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Commissioners' Court tables request for fire ban

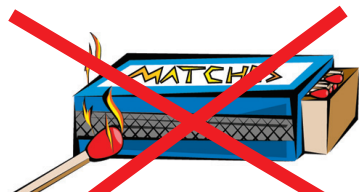
By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court postponed action on a requested burn ban during Monday's session.

At the beginning of the discussion on the issue, County Judge Sherri Harrison said she had been in contact with Forestry Service officials who told her a decision not to approve a burn ban wouldn't cause problems with the receipt of federal disaster funds.

She also pointed out that county residents were complying with the request

for the fire department to be notified prior to controlled burns. "We've come a long way in the last two years,"



No ban in effect

she said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said he didn't understand why Muleshoe Fire Department officials wanted the ban enacted, and was joined in his voiced disapproval by Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant, who said his precinct had

tumbleweeds piled up in ditches that needed to be burned.

"A ban won't stop fires," Grant said, suggesting that most of the wildfires are caused by discarded cigarettes and fire-related accidents instead of controlled burns.

While Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle expressed indifference to the passage of a burn ban ordinance, Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez also spoke against the idea.

The commissioners' court tabled the issue until its Feb. 11 meeting.



High wind, high flames... hard work

Fanned by stiff winds Monday afternoon, the wildfire that started southwest of Muleshoe is pictured above as it reaches and then jumps Hwy. 214. Pictured below, a caravan of road maintainers trek across Allen Scott's land, east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84, with the intent of creating a break and stopping the fire before it can cross a second highway. A dense wall of smoke, that blocked out the sun at times preceded the flames.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Wildfire forces home evacuation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe area residents in the vicinity of Hwy. 70 were temporarily evacuated from their homes Monday afternoon as a fast-moving wildfire pushed by extremely high winds threatened to jump U.S. 84 and move in their direction.

According to Terral King, Muleshoe's emergency management director, 14 area fire departments from both Texas and New Mexico, six law enforcement agencies and employees from two counties joined in battling the blaze that was initially reported shortly

before 3:30 p.m. in the area about five miles south on Hwy. 214 and four miles west on FM 746.

As the fire approached Hwy. 214, the dense smoke — which obscured the view of the sun at times — and high heat forced the highway to be closed shortly before it jumped the highway and headed for U.S. 84. east of Muleshoe.

A team of about eight road maintainers, or graders, were sent in from U.S. 84, about three miles east of town, at one point to create a firebreak and slow down a wall of fire that was reported to be 20 feet tall at times.

And at one point, the

safety of two firefighters raised concerns when their vehicle became stuck in deep sand, reportedly forcing the firefighters to flee on foot.

According to King, only minor injuries that were treated at the scene were reported.

It wasn't known if the firefighters who had to flee their vehicle were listed among the injured.

U.S. 84 remained closed for about two hours, reopening at 7 p.m. And while the fire was reported as being contained at 8:15 p.m., firefighters continued to battle hot spots until 2 a.m., King said.

While a structure fire that occurred during the high morning winds about 4 a.m. Tuesday resulted in the loss of a dwelling, King said it was from an unrelated fire.

Tuesday, King said, local fire marshals and investigators were attempting to locate the site and cause of the fire.



No action taken by court on EMS building expansion

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court took no action concerning a request from County EMS Director Jackie Wayne Burris for the funds needed to expand the building currently housing the ambulance service during Monday's meeting.

Burris appeared before the board Monday to talk about his recent arrangement to lease the ambulance building from the Muleshoe Area Hospital District for 25 years, and once again requested up to \$40,000 to pay for the renovations, explaining his intent to "reimburse" the general fund using the annual state grant funds he anticipates the EMS will receive.

"We need the room," Burris said. "...If we wait until the budget year, we won't be able to get a new ambulance in the building."

It was explained that the

county's newest ambulance "was a piece of junk," and Burris hoped to trade it in on a newer model this year, of which a small portion of the more than \$120,000 required would probably come from another state grant.

"We still have the same problem," Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant

mentioned the possibility of a bank loan, County Judge Sherri Harrison later spoke against the idea.

"I think we need to wait until budget time," the judge said.

"I don't see how we can do it before budget time," Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver added. Grant expressed agreement.

'We need the room... If we wait until the budget year, we won't be able to get a new ambulance in the building' — Jackie Wayne Burris

said. "Where is the money going to come from?"

Currently, the county is about half way through its budget year, and as was noted when the idea was raised at the last court session, the budget doesn't include sufficient funds for the expansion.

Although Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle

"I'm not for borrowing any money," said the judge.

Before any further discussion on the issue, Harrison suggested that Burris gather additional information concerning the estimated costs of the project. It was also suggested that a 99-year lease on the building would probably be better for the county.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

• Tabled action concerning the calling of a liquor sale election for Precinct 4.

Judge Harrison said she's spoken with the county attorney, and said he interpreted the existing statute to require the election to be held in either

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Local Weather

Thursday
Snow Shwrs.... 61/27

Friday
Sunny..... 61/27

Saturday
Pt. Cloudy..... 61/27

Sunday
Mt. Cloudy..... 67/36

Monday
Pt. Cloudy..... 58/26

Tuesday
Sunny..... 58/26

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Getting it straight

Texas Department of Transportation employees, pictured above, align the new school zone sign they've erected on W. American Blvd. during Monday's stiff West Texas wind.

Plans announced for 58th annual Muleshoe chamber banquet

Plans for the 58th annual Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet, set for Saturday, March 29, are in their final stages according to chamber officials.

This year's event will include special Ray Stone, host of the Dallas Cowboys radio network, and will feature entertainment by the Jeff McCreight Band as well.

