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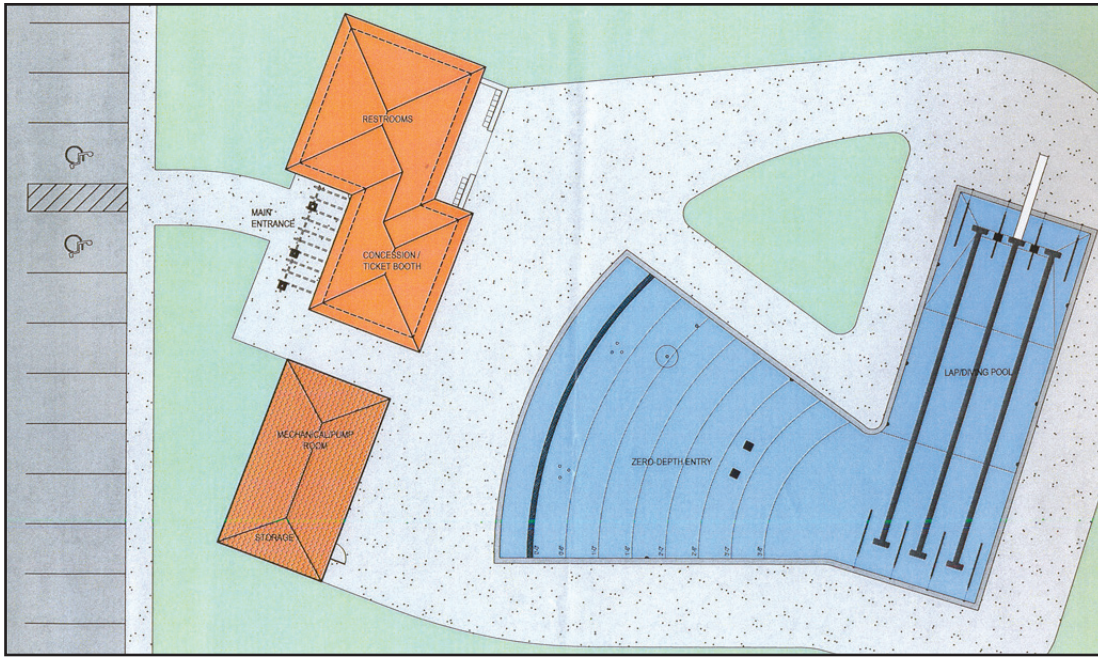
Council begins discussion on pool design

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council awarded bids totaling \$1,064,320 for the purchase of public works equipment funded through the issuance of its 2008 certificates of obligation during Monday's regular meeting.

Prior to the council's vote, City Manager David Brunson noted that the equipment — which includes a John Deere backhoe at \$76,900 and wheel loader at \$116,500; a Catapillar motor grader at \$180,376 and a dozer at \$290,544; a Massy Ferguson tractor at \$55,00; and a landfill compactor at \$345,000 — was more than \$200,000 under the estimated cost.

The council also held a work session with representatives of Parker,



Conceptual drawing (option 2) presented to the council at Monday's meeting.

Smith and Cooper, Inc., the engineering firm that will be designing the proposed new swimming pool, the construction of which is also to be funded through the certificates of obligation.

Holly Holder of PSC

presented three conceptual drawings to the council members, and discussed the estimated construction costs associated with each of the drawings.

The first drawing, option 1, estimated at \$1,495,000

would be similar to the current swimming pool, located adjacent to Muleshoe High School, with the main pool and a separate wading pool.

The second drawing, option 2, which the council

members appeared to prefer based upon design and the cost of construction, was estimated at \$1,499,900. Both Option 2 and 3 have a "zero-depth entry;" however, the estimated cost of option 3 is \$1,721,000.

"Keep in mind that this is a multi-generation facility," Holder said, adding that a new swimming pool should last about 50 years.

While the average daily use of the existing pool was estimated at about 125 people, Brunson said the size of the new pool would probably be a little higher due to the increased use it's expected to receive.

It was also noted during the work session that the proposed sight for the new pool would be at the west end of the new city park, near the existing tennis courts.

"I like the idea of having it in the park," Councilwoman Irene Mason said.

The city manager also said the urgency for completion of the swimming pool project has dropped a little with the Muleshoe School District's decision not to expand onto the property on which the pool is located.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved a resolution awarding a \$9,600 contract to A&J Howco Services, Inc., to manage the city's 2007 Home Grant program, through which Brunson said the city will be able to replace some substandard housing. Although there is a portion of the federal grant which the city will have to match, Brunson said the majority of this will be

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Candidates file for May 10 election

Several candidates have filed for positions on the May 10 election ballots, according to officials with the City of Muleshoe, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, and Muleshoe Independent School District.

In the Muleshoe City Council race, Eric McElroy has filed for the Dist. 3 seat currently held by Earl Behrends, who has decided not to run for reelection. While incumbent Sharon Grant

and Gary Parker have filed for the Dist. 4 seat.

At MISD, Carroll Precure and Ronda Box have filed for MISD Dist. 2 seat currently held by retiring board member Cindy Purdy, who has held the seat for 21 years.

Although Nick Bamert and Daniel Guzman have filed for another term, at this time they don't have opponents.

Potential write-in candidates have until closing time on Monday,

Aug. 17, to register as a write-in candidate

At the hospital district, Bill Liles and L. Dianne Thornton have both filed for the Place 3 seat currently held by outgoing president Ronnie Jones.

Incumbent Bob Donaldson (Dist. 1) and Zona Gatewood (Dist. 5) have filed for their current seats, but don't have opponents at this time.

Early voting for all three elections are set for April 28-May 6, at the city hall.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

No time to talk...

Hanging with your friends and classmates might be a great thing to do, but there's a time and place for everything, as Dusty Clayton, pictured above on the left, proves after Victor Vazquez, on the right, hands off to him during the 400 meter relay at Denver City.

School board discusses transportation issues

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees discussed its transportation program during Monday's regular meeting, singing the praises of its transportation director, Richard Hawkins in the process.

It was noted that the buses would be moved out to the bus barn's new location on West American Blvd. by May 1, leaving the building currently used to house the school district's buses free to be sold and moved out of the way to allow work on the upcoming expansion of Muleshoe High School.

During the discussion, board member Cindy Purdy asked about placing a flashing light up, adjacent to West American Blvd. to warn drivers when buses would be entering the traffic lanes from the new bus barn.

Although Hawkins had appeared at Monday's regular meeting to address the issue of the proposed purchase of an activity

bus, Superintendent Gene Sheets and the board members took the opportunity to express their appreciation for Hawkins' work.

"I don't know how he does it," the superintendent said, referring to the work that Hawkins did to keep the district's bus fleet operational. "It's amazing what Richard does."

Purdy joined in, adding that Hawkins, "made transportation safe for our children," and noting how Hawkins had been instrumental in developing

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Salute!

