lowest to the ground, while the branch with little or no fruit stands the tallest.

It is when we turn away from self, truly humble ourselves, and give the glory to the One who made it possible for us to accomplish all that we accomplish in the first place that we are able to praise God as he deserves to be praised.

We live in a "me... me... me" world. Someone once said, one of the most important things we learn, but tend to forget, is that we are not the center of the universe.

The Bible tells us that it was Christ's goal to exalt the Father. How can we do anything else and still call ourselves Christians?



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Sports

Varsity Mules fight rust with Mustangs during 'bye week'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules were not sitting around gathering rust during the bye week waiting for Abernathy and Post to decide who would meet them in the Area round of the Texas State Playoffs.

They traveled to Shallowater to tangle with the district champions of district 3-2A.

The Mustangs of Shallowater finished the season ranked 10th in the state in Class 2A. Shallowater only scored in two innings but managed to get past the Mules 9-8.

"We knew coming in here today that we would face the best pitching we had seen all season," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "We worked hard on hitting a faster fast ball and a faster curve than we had seen. The boys handled their pitching well and we hit their number one pitcher hard."

Neither team could generate any offense in the first inning. Timothy Conner led off the second inning with a first pitch single but was forced out at second when Elias Alvarado bunted into a fielder's choice.

Stephen Dominguez ripped a double to the fence in right center field. Alvarado left first on the pitch and raced around the base paths to score and put the Mules on top early.

Alvarado struck out the first Mustang he faced in the bottom of the second inning and got the second to fly out to Victor Vasquez in center field.

The Mustangs strung together a pair of base hits before Alvarado recorded his second K of the inning. The Mules led 1-0 after two innings.

Dusty Clayton forced the short stop deep in the hole and beat out an infield hit to lead off the third inning. TJ

Brantley faked a bunt, pulled back the bat and ripped a single that almost took the head off the charging third baseman. Marshall Head checked in as a pinch runner for Brantley.

Clayton moved to third on a throwing error on the catcher and Head moved to second. Vasquez sent a sacrifice fly to deep center field; Clayton tagged up and jogged in from third.

Head went back to second and moved to third after the catch. Brant Hamilton followed Vasquez's lead with a sacrifice fly to deep center field to score Head.

Conner sent a blast back to the mound that was to hot to handle for an infield hit. Conner stole second on the first pitch to Alvarado. Alvarado's smash to short handcuffed the shortstop. When he recovered he threw the ball in the dirt at

first and the ball skipped in to the dugout awarding Conner home. The three runs gave the Mules a 4-0 lead.

The Mules got the first two Mustangs out in the bottom of the third. An error gave the Mustangs an extra out and they went on to score seven runs before the Mules could record the final out.

Shallowater took a 7-4 lead in the bottom half of the inning.

Garrett Riley smashed a ground ball that was booted by the shortstop as Riley hustled to first. Riley stole second to get in scoring position.

Brantley brought Riley home with a single to left center. Head took Brantley's place at first base and moved to second on a passed ball.

Vasquez scored Head with a single to right center and cut the Mustang lead to

8-6.

The Mustangs loaded the bases with two out in the bottom of the fourth. Alvarado fielded a soft tap back toward the mound and tossed to Brantley for the force at the plate.

Neither team could score in the fifth inning nor could the Mules score in the top of the sixth.

A base hit and a pair of errors allowed Shallowater to score two in the bottom of the sixth to extend their advantage to 9-6 going into the final inning.

Vasquez led off the seventh with a sky high pop fly the Mustang infield lost in the lights. They could not locate the ball until it bounced on the turf. Hamilton singled to right field and moved Vasquez to third.

Hamilton went to second with out a throw on the first pitch to Conner. Conner sacrificed Vasquez across the plate with a tap to short. Alvarado brought Hamilton home with a sacrifice ground ball to short and cut the Mustang lead to one. The Mules could not generate another run to extend the game.

"We lost to a very good team today," continued Ramirez. "We should gain confidence from today's game as we went against some very good pitching. They made us pay for our mistakes today but that is what a good team does."

Abernathy disposed of Post in two games in Lubbock. They held on to take the first game 3-2 on Friday and bombed Post 12-5 Saturday to take the bi-district trophy.

"Everyone in town seems to be excited about the baseball team. We have had great crowds at the games and that has been fun and encouraging for the boys. We played Abernathy early in the season but I am sure they have improved like we have. The playoffs are a great time of the year," concluded Ramirez.

The Mules will meet the Abernathy Antelopes Thursday at 7 p.m. in Littlefield's Wildcat Stadium. The Mules and Abernathy will play the second game Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. The third game will start thirty minutes after the finish of the second on Friday if necessary.

Hamilton to run!

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Brant Hamilton had said at the Region I Track Meet that "I should have run faster."

He looked very disappointed as he accepted his third place medal. Only the top two places at regional advance to the Texas State Meet in Austin.

However, after an event that may remind many of events that carried the home football team into a state championship in the nationally acclaimed movie, "Facing the Giants," the gold medal winner has had to withdraw from the State Meet for disciplinary reasons.

As a result, Hamilton now has an opportunity to compete in the 400-meter dash.

"He is very excited about getting to run at the state meet," said Mule track coach Joe Pat

Wright. "I am not sure what happened to the gold medal winner. We just got a phone call and were told Brant (Hamilton) had been moved up and was eligible to go."

