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Going where no man has gone before

Well, in actuality, they have. In fact, just a few minutes earlier the first in a series of rockets was launched during the fifth annual DeShazo Elementary Rocket Launch, a colorful and exciting event that allows the students to display what they've learned about aerospace engineering. But it is easy to see how the event could foster the dreams of another Robert Goddard or Wernher von Braun.

'Traffic incident' sends seven to area hospitals

'Vehicle chase' is under investigation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A Muleshoe youth has been incarcerated, and a total of eight people injured as of an alleged motor vehicle assault on the east side of town that occurred slightly before 11 p.m. on Monday, May 25.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, the youth — Juan Gonzalea, 17, of Muleshoe — had contacted the police department prior to the incident, reporting that he was being chased

by two vehicles, and that the driver of one of the vehicles was allegedly brandishing a firearm.

According to Frieda and Ptl. Jared King, the first responding officer, Gonzalez was approaching the intersection of Ave. E and East Fifth in his 1990 Chevrolet pickup when a vehicle being driven by Tasha Gomez, 20, also of Muleshoe, a white 2006 Chevrolet Impala, which Gonzales misidentified as being the second vehicle pursuing him, arrived at

the intersection at about the same time.

According to the police chief, Gonzalez was allegedly recorded on the police department's 911 recording system as expressing an intent to ram the vehicle just prior to cellphone communications being broken.

Ptl. Jared King witnessed the impact in the distance, and arrived in time to render assistance, removing the occupants of the white

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Wes Wood sails over the bar at the regional meet. Photograph by Stacy Conner

Two Mules qualify for state

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Two Mules earned

the right to travel to Austin for the Texas State Track Meet in the Mike A. Meyers Stadium on the University of Texas campus June 5-6.

Wes Wood qualified for the state meet with a gold medal performance in the pole vault, while Sterling Leopard's silver in the 3200-meter run placed him in the state qualifications as well.

The Mule and Lady Mule Region I Track Meet qualifiers traveled to Ratliff Stadium in Odessa last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wood cleared every

height on his first attempt. That included clearing his personal best height of 14 feet six inches.

He was being chased by Kris Strube of Ballinger until the bar was raised to 14-6. Wood cleared on his first attempt but it took Strube two tries to get over the bar. Neither Wood nor Strube could get over the bar at 15-0 so Wood was the gold medal winner with less misses.

Wood cleared the bar at 15-0 on one attempt but when he threw his arms back he brushed

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Court considers need for master plan

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The need for a courthouse restoration master plan was addressed during a special meeting of the Bailey County Commissioner's Court on Wednesday, May 20.

County Judge Sherri Harrison explained that the plan submitted by county officials to the Texas Historical Commission in connection to a grant request back in 1998 apparently failed because it wasn't prepared a THC

certified architect.

"It's expensive to get a master plan, but we can't even apply for a grant without one.

The judge said she recently met with a certified architect with experience in the THC's courthouse renovation program, and said the estimated cost for such a project ranges between \$40-60 thousand.

"Somewhere down the road, we need to look at getting a master plan," she said, adding that it was a long process, and that many Texas

courthouses were in worse condition than Bailey County's and would probably have a higher priority.

An additional problem that was noted at Wednesday's meeting was that the county currently doesn't possess a copy of its original blueprints. According to the judge, the original documents were lost in a flood at the courthouse

many years ago. However, Harrison said she has requested a copy of the original blueprints from the architect who prepared the grant request documents in 1998.

After the master plan's completion, if the historical commission approves a construction grant, the county would also be faced with a

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Muleshoe ISD graduation plans are set for Friday

A total of about 62 students, from Muleshoe High School and Pep, are scheduled to walk across the dais and receive their diplomas at Friday's commencement ceremonies, according to Muleshoe Independent School District officials.

As in recent years, the event is set for 7 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, and will include performances by the Mighty "M" Band, and the Muleshoe High School Choir.

This year's keynote speaker, as selected by the members of the graduating class, is MHS



educator Jim Daniels.

Additional speakers at this year's ceremonies will include valedictorian Christiane Janae Pyle and salutarian Wesley "Wes" Gordon Wood.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

Honoring fallen family, friends

Area residents gathered at the Bailey County Cemetery Monday to honor this nation's war dead. This year's service included music provided by Natalie Head, and a message from the Rev. Benny Wright. The colors were posted by Boy Scout Troop 620.



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Lariat church to hold VBS

The Lariat Church of Christ will be holding a Vacation Bible School for all children ages 4 yrs. through high school on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served along with snacks.

There will be fun group games, crafts and activities as well as Bible lessons for all who attend.

For additional information contact Lynn Cain at 272-6794.

AA meeting set

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

Register for 2009 Tour

Register by June 13, for the 15th annual Muleshoe Heritage Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride and be eligible to win \$500 cash. You do not have to ride to win, just register and pay the \$20 entry fee.

Pre-register by mailing forms to Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, Box 201, Muleshoe, or pick up or drop off forms at Adrian Photography, 218 W. 2nd Street, or weekdays from 1 - 5 p.m., at the Muleshoe Heritage Depot, 2104 W. American Boulevard. Visit the web site at www.tourdemuleshoe.com for more information and pictures of past rides.

Extra meal tickets may be purchased at the site or with pre-registration. Meal tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Late registration will be accepted the same day of the ride between 7- 9 a.m. at the coliseum.

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Time for hotel hamburgers

It's that time again for another hamburger lunch for the Sudan Hotel.

The last time over \$1,500 was raised.

The lunch will be Sunday June 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sudan Cafeteria.

Thank the Lord we don't get what's comin' to us!

I don't remember exactly when Garrison Keillor told the story, but the tale I find myself recalling today is definitely one of his. The details are fuzzy, and Keillor tells the story much better than I can, but...

I seem to remember that it was an old gentleman named Florian Krepsbach who was walking down a sidewalk beside Lake Wobegon's Main Street when a pre-teen boy ran over him with a bicycle.

