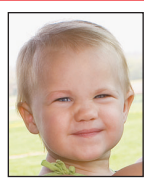




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Hospital board receives, approves audit response

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors approved the district's response to the annual audit report during Thursday's regular meeting.

"Basically, the audit report wasn't that bad," Ray Mason, the MAHD CEO, said about the Feb. 21 report presented by Michael Oatman of Parrish, Moody and Fikes.

Mason addressed each of the concerns expressed in the auditor's internal control report, including one instance in which Oatman referred to a "misappropriation of funds."

Mason explained that the hospital had a theft of about \$500 during a weekend, and called in the Muleshoe Police Department to investigate.

"We did what we were supposed to do," Mason assured the board members.

He said the theft was

discovered on Monday, and the matter was handled.

One of the key issues addressed in the internal control report was the problem at both Park View and the hospital regarding the segregation of duties.

Concerning the nursing home, Administrator Sandy Sandlin said, "When the auditor came in, we began

should be bonded, Mason said that would cost an about \$10,000, and said the district had never bonded its employees in the past.

"Rather than bond them, we need to fire them," board president Ronnie Dent said, suggesting that the district needed to maintain a strict policy in regards to the theft of district property.

"Basically, the audit report wasn't that bad..."

— Ray Mason

following their suggestions immediately."

While at the hospital, Sharon Novak, the district's chief financial officer, said, "In a facility our size, we utilize everyone we can," referring to the hospital's efforts to build accountability in how money received by the hospital was handled.

While the auditors suggested that the individuals handling cash for the district

With the current safeguards in place, it was the hospital administration's opinion that any problem should be quickly discovered.

In regards to the other issues referred to in the report, Mason said the district was going to do its best to follow the auditor's suggestions.

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You're out!

"Cough... cough... sputter... sputter... You're out!" The umpire needed more than a wire face mask for protection as Elias Alvarado makes the tag on a sliding Abernathy player during a recent game.

Turn to page 6 for baseball coverage of the Lockney tournament.

Local Weather

Thursday

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Friday

Pt. Cloudy..... 74/35

Saturday

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Sunday

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Christianity is a relationship, not a religion

Words to ponder from Beverly

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Lamplight: It was a parade that ended at a tomb

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It had started of as a pretty good week. In fact, it had started with a parade. People lined the road into Jerusalem, waving palm fronds, and singing praises to God. This was probably as much excitement as many of them had ever seen.

The one called Jesus — whom many thought to be the Messiah, the stump of Jessie, the descendant of David, the miracle worker, God's anointed — was riding into town on the back of a young donkey, a colt, just like the prophets of old had promised.

In the mind of many, it

meant that Rome, with its tax collectors and soldiers was going to be sent packing. Only, that's not what happened. Sure, there was some other excitement during the week, like when Jesus drove the money changers from the temple, but their hopes that Rome might be driven out as well didn't happen.

Instead, Jesus was arrested, and tried, and when it looked as if he might be freed by the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, the crowd call for the release of Barabbas instead.

They killed Jesus. They made him carry a cross out to a small hill called



Golgotha, where they nailed Jesus to the cross and raised him up like the bronze serpent in the wilderness. And he died.

Why? That must have been the question on the lips of many who had been with him for the past three years.

Why... why did Jesus have to die? And even though he'd tried to warn his inner circle what was going to take them by surprise.

In Colossians 1:19-22, NIV, we read, "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death

to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation..."

This is the why. This is the reason a star shined over Bethlehem some 33 years earlier. This was the reason for Christ's ministry on earth. This was the reason for his death. The dreams of Palm Sunday were turned into the stark reality of Christ's betrayal, trial and crucifixion, all because God wished to reconcile man to himself.

It was a prophesied death. In 1 Peter 1:20, the Bible tells us Christ's

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Muleshoe has another good tax month

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe continued to receive good news from the Texas State Comptroller's office, with another increase in its sales tax allocation.

According to figures released by the comptroller's office on Friday, March 14, Muleshoe received \$36,071.70, a 10.17 percent increase from the amount received during the same period in 2007.

However, the \$3,330.31 additional dollars Muleshoe received came in second behind Dimmitt, which pulled in \$5,922.15 more than last year at this time, marking a 32.94 percent increase.

Still, with year to date totals for Muleshoe at

\$129,993.10, compared with Dimmitt's \$72,282.86, it is doubtful that Muleshoe's leadership will offer to exchange disbursement checks with its Castro County neighbor.

While Littlefield received the largest of the area

Muleshoe sales tax collections up 10.17%

allocations, at \$59,614.97, it was third from the bottom when the amount from this year was compared to the amount received last year.

Only Sudan and Earth tallied less than the Lamb County Seat.

Sudan's sales tax allocations dropped by 25.69 percent, meaning

the sales tax allocation was \$1,108.26 less than this period in 2007.

While Earth found itself in the same boat as Sudan, collecting a whopping 37.57 percent less in 2008, for a \$1,698.86 decrease.

In Cochran County, Morton collected \$9,412.09 this year, a 28.84 percent increase from last year's total of \$7,305.01.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments today primarily represent sales that occurred in January.

The comptroller's office disbursed sales tax payments of \$293.2 million to Texas cities in March, up 9.2 percent compared to March 2007.



Wildflowers squeak when tied

Not all flowers grow in fields on in flower pots, as the vendor at Saturday's motorcycle rally proved. Pictured above the balloon artist creates a "wildflower" for an astonished youngster.

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 Sunrise Sunday service in the new city park, near the tennis courts, at 7:45 a.m. If inclement weather prevails, the service will be moved to the 16 & D Church of Christ.