Members of Cub Scout Pack 620 salute the Stars and Stripes during Thursday's Toast to Texas, held at the Bailey County Courthouse.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

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Friday
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Saturday
Mt. Sunny..... 69/36

Sunday
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Monday
Pt. Cloudy..... 69/30

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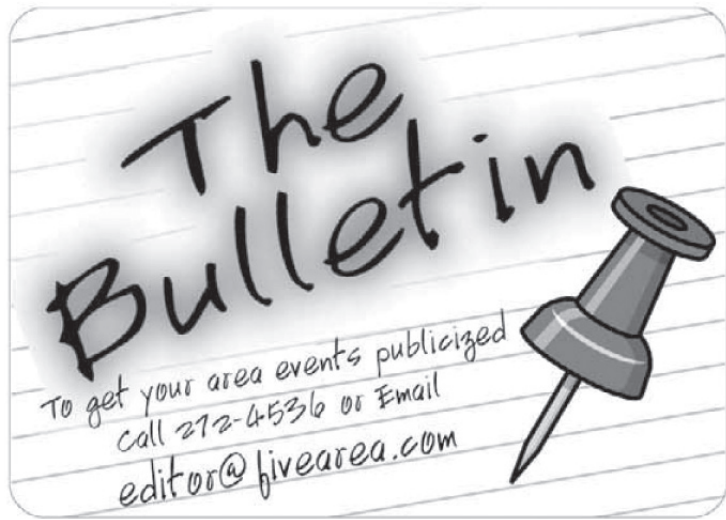
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Fine Arts Night to Shine

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club announces "Fine Arts Night to Shine" on Thursday, March 13.

The evening begins with a spaghetti supper from 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert and a drink. Takeout will not be available.

Combination tickets for the meal and performances will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and can be obtained from any high school fine arts student or by contacting Seth Whitworth at 272-6864 or Lynn Cain 272-6794.

The visual arts students will be displaying art work in the cafeteria during meal time.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the band, choir and one-act play will perform in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. Performance only tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children, and will be available at the door.

Alzheimer's support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home.

Lunch will be served. The speaker will be Les Jackson, chaplain for NursCare.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

Earth blood drive

Springlake - Earth ISD, in Earth, is having a blood drive on Wednesday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the donor bus, at the high school parking lot. Call Kathy at 257-3819 to make an appointment. The Food and Drug Administration has given United Blood Services the green light to begin using a simplified health history interview with blood donors. Now, donors will spend less time in the interview process and be on their way more quickly.

To expedite things further, UBS recommends that donors bring a list of travel and medications with them. You must be 17 years old, in good health, weigh 110 lbs, and have a picture ID.

BSA fund raiser

Muleshoe Boy Scout Troop 620 will be having a summer camp fundraiser on March 15, at Williams Athletics. The troop will be serving a Brown Bag Special of hamburger, drink, chips, and a snack for \$5.

Serving time is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Delivery is available.

Chamber banquet tickets available

The Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture announced that the 58th annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Bailey County Coliseum. The special guest for the event will be Ray Stone, host of the Dallas Cowboys Radio Network, and also the Jeff McCreight Band. Tickets for the "black tie and boots" event will be available starting Feb. 1 from any chamber board member or at the chamber office.

Energy assistance available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program January - Dec. 31.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

For additional information concerning this program contact Janie Posadas, 804 W. American Blvd., Suite C, 272-7537.

Muleshoe Youth Softball sign-ups

Muleshoe Youth Softball will be signing up players from 6-8 p.m. on March 13 at the Watson Junior High gym foyer, during Little Dribbler's games. For additional information call Eddie Alvarado at 272-5588, Frank Baca at 272-3043, or Julie DeBruin at 272-4410.

SPCAA seeks board members

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., is conducting a search for interested individuals to serve on its board of directors.

Participation on the board is voluntary. SPCAA provides reimbursement for travel, per diem and childcare.

SPCAA is a private non-profit organization with more than 42 years of experience "helping people and changing lives" in West Texas.

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be a resident of the SPCAA area - Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum, Lubbock and the surrounding counties.
- Must be willing to serve a term of two consecutive years.
- Must be willing to attend board of directors meetings every ten weeks in Levelland.
- Must be willing to participate in committees and trainings.

Interested individuals may contact Bill Powell at (806)894-6104, or Roger Cardenas at (806)894-4560.

MAEF scholarships

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation is offering scholarships for students who wish to attend South Plains College Muleshoe Center. Call Connie Kenmore at 272-3346 for applications and class information.

AA, Al-Anon meetings

AA and Al-Anon meetings are being held at 7 p.m., each Friday, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second. For more information, call 806-965-2870. Please use the west side entrance.

SPC Muleshoe Center offers classes

Online registration for summer and fall classes at the SPC Muleshoe Center will begin on April 15. For an appointment regarding enrollment call Connie Kenmore at 272-3346, or come by the SPC Muleshoe Center, at 621 W. Second, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday.

Births

Jordan Randle

Morris and Sonia Randle of Littlefield announce the birth of their son, Jordan Treyvon Randle, on Feb. 20, 2008, at 7:25 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center, Littlefield.

Jordan weighed five pounds, nine ounces at birth and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

He has a sister - Kaleigh, and a brother, Morris, Jr.

His grandparents are Elaine Balderas, Rudolph and Barbra Smith and Victor and Yvonne Balderos.

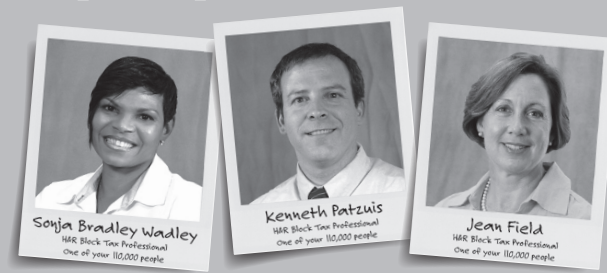
Lepard honored

Katherine Lepard of Muleshoe was recently named to the fall 2007 Scholars list at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

Myers honored

Madison Marie Myers of Muleshoe was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University for the fall 2007 semester

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through "in kind" services. The council also approved a resolution awarding a \$21,000 contract with the same company for "housing provider services" under the same federal grant.

- Approved a resolution regarding Southwestern Public Services Company's

proposed tariff amendment. "Very few times does the council get a chance to look at a tariff amendment that's a good thing," Brunson said.

He said the amendment would provide some rate relief for "low-load customers that have periods of high demand — such as ball

fields and churches, possibly reducing their electric bill.

- Received a report from Police Chief Brian Frieda in which he noted that warnings were no longer being given to drivers who stop in crosswalks, endangering pedestrians. "I don't want to get any kids hurt," Frieda

said, The police chief said officers responded to 377 calls for service during February, issued 800 warnings and 266 citations. They also took reports on five thefts, one burglary, and nine assaults and made 37 arrests.



