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Boots & Belles banquet set for Saturday

Muleshoe area residents and business leaders will be gathering at the Bailey County Coliseum this Saturday, March 29, the Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's 58th annual chamber banquet.

Along with the traditional "all you can eat steak and shrimp meal" the annual fund raiser will include special guest Ray Stone, host of the Cowboys Football Report, and a return of the Jeff McCreight Band.

"This year's banquet bill be bigger and better than last year," chamber president Brandi Angeley said. "We're looking forward to it, and hope you are

also... It's going to be a big success!"

Over the past 34 years, the Cowboys Football Report with Ray Stone has reportedly grown to be the largest daily radio network of any NFL franchise.

And for the past 23 years Stone has traveled the five-state region in which the Cowboys Football Report has been carried to speak about the Dallas Cowboys, entertaining audiences with stories about the Cowboy greats — such as Don Meredith, Roger Staubach, Randy White, Cliff Harris, Charlie Waters, Bill Bates, Tom Landry, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

As a sportscaster Stone



has been described as "telling it like it is," with a "unique perspective on the game, the players, the coaching staff and even the owner" that has given him a

treasure trove of humorous stories about the Dallas Cowboys.

What many don't know is that Stone also sings. At one time he hosted a weekly television program in San Antonio, called "Ranchhouse Party, and in 2004, he recorded an album of country songs that is still available on an audio CD.

Stone is also recognized as an advocate for communities struggling to survive in the shadow of larger communities.

Stone says, "Small communities are missing out on a lot of dollars simply because the local folks spend too many of those dollars in the neighboring

larger community. That is sad for the smaller community."

"Collectively, the locals in a small community spend millions of dollars a year in the neighboring larger community because they are not aware that shopping at home will benefit all local residents," Stone says. "A healthy local community with expanding plus new businesses mean better schools, better city and county services, better real estate values and an improved quality of life." "It's a win - win situation but nine out of 10 adults in small communities do not know that they all benefit by shopping at home," Stone

says. "Let's change that thinking."

Along with the chamber's silent auction, Stone will be auctioning off Dallas Cowboys memorabilia including:

- An NFL football autographed by former Heisman Trophy winner and 1970s Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach.

- Autographed photographs of Staubach and Troy Aikman, and a photograph of former Cowboys coach Tom Landry.

Tickets for the "black tie and boots" event are available at the chamber office.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Interplanetary water delivery

Shot from a different angle, the lawn tractor pictured above takes on an almost unearthly appearance.

Local Weather

Thursday
Sunny..... 82/39

Friday
Pt. Cloudy..... 70/33

Saturday
Mt. Sunny..... 74/41

Sunday
Pt. Cloudy..... 78/43

Monday
Pt. Cloudy..... 76/36

Tuesday
Mt. Sunny..... 70/38

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Punxsutawney Phil's competition says it's going to be dry

Pennsylvania may corner the market on the predictions of Punxsutawney Phil on Feb. 2, but the area around Muleshoe has a forecaster extraordinaire of its own... Weldon Crim, who bedecks himself in a feathered bonnet, and Native American jewelry, make his own annual weather report.

Scoffing is allowed, but laughing is preferred when Crim, of Clovis, formerly of Lazbuddie, piles up a bunch of wood and sets it ablaze at daybreak on March 22, each year at the family farm near Lazbuddie.

The retired farmer, who has been carrying on the traditions of his father and grandfather, J.W. and Taylor Crim, of predicting the weather using techniques learned from the Plains Jumanos Native Americans, who reportedly adopted Taylor into their tribe many years ago, performed the annual ritual again this year, on the day after the spring equinox.

After setting the wood pile on fire, Crim says he watches the smoke rise as the sun peaks over the horizon and the direction



Crim says, "It went that a way!"

the smoke travels at that moment determines what the general weather trend will be for April, May and June.

This year, Crim said the smoke encountered wind blowing from the northwest to the southeast, which he interpreted as meaning the Lazbuddie and Muleshoe area will experience below normal moisture this spring.

Which will pit Crim's weather craft against the Farmer's Almanac webpage, which reportedly predicts

the Texas and Oklahoma region as being mild and wet for the foreseeable future.

While Crim claims an 80 percent accuracy rate, he also takes his predictions with a grain of salt, and maybe an occasional swig of vinegar.

Monday, Crim recalled how he once predicted a season that would be "as dry as an old maid's kiss," only to receive an anonymous telephone call which suggested he "not knock it until he's tried it."

Father, daughter bond includes joy and tragedy

It was a little more than 10 years ago when Dr. Kyle Sheets, then a fourth-year UTMB medical student, sat with his family and waited to learn where he would do his residency training.

At that time, Sheets was the father of 10 children and in his mid-forties, about to embark on a new career.

And on Thursday, March

20, Sheets again found himself sitting with his family in Levin Hall waiting to hear the results of Match Day, a day when UTMB seniors learn where they will do their residency training.

But this time Sheets was here to find out where one of his daughters, Heather, would go to continue her medical education.

Heather was among 194 UTMB medical school seniors waiting to hear their names called so that they could they could claim an envelope with their Match Day results.

As per tradition, the names of the seniors were randomly drawn.

As each name was called out, there were shouts and whoops from friends, fellow students and family members.

And then it just got noisier as more students opened up envelopes, which led to more jumping, hugging, crying, yelling, high-fiving and bumping of knuckles.

By the end of the hour-long festivities, 94 percent of UTMB students had matched with the school of their choice. Of the 194 students, 108 — or 56

percent — are remaining in Texas and 42 are going into UTMB programs in Galveston and Austin.

Before the Match Day ceremony, Sheets and his wife, Bernita, said how proud they were of Heather.