Warrens to perform at Calvary

The David Warren Family will be ministering in music and song on Friday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 18th and Ave. C in Muleshoe. The public is invited to attend the free concert.

Retired teachers to meet

Muleshoe Retired Teachers will meet on Friday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m., at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center.
 The program for the meeting will be presented by Janice Clayborn, director of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, who will talk about the development of industry in the area.

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.

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.

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.

Project Graduation luncheon

The Senior Class parents are sponsoring a benefit brisket luncheon on Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.
 The meal will include brisket, beans, potatoes, bread and cobbler for \$6 per plate.
 All proceeds will go to 2008 Project Graduation, which hosts a drug free, alcohol free graduation party for the 2008 Muleshoe High School graduates. For additional information, call Starla Ellis at 946-7552 or Lori Bales at 946-8633.

Lazbuddie 3 on 3 tourney

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride is sponsoring a "3 on 3" basketball tournament April 18 - 19, at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasium.
 Longhorn Pride is a program which promotes pride in students and the school. It seeks to promote attendance, exemplary citizenship, and academic success. The funds will be used to promote these behaviors at Lazbuddie Schools.
 The games will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, and play will resume at 8 a.m. on Saturday. For additional information, contact the Lazbuddie Independent School District.

Training for nursing home volunteers

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, March 29, for nursing home volunteer advocates.
 The special session will be from 1-4 p.m. at 1323 58th St., Lubbock.

Extensive training will be offered in Lubbock, and upon request, some trainings can be scheduled in the rural communities. Training emphasis is on defending nursing facility residents' rights through the Ombudsman program.
 Volunteers will learn how to advocate for quality of care and life through for long term care residents.
 All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for trainings.
 Volunteers are especially needed at several nursing facilities in 12 surrounding counties of the region as well as in Lubbock.
 Call Paul Moore at the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564, or e-mail to pmoore@spag.org, to pre-register or to receive more 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.

Births



LANE SCOTT KLINE
Lane Kline

Scott and Rhonda Kline of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lane Scott Kline, on Jan. 30, 2008, at 2:34 p.m., at University Medical Center of Lubbock.
 Lane weighed seven pounds, four ounces at birth, and was 20-1/2 inches in length.
 His grandparents are Mike and Kathleen Kline of Pennsylvania, and Richard and Rickie Warren of Muleshoe.

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In other business Thursday, the MAHD board:

- Voted to renew the district's FirstCare employee health insurance through Sanford & Taylor after receiving a presentation from agent Rhonda Tomac.

One of the issues addressed in the presentation was a \$250 increase in the employee's deductible.

"An increase from \$500 to \$750 is very reasonable in today's market," Tomac said.

The suggestion was made that the savings the district would save could be split with the employees, decreasing their premiums to about \$74.37.

Of added benefit was the board's decision to provide the employees with an unlimited pharmacy card.

"They're going to have some savings monthly, even though they have a higher deductible," Mason said.

- Received the quality assurance report for the months of October, November and December.

The report for the first quarter of 2008 should be available at next month's board meeting.

- Received the district's financial report from Chief

Financial Officer Sharon Novak, who said the district had a good month.

- Approved sending patient accounts totaling \$47,751 to Lubbock Retail Merchants for collection.

- During the administrative report on Park View, Sandlin said the "build out" on the dialysis unit was nearing completion, adding that the unit is scheduled for its Medicare survey in the first

part of April.

Board member Bob Donaldson said the question he'd been receiving is whether dialysis patients outside of the hospital district would be able to use the services at Park View, to which Sandlin gave

a resounding "Yes."

During the initial meetings with AccessCare representatives over the dialysis unit, it was pointed out that even patients living in New Mexico could elect to use the service if it is closer than their current provider.

Lamplight... Continued from page 1

death was planned before the creation of the world as part of God's intent to reconcile man to himself. And now on top of that small hill this plan of redemption was about to come to pass through the death of Christ.

It was a voluntary death. Crucifixion was a horrible death, and while the human mind has conceived and utilized methods of causing death that may be just as horrible, and maybe even more gruesome, Christ's death was significantly worse and different from that of the two thieves the Bible tells us were crucified by his side. on that same hill.

In Luke 22:42, we read where Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."

The cup he asked to be taken away was more than the crucifixion, it was about how Christ would be forsaken by the Father.

No other man on earth has ever been forsaken in the manner of God's only begotten Son. All other men have been able to repent of their sins and be forgiven, but Christ — who was without sin — but voluntarily took our sins upon himself could not.

And, it was an atoning

death. Christ died for our sins according to scripture. The justice of God demanded payment for our sins. Payment that we couldn't make ourselves. So Christ took the burden of paying our sin debt upon himself.

1 Peter 2:24, NIV, says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been

healed."

The Bible tells us that the purpose of Christ's death was to bring new life to all who believed. And so, the Bible tells us that he was stretched out on that cross, and was lifted up so that all who would look to him and believe might be saved.

