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Lights... camera... Muleshoe!

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"Lights... camera... action!"

It may be the dream of a Muleshoe youngster longing to travel to the golden beaches of California, and bask in the presence of that enormous sign proclaiming the existence of Hollywood, but the Muleshoe City Council took steps during Monday's regular meeting to position the local community as a potential film location.

At the recommendation of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, the city council adopted "guidelines for filming

in Muleshoe," that will list the Bailey County seat as a "film friendly community" with the Texas Film Commission.

Janet Claborn, director of the MEDC

'It could be great if one comes...'
— Janet Claborn, MEDC

who recently attended a workshop about the Texas film industry in Abilene, explained that the TFC is working to develop incentives intended to draw the film industry to Texas communities,

and that one of the first steps of participation was approval of a policy such as the council approved Monday.

"It could be great if one comes," she said.

According to Claborn, the TFC is offering a 15 percent reimbursement to film companies that choose to use Texas locations.

As part of the local project, Claborn

said photographs of interesting and unique locations from the community and the surrounding area will be photographed as panoramas and stored with the TFC for film companies to utilize in their search for film locations.

The city council also approved a MEDC grant to the Muleshoe Hospital District, of up to \$80,000, to be used in landscaping and site preparation for the hospital district's planned rural health clinic expansion.

"This will be a great addition to our community," Claborn

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High flying fun

No, it's not a Texas-sized dragon fly. Students at DeShazo Elementary one of whom is pictured in the lower left corner of this page, took the opportunity recently to put the stiff West Texas wind to work flying their kites.

Photographs by Terry Brewster

Commissioners court discusses 2010 census

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Josh Silva of the US Census Bureau addressed the Bailey County Commissioners' Court during Monday's regular meeting, asking the court for its active participation in the upcoming 2010 census.

Silva said there were several "challenges" to the census that have been identified as potential problems in regards to the collection of census information, including the Hurricane Katrina response; 9-11 — referring to a loss of trust among individuals as a result of the Sept. 11 attack in New York City; and the

immigration debate.

Silva stressed the importance of a complete census count for such things as congressional redistricting.

However, according to Silva, while several pieces of information will be collected it is important for the public to understand that the residency status of the individuals will not be among the information gathered.

"The census is easy," Silva said Monday, noting that the 2010 questionnaire will have fewer than 10 questions to be answered.

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Earth takes this month's sales tax crown

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Earth may be 18 miles from Muleshoe — according to the title of Muleshoe native Wayne Bristow's book, but it's a solid 61 points ahead of the Bailey County seat in this month's race for the sales tax allocation dollar.

According to figures received from the Texas State Comptroller's office, the community east of Muleshoe soundly trounced the 10 area communities in the April sales tax distribution with a 61.64 percent increase in this month's allocation check, when compared to the amount received during the same period in 2008.

Even Sudan, to which figures awarded second place, was outdistanced by about 36 percentage points, at 24.55 percent.

This was the second month in a row for Earth to grab the leader position.

On the other end of the board, Olton — followed by Bovina, showed the largest percentage of loss, 14.61 and 11.81 percent respectively.

Although Muleshoe showed a percentage of increase that was less than one percentage point, .65 percent specifically, this month's allocation figure of \$35,507.10 was only topped by Littlefield in the actual sales taxes collected and recorded in this month's figures.

Muleshoe also trails Littlefield in the total sales tax dollars received in 2009. Littlefield has received \$245,519.83 compared to Muleshoe's \$185,914.22.

Third place in the total amount received this year falls to Friona with

Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$35,507.10	\$35,276.83	.65%
Dimmitt	\$21,151.14	\$23,482.51	-9.92%
Morton	\$ 7,935.64	\$ 7,432.00	6.77%
Littlefield	\$54,078.74	\$56,150.20	-3.68%
Olton	\$ 7,581.77	\$ 8,879.29	-14.61%
Sudan	\$ 3,390.17	\$ 2,721.78	24.55%
Earth	\$ 4,217.81	\$ 2,609.31	61.64%
Farwell	\$ 8,118.72	\$ 8,028.83	1.11%
Bovina	\$ 5,036.43	\$ 5,711.38	-11.81%
Friona	\$22,868.78	\$21,309.00	7.31%

\$104,096.03, followed by Dimmitt with \$97,765.27.

According to a news release from the state comptroller's office, March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February.

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MAHD board receives annual audit

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Members of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors received the district's 2008 audit report during

a special meeting on Monday.

Michael Oatman of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, P.C., who delivered this year's audit report, talked about various parts of the report, which covered the district's financial activities for the period ending on Sept. 30, 2008.

He indicated that while there was a continuing discussion as to whether the hospital's Critical Access status was the best Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement structure for the district. But he added that the hospital showed some improvement over the previous year.

"Medicare reimbursement is really a pretty hostile environment," Oatman said.

On a positive note,

the auditor's report pointed out that the Internal Revenue Service's assessment of \$750,000 due to the way the hospital's contracts with local physicians — an issue numerous hospitals in Texas had encountered — had been reduced to \$2,500. According to the report, MAHD's settlement was the lowest amount of any of the hospitals hit with the assessment.

It was also noted that the hospital and clinics' net assets had increased by \$363,954.

Still, Oatman was concerned that the district's revenue seemed "flat," and expressed concerns about "inpatient" dollars being swapped for "outpatient" dollars, which he noted had a much

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The name of the game...

He probably hasn't added it to his moniker... yet, but you've got to admit that adding the name of the four-times Master's champion sure makes it sing! Tyson "Tiger" Turnbow... who knows what the future holds. Pictured above, Tyson executes a chip shot on hole #4 at the District Tournament in Muleshoe. Tyson, the son of James and Shelly Turnbow, was the district medalist at this year's event. The Mules won second place in Team Honors.

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Fine Arts Boosters

Muleshoe High School's Fine Arts Boosters will be meeting on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., in the MHS Band Room.

The attendance of all parents who have children in the MHS and Watson Junior High's fine arts programs at encouraged to attend.

Women's softball league

Muleshoe Women's Softball League team sign up meeting has been set for Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m., at St. Clements Church, Hwy. 214 South. For additional information call Eufemia Torres at 729-8791, Carl Patterson at 946-8854, or Oscar Hernandez at 778-9635.

Veterans benefits, health care

A meeting about veterans benefits and health care is set for April 25, from 9 until noon, at the VFW Post #8570, located at 203 E. Ash Ave. VA benefit counsellors will be on hand to assist with resolving problems. For additional information call Debbie Floyd at 272-3647.