Tip Your Hat

By Larry Thornton

I have a confession to make... I enjoy watching progress within a school district, especially when the funding for the district's projects appear to be well managed.

It excites me to see a community putting so much into the future of their children, and their children's children.

Granted, there is progress under way throughout the Muleshoe community, but it's always a little special when the focus is on our youngsters and teens as they have been in Muleshoe for the past couple of years.

Anyone who drives through the area of Dillman Elementary or Watson Junior High and doesn't feel a sense of pride in what's being done is just... well, lets just say they're lacking in "Mule Pride."

Back when Stephen Faulks of MWM Architects first began working with the school district on the needs assessment, he referred to the idea that the proposed building projects such as at Muleshoe Independent School District weren't just about putting up new buildings, they were about providing our students with the tools they needed to receive an education.

To a degree, this idea doesn't fully sink in until you step through the doors at the Dillman expansion and look around. Then, as you wander through the vast cafeteria and dining space, and continue on past all of the classrooms that will eventually fill with excited children ready to learn and grow, you can't help but pause and think, "This is really great!"

The MISD staff and all who have been working so hard on the project deserve a tip of the hat, but not as much as you do... the community's residents and voters who went to the polls, cast a ballot supporting the idea, and handed the children of Muleshoe a bright new future.

Muleshoe Roadriders' rally set for this weekend

The Muleshoe Roadriders' annual motorcycle rally is set for this weekend, March 14-15, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Registration is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14, followed by a light show, in the coliseum, at 9 p.m.

Registration on Saturday

is from 7 a.m. until noon.

Saturday's events will include bike tours during the morning, beginning at 8 a.m.; field events and games, starting at 1:30 p.m.; a bike show at 3:30 p.m.; a parade at 5 p.m.; and award presentation ceremonies at 5:30 p.m.



Stevens celebrates 90th

Bertha Stevens of Muleshoe, pictured above, celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 1, at her home with family members. She is the mother of John and Glen Stevens of Muleshoe, Kenneth Stevens of Odessa and Peggy Watson of Houston. She has 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and nine great great grandchildren.

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Mule Moments

Fickle friendships hurt feelings

By Alicia Porter

It seems that friends these days are becoming fickle. One moment friends are there for each other and would never hurt them, and the next they are completely unpredictable.

I had a very close friend here in school that I cared for dearly; however, after a recent argument, we fell apart.

Despite my attempts to mend our relationship, no headway has been made.

Each day, I see or hear a dispute between friends. The sanctity of friendship is no more, and there is virtually nothing that can be done about it by outside forces.

It is easy to say what someone else should be doing in their relationships, but when the situation faces that person, the decisions can be difficult to make.

If everyone could learn the lesson of maturity and grow up a little, the community would be significantly stronger.

An acquaintance of mine told me about a woman in the community who is constantly starting trouble at the expense of others.

She started rumors about coaches quitting for ridiculous reasons, the bank and police office having bombs in them, and other small things just for attention.

The desire for attention can often corrupt a person's mind and result in pain for others.

When the longing for recognition supersedes actual reality, it can instantaneously result in trouble for not only the person afflicted, but the people who are unfortunately around them.

With time, most people

can grow out of their neediness phase, but there are countless who have yet to do so.

When everyone finally decides to put petty desires for attention aside, they can finally become better friends and community leaders.

Optimistically maturity can be brought forth in this small town of ours, and simple, meaningless issues can be left behind.



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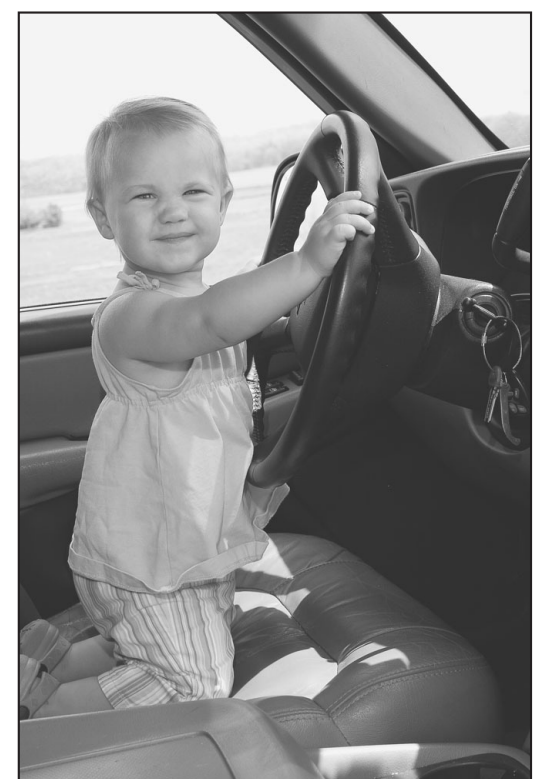
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This year's contestants will appear in the March 20 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2007 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area. Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Bring your favorite photo along with \$15 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the adjacent coupon along with your child's photo and \$15 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 24, 2008. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.



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 Contact Info: _____

Entry Deadline: Thurs., March 13 at 5 pm

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We are real happy to welcome Millie and Dan Throckmorton back with us for a few days.

It is always good to have some of our friends stop and visit when they come back to Muleshoe for a visit.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Ken Horn for the wonderful program he brought to the center on Wednesday, March 5.

We have had request for copies of the message, but we are sorry to say we did

not make a recording. We had a senior moment and did not think to do so.

Remember, Ben Jackson with Hearing Technology of Lubbock will be at the center from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday, March 13.

Anyone needing help with hearing their phone, come by and visit with him.

Call your friends and come play on Tuesday, March 18, beginning at 10 a.m.

We are so thankful for Le Ann Altman with Interim

Healthcare for playing and teaching the game to the senior citizens.

Plan to be at the dance on March 18 and wear your green in honor of St. Patrick's day. Although it will be a day after St. Patrick's Day, we want every one to be happy in their green.

The center will be open on Good Friday, March 21. We have had several inquires. We will be serving lunch and business as usual with the Fish or chicken strips menu.

Perhaps your children and grandchildren will be visiting you at this time. Please bring them to the center for lunch.

Anyone under 60 will be required to pay \$5 for the lunch. We welcome any of your family or friends to come with you to enjoy our center.

Menu for March 17-21
Monday, March 17 — Oven-roasted brisket, potato salad, beans, onions, pickles, cornbread, jello and fruit.

Tuesday, March 18 — King ranch chicken, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll and pudding.

Wednesday, March 19 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

Thursday, March 20 — Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, blackeye peas, cornbread and cobbler.

Friday, March 21 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, coleslaw, beans, cornbread and fruit salad.