Well, "ran over" might be a bit strong. Actually, he just ran "into" him. Knocked down and shaken up, Florian knew he'd be one sore old guy the next day. But no bones were broken. And he'd been expecting worse. He was actually kind of relieved and didn't even feel much need to give the apologetic young lad a serious speech on bicycle safety.

Ever since Florian had accidentally left his wife Myrtle at a truck stop a few weeks before, he'd been expecting some sort of divine evening of the score. Getting run down by a bicycle and being able to walk away from the accident was far less retribution than he'd felt would surely come.

They'd been on their way to a doctor appointment in the city. Myrtle had found a little blood on her tooth brush and thought she'd better see a doctor. Florian was not quite as sympathetic as he probably should have been. He didn't like driving on the Interstate and just wasn't happy about the whole thing. Since he was on edge already, he was enjoying the driving even less than usual and was fully expecting to get plowed under by a big truck. Already worried about her health, Myrtle was also nervous about big trucks and death, which meant she rattled on and on for miles and ended up asking Florian a tough question which he was mulling over as they pulled into a gas station for a fill up and a pit stop.

Florian was still mulling when he climbed back into the car and, thinking Myrtle was in the back seat, shifted into drive, and drove, and left Myrtle at the truck stop. When miles later he realized what he'd done, Florian was horrified. But



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

the Interstate confused him, and he had a tough time finding the truck stop again. By that time, Myrtle had already called their son to come and pick her up.

It had actually ended well. Almost too well. Florian had been waiting for the "other shoe" to fall. Getting nailed by a bicycle seemed rather mild and a lot less than he deserved.

I thought of this story as my wife told me about the new refrigerator that's coming to live at our house even though the old one is still running well. She caught me at a vulnerable time. You see, my old motorcycle was running well, too, when several weeks ago I bought a better one. I got it at a good price. I'd expected it to cost, well, about what it did cost plus the price of the fridge that is now rolling in with it. But like old Florian, I'd been expecting worse, and worse probably would have served me right.

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Heritage foundation announces livestock brands project

Tom Watson, president of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, conducted the monthly board meeting at the Santa Fe Depot on Monday evening, May 18.

Board members attending included Sheila and Joe Bob Stevenson, Gary Hooten, Lonnie Adrian, Kenneth Henry, Bobbie Harrison, Lavon McKillip, Sammie Simpson, Ann McElroy, Kathy Vandevender, Jean Allison, Gene Rodgers and Ladene Spears. Center hostess Delores Harvey also attended.

Hooten gave the treasurer's report and Harvey reported that Sandra Chancy will fill in for her while her father is ill. She also reported that the foundation is receiving a steady flow of registrations for the Tour de Muleshoe which will start at 9 a.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, June 20.

County court takes action

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15 percent monetary match, toward which the cost of the master plan could be applied.

In other business on May 20, the court:

- Canvassed the votes from the May 9 special "liquor option" election, and received a report concerning the election from Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman.

"Thank you for the confidence you placed in us," Gallman said,

At one point, Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez, who submitted the petition calling for the election, asked why it was necessary for a liquor option election to be called by the commissioners' court instead of the city council, and Gallman explained that cities don't actually order alcohol election.

• Authorized the judge to sign a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division, which would provide funds for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Bailey County Sheriff's Department.

- Approved payment of county bills.

Summer lunch program announced

The Muleshoe Independent School District has announced its sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The program will serve meals to any child between the ages of one year and 18 years old at Dillman Elementary and Watson Junior High from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. for breakfast and from noon to 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

The program will run Monday through Friday, June 1 through July 2.

Have a story or photo ideas?

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Heritage Foundation News

Long-time Thrift Shop manager Ladene Spears introduced her sister, Peggy Bates, and asked that the board approve Peggy as the new Thrift Shop manager due to Spear's health issues.

The board approved the change and thanked Spear for the contribution she has made over the years.

Spears also reported that summer merchandise was put out and that sales this month were strong. All Muleshoe area residents are encouraged to donate gently-used clothing and household furnishings to the Thrift Shop.

Proceeds from Thrift Shop sales go to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

Sheila and Joe Bob Stevenson gave an update on the Trees for People Project.

Joe Bob Stevenson recently visited the Lubbock Ranching and Heritage Center, which has a similar program, to gather ideas about how best to implement this project.

The board asked Sheila Stevenson to develop a landscape plan and to provide additional details at the next meeting about how the specifics of the program.

She noted that donors will be able to choose the size and type of tree they would like to have planted to honor or memorialize a loved one.

The board was very excited about Kenneth Henry's report on the livestock brand project. Henry reported that 16 families have signed up to have their family's brands displayed on

the vintage wood panels which were recently applied to the metal storage building.

The wood, which completely covers the building, has transformed the structure into a replica of a pioneer barn.

Henry explained that each brand will be accompanied by a short history which will be engraved on a metal plaque and placed under the brand.

Board members approved his suggestion that a branding party be held to kick off this important new project. Details will be announced soon.

Lonnie Adrian updated the board on this year's Tour de Muleshoe. Details about the ride are available at www.tourdemuleshoe.com.

Registration forms are available at the Muleshoe Heritage Center, at Adrian Photography or from any heritage center board member.

Allison reported that she and Jenne McVicker are having great success getting door prizes which be awarded after all bikers finish the ride. In addition to the door prizes, there is also a drawing for a \$500 cash prize.

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Allison reported that the heritage center will offer free tours during the Tour de Muleshoe event, but community volunteers to help conduct tours. Call Jean Allison at 272-4469 to volunteer.

Bobbie Harrison asked about the recognition cookout for city employees who have recently helped with heritage center's projects.

Watson reported that

the cookout will be held later this summer.

Under new business, Watson mentioned that the donor recognition plaques in the depot need to be updated. He also noted that Donna and Ray West suggested that we place small signs near each building indicating the name of each structure. The board agreed that this was a good suggestion and will work on implementing it.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Traffic incident results in arrest

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vehicle, including Gomez who was apparently injured and trapped in the vehicle after its engine compartment caught on fire.

Seven of the eight occupants of the two vehicles received injuries, two of which were transported to a Lubbock hospital by helicopter.

Neither of the vehicles alleged to have been chasing Gonzalez were damaged in the traffic incident.

