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Muleshoe Dist. 1 candidates speak out

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's continuing effort to keep the voting public informed, the candidates for the City of Muleshoe's Dist. 1 and Dist. 2 council positions. This week, the Dist. 1 candidates' responses are being published, with the Dist. 2 Candidates to appear in next week's issue.

The Dist. 1 candidates are Rick T. Galt, Richard C. Orozco and Isidoro Trevino. Unfortunately, Trevino did not respond to the questionnaire, and attempts to contact him were unsuccessful.

(1) Please provide us with a little biographical information:

Galt — I thought and decided to run to help the city and other places to get the things to improve the city

and other interests in the Muleshoe area. To improve things in the city.

Orozco — I was born and raised in Muleshoe and have lived here all of my life. I am married to Alma Orozco and have two teenage children, JC, who is a student at Wayland



RICK GALT

Baptist University, and Sandra, who is a sophomore in high school. I am employed by Muleshoe



ISD as a driver, and I also own and operate El Jacalito Restaurant in Texico, N.M.

(2) Please list your qualifications for the Muleshoe City Council, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Galt — I think I could improve the city with a better improvement in and around the City of Muleshoe. That's the reason I think I am the better candidate for the position.

Orozco — I have had the privilege of serving as a city council member for the past three years. During my term

in office, I have learned to work and compromise with decision makers in addressing the concerns of the citizens that are brought to my attention.

(3) What do you perceive to be Muleshoe's greatest assets?

Galt — Help out the



RICHARD OROZCO

Muleshoe area to get a better way for the city to clean up trash in the park and street in and around the

City of Muleshoe vicinity.

Orozco — Muleshoe has an economic development board that is eager to welcome new businesses into our community, which helps strengthen our economy.

The Chamber of Commerce does an exceptional job in promoting Muleshoe and attracting tourists. Thanks to the chamber's promotion we can all enjoy the annual Motorcycle Rally, the Tour de Muleshoe, the Fourth of July celebration, Mule Days, the Christmas Parade, Midnight Madness, and most recently the 84 On 84 Business Sale.

The Comite Patriotico is a nonprofit organization that sponsors the Cinco de Mayo and 16 de Septiembre festivities that many look

forward to attending each year.

Muleshoe has a lot to offer, but I believe Muleshoe's greatest asset is its people. We are a culturally diversified city, and that makes our city more interesting. We are a faith-based people who support each other and come together, especially in time of need.

(4) What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the city, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?

Galt — Fix all of the dips and low holes in the streets and make a valley where water lows in low areas to help not have pot holes that tear up small cars and pickups.

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Some days are diamonds

As the song says, "some days are diamonds... some days are stone."

Based on the picture on the right, you might think Mule Garrett Riley was having one of those "stone" days, as he hits the ground during Saturday's game against Tulia, but with Muleshoe taking the District Championship, his teammates would have to say that in spite of Garrett's bumps and bruises, it was a "diamond" day.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Local Weather

Thursday
Sunny..... 74/46

Friday
Pt. Cloudy..... 74/39

Saturday
Pt. Cloudy..... 71/42

Sunday
Pt. Cloudy..... 77/47

Monday
Pt. Cloudy..... 80/48

Tuesday
Pt. Cloudy..... 82/49

Wednesday
Few Shwrs..... 81/50

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"God is our refuge and our strength."

— Psalm 46:1

Smile! God loves you and loves me!

Words to ponder from Beverly

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Bailey County attorney talks about bogus check problem

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County Attorney Scott Say met with local merchants and business representatives on Tuesday, April 24, to discuss their problems with bogus or insufficient checks.

Along with providing tips

If a merchant receives an insufficient check back from the bank, the business is to send the person who presented the check a "10 day letter," said Say, preferably by registered mail.

If the check writer doesn't want to accept the letter, he

"Ultimately, the only hammer I have is to threaten to throw them in jail," said the county attorney.

Although payment arrangements can be made with the county attorney's office, Say said the offender will have to have paid the full amount within 60 days. In some rare instances involving larger check amounts, the county attorney may allow up to 90 days for the offender to make restitution, including the payment of the related fees.

"If they don't have it paid, I'm filing a case," he said.

Say recommended that merchants not take partial payments on checks that have been returned by the bank, and also suggested that the merchant fee they may collect be the \$30 maximum allowed by state statutes.

"To some extent, the merchant fee will help deter (some) from writing hot

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that can help merchants to reduce the number of insufficient checks they accept, and ultimately turn over to Say's officer for prosecution, Say explained his philosophy about the problem and how his office would be handling such matters.

"I'm not going to mess with them..." Say said, "I'm going to take a lot more strict stance in regards to hot checks."

said, "Bring it to me." Say said his office would wait until the 10 days had passed, and then would send them a letter.

Say's letter would be the first step in his office's efforts to collect on the insufficient check, and if the check writer wished to continue to ignore the problem, would be followed by filing a criminal case and seeking an arrest warrant for the individual.

County receives 'good' audit report

Driver's license office asks for more space

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners Court received a "good" audit report during Monday's special session, with the county's net assets increasing by \$275,147.

The audit report, which was presented by Becky Roberts, CPA, of Abilene, and prepared by Roberts working in conjunction with the firm of Kirkland & Kirkland, auditors from Farwell, covered a period ending Sept. 30, 2006.

"I think your budgetary process is working," Roberts said during her explanation of the audit, noting also that, if anything, the commissioners' court was possibly "too conservative."

She said Bailey County had received a "hefty" increase in its equity, adding that the county maintained about a five-month reserve while most public entities carried a three-month reserve.

The only problem Roberts noted in her report to the commissioners was the need to spread out the financial responsibilities, segregating the duties to make it easier to monitor the activities of employees charged with handling county monies, or possibly conducting random internal audits to discourage the mishandling of county funds.

"I feel like the county had a good year," Roberts

said.

County Judge Sherri Harrison noted that the cost of the auditing services — at \$18,000 — was considerably higher than expected, about \$5,000 more to be exact. However, it was pointed out that the higher than expected auditing fees were a result of the firm having to perform additional auditing services on a daily basis as part of an investigation in the County Tax Assessor and Collections Office that is expected to be presented to a grand

'I think your budgetary process is working...'

— Becky Roberts

jury in May.

According to the audit report, Bailey County's assets exceeded its liabilities at the end of the previous fiscal year by \$1,615,898, of which \$1,091,171 could be used to meet the county's financial obligations. The remaining part of the equity, \$904,425 could be used to meet the county's debt service.

The report also noted that as of Sept. 30, 2006, the county's outstanding debt totaled \$4,561,154, and the ending fund balance was \$1,919,165.

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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

Prayers are still needed by Virginia Tech students

Last Monday, the country witnessed at Virginia Tech the worst school shooting since the Columbine shootings in 1999.

I think to most around that community what happened was a complete shock and everybody was not ready for the aftermath.

I learned bits and pieces of the events of the day as my own day went on, and by the last period of the day I knew what happened.

Several students, who stayed hidden and were not found by the shooter, were able to keep a blog on the internet to let the outside world get a glimpse of the real problem on the campus.

This incident goes to prove that no school is safe and we must be prepared if something like this were to happen.

I thought that after

Columbine there wouldn't be another school shooting of any kind ever again, but I guess I was wrong.

I have always felt safe in all the schools I have attended so far and will attend in the very near future, so that is probably why the shootings at Columbine and now Virginia Tech still shock me enough for me to try and fathom the chaos that must have taken place during both of those shootings.

The Virginia Tech shooter went in to three buildings on campus and went on a rampage, killing 32 students. Two of the buildings are now back in use, but the other building, the site of the worst killings, still has yet to be released by the police for the students to use again.

With this shooting and the Columbine shooting, it has opened the eyes of many people in hopes that they might be able to make our schools a little more safe for all of us.

Students at Virginia Tech had resumed classes by the time this was written, but they still must deal with the tragic loss of their friends.

I'm just glad that universities around the country are supporting and helping Virginia during this hard time.

All that we can do is send them our prayers and blessings in hopes that they might be able to overcome this horrible crime and try to move on with their lives.

Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2007 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for this year's graduates.