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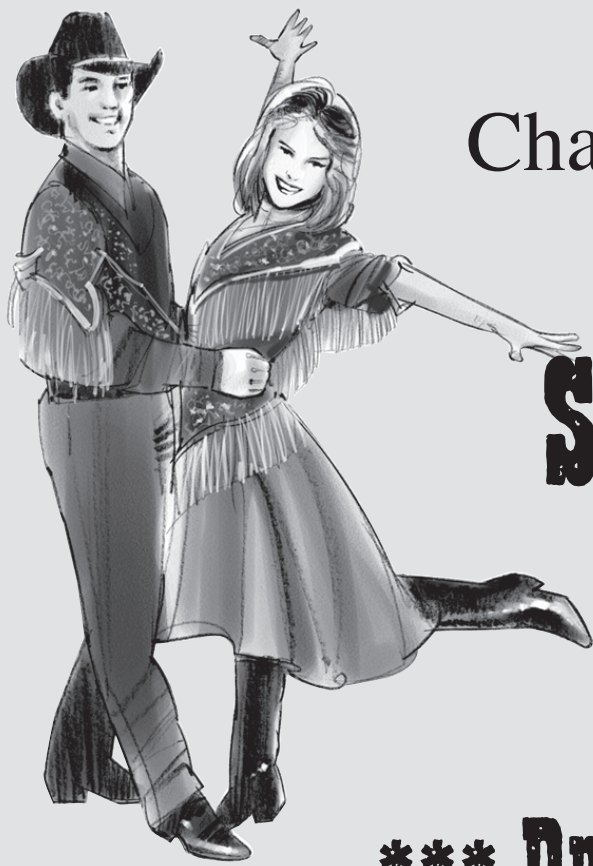
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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We at the center wish all a very happy Easter. The center will be open Friday at the usual time and lunch will be served. So bring your guests, family or friend and have lunch with us.

On Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m. the Retired Teachers will be meeting at the center. We are glad to

have them come use and enjoy the center. We invite you to have lunch with us if you so desire.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Nancy Wittner for giving her time and games to teach some of the senior citizens to play chicken foot and train. They will be playing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Come join in the

fun and fellowship. Play will begin around 10:00 a.m. or when everyone is here and ready.

Thanks to all who have brought goodies to the center for refreshments. We do appreciate you bringing them for the senior citizens to enjoy with their coffee, tea, or water.

The senior dances on

Tuesday night are being enjoyed by several of our friends from the surrounding towns.

We encourage all our Muleshoe senior citizens to come and enjoy a night out.

The dance begins at 7 p.m. with a break at 8:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper and ends at 10 p.m. There

is good music and a lot of fellowship to be enjoyed. Call a friend and come to the center for a night out.

Our next Bunco games will be on April 1, at 10 a.m. We invite you to come and play. There is prizes and refreshments. Hope to see you here at the center.

If you have not given your donation for a chance to win

the \$10,000, you need to contact the center.

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As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he will be hailed as a conquering king. The Great Commission will come later. But on that day we now know as Palm Sunday, he simply commissions two disciples to head into a little village and lead out a young colt, a young donkey, to serve as the bearer of the King.

I have preached many Palm Sunday sermons, but the one I felt most qualified to preach is a sermon I tried to give from the perspective of the donkey!

We are specifically told that this was a "young" donkey that had never been ridden before. I doubt you need to be an expert in donkey-training to know that just climbing aboard such a beast and managing to stay mounted with no previous donkey training or preparation for the beast at hand would itself be, apart from divine intervention, quite a feat. But the Lord of creation is Lord also of all four-footed creatures.

I don't know why of all the pilgrims in Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene would later be chosen to carry the cross of Christ.

And I don't know why Jesus chose this particular beast to bear him into Jerusalem. I understand that it wasn't unusual in those days for a conquering king returning victorious from battle to ride on a donkey.

In that sense, a donkey was a royal beast. I may not be much of a cowboy, but I've been blissfully out of the city long enough to know that a donkey is not a mule. Yet, as a fellow hailing from Muleshoe, Texas, I don't have much trouble seeing some nobility in a donkey.

I'll bet it was a fine specimen of donkeyhood. This blessed beast is dedicated for the use of the King of the Universe. It was never enough to take to the temple for sacrifice just any old lamb. You didn't take just what you could easily spare. You didn't give a half-blind, halfdead, mangy beast; you gave your best to God. We probably should think about that when we catch ourselves giving just what we can spare, a sacrifice we can afford with no real sacrifice at all.

This young beast is dedicated to God. What he is doing, what he is allowing to be done to him and with him, is something completely new. For him this is not business as usual.

Even though I may be a donkey myself at times, I can't claim any insight into their heads. I'll hazard a guess, though, that until this moment, this beast did not know that he would be honored above all beasts. On that Sunday centuries ago, what God would do with that little donkey—something completely new, completely amazing—was a prelude to a week full of astounding events and another Sunday such as the world had never in its wildest dreams even imagined.

Focus On Faith
By Curtis Shelburne

"An Amazing Week Begins With an Amazing Ride"

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



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Obituaries

Annie Elder

Church services for Annie Goodwin Cargile Elder, 98, of Farwell were held on Tuesday, March 18, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Elder died on March 16, 2008, in Farwell. She was born on Dec. 20, 1909, in St. Augustine, and married Dan Cargile in Roaring Springs, on Dec. 31, 1927. She was preceded in death by him in January 1966.

She then married Otis Elder on Feb. 14, 1968, in Farwell. He died in 1993.

She was also preceded in death by her parents — E.B. and Martha Goodwin; three sisters; eight brothers and a grandson.

Elder had moved to Roaring Springs in 1916,

where she attended high school. She moved to Levelland in 1940, and in 1945 she moved to the Amherst and Sudan area in 1945. In 1950 she moved to Lazbuddie and Hub in 1968. She has been living in Farwell since 1993, where she was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Preston and Charlene Cargile of Farwell; a daughter — Marlene McDonald of Lazbuddie; a daughter and her husband — Danny Rue and Dwain Menefee of Ft. Towson, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 - 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Betty Barker

Funeral services for Betty Wisdom Barker, 76, of Levelland were held on Monday, March 17, at the First Baptist Church of

Levelland with Bro. Steve Vernon officiating.

Burial followed in the Levelland Cemetery.

Barker died on March 14,

Raymon Fulenwider

Church services for Raymon Fulenwider, 72, of Springlake were held on Tuesday, March 18, at Springlake Baptist Church with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating.

Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery, with a U.S. Army Guard presiding.

Fulenwider died on March 15, 2008, at the Lamb County Healthcare Center in Littlefield. He was born on Jan. 30, 1936, in Springlake, and married Joy Waneta Gladish, who preceded him in death on Dec. 30, 1987.

On Jan. 18, 2007, Fulenwider married Dorothy Louise Miller in Springlake.

He was also preceded in death by his parents — Joseph Aron and Ocie Jane Fulenwider.

Fulenwider had lived in Springlake most of his life,

and was a member of the Springlake Baptist Church. He worked for several years for the Sanderson Grain Company, and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife — Dorothy Louise; a son and his wife — Randal and Lea Fulenwider of Springlake; a step-son and his wife — Alton and Brenda Miller of Newark; a stepson — Robert Miller of Forney; a daughter and her husband — Donna and Jared Williams of Lubbock; a step-daughter and her husband — Pamela and Charles Buster of Forney; a sister and her husband — Cathy Elaine and Gary Armes of Lubbock; two step-brothers and their wives — Jackie and Mickie Fulenwider of Lake Whitney, and Jimmy and Ruby Fulenwider of Springlake; and 10 grandchildren.

2008, in Levelland. She was born on May 19, 1931, to Joseph and Aline Wisdom in Wortham.

She married Bill Barker on Aug. 19, 1969, in Plainview.

In 1997, they moved to Levelland from Muleshoe.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Levelland.

Barker was preceded in death by her parents and a son — Bobby Crittenden.

Survivors include her husband — Bill Barker of the home; a daughter and her husband — Judie and Dave Ridley of Waco; a son and his wife — Kelly and Claudia Barker of Bastrop; a step-daughter — Darla Moran of Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers and their wives — Ed and Linda of Levelland, and Larry and Linda Wisdom of Tyler; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lynn Glasscock

Church services for Lynn Glasscock, 79, of Earth, were held on Friday, March 14, at the Earth United Methodist Church of Earth with the Rev. Charley Johnson officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery

Glasscock died on March 11, 2008, in the Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield. He was born on Nov. 23, 1928, in Truscott, and married Juanice Higgins in Earth on July 28, 1951.

Glasscock was preceded in death by his parents — Louis Abner and Mattie Mae Glasscock; four brothers and three sisters.

He had been a resident of Earth since 1941, moving from Truscott, and was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church, the Methodist Men, the Earth Jaycees, and a long time Wolverine Booster Club member.

He was a 1946 graduate of Springlake High School and attended West Texas State College on a football scholarship.

He was also past president of the Local Farmer's Union and an Earth city councilman.

Glasscock served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife — Juanice Glasscock of Earth; a son and his wife — Hoyt and Carrie Glasscock of Earth; a daughter and her husband — Tresea and John Loucks of Earth; a sister — LaVerne Stephenson of Earth; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be sent to the Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth, TX 79031, or Earth United Methodist Church, 303 E. First, Earth, TX 79031.

Juan Torres

Church services for Juan Angel Torres, 23, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, March 17, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Burial will follow Monday's ceremonies at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Torres died on March 13, 2008, in Lubbock. He was born on Nov. 19, 1984, in McAllen.

Torres had recently moved back to Muleshoe from San Angelo, where he was a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include two sons — John Michael Torres of Petersburg and Dylan John Torres of San Angelo; a daughter — Amorian Sepulbeda of Bledsoe; his parents — Sylvester and Alicia Torres of Muleshoe; and four sisters — Irene Torres and Irma Janelle Torres, both of Muleshoe, and Jessica Gonzalez and Jennifer Gonzalez, both of Corpus Christi.

Lena Ruthardt

Funeral services for Lena Lamanda Ruthardt will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at George Price Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Hollis Shewmake of Levelland officiating.

Burial will be in City of Levelland Cemetery.

Ruthardt died on March 16, 2008. She was the last surviving child of John and Addie Gordon.

She married Floyd Ruthardt on Feb. 21, 1930. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1994.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, nine brothers, four sisters, and one granddaughter.

Ruthardt was an employee of the Muleshoe Public Library for 12 years. She moved to Hobbs, N.M., in 2002.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society, was



LENA LAMANDA RUTHARDT

a member of the Hobbs Senior Center, and attended the Life Temple United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include four children and their spouses — Marie Ruthardt of Hobbs, N.M., Floyd and Sandy Ruthardt of Bledsoe, Ray and Betty Ruthardt of Muleshoe, and Brenda and Alvin Trusty of Hobbs, N.M.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Juan Ramos

Church services for Juan Ramos, 80, of Farwell were held on Friday, March 14, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12-13 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed Friday's ceremonies in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ramos died on March 6, 2008, in Lubbock. He was born on March 20, 1927, in Carizzo Springs, and married Andrea Balbuena in Portales, N.M., on March 11, 1987.

Ramos was preceded in death by his parents — Manuel and Juanita Ramos; a sister — Paula Garcia; and two brothers — Gonzalo Gomez and Pedro Ramos.

Ramos had been a

resident of Farwell for the past eight months, moving from Floyd, N.M. He worked as a supervisor for a lumber yard.

Survivors include his wife — Andrea Ramos of Farwell; a son — Carlos Ramos of Farwell; a

daughter — Nellie Martinez of Muleshoe; three sisters — Paulina Castillo of San Antonio, Martina Medina of Carizzo Springs, and Benita Rodriguez of Greeley, Colo.; a brother — Felix Ramos of Carizzo Springs; and eight grandchildren.

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Sports

Lady Mules split opening district games

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules opened district action in Shallowater against the Fillies, dropping a 20-17 heart breaker.