Bailey County Relay for Life

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium. Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year, according to county chairperson Jill Morris.

MAMC blood drive set

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First Street, is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call Suzanne Nichols at 272-4524, ext. 119, to make an appointment.

You must be at least 16 years of age, with a signed parental consent form, be in good health, have a valid drivers license, and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate blood.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

'Shattered Dreams'

Muleshoe HS will be participating in the Shattered Dreams Program May 6-7.

This program is designed to help educate the local youth about the dangers of drinking and driving.

During the two days the program will be held, Shattered Dreams will dramatize an alcohol-related crash with simulated deceased and injured victims along with an intoxicated driver.

Also throughout the day, 15 students will be pulled from the high school student body to portray the living dead that represent how alcohol-related fatalities impact lives.

The community and parents will hold a mock memorial to demonstrate to the students what drinking and driving can do to those indirectly involved.

Updates in the following weeks will include a schedule and a more detailed description of events of this program.

For more information about Shattered Dreams contact Belinda Head or Josh Woolbright at Muleshoe High School at 272-7303.

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Local police issue warning

The Muleshoe Police Department recently issued a warning to local residents of a Hispanic male seeking entrance into homes.

While no criminal acts have been reported at this time, the suspicious nature of the visits and the person's requests for financial assistance have attracted the police department's attention and raised its concerns.

Local individuals, especially the elderly, are urged to contact the Muleshoe Police Department at 272-4569 in the event individuals — who are not regular visitors to their home — request entry.



Art show winners released

The Muleshoe Art Association presented its Spring Art Show on April 7 at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room. Jan Lloyd, Division Chair for Fine Art/Communications at Clovis Community College, judged categories of oils and acrylics, watercolors, pastels and miscellaneous totaling sixty entries from seventeen artists.

The group enjoyed lunch at Leals preceding Lloyds critique session and announcement of winners.

Marie Tidwell received the Muleshoe State Bank Purchase Award for her lovely painting entitled "Mur Woods."

First Bank's Best of Show Award went to Neal Kleman for her amazing shadow box presentation entitled "Tex's Duds," which depicted western attire and gear, included a hat, chaps, and boots which looked like fine leather, but were actually sculpted from watercolor paper.

The winners were as follows:

Oils — First, Ruth Barnett, "Morning Out;" second, Barbara Carpenter, "Cattle in the Fall;" third, Susan Skipworth, "They Don't all Drink Coors®;" Honorable Mentions, Heather Hancock, Susan Skipworth, Marie Tidwell

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The Muleshoe Chamber of commerce & Agriculture recently honored Ron Calanchi of the Sonic Drive-In of Muleshoe as the March Employee of the Month. Pictured above,

from left to right are Cheryl Puckett, chamber treasurer, Ron Calanchi of Sonic, Celie Parham, chamber president, Candy Carmichael, Sonic manager, and Mark Anthony, chamber board member.

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It's Time for the 15th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards

The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 29 in the High School Auditorium.

Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary Award.

To be selected, the nominee must be a full-time classroom teacher. Anyone in Muleshoe ISD - employee, student, parent, community member - may nominate a teacher for the award.

If you would like to nominate a teacher for one of these honors, please send a brief letter stating why he/she should be Teacher of the Year to the Superintendent's office at 514 W. Ave. G. no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009.

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lower rate of reimbursement. While the district's liquidity was still pretty low — according to Oatman it has been declining for the past three years — it shows an increase of \$155,143 for the audit year in question. As for the clinic expansion, which the hospital board recently voted to postpone until additional information was available, Oatman had some words of concern about it, primarily noting that

the "cost based" project "won't pay for itself." Oatman said this wasn't necessarily a bad thing, but said the district would have identify where the remaining funds would come from.

Oatman said he was concerned that the plans for the clinic expansion didn't include a plan showing how it was going to work. "What's going to happen on the revenue side," he asked. "Cost based does not pay it all," Oatman added.

He said the hospital district was "on the right track," and said modernizing the hospital would have a positive impact. The hospital district's chief financial officer, David Burke, addressed the topic as well, saying, "We've got a sick hospital here. We need to revamp the hospital to increase the community's confidence (in it)."

In regards to the tax revenue — which the district's auditor said along with a its CAH reimbursement could

provide for a good level of medical care for the community — Oatman pointed out that it has to "move along with inflation or you'll fall behind the curve."

Oatman also addressed some of the "control issues" which were noted in the auditor's report, including suggestions that could prevent future problems.

While one of these items, the segregation of duties, has appeared in previous audits, it was pointed out again that this is often difficult in small and medium-sized organizations.

Other control issues addressed included:

- The need for a written policy covering the use and control of a the district's credit card, and the reimbursement of an expense charged to employee's personal credit card.
- Allowances for contractual adjustments and bad debts.
- The reconciliation of Park View Nursing Care Center's system reports with the district's general ledger.

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10 minutes, and it will affect us for the next 10 years," Silva said.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Talked with Sheriff Richard Wills concerning the jail population and the need to farm out the county jail's empty bed space to another county in order to raise the funds necessary for payment of the law enforcement center's construction payment.
- Wills said he was looking into the possibility of starting a community rehabilitation treatment program that would utilize the existing bed space on a continual bases. However, he noted that such a program would require the county to hire counselors who would work with the individuals placed in the program.
- Took no action on a county burn ban.
- Approved the minutes from the court's March 9 regular meeting and its March

20 special meeting. Appointed Debbie Noble as election judge for the county's May 9 liquor election, and Bob Graves as the alternate election judge.

Approved the February county treasurer's report and received copies of the March report.

Approved in-county travel forms, and soil conservation worksheets.

Approved payment of county bills totaling slightly more than \$186,600.

Noted that while the purchase of the former Muleshoe Masonic Lodge has been completed the renovations needed before it becomes the courthouse annex will be postponed until after the courts' upcoming budget workshop.

County Judge Sherri Harrison said the building's electrical wiring and its heating and air conditioning system are probably the largest renovation problems that need to be addressed.

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Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state received \$1.58 billion in sales tax revenue in March, down 3.8 percent compared to March 2008.

"Continued weakness in many important sectors, such as retail trade, mining and construction, resulted in a significant decrease in March sales tax collections," Combs said. "While year to date sales tax revenue is up 1.9 percent for fiscal 2009, further declines are expected this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$409.9 million in April sales tax allocations, a 2.2 percent decrease compared to April 2008. So far in 2009, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments remain up by 1.2 percent.