Bernita also quickly interjected, "I'm also very

"I am continually humbled by the fact that I have this opportunity to hold life in my hands, and to bring comfort in a very real and personal way to those who have experienced sickness, pain, or loss..."

proud of my husband," as she remembered how he had sold his business in the 1990s, decided to finish college and then enroll in medical school at UTMB.

"I was 42 and had eight children when I started medical school," the doctor said.

By the time Match Day rolled around for his class, he and Bernita had added two more children, Ben and Cori, to their family.

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Dr. Kyle and Dr. Heather Sheets

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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.

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, AI-Anon meetings

AA and AI-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.

Olton chamber ladies luncheon

Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture invites area ladies to attend the annual Ladies Spring Luncheon at the Wild Plum Inn, 708 Main Street in Olton, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on April 10. The Wild Plum is located at.

There will be a pot luck luncheon prepared by the cooks of Olton, a spring fashions style show, and door prizes galore.

Thanks for reading!

Do well, be well with diabetes

Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bailey County is sponsoring Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes, a five-week series that will help you get the facts from diabetes experts and professional educations. You will be able to ask the questions you want answered. You will learn how you can do well and be well with diabetes.

The classes begin April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

For more information contact, Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Alzheimer's disease support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 10, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimer's disease patient are family members. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimer's disease. Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support.

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.

CCC to present Irving Berlin concert

Clovis Community College will be presenting Irving Berlin's *I Love a Piano* on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the Marshall Auditorium.

This Broadway musical spans seven decades of American history and features more than 60 of Irving Berlin's best loved songs.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors, military, and students and may be purchased at the CCC Cashiers' Windows or the box office the night of the performance, or by calling 575-769-4035.

Softball tournament set

The Muleshoe Softball Association will be sponsoring a coed softball tournament on April 12, at the Rogue Flores Softball Field. The entry fee is \$132, and the entry deadline is April 8. For more information, call Oscar Hernandez, 778-9635, Eufemia Torres, 729-8791, or Juan Sanchez, 729-2353 or 946-3366.

Water district to cancel election

At its April 8 board meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock will consider approval of an order canceling the May 10 election in District Directors' Precincts Three and Four.

Incumbents Carroll Cook of Friona and Robert Meyer of Canyon were the only candidates to file an application for place on the ballot for Precinct 3 District Director and Precinct 4 District Director, respectively.

Under the Texas Election Code, the water district may cancel an election if the candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot are unopposed; there are no declared write-in candidates; and there is no proposition to appear on the ballot.

The election code also provides that the unopposed candidates be declared duly elected to their respective offices. This is Cook's second four-year term and Meyer's fourth four-year term.

Precinct 3 includes Bailey County, the portion of Castro County within the district, and Parmer County.

Precinct 4 includes the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter, and Randall Counties within the district.

Athletics booster meeting set
The Muleshoe Athletics Booster Club will be meeting on Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m., in the Muleshoe High School science room to discuss this year's athletic banquet. Members are urged to attend.

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Editorial

Embellished political resumes

For months now, presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton has been touting many of her qualifications as the nation's administrative head based upon her work as the former first lady, and most recently has faced a barrage of comments from her democratic opponent's camp about the "dangers" encountered during a trip to Bosnia.

With all the signs of an embellished resume that should probably be ignored, the former first lady has suggested that many of her "former first lady" duties should be accepted as policy making activities rather than the "grip and grin" activities of most other first ladies.

The problem with this is that while all first ladies have a certain amount of influence on their husbands — since even the closest presidential advisor doesn't have access to the Presidential ear as often as she does, the duties of the first lady have for the most part focused on freeing the President's hands of less urgent matters.

And except for the child health care thing, which candidate Clinton headed up during her husband's

administration, we don't recall her significant participation in any other national issue.

In fact, after the failure of the child health care campaign, we seem to recall the White House making a point that she was not involved with other national issues.

But, to be perfectly honest, we don't see where the other candidates, including Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain, have much experience as the nation's chief policy maker either.

Trips abroad may make interesting reading in a candidate's passport records, but they don't translate into "foreign policy experience."

Years of service as a U.S. ambassador only suggests experience in implementing foreign policy, not in making the policy.

And while trips abroad in congressional fact finding missions may prepare an elected official for a debate on either the House or Senate floor, after that any measure passed has to receive the approval of the person designated by the U.S. Constitution as being responsible for this nation's

foreign policy.

Several years ago, a presidential candidate who wished to "beef up" his military image, or rather total lack of a military image, was photographed riding in a tank. By doing so, he ignored the fact that there are reasons why the commander-in-chief of this nation is held by a civilian rather than a military man.

Likewise, there are reasons why only the President — or his designee the Secretary of State, are the only ones who can truthfully claim to have "foreign policy experience."

Does this mean the only candidates capable of making sound foreign policy decisions are incumbent presidents seeking a second term? Of course it doesn't.

There's no getting around the fact that for some things handled by the country's chief executive we have to vote for the one with a good head on his or her shoulder, an ear open for some advice from people who have the actual experience, and hopefully a quick learning curve.

As for all the other claims, like we said, some things on a resume probably should be ignored.

Applications are being taken for state game warden academy

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled to start Nov. 1.

Applications will be accepted through April 30.

It is anticipated that up to 55 cadets will be accepted into the 54th Game Warden Academy, which will begin its seven-month training in October.

More than 400 people

applied for the 40 positions in the previous cadet class that will graduate in May.

Applicants must be 21 years old on or before October 2008 and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited

Bailey County Democratic Convention set

The Bailey County Democratic Convention will be held on Saturday Mar. 29, at 10 a.m. at the JP courtroom in the new Law Enforcement Center, 405 W. Second.