Your donation will help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Olton. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free, parent sponsored graduation celebration event!

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold sponsor — cash donation of at least \$100, Silver — cash donation of at least \$50; Bronze — cash donation of at least \$25; Honorable mention — cash or prize donation less than \$25. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Donations for "Project Graduation 2007" should be addressed to: Project Graduation 2007, 143 FM 1731, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Meals on Wheels raffle

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the homebound food program.

First place is a painting by a local artist, second place is a quilt and third place is a \$50 cash prize. The tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing is set for May 11.

The painting and the quilt are available for viewing at the Bailey County Courthouse Aging Services office.

Mule Putt opening set

The Jennyslipper Mule Putt Golf Course will be hosting its annual grand opening on Saturday, May 5, from 3-11 p.m., with live musical entertainment and fun for all.

Migrant assistance available

The Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation will be holding its registration and commodity distribution on Thursday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Texas Migrant Council Center, 719 Gum Street, Muleshoe.

Individuals needing to receive a new card for 2007 will need to bring the following: Identification, social security cards for everyone in the household, an electric bill, proof of income from the past 30 days for everyone in the household ages 24 and over, a bank statement, Check stubs and an award letter can be used.

The corporation also has rent, clothing and utilities assistance for migrants, seasonal farm workers and farmers.

Lazbuddie blood drive

The Lazbuddie community blood drive has been set for Monday, April 30, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church's fellowship hall. Call 806-331-8800 to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Donations sought

Donations are being sought for the Flores family, which recently lost all of their possessions and mobile home to a house fire.

Any donations — whether clothing, household items, furniture, toys, food or money, would be appreciated, and may be dropped off at a relative's home, 1505 W. ave. B, Muleshoe.

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

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

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

Come join us for lunch and a time for learning and sharing. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences agent, 272-4583.

Ex-Students to meet

The Muleshoe Ex-Student Association will be meeting on May 9, at 2 p.m., at the Onieta Wagon Senior Citizens Center. Contact Laura Seales at 925-6781 for additional information.

Library News

The Muleshoe Public Library will be starting storytime again on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

May 2 — Altered endings. This storytime takes well know fairy tales and gives them a twist!

May 9 — What happens on a farm? We will be reading stories about farm animals.

May 16 — Farmyard fun. What fun things can happen on a farm?

May 23 — Farm animals. We will read more stories about farm animals

Lazbuddie High students place at UIL meet

Lazbuddie High School students to place in the recent UIL academic meet included:

Brittney Schacher, fifth in news writing; Rochelle Smith, 10th in ready writing; Chelsea Nichols, 15th in calculator; Chase Timms, 24th in computer science; Katie Chavez, 31st in literary criticism; Jacob Schacher, 33rd in computer science; Kayle Jesko, 47th in science.

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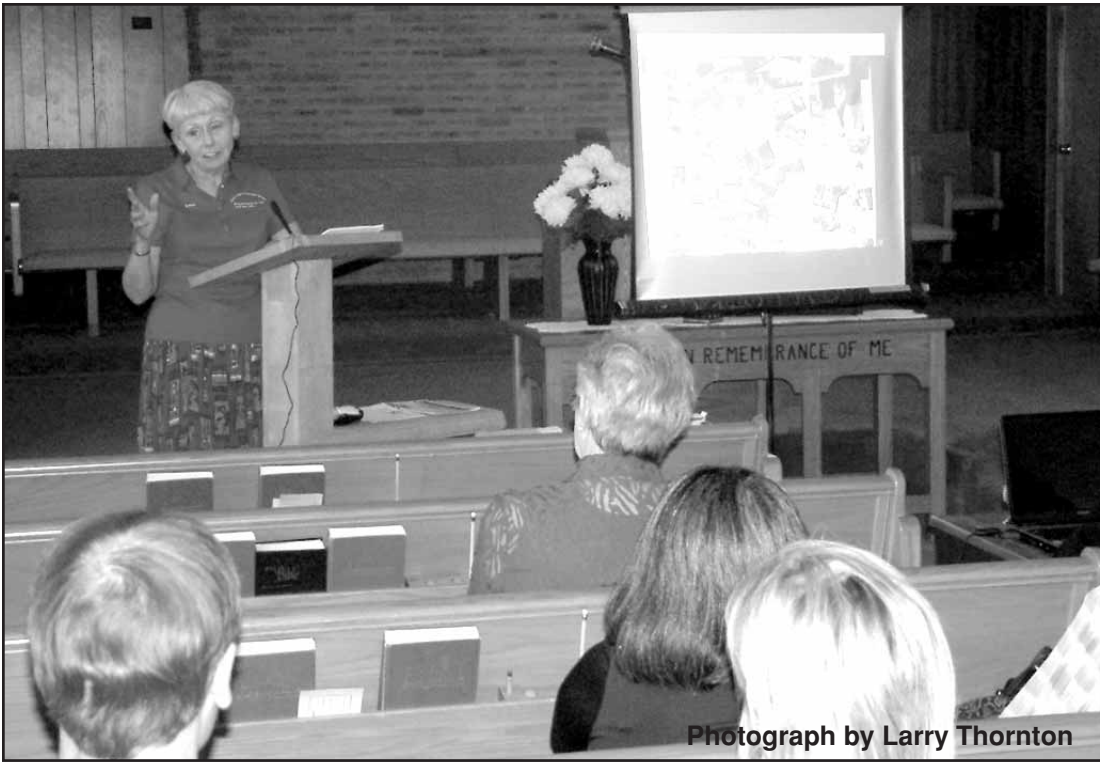
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Cherokee 'Trail of Tears' remembered

Muleshoe High School graduate Kathy Boren Copeland addressed members of the Jennyslippers, the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's board of directors, and other members of the local community Monday, April 23. Copeland spoke about the three books she has written, along with the removal of 17,000 Cherokee from eastern states to what would eventually become Oklahoma.

County commissioners' court...

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In other business, the court:

- Discussed the assignment of county office space.

- Spoke with Sgt. Issac Gamboa of the Texas Department of Public Safety concerning his request for additional space for the Drivers License Office.

Gamboa said passage of the "Real ID Act," by Congress would require additional space to serve people in Bailey County. He suggested that the building currently housing the Bailey County Extension Office, which may be moving into the vacant "Outpatient Clinic," on Ave. C.

However, Commissioner Butch Vandiver took issue with Gamboa's request. "I think we need to consider our county offices first," he said.

Vandiver also pointed out that the county had received many complaints about state office being open only a couple days a week during recent months, and said he couldn't see more space being needed if there wasn't

going to be additional coverage.

"We'd like to have more space, but we understand if we can't," Gamboa said.

"We appreciate all that you do for us," Gamboa said, but with the 11 DPS personnel under his supervision having to provide coverage in offices located in 13 counties it was very unlikely additional coverage would be possible in Bailey County.

Harrison expressed an attitude similar to Vandiver's when she pointed out that Bailey County only provided the office space for the D.L. office out of courtesy, adding that the county was trying to reduce the amount it paid for office space. "If the state needs more room, they should provide it," she said.

- Set the salary for an individual who would be in charge of maintenance of the courthouse, and able to supervise county prisoners assigned to work on county property at slightly more than \$19,000.

Judge Harrison urged the commissioners court to

approve the annual salary for a full-time position rather than assigning someone to the positions on a part-time basis.

"We have certain things that need to be done at certain times," she said.

- Discussed the disposal of county property, including several old vehicles possessed by various county departments. The members of the court voted to advertise for bids, which will be opened on May 14.

- Approved an amendment to the FY 2007 budget.

- Approved the county's health insurance through the Texas Association of Counties at the same rate as the previous year.

Muleshoe candidates...

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Orozco — The Muleshoe Police Department does a great job in keeping Muleshoe safe with the resources and personnel it has on staff. But due to a slight increase in crime recently, the police department needs help in dealing with this problem.

The sensible solution would be to hire another police officer. The problem arises when we have to find the resources to pay for the police officer without overburdening the citizens and raising taxes.