Alzheimer's group to meet Thursday

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Just think what Satan has taken from you, even in the last few hours. You worried about a decision and envied someone's success, dreaded a conversation and resented an interruption. He's been prowling your environs all day, pickpocketing peace, joy, belly laughs, and honest love. Rotten freebooter.

But his days are numbered. Unlike he did in the Garden of Eden, Satan will not lurk in heaven's gardens. "There shall be no more curse" (22:3 NKJV). He will not tempt; hence, you will not stumble. You will be you at your best forever!

Christ will have completed his redemptive work. All gossip excised and jealousy extracted. He will suction the last drop of orneriness from the most remote corners of our souls. You'll love the result. No one will doubt your word, question your motives, or speak evil behind your back. God's sin purging discontinues all strife.

No sin means no thieves, divorce, heartbreak, and no boredom. You won't be bored in heaven, because you won't be the same you in heaven. Boredom emerges from soils that heaven disallows. The soil of weariness: our eyes tire. Mental limitations: information overload dulls us. Self-centeredness: we grow disinterested when the spotlight shifts to others. Tedium: meaningless activity siphons vigor.

But Satan will take these weedy soils to hell with him, leaving you with a keen mind, endless focus, and God-honoring assignments.

We might serve in the capacity we serve now. Couldn't earthly assignments hint at heavenly ones? Architects of Moscow might draw blueprints in the new Liverpool. We will feast in heaven; you may be a cook on Saturn. God filled his first garden with plants and animals. He'll surely do the same in heaven. If so, he may entrust you with the care and feeding of an Africa or two.

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Obituaries

Jean Moore

A church service for Jean Moore, 88, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, March 8, at the First United Methodist Church, Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jean died on March 4, 2008, in Muleshoe. She was born on Jan. 27, 1920, in Clovis, N.M., and married Charles Edward "Ed" Moore in Bailey County on June 7, 1942.

She was preceded in death by her parents — I.F. and Clara (Buhrman) Willman, a sister — Kathleen Green, and a brother — Lewis Dick Willman.

Jean was a member and historian of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe. She was the principal of YL and Fairview Schools, and was a charter member of Muleshoe American Association of University

Women. She was also an art teacher from 1966 to 1985, president of Muleshoe TSTA, Willing Workers Sunday School teacher and a Girl Scout leader.

She had lived in Muleshoe since 1949 moving from Needmore.

Survivors include her husband — Charles Edward "Ed" Moore of Muleshoe; three daughters and sons-in-law — Kathy and Larry Ayers and Lana and Bob Bomer, all of Muleshoe, and Val and Alan Daniel of Plano.

She is also survived by six grandchildren — Robby Bomer, Taylor Daniel, Charles (Kate) Flanary, Suzanne (Jeremy) Foster, Julie (Joe) Griffith and Emily (Jamie) Townsen and two great-grandsons — Edward and Joshua Townsen.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 507 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347

Francisco Toscano

A church service for Francisco Toscano, 74, of Muleshoe, was held on March 10, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on March 8-9, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Toscano died on March 6, 2008, in Muleshoe. He was born on July 20, 1933, in McCoy, and married Maria Garcia in Mathis on Aug. 28, 1954.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Romolo and Rosita Toscano; his wife — Maria, on Dec. 31, 2005; and a daughter — Mary Jane Toscano on Oct.

Lillie Calvert

Funeral services for Lillie Mae Calvert, 88, were held on Wednesday, March 12, at Meador Funeral Home Chapel in Whitesboro with the Rev. Allen Phillips officiating.

Burial followed in Collinsville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 p.m.

Calvert died on Sunday, March 9, 2008, at the Countryside Nursing & Rehab Center in Pilot Point. She was born on Oct. 18, 1919, in Montague County, Texas, to Emmitt and Grace Weed, and married Calvin Pearson Calvert on Feb. 9, 1938, in Enochs.

She worked in the shipyards in San Francisco, Calif., as a welder during

World War II. Calvert was a homemaker and mother, and also a beautician and grocery store owner in Muleshoe.

She was a member of the Collinsville Bible Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four sisters and two brothers.

Asa West

Survivors include two sons — Calvin Dwyan Calvert of Lufkin and Gordon Lee Calvert of Huntington; a daughter — Margie Eyvone Hastings of Collinsville, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to KSWP Christian Radio, P.O. Box 151340, Lufkin, TX 75915-1340.

Asa West

A church service for Asa Tyson West, 24, of Mt. Vernon was held on Saturday, March 8, at Arch Baptist Church in Arch, N.M., with the Rev. Ken Moore and the Rev. Cody Brown officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

West died on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in his home in Mt. Vernon. He was born on Sept. 23, 1983, in Lubbock.

He was a 2002 graduate of Portales High School, and attended Texas Tech where he was a member of

TKE fraternity. He lived in the Arch community most of his life, and had lived the past year on the family ranch near Mt. Vernon. He was preceded in death by a grandfather — Audrey West, and a grandmother — Mary Edwards.

Survivors include his parents — Brad and Linda West of Arch, N.M., two brothers — Cody West of Lubbock and Bradley West of Arch; a grandmother — Bonita West of Sudan; and a grandfather — Dale Edwards of Amherst.

L.G. Layman

Church services for L.G. Layman, 82, of Littlefield, were held on Wednesday, March 12, at the First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Layman died on Sunday, March 9, 2008, in Lubbock. He was born on April 29, 1925, in Amarillo to Sam S. and Bessie (Kellar) Layman, and married JoNell Waide in Earth on Sept. 19, 1945.

His wife preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 2006. Besides his wife and his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter — LaHonda Schertz; a sister — Arlyne Ashley; and two brothers — Clifford and Donald Layman.

Mr. Layman moved to Littlefield from the Lazbuddie community

in 2006, where he had farmed for over 60 years.

He served in the Army Air Corp, during WWII. He was a charter member of the Earth Roping Club, and had served on the Five-Area and West Plains Telephone Cooperative Board for 17 years.

Survivors include his daughter and her husband — Jan and Roy Burk of Littlefield; three grandchildren — Klisha Bush, Kendra Homer and Craig Shertz; and seven great-grandchildren; and special caretaker — Dina Gonzales

Memorials may be sent to the Sam S. Layman Scholarship Fund at Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W. Seventh, Plainview, Texas 79072, or the Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031.

Fine Arts Night to Shine

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club announces "Fine Arts Night to Shine" on Thursday, March 13.

The evening begins with a spaghetti supper from 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert and a drink. Takeout will not be available.

Combination tickets for the meal and performances will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and can be obtained from any high school fine arts student or by contacting Seth Whitworth at 272-6864 or Lynn Cain 272-6794.

The visual arts students will be displaying art work in the cafeteria during meal time. And beginning at 7 p.m., the band, choir and one-act play will perform in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. Performance only tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children, and will be available at the door.