"He will be very busy this weekend. Abernathy was gracious enough to play the Mules in baseball Thursday and Friday so Brant could play before going to Austin," the coach said. "He will run in Austin Saturday afternoon at 1:55 p.m."

"His best time puts him near the middle of the pack and he will be running in lane five. There is a good possibility that he could come back to Muleshoe with a state medal around his neck," concluded Wright.

Hamilton will fly out of Lubbock early Saturday morning and compete shortly after lunch. He is the only competitor from Muleshoe in the state meet this year.

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Cellphone's do more than 'talk' to distant countries

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 dispatched to the local Dollar General Store in reference to an attempt by a customer to purchase numerous prepaid cellphones.

According to the police report, the store's policy requires the police department to be notified whenever someone attempts large purchases of such items.

In the investigation that followed, it was learned that the customer, who is apparently of Palestinian

origin, has an "unusual" source of income... he — and other members of his family — drives around the Lone Star State and possibly elsewhere, buying the prepaid cellphones.

(It should be noted that the individual's name and his city of residence, while included in the police department report, is being intentionally withheld from the news story to prevent any type of retaliation against the individual or his family at the suggestion of law enforcement authorities.)

According to information received during interviews that occurred after the attempt to purchase the phones, these cellphones are later "resold" to another person of Middle East descent in the Dallas area, who in turn strips them of their power-packs prior to shipping them to places such as Iraq.

While the "unidentified" customer didn't make any admissions of criminal involvement for which he could be held, according to the police report, he apparently did know the

items had the potential of being used in the construction of bombs.

Chief Frieda confirmed that according to explosives experts such electronic devices do have the potential to be used in such a manner.


However, at this time there apparently aren't any laws prohibiting their purchase or shipment overseas.

According to Chief Frieda, federal law enforcement officials were contacted about the incident, and indicated that

investigations of other such incidents had yet to disclose an association between the individuals selling the "Trac phones," and any type of terrorist group or cell.

Drivers license office closed

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



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Crashes on the increase in rural areas

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Never mind mosquitoes, bees or ants: With the coming of warmer weather, Texans are likely to be bitten by the travel bug, said Bev Kellner, Texas Cooperative Extension program coordinator for passenger safety.

But some of those travelers may not reach their destinations, she said. The numbers are especially grim for those in rural areas and those traveling in pickup trucks.

"Studies show that 56 percent of pickup crash fatalities in Texas happened in rural areas, compared to 44 percent in urban areas," Kellner said.

That's why every spring the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sponsors a campaign to increase safety belt use.

"Click It or Ticket" is a two-week-long program designed to emphasize the ease — and cost effectiveness — of using a

seat belt.

Marked each year to include the Memorial Day weekend, this year Click It or Ticket is scheduled for May 21-June 3.

"Safety belt use is the single-most effective way to protect against injury and death in traffic crashes," Kellner said.

"Using safety belts does not cost a dime — not using them will cost you a citation during the May 'Click It or Ticket' mobilization," she said.

Law enforcement officers across the state will be extra vigilant in enforcing safety belt usage laws, she said.

So not only does "clicking it" save lives, it can also save the cost of a ticket.

In addition, the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaign, which will be conducted during the same two weeks, is aimed at 18- to 34-year-old men who do not consistently wear their safety belts in their pickup trucks, Kellner said.

This campaign, which

focuses on pickup truck drivers and passengers in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and the Indian Nations, continues throughout May, she added.

According to information from the traffic safety administration, from 2001 to 2005, 1,444 people died in pickup truck rollover crashes in Texas.

Pickup trucks generally are larger than cars, and owners tend to feel safer in them, she said.

"But pickup trucks roll over twice as often as passenger cars," Kellner said. "And 65 percent of the rollover fatalities in pickup trucks were unrestrained, compared to 60 percent in all passenger vehicles."

Wearing a safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover pickup truck crash by up to 80 percent, according to figures from the highway traffic safety administration.

Safety belt use is higher in passenger vehicles,

Kellner said.

Last year in Texas, that rate of usage was 90.4 percent in passenger vehicles and 86.4 percent in pickup trucks.

Those may be a lot of numbers to keep in mind when planning a spring or summer vacation getaway, Kellner said, so keep it simple: Just remember "Click It or Ticket."

"Take those few seconds to buckle up on ever trip," she said. "It may very well save your life."

For more information visit the Web at <http://www.buckleupinyourtruck.com/> or <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/> or contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 806-272-4583.

Texas 4-H roundup to be June 5-8 in College Station

Call it "American Idol, Texas 4-H Style."

This year's Texas 4-H Roundup will offer something new, said Dr. Toby Lepley, Texas Cooperative Extension 4-H and youth development specialist.

"We're going to do a talent contest, like 'America's Got Talent,'" he said. "We'll put videos (of performances) on a Web site and participants can go vote on it."

This "casual, fun and entertaining event" isn't an official contest, not even part of the Share-the-Fun Contest, he added. Rather it is a chance for talented young 4-H'ers to perform in front of their peers.

Texas 4-H Roundup is "the ultimate competition and experience for Texas 4-H members from 9 to 18 years of age," said Dr. Martha Couch, extension associate director for 4-H and youth.

Presented each year on

the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station, Roundup is the statewide event where winners of county and district contests compete for state championships.

This year Roundup will be June 5-8. About 2,500 young people and adult volunteers are expected to attend.

Texas Roundup began in 1946, Couch said, when young members traveled to Texas A&M to participate in a short course.