Tickets for the "black tie and boots" event will be available starting Feb. 1 from any chamber board member.



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Project Graduation bake sale

Project Graduation will be having a bake sale on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Watson Junior High gymnasium during the basketball games.

Project Graduation will be having a brown bag special, a hamburger, chips and drink for \$6, on Friday, Feb. 1, at the junior high gym during the basketball games, also, homemade ice cream will be available at the basketball games.

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselors, Nanette Anglin and Dana Wright. The final day to apply is Feb. 25.

Basketball sign up announced

The Muleshoe Youth Basketball League will be holding two enrollment sessions in January.

The first session is on Jan. 28, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Watson Junior High gym. The second session is on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the WJH gym.

Boys in third through sixth grade are eligible to sign up. There is a \$37.50 registration fee.

St. Ann's fund raiser

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is having its annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday Feb. 3, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall.

Donations will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under six. Takeout plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available to purchase at \$4 per pound the day of the dinner or by contact of any St. Ann's member prior to the dinner.

AA, AI-Anon meetings

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

'Family oriented' service planned

Trinity Baptist Church, at 314 East Ave. B, invites you to a special worship service on Sunday, Feb. 3, which will be a special day for families.

Featured in the 11 a.m. worship hour will be a family team know as Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries. The Becker family from Brevard, N.C., will present a program entitled "Replicators," a family oriented program that speaks to children, teens and adults. There will be drama, singing, puppets.

You are encouraged to come, if possible, as a family, and to bring friends and neighbors to enjoy a fun time and experience a great time in worship. Call 292-4015 for additional information.

Chamber banquet

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

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Feb. 14, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. Lunch will be served.

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



MISD College Signing Day held

Thursday, Jan. 24, was a great day for MISD seniors. The high school provided all seniors an opportunity to be involved with a college readiness program called "Ready, Set, Go." All of the seniors had the opportunity to participate in a college application signing day. Several area colleges were represented — Wayland Baptist, Texas Tech, ENMU, South Plains College, and Clovis Community College, brought applications and sat down with the students

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The prospective bride is the daughter of Dan and Connie Weatherbie of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. She is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, has a masters of science in accounting from Texas Tech University, maintains a CPA, and is currently employed with Deloitte & Touche.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Brenda Cunningham of Las Vegas, Nev., and Greg and Joanne Brashears of Dana Point, Calif. He is a graduate of Amarillo High School, has an industrial engineering degree from Auburn University, and is currently employed with Brinker International.

The wedding is planned for June 14, 2008, in Dallas.

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the City of Muleshoe or the entire county, which would require a new petition to be submitted specifically listing one of those jurisdictions, and not exclusively in Precinct 4, as its supporters have sought.

Harrison said the requested opinion from the office of the Texas Secretary of State has yet to be received.

- Received the annual profiling report from Sheriff

Richard Wills, who reported that his deputies had made a total of 71 traffic stops during 2007, of which 41 were Caucasian, five were Afro-American, and 25 were Hispanic.

Wills also noted that his department hadn't received any complaints alleging

racial profiling in 2007.

This year's profiling report was approved without questions from the commissioners.

- Opened bids on the Precinct 1 rock crusher and conveyor belt, and awarded the bid to high bidder Tony Rhodes of Amarillo at a

price of \$55,000.

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$114,949.60.

- Discussed the distribution of up to \$16,911 in surplus state road materials to be received from the Texas Department of Transportation, but took

no formal action because the meeting with the TxDOT officials hadn't been included on the posted agenda.

- Discussed the low

population of out-of-county prisoners being held in the jail with the sheriff and the county's new jail administrator, Michael Lumpkins.

4-H News



County 4-H members clean up at Rainbow Room

Twenty-two Bailey County 4-H members, friends, and six volunteer leaders participated in a community service project on Jan. 4.

Everyone worked together to pickup trash, rake, mow, and carry off debris around the Rainbow Room located at West American Blvd and Odessa. Working with other organizations in Bailey County, the 4-H 'ers plan to scrape and paint the

building in the spring.

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Bailey County 4-H will meet on Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. For more information, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 272-4583.

MISD College Signing Day...

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and helped them complete their college applications on the spot.

MISD's technology director, Linda Lewis, and her assistant, Philip Hall, set up wireless laptop computers in the cafeteria at each college table.

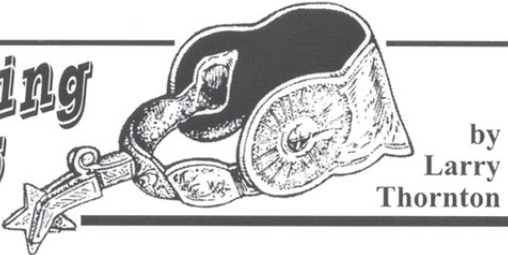
The seniors came in, sat down at the tables of the colleges and completed several applications, according to Superintendent Gene Sheets.

Also, a representative from Panhandle Plains Loan Corporation was there to visit with the students needing to apply for college loans.

And Panhandle Plains held a drawing and gave out \$200 scholarships to two MISD students.

Several students also completed the FAFSA form.

Spinning Rowels



by
Larry
Thornton

Haggling over haggis

Just imagine sitting down to a warm meal of boiled sheep lungs. Sounds tasty doesn't it. But if Scottish officials get their way, we may yet get the chance to experience the dish poet Robert Burns thought well enough if to honor in his piece, "Ode to a Haggis."

According to a recent news story, Scottish officials say the United States' needs to rethink its prohibition on haggis imports.