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Sports

All-district ladies' basketball list released

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The District 2-2A girl's basketball coaches released the selections for the 2007-2008 All District Team.

The Lady Mules were represented by one player on the first team All District and two for the second team.

First year Lady Mule coach Val Acree said, "I am really proud of all the girls that came out and gave it their best shot this season. It is nice to see the other coaches in the district recognize the hard work these girls put forth."

Sara Johnson, a sophomore, played the point

and directed the offense for the Lady Mules and was chosen to the first team.

"Sara understands the game," continued Acree. "She loves to play and if she has a fault it is that she tries to hard to make things happen at times. But as a coach you had rather have that as to have a player not

try at all. She is young and I expect her to continue to improve."

Cholov (Chi) Hernandez, a senior, was picked to the All District second team. She is a left handed player that was very accurate in the paint.

"Chi has some great moves in the paint," said Acree. "She had the ability to go to the corner and drop in a 3-pointer or get in side and knock down a baby hook shot in the paint. She was a joy to coach and she will be missed."

Morgan Smith, a junior, was also named to the second team. She is also left handed and could take most defenders off the dribble for a lay up.

"Morgan is so quick off the dribble that few defenders could stop her when she decided to drive to the hoop," continued Acree. "She either made the lay up or got fouled on the drive or both in some cases. I am glad she is returning to help lead our team as senior."

Kelsey Tipps has been selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association for the Academic All-State Team. Tipps is a senior and played inside for the Lady Mules.

"Kelsey was a good defensive player and the leading rebounder for us this season," concluded Acree.

"She really turned up her offense late in the season and made a difference for us. She never gave up the base line and always kept her grades at the top of her class. She was a joy to coach," she added.

Mules included on all-district list

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

District 2-AA disclosed the 2008 All District selections. The Mules placed two players on the first team and one on the second team.

Named as the Defensive Player of the Year for District 2-2A was the Mules six foot senior, Colby Carpenter.

"Colby had no fear on defense," said Mules coach Ralph Mason. "We always had him going against

the other team's best ball handler. He has extremely quick hands and feet and was able to make almost impossible steals."

"Colby seemed to be able to foul more and get called for it less than any player on the team. He used his body more and his hand less as he closely guarded another player. I am proud to have had the opportunity to coach Colby."

Garrett Riley, a six foot

senior, was named to the first team.

"What do you say about Garrett other than he is an all around athlete," continued Mason. "We used him to play every position on the floor. He played from point to post and did a good job at every position. He normally had to guard the big inside players and was strong enough to push them out of the paint."

Patrick Precure, a 5-11 senior, was named to the second team.

"Patrick could get hot from behind the arc," said Mason. "When he was hot he was deadly from behind the arc. The nights he could not find his range he still played tough defense. I am very happy the coaches honored him."

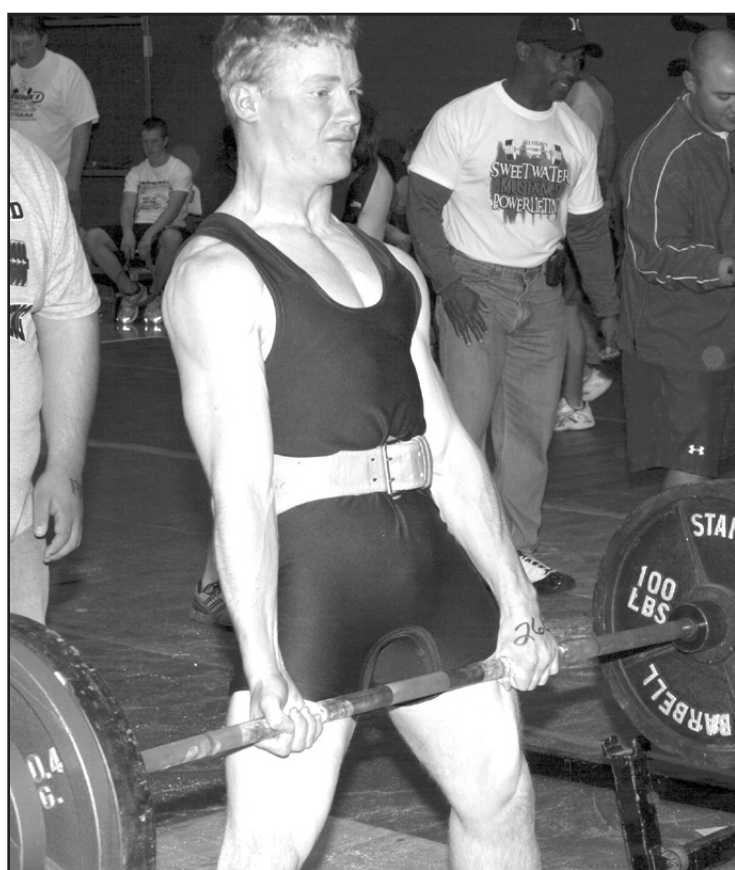
Brian Poynor, Wes Wood and Victor Vasquez were picked as Honorable Mentions to the All District team.

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Strong as a Mule

Caleb Conner, pictured on the left, lifts during the recent Regional Power Lifting meet.

Photograph by Stact Conner



Bridal Selections

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3/17	Littlefield	Home	V&JV	12:00 PM
3/24	Dimmitt	Away	V&JV	4:30 PM
3/29	Abernathy	Away	V&JV	1:00 PM
4/1	Shallowater	Home	V&JV	4:30 PM
4/4	Dimmitt	Home	V&JV	4:30 PM
4/8	Floydada	Away	V&JV	4:30 PM
4/12	Littlefield	Away	V&JV	1:00 PM
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Dr. Seipel graduated from the St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, and completed his residency at Phoenix Orthopedic Residency Program in Phoenix, Arizona. He most recently served as Chief of Surgery at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center in Gilbert, Arizona.

To schedule a consultation with Dr. Seipel, please ask your primary care physician for a referral or call 769-7577. Dr. Seipel's office is located at 2200 West 21st St. in Clovis. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

New books in the library

Seventh Heaven by James Patterson; *The Secret Between Us* by Barbara Delinsky; *Deadly Deceptions* by Linda Lael Miller; *Remember Me?* by Sophie Kinsella; and *The Mossy Creek Series* by Deborah Smith.

We have successfully weeded through our regular and large print fiction sections and have moved them to their new places. It is much easier to find the books you love and want to read.

We are now working on the video section of the library and will then move on to the junior fiction section.

We have weeded through our junior non-fiction section and have marked the Accelerated Reader books for Dillman and DeShazo, and the Reading Counts books for Watson Junior High.

The book level and point value or printed on the first page of the book. This will make it much easier to know which books are in your child's reading level and how many points they can receive.

Our storage room is still full of regular print books and now we have added the junior non-fiction books. We have westerns, romance, mysteries and all types of non fiction books.