All Democrats are invited to attend, but those who attended the precinct conventions should attend to vote for delegates to the state convention in June.

FBC to host community work day on April 19

First Baptist Church invites groups or individuals to join in its "Spring inasmuch work day" on Saturday, April 19, from 8 a.m. until noon.

A meal of appreciation will be served at noon for those who participate.

Call the church office at 272-4224 by April 14 for more information and to reserve your meal if you are participating in the work day.

Projects available include making quilts for Child Protective Services, planting trees, washing windows at the senior citizens housing complex, delivering meals on wheels, nursing home visits, yard work, tree trimming, and carpentry work.

Muleshoe Tire

would like to thank all the people that purchased a ticket to help Willie Limas and his family in this difficult time. We are blessed to live in a community that is so giving and caring. We would like to congratulate Rogers Williams for being the winner of 4 new tires. A special thanks goes out to Det. Cassie Crandel for drawing the winning ticket for us.

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Obituaries

J.T. Mayfield

Memorial services for J.T. Mayfield, 83, of Lazbuddie, was held on Tuesday, March 25, at the First Baptist Church, Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery. Burial was private for family.

J.T. died on March 23, 2008, in Amarillo. He was born on Dec. 28, 1924, in Anson, and married Mary Ann Wilson in Anson on July 12, 1946.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Y.B. and Minnie Dee (Poe) Mayfield.

J.T. was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He had lived in the Lazbuddie area since December 1948, moving from Anson.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife — Mary Ann Mayfield of Lazbuddie; a son and daughter-in-law — Ronald Jay and Suzan Mayfield of Ft. Stockton; and a daughter and son-in-law — Marsella and Joe Bryan Jennings of Hurst.

He is also survived by three grandchildren and their spouses — Mia and Mike O'Neal, Jason and Fran Mayfield, Melissa and Jason Hamor; seven great-grandchildren — Caroline, Hooper and Jaxon O'Neal, Addy, Cori and Kara Mayfield and Elizabeth Hamor.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, 220 W. Avenue E, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Patsy Finch

Funeral services for Patsy Ann Finch, 76, of Hart, will be held on Thursday, March 27, at the First Baptist Church of Hart. Burial will follow at Hart Cemetery.

Finch died on Friday, March 21, 2008. She was born on Dec. 2, 1931, in Hope, Ark.

She was preceded in death by a son — Sammy Finch of Hart on Aug. 10, 2006.

Survivors include her husband — Robert Finch, Sr., of Hart; 11 sons — Sgt. First Class Taft Finch of Mannheim, Germany, Billy Finch of Hart, Willie Finch and Michael Finch, both of Kress, Robert Finch, Jr., and Bruce Finch, both of Lubbock, Joseph Finch



PATSY ANN FINCH

of Slaton, Bobby Finch of Plainview, Randy Finch of Tulia, and Steven Finch of Houston; three daughters — Joyce Sander, and Brenda Yarbrough, both of Tulia, and Sarah Frazier of Lubbock; a sister — Marion Wabbington of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother — Elliot Ellis of Texarkana; 49 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren.

William Ford, Jr.

Church services for William Dennis "Bill" Ford, Jr., 76, of Lubbock, formerly of Morton, were held on Saturday, March 22, at First United Methodist Church of Morton with the Rev. Lyndall Fletcher officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ford died on March 20, 2008, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on April 13, 1931, in Elk City, Okla., and married Mary DeBord in Morton on Dec. 18, 1955.

He was a 1948 graduate of Morton High School, and a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William

Dennis, Sr., and Frances Ford.

Survivors include his wife — Mary Ford of Lubbock; a son and his wife — William Dennis III and Linda Ford of Lufkin; three daughters and their husbands — Mary Diane and Kim Podlewski of Keller, Dolores Sue and Kenneth Gardner of Mansfield, and Amy Denise and Michael Bullington, of Morton; two sisters and their husbands — Margaret and Gene Norman of Las Cruces, N.M., and Glenna and Larry Smyer of Austin; a sister — Mary Frances Albright of Levelland; a brother and his wife — Frank and Lena Ford of California; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Cleon Davis

Memorial services for Cleon Davis, 83, of Muleshoe were held on Thursday, March 20, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Davis died on March 17, 2008 in Muleshoe. He was born on May 26, 1924, in Elmer, Okla., and married Wilma Dawson in Plainview on Dec. 22, 1948.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Cletus and Ethel Davis.

Cleon had lived in

Muleshoe since moving from Plainview in 1949. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

Davis graduated from Plainview High School in 1943, and retired from the Santa Fe Railroad after 37 years of employment, before becoming a certified licensed electrician.

Survivors include his wife — Wilma of Muleshoe; three daughters — Cindy Davis of Dallas, Charlotte Beasley of Chicago, Ill., and Sharron Davis of Lubbock.

James Brooks

Graveside services for James L. Brooks, 77, of Bridgeport, were held on March 6, at Sunset Cemetery.

Brooks died on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in Bridgeport. He was born on Sept. 6, 1930, in Newcastle to Andrew Jackson and Johnnie Lee Brooks.

He was preceded in death by a brother — Joseph

Brooks; and a sister — Ophelia Kessler.

Survivors include his wife — Verna Brooks of Sunset; a son and his wife — Lon and Donna Brooks of Shreveport; two daughters — Gloretha Evans of Belen, N.M., and Michelle Ankerson of Raleigh, N.C.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Grady Hill

Graveside services for Grady P. "Jeep" Hill, Jr., 82, of Lubbock, were held on Tuesday, March 25, at the Sudan Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating.