Comptroller Combs' office will send April sales tax allocations of \$275.7 million to Texas cities, down 1.9 percent compared to April 2008. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 0.8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$26 million, up 0.4 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 5.7 percent higher than last year.

City council

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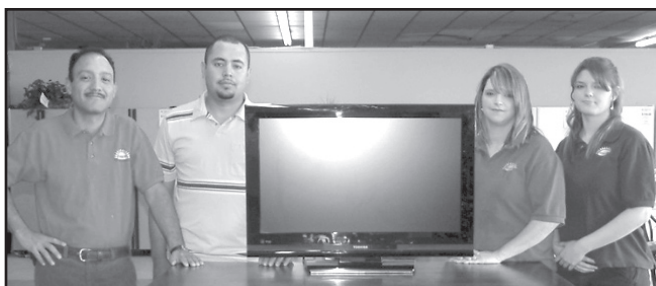
According to the grant agreement, Claborn said, the work on the expansion will have to begin within two years.

In other business, the city council:

- Cancelled the general election set for May 9 for the position of mayor. Although the city will still conduct the election for the hospital

district, which is seeking to raise its current tax rate ceiling from 40 cents to 55 cents, and Bailey County, which is holding an election over the issue of selling liquor inside the Muleshoe city limits.

- Approved a request of up to \$560 from the motel/hotel fund as reimbursement for funds used in advertising and promoting the May 3 Cinco de Mayo celebration.



Vision drawing winner...

Patricia Flores was the winner of the 32 inch LCD HDTV in the drawing held by Vision Furniture of Muleshoe. Pictured above are Jorge Flores, Patricia's husband, Sergio Guzman, Whitney Moulton and Melinda Guzman.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Joe and I are back. I hope all of you had a great Easter weekend. We had a great one. Joe and I traveled to Augusta, Ga., for Joe to attend the Masters Golf tournament with his grandson, Josh McCarty.

The flowers and greenery were a beautiful painting. My appreciation to Helen and all the volunteers for taking care of the center.

Our prayers go with Lidia and her children as they travel to Dallas. As many of you know the boys are having a problem. They had an appointment at the Children's Hospital on Tuesday morning. May God be with you.

Tuesday, April 21, will be Bunco playing day. Call a friend and make

plans to come and play. We appreciate Interim Health Care for their assistance with the games.

Tuesday night was dance night. The next dance will be on Tuesday, April 28 beginning at 7 a.m.

Thursday, April 23, will be our April Birthday Party. You should receive a call inviting you to the center on that day if you are a senior citizen with a birthday in April.

If you do not receive a call, come by the center so we can put you in our records. We are happy to honor all the birthdays. The citizen having the most is honored with a free lunch and one free lunch is given by a drawing from the birthday cards.

Make plans to come enjoy the lunch and

birthday cake.

Then make plans to stay and play Bingo at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. LaShea Mason is a fun caller.

We appreciate NursCare for allowing her time to come and be with us. Prizes and refreshments are furnished.

We are selling tickets for our \$10,000 give away at this time. There will be three chances to win. We will draw for a \$5,000 win, a \$3,000 win, and a \$2,000 win.

We only have 300 tickets to sell. So come by the Center and purchase a ticket for a chance to win. The tickets are \$100. You can purchase one individually or get some friends together and purchase one. The drawing will be at noon on July 4th at the center.

Menu for April 20-24:

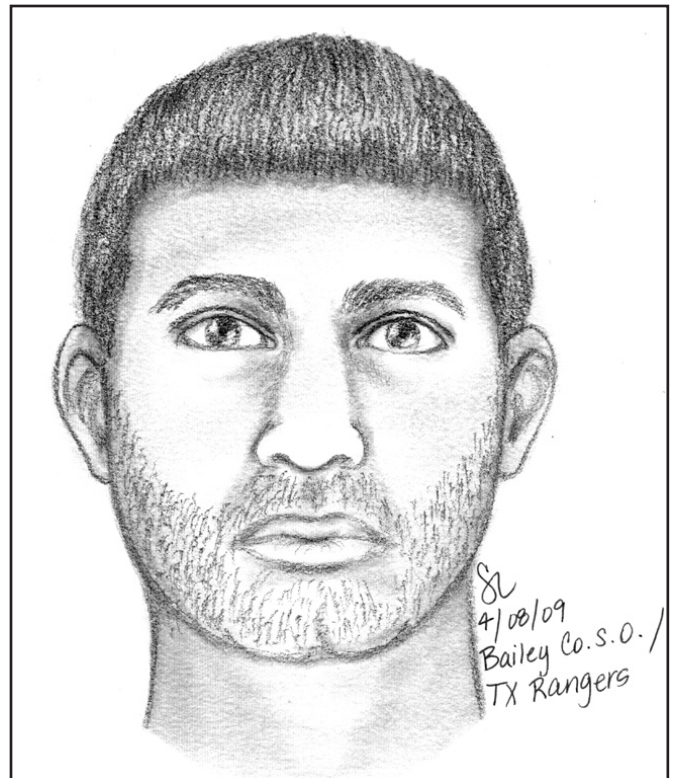
Monday, April 20 — Chicken noodle casserole, sliced carrots, salad, biscuit, jello and fruit.

Tuesday, April 21— Taco salad, beans, rice, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, chips, salsa and a cookie sandwich.

Wednesday, April 22 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, April 23 — Sheppard's pie, turnip greens, sliced tomatoes, wheat rolls and birthday cake.

Friday, April 24 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



Suspect drawing released

Contrary to rumor, a suspect has not been arrested in the stabbing of Gloria Lisa Estrada, 30, of Enochs, according to Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills. The assailant — described as a Hispanic male, about 30-35 years of age, 5 feet, 7 inches in height, with a thin build and thick bushy eyebrows — is pictured in the above drawing. Anyone with information related to the incident should contact the Muleshoe Police Department at (806) 272-4569, or the sheriff's department at 272-4268.

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Obituaries

Lucille Harp

Funeral services for Lucille Harp, 82, of Levelland, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, April 11, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Benny Wright of Muleshoe and the Rev. Monty Hilliard of Lubbock officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Harp died on April 9, 2009, in Levelland. She was born on Sept. 24, 1926, to William and Dora Carter in Bailey County, and married Edd Harp in Morton on Jan. 5, 1940. He preceded her in death on May 19, 1999.

She was also preceded

in death by as well as five sisters, a brother, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

Harp was an LVN at the Muleshoe Hospital for several years, as well as at area nursing homes. She was also a homemaker and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Jerry and Joy of Levelland, and Keith and Linda of Brownfield; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Baptist, 312 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Camilo Espinoza, Jr.