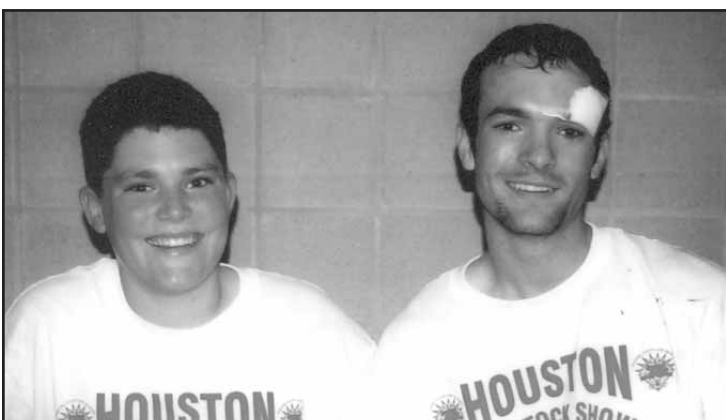
In order to continue enjoying our peaceful way

of life, we the citizens must be more involved in crime prevention and in our own safety. Therefore, I believe the solution is to sponsor volunteer neighborhood watches which cost us nothing, but our time.

Other staff in other department also meet the increasing needs in the community, parks, streets, etc.

Infrastructure updates... including a sewer treatment plant upgrade to meet the needs of the growing population.

As a city council member, I look at these needs as challenges facing the city rather than problems.



Lazbuddie cousins catch calves

Logan Mason, the 15-year-old son of Shane and LeShea Mason of Lazbuddie, and Ryan Mason, the 16-year-old son of Sheldon and Debbie Mason, also of Lazbuddie, caught calves at the Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble on Monday, March 12. This entitles each boy to purchase a heifer with money donated by a sponsor of the calf scramble.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

The Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred March 23-24, according to Farm loan manager W. McCary.

The FSA office is located at 111 E. Avenue D., Muleshoe. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On April 2, two counties in New Mexico — Quay and Curry, were declared as major disaster areas.

Six New Mexico counties were named as contiguous counties — De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Roosevelt, San Miguel and Union.

Adjacent counties in Texas — Bailey, Deaf Smith, Hartley Oldham and Parmer, are also eligible for loans to cover part of production losses caused by these severe storms.

McCary said, "This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA."

"FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements," he said.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 3 for production losses, but farmers should apply as soon as possible," McCary said.

Bailey County attorney...

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checks," Say said. He also reminded the business representatives in attendance that checks written on "closed accounts" don't require a 10-day letter because in such cases there is a presumption of theft.

Say told the merchants they had a right to deny acceptance of a check as payment, but also said if a check is taken the clerk accepting the check needed to verify the person's identity, and write the information on the check to make it easier for his office to issue a warrant if necessary.

"You start putting people in jail, and they begin to understand you are serious," he said.

While cases under \$1,500 can be filed with the county attorney's office, checks for more must go to the district attorney's office.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our domino tournament was a huge success. The winning team was Raymond Treider and Luydoit Magby. They were awarded with gift certificates. The team with the least games won, Joe Sowder and Boyd Magby, were also awarded with gift certificates.

Our sincere thanks to the Vista Care Hospice of Plainview for sponsoring the tournament.

We invite and encourage all you senior citizens who like to play dominoes to come to the center. There is at least one table and sometimes two and three tables of players every day.

We have a lot of fun and fellowship at the center.

Remember the Tuesday night dances. The Bootscooters will be playing for the dance May 1. Make plans to bring a dish for pot luck supper and come join in the entertainment.

Our senior citizen friends from Clovis are enjoying joining us for a Friday night dance until their center is repaired after being damaged in the tornado. We welcome them and are glad we can be of assistance to them.

Our sincere thanks to LeShea Mason for helping with the Bingo on Thursday. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m.

and usually ends about 3 p.m. Come try your luck with us.

Refreshments and prizes are furnished.

Our birthday party for this month was on the April 26. We honored 19 citizens with birthdays in April. Our many thanks to Alene Bryant for calling our seniors with birthdays each month.

Covenant Home Health from Littlefield gave a program on Wednesday, April 25. The information they presented was very thorough and helpful. We thank you for taking your time to visit with us.

Menu for April 30 through May 4:

Monday, April 30 — Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, salsa, chips, and lemon pudding cake.

Tuesday, May 1 — Chicken in sauce, scallop potatoes, salad, wheat roll and peaches.

Wednesday, May 2 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and cobbler.

Thursday — Sauerkraut and sausage, steamed carrots, sliced tomatoes, wheat roll, applesauce and cookies.

Friday, May 4 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and fruit salad.



Lazbuddie students honored

Lazbuddie Elementary honored Kindergarten student Jayden Marquez, pictured above on the left, the daughter of Jose Marquez and Teresa Hood; and fifth-grade student Allison Weaver, pictured above on the right, the daughter of Becky Stroble and Shannon Weaver as its Students of the Week.

Lazbuddie blood drive scheduled

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They Saw Jesus

by Max Lucado

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews (John 20:19) Picture the scene. Peter, John, James. They came back. Banking on some zany possibility that the well of forgiveness still had a few drops, they came back. Daring to dream that the master had left them some word, some plan, some direction, they came back.

But little did they know their wildest dream wasn't wild enough. Just as someone mumbles, "It's no use," they hear a noise. They hear a voice.

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Every head lifted. Every eye turned. Every mouth dropped open. Someone looked at the door.

It was still locked.

It was a moment the apostles would never forget, a story they would never cease to tell. The stone of the tomb was not enough to keep him in. The walls of the room were not enough to keep him out.

The one betrayed sought his betrayers. What did he say to them? Not "What a bunch of flops!" Not "I told you so." No "Where-were-you-when-I-needed-you" speeches. But simply one phrase, "Peace be with you." The very thing they didn't have was the very thing he offered: peace.

It was too good to be true! So amazing was the appearance that some were saying, "Pinch me, I'm dreaming" even at the ascension. No wonder they returned to Jerusalem with great joy! No wonder they were always in the temple praising God!

A transformed group stood beside a transformed Peter as he announced some weeks later: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:56)

No timidity in his words. No reluctance. About three thousand people believed his message. The apostles sparked a movement. The people became followers of the death-conqueror.

They couldn't hear enough or say enough about him. People began to call them "Christians." Christ was their model, their message. They preached "Jesus Christ and him crucified," not for the lack of another topic, but because they couldn't exhaust this one.

What unlocked the doors of the apostles' hearts?

Simple. They saw Jesus. They encountered the Christ. Their sins collided with their Savior and their Savior won! What lit the boiler of the apostles was a red-hot conviction that the very one who should have sent them to hell, went to hell for them and came back to tell about it.

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Obituaries

Frank "Pudd" Wiseman

A church service for Frank "Pudd" Wiseman, 67, of Sudan, was held on Thursday, April 19, at the Sudan Church of Christ with Terry Wilson and Jeff Procter officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

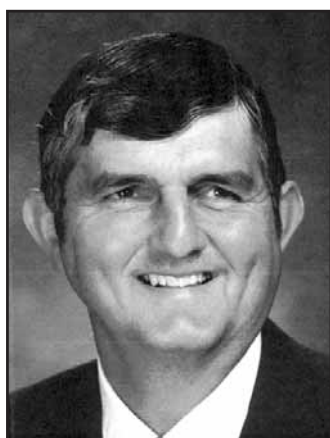
Wiseman died on Monday, April 16, 2007, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Jan. 20, 1940, in Sudan to Archie Calvin Sr. and Beulah Mae (Dunlap) Wiseman, and married Kay Gentry in Sudan on March 24, 1961.

Wiseman was preceded in death by his parents; a sister — Mary Alice; a son-in-law and a grandson — Van and Andy Branson on Oct. 13, 1987; and his oldest daughter — Wendy Lea Branson on June 24, 1993.

He had lived in the Fairview Community near Sudan all of his life and was a 1958 graduate of Sudan High School where he was actively involved in school life. He was known by his peers as "El Presidente."

He was an elder in the Sudan Church of Christ and helped establish the Shiprock New Mexico Vacation Bible School in 1976 and later the Shiprock Navajo Indian Nation Fair.