Hill died on March 23, 2008 in Lubbock. He was born on July 11, 1925, in Lamb County.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Grady

Farmer Sr. and Pearl Hill.

Hill had lived in Lubbock since moving from Sudan in 2001.

He graduated from Sudan High School and worked as a farmer.

Survivors include four brothers — Cleo Hill of Ft. Worth, Connie Hill of Sudan, Delmar Hill of Las Vegas, Nev., and Leon Hill of Boston, Mass.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

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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Sports

Mules carry non-district success into first district game against Friona

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules wrapped up their non-district season on the road in Olton with a 12-1 thumping of the Mustangs.

The Mules carried the momentum of the win into to their district opener at home on the Diamond in the Park.

They dropped the very athletic Friona Chieftains 13-7 to grab a portion of the early district lead at 1-0. The Mules ran out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning on just one hit.

They were able to take advantage of four Friona errors, a walk and three hit batsman. Elias Alvarado singled to right field to score two runs in his second at bat in the inning.

Alvarado was the starting pitcher in Olton and he fanned six Mustangs and gave up a single run in the third inning when the Mustangs batted around.

After giving up the two-out single Alvarado walked the next three batters to force home a run. Tanner Bales made the grab on a line drive at the bag at first for the final out to save further damage.

The Mules went in order in the first inning but picked up two runs in the second. Ceasar Lopez led off with a double to center.

Jorge Rodriguez swinging bunt down the first base line sacrificed Lopez across the plate for the Mules first run.

Bales reached on an error by the second baseman and stole second base. Marshall Head drove Bales across on a single to center. Head was thrown out at second trying to steal on the throw home after Bales crossed the plate.

The Mules strung six hits together in the fourth inning to score seven runs and put the game out of reach for the Mustangs.



Jorge Rodriguez plays first at a recent varsity Mules' game. Photograph by Stacy Conner

Ray Ramirez led off with a single to left and went to second on a passed ball.

Rodriguez picked up the RBI with a single to left center to score the fleet footed Ramirez.

Tanner Bales dropped a Texas leaguer into left, Julio Bustillos walked on four straight pitches to load the bases.

Alvarado collected three RBIs with a double and Stephen Dominguez singled him home with a drive to deep center field.

Lopez put a ball in the streets of Olton with a drive over the fence in left center. The blast over the fence was Lopez's first home run of the season.

Victor Vasquez took over the pitching duties in the bottom of the fourth and set the Mustangs down in order

the final two innings.

Rodriguez singled to center in the top of the fifth and Head brought him home on a drive up the middle that almost cut the pitcher in half. Head crossed the plate on a throwing error by the catcher attempting to pick him off third base.

Vasquez pitched a complete game against the Chieftains. He struck out 19 batters and walked or hit eight.

Friona attempted a come back in the second inning by batting around and scoring four runs on one hit.

Vasquez got the next six batters to swing at pitches for the third strike and had one called out on strikes.

Friona scored two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Vasquez led off for the

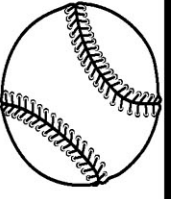
Mules and reached on an error by the first baseman. Alvarado's blast to short was bobbled by the shortstop and Vasquez and Alvarado were both safe. Dominguez was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no outs.

Lopez took a pitch to the shoulder as he tried to turn away from the inside pitch and forced Vasquez home. An error by the second baseman allowed Ramirez to reach first and Alvarado to score the Mule's second run.

The third baseman committed the Chieftains fourth error of the inning and allowed Dominguez and Lopez to score. Head was hit by a pitch before Caleb Conner's tap back to the mound was fielded by the pitcher and

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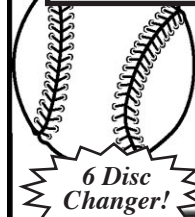
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Varsity Mules open district baseball season... Continued from page 6

Head was forced out at second.

Vasquez walked his second time to the plate in the inning. Alvarado picked up the final two runs of the inning with a single to deep right field. Conner and Vasquez both crossed the plate on the hit.

The Mules exploded for five more runs in the fourth inning to take a commanding 12-4 lead. After that the Mules were able to cruise in for their first district win.

Ramirez fly ball was misjudged by the right fielder

and he reached on the error. Rodriguez sacrificed Ramirez to second with a tap back to the pitcher. Ramirez was running on the pitch and prevented a possible double play.

Conner singled up the middle to score Ramirez and Bustillos was hit by a pitch. Vasquez drew a walk, Alvarado was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Dominguez was hit by a pitch to force Conner across.

Lopez ripped a ball down the third base line to score Bustillos and Vasquez. Ramirez walked his second time to the plate in the inning to load the bases.

Rodriguez walked on four pitches to score Alvarado for the Mules 12th run of the game.

Conner tripled to the fence in center field to lead off the Mules final at bat. Vasquez bounced a double past the short stop and Conner could have walked

to the plate for the Mules final run.

The Mule's coach Shane Fuller said after the Friona game, "We made some mistakes today in our fielding but over came them. We hit the ball hard and ran the bases well to put pressure on the Friona defense."

"Over all I was happy with our play the last two games and we are getting things together. Elias (Alvarado) and Victor (Vasquez) are really getting tough to hit.

They have thrown the ball well the last two games under less than ideal conditions."

Fuller concluded by saying, "We are getting

better and making fewer mistakes. I believe we are just beginning to play our best ball at the right time. We just have to keep eliminating the little mistakes."



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Ladies Golf Assn. News

Ladies Golf Association holds monthly meeting

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met for their monthly luncheon and business meeting on Wednesday, March 19. MLGA president Jeanetta Precure presided over the meeting.