According to the police chief, an investigation is under way regarding the reported chase.

Gonzalez was jailed on a charge of aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon, according to King.

All five occupants of the Gomez vehicle received injuries. Among these victims were:

- Jermaine Flores, 3, of Muleshoe, who was not wearing a seatbelt.
- Marina Trevino, 20, of Muleshoe.
- Chriselda Trevino, 18, of Muleshoe.
- Treshawn Gomez, 7 months, of Muleshoe, who was in a car seat.

The injured passenger in Gonzalez' pickup was Herman Quezada, 17, of Muleshoe. Moses Quezada, who was also in the pickup, was uninjured.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day Holiday. The center will observe the Memorial Day on Friday. We invite you to come and join us for a tribute to our service men.

This year is really going by fast. Here it is time for school to be out.

To all the high school seniors, we salute you. May you go into another phase of your life with dreams and determination to make those dreams come true. Remember you are never alone, God is always with you.

Tuesday, June 2, all you Bunco players come in and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Maybe you know someone that has not come in and played. Give them a call to come in. The games start at 10 a.m. Interim Home

Health sponsors the game and we appreciate their help.

Tuesday is Bridge day at the center. We always enjoy having you come in and enjoy playing.

Our Wednesday's are always a full day. We have several Domino players, Eighty players, walkers, and friends staying for lunch. We have averaged about 120 for lunch each Wednesday. So come join us and enjoy.

Thursday is Bingo day. La Shea Mason is the fun caller and we are so appreciative that she can be with us. The bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. with refreshments. Prizes are also given.

Saturday, June 6, the center will be serving a pancake breakfast. We will start serving at 7 a.m. and serve until 11 a.m. We will have coffee,

orange juice, milk and several flavors of syrup, with bacon and sausage. Make plans to come and enjoy. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Remember, it is on Saturday, June 6.

Menu for June 1-5:
Monday, June 1 — King ranch chicken, pinot beans, salad, salsa, chips and pudding.

Tuesday, June 2 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, green peas, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cookies.

Wednesday, June 3 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Thursday, June 4 — stew, salad, cornbread and fruit cocktail cake.

Friday, June 5 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



Good fun... great eats

Muleshoe's Future Farmers of America are the backbone for the area's future agricultural industry. They learn to work hard, and have fun in the process.

FFA boosters Cliff Black, Starla Ellis, and Nick and Rayniel Bamert cooked hamburgers with all of the fixings for the Muleshoe ISD FFA members on Friday, May 22. Pictured above, left to right, are Craig Black, Jordan Stroud, Ryan DeLeon, Cooper Washington, Clay Pena and Adelidio Godinez.

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...IN THE NORTH, SYRIA AND ISRAEL (SEPARATE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM) HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE FOE TO THE EAST, EGYPT. THEN AT ITS HEIGHT AS A CONQUERING NATION, LOOTING AND DESPOLING ALL KINGDOMS IN ITS PATH TO WORLD POWER! SYRIA AND ISRAEL INTENDED TO ATTACK JUDAH FOR NOT JOINING THEM BUT BEFORE THEY COULD, THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING, SENNACHERIB, THEN FOCUSED ON JERUSALEM, DEMANDING ITS SURRENDER! KING HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ISAIAH'S ADVICE—WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN AND THEN ONLY, DID HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED HIS FINE. HEZEKIAH DID AS HE OBLIGED, FOR ONCE, AND STRIPPED HIS TREASURY OF ITS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY. GOT INTO JERUSALEM'S WALLS, SENNACHERIB, WITH NEWS OF A SERIOUS SUDEN PLAGUE OF ILLNESS WHICH KILLED THOUSANDS OF HIS PEOPLE OVERNIGHT LEFT FOR HOME! INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO THANK GOD, THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED IN SERIES OF WILD ORGIES! ISAIAH'S WORDS FAIRLY DEPICTED SARCASM, AS HE WATCHED, "DRINK AND BE MERRY," SAID HE "FOR TOMORROW, CAME HIS DITE PRE- DICTION, "WE DIE!" ISAIAH STAW WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR A PEOPLE WHO TURNED TO RICHIOUS LEVELS AT THE SLIGHTEST EXCUSE—AND HE WAS RIGHT! IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS TO COME OUT OF THE EAST AND END FOREVER "THE POWER AND THE GLORY THAT WAS JERUSALEM."

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SPCAA Head Start program is now enrolling

The South Plains Community Action Association Head Start centers in Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Muleshoe, Sudan, Smyer, Ropesville, Brownfield, Plainview, O'Donnell, Lorenzo, Floydada, Crosbyton, Slaton, Post, Tahoka, Springlake-Earth and Olton are currently enrolling 3 and 4-year-old children in its Head Start program for the 2009-2010 school year.

Levelland, partners with area public schools to provide pre-K services to 3 and 4 year old children in a 12 county area. Children enrolled in center-based, full day Head Start attend preschool classes that coincides with the local ISD calendar, and receive comprehensive health, dental, disabilities, and family support services. Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, and employment, and

disabilities. Ten percent of funded enrollment is reserved specifically for children with disabilities. Families can call 1-800-658-9632 or (806)894-2207 to enroll a child or to learn more about this program. Head Start is a nationwide program that began in 1965 under the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. The program is considered by many to be one of the most successful federal

programs in history and Head Start preschools can now be found in nearly every county of the country.

Births

Aniye Martinez
Roman Martinez and Leticia Castorena, both of Muleshoe, announce the birth of their daughter, Aniyee Surie Martinez, on May 11, 2009, at 11:48 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center.

Aniye weighed six pounds, 13 ounces at birth, and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Nifa Castorena, and Romiro and Elissa Martinez.

WBU spring honor rolls released

Honor rolls released by Wayland Baptist University for the 2009 spring term included Muleshoe students.

Included on the Dean's List for a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99 for the term were Ashley and Kelsey Beggs; Hailey Hamilton, the daughter of Royce and Fran Hamilton; and Jayna Lennon.

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Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Association met on Wednesday, May 20, with club president Pat Kirk calling the meeting to order with a prayer of gratitude led by LaVerne Winn.