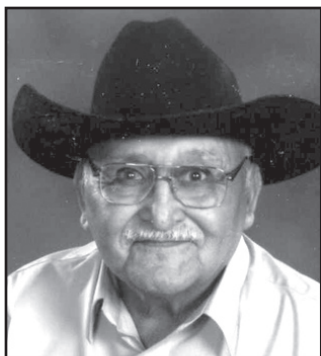
Funeral services for Camilo Espinoza Jr., 79, of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, April 15, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed Wednesday's services at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Espinoza died on Sunday, April 12, 2009, in Muleshoe. He was born on Jan. 12, 1930, in Greybill, Wyo., to Camilo and Gabriela Espinoza Sr., and married Maria Guadalupe Orozco in Muleshoe on July 27, 1963.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, five grandchildren and a



Camilo Espinoza Jr. great-grandchild.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe, and belonged to Sacred Heart Association, and had served on the Migrant Council for the Muleshoe Independent School District.

Survivors include his wife — Maria; five sons — John, Phillip and Samuel Espinoza of Muleshoe, Adam

Engagements



Tyler Helms and Tori Barton

Barton, Helms to wed

Tori Barton and Tyler Helms, along with their families, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on Friday, July 3, 2009, at the

First Baptist Church of Floydada.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mark and Michele Barton of Amarillo, granddaughter of Doug and Fran Lewis of Lubbock, the late Macky McCarty, Ardis Barton and the late Virginia Barton of Earth.

A 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School, Tori graduated from Covenant School of Nursing in December 2008. She is currently employed as a nurse with Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Kary and Jeanine Helms, grandson of Bill and Dell Gray, the late Adrain and Ann Helms, all of Floydada, and Alan and Donna Ulrich of Lake Brownwood.

Tyler is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2007 Texas Tech University graduate with a bachelor of science in history. He is a teacher and coach at Idalou High School, where the couple will be making their home.

Espinoza of Lubbock, Andrew of Emerson, N.J.; five daughters — Mary Lopez and Rose Vargas of Muleshoe, Carmen Rodriquez of Canyon, Virginia Rodriquez of Denver City and Catherine Carroll of Childress; two sisters — Teresa Wentz and Ruth Espinoza, both of Muleshoe; two brothers — Jessy and Jimmy Espinoza, both of Hardin Mont.; 28 grandchilren; and three great-grandchildren.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck..."
Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV



Timothy Conner and Meagan Lowe

Lowe, Conner to wed

Mitch and Shelby Lowe announce the engagement of their daughter, Meagan, to Timothy Conner, the son of Stacy and Debbie Conner of Muleshoe. They will be married in the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe on June 27, 2009.



Brett Bamert and Madison Myers

Myers, Bamert to wed

Thurman and Rhonda Myers of Muleshoe announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Madison Myers of College Station, to Brett Bamert, also of College Station.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Jack and Bobbie Dunham, Clayton Myers and the late Gladys Myers, all of Muleshoe.

She is a 2007 Muleshoe High School graduate, and is currently attending Texas A&M University studying agricultural communications and

journalism. The prospective groom is the son of Nick and Rayniel Bamert of Muleshoe, and grandson of Carl and Jenny Bamert, the late Cookie Bamert of Muleshoe, and Lee and Gladys Broussard of Nome.

He is a 2006 Muleshoe High School graduate. He is attending Texas A&M University studying ag economics.

The wedding is set for July 6, 2009, at Dreams Tulum Resort, at Mexican Riviera, Maya, with a reception to follow on July 18, at Muleshoe.

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Sports



Mule Jackson Myers drives the ball during the recent district tourney in Muleshoe. Photograph by Stacy Conner

Golf team qualifies for regional tourney

The Mule golf team qualified to go to the Region I Golf Tournament by finishing second in District 2-2A.

The Mules placed second behind the District Champion Childress Bobcats. Tyson Turnbow is the District Medalist after entering the final day in second place to a player from Childress.

Jonathan Perez, Jackson Myers, Cooper Washington and Mateo Castillo, along with

Turnbow, will begin preparation for the Regional Tournament that will be held in Midland, April 20-21. The Texas State Tournament will be in Austin May 11-12.

Sarah Johnson qualified as a medalist for the Region I Tournament as the second low individual.

The total results were not available at press time but should be in next week's issue of the *Muleshoe Journal*.

Mules suffer Hornet stings

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules must have put their bats in cold storage as they have really cooled off in their last two games. They only had four hits against the district leading 5-1 Tulia Hornets. The Hornets stung the Mules 12-5.

The 3-3 Floydada Whirlwinds are gaining strength and out hit the Mules 13-8 and blew the Mules away 13-3. The game was called on the 10-run rule. The Mules hit the ball some better but base running errors erased them from the diamond.

The Mules got off to a fast start in Tulia. Caleb

Conner reached on an error by the center fielder and Marshall Head's ground ball to second was bobbled allowing him to reach base.

Victor Vasquez loaded the bases with the aid of an error on the short stop. The pitcher failed to stop a ground ball back across the mound by Dameon Snell that scored Conner and Head. Vasquez stole home before the last out was made.

The Mules could not hold the lead and the Hornets evened the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the first inning. The first run scored on a bloop single to right. That was

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Muleshoe students are listed among post season honorees

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Post season classics are held in various locations in Texas to both honor the best senior athletes in their chosen sports and afford them another opportunity to demonstrate their abilities for college scouts.

One Lady Mule basketball player and six football players from the 2008 State Championship Mule football team have been invited to play in various post season classics.

Morgan Smith has been invited to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Games in Amarillo.

The games will be held April 17-18 in the First United Banking Center. She will play for the West team with tip-off time for the East vs. West game scheduled for six pm Friday. Smith scored 329 points this past season for the Lady Mules by making 116 two pointers, nine three pointers and 70 free throws.

She also had 104 assists during the season. Smith could also play defense and made three blocked shots, 75 steals and pulled down 147 rebounds.

"I was so pleased to have Morgan invited to the Golden Spread All

Star Games," said Lady Mule coach Val Acree. "She was a leader for us and the Lady Mules will miss her. She is a left-handed dynamo that brought a new dimension to the game for our opponents."

The West Texas Football Classic will be held in Lubbock on June 6, and will kick off the football post season games. Joseph Strader, Victor Vasquez, Lane Wood and Wes Wood have been invited.