Donna Glover gave the opening prayer, and club secretary Sheila Stevenson called the roll and read the minutes from the February meeting.

Donna Hettinga, club treasurer, gave her reports. All business was discussed and committees made their reports.

Playday chairman Treena Matthews gave out awards:

- Feb. 20 cards — Judy Wilbanks, Jerie Flowers and Glover.

- Feb. 27 golf — Worst score on all three pars, Deborah Noble, Wilbanks and Helen Templeton.

March 5 cards — Lowest



KAY FIELD, TREENA MATTHEWS, HELEN TEMPLETON AND JUDY WILBANKS score, Claudine Elliott and Flowers.

March 12 cards — Best score in third game, Wilbanks, and Flowers.

Cards were given to members having birthdays in March — Elliott, Lynn Campbell, Wilbanks and Sheryl Engelking.

Flowers won the door

prize. After the meeting, the golfers divided into teams and played a scramble. The winning team, with a low score of 70 were Kay Field, Templeton, Matthews and Wilbanks.

Adrian Precure's sixth grader played a round of golf with one team.

Senior Citizen News

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The dance is from 7 to 10 p.m., and we would love to have you come and enjoy a night out with us.

March 31 — April 4 Menu

Monday, March 31 — Lasagne, peas and carrots, tossed salad, buttered rolls and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, April 1 — Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, baked beans, chips and fruit and cookies.

Wednesday, April 2 — Grilled steaks, gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and peach cobbler.

Thursday, April 3 — beef tips with vegetables, rice, tossed salad, wheat rolls and shortcake with fruit.

Friday, April 4 — fish or chicken strips, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., MAR. 22, 2008

563 head of cattle, 102 hogs and 386 sheep and goats for a total of 1051 livestock sold at the Mar. 22 sale. Receipts lower due to Easter weekend. Market steady on most classes of cattle with good demand.

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Kevin Hukle, Olton	2	Blk. str.	355 lbs.	at \$131.00
Dennis Brown, Morton	2	Blk. bulls	383 lbs.	at \$124.00
Carroll Cook, Friona	6	Mxd. str.	475 lbs.	at \$120.50
Carroll Cook	6	Mxd. str.	564 lbs.	at \$111.00
Ray Perkins, Hereford	3	Blk. str.	485 lbs.	at \$120.50
Ray Perkins	3	Blk. str.	630 lbs.	at \$100.00
Ray Perkins	4	Blk. str.	674 lbs.	at \$99.50
Joe Miller, Amherst	2	Red str.	533 lbs.	at \$109.50
Ameritest Mgt., Olton	4	Mxd. bulls	611 lbs.	at \$98.50
Collins Cattle, Olton	4	Mxd. str.	681 lbs.	at \$99.00
Dennis Brown, Morton	3	Mxd. hfrs	320 lbs.	at \$121.00
Kevin Hukle	8	Mxd. hfrs	359 lbs.	at \$120.00
Kevin Hukle	6	Blk. hfrs	429 lbs.	at \$118.00
Carroll Cook	2	Mxd. hfrs	385 lbs.	at \$116.00
Ameritest Mgt.	3	Blk. hfrs	390 lbs.	at \$116.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	2	Char. hfrs	435 lbs.	at \$111.00
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- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean

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- dust
- dust bunnies
- an item is "collecting dust"
- the flies "bit the dust"
- the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
- I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
- when she works she "makes the dust fly"

A. tiny pieces of dirt, skin, hair
A. bunnies that clean your house
A. isn't being used anymore
A. died
A. caught up and passed the others
A. put the box into the closet
A. she works with lots of energy

B. tiny flower seeds
B. little clumps of fluffy, grey balls
B. putting dust into a bag
B. ate dust for their lunch
B. left the other runners in the dirt
B. take it out of storage to use again
B. the dust balls jump into little planes

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Engagements



ROB MARTIN AND CHRISTINE DYER

Dyer, Martin to wed in May

Tom and Linda Martin of Lazbuddie announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their son, Rob Martin, to Christine Dyer.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Bruce and Catherine Dyer of Southlake.

She graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelors degree in human development and family studies in 2007, and is currently pursuing a masters degree in education at the same university.

The prospective groom also graduated from Texas Tech in 2007, with a bachelors degree in business administration, and will receive a masters degree in finance in May.

The couple plan to wed on May 31, at White's Chapel in Southlake.



JOHN CORY COLLINS AND BECKY RENEE BROWND

Brownd, Collins plan August wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Brownd of Earth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Renee Brownd, to John Cory Collins of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She currently teaches kindergarten at Dumas.

The prospective groom is the son of Johnny and Linda Collins of Earth and Venida and Tom Farr of Austin. He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, and is employed with Pat Angeley, CPA, in Muleshoe, where the couple will make their home.

The couple plans to be married on Saturday, Aug. 9, a 5 p.m. at the Earth United Methodist Church in Earth. Friends and family are invited to attend.

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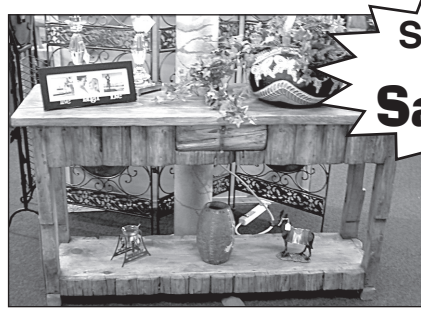


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Today, type 2 diabetes is a fact of life for millions of people, reaching epidemic proportions of 120 million worldwide.