However, the ladies bounced back in their home opener against the Floydada Whirlwinds with a 16-10 win.

They out hit the Whirlwinds 11-4 and took advantage of eight walks.

April Gardea was the winning pitcher with seven strike outs in three in a third innings. Morgan Smith came on in relief and struck out two and Val Olivas pitched to the final five batters and recorded one K.

The Lady Mules continued their winning ways Monday afternoon by dropping the Littlefield Lady Cats 11-7. Gardea was the winning pitcher with nine strike outs in seven innings and stranded 12 base runners.

The Lady Mules out hit Littlefield 10-7 and took advantage of 10 walks and hit batsmen.

Gardea fielded a soft pop back to the circle by the lead-off batter against the Whirlwinds.

The next two batters went down swinging as Gardea moved the ball around the strike zone.

The Lady Mules provided her with five runs in the bottom of the first. An error on the third baseman allowed Brenda Rodriguez to reach first.

Val Olivas singled to score B. Rodriguez and then crossed the plate on a passed ball.

Ali Eagle drew a walk and BreAnn Baca singled to right field to score

“We are hitting the ball well and learning to run the bases. We still make some mistakes but we are learning and getting better...” — Coach Altman

Eagle. Baca came home on a passed ball. Erika Rodriguez, Amber Fuentes and Gardea all drew walks to load the bases.

The center fielder dropped B. Rodriguez's fly ball to allow E. Rodriguez to reach home for the Lady Mules fifth run. The Lady Mules never trailed in the game.

Tori Alvarado, the Lady Mule's catcher, gunned down two base runners attempting to steal second base.

She threw out her first in the third inning and one in the fifth. She also chased down a passed ball and flipped it to Morgan Smith in the fourth for the tag at

the plate.

Smith had come on in relief in the fourth. Olivas finished the game and recorded the final out on a ground ball to third.

Littlefield scored first after Gardea gave up a walk to the first batter.

An illegal pitch was called when Gardea stepped on the rubber with the ball in her glove. She came back to fan the next two batters. An error allowed the Lady Cats to score their only run of the inning.

Alvarado got the Lady Mules started with a blast down the left field line for a single. Olivas singled to center to put to put runners

on first and second. They both advanced on a passed ball. Baca singled to center to push Alvarado and Olivas across the plate.

Lupita Andrade sacrificed Baca home for the Lady Mules third run of the inning.

The Lady Mules never trailed after that. They added a run in the second inning, two in the fourth, and five in the fifth.

Two errors and bunt to third loaded the bases for the Lady Cats in the fourth inning.

Gardea fanned the next three batters to end the Littlefield threat. She got one swinging and two on called third strikes.

Alvarado tossed out two base runners at second base as they attempted to steal.

“April (Gardea) has come a long way this season,”

said Lady Mule coach Ray Altman. “She has developed a lot of confidence in her pitching and in her team mates that back her up.”

“She was the Player of the Game for us today when she struck out three batters after the bases were loaded,” he added.

“We are hitting the ball well and learning to run the bases. We still make some mistakes but we are

learning and getting better. Having three girls that can pitch really gives us depth at a critical position.”

The Lady Mules are on the road next week as they travel to Dimmitt to take on the Bobbies Monday afternoon and then go to Abernathy on Saturday to meet the Lady Lopes.

They return home April 1 to host the Fillies of Shallowater.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Giving their best for team and school

The willingness to share may have been developed back in pre-school, but it's an important part of the 400 meter relay. In fact, this is a race where coaches encourage you to share as quickly as possible. Pictured above, varsity Lady Mules hand off during the relay at Abernathy.

Mules fall to Childress, Lubbock at Lockney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules roughed up their host in the Lockney Longhorn Tournament 10-7 in the first round.

However, they fell to the Childress Bobcats in the second round 10-2 and dropped the third place game to the Lubbock High Westerners JV 6-3.

Eight of the first nine Mules to the plate got hits against Lockney as the Mules put six runs on the board.

Elias Alvarado singled to

get the Mules started. Victor Vasquez doubled to left and Alvarado scored from first.

Cesar Lopez and Ray Ramirez both singled to score Vasquez.

Julio Bustillos doubled Lopez and Ramirez home. Tanner Bales reached on an error before Marshall Head doubled to right center to score Bustillos and Bales for the Mules six runs.

The Mules did not score again until Alvarado reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a single by Lopez in the top of the fourth inning.

Bustillos,

Head and Caleb Conner all scored in the fifth inning to hold off the Longhorns.

The Longhorns chipped away at the Mule lead with three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings but could not catch the Mules.

The Mules' bats were quite in the second round and only Alvarado was able to score for the Mules. He picked up a run in the first inning and the second in the third.

The Mules had five hits but could not string them

close enough together to do any damage.

Childress pushed three runs across in the first inning and one in the second. They added two more in the third inning and three in the fourth.

The Mules had five hits in the third place game against Lubbock but stranded six base runners.

Victor Vasquez pitched in the losing effort and recorded seven strike outs and walked nine batters.