Wiseman had served on the Sudan School Board. He farmed for several years, and had owned and operated Pudd's Shamrock Service Station in Sudan.



"PUDD" WISEMAN

Presently he was associated with H&R Block in Muleshoe.

He left to mourn his passing, his lovely family, his wife — Kay Wiseman of the home; his son and daughter-in-law — Randy Wiseman and his wife Rebecca, and their children, Mark and Rachel of Lubbock; daughter — Linda Kay and her husband John and their children, Thomas, Daniel and Hannah of Round Rock.; special grandson — Allan Branson and his wife Micah of Wolforth; sister — Lou Young of Lubbock; two brothers — Calvin Wiseman Jr. and his wife Jane of Sudan, and Bill Wiseman and his wife Gladys of Tifton, Georgia; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, New Mexico 88130 or In Search of The Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, Oklahoma 73083.

Arthur Childers

A memorial service for Arthur "Pat" Childers, 91, of Quartzsite, Ariz., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on March 18, at the Quartzsite

Senior Citizens' Center.

Childers died on March 9, 2007. He was born in Aylesworth, Okla., to Pascal and Fanny Childers, and moved to Muleshoe prior to moving to Quartzsite.

Childers served in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer and a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents and several siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Midge Childers.

Marie Briggs

A funeral service for Marie Briggs, 97, of Willcox, Ariz., was held on Sunday, April 22, at Westlawn Chapel.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, April 24, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Briggs died on April 19, 2007. She was born in Greenville on Nov. 9, 1909, and married Hinds Briggs on Nov. 24, 1929, in Tye.

They lived in the Lubbock-Muleshoe area until 1965, when they moved to Willcox.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Willcox.

Briggs was preceded in death by her parents — Joseph L. and Mary Belle Jowers; her husband — Hinds; three sons — Don, Ronnie and Brian; two sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include her son — Joe Briggs of Willcox; a daughter-in-law — Rosemary Briggs of Arlington; and a sister — Edna Teaff of Merkel.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Charles Wm. Leighton, Jr. Hospice Fund, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Ariz. 85644.

Alice McLaughlin

Funeral services for Alice Irene McLaughlin, 90, were held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Panhandle with Pastor Faye Roberts of River Road Fellowship of Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in the Panhandle Cemetery.

McLaughlin died on Saturday, April 21, 2007, in Muleshoe. She was born on July 10, 1916, in Willow, Okla., and married Leonard J. McLaughlin July 30, 1932, in Blair, Okla.

She had been a Panhandle resident since 1944, moving from Oklahoma.

McLaughlin was a homemaker and a baptist.

McLaughlin was preceded in death by her



ALICE IRENE McLAUGHLIN

husband on Aug. 16, 1991, her parents; a daughter — Sue Lanier; a son — Rex; a sister; nine brothers and a granddaughter.

Survivors include a son — Louie McLaughlin of Amarillo; two daughters — Diane Grumbles of Muleshoe and Patsy McNeal of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

Martha McCormick

A church service for Martha McCormick, 77, of Muleshoe, is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ with the Rev. Reydon Stanford and the Rev. Jim Witcher officiating. Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

McCormick died on April 23, 2007, in the Harmonie House in Amherst. She was born on May 24, 1929, in Matador, and married Roland McCormick in Slaton on Sept. 16, 1951.

McCormick moved to Muleshoe from Lubbock in 1956. She earned a bachelors degree from Texas Tech in education and

a masters degree from Eastern New Mexico State in counseling. She was a school teacher for many years.

McCormick was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Roland, in 2005, a sister a brother, and a grandchild.

Survivors include her son — Tim McCormick of Muleshoe; a daughter — Cathy Branscum of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M., 88130-9411.

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Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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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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Softball tourney scheduled

The Muleshoe Softball League will be hosting a co-ed tournament on Mother's Day, May 11-13, and Father's Day, June 15-17.

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Sports

Near perfect defense leads to district championship

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule defense was almost perfect Saturday when the Tulia Hornets visited the Mules on the Diamond in the Park.

They left little doubt in their fan's or the Hornet's minds who deserved to be District 2-2A champions.

District championships have seemed to elude the Mule baseball teams through the years. But the 2007 season was a very different story. The have one game remaining and will put their 16-5 and 7-1 record on the line Tuesday against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

The Mules exploded in the third inning for seven runs to take a 12-2 lead over the Hornets. Tulia tried to make a game of it in the fourth and fifth inning but the Mules continued to play good defense on a windy



District champion Muleshoe Mules

afternoon to hold them to only seven runs.

The Mules added two in the fourth inning and three more in the fifth on a walk off single by Brant Hamilton to score the 17th Mule run and stop the game on the 10-run rule.

Timothy Conner set the defensive tone for the Mules when the first batter of the game hit a line shot down

the first base line. Conner fought off a tough bounce, collected the ball and step on the bag for the initial out.

Dusty Clayton scooped up a ground ball at second and fired to Conner at first for the second. Hamilton scooped up a hard grounder that could have found its way to center field had he not had quick reflexes. Hamilton made the easy

throw to Conner to end the top half of the inning.

Clayton was hit by the first pitch delivered by the Hornet pitcher. He stole second base on the second pitch to TJ Brantley. Brantley flew out to right field on a well hit ball. Victor Vasquez lined a double to left center to score Clayton from second.

Conner traded places

with Vasquez with a line drive double to right center to give the Mules a 2-0 lead after one inning.

Hamilton gave up his first of two walks in the game to start he second inning but settled in after that. The second batter hit a ground ball to Stephan Dominguez at third. He scooped up the ball and made a quick throw to Clayton at second. The

throw was wide but Clayton made the grab in time to tag the runner as he went by and take away the lead runner.

Ray Ramirez had to make several adjustments in left field as a high fly ball came back toward the earth in the wind. He made the grab for the second out and held the runner at first. Garrett Riley made a running catch in right field for the third out and held Tulia scoreless.

Caesar Lopez took the limit of pitches before drawing a walk to start the Mule's half of he second. Dominguez and Clayton struck out before Brantley doubled to right center. The hit-and-run was on; Lopez left on the pitch and did not slow down until he crossed the plate.

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Lady Mules clinch playoff berth

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules clinched a state playoff berth by defeating the Bobbies at Dimmitt last week. The game was stopped after five innings on the 10-run rule. The Lady Mules out scored the Bobbies 21-5.

The Lady Mules played the Lady Lopes of Abernathy close in the final game of the regular season. They spotted Abernathy eight runs before they broke into the scoring column with two runs in the fourth inning.

They cut the Lady Lopes lead to 11-7 in the sixth and gave up two in

the top of the seventh. The Lady Mules needed six runs to extend the game but could only score three. They fell three runs short with the final tally being 13-10.

The Lady Mules got off to a slow start in Dimmitt and did not score until he second inning. But their defense held the Bobbies scoreless through two innings despite getting three runners to third.

Morgan Smith drew a lead off walk in the second, stole second base and moved to third on a wild pitch. Brittany Ambriz singled up the middle to score Smith. She stole second, moved to second on an error on the short stop

that allowed Amber Fuentes to reach first.

Ambriz scored on a passed ball to give the Lady Mules a 2-0 lead after two innings.

The Lady Mules batted around in the third inning and scored six runs on two hits. Gabby Perez and Ambriz walked. Fuentes singled to score both Perez and Ambriz. Ali Eagle, CiCi Reyna and Lupita Andrade walked to load the bases.

Jasmine Davenport singled to right field to score three runs and push the Lady Mule lead to 8-0. Dimmitt got three of the runs in the bottom of the third inning to trail 8-3.

The Lady Mules put the

game out of reach in the fourth inning as they exploded for nine more runs. The Bobbies walked three Lady Mules and hit one with a pitch. Smith and Ambriz drew lead off walks. Fuentes sent a Texas leaguer over the head of the first baseman to score Smith.

Eagle reached on an error on the right fielder and Ambriz scored on the error. Reyna and Andrade walked to load the bases. Davenport cleared the bases with a double to right center.