"During the early years, Texas 4-H Roundup was compiled of workshops dealing with issues of rural America," according to information on the Texas 4-H website (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup/07/07RUGuide.pdf>)

But as the world changed, so did the issues faced by

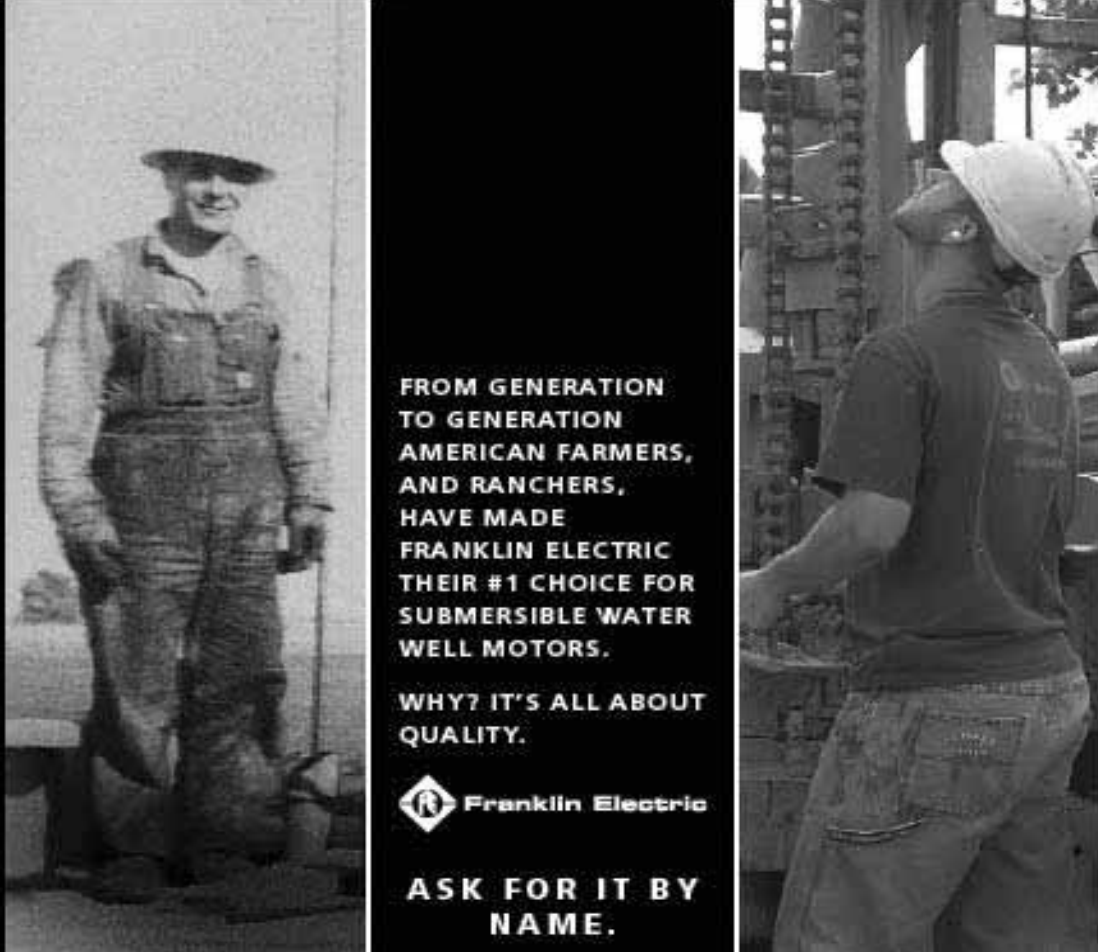
4-H and its young members.

These issues even included bomb drills and preparing a bomb shelter, which were the subjects of some of those early Roundup presentations.

As time went on, the 4-H information continued, Roundup's format became more focused on contests. Some of these contests were on traditional rural issues such as beef cattle and food preservation, but some — such as public speaking — had a wider appeal.

In the late 1960s, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo began awarding scholarships to Roundup participants.

"Today more than \$1.8 million in scholarships are presented through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation during the Tuesday General Assembly at Roundup, the website information stated.



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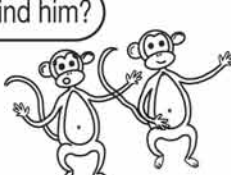
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 Mothers do so many things for us. Stop and think about all the time and love your Mother gives you. **What can you do for your Mother? Can you surprise her or do more to help her?**
 Can you find and circle all the things below that Moms do for us or with us?
 love hug teach protect clean **keep warm** comfort feed play cheer carry **drive us everywhere!**

Human babies need a lot of help for a long time before they are able to take care of themselves. Some newborn animal babies need a lot of care, but others can take care of themselves almost from birth. Every spring it is a blast to visit farms and zoos to see, feed and pet the new baby animals. Do you like to watch animals care for their young?
Read each clue telling about an animal mother and her young. Fill in the name of the animal.