Apparently, when medical science suggested that Great Britain's problem with "Mad Cow Disease" could affect that nation's sheep exports as well, U.S. officials decided to err on the side of caution — and good taste — and banned imports of this particular Scottish product.

In actuality, I think it was a case of our officials hunting for an excuse.

I can just see them gathered around one of those big conference tables, discussing the issue of what food products should be included in a food ban when the guy at the head of the table, made the decision to "order in from the cafeteria," and turn it into a working lunch.

A few minutes later, their blue plate specials arrive, and are distributed around the table without the officials even bothering to glance up at their server as they debated what should or shouldn't be allowed into the country.

That is, they ignored the server until he was placing the last plate in front of an

official. It wasn't until that moment that one of the officials who was already eating asked the question. "What is this?"

"Haggis," replies the server.

"What's haggis?"

"Well, you take a sheep's heart, liver and lungs, mix it with onion and oatmeal, and stuff it into the inner lining of a sheep's stomach, before boiling it..."

The next moment undoubtedly was marked by a mass exodus from the table as the suit-clad officials argued over possession of the trash can.

When they recovered enough to regain their composure, if not their appetites, they voted to slap haggis on the same list as those Cambodian fried tarantulas.

It didn't matter if haggis could be connected to "Mad Cow Disease," or hangnails... it was going on the list.

While there have been times in which I thought I was about to "cough up a lung," in all reality, I've never given much thought until now on how I'd get it back down again.

Granted, the heart and liver doesn't sound unusual, and with the oatmeal and onion, you might get by with the added cholesterol from the organ meats, but the idea of dining on sheep lungs is a bit, well... gut wrenching.

And if you ask me, the entire issue of importing haggis is all a bunch of bologna.

Honors

Muleshoe students listed

Seven Eastern New Mexico University students from Muleshoe are among the 581 students on the 2007 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll. These students, and their majors include:

Timothy Luis Castorena, accounting; Che Silvas Chavez, criminal justice; Gerardo Gomez, undeclared; Jennifer Ann Heredia, accounting; Janice Pacheco, music education; Madison A. Smith, administration; Samuel Amos Villarreal, music education.

Joel Salcido

Angelo State University of San Angelo, has announced that Joel J. Salcido of Muleshoe is among the honorees on the university's dean's list for the 2007 Fall semester.

Montana Steinbock

Montana L. Steinbock of Muleshoe has been named to the Fall 2007 Dean's List at Texas State University, San Marcos.

Don't forget your photographs

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums?

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours following publication of the photograph.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our heartfelt thanks to all who come out to the pancake breakfast. There was a lot of good food, visiting and fellowship.

Thanks to Joe Sowder, Shug Killough, Frank McCamish for their help with cooking, serving,

and cleaning up. Lidia, our wonderful helper also came in to brighten our day and give her much needed help.

Remember, our tickets for your support of the center is still available. The tickets are being taken on a steady basis, so if you want one, please call or come by the Center. We only have 300 to be taken.

Al Harrison, with Calvert Home Health, was unable to be with us last Tuesday, but some one should be

here every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon for the service of taking your blood pressure. Should you need this service, please come by and see him.

We wish to thank all who have given donations for memorials, purchase meals for someone or just to honor someone you love. The donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

All you Bunco players mark you calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 5. The games will start at 10 a.m. So call a

friend and come enjoy.

Our Tuesday night dance crowd continues to grow. Even if you do not dance, come and listen to the good music and visit with friends. Dancing is one of the best ways to exercise. It will keep you young so come and enjoy.

Menu for Feb. 4-8:

Monday, Feb. 4 — Baked ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, black eye peas, salad, cornbread, cookies and peaches.
Tuesday, Feb. 5 — King

Ranch chicken pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread and cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 7 — Oven roasted brisket, Au gratin potatoes, steamed carrots, salad, wheat rolls and banana pudding.

Friday, Feb. 8 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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What a phenomenal list! Heavens and earth. Visible and invisible. Thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities. No thing, place, or person omitted. The scale on the sea urchin. The hair on the elephant hide. The hurricane that wrecks the coast, the rain that nourishes the desert, the infant's first heartbeat, the elderly person's final breath—all can be traced back to the hand of Christ, the firstborn of creation.
Firstborn in Paul's vernacular has nothing to do with birth order. Firstborn refers to order of rank. As one translation states: "He ranks higher than everything that has been made" (v. 15) Everything? Find an exception. Peter's mother-in-law has a fever; Jesus rebukes it. A tax needs to be paid; Jesus pays it by sending first a coin and then a fisherman's hook into the mouth of a fish. When five thousand stomachs growl, Jesus renders a boy's basket a bottomless buffet. Jesus exudes authority. He bats an eyelash, and nature jumps. No one argues when, at the end of his earthly life, the God-man declares, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18).
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Obituaries

Clytie Lynn Stapp Calton

Clytie Calton's funeral service will be Wednesday morning in the Wheeler Mortuary chapel at 10 a.m. She will be escorted to her final resting place in the Portales Cemetery by her grandsons, Mark Mann, Gary Fields, Chad Davis, Scott Jeffries, Kip McCall, Peter Thompson, Bryan Rhodes, Craig Calton and Billy Mann. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of her church family from the University Drive Church of Christ.

Clytie was a strong supporter of education and Eastern New Mexico University. Her immediate family has received 20 degrees at ENMU and she has encouraged countless others to take advantage of this opportunity. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Friends of Eastern.

Clytie Lynn Stapp Calton was born in Pauls Valley, Okla., on Jan. 11, 1917, and died Saturday morning, Jan. 26, 2008, in Lubbock. Clytie had celebrated her 91st birthday only a few days before her death. She was named for her aunt and was one of eight children born to Granville and Lizzie Stapp.