June 13 is the date of the Greenbelt Bowl that is held in Childress each year. Strader, Vasquez, L. Wood and W. Wood were joined in receiving invitations by Marshall Head and Ray Ramirez.

The Texas High School Coaches Association hosts the Texas All-Star Game and it will be held in Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas on July 21. Wes Wood will represent the Mules in that game.

Joseph Strader made a total of 56 tackles with six being for losses. He also had two sacks, caused two fumbles and made 10 special team tackles.

Marshall Head made a total of 127 tackles with 21 being for losses. He secured

seven sacks, caused 25 quarterback hurries, caused six fumbles and recovered one fumble. He intercepted one pass, broke up eight passes, made 10 big hits and had five special team tackles.

Ray Ramirez caught 56 passes for 1115 yards and 16 touchdowns. On defense he recorded 73 tackles, one for a loss and six interceptions. He recovered three fumbles, broke up seven passes and made two special team tackles.

Vasquez caught 82 passes for 1390 yards and 26 touchdowns. He rushed 21 times for 143 yards and four TDs, returned 13 kickoffs for 393 yards and 10 punts for 253 yards.

He scored a total of 224 points that included 32 touchdowns and 27 points from point-after-tries.

On defense Vasquez made 86 tackles, caused four fumbles, recovered three fumbles, intercepted eight passes, and made 10 big hits.

Lane Wood shone on both sides of the ball. He rushed 137 times for 1501 yards and 14 touchdowns and caught 65 passes for 806 yards and eight more TDs. On defense he made 153 tackles, 11

for losses, recorded two sacks and six quarterback hurries. He caused one fumble, intercepted one pass, had eight pass break ups, nine big hits and 20 special team tackles.

Wes Wood completed 278 of 439 passes for 4546 yards and 64 touchdowns and rushed 130 times for 428 yards and 12 TDs. He was only intercepted eight times and fumbled once in 15 games.

"We have never had this many players honored in one season," said Mule football coach David Wood.

"This was an exceptional year when everything just came together for us and these guys made the most of it. It is great to have all these seniors invited to this many different games," he said.

There is a cost involved for the seniors to play in these all-star games. The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters pays this cost for the players.

If you would like to help with the cost involved in supporting these seniors please make your donation to the Muleshoe Athletic Boosters. Contributions may be dropped off at city hall, the coaches' offices or the superintendent's office.

Lady Mules shut out Littlefield's Lady Cats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules may have been reeling from the loss of Tori Alvarado when they traveled to Littlefield Tuesday.

They gave up 11 runs in the first inning and then settled down to all but shut out the Lady Cats.

However the Lady Mules only managed to score five runs during the game and lost their second district game of the season 12-5.

They bounced back on Saturday against the Abernathy Lady Lopes. The Lady Mules scored 11 runs on 15 hits to defeat the Lady Lopes 11-4.

The Lady Mules could not convert a two-out base hit by Val Olivas

and a walk into a run in the top half of the first inning. The Lady Cats used nine hits and three walks to score 11 runs in the first inning.

Neither team scored in the second inning but the Lady Mules rallied for a run in the top of the third. April Gardea laid down a one-out bunt and stole second base. She came home on a single down the first base line by Val Olivas.

BreAnn Baca beat out a two-out bunt down the third base line in the fourth inning and worked her way around the bases to score the Lady Mule's second run.

The Lady Mules continued to shut out the potent Lady Cat hitters.

Gardea bunted down the third base line for a single to lead off the fifth inning and stole second base. Olivas brought her home with a double to center field. Olivas moved to third on a bunt by Ali Eagle. Ashlie Johnson singled to left to score Olivas. The Lady Mules trailed 11-4 after five innings.

Olivas singled and scored in the seventh inning for the final Lady Mule run.

The Lady Mules continued to play tough when the Lady Lopes came to town on Saturday. Eagle camped under a pop foul for the first Lady Lope out.

A pair of errors put two Lady Lopes on the base paths. Erica Rodriguez

moved under a fly ball to center and held the runners. The third out went down on strikes with no runs crossing the plate.

Gardea doubled down the left field line and came home on a triple to left by Olivas. Eagle brought Olivas home on a strange out by Eagle. She had a base hit but was called out for throwing her bat and hitting the catcher. The Lady Mules led 2-0 after one inning.

Gabby Perez moved in to foul territory at first base for the catch to put first Lady Lope out in the second inning.

The second Lady Lope went down swinging. Olivas stepped under a pop fly at short for the

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Mules finish second in Acuff Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules finished second in the Acuff Relays at Roosevelt High School Friday. Roosevelt won their own meet with 238 points and the Mules had 129.

They were followed by Post (77), Friona (70), Trinity (59), Roosevelt Maroon, (0) and Slaton (0).

Sterling Leopard took the Mules first and last gold medals of the day in the running events. He had a gold medal time of 10 minutes 40.45 seconds in the 3200-meter run. He then had to wait for most of the meet to be run off before he again took the track in the 1600-meter run. He took the gold

with a time of 4:46.18.

Weston Griswald earned the bronze medal in the 3200 with an 11:17.08 and he finished fifth in the 1600 with a time of 5:17.95.

Cooper Washington earned the Mules only gold medal in the field events with throw of 126 feet four and a half inches in the discus. Victor Vasquez and Caleb Conner earned the silver and bronze medals in the 100-meter dash with times of 11.68 and 11.90 respectively. Larry Richardson finished fifth in the 100 with an 11.92.

Conner placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 24.80. Stevie Cisneros took the silver medal in the 400-meter dash

with a 54.61. Isaac Bryan finished sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.86.

Lane Wood earned the gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a 16.86. Adrian Muniz had a silver medal time of 42.23 in the 300-meter hurdles. The 4x100 meter relay team of Wood,

Conner, Vasquez and Washington earned silver with a 45.25.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Muniz, Richardson, Washington and Nathaniel Chavez also took silver with a time of 1:35.62. The 4x400 meter relay team of Richardson, Alan Diaz,

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third out and second scoreless inning by Abernathy.

Baca beat out a bunt down the third base line to lead off the bottom of the second. Johnson blasted a triple to left field to score Baca for the Lady Mules only run. The Lady Mules led 3-0 after two innings.

The first Lady Lope in the third inning singled to center. Baca made the scoop at third from the second batter and fired a strike to Brenda Rodriguez at second for the force out of the lead runner. A triple to left scored the only Lady Lope run of the inning.

Gardea grabbed the ground ball back to the circle and fired to Eagle to tag the runner sliding home. The final Lady Lope went down on a called strike.