- this mother sits on her eggs to keep them warm, then spreads her wings to keep wind and rain away from her chicks
- this nanny watches her kid leap and jump on the mountainside
- this baby hangs by its toes in a cave: its mother hangs next to it to feed it and wrap a wing around it to provide warmth
- these babies are born onto their mother's tail
- this hopping mother has a large pouch to carry her baby
- this mother builds a nest of grass and mud to put her eggs in; when they hatch she tears the nest open
- her young can hang upside down by their tails - "look ma, no hands"
- after this baby is born, others help it get its first breath of air
- this bear carries her young on her back
- mother carries her young by picking them up with her mouth

Animal Mothers and their Young

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- goose
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- duckling
- gosling
- fawn
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- joey
- ewe
- cow
- hen
- lioness
- sow
- owl
- chick
- lamb
- cub
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- calf

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 So fast!
 So clever!
 Gee whiz, Ma!

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Students of the Week announced

WJHS Students of the Week for the week of May 7, pictured above, are: Front row — Jesus Torres, Summer Lowe and Jordan Stroud; back row — Abril Aldana, Dameon Snell and Jessica Medina.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Listen up everyone!

On Saturday, May 19, the center will open at 2 p.m. for a play day and refreshments.

Visit with Laverne or Pauletta to see how you can help us with the refreshments.

We invite the senior citizens to come in and play dominoes, eighty, bridge, cards, watch our big screen television or just visit with friends. Mark your calendars and come have fun with us.

We have a few of our senior citizens under the

weather. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Get well soon. We miss you!

On Tuesday, May 15, Mandi Seaton will be presenting her program on nutrition. Mandi does an excellent job on giving helpful hints and it is always a joy to listen to her. Come for lunch and enjoy.

On Wednesday, the bridge club will meet. We also have several domino players that enjoy the afternoon.

The monthly meeting with the SPAG will be on Thursday. Pauletta and I will

be attending this meeting.

On Friday, May 18, the Santa Fe Assisted Living representative will be presenting a program on what they can offer the senior citizens when they need help with every day living. This should be very informative and interesting to all senior citizens.

Menus for May 14-18:

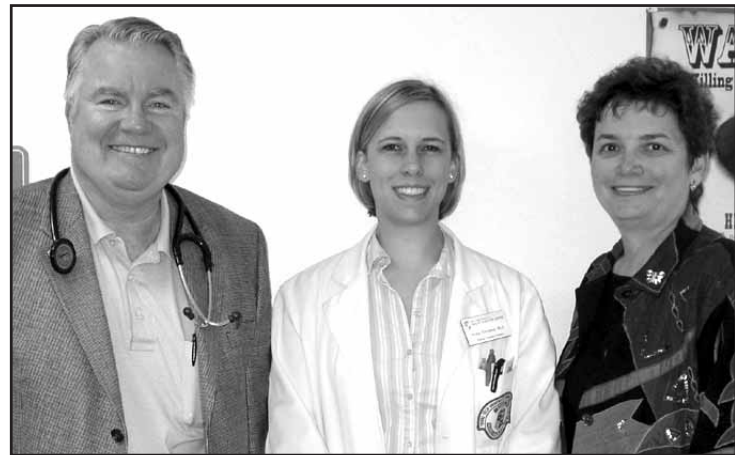
Monday, May 14 — Meat loaf with sauce, black eye peas, carrot sticks, scalloped potatoes, corn bread and pineapple cake.

Tuesday, May 15 — Baked ham, with sweet and sour sauce, rice, Chinese vegetables, sliced tomatoes, onions, wheat roll, cottage cheese and peaches.

Wednesday, May 16 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and strawberry short cake.

Thursday, May 17 — Brisket with barbecue sauce, broccoli with cheese, potato salad, biscuits, sliced onion, pickles and cobbler.

Friday, May 18 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.



Health official visits Muleshoe

Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president of Rural and Community Health at Texas Tech Health Science Center made a visit to Dr. Kyle Sheet's office recently to commend him for his outstanding work as a preceptor for the Area Health Education Center in Plainview as well as his commitment to rural medicine.

Dr. Patterson was accompanied by Dave Lafforge, chief operating officer of RCH, and Pam Danner, program director for West Texas Area Health Education Center, and associate director of RCH.

While in Muleshoe, they

were able to learn more about the work Dr. Sheets does for the community and the work he does with Medical and Physician Assistant students in their clinical rotations.

Sheets currently has student Angie Hannaway working under him who will be graduating this August from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant program. Angie Hannaway mentioned that she has had an amazing learning experience because Dr. Sheets allowed her to gain an abundant amount of hands-on experience while completing her rotation.

Do you have photographs missing?

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums?

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated, and may include your missing photographs.

Immaculate Conception to host blood drive on May 20

Summer is fast approaching and United Blood Services is already feeling the heat.

Traditionally summer donors are in short supply because they're on vacation or involved in all the summer activities everyone enjoys.

The local blood center provides blood to Muleshoe Area Medical Center, in Muleshoe, and is gearing up to make sure that the blood is flowing in our community this summer.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe is having a blood drive on Sunday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Catholic Center.

United Blood Services provides free cholesterol testing on blood donations.

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Lazbuddie students honored

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Dillman Elementary roundup set

Dillman Elementary will be holding its spring roundup on May 14, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-3:30 p.m., for children for entering Pre-K, Headstart and Kindergarten for the 2007-2008 school year. To qualify for Pre-K the child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007, be eligible for the Bilingual Program and qualify for free or reduced lunches. To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five years old on or before the same date. Parents should remember to bring the following information to register a child: An updated shot record; and the child's birth certificate, Social Security card; the parent's proof of income (income tax or W-2); and a Medicaid card for Headstart. For additional information call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

From the Joe Embry Family...