Just a reminder:

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Dyan's Picks of the Month

Captivating by John and Staci Eldridge — I highly recommend this book!

Redemption Series, Firstborn Series, Baxter Family Drama Series — all by Karen Kingsbury.

All of these books are related. You will really get to know the whole crew! They overcome many trials and become closer to God.



Students of the Week

Watson Junior High recently announced its Students of the Week for Feb. 20. The students honored were: Valeria Godinez, Josh Hatfield, Freddy Morales, Mari Quintana, Marissa Olivas and Mateo Castillo.

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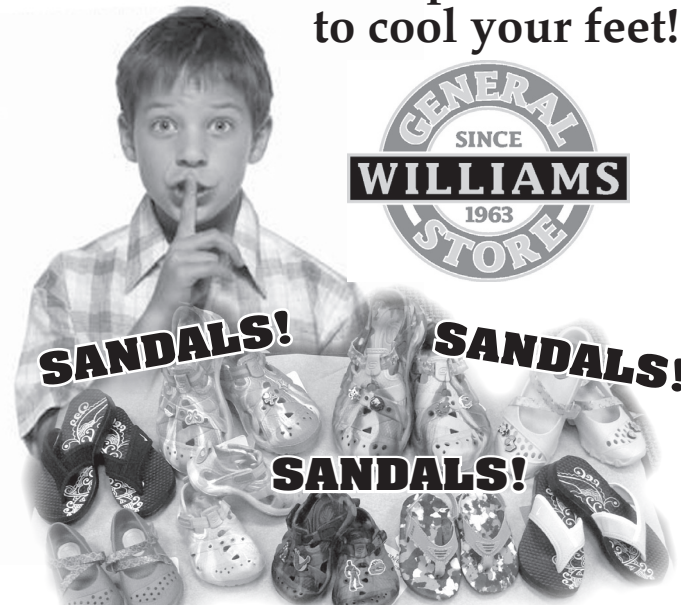
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I would like to express my appreciation of everyone that participated in this year's primary elections. To everyone that mailed in their vote, to everyone who voted early and to everyone who participated on election night, many thanks to you all. I appreciate the efforts of everyone who has supported me and this campaign. The efforts and attitudes of so many people have made this such a positive experience for me. I am grateful to everyone who has responded so overwhelmingly positive to my candidacy. I am also proud to be a part of the election process and I am proud that Bailey County has the opportunity to choose from two fine candidates for the office of the Sheriff. It's not often in modern elections to be able to cast your vote for someone you can fully believe in, let alone two. I look forward to the campaign ahead and know that however the election turns out Bailey County will no doubt benefit. Once again I would like to thank the people of Bailey County, may God bless you all.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., MAR. 8, 2008

1403 head of cattle, 149 hogs and 428 sheep and goats for a total of 1970 livestock sold at the Mar. 8 sale. Good set of cattle offered this week. Market fully steady on live wt. cfs. 450 lbs. and under w/excellent demand. Feeder cattle 1-2 lower after futures trade being lower all week. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 higher compared to last week.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Greg Young, Muleshoe	3	Blk. bulls	260 lbs.	at \$160.00
Greg Young	10	Blk. bulls	368 lbs.	at \$141.00
Greg Young	7	Blk. bulls	439 lbs.	at \$135.00
NM Ranch, NM	20	Mxd. str.	316 lbs.	at \$155.00
NM Ranch	10	Mxd. str.	370 lbs.	at \$142.00
NM Ranch	5	Blk. str.	217 lbs.	at \$370.00
Rick Jameson, Friona	2	Yell. bulls	353 lbs.	at \$139.00
Tobin Tate, Clovis	10	Mxd. str.	364 lbs.	at \$151.00
Jack Tarver, Portales	2	Blk. str.	398 lbs.	at \$144.00
B&M Cattle, Springlake	17	Mxd. str.	580 lbs.	at \$110.50
B&M Cattle	9	BWF str.	652 lbs.	at \$107.50
DM Partnership, Farwell	15	Blk. str.	653 lbs.	at \$107.25
DM Partnership	44	Blk. str.	757 lbs.	at \$100.50
DM Partnership	16	Blk. str.	824 lbs.	at \$96.50
NM Ranch	15	Mxd. str.	687 lbs.	at \$100.50
NM Ranch	22	Mxd. str.	743 lbs.	at \$100.50
Joe Oswalt, Abernathy	5	Char. bulls	735 lbs.	at \$91.50
NM Ranch	13	Blk. hfs.	307 lbs.	at \$149.00
NM Ranch	9	Blk. hfs.	342 lbs.	at \$128.00
NM Ranch	8	Mxd. hfs.	399 lbs.	at \$128.00
B&M Cattle	12	Mxd. hfs.	366 lbs.	at \$118.50
B&M Cattle	26	Mxd. hfs.	571 lbs.	at \$101.00
Michael Barnes, Tulla	1	Char. hfr.	420 lbs.	at \$115.00
Joe Miller, Amherst	2	Mxd. hfs.	553 lbs.	at \$92.00
DM Partnership	15	Blk. hfs.	623 lbs.	at \$92.50
DM Partnership	34	Blk. hfs.	787 lbs.	at \$90.00
NM Ranch	24	Mxd. hfs.	663 lbs.	at \$96.00
3M Cattle, Muleshoe	23	Blk. hfs.	725 lbs.	at \$93.00
Mike Beauchamp, Bovina	12	Char. hfs.	794 lbs.	at \$89.50
Mike Beauchamp	33	Blk. hfs.	833 lbs.	at \$89.00
Jerry Flores, Plainview		RWF pair		\$960.00
Fernando Escareno, Hereford		Blk. cow P5.		\$825.00
Marilyn Prewett, Rogers, NM		Blk. pair		\$900.00
Marilyn Prewett		Blk. cow	1220 lbs.	at \$57.00
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe		3 Blk. pair		\$830.00
Brenda Jesko		Blk. cow	1385 lbs.	at \$56.50
Kenneth Musick, Rogers, NM		Blk. cow	1220 lbs.	at \$57.00
Rex Black, Muleshoe		Char. cow	1230 lbs.	at \$57.00
Michael Barnes		Red cow	1270 lbs.	at \$55.75
Dennis Brown, Morton		Red cow	1470 lbs.	at \$54.00
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I've found three four-leaf clovers so far...I'm a lucky gal!

Ireland...So Fair and Green!

Irish-Americans are proud of their homeland and heritage. Any Irish person can fill in this puzzle faster than a leprechaun can disappear! Can you?

1. talk with a strong accent
2. reason many Irish came to America
3. first American of Irish-Catholic descent to become President of the United States
4. nickname for the island so fair and green
5. month in which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
6. bishop who brought Christianity to Ireland
7. piece of land surrounded by water
8. flag of Ireland is green, white, and orange; the white stands for _____
9. "The Luck of the Irish" means someone is very _____
10. capital and largest city of Ireland

There really aren't any snakes in Ireland!