Three of the nine walks

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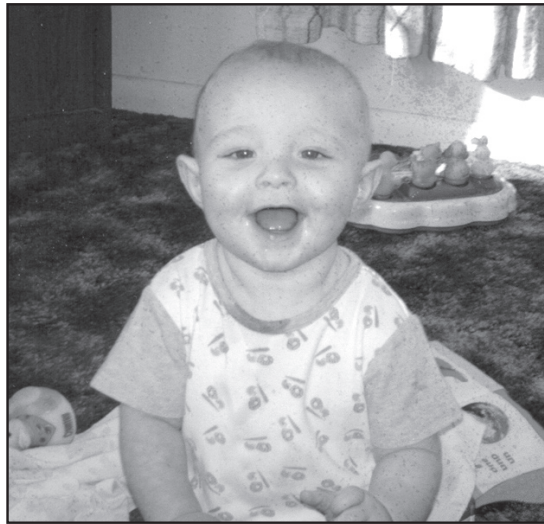
Jordyn Cecilia Archuleta

Jordyn Cecilia Archuleta is the daughter of Jeremy & Dayna Archuleta. She was born at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, NM, on February 20, 2007, weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 3/4" long at birth. Grandparents are Charles & Margaret Hamilton and Cecilia Yandell.



Sophie Claire Bradshaw

Sophie Claire Bradshaw is the daughter of Casey & Cara Bradshaw. She was born at Amarillo, TX, on April 16, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 3/4" long at birth. Grandparents are Lloyd & Janice Bradshaw of Lazbuddie and Charles & Jeanie Bahman of Winters, TX.



Carson Neal Davis

Carson Neal Davis is the son of Chris & Felicia Davis. He was born at Clovis, NM, on May 13, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Lynda Buchanan and Kathy Drusendahl.



Faith Anne Fleming

Faith Anne Fleming is the daughter of Kenny & Nicole Fleming. She was born at Seoul, South Korea, on June 24, 2007, weighed 8.06 lbs. and was 21" long at birth. Friends are Barry & JoEllen Cowart.

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Emma Rae Gallman

Emma Rae Gallman is the daughter of Deon & Desirae Gallman. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on June 21, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19" long at birth. Grandparents are Dayna & Gary Hoadley, Robert & Ellen Gallman and Rocky & Karla Brakebill.



Jade Lynn Howard

Jade Lynn Howard is the daughter of Gaby & Lance Howard. She was born at Grand Prairie, TX, on May 14, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Jerry L. Howard (deceased) - MHS Class of '62 and Karen Jones Green - MHS Class of '63.



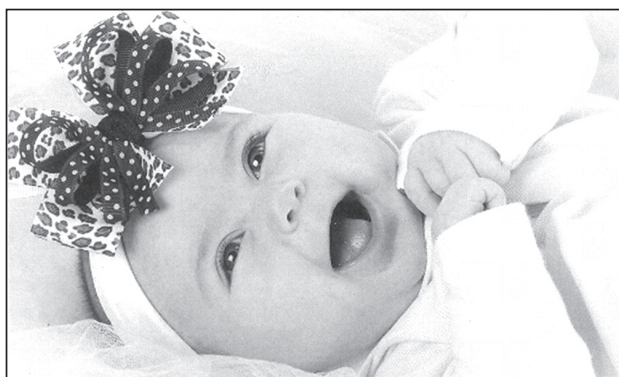
Damion Hurt

Damion Hurt is the son of Hope DePalma & Bobby Hurt. He was born at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock, TX, on November 19, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 22" long at birth. Grandparents are Carolyn & Raymond DePalma and Christy & Doug Hurt.



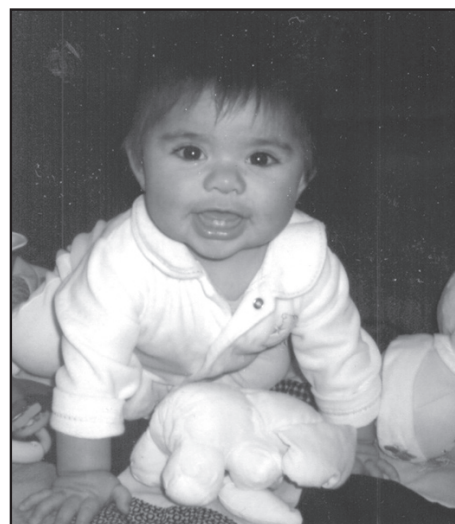
Kobi Kirby

Kobi Kirby is the daughter of Cody & Abby Kirby. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on May 22, 2007, weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are David & Jan Lawrence and Craig & Carolyn Kirby.



Bethani Alyssa Magby

Bethani Alyssa Magby is the daughter of Kristen Magby & Joseph Gonzalez. She was born at Amarillo, TX, on October 27, 2007, weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 1/4" long at birth. Grandparents are Rich & Cindy Magby and Vickie & Fernine Gonzalez.



Jazmine Marquez

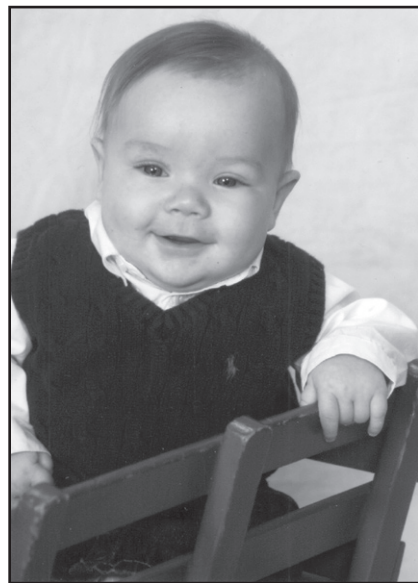
Jazmine Marquez is the daughter of Arleen Keithley & Jesus Marquez. She was born at Amarillo, TX, on May 28, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 10.5 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Jerry & Peggie Bruton, Delores Marquez and Theresa Hasley.



Aubree Jean Miller

Aubree Jean Miller is the daughter of Steve & Brandi Miller. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on October 5, 2007, weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Sam & Lisa Whalin of Muleshoe and Richard & Nancy Miller of Farwell.