She married the love of her life, George Calton on Christmas Eve, 1937. They lived in Oklahoma for a while and then moved to various locations in the Del Rio area of south Texas and California during World War II. George and Clytie came to Portales in 1951 to work in the furniture business and established Calton Furniture in 1959. Clytie had been a stay-at-home-Mom until 1959 and then became a very successful furniture salesperson by necessity.

Clytie had four children, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She loved the spouses of her family like they were her own, and loved her large family with intensity. Anyone who visited with her knew of this devotion. She loved her customers as well. She enjoyed telling about who had come into the store and what they had looked at. There is no way to know how many times she answered the telephone, "Calton Furniture." She never intended to retire and worked in the furniture store six days a week. Her favorite on-the-job hobby was working crossword puzzles in the newspaper (in ink), which she did daily.

Clytie was an incredible cook. She especially loved preparing a huge Sunday dinner for her family, and did so each and every week. Among her many specialties were apricot cobbler, a variety of Christmas candies, baked apples, fried okra, and quail and biscuits. Her kitchen was always full of activity, and she was definitely in charge.

Clytie loved to sing hymns and often hosted



CLYTIE LYNN STAPP CALTON

"singsings" in her home for her many friends in her church family. It was very common for the family to sing together while the meals were being prepared.

Clytie was a seamstress and loved sewing clothes for her children and then her granddaughters throughout the years. For her great-grandchildren she made baby blankets and amazed the family with her speed in sewing even though her fingers were arthritic.

Clytie was a faithful and beloved member of the University Drive Church of Christ. She was a devoted Christian whose greatest joy was in teaching her family to revere God and his word.

On the day of the accident, she had driven herself to work that morning, worked until 5 p.m., had driven home to start cooking dinner with her family, and was preparing to attend church services that evening. She wouldn't have had it any other way.

Clytie is survived by her children — Gary and Sandy Calton of Baltimore, Md., Bill Calton, Sharon and Tom Davis and Jane and Bubby Welch, all of Portales; her grandchildren and their families — Kim and Mark Mann, Billy, Katie and Lizzie from Sugar Land, Debby and Scott Jeffries, Ashleigh and Josh of SE Aurora, Colo., April Calton of Annapolis, Md., Craig and Kathryn Calton of Millersville, Md., Jill and Kip McCall, Trevor, Taylor and Kallie of Muleshoe, Jodie and Bryan Rhodes and Landon of League City, and Jana Moyer, Emma, Alex and Abbie of Hereford.

Her Portales grandchildren include Sandy and Gary Fields, Chad and Rebecca Davis, Cooper and Skyler, and Micah and Peter Thompson, Brock, Riley and Luke. She is also survived by two sisters — Mable and her husband Ottis Harrison, and Mary Ann Clark of Oklahoma City, Okla., and one sister-in-law — Loveth Melton of Brownsville, Calif. Her extended family includes many nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary, 575-356-4455.

Clytie was preceded in death by her husband George on Jan. 3, 2001, four brothers, one sister and her granddaughter, Krista Davis.

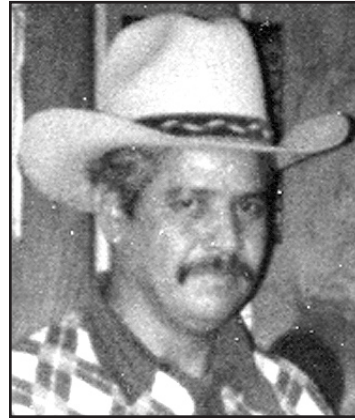
Jose Rodriguez

Graveside services for Jose Trino Rodriguez, 65, of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday Jan. 23, at Bailey County Cemetery with Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rodriguez died Jan. 21, 2008, in his residence. He was born on May 31, 1942, in Durango, Mexico, and moved to Muleshoe in 1986.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a member of the Cursillista and Caballeros De Gallon. He was a farm laborer.

Survivors include two



JOSE TRINO RODRIGUEZ

sisters — Elia Rodriguez and Sofia Rodriguez, both of Durango, Mexico; and two brothers — Reuben Rodriguez of Muleshoe and Manuel Rodriguez of Durango, Mexico.

Jan Yell Patterson

Funeral services for Jan Yell Patterson, 73, of Amarillo, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Schooler Funeral Home, Brentwood Chapel with the Rev. Robert Field officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery.

Patterson died on Jan. 27, 2008. She was born on Jan. 11, 1935, in Tokyo to Buford and Evelyn Anderson, and grew up in Muleshoe. She married Don Patterson on Dec. 23, 1978, in Weatherford, Okla.

Patterson co-owned and published the *Vega Enterprise* for many years. She was employed by the *Amarillo Globe News* for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by husband, Gilbert Shue in 1975; her mother, Evelyn Latham; and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband — Don Patterson of Amarillo; two daughters —



JAN YELL PATTERSON

Cheryl Maguire of Amarillo and Denise Roebuck of Dallas; a son and his wife — Mike and Christy Yell of Amarillo; three stepsons — John Patterson of Glenville, Ga., Jim Patterson of Weatherford, Okla., and James Patterson of Sperry, Okla.; a sister — Joy Berry of Lubbock; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Ste. 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Dennis Litwiller

Church services for Dennis Scott Litwiller, 44, of Muleshoe, were held on Sunday, Jan. 27, Farwell Country Church with Minister James Koehn and Minister Orie Nightingale officiating. Burial followed in Farwell Country Church Cemetery.

Litwiller died on Jan. 24, 2008, in his home. He was born on Nov. 14, 1963, in Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma, Miss., and married Virginia Lou Giesbrecht in Hillsboro, Kan., on Sept. 30, 1984.