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Honoring mothers on their special day

By John Cornyn, U.S. Senator, Texas

On May 13, families across Texas celebrate the annual rite of Mother's Day, a day to honor an irreplaceable person in each of our lives. It's a recognition we would do well to extend every day of the year.

Mother's Day is an opportunity to reflect on just how much we love and owe the woman who gave us life and raised us. Children traditionally dust kitchens with pancake mix in preparation for mom's well-deserved breakfast in bed.

As I travel around Texas, I see the essential family work being done by mothers, some of whom have earned the title through adoption.

I have come to see that Mother's Day has a special meaning for women who have decided to enrich their lives by providing a child with a loving family.

Adoption is not easy. It can be legally complicated, fraught with risk and potential disappointment. But Texans are optimistic and generous. They give freely and are enriched by their generosity of spirit.

Adoptive parents know that achieving great joy for themselves and others often requires taking a risk and making sacrifices. They are more than willing to do so.

It's worth remembering: "We should not be asking who this child belongs to, but who belongs to this child."

Drs. Larry Anderson and Sasha Vukelja of Tyler found they belonged to a young Russian orphan from St. Petersburg who visited East Texas as part of a Christian exchange program.

Boris and nine other orphans first came to Tyler in 2003 for the "Miracle of Christmas Tour," sponsored by the Nightlight Christian Foundation.

Following their "vacation" in Tyler, most of the children in the group were adopted by local families.

"It's really like he's always been a part of our family," Dr. Vukelja said. "He's certainly brought so much joy. We just think he's a miracle."

Americans adopt more children from foreign countries than the citizens of all other countries combined.

The number of children Americans have adopted from foreign countries has doubled over the past decade.

No matter where adopted children come from, the act of adoption itself represents the value that Americans place on the worth of each human life.

There are many ways to pursue this noble idea, including domestic public agencies, private adoptions or international adoptions. The lives of all children must be cherished and protected regardless of their place of birth or circumstances.

Another way of helping children is by providing them a safe and stable home while they await adoption.

Commentary

Patti and Dave Tuttle of San Antonio have done just this by fostering 202 babies, adopting several of them, over the past 22 years.

I was pleased to nominate the Tuttles for the National Angels in Adoption Award from the Congressional

Coalition on Adoption, an honor they received last year.

One of their adopted daughters, Kallie, weighed barely five pounds when she was found abandoned in a paper bag in southwest San Antonio in 1989. She was placed in the Tuttle home as

their 43rd foster baby. They adopted her when she was six months old.

Kallie is now a thriving teenager, and is a loving, caring big sister as the Tuttles continue to provide a home for more children in need.

Patti Tuttle says that Kallie is a constant source of excitement and commitment, an ambassador "for the journey of fostering and adoption."

The Tuttles, and particularly Patti Tuttle, provide inspiring proof of the difference that a single point of light can make in this world. Mother's Day provides a perfect opportunity to recognize and thank the women in our lives who provide the love, care and nurture that no else can.



Photograph by Mike Jones

Inasmuch...

As part of "Operation Inasmuch" at the First Baptist Church, a group went to Park View nursing home recently and prayed with the residents. Pictured above, Ruth Hall, standing, is praying with an unidentified resident.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me..." — Matthew 25:40, KJV.

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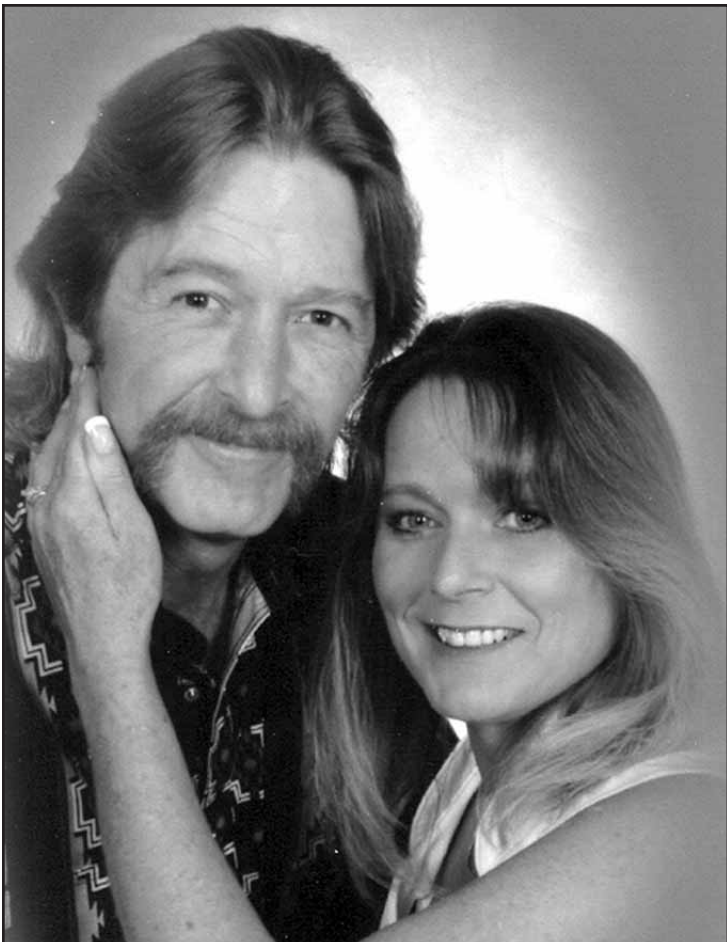
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Engagements



Bronson-Keith, Rogers announce wedding plans

Sherry Bronson-Keith and Charles Rogers Jr., of Muleshoe, announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding. The prospective bride is the daughter of Reid W. Bronson of the Philippines, and Carol Rogers and step-father Darrell Rogers of Littlefield. She is a graduate of Live Oak High School, in California, and is currently employed by United Supermarkets of Muleshoe. The prospective groom is the son of Charles W. Rogers Sr., and Elwanda Rogers of Littlefield. He attended high school in Salinas, Calif., and is co-owner of Rogers Hydrojetting Service in Muleshoe. Current plans are for a summer wedding.