BreAnn Baca reached on an error on the short

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Eighth grade Mule track team finishes third in district meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules finished third in the District 2-2A Track Meet in Tulia Saturday with 133 points. Bushland won the meet with 190 points, Dimmitt (140) was second, and Friona (86) placed fourth. Highland Park (30) took fifth; Tulia (27) was sixth and River Road (12) was seventh.

Sterling Leopard picked up the Mules first gold medal in the first race of the day. He won the 2400-meter run in a time of seven minutes 56.84 seconds. Isais Guerra had a fourth place time of 9.34.00 in the 2400.

Cooper Washington won his first of three individual gold medals in the long jump with a leap of 18-5.25. He picked up his second gold medal in the shot put with a toss of 42-10. Sergio Montajuno had a silver medal throw of 116-2 in the discus.

Tyson Turnbow picked up the bronze medal in the high jump with a leap of 5-2. Mark Quezada finished

sixth in the pole vault with a height of 8-0.

Washington's third gold medal of the day came on the track in the 100-meter dash. He crossed the finish line in a time of 12.12. The 4x100-meter relay team of Rico Alacorn, Joey Ramirez, Turnbow and Washington took the silver medal with a 49.15.

Turnbow grabbed the gold medal in he 110-meter hurdles with a 17.78. He finished fifth in he 300-meter hurdles with a 47.95. The 4x200-meter relay team of Juan Sanchez, Alacorn, Ramirez and Zach Toscana won the silver medal with a time of 1:48.44.

Leopard broke his own school record in the 1600-meter run for the third week in a row with a 4:58.35. Quezada won the bronze medal in the 1600 with a 5:53.99 and Guerra placed fifth with a 6:07.48.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Alacorn, Christian Godinez, Washington and Ramirez took the bronze medal with a 4:11.73.

Seventh grade Mules 'run away' with championship trophy

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules traveled to Tulia Saturday and ran away with the championship trophy. They put 142.5 points on the board during the District 2-2A Meet. Bushland finished

second with 133.5 points, Tulia was third with 117.5 points and Friona finished in fourth with 88.

Dimmitt (71) was fifth, Amarillo River Road (53.5) took fifth and Amarillo Highland Park (14) finished seventh.

Isaac Baca got the Mules started in the field events by taking his first of four gold medals with a leap of 17 feet two and three quarters inches in the long jump. Eric Orozco placed sixth in the event with a leap of 14-1.

Adaleidio Godinez

earned the first point for the Mules on the track with a sixth place finish in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes and 16.58 seconds. Pilar Campos and Sergio Vasquez finished

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Vasquez blasted his second double in as many innings to score Marshall Head running for Brantley. Hamilton walked before Conner lofted a bloop single into right field. When Vasquez saw the hit would fall to the turf he streaked home from second. The Mules had put together a two out rally for three runs.

The Mules gave up two runs in the top of the third after the only Mule error of the day.

The Mules used four hits

and a Tulia error to get back the two runs they gave up plus five more. Riley walked to start the Mule rally and an error on the third baseman allowed Lopez to reach first.

Dominguez flied out to second before Clayton laid a bunt down the third base line. It appeared to be rolling foul when the third baseman scooped up the ball in fair territory. Clayton beat the throw to first as Riley went to third and Lopez made it to second.

Brantley singled to right to

score Riley. Vasquez drove a fly ball to deep center field that was caught but gave Lopez time to score from third. Clayton stole home on a pickoff play that failed.

Hamilton was hit by a pitch and Conner singled to right center to score Head running for Brantley. Elias Alvarado picked up two RBIs with a single to right and went to second on the throw home. Riley walked for the second time in the inning.

Alvarado scored on a

passed ball to give the Mules a 12-2 advantage. Tulia scored three runs in the fourth inning and Alvarado came in to finish the game on the mound in the top of the fifth. Tulia added two runs in the fifth.

The Mules scored two in the fourth inning as Clayton made his way around the diamond after hitting a single to right center. Brantley faked a bunt, and pulled back the bat and slapped a high bouncer over the charging third baseman. Vasquez singled to left center to score Clayton and the left fielder could not find the handle on the ball and allowed Head to score as he ran for Brantley. The Mules led 14-5 after four.

Caleb Conner pitch hit for Riley to start the fifth inning. His blast bounced once before hitting the fence in right center field and he scampered into second standing up. Lopez singled to right. Dominguez beat out a slow roller toward third.

C. Conner went home on the throw to first that was too late to get Dominguez. Brantley singled to left to move Lopez and Dominguez into scoring position. Vasquez went down on a called strike.


The Mules need two runs to stop the game when Hamilton stepped to the plate with two outs. He drove the 3-2 pitch to deep right center. Lopez trotted home and Dominguez sped around third.

Hamilton touched first as Dominguez crossed the plate for the 17th run and end the game.

The Mules wrapped up

the regular season Tuesday afternoon when the Bobcats of Dimmitt came to town. By winning district the Mules will have a bye before starting the playoffs. They will have one to three practice games while they wait to find out who their opponent will be.

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Lady Mules

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stop and stole second to get in scoring position. Perez doubled to pick up the two RBIs as Davenport and Baca crossed the plate to push the Lady Mule lead to 17-3. Dimmitt scored one in the bottom half of the inning.

April Gardea, Brittany Villa and Chi Hernandez checked into the line up in the top of the fifth inning. Reyna walked for the third time in the game as did

Andrade. Davenport and Baca also walked to force home Reyna. Gardea blasted a single up the middle to score Andrade but Davenport got caught between bases for the first out.

Two errors allowed Baca and Gardea to cross the plate to end the scoring for the Lady Mules and Dimmitt could not score in the bottom half of the inning. The win clinched the third

spot in the playoffs for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mule defense held Abernathy to just four runs in the first three innings but the offense could not push across any runs. The Lady Lopes doubled their tally in the fourth inning.

Eagle got a two out singled to center field in the bottom of the fourth and stole second to get into scoring position.

Smith doubled to left center to score Eagle and stole third. Hernandez singled up the middle to score Smith.

It was three up and three down for the Lady Lopes in the top of the fifth. The Lady Mules doubled up in the bottom of the fifth Reyna and Davenport both crossed the plate.

Abernathy scored three in the sixth inning and two more in the seventh. The Lady Mules pushed across three in the sixth and three in the seventh but it was not enough to catch the Lady Lopes.

The Lady Mules bi-district opponent had not been determined by press time so the game location was not available.

The Lady Mules will play the Childress Lady Bobcats for Bi-District in Sweetwater on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. The second game is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. and the third game will start 30 minutes after the end of the first if needed.

Seventh grade track team...

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fifth and sixth in the shot put with tosses of 31-2.5 and 31-0.75 respectively.

Juan Gurrero was fourth in the discus with a throw of 96-10. Baca picked up his second gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 32-4. Mateo Castillo took the bronze medal in the high jump by clearing 4-8.

The Mules took the gold and bronze medals in the pole vault and tied for sixth place. Saul Elisalde cleared

7-6 for the gold and Devon Cantrell took the bronze also at 7-6. Weston Griswald tied for sixth with a height of 6-6.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Beau Avilla, Cantrell, Orozco, and Baca had a gold medal time of 52.74. Baca picked up his third individual medal in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.81 and had a silver medal time of 26.92 in the 200-meter dash.



Colton Hill won the gold medal in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 20.62 and 49.52. Avilla had a silver medal time of 52.34 in the 300-meter hurdles. The 4x200-meter relay team of Avilla, Jaden Herrera, Orozco and Cantrell had a gold medal time of 1:54.06.

Castillo placed sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:27.61. The 4x400-meter relay team placed fifth with a 4:29.54.

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Can you find it?

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Today is all about us!

How would you describe the children you know?
Find and circle all of these words about children:

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Bilingual Books

Children are an important part of any community. Parents, teachers, librarians and businesspeople all get together to think about and plan activities for children and their families to enjoy on **Children's Day**. Read each sentence below about some of the activities that might be planned. Next, fill in the puzzle with the word that fits in the blank:

1. Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ walking down the street.
3. _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art, and other arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy the snacks when you are hungry: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream, cake.
7. Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages - ask for books written in English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menudo _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write _____, put on a plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).
12. Have a blast with your family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
13. Listen to Hispanic _____ read parts of their books.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge childrens' tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.