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Jantsen Bray Morris

Jantsen Bray Morris is the son of Sid & Keila Morris. He was born at Lubbock, TX, on April 26, 2007, weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 22" long at birth. Grandparents are Steve & Sherri Kennedy and Gary & Sheryl Morris, all of Muleshoe.



Slade Erich Nickels

Slade Erich Nickels is the son of Kayla & Chad Nickels. He was born at Lubbock, on March 21, 2007, weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20" long at birth. Grandparents are Nicky & Deborah Nickels and Rich & Cindy Magby.



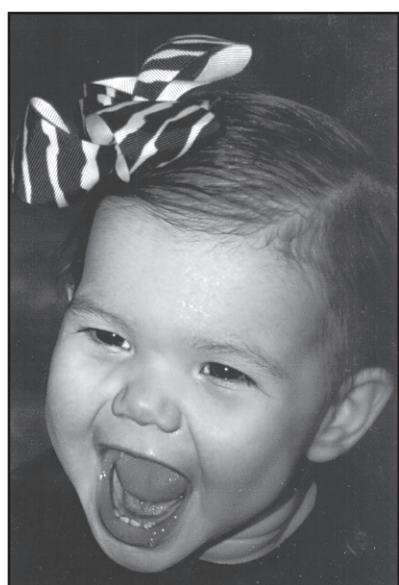
Kenadee K'Ann Ramage

Kenadee K'Ann Ramager is the daughter of Lindsey & Dusty Ramage. She was born at Lubbock, TX, on March 15, 2007, weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 1/4" long at birth. Grandparents are Gary & Kay Ramage and Ronnie & Sheryl Altman.



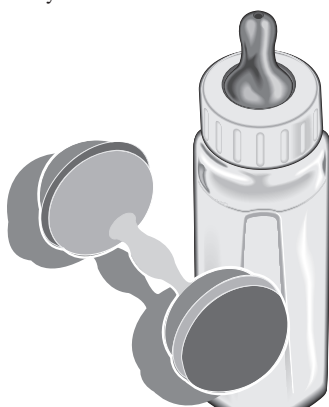
Cole Smith

Cole Smith is the son of Paje & Joel Smith. He was born at Boiling Springs, SC, on December 9, 2007, weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. at birth. Grandparents are Rosemary Lowe and Wanda.



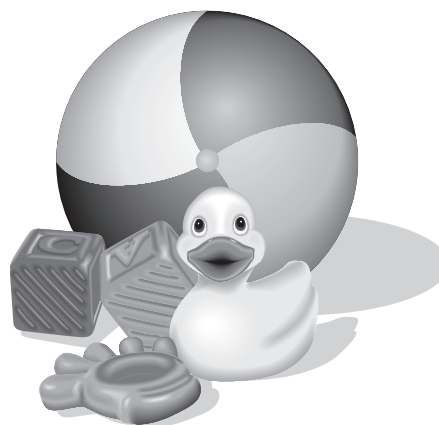
Ruemer Smyer

Ruemer Smyer is the daughter of Craig & Jamie Smyer. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 1/2" long at birth. Grandparents are Larry & Connie Kemp and Allen & Carolyn Smyer.



Syllas Warren

Syllas Warren is the son of Russell & Beth Warren. He was born at Amarillo, TX, on March 3, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21" long at birth. Grandparents are Richard & Rickie Warren.



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Lauren Brooke Weaver

Lauren Brooke Weaver is the daughter of Chad & Candice Weaver. She was born at Clovis, NM, on February 10, 2007, weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. and was 18" long at birth. Grandparents are George & Deborah Borden, Brian & Nita Evans, Margaret Borden and Jimmy & Johnnie Weaver.

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Next, the family may go to a church service, often dressed in new spring clothing. When they get home they share a large meal, often with ham or lamb. Later, everyone watches the children hunt for Easter eggs!

This puzzle has 2 parts to it. First, read the clues below to fill-in the crossword puzzle about Easter customs. When you are finished with the clues, notice that there are 10 unused words left around the puzzle. The second step is for you to fill in the rest of the puzzle with the words that are left.

1. the Easter Bunny leaves _____
2. go to church _____
3. color, dye and decorate _____
4. wear new _____
5. clean the _____
6. share large _____ with family
7. send Easter _____ and greetings
8. church _____ ring
9. bake hot-cross _____
10. visit _____

clues: clothes, parades, services, meals, lilies, bonnets, family, bells, chick, buns, sunrise, beginnings, house, cards, lamb, eggs, baskets, rabbit, hunts, candles

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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	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
21	22	23	24	25	26	

beans 10 5 12 12 25 animal 13 1 18 19 8 13 1 12 12 15 23

rabbit 3 8 15 3 15 12 1 20 5 egg 4 5 3 15 18 1 20 5 4

grass 7 18 5 5 14 16 12 1 19 20 9 3 toy 19 13 1 12 12

Here Comes the Easter Bunny

Bridal Shower



HELEN FUENTES, AMANDA FUENTES, AND LINDA LEE

Fuentes shower held

Amanda Fuentes, the prospective bride of Justin Lee, both of Lubbock, was honored at a bridal shower on Saturday, March 8, in the Trinity Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

The hostess gift of professional cookware was presented to the engaged couple by Glenda Yell, Ronnie Bennett, Christy Whitt, Lana Bomer, Diane Camarena, Sheryl Welch, Pat Watson, Suzie Claunch, Berta Combs, Tammy Underwood, Karie

Preston, Carol Cox, LeAnn Gallman, Jenna Parish, Kim Neinast, Linda Flores, Patty Hill, Terry Marrico, Patty Miller, and Magann Rennels.

Special guests included Helen Fuentes of Tahoka, Linda Lee of Muleshoe, Linda Schwatz, Becky Duke and Avery Duke, all of Lubbock.