Litwiller was a member of the Church of God in Christ Mennonite in Farwell. He had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1995, moving from Hillsboro, Kan.

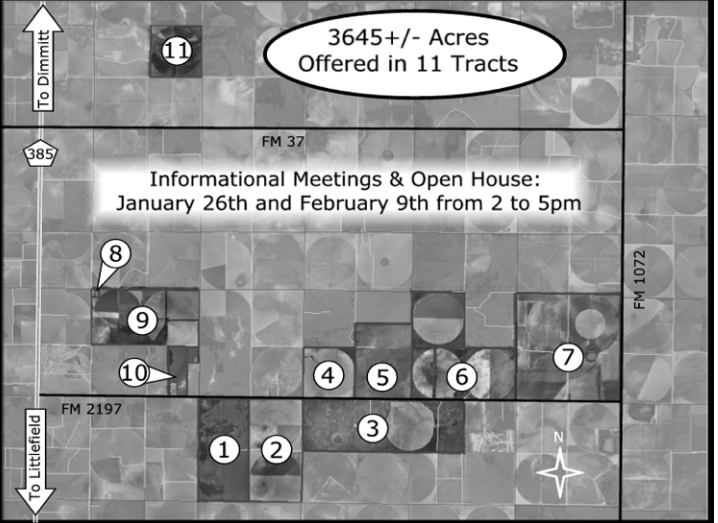
He was preceded in death by his grandparents William Giesbrecht, Henry Koehn,

and Gladwin and Mereta Litwiller.

Survivors include his wife — Virginia Lou Litwiller; three sons — Brandon Scott, Dalyn Keith and Joshua David, all of Muleshoe; two daughters — Elynn Rose Johnson of Texhoma, Okla., and Ailsa Fern Litwiller of Muleshoe; his parents — Leonard Keith and DeAnna Jane Litwiller of Water Valley, Ky.; his grandmother — Myrtle Koehn of Livingston, Calif.; three sisters — Twila Smith of Tutwiller, Miss., Janise Brown of Fulton, Ky., and Jewel Mininger of Glasgow, Ky.; a brother — LaVern Litwiller of Fulton, Ky.; and a grandson.

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Grace that is free but never cheap.

message is worth preaching.

That, after all, is what it means to be not a "minister of the law" but a "minister of the gospel," the "good news," of his grace.

It's a sad commentary on our fallen natures that we humans tend to react to such good news with cynicism and mistrust and sometimes downright hostility.

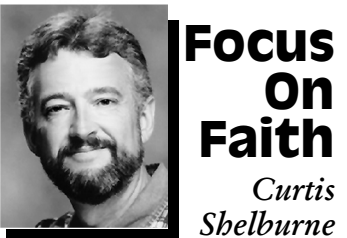
Stephen became the first Christian martyr because he preached the gospel of grace which holds that since the grace of God is a free gift, not wages that can be earned or a commodity that can be bought, then even Gentiles who had been ignorant of God could stand justified on level ground with God's "chosen people" who'd had God's law for centuries. Accepting that kind of grace spelled death for human pride. It still does. Instead of stooping to bow to thank God for the depth of his mercy and the breadth of his love, the religious leaders who listened to Stephen's message stooped to pick up the stones they would use to kill him. Pharisees in any age are deadly and dangerous.

But God is sovereign. His love and grace are always stronger than hatred and arrogant pride. The persecution that began with Stephen's death spread Christians and the gospel of God's grace all over the world. Sparks from the Holy Spirit's fire that had begun burning brightly in Jerusalem began to flare into life-giving flame everywhere that fire was carried.

Focus on law and on do-it-yourself religion and the result is always slavery, despair, and death. But focus on the Savior and his power, and the result is always life and joy, freedom and hope.

That message is worth preaching, worth sharing, worth living.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

Grace that is freely available to you and to me but that cost its Giver more dearly than mortal minds can begin to fathom.

If mortals like us were big enough, strong enough, wise enough to reach up into the night sky with a paper cup and scoop up a drink of the Milky Way's liquid light, maybe we'd be big enough, strong enough, wise enough to catch with our minds some idea of the enormity of the sacrifice God's Son made to leave the right hand of the Father, to be clothed in humanity, and finally to bear on his own now human shoulders all the sin of the world.

But we're not that big. Small as we are, we can barely begin to catch a glimpse of what Christ has really done for mankind, but even that glimpse should be enough to make us fall at his feet and worship.

And so, if I had only one final chance to preach one last sermon, I pray that it would be a message focused on Christ's cross and centered on the good news of his grace. No other

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Sports

Mules cruise to 61-36 victory over Tulia Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules hosted the Tulia Lady Hornets on Tuesday night and had their game plan diagnosed.

Tulia wanted to pound the ball inside to take advantage of their height advantage.

The Lady Mules doubled teamed the post with their two-three zone defense and denied the entry pass.

The Lady Mules did not just depend on their defense. They poured in 21 points in the first period to open a comfortable margin and cruised to a 61-36 win.

The Dimmitt Bobbies seemed to have no respect for the up and coming Lady Mules Friday. Dimmitt led most of the contest despite Sarah Johnson's 3-point shooting school. Johnson drained six treys to keep the Lady Mules in the contest.

Ashlie Grumbles nailed a 3-pointer in the final period for her only points of the game. She was decked by a fist to the midsection for her efforts but there was no call. Grumbles shot briefly gave the Lady Mules a one-point lead.

Dimmitt made six free throws in the final period to hang on for a 46-41 defeat of the Lady Mules.