There were two May birthdays Jenny Bamert and Kay Field.

Sheila Stevenson called roll and read the minutes from April's meeting. There were 21 present.

Marlene Martin gave the treasurer's report.

As for new business, it was voted to tee off at 9 a.m. on Wednesday mornings because of the heat.

On Lucheon Day tee off time will be 1 p.m.

Old business discussed was the Ruidoso trip June 25-26.

Also be prepared to help with the concession stand for the Men's Tournament June 20-21.

Sheryl Engelking gave



Co-winners Treena Matthews and Kay Field

the High Plains report. Muleshoe has earned 7 points putting them in second place.

In the first flight Kirk won low gross and low putts.

Third Flight Helen Templton won low net and low putts. Fourth Flight Judy Wilbanks won low gross.

Treena Matthew won low net of the field. The next High Plains Tournament will be on Wednesday, June 17, at Clovis Muni.

Templeton awarded the following card and golf players:

• April 15 — Martin and Claudine Elliott won first pat hand in cards.

• April 22 — Kirk and Templeton won most pars.

• April 29 — Most Water Balls was won by Elinor Yerby and Field.

In cards Wilbanks won best score on the thirdrd game.

• May 6 — Matthews and Field won best score on holes 1-3-6-7-9.

Templeton set up the Memorial Tournament. Twelve people were competing for low net of the field. There was a tie for low net between Field and Matthews. Field won low gross with a score of 79.

The association's next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 10.

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;

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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.

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Sports

Mules, ladies place at Region I

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the bar with his chest and it fell into the pit with him.

Sterling Lepard knew he was going into a battle in the 3200-meter run with Holliday's Hance Loyd.

Loyd had recorded a time of nine minutes and 40 seconds earlier in the season.

Lepard's strategy going into the race was to get in Loyd's hip pocket and stay there. That is exactly what he did as he ran in second place from the time the starting gun went off. The tandem opened a big lead over the field in their first seven laps of the track.

On the last lap Loyd was able to separate slightly from Lepard to take the gold medal with a time of 10:00.70. Lepard was just steps behind with a 10:03.88. This was Lepard's best time of the season by 10 seconds.

"All the coaches and parents are very proud of the efforts and hard work all of these kids put in this season," said Mule track coach Kirk Byrd. "Wes and Sterling did an outstanding job in preparing for this meet and stayed focused throughout the whole ordeal. We all want to wish these two young men good luck at the

State Meet June 5-6." Cooper Washington placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 143-06 and he was tenth in the shot put.

Yvonne Gardea was sixth in the high jump by clearing 5-0. She took 16th in the 300-meter hurdles and 20th in the 100-meter hurdles. She also ran on the 22nd place Lady Mule 1600-meter relay team.

Kathryn Owens placed seventh in the shot put and was 21st in the discus.

Lupita Andrade finished in sixth place in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:47.38 and took 14th in the 1600-meter run.

Adrian Muniz finished in 17th place in the 300-meter hurdles. Sandy Mojica was 22nd in the long jump. Caleb Conner placed 23rd in the boy's long jump.

All the members of the relay teams were not known at press time. The boys 4x400- and 4x200-meter relay teams both placed 18th.

The girls 1600-meter relay team place 22nd in the region.

"Wes (Wood) and Sterling (Lepard) will both continue to train hard and hopefully will get to attend a State Qualifiers Meet prior to making the trip to Austin after school adjourns for the summer," said Coach Byrd.

"Wes is confident he can clear 15 feet plus at the State Meet. Sterling will put what he learned at the Region I Meet to good use in Austin and attempt to beat Loyd to the finish line. It will be a fun meet to watch especially with these two Mules competing at the state level," said Coach Byrd.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Sterling Lepard prepares to pass two lapped runners during his rush to the silver.

Muleshoe's softball ladies listed on all-district team

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The 2009 District 2-2A All-District Team was announced late this past week. Eight Lady Mules were named to the All-District teams by the softball coaches of District 2-2A.

April Gardea was

named as a pitcher on the First Team All-District Squad. Lady Mule coach Jason Cole said, "I am so pleased that April made the All-District Team. She really came through for us this season in the pitching circle."

"I knew she was a tough kid. But when she took that line shot to her shoulder in the Area game and was waving us back to the dugout before we even got to her. I knew then she had to be the toughest kid I had ever had the privilege of coaching. She will be missed next season."

Val Olivias was picked to the first team as an infielder. "Val did a great job for us at short stop," continued Coach Cole. "She has a great range that just will not quit and an arm to go with it. She made an unbelievable play in the Area game."

"Val charged across the infield behind the pitcher's circle to cut off a ground ball normally handled by the second baseman and threw the girl out at first. I have never seen a short stop make that play. I am very glad she will be with us for two more years."

Erika Rodriguez was elected to the first team as an outfielder. "Erika

really improved as the season progressed and I am so proud of her," said Coach Cole. "She went from struggling to make catches in center field to being able to chase down anything that came her way."

"Her catch in the outfield in the seventh inning and throw back to the infield froze the runners. That play allowed us to get past a good Sanford-Fritch team in the Bi-district game."

"She also kept us in the Area games by chasing down anything near center field. I am glad she will be back next season."

Tori Alvarado was selected to the second team as a catcher despite breaking her leg in the fifth district ball game in Childress. "Tori had a great attitude and continued to come to practice and sit for two hours while we practiced. We are looking forward to having her back and healthy for two more seasons," continued Coach Cole.

"She kept our book and always had a smile and encouraging word for the girls and for me. We really came together as a team for Tori in

Childress and we held on to win the game in extra innings. Everyone knew they had to step up and play their best for Tori."

Ali Eagle was picked to the second team infielder. "Ali just does a great job for us where ever we put her. She played short stop when Val (Olivias) was in the pitching circle and filled in all over the out field when we needed her there," said Coach Cole.

"Then after Tori (Alvarado) was injured she went behind the plate. She threw out three Sanford-Fritch base runners attempting to

steal second base in the bi-district game. She also got on base and moved runners for us on offense. I am so glad she will be back."