Amanda Fuentes and Justin Lee will marry April 5 in Cozumel, Mexico, and will also be honored at a reception at the Windmill Museum in Lubbock on April 19.

They will make their home in Lubbock.

Wedding Showers



SHELBY RUIZ

Ruiz feted at shower

Shelby and Henry Ruiz were honored with a wedding shower on Saturday, March 15, at Trinity Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Zanea Carpenter. The groom is the son of Geronimo and Martha Ruiz.

Hostesses for the event included Amy Melendez, Denise Esparza, Dianne Brown, Karissa Parker, LeAnn Gallman, Jacque Boutell, Diane Saylor, Melinda Locke, Evelyn Ellington, Shirley Sharp, JoAnne McGuire, Paulette Foster, Joyce Wright, Johnny Parker, Patti Kent, Donita Behrends, Margaret Quintana, Cindy McAlpine, Janet Claborn, Sharla Saylor and Juana Shelburne.

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Monica Posadas and Ashley Dickson were named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2007.

The criterion for President's List is a student taking a minimum of 12 semester hours must achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Posadas is a sophomore visual communications major and the daughter of Hector and Lucy Posadas.

Dickson is a junior business major and the daughter of Basil and Sandy Nash and Ronald Dickson.

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The program for the meeting will be presented by Janice Clayborn, director of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, who will talk about the development of industry in the area.

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Varsity Mules... Continued from page 6

scored for the Westerners. Stephen Dominguez singled to right to lead off for the Mules in the first inning.

Alvarado sacrificed him to second with a tap toward third that the pitcher fielded.

Vasquez brought Dominguez home with a sacrifice to left to tie the game at 1-1 after one inning.

The Westerners pushed across a run in the second to take the lead and extended that lead with three more runs in the fourth. Their final run was in the seventh when they pushed across

a run.

The Mules scored a run in the bottom of the fifth and one in the bottom of the sixth.

Bales led off the bottom of the fifth with a single to right center. The next two Mules went down on strikes.

Dominguez hit a line shot to left center for a single and picked up Bales.

Ramirez blasted a line shot over the 330 sign in left center. The ball left the park like an F-16 on a strafing mission. Ramirez homer was the Mules final run.

"Our pitching is getting better," said Mule coach Shane Fuller, and in a

tournament that is the toughest part because you play three games in three days."

"We just need to try and bunch our hit's a little closer

together to score a few more runs. We did that on Thursday against Lockney but could not repeat in the next two games," he added. "We start district on Monday

and we are ready to play." The Mules traveled to Olton Tuesday to face the Mustangs and will take the rest of Spring Break off before opening district

action at home on Monday, March 24, against the Friona Chieftains.

On March 29 the Mules travel to Tulia to meet the Hornets.

Senior Citizen News

Menu for March 24 - 28

Monday, March 24—Vegetable beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread, pudding and cookies.

Tuesday, March 25 — Sheppard's Pie, salad, dressing, wheat roll, cottage cheese and pears.

Wednesday, March 26 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Thursday, March 27 —Taco salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, onion, beans, chips, salsa and pineapple cake.

Friday, March 28 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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The block contains numerous handwritten signatures in black ink. Some legible names include: Steve Fely, Heart, Michael, Frank Parker, Keith, Kenneth, Steve, John, Alan, Jay, Roy, Steve E. Owen, Bernie E. Wright, Earl James, Robert, Allen, Roger, Clay, Steve Kennedy, Clay, Walt, Chad, C. L. S., Mike, and Steve E. Owen.

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Club News

SCAC members hold March meeting

The Student Community Action Club (SCAC) met on March 10 at Jackson Myer's house.

Patrick Precure opened the meeting with a prayer.

The SCAC president, Kelsey Tipps, called the meeting to order.

She also introduced the Citizen of the Month, Gabriel Acevedo.

He told us what community meant to him.

We talked about the SCAC bake sale, in which the club made around \$1,800 on 48 homemade baked goods, due to the generosity and efforts of the people who bought

baked goods, Channel 6 — which provided the air space to hold the auction on television, and the SCAC members who put the hard work that made the bake sale possible.

Old business at the March 10 meeting was discussing sign-ups for the food pantry.

The members also discussed its fund raiser for Invisible Children.

A rough idea was discussed for when the fund raiser will be held but no permanent date has been set at this time.

New business included nominating April's Citizen of



March Citizen of the Month Gabriel Acevedo and SCAC member Dusty Clayton.

the Month.

Congratulations to Mrs. Buie for being voted for Citizen of the Month. The

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The April SCAC meeting will be held at Wes Wood's house.

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The class will be from noon to 5 p.m. starting April 5 in Room 127 of the Fine Arts Building.

The class will meet each Saturday through April 19.

The cost of the class is \$60 and includes tuition, files and wax.

Casting materials and metals are not included in the cost of the course.

Students will need to bring two sheets each of #320, #400 and #600 silicon carbide sandpaper, emery boards and an x-acto knife.

Participants will learn the basics of lost wax casting and make jewelry.

Students will experience the full process from model-making, spruing, investing, burnout and casting to finishing.

Some basic metalsmithing techniques of sawing and soldering also will be demonstrated.

For more information, call the Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

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Earth blood drive set for March 26

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.

Words are truly inadequate to express our extreme gratitude for all of the love shown to us during our time of loss. We have been overwhelmed by so many acts of kindness - your prayers, visits, cards, calls, helpful words, food, memorials, offers of anything we need. Dr. Purdy's kindness and compassion in the care of Ruby through the years will always be appreciated. Thank you again to our community for all of your concern and support. God bless each of you.

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