River Road did the Lady Mules a favor by defeating Bushland. The loss by the Lady Falcons put them in a tie with the Lady Mules for third place with identical 6-4 records. Bushland will visit Muleshoe Friday night in a battle for a playoff spot.

Johnson opened the first period against Tulia with a 3-pointer that seemed



Photograph by Stacy Conner

A Lady Mule rebounds during the game against Tulia. to spark the Lady Mules offense. She added a bucket later in the quarter for five of her nine points in the game.

Chi Hernandez used her left handed turn-around jumper for two buckets. Grumbles was fouled shooting on her first attempt and made one from the line. Before the quarter ended she scored on fast breaks.

Kelsey Tipps scored in the paint and was fouled. She completed the old fashion thee-point play. Ashlie Cisneros and Janae Pyle each chipped in a bucket in the 21-point first period to lead Tulia 21-13.

The Lady Mules cooled off offensively for only 10

points in the quarter. What the Lady Mules lacked in offense they made up for defensively and held he Lady Hornets to four points.

Morgan Smith heated up after the intermission to score eight of her 10 points. Grumbles pumped in eight in the final half. Tipps scored twice on short jumpers and Gizell Vasquez scored all six of her points in the last 16 minutes.

Grumbles led the offense for the Lady Mules with 15 points. Tipps and Smith added 10 points each and Johnson dropped in nine. Hernandez had seven points and Vasquez made six. Cisneros and Pyle chipped

in two points apiece.

Hernandez had to break out her credit card every time she scored against Dimmitt as she had to pay for every basket.

Morgan Smith got in foul trouble in the first quarter and had to sit out most of the first half. She was whistled for her third foul just seconds into the second half and was forced to sit down.

Grumbles did not score for three quarters and Tipps credit card was only approved once in the first half. Johnson loaded the Lady Mules on her back and made four treys in a row in the first half to keep the Lady Mules with in one point, 21-20, at the half.

Johnson scored seven of the Lady Mules nine points in the third period with a pair of treys and one from the charity line. Hernandez charged her third basket of the game in the third period. Dimmitt out scored the Lady Mules 12-9 to lead the Lady Mules 33-29 with eight minutes left to play.

Smith finally broke into the scoring column in the final frame as the Lady Mules put on a charge. Johnson hit two free throws and a 12-foot jumper, Hernandez made two from the line and Tipps made a bucket.

Johnson scored a game high 23 with her six treys. Hernandez made nine points that included a 3-pointer in the second quarter and Smith and Tipps added four points apiece. Grumbles made three points and Cisneros chipped in one point.

Mules drop games against Tulia, Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules followed a week where they won two games with a week that they lost two. The Mules remain in third place but could drop out of the top three if Dimmitt were to defeat Bushland Tuesday.

The Mules fell to Tulia 45-38 and to Dimmitt 51-47.

Friona leads the district at 8-0, Bushland is second with a 7-1 record and the Mules are in third at 4-4. Dimmitt is fourth at 4-3, Tulia is fifth at 2-6, and Highland Park is 1-7 and River Road rounds out the district at

1-6.

The Mules never seemed to get their offense untracked against Tulia as the Hornets played an aggressive man-to-man defense. The Mules trailed 20-11 at the intermission. After the half the Mules fell behind 31-13 before making a run at the Hornets late in the third quarter.

Brian Poynor nailed the Mules only 3-pointer of the game to get the offense cranked. Colby Carpenter completed an old fashion three-point play and chipped in another free

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Sports

JV Ladies continue to roll through district opponents

The JV Lady Mules continued to roll through district opponents and downed both the Tulia Hornets and the Dimmitt Bobbies. The two wins pushed their season record to 17-6 and more importantly their district record to 7-2.

The Lady Mules used a monster first period against Tulia with four 3-pointers to blow past the Lady Hornets 47-36. The Lady Mules traveled to Dimmitt Friday

night and stole a game on the road from the Bobbies. They made seven free throws in the final eight minutes for the 43-39 win.

Ali Eagle opened the game against Tulia with back-to-back 3-pointers and continued to power the Lady Mule offense with 10 points in the period. Val Olivas and Brenda Rodriguez both hit from behind the arc as the Lady Mules opened an 18-9 lead going into the second

quarter.

Both teams cooled off in the second period with the Lady Mules making three points but held Tulia to only four. The Lady Mules led 21-13 at the intermission.

Yvonne Gardea got in on the 3-point shooting exhibition in the third period. Olivas and Rodriguez each dropped in their second trey of the game. Kathryn Owens scored in the paint and Marisela Casanova dropped in a short jumper as the Lady Mules hung for a 34-25 advantage.

Eagle popped the net on two occasions in the final quarter for four treys in the game. Gardea, Olivas and Owens scored baskets and Amber Fuentes chipped in

one from the charity line.

Eagle set the scoring pace with 17 points and Olivas dropped in eight. Gardea made seven points, Rodriguez added six and Owens and Casanova made four each and Fuentes chipped in one.

Eagle and Olivas both hit from behind the arc in the opening period at Dimmitt. Olivas added two short range baskets for seven in the period and Eagle dropped in a deuce. Owens rounded out the scoring with a free throw. The Lady Mules led 13-8 going into the second quarter.

The Bobbies held the Lady Mules to eight in the second frame while pumping in 12 to cut the lead to a single point. Gardea had provided most of the scoring punch in the period with two buckets and a pair of charity tosses. The Lady Mules led 21-20 at the intermission.

The two teams battled to a 7-7 deadlock in the third quarter and the Lady Mules clung to their one-point advantage going into the final eight minutes.