Some people think it is because of the icy-cold waters around Ireland. Snakes hate the cold weather too. I've also heard stories about St. Patrick chasing all of the snakes out of Ireland...maybe he really did!

A Delicious Surprise!

Even if you are not Irish, helping to celebrate on St. Patrick's Day can be fun. I've always liked stories about Irish Fairies, especially the leprechauns. It is said that leprechauns, little knee-high fairies, try to stay away from people. If you see one, don't take your eyes off him or he will disappear. In your view, he may have to lead you to his secret wealth. To find out what that is, do these two puzzles!

I was trying to sneak up on this leprechaun. When I caught up with him all I could see him doing was cooking a great-smelling meal. He knew I was there all along. He invited me to dinner. Fill in the words with the vowels given to see what he was cooking:

1. C _ r n _ d B _ _ f and C _ bb _ g _
e e o a e e a

2. S _ d _ Br _ _ d
e a o a

★ 3. _ p p l _ Mince P _ _
e A e i

★ Hint He used Granny Smith apples in the pie.

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Proudly Singing!

On Saint Patrick's Day, Irish-Americans will be singing. What message will they be telling everyone? Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to find out:

“ _ _ _ _ _ 23 8 5 14 9 18 9 19 8 _ _ _ _ _ 1 18 5 _ _ _ _ _ 19 13 9 12 9 14 7 _ _ _ _ _ ! ”

Music to this song was written by Ernest R. Ball. The word (lyrics) are by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr.

Alphabet key for secret message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
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February Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Randy Montejano as the February Employee of the Month. Pictured on the left are: Back row — George Pijerina, Brandi Angeley, Randy Montejano, Celie Parham, Cheryl Puckett, Don Wood; front row — Cory Collins, Yi Shi and Julio Elizalde.

Jennyslipper News

Texas Independence Day celebrated at courthouse

The Toast to Texas, an annual celebration of Texas Independence Day, hosted by the Jennyslippers — the Women Associates of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture — was held at the Bailey County Courthouse on March 6, which is also Alamo Heroes Day.

The entire fourth grade class of DeShazo Elementary, accompanied by their teachers were special guests at the event.

Bailey County Judge

Sherri Harrison welcomed the assembled crowd.

Muleshoe Girl Scouts of Troop 6084, Imelda Salcido and Desiree Gutierrez posted the colors and led the pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag.

Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills led the Toast to Texas as all present raised high their cups of West Texas well water and observed the Toast.

MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets made a presentation on Texas Independence

Day and how it brought free education to Texas school children in the new and independent Republic of Texas.

Judge Harrison introduced the Bailey County officials present — Dist. Clerk Elaine Parker, County Treasurer Shonda Black, County Tax Assessor and Collector Berta Combs, and Sheriff Wills

Cubmaster Todd Newberry and Cub Scout Pack 620 made a presentation about the six flags which have flown over Texas.

Six of the cub scouts each held a flag and information was given about the period of time that flag flew over Texas. Those six flags included, Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederacy and the United States.

County Treasurer Shonda Black asked Texas trivia questions of the fourth grade students and found that many knew the answers and a few ventured wild guesses.

Many knew that the state sport is rodeo, the state flower is the bluebonnet, the state bird is the mockingbird, the state pepper is the jalapeno, the state musical instrument is the guitar, and the state motto is "Friendship," along with many other facts about our great state.

Special entertainment was introduced as "urban cowboys" Rodney Russell, playing the guitar and Presley Newton, playing his fiddle.

As the program closed, the students joined the Jennyslippers in singing "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You."

Sign-up for dairy disaster assistance program resumes

Eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may apply to receive benefits under the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III, beginning March 5, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently.

Producers can sign up at their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center until May 5, when sign-up will end.

This dairy program will provide \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for dairy production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, because of natural disasters.

To be eligible, a producer's operation must be in a county designated a major disaster or emergency area by the president or declared a natural disaster area by the secretary of agriculture between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007.

Producers in contiguous counties are also eligible. Producers in counties declared disaster areas by the president may be eligible, even though the agricultural loss was not covered by the declaration, if an FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notice covered such losses.

The U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (2007 Act), signed by President Bush in May 2007, authorizes this program. The 2007 Act charges USDA with implementing under the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP-III).

The 2007 Act provides \$16 million in DDAP-III benefits. On Dec. 26, Pres. Bush signed the Consolidated

Appropriations Act, 2008, which extends DDAP-III payments to eligible producers who suffered dairy production losses throughout the 2007 crop year before Dec. 31, 2007.

FSA began enrolling producers in DDAP-III in late 2007 and early 2008, then temporarily halted sign-up pending the completion of rulemaking which began with the issuance of a proposed rule for public comments on the program.

Based on public comments, FSA made minor changes to the proposed DDAP-III rules.

These changes are explained in the final DDAP-III regulations, which were published in the March 4 Federal Register.

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Win a trip to Washington

Plans are underway for the 2008 Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June. Bailey County Electric is searching for two outstanding high school juniors or seniors with leadership potential to represent their schools, communities, and Bailey County Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C.

To be eligible, students must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip on June 12-20, 2008, ride on a bus for up to 12-hours (with breaks), fly in an airplane, to assist BCEC with promoting the Youth Tour and attend BCEC's annual meeting. Participants must live in the BCEC's service area.

While in Washington, students will meet with legislative leaders from Texas and tour sites that are a part of

the history and the very fabric of our nation. Included on the itinerary are visits to the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, visit Congressmen, and tour House and Senate Chambers, just to name a few.

Youth Tour participants are selected by an interview on their knowledge of Electric Cooperatives.

Contest forms are available from your high school counselor or call the cooperative office at 806-272-4504 and ask for Rickie Warren.

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"It Is For Freedom That Christ Has Set Us Free"

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free," writes the Apostle Paul in Galatians 5. "Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

The great apostle was imploring Christians who had placed their hope in the cross of Christ alone for salvation not to go back to the system of rule-keeping "righteousness" being sold to them by false teachers who said that trusting Christ was not religious virtue" life changed. Gambling was made illegal. Adultery was punishable by death. Ale-houses were closed. "Swearing" was a fineable offense, the fine amount different for dukes, barons, squires, or commoners. "Common people could relieve their feelings for three shillings and four pence," but "not much was allowed for their money. One man was fined for saying, 'God is my witness.'" Religious feast days were "replaced by a monthly fast day." The celebration of Christmas, considered particularly dangerous as a time for gaiety, merriment, and levity, was forbidden. It might give "liberty to carnal and sensual delights." Travel on the Sabbath, except to church, was forbidden. Prying and spying were encouraged as, in effect, was hypocrisy. Since authorities tended to reward "sour looks, upturned eyes, nasal twang, speech garnished with Old Testament texts," ambitious folk "not naturally afflicted with such habits" could adopt them to speed their climb up social or religious ladders.