JANETT VIDAÑA AND JUAN ALBERTO CAMPOS

Vidaña, Campos announce engagement

Jose Angel and Mercedes Vidaña of Muleshoe announce the pending nuptials of their daughter Janett Vidaña to Juan Alberto Campos, son of Jaime and Bertha Campos. The ceremony will be held on May 19, at 3 p.m., at the El Buen Pastor Assembly of God in Muleshoe, with a reception to follow at 5:00 p.m. in the Bailey County coliseum. The prospective bride is a sophomore at Muleshoe High School. The prospective groom graduated from high school and is employed by Boehning Dairy.

NWS Lubbock observes area rainfall totals

According to the National Weather Service Lubbock website, Bailey County Tuesday received anywhere from a tenth of an inch to upwards of two inches of precipitation. Adjoining Curry County in New Mexico had pockets of locations receiving more than three inches of moisture during this same time period. While some areas in and around Muleshoe were flooded due to the constant downpour on Tuesday, the NWS used "Observed Precipitation" methods to measure rainfall amounts, utilizing 12 different data totals to come up with the average rainfall amount. According to the NWS, Bailey County can expect a good chance of showers through Thursday.

Bridal Shower

Elliot feted at shower

Heather Elliot, the prospective bride of Mitch Mason, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Dana Wright on Sunday, April 19. The prospective bride is the daughter of Chris and Michelle Elliot. The prospective groom is the son of Ralph and Donna Mason. Hostesses for the event included Vicki Black, Cindy Barrett, Nancy Benham, Juana Shelburne, Linda Latham, Brenda Black, Debbie Hutto, Jan Lawrence, Dawn Williams, Robin Welch, Jody Wood, Dana Wright, Rhonda Eagle, Joan Nix, Connie Bruns, Rickie Warren, Gwen Sinclair, Cindy Harrison, Debbie Conner and Dana Heathington. The hostess gifts presented to Elliot at the gathering included a comfort set and sheets. Special guests in attendance included Michelle Elliot, Brittany Elliot, Donna Mason, Vada Mason, Megan Mason, Jennifer Mason, Judy Mason, Cynthia Hunt, Lorissa Mason, Tiffany Rice and Camille McGuire.



HEATHER ELLIOT

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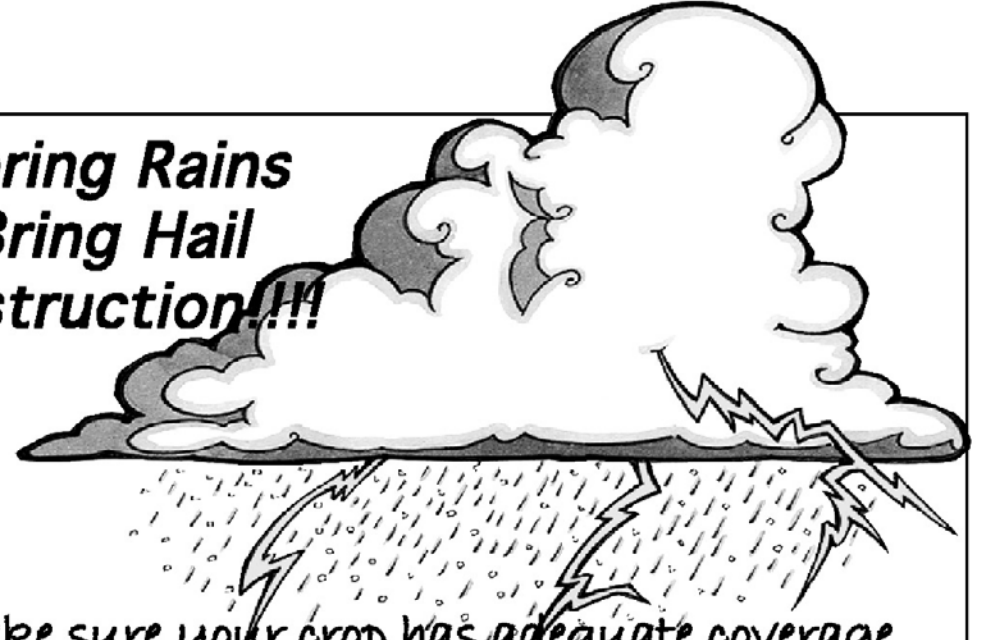
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Agricultural News

Wet conditions prevailed in most areas of the state as producers experienced strong thunderstorms for the third consecutive week.

Many of these storms were accompanied by moderate to heavy rainfall and high winds. Persistent windy conditions caused some crop damage in the Blacklands.

There were reports of hail in some areas, mainly in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau. Field activities were delayed for many producers across the state due to wet conditions, as minor flooding was reported.