Gardea caught fire in the final frame and pumped in a pair of baskets and three free throws for seven points in the period. Perez and Olivas each made a bucket and Perez made one from the charity line. Fuentes chipped in two free throws and Tessa Burris added one.

Gardea led the scoring charge with 15 points and Olivas poured in 12 in the win. Eagle and Perez added five points each, Owens made two and Burris and Rodriguez chipped in one each.

The Lady Mules will play the Bushland Lady Falcons in Muleshoe on Friday, and will travel to Friona to take on the Squaws in the final game of the season on Feb. 5.

Seventh grade takes Sudan tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules won the Sudan Invitational Tournament over the weekend and continued on their winning way by defeating the Tulia Hornets 49-28 on Monday.

The four team tournament in Sudan proved no problem for the young Mules. Hale Center fell victim to the Mules Thursday. The Mules held the Owls to six points in the first half and only four in the second half. The Mules defeated Hale Center 25-10.

Xavier Reyes and Ryan Johnson led the offensive charge with eight points apiece. Jr. Baca drained a 3-pointer along with a pair of free throws in the fourth quarter for his five points. Caleb Wood and Shawn

Atwood chipped in two points each.

The Mules pounded the Bovina Mustangs in the finals of the Sudan Tourney. The Mule defense held the Mustangs to four points in the first half and repeated the feat in the second. The Mules pumped in 22 in the first half and 22 in the second to defeat the Mustangs 44-8.

Reyes got the Mules cranked by scoring 10 in the first half and pumped in six more after the intermission for 16 points. Johnson pumped in four in the opening half and six in the second for 10 points.

Atwood dropped in six points and Felipe Espinoza, Wood and Baca scored four points each in the Mule win.

Tulia proved to be no

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

A JV Lady Mule leaps for the ball during the team's recent game against the Tulia Lady Hornets.

Eighth grade Lady Mules fall to Dimmitt

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throw before the third aframe ended.

Patrick Precure made a bucket as did Garrett Riley and Lane Wood knocked down a pair from the charity line. Cooper Washington dominated the paint in the final period with eight points.

The Mules out scored the Hornets 14-10 in the fourth quarter but it was too little too late.

Washington led the Mules with 12 points and Riley was close behind with 10.

Poynor dropped in five points, L. Wood had four, Carpenter made three, Precure dropped in two and Colt Ellis chipped in one.

The game in Dimmitt was fought from long range with 23 treys being scored by the two teams.

The Mules had a 10-point advantage going into the final few minutes before the Bobcats exploded with a five 3-pointers.

The long range barrage quickly consumed the Mule's lead and gave Dimmitt the momentum for the win.

Precure and Washington led the charge with nine points each. Precure made three treys and Washington made four buckets in the

paint and converted a three-point play. Poynor was five of six from the charity line and dropped in a bucket for seven points.

Dillon Gallman drained two treys in the first half for six points, Riley dropped in trey in the opening frame and completed a three-point play in the second quarter for six and Ellis made one from the free throw line and one from behind the arc for four points.

Carpenter dropped in a trey from the arc for three

points, Victor Vasquez added two and Wes Wood chipped in one.

The Mules took Tuesday off due to a forced open date because of a seven team district.

The Mules host the Bushland Falcons Friday February 1 and then travel to Friona the following Tuesday.

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Gerard Boehning, Earth	Bk. bull	315	lbs.	at \$130.00	
NM Ranch, NM	12 Mxd. str.	357	lbs.	at \$132.00	
David Prewett, Rogers	3 Bk. str.	268	lbs.	at \$140.00	
David Prewett	7 Bk. str.	373	lbs.	at \$124.00	
David Prewett	13 Bk. str.	448	lbs.	at \$114.00	
B&M Cattle, Dimmitt	13 Mxd. str.	423	lbs.	at \$117.00	
Rocking J Ranch, Whiteface	BMF str.	475	lbs.	at \$112.00	
Rocking J Ranch	2 Bk. str.	620	lbs.	at \$97.50	
Gabriel Aleman, Muleshoe	Bk. str.	550	lbs.	at \$105.00	
D.C. Pearson, Ropesville	12 Bk. str.	716	lbs.	at \$95.00	
D.C. Pearson	7 Bk. str.	814	lbs.	at \$90.00	
John Hill, Abernathy	5 Bk. str.	619	lbs.	at \$98.00	
John Hill	10 Bk. str.	705	lbs.	at \$95.25	
Chico Cattle, Abernathy	2 Bk. str.	700	lbs.	at \$95.00	
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Uh-oh! Is that my shadow down there?

1. Did this groundhog see his shadow? yes no

2. How do you know?
the sun is shining
there are many clouds

3. What kind of weather will follow?
warmer
colder

Read the clues to fill in the missing words in the puzzle:

- woodchuck
- state that has well-known clubs that watch for the groundhog to appear
- second month of the year
- the way it is in the air around the earth: hot, cold, rain, wind, etc.
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- tunnel
- tell what will happen ahead of time
- number of weeks winter weather will continue if groundhog sees shadow
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1 groundhog burrow 2
3 4
5 Pennsylvania forecast 6 six
7 8 shadow
9 weather 10 spring
superstition February

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- It's raining
- When squirrels are busier than usual gathering acorns to store
- You can tell the temperature by
- Lightning never
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- C. sailor's delight.
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- E. counting a cricket's chirps.
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• 3-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, fenced yd.!! \$65K!!
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• PROGRESS/LARIAT AREA - 3 bdrm. & den or 4 bdrm., 2 bath, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2270' lv. area on 7 acres, corrals, MORE!!
• Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acres tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!
• 3 bdrm., 2 bath home on 30 acres, 24' x 36' workshop, 13' x 36' storage, domestic well, irrig. well!! MORE!! \$75K!!
• NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
• NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evapor. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! \$129,500!!
• SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evapor. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!
• 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!!
• 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!! PRICE REDUCED \$69K!!
• 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!