1. The Piñata Maker/El Piñatero by George Ancona.
2. Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations by Jose-Luis Orozco.
3. Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers by Anna Sproule.
4. An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share by Matite Suarez-Rivas.

What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

We speak and read in English and in Spanish! We are bilingual. We enjoy teaching our friends Spanish words. Here are some of the words we have shared. Can you match them to their English translations?

cascarones book
mother caramelo
libro confetti-filled eggshells
madre escuela
school candy

gato niños
father soccer cat
fiesta fútbol
children holiday
padre dog
perro

Sports

Eighth grade Lady Mules place third at district

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules placed third in the District 2-2A Track Meet in Tulia last Saturday with 99.5 points to edge out Tulia (99). Bushland (125) won the meet, Dimmitt (117) placed second, Friona (89) was fifth, Highland Park (47) took sixth and River Road (43.5) was seventh.

Tori Alvarado earned the

first points of the day for the Lady Mules in the shot put with a toss of 30 feet three and a quarter inch. Alvarado's throw earned her the silver medal. Shayla Carpenter placed fifth in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 57.41 seconds.

Ivone Mendoza had a silver medal throw in the discus of 73-5. Mindy Hamilton cleared 6-0 for the

bronze medal in the pole vault. Erika Rodriguez also cleared 6-0 but because of previous misses she placed sixth.

Yvonne Gardea out distanced the competition in the triple jump for the gold medal. She hopped, skipped and jumped 29-11.5. Gardea earned the silver medal in the high jump by clearing 4-6. Sandy Mojica placed sixth in the triple jump with a 27-1.75.

Abigail Regalado placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.26. The 4x100-meter relay team of Devnie Orozco, Abigail Regalado, Mojica and

Gardea earned the bronze medal with a 57.42.

Orozco placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a 30.35. Cassidy Lowe took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with an 18.49.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Orozco, Regalado, Mojica, and Gardea had a gold medal time of 2:02.56. Vivian Ronquillo placed fifth in the 1600-meter run.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carpenter, Lowe, Mojica and Gardea had a silver medal time of 4:46.08.

Ladies Golf Assn. News



Kay Field, Analita Haley, Pamela Miller, Treena Matthews and Deborah Noble.

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met on Wednesday, April 18, at the Muleshoe Country Club, where they enjoyed a meal of chicken salad on a strawberry and pineapple ring, green beans, corn on the cob, rolls and a four-layered desert.

Club president Marlene Martin welcomed the two new members, Pat King and Janelle Turner. A prayer of gratitude was led by Helen Templeton.

Treena Matthews read the minutes and called roll. There were 18 members present. The only April birthday was Pamela Miller. The treasurer's report was given by Pat Kirk.

As for old business, the club members discussed how to remodel the ladies room, club house and pro shop. Donations are being accepted to help pay for the ongoing project.

Those wishing to help fund the endeavor should contact Kirk or Sheryl Engelking.

Playday chairperson Judy Wilbanks wanted a head count of all who were going to the annual Ruidosa trip, July 12-15.

The MLGA has rented a five bedroom house for those who are coming home on Saturday. If Wilbanks doesn't have your name down, please give her a call.

On March 28, the playday ball was given to Wilbanks for the most "3"s. As for the carplayers, Claudine Elliott won most pat hands on April 4 and April 11 Wilbanks and Jerie Flowers won most times going out.

Engelking gave the High Plains Tournament report. During the April tournament, Kirk won low putts and Engelking won low net, giving the MLGA two points. Among the members participating were Templeton, Kirk, Irene Mason and Engelking.

Muleshoe will host the High Plains Tournament on May 9. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., and Tee Off will be at 9 a.m.

The Farwell Tournament was rescheduled for Wednesday, July 18. The Ladies Luncheon will be

moved to July 25. Please, readjust your calendars.

Door prize winner Deborah Noble was drawn by King.

The card players were King, Turner, Melody Hettinga and Martin, with King winning middle of the road.

The ladies divided up into three teams, with Kay Field, Analeta Haley, Matthews, Miller and Noble winning with a score of 69.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16. This will also be the Memorial Tournament.

Seventh grade ladies race to the end

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

It came down to the final race of the day for the seven grade Lady Mules competing in their first District track meet.

They had to place high in the 4x400-meter relay to hold off the Lady Falcons of Bushland.

The 4x400-meter relay team nailed down the Lady Mules first of many championships by taking the gold medal in a time of four minutes 38.95 seconds. The team members were Keiry Nava, Ashley Thomas, Melissa Casanova and Araceli Macias.

When the day ended the Lady Mules had 119.5 points and Bushland accumulated 111. Tulia (97.5) placed third, Highland

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Cell Phone Etiquette and Centipedes

I just talked to Joshua, our youngest son, on the cell-phone. Amazing.

Yes, cell phones in general amaze me. I have a love/hate relationship with the gadgets. They are blessings when you own one (or if you need to reel in a teenager) and a blight when they own you. For good or ill, they spring up everywhere as uninvited as dandelions.

The problem is not just that



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

the little e-buggers go off in all the wrong places because we forget to turn them off (we've all made that mistake), it's that too often those of us who aren't brain surgeons or such, required by "life and death" jobs to keep the little howlers on constantly, do so anyway. When's the last time you had an uninterrupted meal or a good conversation when you or a companion weren't reeled in or away by a cell phone? If I remember—a big IF—I'm planning to start turning mine to "silent" or "off" at meals. A meal should be an event. A cell phone call is usually a non-event that can easily wait thirty minutes to be returned. I might miss one call in 67 that can't wait. It's a risk worth taking.

Maybe I'm just surly, but I'm way over being impressed with folks who scurry through airports hollering into thin air. Even less impressive is the guy who loudly shares his end of a conversation with every-

body not more than six tables away at a restaurant.

File this under "confession" because it's not a Christian impulse, but in both of the scenarios above, I find myself itching to tie a wire to the guy's wireless Bluetooth, shove it past his Realteeth, and try to fish out his appendix.

Okay. I feel better. Where was I? Oh, yeah . . .

What's amazing about talking to Josh on a cell phone is that after I punch in a few numbers, I'm talking to him as he is standing in Sudan, Africa, just as clearly as if he was located fifteen miles away in Sudan, Texas. Joshua is overseeing the building of a dental/optical clinic in Sudan that will soon be used to show Christ's love to thousands of refugees from that war-torn land. Living without running water, without anything but some scant solar power, Joshua has learned to be thankful for small blessings. He's learned, for example, a new definition of "good" sleep. Good sleep is sleep uninterrupted by the sound of mortar shells and automatic weapons fire. (We're thankful that interruption has only happened once!)

Good sleep. It's the kind that comes after you get up worried that you just heard a rat gnawing on something in your hut, and then you find the big rodent's actually a friend—he's eating a sizable centipede.

Cell phones and etiquette seem to be mutually exclusive, so I don't know what the actual rule is, but I'm pretty sure it's not bad manners to talk quietly on a cell phone during a meal if it's not your meal, if the diner is a rodent, and if the main course is a centipede.

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

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Engagement

Faver, Thompson announce engagement

David and Ann Faver of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Cari, to Jeremy Thompson.

Jeremy is the son of Tom and Carol Thompson of Clarkston, Mich.

The couple plan to wed on July 20 at the Watson Building in Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a 1997 graduate of Muleshoe High School. She is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a degree in elementary education, and is employed by Lubbock Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School. He is a graduate of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan with a degree in construction management. He is a founding partner of Whetstone Boys Ranch.



JEREMY THOMPSON AND CARI FAVER



WJH Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 23, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — Cynthia Jordan, Stephanie Infante and Ricky Morin; back row — Zachary Toscano, Andrea Alfaro and Ryan Johnson.

Bailey County Extension Office releases wheat crop update

A promising wheat crop continues to develop over the local area. Producers should check their crop closely this week as moisture stress signs are beginning to appear.

According to the Texas High Plains PET Network the

wheat crop is using .25-.30 inches of water per day.