Gabby Perez was named as the second team designated hitter. "Gabby really did a great job for us at the plate and then took back her position at first base. She really came alive in the playoffs with her defense."

"She made some big plays defensively by making the extra stretch for the catch at first. If the throw was not perfect she would adjust and still

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Mules make 2009 all-district baseball team

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

District 2-2A revealed its 2009 Baseball All-District Selections late last week. The Mules had five members of their 2009 team selected to the team.

Victor Vasquez was elected as a first team middle infielder. He completed the 2009 season with a .514 batting average, 32 stolen bases and 29 runs batted in.

On the mound for the Mules, Vasquez had four wins and six losses with a 5.89 earned run average and recorded 54 strikeouts.

Caleb Conner made the second team as a middle infielder. He was the lead off hitter for the Mules and had a season batting average of .362, 29 stolen bases and 18 rbis.

Marshal Head, Damien Snell and Jared Skipworth were named as Honorable Mentions to the 2009 All-District team.

Head finished the season with a .411 batting average, stole 17 bases and 26 rbis. As the Mule's catcher he threw out 68% runners attempting to steal bases.

Snell batted .301 and had 17 rbis. Skipworth finished the season with a record of four wins and four losses on the mound. He concluded the season with a 5.66 era and recorded 49 strikeouts.

"Marshal (Head) and Victor (Vasquez) are going to be greatly missed," said Mule baseball coach Lee Fletcher. "We would not have had the kind of

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Jennifer Kirby
has been named to the Vice President's Honor List in recognition of superior academic achievement in the Spring 2009 semester at Clovis Community College.

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Some of those heroes were members of the greatest generation of Americans who stormed the beaches of Normandy and the South Pacific, sacrificing their own lives



to liberate millions from the darkness of tyranny.

And some of those heroes grew up as part of the current generation of Americans — who answered the call to military service in a new century — who died to defend our homeland from terror — and to bring freedom to a part of the world that has known too little of it.

Every generation of Americans has produced heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. And every year, we come together to honor that sacrifice — and to express our profound gratitude for it.

For their families, Memorial Day is the formal

expression of a deeply personal experience. It is a time to remember the touch of a hand, the warmth of a smile, and the grief of a telegram that changed life forever.

As we all know, our military service members put their lives on the line to protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans. In return, we have a duty to provide them with every resource we can to support them.

Yet the country they defend has repeatedly denied our troops one of our most cherished rights — the right to vote.

This year, Congress should show its appreciation for our men and women in uniform

by protecting their right to vote.

In recent elections, American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines have encountered substantial roadblocks in the voting process, especially those who are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

To address this national disgrace, I am pushing a bipartisan bill in the Senate, the Military Voting Protection Act.

During the 2006 election cycle, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, less than half of the military voters who requested absentee ballots were successful in casting them.

According to a 2006 Department of Defense report, only 59 percent of surveyed service members even knew where to obtain voting information on their installation, and only 40 percent had actually received assistance from their units' designated Voting Assistance Officers.

A recent Congressional Research Service survey of seven states with high military populations showed that the problems continued in the 2008 election, with more than a quarter of the ballots requested by uniformed and overseas voters going either uncollected or uncounted.

Our troops report many procedural hurdles when trying to participate in federal, state, and local elections. Most states have inadequate processes and unreasonable timelines in place for transmitting

blank absentee ballots to our troops, and the methods available to these service members for returning completed ballots to their local election officials are both slow and antiquated.

Moreover, there are a myriad of absentee voting rules and regulations that can be extremely confusing and vary widely with each state.

The process is clearly broken, and there is no excuse for not stepping up to challenge the status quo and streamline the process. We ask so much of our troops, and in return we have given them a voting system that is perplexing, frustrating, slow, and often dysfunctional. They deserve better.

The bill I introduced can help address one of largest of these procedural hurdles. The Military Voting Protection Act would give our troops a louder and clearer voice at the polls by ensuring their completed absentee ballots are delivered back home in time to be counted and do not get lost on the way.

The bill would reduce delays in the absentee voting process by

requiring the Department of Defense to take a more active role in the process; it would require the DoD to be responsible for collecting completed ballots from overseas troops and then expressing them back to the United States in time to be counted, allowing troops to track their ballots while they are in transit and confirm their delivery after they arrive at local election offices.

America was built on the values of democracy, fairness and freedom. It should outrage every American, as it does me, that our troops overseas are being denied one of our most sacred civil rights.

Meaningful reform will not come overnight, but now is the time to take up the cause of military voters to prevent their further disenfranchisement.

So, this Memorial Day, as we remember those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let's also hope that Congress will act to ensure that today's U.S. service members serving abroad, while they fight to defend our democracy, can also participate in its democratic process.

Muleshoe students earn diplomas, honors

Students from Muleshoe earned diplomas from Wayland Baptist University recently in the May 9 commencement ceremony held in Hutcherson Center and were honored for various awards.

April Morgan, the daughter of Ron and Janet Morgan, earned a bachelor of science in

interdisciplinary studies degree in middle school mathematics, graduating summa cum laude and recognized as one of eight students earning Highest Ranking Senior honors with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Ashley Beggs, the daughter of Beverly Beggs, received a BS degree in political science, while sister

Kelsey received her BBA degree in international management. Shalisa Dawn Ladd received a BS degree in molecular biology.

During a recent awards chapel, students were also honored for academic achievements.

Ashley Beggs was named a Spinning Wheel by her peers and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Kelsey Beggs was named a Spinning Wheel, to Who's Who, and was the Outstanding Student in International Management.

Morgan was named a four-year Pioneer Scholar and was Outstanding Student in Middle School Education.

SPC nursing program pinning ceremonies held

The pinning ceremony for the Class of 2009 Associate Degree Nursing Program at South Plains College was held on May 14 in the Texan Dome.

The graduating class featured 31 graduates.

The program included the presentation of SPC nursing awards including the best overall student honor to Alma Aguirre of Brownfield.

The Healing Touch Award was presented by Misty Zachery, RN, at Covenant Health Systems to Robin Samarripas of Lubbock.