Eagle singled to center to lead off the bottom of the third inning. She went to second on a walk issued to Perez.

Eagle tagged up and scooted to third on a sacrifice fly to center by Olivas and scored on an error by the short stop. Perez moved to second on the same error.

Perez advanced to third on an error on the third baseman and scored on a single by Lupita Andrade. The Lady Mules led 5-1 after three innings.

Abernathy could not score in the fourth inning. The first Lady Lope was called out on strikes and the second grounded out to Olivas at short. An error and a single put two runners on the base paths. E. Rodriguez camped under a fly ball in center for the final out.

The first two Lady Mules grounded out to the short stop to start the bottom half of the fourth. Eagle was hit by a pitch and an error on the short stop allowed Eagle to go to second and Perez to reach first. A throwing error on the catcher allowed Baca to beat out a short bunt and Eagle and Perez scored on the error. The Lady Mules led 7-1 after four innings.

Abernathy rallied for three runs in the top of the fifth inning on three Lady Mule errors. The Lady Mules could not answer but held on to a 7-4 lead after five innings.

Abernathy went down in order in the top of the fifth. The Lady Mules strung together five hits to score four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The first Lady Mule flew out to left and the second ground out to second. Perez singled to left and stole second. Baca dropped a fly ball just over the head of the first baseman to move Perez to third.

Perez and Baca scored a double to right by Johnson. B. Rodriguez changed places with Johnson with a double to left center. Andrade scored Johnson with a single to left for the Lady Mules final run.

The 5-2 Lady Mules took their game on the road Tuesday as they traveled to Dimmitt to battle the 1-6 Bobbies. They stay on the road Saturday when they go to Floydada to face the 1-6 Lady Winds.

The Lady Mules will complete their regular season when they host the league leading 6-1 Lady Cats of Childress on April 21.

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followed by a two-run home run over the left field fence to tie the score.

The Mules went in order swinging in the top of the second. Tulia buzzed past the Mules in the bottom of the inning with a one-run blast over the left field fence. A single and a pair of doubles scored two more runs to give the Hornets a 6-3 lead after two innings.

The Mules rallied in the top of the third with Gunner Kerby taking the count full, fouling off a pitch and then drew a walk. Vasquez scored Kerby from first with a double to left center. Vasquez stole third base and trotted home on a sacrifice fly to right by Snell.

The Mule defense set the Hornets down in order and the Mules trailed 6-5 after three innings. No Mule ever got past third base after the third inning.

Tulia added four runs in the fourth inning and two in the fifth to take a 12-5 lead into the final inning.

The Mule bats heated up some at Floydada as they recorded eight hits but only pushed three runs across. The Mules did not score until the top of the third inning. Conner reached on a fielder's choice and stole second base. He scored on a single down the first base line by Saul Elizalde.

Juan Guerrero was safe

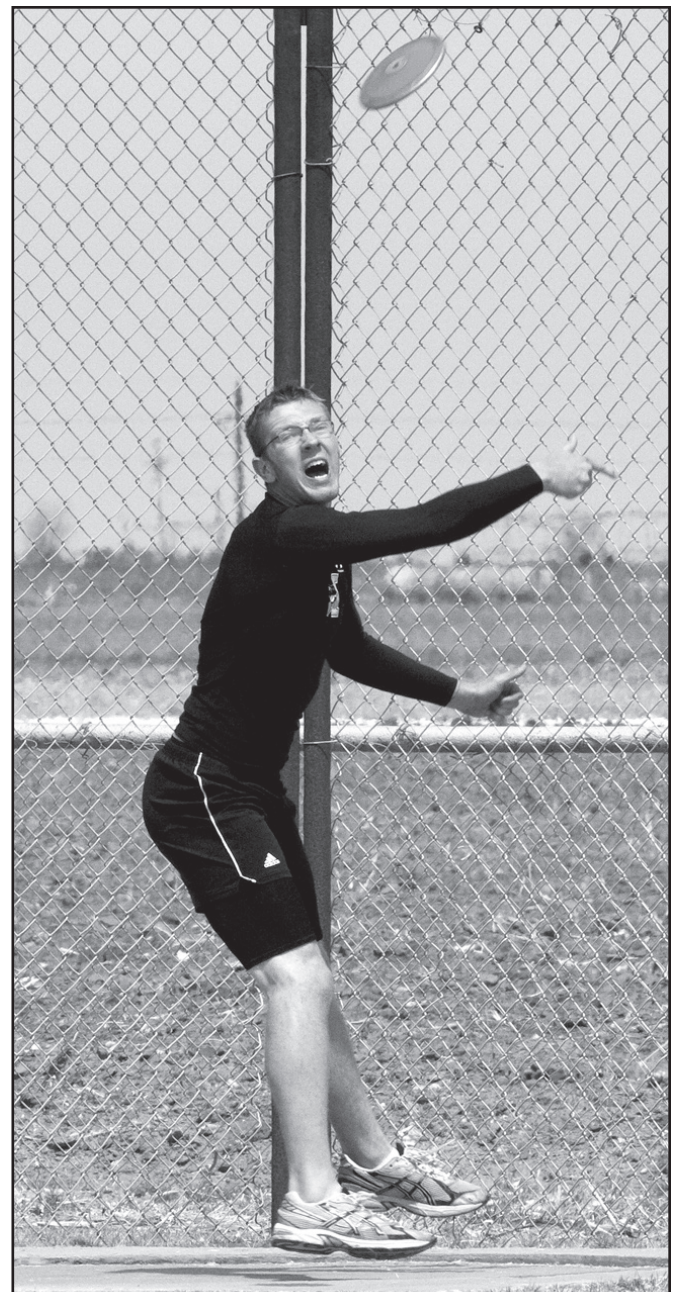
a first when the short stop fumbled the ground ball. Adrian Chacon moved him to third on a single to right. Guerrero scored on a throwing error by the first baseman attempting to throw him out at third.

The Mules third run came in the top of the fifth on a single to left by Head. The Mules put on the hit and run and Vasquez delivered with a single behind the runner. Head made it all the way to third as he was running on the pitch.

Kerby singled to left to score Head for the Mules final run of the game.

Floydada since two out of the park in the first inning to take a 5-0 lead over the Mules and never looked back. They added two runs in each of the next four innings to 10-run the Mules in five innings.