Moisture stress signs could also be a result of damage to the stem resulting from the hard freeze the weekend of April 8.

Stems with freeze injury may appear discolored,

swollen, or split. These stems limit the plants ability to move water and nutrients up the plant. Most stem damage locally has been observed in early planted fields and within four inches of the soil surface. Not all fields are showing signs of damage.

It is difficult to predict the final impact on yield, but grain fill and lodging could be a problem.

Russian wheat aphids have been observed in local wheat, some of which had previously been treated with an insecticide.

Russian wheat aphid is a potentially devastating pest. Rust symptoms have been reported in a few fields on lower leaves.

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Laborers, starting pay \$8/hr. Call Matchmakers Employment Service @ 505-763-5428 or come by 309 Main, Ste. 5, in Clovis (if live within 30 mile radius of Muleshoe).

Bailey County is now accepting applications for Maintenance Personnel with benefits. Responsibilities include upkeep and maintenance of County properties and lawn care. Jailer license will be obtained after hire to oversee inmate labor. Requirements - must be at least 18 yrs. old, no felony record, have H.S. diploma or G.E.D. and pass a drug test and physical. Salary \$9.50/hourly, \$822.92/semi-monthly, \$19,750.08/annually. Apply in person at 300 South 1st.

FARM HAND with good cultivating experience. MUST speak English. Call Jimmy Wedel, 272-5901.

Call Jayna for all your want ad needs @ 272-4536!

Feedyard Accountant - Responsible for tracking cattle inventory at various locations. Degree required. Working knowledge of Excel, Word and accounting database applications. Bilingual a plus.

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Deadline is Monday at 5 PM to place a Classified ad. Call 272-4536.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." "Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Muleshoe election to be held on May 12, 2007 will be tested on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bailey County Courthouse, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast.

LeAnn Gallman
Muleshoe
City Secretary
Published in the Muleshoe Journal on April 26, 2007.

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el quipo para tabular qutomaticamente que estara usado en la elleccion de la Ciudad of Muleshoe que se llavara a cabo el dia 12 de Mayo de 2007, se probara el jueves el 26 de April de 2007, a las 2:00 p.m. en la Bailey County Courthouse, 300 S. Uno, Muleshoe, Texas para averiguar que el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

LeAnn Gallman
Secretaria de la Ciudad de Muleshoe
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HOW ARE WE DOING? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! IS THIS NEWSPAPER GIVING YOU THE LOCAL COVERAGE YOU DESIRE? LET US KNOW! WE VALUE YOUR OPINIONS!

REAL ESTATE

JUST LISTED - Exceptional two-story country home south of Farwell situated on 11.411 surveyed acres. 4 bdrms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, lots of storage/closet space, central heat, 81/2 ft. ceilings. You will not believe the hardwood floors in this home!!
PARMER CO - 616 acres +/- west of Bovina, sprinkler irrigated wells, wood frame stucco home, Quonset barn, various other out buildings with pipe-rail cattle working pens, pavement. Excellent dairy location!
CASTRO CO. SECTION - Choice land, strong water, large home, 4 large barns & shop bldgs., sprinklers & wells.
CASTRO/HALE CO. - Choice section, strong water, 1/2 mile sprinkler & irr. wells, pavement.
CRP BUYERS: PARMER CO. - two-480 acre tracts (one with active caliche pit). **DEAF SMITH CO.** - 3 sections. **SHERMAN CO.** - one section and 400 acres.
CASTRO/WISHER COUNTY LINES - 856 acres, sprinkler irrigated, good water.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will offer for sale by means of competitive bids, a 1984 Ford Van Ambulance VIN # 1FDJS34LOEHA62507, owned by Bailey County. It can be inspected at the Muleshoe Airport, no keys. All bids must be in writing, in sealed envelopes marked as follows: "Bid for Purchase of Ambulance," and submitted to the County Judge's office (300 S. 1st, Muleshoe) no later than 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 14, 2007.

The Ambulance will sell "AS IS." The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Muleshoe ISD is accepting bids for athletic supplies and equipment. Please send bids to David Wood, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347. We will accept bids until May 4, 2007.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

First United Methodist Church is accepting bids for the demolition of the Chevron building at 502 S. 1st. Bids will be accepted until May 21, 2007. Send sealed bids to c/o Chevron Bid, P.O. Box 505, Muleshoe, TX 79347. For further information contact the church at 272-5517.

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HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

Beautiful 3/2/2 brick home in Richland Hills. Recently totally remodeled. All new flooring, lighting and paint. Granite tile countertops and vanities. FP and lots of storage. Metal roof/trim. Cottage style landscaping w/auto. spr. sys. Lots of parking. Spacious yard w/privacy fence and cov. patio. Serious inquires leave message. Day 946-7198, eve. 272-3578. 2pd4-19

Earth
1012 N.E. 1st St.
5 bedroom/2 bath home with storage buildings and fenced yard. Call for appointment, (806) 537-4931. 4pd4-12

FARM FOR SALE or rent. Bailey Co., TX. 160 acres, SE corner of West-Tex Feed Yards. Good 6 inch well, underground pipe, good FHA 2 BR/2 BA house, could be moved. 925-6731. 4pd4-26



Hart Farm - These two half sections are 2 miles apart north and west of Hart. The north half section has 3 wells, 2 are 500 gpm and one is 200 gpm. The south section has 3 wells all about 500 gpm. All wells were metered in Nov. '06.

Bailey County Farm - 547 acres setup for cow/calf operation. Four center pivot sprinklers, four different improved grasses, four 200 gpm wells, permanent fencing, and a 2650 sq. ft. house. Adjacent to this property is an additional 160 acres that could be bought and another 160 acres that could be leased.

Muleshoe - 6000 sq. ft. space for lease on American Blvd. next to Dollar General and across the street from McDonald's. As is or build-out would be considered for a long term lease.

Muleshoe Area Farm in Prime Dairy Location - 1149 acres NE of Muleshoe. This farm consists of seven quarter sections that have been very well maintained with newer center pivot sprinklers all packaged for 700 gal/min.

Lazbuddie - 2451 County Road X: House and 8 acres of land two miles N of Lazbuddie. This is a well maintained country home with many updates and additions as well as a 50' x 60' shop building.

Olton - 160 acres NW of Olton. Valley with 750 gpm pad and 500 gpm packages of Olton both with 7 tower Valley sprinklers & 550 gpm packages.

Lazbuddie Farm - 1120 acres with center pivots on all quarters. Two beautiful homes and two miles of highway frontage.

Dodd Farm - 967 acres with center pivots 2 miles E of Dodd in a good water area. A very nice home and barn on the highway.

Muleshoe - 105 acres 3 miles E of Muleshoe. 50 acres under a pivot and 2 wells.

623 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Great opportunity!
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HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

Country home on 1.4 acre lot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, diningroom, on Hwy. 214-4 miles north. Large yard. Call 925-6767 or 946-7234 for information. Shown by appt. only. 6pd4-19

1999 Clayton Mobile Home
16 X 80 - 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Located in Sudan. Will need to be moved.
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REAL ESTATE

- **Irrigated farms** - Spade, Earth, Levelland, Plainview and Littlefield.
- **Amherst** - 2 irr. labors. 5/2/2 on 2 acres, \$43,000.
- **Nice brick home**, like new 30'x50' shop, garage, plus carport on 5 private ac., 2-1/2 mi. E. of 214 on FM 3305 (south of Muleshoe). REDUCED PRICE \$85,000.

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177 acres in Eastern Bailey County - Good upland bird potential with 68.9 acres in CRP (good grass mix), 9.1 acres in playa lake area and balance of acres in cultivated non-irrigated farmland. \$325 per acre.
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- **Bailey County** - Circle Back area - 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on 9.5 acres. Fenced, on pavement, 3 small wells. \$50,000.
- **Lamb/Castro County Line** - 316 acres north of Earth, 2 central pivots, 4 wells. Very productive.
- **Northwestern Lamb County** - 160 acres, 2 wells, Center pivot, perimeter fence, 1/2 circle of improved grasses, good allotments.
- **Lamb County** - Northwest of Littlefield. 5 labors, 5 pivots, good allotment. Growing alfalfa and wheat for hay. A lot of depreciable assets.
- **Lamb County** - Earth - Beautiful, red brick home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 4 park garage, lots of storage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, \$130,000. Too nice to pass up.
- **Bailey County** - 350 acres, joining Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. Some cultivated, some native. Excellent potential to develop as a hunting or recreational place. Financing possible for qualified buyer.