According to figures from the American Diabetes Association, more than 21 million Americans are living with diabetes, and 20 million of them have type 2 (formerly known as adult onset diabetes).

In the next 50 years, projections of the disease increase to 28 million Americans. The incidence of type 2 diabetes is particularly high within high-risk populations including African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and Asians.

In Texas, 1.6 million have the disease; some 940,000 know that they have diabetes, whereas 680,000 are unaware that they have the disease.

Diabetes can cause health problems throughout the body, but those who have type 2 diabetes can do a lot to improve their own health by keeping a careful watch on their nutrition.

People with diabetes can live long, healthy lives if they take good care of themselves — particularly by controlling blood glucose levels through good nutrition.

The first step in making good food choices is understanding the 2005 U.S. Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines, which were developed by nutrition experts.

The goal of establishing these guidelines was to help people understand how their eating habits can affect their health. These simple ABC guidelines can help everyone

improve their health, whether or not they have diabetes:

- Aim for fitness by reaching a healthy weight and being physically active each day.
- Build a healthy base by following the diabetes meal plan provided by your physician and/or dietitian.

Whether you are using the diabetes food guide pyramid, carbohydrate counting, or choosing your foods using the diabetes exchange list, let your meal plan guide your food choices. Each day, eat a variety of grains and a variety of fruits and vegetables.

- Choose a sensible meal that is low in saturated fat, trans fats, and cholesterol and moderate in total fat. Limit your intake of sugars and salts, and drink alcohol in moderation, if at all.

Within these basic guidelines, the keys to controlling diabetes are: making wise food choices, exercising, and taking prescribed medication as recommended by a health professional.

People with diabetes must also monitor their blood glucose levels regularly and make adjustments when needed. Blood glucose levels can be controlled by reducing the intake of starches and sugars, controlling portion sizes, increasing exercise, and monitoring blood glucose levels.

Monitoring blood glucose levels can help people with diabetes reduce their complications that affect their eyes, nerves, and kidneys.

Planning meals may look like an impossible task, but it's not that difficult. Information from the American Diabetes Association and the American

Diabetic Association is available by calling (800)342-2382 or (800)366-1655, or by visiting these websites: <http://www.diabetes.org/> (click on nutrition and recipes) or <http://www.diabetes.org/nutrition-and-recipes/nutrition/diabetes-meal-plan.jsp>.

People with diabetes don't have to follow complicated meal plans or eat special foods. All they need to do is eat healthfully, the same foods as everyone else in the family.

The key is making better food choices. Healthy eating is a goal for everyone in the family. If you adopt good eating habits and eat nutritionally balanced diabetes meals, you will be making a great start.

Add to that all the other healthy habits — such as exercising regularly — and you will be on the road to staying healthy, whether you have diabetes or not.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bailey County, is offering a five class series with nine topics called "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes."

These classes will be taught by a team of volunteer nurses, dietitians, physicians, pharmacists, and other health professionals to provide you with the latest information on how to manage your diabetes.

Classes are free and will begin April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Call Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 806-272-4583 to enroll.



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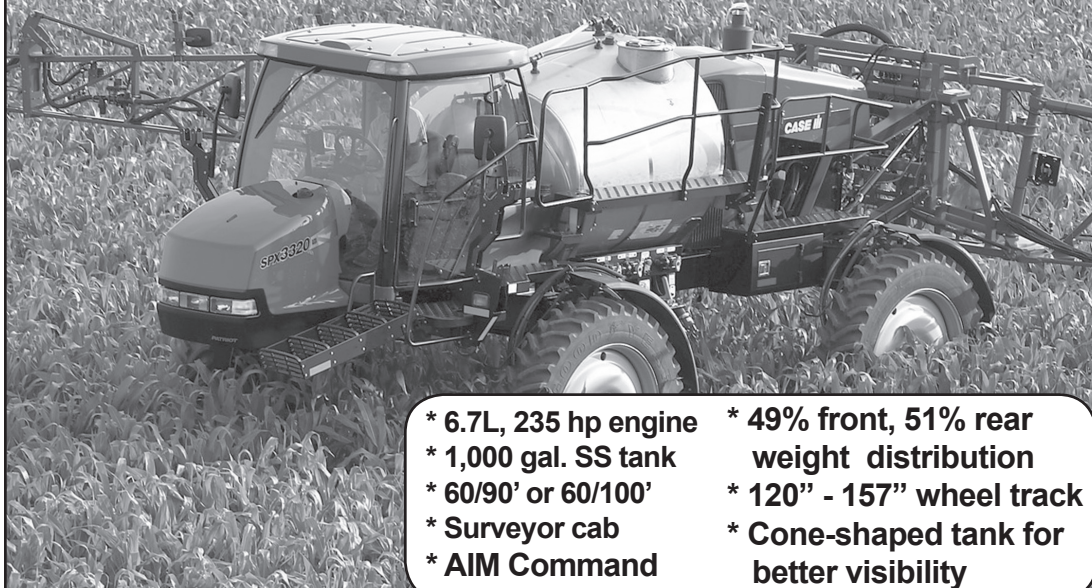
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An Approaching Thunderstorm: When to Seek Safe Shelter: Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from area where it is raining. That's about the distance you can hear thunder. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Seek safe shelter immediately.

Local Shelter Locations

MULESHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY
322 W. 2nd St.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
507 W. 2nd St.


BAILEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Know the signs of a tornado: Weather forecasting science is not perfect and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. There is no substitute for staying alert to the sky. Besides an obviously visible tornado, here are some things to look and listen for:


- Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base.
- Whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base -- tornadoes sometimes have no funnel!
- Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. Many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.
- Day or night - Loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.
- Night - Small, bright, blue-green to white flashes at ground level near a thunderstorm (as opposed to silvery lightning up in the clouds). These mean power lines are being snapped by very strong wind, maybe a tornado.
- Night - Persistent lowering from the cloud base, illuminated or silhouetted by lightning -- especially if it is on the ground or there is a blue-green-white power flash underneath.

Weather Advisory...


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 Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are more likely to occur. Watches are intended to heighten public awareness and should not be confused with warnings.


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 Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate immediate danger to life and property to those in the path of a storm.

TORNADO WATCH


 Tells you tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watches are intended to heighten public awareness and should not be confused with warnings.


TORNADO WARNING

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Muleshoe Early Warning System...

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FACT: The City has the ability to send audible signals from Police/Fire and EMS vehicles to alert the community of WARNINGS and the ALL CLEAR if the Alert System were to become disabled.

What You Should Do...

- Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.
- Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. Take shelter inside sturdy structure.
- Go to safe shelter in a sturdy building.
- Continue to listen to radio and television for further information. Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.
- Unplug appliances not necessary for obtaining weather information. Unplug air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can overload compressors.
- Avoid using telephone or appliances. Do not take a bath or shower. Use phone ONLY in an emergency.
- LISTEN! Be aware of your Local Early Warning System.
- Watch the sky and listen to radio and television for further information. Remain alert for rapidly changing conditions.
- Know the area in which you live. Use a road map of your area to track storm path from weather bulletins. Remember: Tornadoes occasionally develop in areas in which a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is in effect.
- LISTEN! Be aware of your Local Early Warning System.
- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car. Instead, leave it immediately.
- Continue to listen to radio and television for further information.
- LISTEN! Be aware of your Local Early Warning System.

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Sheets bond includes both joy and tragedy

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Sheets, who practices in Muleshoe, also has formed Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad and goes to Africa every year to do medical missionary work.

Heather also has followed her father in that regard, working in a hospital in Zimbabwe.

"There is no way to do something like that and not have it transform you," Heather said. "It changes your perspective on life. It makes you appreciate the opportunity I have here to become a doctor," she said, adding that her father's decision to become a doctor wasn't too surprising since he had already quit his job to finish college.

"So we moved to Galveston and our house was always full of medical students. My dad is amazing but so is my mom. She does most of the legwork for the missions in Africa. And raising 10 kids is a feat in itself," Heather said.

And so, Ben and Cori, along with another sister, Shelley, waited with their parents as name after name was randomly called.

At last it was Heather's turn. Her family surrounded her as she opened her envelope. And where would she be going?

First to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and then on to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala.

The Sheets family embraced and smiled as photos were being taken.

And as the last of the student names were called and as friends and family videotaped and shot pictures, the Sheets took the Match Day scene all in, knowing that they would soon be back in Levin Hall.

But not for Heather's graduation. You see, there's another member of the Sheets family, Landon, now at Abilene Christian University, who wants to follow in his sister's and dad's footsteps and attend medical school at UTMB.

But the bond of joy the Sheets share is also marked by tragedy.

On Dec. 21, 2006, at 4:06 in the afternoon, Heather says her life was changed forever... with the loss of her brother, Tyler in an automobile accident southeast of Farwell on Hwy. 84.

"His broken body was still warm as my little brother lay limp in my father's arms and

the remaining life drained out of his 6'4" frame.," Heather said "In the next moment my father said the words that made my worst nightmare become a reality, "Tyler didn't make it."

"As I mourn his loss people tell me that it will make me stronger, or make me a better doctor. These words bring little comfort. I would sacrifice every gain in the world if I could have Tyler back," she said, noting that talking about him is still excruciating.

"In some ways, I think most people who choose medicine as a profession have an inherent desire to disassociate from the concept of death. We choose to become doctors because we want to save lives," she said.

"From the earliest time I can remember I have wanted to be a doctor," Heather said, "As I have developed as a person, this dream has taken shape and gained meaning through the dedication and hard work involved in my medical education."

"Most importantly, I have gained a new understanding not only of death and the pathology that finally surrenders us to it, but of life. When all else fades, it is life itself that we most ardently hold on to while maintaining the understanding that death is an inevitable reality," she said. "Nevertheless, to live fully we must embrace life and the magnificence it exudes, not live in fear of death."

"In few fields does life hang in the balance so evidently and precariously as in anesthesiology. From breath to breath, life is sustained based solely on the anesthesiologist's decisions and actions. The enormity of this responsibility is self-evident, yet it is all too often overlooked as the

novelty of medicine wears off and we as healers fall into the rhythm of treating patients," said Heather.

"The danger in this is that all too often we resign ourselves to view our gift of being healers and life givers, to simply being a job. We realize that our ideals were just that, and that they will never be attained. At some point we must all face the fact that we cannot save everyone. However, in no way does this diminish the beauty of what we do day in and day out. The fact that our ideals will never be attained does not negate the necessity of striving for them," she added.

Heather said as the third of ten children, the impact our daily actions have on the lives of others has been consistently impressed upon her.

"I have realized that each interaction and encounter in my life will affect another," she said.

Additionally, working three summers in a 150 bed surgical hospital in Zimbabwe has instilled in her the value of every person.

"Witnessing the suffering and devastation there, I fervently desired to ease the pain I encountered. I returned to Africa this year — a trip that I vowed not to take again until I had something meaningful and worthwhile to offer," she said.

Since Tyler's death, Heather said she has developed a framework on which to base her encounters with hurting people.

"I believe that my whole life has been specifically preparing me to have the ability to calm patients in their most vulnerable and frightened moments," she said. "I have an aptitude for connecting with people and immediately establishing a

trusting relationship.