That the experiment soon failed prompted more genuine thanksgiving to God than any officially sanctioned during Cromwell's rule.

Freedom is precious. As Paul also writes in Galatians 5, freedom is not an excuse to live shabby lives. Real freedom honors God as we are devoted to him and "serve one another in love." No way around it, though. Freedom is less tidy than lock-step legalism. God's people, truly in love with him, have the blood-bought freedom to make differing choices in many areas as they live their lives of faith.

The genuine holiness built by the Spirit of God at work in the hearts of those freed by the blood of Christ goes far beyond the pseudo-holiness any system of law, "religious" or otherwise, could ever produce.

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

enough. To be saved, they said, people must go back to the "old-time religion" by following also the laws of Judaism.

The question was, "Is faith in Christ and his power at work in me through his Spirit enough for salvation? Or is salvation based on my ability to keep religious rules?" Paul pressed the Galatians, "You must choose which to trust—the Spirit at work in your heart, or law carved on tables of stone. You can't have it both ways." His words are as clear as his frustration. Why would anyone choose slavery to law over the freedom of the Spirit?

Pride. "Do it yourself" religion gorges our pride. Besides that, freedom is always such a messy business compared to cold and sterile legalism.

As I read Winston Churchill's *History of the English-speaking Peoples*, I was reminded of this truth. In 17th-century England, Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans tired of kings and bishops. King Charles I was beheaded. In his place, Cromwell ruled as "Lord Protector" with more of an iron fist than any king. Under this bloody Puritan "paragon of

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Barr feted at shower

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Kia is the daughter of r. & Mrs. gail Morris of Lazbuddie.

Special guests included Maca Morris, Gerie Mote, Wanda Carter, Heather Lewis and LaShawn Swadener.

The hostess gift was a pre-paid Visa card and selected gifts.

Hostesses for the shower were Paulette Foster, Sheryl Engelking, Vicki Morris, Amy Barnes, Debbie Weir, Sarah Black, Ellen Gallan, Claire Brown, Jana St. Clair, Gwen Warren, Vicki Burch, Tanya Steinbock, Linda Martin, Stephanie Foster, Celie Parham, Jonessa Brockman, Debbie Magby, Tommy Turner, Joann McDonald, Mandie Seaton, Debbie Gallman and Tonya Garten.

**Thanks
for reading!**

Hospital, county agencies preparing for disaster drill

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center is embarking on new and updated efforts regarding home-land security and service to its community and this region of the state.

MAMC, in coordination with the Area B Regional Advisory Council, which aides the hospital in maintaining up-to-date disaster response training and equipment, will be participating as a hosting facility this month in a regional disaster drill.

Seven surrounding counties and 11 surrounding hospitals will be involved in

BSA fund raiser set for March 15

Muleshoe Boy Scout Troop 620 will be having a summer camp fundraiser on March 15, at Williams Athletics.

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Drivers license office to close

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License Office in Muleshoe will be closed March 19-21, and will reopen on Monday, March 24.

the drill.

The event, which is scheduled for March 18-19, will consist of one or more mock disasters occurring throughout the region.

Local emergency response personnel, city and county officials, school district representatives, local and county businesses, and local volunteers, as well as MAMC hospital personnel are being asked to help in the preparation and execution of this event.

Interested individuals are encouraged to support the regional disaster drill by volunteering services or by donating cash gifts, which will be utilized to host the influx of regional disaster personnel during these days.

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The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently announced changes in its board of directors. The members, pictured above, are: Brandi Angeley, Cory Collins, David Jenkins, Don Wood, Kathy Vandevender, Pete Hettinga, Sharla Johnson (board secretary), Mary Helen Saenz, Kristi Parker, Ye Shi, Julio Elizalde, Celie Parham, Josh Partain and Tadd Young. Board members who are not present in the photograph are: Ray Ybarra, Kelly Heinrich and Cheryl Puckett. The chamber is currently preparing for its annual banquet, and is seeking nominations from its membership for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Employee of the Year and Farm Family of the Year. The winner of each category will be announced at the annual banquet. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, March 19, and can be made by email, mail, fax or dropped off at the chamber office, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Muleshoe school board takes action

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a sense of pride in the district's bus drivers.

"Richard, it's a pleasure to have you taking care of our children," Purdy said.

"Richard doesn't get enough credit for what he does," Sheets said. "We're going to provide the kind of buses our children need, and he's going to help us do it."

Although the school board tabled consideration of the purchase of a new activity bus for the school district at the request of

the superintendent — who indicated that the district's staff wasn't prepared to make a recommendation regarding the issue at this time — it won't be the only transportation purchase the district may be faced with in upcoming years, Hawkins said.

Hawkins pointed out that should legislation be enacted requiring seat belts in all school buses, the loss of space would require the purchase of an estimated three additional school buses, and the hiring of

three more bus drivers to operate them.

In regards to the proposed activity bus proposal, previously, the school district had received two sealed proposals for a diesel-powered activity bus, one from Blue Star Bus Sales, and the other was from Lasseter Bus and Mobility.

BSBS's proposal totaled \$157,369, while the proposal from LB&M was for \$145,854.

"An activity bus is more expensive than a regular bus," the superintendent noted during the issue's brief discussion Monday.

In other business, the school board:

- Received a facility update concerning the work being done at Watson Junior High and Dillman Elementary, as well as the proposed construction at the high school.

- Approved an \$820,232.96 request for payment received from Lee Lewis for the construction work within the district.

- Approved the minutes from its Feb. 25 meeting.

- Approved the district's new Teen Dating Violence policy, and the policy manual's Update 82, without additional discussion.

Bailey County Court...

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indicated there was anything wrong with the existing contract. "They're just not overflowing right now," Will said.

The sheriff added that he would be continuing to pursue housing contracts with federal agencies.

In other business, the court:

- Extended the county's burn ban for another 63 days, but noted that it would be lifted if the county received a significant amount of moisture.

- Toured Muleshoe's Masonic Lodge during Monday's meeting after discussing the possibility that it may be donated to the county for use as an annex building.

County Judge Sheri Harrison explained that the local lodge is consolidating with Littlefield's lodge.

- Approved the minutes from the Feb. 11 regular meeting, along with a statement to the effect that the Feb. 15 special meeting wasn't held due to the lack of a quorum.

- Approved payment of county bills.

- Approved in-county travel forms.

- Approved an amendment to the FY 2008 budget.

- Conducted a public hearing on the Bailey County road map project during which no one appeared.

- Approved the lease purchase of a motor grader for Precinct 4.

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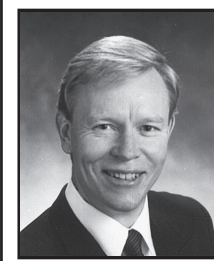
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