The University Medical Center Leadership in Nursing Award was presented by Jeff Watson, RN, nurse manager at UMC, to Stephanie Franco of Big Spring.

The graduating class from Levelland included Amy Banda, Jill Burns, Kimberly Henry and

Andrea Torrez.

Graduates from Lubbock included Kristen Bonner, Alina Duarte, Kelly Franklin, Adrienne Gilbert, Sheri Jackson, Cristan Ledbetter, Deborah Manley, Sarah McIlroy, Emily Morgan, Kasey Roberts of Lubbock; Robin Samarripas Micah Smith, Jessica Wahl and Tony Potet of Wolfforth.

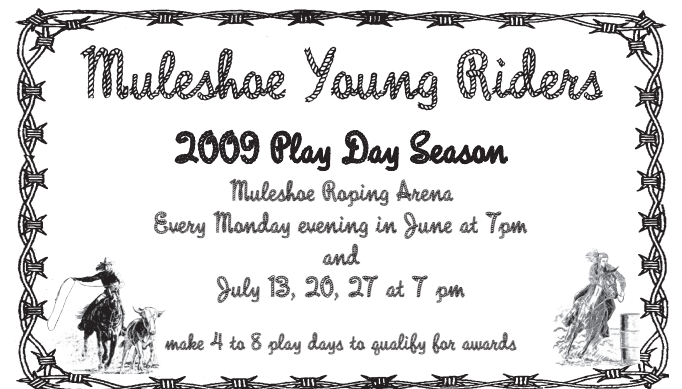
Area graduates included Alma Aguirre of Brownfield; Tami Barton of Lamesa; Jodee Brown of Lake Jackson; Felicia Franco of Colorado City; Stephanie Franco of Big Spring; Crystal Lary of Brownfield; Kimberly Martinez of Plains; Sarah Putnam of Austin; Margaret Reed of Olton; Loretta Roland of Earth; Grady Sheppard of Abilene; and Michelle Williams of Plainview.

Baseball...

Continued from page 6 year we did without the senior leadership of Victor, Marshal and Gunner Kerby."

"They gave ever thing they had to the program and we are a better team for it. We will return 10 lettermen next season. Caleb, Jared and Damien are all going to be relied on heavily to lead the team in the right direction."

"Hopefully we will be playing deep into the month of May," concluded Coach Fletcher.



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All-district softball...

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make the catch. We will really miss her next season."

The Lady Mules had two Honorable Mentions to the All-District Team, BreAnn Baca and Brenda Rodriguez.

"BreAnn has developed into a very reliable hitter and loves to take the ball to right field," continued Coach Cole. "She is also an anchor at third base and made the game ending play against Sanford-Fritch."

"She is also a great bunter and does not mind sacrificing herself for the team. But if the defense hesitates she will beat the throw to first. I am so happy she will be returning."

"Brenda did a good job for us at the plate in the playoff games and her defense was unbelievable against Alpine. She made the play on anything on the ground or in the air in her area. Then made great throws where they needed to go. I am glad she will be back."

"I was so glad all of these girls were selected to the All-District Team and I wish the whole team could have been honored," continued Coach Cole. "We would not have gotten as far as we did with out the contributions that each one of them made."

"We will miss out seniors and the leadership they provided this year," concluded Coach Cole. "I am so glad to be a Mule and looking forward to next season."



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- curved piece of metal used to catch a fish
- keep bait near water's surface, signal "bite"
- round, open container with a handle used to carry fish
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- tackle A. hooks, lures and other things used to fish
B. rush, knock someone down
- catch A. game in which the ball is thrown and caught
B. a bucket of fresh fish going home with you
- cast A. what the doctor puts on a broken bone
B. throwing your fishing line and bait into the water
- waders A. people who wet their feet at the edge of the water
B. waterproof boots that cover waaaaay up
- test A. the amount of strength in your fishing line
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Tolling existing federal roads is unfair to taxpayers, drivers

Maintaining and improving transportation infrastructure in Texas has become nearly as daunting a proposition as driving through some of our state's most congested traffic spots at rush hour.

Urban centers and communities across Texas have fast-growing populations, but face the challenge of crumbling and overstressed highways and consistent funding shortfalls.

Clearly, something's got to give, and it can't be the quality of our roads — or fairness to Texas taxpayers. As we work to meet our transportation needs, we must think



broadly and avoid band-aid solutions that will ultimately exacerbate the problem.

Recently, there have been renewed calls for tolls on highways that have already been built and paid for with federal tax dollars.

I believe taxing Americans twice for the same asset is fundamentally unfair, and I oppose any effort to place tolls on existing interstate highways.

Double taxation is not the only concern. Overemphasis on tolling

has serious implications for community safety and local infrastructure. Studies show that motorists will change their driving patterns to bypass the tolls.

This will redirect traffic from our highways to remaining free roads, and, in turn, congest our local streets, compromise neighborhood safety, and overburden small capacity infrastructure.

Furthermore, tolls on existing interstates will divert truck traffic to other roads. A recent study predicted that a

25-cent-per-mile toll on an interstate highway would cause nearly half the trucks to divert to other routes.

Many of our communities are not equipped to handle heavy commercial traffic, and the safety of local drivers could be put at risk by the increased presence of trucks on small roads.

Today, I introduced legislation to prevent tolling of existing free federal highways, bridges, or tunnels built with federal funding, so that

taxpayers are not taxed to use a road for which they've already paid. I'm for more highways and even tolls, when proposed the right way.

The legislation does not prohibit tolls on new construction. If local communities and states want to cooperatively construct a toll road, they should be able to do so. If the state or community wants to expand their highways and toll for building new lanes, they can choose that alternative.

In these situations, the taxpayers know exactly what they are getting. Many times a vote is required to approve these projects, but in any case, the taxpayers can hold the relevant officials accountable.

There has also been discussion in Texas and elsewhere of states attempting to purchase highways from the federal government and place them under state ownership or lease them to foreign investors for the purpose of tolling them. This is also an ill-conceived proposal that fails to address our underlying transportation challenges.