"I have also learned that life is not always what it seems and that the things we assume are certain can change in an instant. As such, I have developed the capacity to make instantaneous decisions with responsibility and assiduousness. Through these experiences, I feel that I am able to contribute to the field of anesthesiology by offering an unwavering presence to potentially chaotic situations," she said.

"I am continually humbled by the fact that I have this opportunity — to hold life in my hands, and to bring comfort in a very real and personal way to those who have experienced sickness, pain, or loss," Heather said. "Though I never would have chosen the death of my brother as the defining moment in my life that would forever change the way I view the world, people, life, and medicine, I can honestly say that I have a unique perspective on how precious each breath is."


The Norman family would like to thank everyone who sent a card, flowers, dropped off food and prayed on behalf of our family. Ella Wese Norman (Mom) will be missed in the physical sense, but her memory will live on forever in each of us that knew and loved her. Thank you all and may God bless and keep each of you.
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MISD SSAC team members, including alternates, include Austin Thomas, Angel Daniel, Courtney Mardis, Franklin Piland, Nathaniel Chavez, Belen Nunez, Adrian Perez, Xandra Ballenger, Janae Pyle, Juan Carlos Salamanca, and Gilberto Mojica.

Muleshoe ISD teams succeed at SSAC Area 5 competition

Teams from Muleshoe High School recently competed in the Area 5 Small School Academic Contest, held in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Each team consists of three high school students ("A" student, "B" student, and a "C" student, based on their high school transcript averages.

There were four rounds of five questions each that are asked of each team member.

The students have 15 seconds to answer each question. Muleshoe had

three teams entered in the contest: Team Q, Team I, and Team U.

The top five teams from each of the six area contests held around the state qualify for the State Contest in April held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton.

The next five highest scoring teams in the state also qualify for the state contest as "at-large" teams.

Muleshoe had three teams qualify for the state contest. Two teams from Muleshoe were in the top five teams in Area 5, and

the third team qualified as an "at-large" team.

Muleshoe's second place team (Team Q) included Franklin Piland, Courtney Mardis and Nathaniel Chavez.

The fourth place team (Team I) included Janae Pyle, Belen Nunez and Adrian Perez. Vickie Burch is the team sponsor.

The sixth place team (Team U) included Angel Daniel, Austin Thomas, and Juan Carlos Salamanca.

Muleshoe teacher April Smith was the area contest director for the event. She was assisted by Ass't. Superintendent Don Wood, Federal Programs Director Dave McNeill, along with four professors from South Plains College — who acted as judges for English, science, social studies, and math — Schahara Hudelson, Allan Worley, Jimmie McGee and Kristi Dodson.

Muleshoe ISD Superintendent Gene Sheets is the state director for the Small Schools Academic Contest.

Results from the event were as follows:

First place — Denver City High School Team I with 26 points. They won \$2,092.42 in college scholarships.

Second place — Muleshoe High School Team Q with 24 points. They won \$1,255.44 in college scholarships.

Third place — Olton High School Team I with 23 points. They won \$836.97 in college scholarships.

Fourth place — Muleshoe High School Team I with 22 points.

Fifth place — Spur High School Team I with 21 points.

Sixth place — Muleshoe High School Team U with 20 points.

Seventh place — Hale Center High School Team Q with 19 points.

Eighth place — Crosbyton High School Team I with 15 points.

Ninth place — Hale Center High School Team I with 13 points.

Bridal Shower



JILL LUNA

Luna, Morris shower is held

Jill Luna, the prospective bride of Josh Morris, was honored with a bridal shower on March 2, in the home of Sheryl Engelking.

Special guests included Patsy Luna, Vicki Morris, Irene Morris, Holley Agee, Jamie Myers, Rhonda Myers and Mandy Myers.

Hostesses were Sheryl Engelking, Sharon Agee, Sarah Black, Judy Brockman, Vickie Burch, April Coker, Paulette Foster, Stephanie Foster, Robin Friskup, Debbie Gallman, Ellen Gallman, Shelby Kennedy, Joann McDonald, Rowena Meyers, Marca Morris, Callie Partain, Jana St. Clair, La Donna Scott, Mandi Seaton, Rickie Seaton, Terry Thomas, Jan Via and Debbie Weir.

Cotton seminar set for April 2

Get your calendars out and plan to attend this year's "Cotton Price Risk Management and Pricing Strategies Seminar" sponsored by Cotton Incorporated in cooperation with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The free seminar is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their individual cotton marketing skills and develop market-based strategies for managing price risk for the 2008 marketing season.

This year's workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 2, at the Holiday Inn Hotel &

Towers, located at 801 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

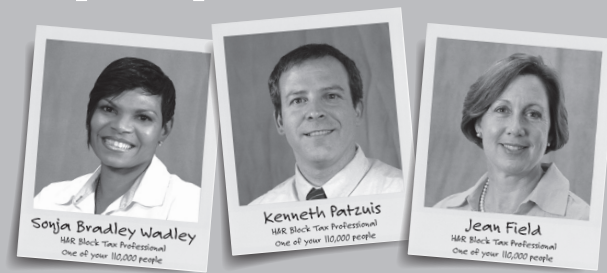
For information about the conference contact Jeanne Reeves at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2370) or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference. Telephone registrations should be directed to Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271). Email registrations should be addressed to: kwriedt@cottoninc.com

Plains Cotton Growers annual meeting set for April 4

The 51st Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. annual meeting has been set for April 4 in conjunction with the 2008 Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention in Lubbock. The PCG's annual meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration in the banquet hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

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Para más información, llame **Bea** al numero 806-272-5560.

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