The Panhandle and Southern Texas received mostly 0.01 to 1.0 inch of rainfall, as isolated showers brought as much as 2.0 inches to small sections.

Central and Eastern Texas received much higher accumulations as torrential

Texas Crop, Weather Report

downpours brought as much as 1.0 to 6.0 inches of rainfall.

Conditions were a bit drier along the Mexico border as most producers experienced little to no rainfall. Supplemental feeding continued to decline.

In the field crops report, most producers in the Northern High Plains reported good wheat condition, but spraying was active in some fields due to reports of Russian aphids and powdery mildew.

Some wheat fields in the Southern High Plains were being cut and baled for hay, as indications continue to show more damage from the Easter freeze.

Heavy rains and strong winds, reported as high as 90

mph, caused lodging in many fields in the Blacklands.

There were also reports of Hessian fly infestation in the Blacklands.

Wheat producers in South Texas anticipate harvest to begin next week if weather conditions allow. Statewide, wheat and oat condition was mostly fair to good.

Moisture levels were good in the Northern High Plains as pre-plant activities for cotton were in full swing.

Recent rainfall and low soil temperatures delayed planting for many producers in the Southern High Plains.

Planting is expected to begin in the Southern High Plains as soon as fields dry.

The recent rainfall was beneficial to cotton producers

in the Northern Low Plains as much needed soil moisture was added.

Corn planting was possible in some areas of the Northern High Plains, while many other areas remained too wet for farming activities.

In South Texas, corn benefited from the recent rainfall but moisture is still needed. Statewide, corn condition was mostly fair to excellent.

Sorghum progressed in South Texas due to additional moisture. Statewide, sorghum condition was mostly good to excellent statewide.

Wet conditions delayed peanut planting in the Southern High Plains.

In the livestock, pasture and range report, livestock remained in good condition in the Northern Low Plains as pastures continued to "green up."

Pasture condition continues to improve in the Cross Timbers. Stock tanks for livestock water were full or close to full in most areas of the Cross Timbers.

Although recent rainfall was beneficial to livestock producers in the Cross Timbers, it slowed the cutting of small grains for hay.

Calving continued in North East Texas, and some producers were baling ryegrass and clover for hay. Pastures began to improve in the Trans-Pecos.

Many producers were unable to resume applications of herbicides as pastures were too wet.

Isolated showers provided additional moisture to improving ranges and pastures in South Texas, but additional moisture is needed in some areas. Statewide, range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good.



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Cotton Market Weekly

With no visible means of support, the cotton market continues to stagger under the weight of a burdensome supply.

Another week has passed, and cotton futures prices again failed to close higher on any two consecutive days.

"There's zero enthusiasm in the market with a 9-million-bale carryout," an analyst said.

In its April supply/demand report, USDA raised its estimate of 2006-07 ending stocks to 9.2 million bales, up from 8.8 million projected in March.

The release of new statistics by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) on Tuesday did not produce any surprises as only minor adjustments were made to the 2006-07 and 2007-08 balance sheets.

ICAC expects China's cotton imports in 2007-08 to

rise to 17.9 million bales which may drive international trade up nine percent to 41.8 million bales.

Global production in 2007-08 is expected to be down slightly at 115 million bales with consumption up two percent to 123 million bales.

ICAC pegs world ending stocks in 2006-07 down four percent to 52 million bales with 2007-08 carryover down 11 percent to 47 million bales.

Meanwhile, Australia's 2007-08 cotton crop is estimated at 700,000 bales due to severe drought which could be the lowest production there in 24 years, a USDA attaché said.

The dry weather has not further depleted the current 2006-07 crop, however, because it was about 85 percent harvested this week.

Closer to home, the weather is playing a dual role so far this spring, keeping conditions wet in West Texas

and bringing extreme drought to northern Alabama and southern Georgia.

Moderate to severe drought also has been reported in Mississippi and the remainder of Alabama and Georgia, according to the latest drought monitor map.

Despite a few isolated problems, USDA's latest planting progress report showed the total U.S. crop is off to a promising start.

The 15-state planting average came in at 19 percent planted. Within the breakdown there were a few extremes. California, normally 69 percent complete, is almost finished planting at 97 percent.

The states furthest behind are Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Texas, which may eventually account for 40 percent of the U.S. crop in the season ahead, was right on schedule with 20 percent of the planting complete.

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New Listing - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, cent. heat and air, sunroom, large utility, storage, sprinkler system, fenced back yard.

New Listing - Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick home, cent. heat & air, built-ins, large utility, new flooring, nice storage, fenced back yard. 2 separate garages, all on corner lot!

New Listing - 160 acres on highway includes very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home. Refrigerated air and central heat. Built-ins, fireplace, large utility and 2 car garage. Has circular sprinkler, 2 wells, 70'x100' hay barn, 24'x25' storage building, and more.

New Listing - Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, sunroom, 2 fireplaces, built-ins, large master bedroom, lots of closet and storage space, indoor grill, finished basement, sprinkler system, storage building, fenced back yard, plus more.

New Listing - Country home on 30 acres, 3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath brick home, central heat & air, built-ins, utility, single car garage, storage buildings, plus a lot more!!

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• PRICE REDUCED-VERY NICE 4-2 Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-in, 28' x 56', Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, vaulted ceiling, storm windows & doors, large lot!!

• VERY NICE 2-2-2 carport Home, cent. heat unit, 3 win. refrig. air units, 5 cell. fans, woodburning stove in den, sunroom, hdwood, carpet, & tile, workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$44500!!