The debate on tolling illuminates the broader need to reform the federal

highway program. Its antiquated funding formula, which has made Texas a donor state, is no longer serving the best interests of each state and its motorists.

Our national transportation mission should evolve to maintaining and improving infrastructure, so that states don't resort to band-aid solutions, such as tolling existing freeways.

In April, I introduced a bill that would permit states to opt out of the federal highway program and instead be rebated federal fuel taxes collected within their borders.

Today, Texas receives 92 cents back for every dollar sent to Washington, up from 76 cents from when I came to the Senate. My bill would allow Texas to finally see 100 percent of its gas tax dollars, and ensure all of our funds could be used to improve transportation in Texas.

Washington shouldn't take Texas tax dollars and send them to other states. Likewise, Texans shouldn't be charged time and time again to drive on roads they already paid for with their hard earned tax dollars.

Worleys establish Wiriyaphian Scholarship in nursing

For the past 27 years, Drs. Weerachai and Suvipa Wiriyaphian have provided medical care to the residents of Levelland.

The couple's dedication to their patients has earned them a special recognition at South Plains College.

With their \$20,000 gift to the South Plains College Foundation, Mike and Janna Worley have established the Drs. Weerachai and Suvipa Wiriyaphian Scholarship in nursing to assist students interested in

nursing. "They've done so much for the community, and we love this college," said Janna Worley. "It is our pleasure to do this for them."

"We want to be able to help someone who wants to go into nursing because there's a shortage in that area," she said.

"We know how hard it is now a days to give up a job just to go to school. This scholarship will really help someone who wants to become a nurse."

The couple arrived

in Levelland at just the right time. According to Weerachai, he came to town to perform general surgery. His wife became the town's first pediatrician.

Through the years, the doctors said the town has experienced tremendous growth. Their practice has moved four times to accommodate its growth.

"Levelland has really grown since we arrived," said Weerachai. He noted that the hospital that once was named Cook Memorial transitioned

to Summit and now, Covenant Health System.

"There are a lot more doctors now which shows how much the town has grown," said Suvipa.

The Thailand natives received their training in New York then Dallas prior to arriving in Levelland.

Every two years, the couple returns to Thailand.

"We are humbled by this and we really appreciate what they do for the community as well," Suvipa said.



The Sudan Buzz

Sudan banking officials announce grand opening of Littlefield branch

The Board of Directors of First United Bank announces the grand opening of the newly remodeled First United Bank Littlefield Banking Center, located at 2003 Hall Avenue.

This 6,000 square foot, state-of-the-art banking center blends the warmth and charm of a rural West Texas bank with the newest technology in the banking industry, according to a bank official.

Some of the bank's features include internet stations and wireless internet, video teller services, plasma retail media screens, CoinStar

automated coin counting machine, the Lone Star Community Room and a complimentary coffee bar.

First United Bank, a subsidiary of Plains Bancorp, Inc., reports total assets of approximately \$826 million and currently operates 13 banking center offices in Amarillo, Canyon, Dimmitt, Earth, Lamesa, Littlefield, Lubbock, Seagraves, Seminole and Sudan.

A grand opening is slated for May 27, beginning at 4:45 p.m., with a chamber ribbon cutting followed by a hamburger and hotdog



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I wonder: Do we always acknowledge acts of kindness, or better still — do I acknowledge them as I should?

Well, I try to, but it took a long time for me to learn the importance of doing it.

The thing I have reference to occurred in the Spring of 1971. And it involved one of the finest little ladies I ever knew.

She lived somewhere I believe in Missouri, but she owned a farm northeast of Muleshoe, and she always came down and stayed here a large part of the year attending to things here. Consequently she was in and out of our office quite often. And we became pretty well acquainted.

Like most people from other areas, she had what we might think of as differences or peculiarities. But, as I said, she was a very nice and intelligent person.

It rained quite a lot during those years. And that, with their irrigation wells, created water problems which in turn called for assistance with county equipment

Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

We are doing something different this year for the Summer Reading Program!

Children two years old through Pre-K are going to be doing things the same way they always have, but the rest are in for a real treat!

The prize for the top reader of this group is a gift certificate to Tickled Paint .

Kindergarten through Second grade will be reading the book *Judy Moody is in a Mood*.

We have games and activities that go along with this book. The prize for the top reader in this group is a gift certificate to the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

Third through fifth grade will be reading the book *The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide*.

We have games and activities that go with this book. The prize for the top reader in this group is the "Spiderwick Chronicles" movie and poster.

Sixth through eighth grade will be reading *Eragon*.

We have games and activities planned that go along with this book. The prize for the top reader in this group is the *Eragon* movie, poster and game.

Nin through 12th grade will be reading *Twilight*.

We have some activities planned to go along with this book. The top reader of this group will win the *Twilight* movie, posters, and soundtrack.

The top prize this year is an iPod Shuffle. This prize goes to the person who shows the best library manners.

This winner will be picked by the library staff. Last year we discussed library manners in detail with each group and we will see who learned the most!



and the installation of culverts. But she called culverts "tubes." I never could get used to that.

Her husband had died several years before, so management of their affairs fell on her shoulders. And she apparently did it well. She told me she had never, not once through all the years, bought anything on the credit. And, so she said, she still had in her files the original bill and receipt for every account she had paid. "So where's the beef?"

Well, I was out of the office during the years 1967-70. Then, as I remember it, I came back on Jan. 1, 1971.

When she got word that I was coming back into the office she wrote me a long letter expressing herself as being glad of it. Furthermore she said that, in her opinion, I could do more good in that work, with children, and in other things, than I could do in the churches I was working with.

It was a real nice letter, and I did appreciate it. But I didn't respond to it. I knew we would be seeing her pretty soon, and I could tell her in person, face to face. But that was not good enough. I really thought so then. I know it now. For one of the first things she said to me when she came down in the spring was: "I wrote you a real

nice letter expressing my appreciation of your good work, and how glad I was to know you were back, and you didn't even answer it."

She was apparently disappointed, her feelings were hurt and she never really got over it. And neither have I.

I told myself then that I must never let that happen again.