The Mules made the long road trip to Childress on Tuesday to tangle with the 1-5 Bobcats. The Mules have a tough home stand as they take on (5-1) Tulia on Saturday and stay home Tuesday for the (5-1) Bobcats of Dimmitt. The Mules final regular season game is in Friona April 25 at noon.



Cooper Washington throws the discus

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle on energy:

- The major fuels we use for energy today are called _____ fuels because they are made from parts of animals and plants that have been under heat and pressure in the Earth's crust for millions of years.
- Pieces of black _____ we dig out of the ground are used in power plants to generate electricity.
- A thick liquid we pump out of the earth and use to heat our homes or turn into gasoline to run cars.
- Natural _____ is pumped out of oil fields or other underground fields. It is used for heating homes, water and cooking food on stoves. Russia has the world's largest amounts.
- Once we use up the **fossil fuels** they will be gone. Today, scientists are working hard on sources for fuels that can be regrown or reused. They are called _____ fuels.
- Giant, fan-like structures with blades that you see in fields are called turbines. They use the _____ as a source of power. They make electricity to power homes.
- Another **renewable** source of power is _____. This is called hydropower. We use dams to hold water back and then slowly let it flow through to spin generators to make electricity for our homes.
- In sunny areas like Arizona, you can see panels that soak up _____ energy. This is energy from the Sun's rays. The special cells in the panels can change it into electricity for our homes.
- Have you heard of bioenergy? These are forms of energy created from _____ like corn or grains. It may be made from wood scraps or animal waste. It is a renewable fuel because we can regrow corn, etc.
- This is another source of energy that uses the heat from the earth to boil liquid. The gas from that is used to generate electricity.
- Have you heard of _____ power plants? They generate energy by splitting atoms. When the atoms are split apart they release energy. France generates almost all of its own electricity by use of nuclear power plants and sells the most to other countries too.
- Colorless, odorless, highly flammable gas-the lightest known element in the universe. It is used in "fuel cells" that can run cars and heat homes.

What bright idea do you have to help save energy?

Reduce or Reuse

Next week, **Reading Club Fun** is all about changes in the **Spring** and has cool puzzles!

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This is the bag that... brings to the store to pack her items in.

I'm hard at work reducing my energy use and thinking of ways to reuse as many items as I can. Today I'm cleaning out the closets and giving clothes to my younger cousins or to others. What can **you** do to reduce or reuse?

Draw an arrow to the item that will help reduce use of energy:

- clothes dryer
- ride in the car
- regular light bulbs
- paper cups and plates
- air conditioner
- paper lunch bags
- spray paint
- leaf blower
- paper napkins
- throw clothes away
- hot water to wash clothes

A. walk or bike
B. glasses and plastic plates
C. rake
D. fluorescent lights
E. clothesline
F. cloth napkins
G. donate them to Goodwill
H. cold water to wash
I. fans
J. lunch box
K. brush and paint

Fill in the blanks with the word that makes sense:

- Bring your own _____ to pack groceries you buy.
- Accept hand-me-down _____ and give your good items to others to use.
- Set up a "swap shack" or a "swap event" where families can leave or _____ items with others: games, books, clothing, sports equipment, toys.
- Refrigerate _____ to eat the next day.
- Just _____ less stuff!
- Grow a small _____ patch: tomatoes, beans.
- Donate unused _____ items - yarn, ribbons, paint - to a school or organization.
- When you are ready to get a cat or dog check out your local _____ shelter.
- Use the comics or decorate bags to wrap _____.
- Refill a _____ with drinks or soup.
- Use both sides of your _____.
- Cut junk mail into squares for notes and _____.

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Sports

JV Mules take second place

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules accumulated 181 points in the Acuff Relays at Roosevelt High School Friday afternoon. That was good enough for second behind Roosevelt with 234 points.

Post scored 91 for second, Friona (50), Roosevelt Maroon (6), Slaton (0) and Trinity (0).

The Mules dominated the first running event of the day with Mateo Castillo taking the gold medal with a time of 13 minutes 12.27 seconds.

Carlos Bustillos finished with a silver medal time of 14:20.61 and Polo Padilla took fourth with a 15:08.05.

Clay Pena and Cole Hawkins got the Mules started in the field events with a silver medal toss of 35 feet one and half

Track...

Continued from page 7 Vasquez and Muniz completed the sweep of silver medals in the relays with a time of 3:36.99.

The Mules will be in Tulia for the District 2-2A Track Meet April 16.

Preliminaries will start at 9 a.m. and field events will follow. The finals in the running events will begin at 5 pm.

inches and a bronze medal heave of 35-0 respectively. Padilla had a bronze medal throw in the discus of 89-8.75.

Isaac Baca placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 35-5. Josh Stanford placed fifth with a distance of 34-9.75 and Eddie Herrera finished sixth with a 33-1.5.

Baca also had a fourth place leap of 15-4 in the long jump. Steve Durban cleared 4-8 for fourth place in the high jump.

Saul Elizalde made a gold medal vault of 9-6 and Justin Griswald cleared 8-6 for the bronze medal. Alfredo Sanchez finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 25.14. Durban was sixth in the 100 with a 12.95.

Baca had a gold medal time in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.14. Damien Trevino placed fifth in the 200 with a 26.77 and Hector Manzaalles was sixth with a 27.52.

Alan Diaz ran a gold medal time in the 400-meter dash of 55.02. Eddie Herrera was fourth

with a 1:00.01 and Joey Gurerra took sixth with a 1:03.30.

Matthew Ambriz finished the 800-meter run in a bronze medal time of 2:27.08. Stanford placed fourth in the 800 with a 2:28.27. The 4x100 meter relay team of Sanchez, Alan Diaz, Carlos Sosa and Baca earned the gold medal with a time of 48.24.

Sosa finished the 300-meter hurdles in sixth place with a time of 49.90. The 4x200 meter relay team of Sosa, Elizalde, Trevino and Baca took the gold with a time of 1:43.30.

Ambriz took silver in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:34.46. Stanford earned the bronze medal with a 5:53.21 and Castillo was fifth with a 6:02.36.