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• 3-2-2 Brick Home, 2nd floor, 2 car garage, built-ins, auto. opener, 3 fans, approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! \$67.5K!!

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

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

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

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

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• OASIS ICE CREAM-NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent. A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, \$42K.

• 40' x 75' METAL BLDG. w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!!! \$85K!!!

• 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building + approx. 1440'

storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!

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

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

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

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

FARMS

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

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

RURAL

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

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

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

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

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

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Park Ridge - Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, built-ins, central heat & air, fire place, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage.

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

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

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

Price Reduced!! - Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home, built-ins, refrig. air/central heat, 2 living areas, utility room, sunroom, built-in grill, fireplace, dining room, sprinkler system, fenced back yard, 2 car garage. Plus more!
Lazbuddie area, 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick home, built-ins, ref. air/central heat, 2-car garage, all on approximately 2-3 acres.

NEED HOUSE LISTINGS! HAVE BUYERS! GIVE US A CALL!!

New Listing - Clay's Corner - 5 acre tract for sale.

New Listing - 320 acres, Clay's Corner Area. 2 valley circular sprinklers. 3 wells. Lays well.

Home and 5 acres - Very nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, built-ins, ref. air, central heat, sunroom with fireplace, patio, 2 car garage, 45 x 85 Quonset barn and more!

Price Reduced - Country Home on Hwy. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on approx. 3 acres, ref. air, central heat, lg. utility, fireplace, built-ins, spacious living area, finished basement, 2 car garage, 30 x 30 barn + more.

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Heritage Board Report

By Jean Allison

When you have special guests visiting, take a drive to the Muleshoe Heritage Center and notice the unique old buildings and the beauty of our center. So much of Bailey County's colorful history can be found there.

Center hostess Dolores Harvey is there week days from 1-5 p.m. to conduct a very informative tour. By request, weekend tours may be scheduled, call 272-5873.

At the monthly Heritage Foundation Board meeting held at the Santa Fe Depot Tuesday, April 17, at noon, the main topic of discussion concerned the upkeep of the center grounds and the structures.

The president, Joe Bob Stevenson, led the business meeting and called on Lonnie Adrian to lead the opening prayer.

The minutes were read and approved and the financial report was given to members attending: Joe Bob and Sheila Stevenson, Gene Rogers, Jay Cage, Lonnie Adrian, Lavonne McKillip, Jean Allison, Dan Throckmorton

— who has recently returned from Colorado, and Harvey.

In the business meeting, Cage volunteered to investigate and take care of some of the yard maintenance, assisted by Rogers. In the report given by Harvey, she requested permission from the board to get some electrical problems worked on. Her request was approved.

Board members were exceptionally pleased to welcome Throckmorton back from Colorado and to see that Dan is again faithfully taking care of some of the ongoing projects at the center. He gave a report on some of the restoration going on at the Virginia City Hotel, as well as some estimates on further restoration there.

This little hotel is representative of early Bailey County when the large XIT ranch was being broken up for farms.

Lonnie gave a report about the 13th annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride which will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum on Saturday, June 16, beginning at 9 a.m.

The six sponsors this year are Muleshoe State Bank, Leal's Restaurant, First Bank of Muleshoe, United Supermarket, Five Area Telephone Co-op, Inc. and Bailey County Electric Co-op, Inc.

Members noted the importance of community support for the success of this event which grows every year. Bike riders come from all over Texas, surrounding states and sometimes even from a foreign country.

Adrian noted that sign-up brochures are going out this week, and early registrants will be eligible for a \$500 drawing. Early registration deadline is June 12.

If you did not receive a brochure, you may pick one up at Adrian Photography, 218 W. Second, Muleshoe, at the Heritage Center Depot, 2204 W. American Blvd. or from any Heritage Board member.

All registered riders will receive a free collector T-shirt, free spaghetti lunch ticket, a water bottle, ride number and a route map.

Former bike riders call this "the best" ride ever.

Adrian also noted that a

new feature being started this year. A Kids Bike Rodeo for kindergartners through the fifth grade next year, under the direction of Alice Liles.

She is to be assisted being by Shelly Turnbow and Jo and Wayne Pearson.

Sounds like an exciting day said board members so come join us on June 16.

Harvey noted that Lowe's Marketplace is donating 350 water bottles, 300 sports drinks, two cases of bananas, two cases of oranges and 165 brown bags, all greatly appreciated said board members.

Other decisions pertained to the raising of the old windmill and repairs on the sprinkler system, and the arts and craft's grant the center has received.

The members voted to meet on May 21, at 7 p.m., for the next meeting.

Election date is May 12, 2007.
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Early voting will be held April 30 to May 8.

Registered Voters

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held May 12, 2007. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Votantes Registrados

SECCIÓN 3. La presente enmienda constitucional propuesta será sometida a votación en una elección que se celebrará el 12 de mayo de 2007. Se imprimirá la boleta de manera que permita votar a favor o en contra de la propuesta, a saber: "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para disponer la reducción del monto total de impuestos al valor que, siendo para fines de las escuelas públicas, puedan establecerse sobre los hogares residenciales de ancianos o discapacitados, de modo que se refleje cualquier reducción de la tasa tributaria correspondiente a los ejercicios fiscales de 2006 y 2007."

South Plains tech prep grant received

Muleshoe High School was the recipient of two grants provided by South Plains College Tech Prep program.

Each individual grant was in the amount of \$1,389 for a total of \$2,778 to purchase two Dell 2400MP projectors.

The new equipment is for use in the Business Computer Information Systems I & II (BCIS I & II) classes, the Desktop Publishing class and the

Video Technology classes.

The equipment will be used to enhance classroom instruction and provide students opportunities to improve their computer skills and prepare for their futures in the work world and post-secondary education.

Springlake-Earth honor rolls released

Springlake-Earth High School recently released its honor roll for the fifth six-week period of the school year.

Among the students honored were:

"A" honor roll

Seniors — Laurie Davis, Andrew Lancaster and Erica Proctor.

"B" honor roll

Freshmen — Jennifer Brownd, Courtney Duran, Blake Estrada, Ashlee Rowan and Tyler Manasco.

Sophomores — Amy Fennell, Blake Fennell, Heath Fennell, Hunter Jones, Amanda Proctor and Jimmy Vasquez.

Juniors — Victoria Conner, Amanda Furr, Daniella Martinez and Kate Sides.

Seniors — Haley Lunsford, Logan McCurry, Olga Rodriguez and Kristi Miller.

Seventh grade Lady Mules track meet

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Park (92) edged out River Road (90) for fourth, Friona (58) was sixth and Dimmitt (39) placed seventh.

Macias had a silver medal leap of 13 feet seven inches in the long jump to get the day started for the Lady Mules. She earned a second silver medal in the triple jump with a distance of 27-0.5.

Baylee Bessire sailed over the competition in the pole vault for the gold medal. She cleared 6-0 for the win. Bessire seems to like high places and placed fifth in the high jump with a leap of 3-10. Sam Reyna took fourth in the discus with a toss of 52-9.

Macias picked up her first gold medal of the day

in the 400-meter dash with a 1:05.11. Casanova earned the bronze medal with a 1:08.18 in the 400.

Bessire, Stephanie Vasquez, Casanova and Macias zipped around the track in the 4x100-meter relay with a gold medal time of 57.43. Vasquez, Thomas, Bessire, and Nava picked up the silver medal for the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 2:07.17.

Thomas placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 19.89.

Ivana Agundis and Brianna Kirk placed fourth and fifth in the 1600-meter run with times of 7:08.85 and 7:09.00 respectively.

The seventh Lady Mules will have many memories of the 2007 track season.

Thanks for reading!

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 run 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 republished 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.

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to editor@muleshoejournal.com.

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