Lazbuddie students place at UIL meet

Lazbuddie High School students, pictured above, competed at the Texas Tech Invitational UIL meet recently, and placed as follows: Lydia Campos placed first in current issues and events; Monica Vera placed first in literary criticism; Katie Chavez placed second in literary criticism; Brittney Schacher placed first in news writing; Chelsee Nichols placed first in calculator and second in news writing; the team of Brittney Schacher and Chelsee Nichols were the second place journalism team for all classifications. Sarah Black accompanied the students as sponsor, and Shawndee Nichols was the volunteer helper.

Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

New Books in the Library: *Double Cross* by James Patterson; *T is for Trespass* by Sue Grafton; *Everlasting* by Kathleen Woodiwiss; *My Grandfather's Son* by Clarence Thomas

VHS tapes:

Streets of Laredo

We are making many changes in the library this month. We have enlarged our large print fiction section and condensing our regular print fiction section. We had outgrown the large print wall we had.

We are also working on a fireside lounge in memory of Anne Camp. If you are interested in helping with this project we would greatly appreciate the help! We

need someone that likes to paint and knows something about doing a faux finish on one wall. We will be adding a fireplace and bookcases on this wall also. Please contact me at 272-4707 if you are interested in helping.

We will be adding some DVD movies in the next few months to our video collection. We will also be getting rid of some videos to make room for these DVDs.

Our storage room is completely full of regular print books. We have westerns, romance, mysteries. We are going ahead and making these books available to the public before the annual book sale. Hardbacks are 25 cents and paperbacks are 10 cents each. Come in and help us clear out our storage room! We will even have a "brown bag special," you bring a shopping bag and a dollar and you can purchase whatever you can put in the bag. Bring a box and whatever you can fit in that box is \$2.

Dyan's Picks of the Month:

Laughter and Late: Joyful Inspiration for Women by Various Authors

(Thelma Wells, Luci Swindoll, Nicole Johnson, Carol Kent, Beth Moore, Barbara Johnson, Chonda Pierce, Patsy Clairmont, and other women from the Women of Faith ministry)

This book has sort excerpts from these author's books. They are short little stories to warm your heart and make you think. I used this book as a devotional to read each morning before getting ready for work.

The Knitting Book Series by Debbie Macomber

The books included in this series are:

The Shop on Blossom Street; A Good Yarn; Back on Blossom Street; Christmas Letter; and Celebrate Christmas on Blossom Street.

I loved reading these books. Debbie makes you feel like you really know the people she writes about. A knitting store in Seattle brings women together from different walks of life. You will get to see friendships blossom that you would never have thought would! These are what I call "feel good" books. They will lift your mood and make you smile!

Heritage Board Report

By Ann McElroy

The Muleshoe Heritage Center's board met Monday, Jan. 21, at the Santa Fe Depot. President Joe Bob Stevenson conducted the meeting.

The board spent most of its time focusing on four main issues:

- The improvements to be made on the new property formerly owned by the Gene Lowe Family.

- The improvements needed at the Heritage Thrift Shop and on the deck of the Depot.

- The 2008 Tour de Muleshoe.

- The recent community activities held at the center.

Board Member Kenneth Henry is chairing a committee to make plans for the land acquired last summer.

The land, a parcel of nine lots with frontage on U.S. 84 (West American Blvd.), was purchased with funds donated by Donna and Ray West of Midland.

Kenneth's committee will include members of the Heritage Board and interested citizens from the Muleshoe area.

The committee will develop both short and long-term plans. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Kenneth.

Tom Watson is chairing a committee to make

improvements to the parking lot at the Heritage Thrift Shop.

The thrift shop, which provides an income stream to support the Heritage Center's facilities and programs, also serves as a lifeline for many of Muleshoe's residents.

It is also a fun place to shop for bargains of all types — used books, costume jewelry, household goods, etc.

Gene Rogers is chairing a committee to repair the deck at the depot.

Anyone interested in donating materials or labor to help with the thrift shop or the depot deck repair should contact Watson or Rogers.

Lonnie Adrian will again chair the committee which is organizing the Tour de Muleshoe.

This year's event will be held on June 14 at the Bailey County Coliseum. It will feature a kids rodeo and hundreds of riders from Texas and beyond.

Jenny McVicker and Gary Hooten were asked to contact potential sponsors for the event.

Adrian also reported that *Texas Monthly* is considering an article about the ride to be published in a future issue.

Center hostess Delores Harvey reported on some of the recent community activities held at the center.

Seventh grade...

Continued from page 7 match for the Mules on Monday. The Mule defense held the Hornets to just eight points in the first half. Baca and Atwood provided the scoring punch for the Mules in the opening half.

Baca poured in six in the first period and tacked on four more in the second for 10 points. Atwood warmed up in the first quarter with four points and exploded in the second quarter for 10 more.

The Mules led 12-2 after one quarter and 28-6 at the intermission. Six Mules scored 15 points in the third quarter and finished up the

Continued from page 7 game with six in the final period.

Atwood paced the Mules with 18 points and Baca pumped in 14. Johnson scored in each quarter for eight points, Jaxiel Lopez added four, Garrison Myers dropped in three and Espinoza chipped in two.

The Mules sport a 7-1 record and played in the Friona Invitational Tournament over the week end and are back in Friona to tangle with the Braves on Monday.

The Mules will wrap up their season at home against the Dimmitt Bobcats Feb. 4.

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