From that day to this I have tried to acknowledge every act of kindness shown me — or to any member of my family.

It matters not if it be a spoken word, a phone call, a bit of writing, a pat on the back or whatever, I try to show my thankfulness for it. And I sincerely believe that, as a result, I am a better person. You might know — I need more of that.

My thinking then is that any time or effort we put forth recognizing the kindness of our friend or neighbor has value far beyond dollars and cents.

You know a little more love and kindness shown to our friends, and a few more "Thank You Kindlys" for those shown us might turn out to be good for all of us. I'm pretty sure they can never hurt us.

Is not one of the great commands "Love thy neighbor as thyself?"

Lariat church to hold VBS

The Lariat Church of Christ will be holding a Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 yr of age through high school on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served along with snacks.

There will be fun group games, crafts and activities as well as Bible lessons for all who attend.

For more information contact Lynn Cain at 272-6794.

Publication of announcements in the Journal

The Muleshoe Journal invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births.

In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

For weddings and quinceaneras 25 column inches, which includes a photo if desired, is the limit.

If the photo and announcement runs longer, we reserve the right to eliminate parts of the story or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family,

including grandparents.

Please understand that the permission of both parents is required for a birth announcement to be published.

Small stories describing showers are run free of charge after the fact and may include the names of the principals, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

It is the responsibility of the party providing the information to provide all of the information. News releases in which names were left out by the party providing the information will not be re-published free of charge.

A deadline of four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

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It's finally hear: The end of the 2008-09 school year

Dr. Gene Sheets

It's hard to believe that the school year is over. It seems like only last week that we were registering students for this school year.

It's been a very successful year. We have had tremendous success in athletics. We won our first ever state championship in football!

Football players and Coach Wood have received numerous awards and honors as a result of the great year they had.

All of the other sports teams had very successful seasons as well.

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teams, Speech teams, and One-Act Play also had a successful year. Several students advanced to the state level of competition.

Our preliminary TAKS scores are beginning to come in, and it looks like we have increased our TAKS scores from 20-30 percent in many of the areas in which we have struggled in the past.

But beyond the academic and athletic successes we have experienced, our teachers and staff have made a difference in the lives of the students we teach

every day.

Our district counselor, Mrs. Wright, gave some students an interesting assignment earlier this year.

The students were to make three ribbons with "I make a difference" on the ribbon.

They were to give one person the ribbon and tell that person how they have made a difference in their life.

Then the student was to give the person the other two ribbons and give them the same instructions.

They were to report

A note from the superintendent

back to the students the results of who they gave their ribbon to and their reaction. These reports turned out to be powerful examples of how people can make a difference in the lives of students.

Here is just one of the many stories from that assignment.

One student, Dillon Gallman, gave his three ribbons to Vickie Burch, our high school English teacher.

He gave the ribbons to her because of "all the things she does for us," and said that students sometimes give her trouble because she is so tough on us to get our work done.

She "keeps bugging us to work, but I know she is doing that to help us get ready for our future in college."

She "pushes us to

be better writers and students, and even better people."

Mrs. Burch gave her ribbon to Crystal Vasquez, our high school secretary. She said she gave Crystal her ribbon because she "has been such a willing and gracious helper to all of the teachers."

She is "always in a good mood, which puts co-workers and students in a good mood."

Crystal gave the final ribbon to her co-worker, Annette Orozco. She gave her ribbon to her because of all the help that Annette gives her.

Mrs. Orozco "always has a great attitude." She is always "working hard to try to keep everything in order."

All three of these fantastic women in our school system work

hard to do their job, not because they have to, but because they want to.

There are many other stories about faculty and staff in Muleshoe who have made a difference in the lives of their students.

We are truly blessed to have teachers and staff who care about students and go out of their way to help them be successful.

I can't wait to come back next school year, because we are all "Building the Future, One Student at a Time."

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Editorial

Paying for public services

For years there have been groups opposed to taxation.

During the time Jesus Christ walked the earth, the Pharisees freely quoted their oral laws — which were later written down as the Talmud — which proclaimed tax collectors to be "unclean," but didn't hesitate in their attempt to create problems for the Messiah with Rome over taxes.

And while our nation's forefathers expressed their disagreement with Parliament's taxation of the colonies, the issue had more to do with the lack of a voice in such matters, which fostered the revolutionary-era slogan, "No taxation without representation."

For several decades, various groups in the United States have also voiced their discontent with the issue of any taxation.

God's Holy Word tells us that we should submit to the governmental

authorities, and notes that he has placed these individuals and institutions over us for our benefit.

Here in the United States, we have the added perspective of being a nation of the people, by the people and for the people. Our governmental leaders are ultimately answerable to us, the citizens.

In the elections held at the beginning of the month, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, came to us and asked not for tax restriction to be removed, but rather for it to be reduced, only to have their request denied at the polls.

Sure, maybe they should have held formed a committee, such as the school district did when it sought to calm the public's fears of a multi-million bond issue.

Maybe they could have held public hearings to better explain their position, and to allow citizens

opposing a tax increase the opportunity to voice their opposition.

Maybe they could have conducted some of their business meetings better in the past few years... but the simple truth is that without a qualified, professionally run hospital all of the people injured in the incident Monday night would have required transportation out of county to receive even minimal treatment.

The thing we have to remember is that government services cost money... lots of money.

Government entities exist just so we can pool our monies and receive these services.

And if we're unwilling to pay for the services these government entities provide, than we have to be willing for these services to end.

We may be flogging a dead horse, but if there was ever something that should be petitioned for another vote, this is it.

Bailey County Relay for Life set for June 12

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium.

Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year.

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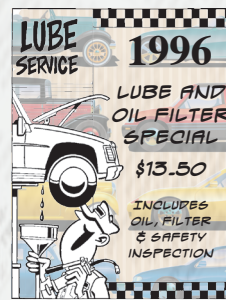
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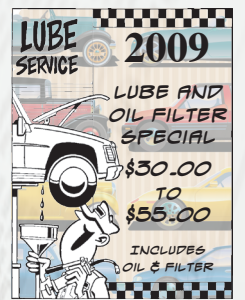
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