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

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

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

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• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!

• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetiron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!

• Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$39.5K!!

• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

FARMS
• LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!

• CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

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

• CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2-75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!

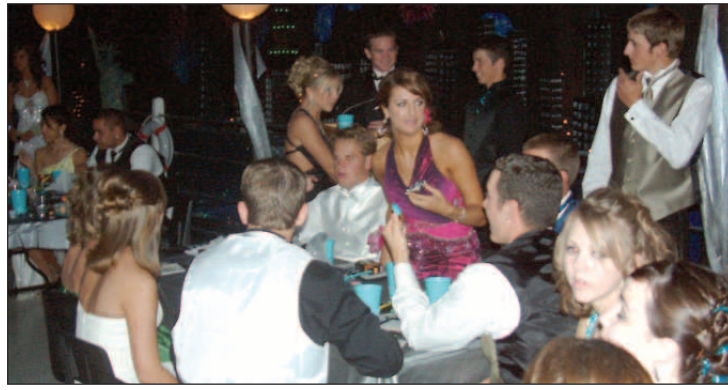
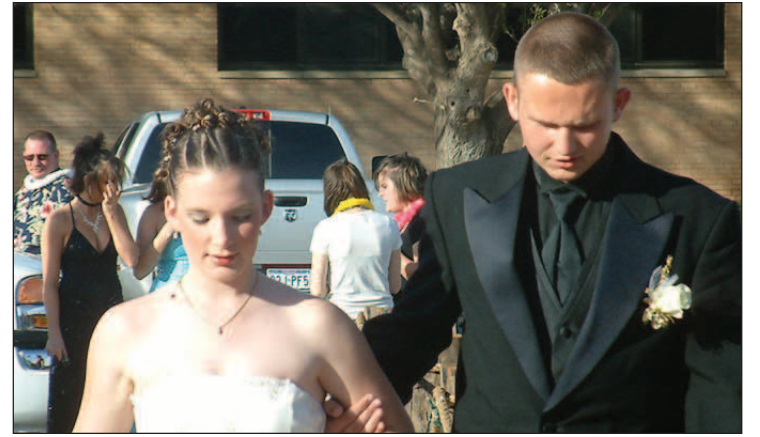
• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp, well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!

• PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!

• 3-2 BRICK HOME on .67 acre, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! \$120K!! Additional 6.66 acres can be purchased!!

2007 Junior, Senior Prom



Gone, but not forgotten...



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Muleshoe graduate, and athlete, Tyler Sheets (55) was honored posthumously during Monday's Muleshoe Athletics Banquet, at the Bailey County Coliseum. Pictured above, coach David Wood presents Tyler's father, Dr. Kyle Sheets, and his family with a shadow box containing his basketball jersey and other mementos.



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Rainy Days, Motorcycles, and Wisdom's Kids

As I write this morning, it's raining outside—a beautiful, soaking, life-giving rain—the kind you wake up to and wish you could nap to all day.

I love it, but it does have my wings clipped a bit. You see, rain is not particularly conducive to enjoyable motorcycle riding.

About a year and three thousand miles ago, I surprised myself and a good many others by buying a motorcycle. I've had a "motorcycle endorse-

worth a bunch. The longer you ride, the less likely you are to get mangled or dead that way.

And I don't suppose there's an objective way to measure this, nor a kind way to say it, but we've all seen riders who skew the stats. Folks like the guy whose motto is "Every stop light a launch pad!", are sort of in the situation of the dear lady who, before brain surgery, asked her doctor, "Doctor, can I expect full use of my faculties following the operation?" To which the doc, knowing the state of her faculties, drily replied, "Madam, if I were you, I wouldn't count on it."

I can't spare many "faculties" myself, so I'm trying to be careful, which is what I've always been—probably to a fault. I have no death wish, and I do have a beautiful granddaughter. But I was stodgy as a child; I'd rather not end up that way. The world has a very adequate supply of stodgy folks.

I also try not to be superstitious, but this is exactly the kind of article a guy writes one week before he bites a Peterbilt.

Still, I like the bike. I like it a lot. A trip to the Post Office used to be just boring. Now, it's a ride, and rides are fun. I like the motto of the Honda Magna Owners of Texas: "Take the Long Way Home." And I find myself, as gas is bumping up to \$3.00 a gallon, answering a friend who asks, "Why would you buy a motorcycle?" with a one-word answer: "Duh!?" And agreeing with a fellow biker who can't imagine why any able-bodied person really needs more than two wheels anyway.

But, as Jesus once said, sort of, as he was talking about life and not just motorcycles: Not everyone who claims to be "wisdom's child" really is.

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Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

ment" on my license for thirty years or so. I took the test on a friend's bike (that's what we bikers call motorcycles) while I was in college, and I've always paid the six or seven extra bucks to keep it on my license. Taking the test wasn't that bad, but I don't care to do it again.

For most of the ensuing thirty years, I've felt that owning a motorcycle and actually riding it would be, for a guy with four kids as dependants, pretty much immoral. If I'd wiped myself out on one back then, my wife would have, quite understandably, spit on my smoldering grave.

Yes, I know about motorcycle accident stats. They are, no two ways about it, fairly grim. Much of the problem is obvious: with so little protection, there's just not hardly anything that it's a very good idea to try to run over. You are, no doubt about it, pretty exposed.

Still, on the plus side, the stats show that experience is



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