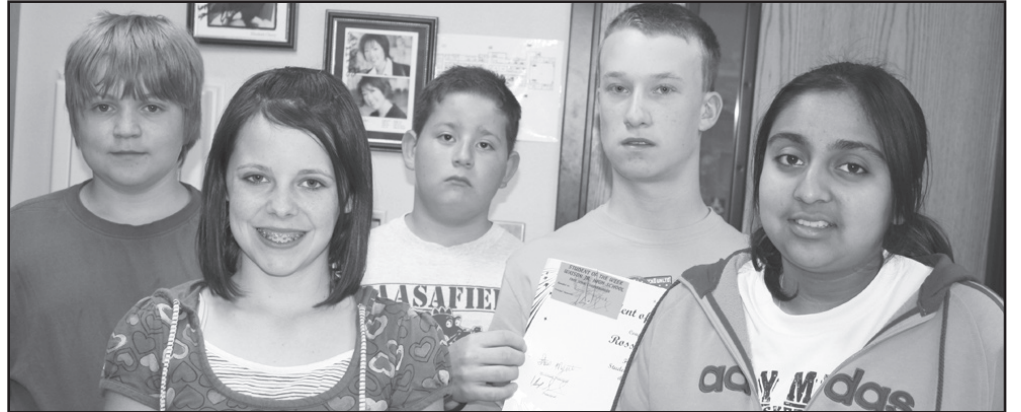
The 4x400 meter relay team of Sanchez, Durban, Herrera and Ambriz finished with a bronze medal time of 4:04.27.

The Mules will compete in the District 2-2A Meet in Tulia April 16.



Students of the Week

The Students of the Week from Watson Junior High include: Above — Grey Johnson, Valorie Godinez, Zach Taylor, Ana Ceja, Elliot Reyes and Magen Cantrell; and below — Johnny DeBruin, Daniel Plata, Ross Steinbock, Tessa Garner and Priya Pate. Not Pictured is Yesenia Huerta.



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The Sudan Buzz

Area farmers can enroll in ACRE program

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County announced today that producers can elect and enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program beginning April 27.

ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill.

"The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety," Hanlin said.

"This new option presents an opportunity for producers to review both programs and decide which one will work best for their operation."

Producers have until Aug. 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- Forgo counter-

cyclical payments;

- Accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and

- Accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance

direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information

about the ACRE program please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Some floods are caused by 'leaky faucets'

We all have times when the winds and waves of sorrow or pain or perplexity threaten to swamp us and send the vessels of our lives to the bottom. When those winds howl, we recognize the threat. It's no fun to ride out a storm.

But I'm convinced that it is not always the stormy downpour of pain that capsizes lives; often it is something more akin to the "drip, drip, drip" of a leaky faucet.

One incessant drip at a time until the ship is about to go down and the crew hardly saw it coming.

Drip. It's another medical bill.

Drip. Now it's the car. Drip. Here come



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

college costs.

Drip. A job in which you can never say, "I'm done."

Drip. A drip of a boss who seems impossible to please.

Drip. Nagging thoughts about the direction of your life.

Drip. So many "hats" to wear, and the pressure of trying to do a good job at all of them.

Drip. Too many "yes's" to too many commitments.

Drip. Drip.

Drip. And suddenly, though it really wasn't sudden at all, the boat is about ready to go down.

Isn't it the weight of the "drip, drip, drips" that lies at the heart of many "mid-life crises"?

How many of the folks who cut their marriage vows and run into the arms of another do it because they're really looking for excitement away from the "drips" of their ordinary, everyday lives?

How many people sitting in waiting rooms paying ungodly amounts for tests and pills end up finding that their maladies are stress-related? We find out that we're not only sick of the "drips," we're sick

because of them.

What a weight of frustration and anxiety, anger and bitterness, we allow to rise in our lives — until we're on the way down and we are forced to notice them.

I confess. I'm better at setting up the problem than at providing answers. But a few things I know.

Even Jesus didn't cleanse every leper in Palestine or open every blind man's eyes in Jericho.

Even Jesus needed some quiet time away from constant "drip, drip, drips" of the needy people around him. He needed time in the Presence of the Timeless.

Anyone who trades their family's love and respect for a fling or success is poor and pitiful not matter what their balance sheet says.

There were limits even to what God's Son tried to do in a day. But there were no limits to his love.

Baby Showers

Hunt baby shower held

Jenna Hunt was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, March 29, at the home of Cindy Magby.

Hostesses for the event included Lisa Whalin, Tonda Wood, Rhonda Wood, Rhonda Myers, Bernita Sheets, Connie James, Jo Ellen Cowart, Joella Flowers, Pam Thomason, Delora Jennings, Trae McNeill, Abby Kirby, Leslie Dale, Kelly Burris, Lynn Vandiver, Cami Jo Vandiver, Jan Morris, Doris Vandivier, Cindy Magby, Kay Lynn Brantley, Sherri Kennedy and Stephani Baldwin. The hostess gift was a



Jenna Hunt stroller with a matching car seat and high chair. Special guests attending included: Dana Rascoe, Lavon Hunt, Lela Ann Smith, Marscha Rascoe, Darla Roberts, Nelda Hunt, Shani Nickels and Angel Hunt.

Engagements

Adrian, Davis to wed in August

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Adrian of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gradee LeAnne, to Brandon Scott Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis of Liberty.

The couple will wed at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo on Aug. 22, 2009.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School and completed undergraduate work at Texas A & M University. She graduated in 2009 with a doctorate of pharmacy degree from Texas Tech School of Pharmacy.

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Liberty High School and 2006 graduate of



Gradee LeAnne Adrian and Brandon Scott Davis

Texas A & M University, with a degree in finance. He graduated in 2009 with a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Houston.

After a honeymoon

cruise to the Carribean, the couple will be making their home in Liberty, where Gradee will be employed by Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy, and Brandon will be opening his own law firm.

Thomas, Kelly announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley announce the engagement of their children, Dusti Thomas of Lubbock and Clinton Kelley of Earth.

The couple will be married on June 6, 2009, at South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Lorenzo and a 2008 graduate of South Plains College.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Springlake-Earth and is employed by Bailey County Electric Coop.



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Consider the ants and grasshoppers

In our last article we referred to the ways, or life style, of the ant that "Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

That she does that consistently is, in my judgment, quite an accomplishment.

According to some of the things I have read there's at least 80 per cent of us humans that don't do that well.

Most of us wind up in the fading years of our lives needing assistance of some kind. Even though we might not like to hear it, most of us wind up in need of some kind of "governmental help."

But the ant provides her meat despite the fact that she has "no guide, ruler or overseer. She provides her meat in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest."

If I get the lesson, we are admonished to consider her ways... and be wise.

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

There's that wisdom we spoke of before. But if I turn the "we" around it becomes "me," and there it rests.

But what about grasshoppers? Well, the prophet Isaiah says, "The Lord sits on the circle of the earth and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers."

Ants are well disciplined, they work together for the common good of all, but not so with grasshoppers. They abandon their young as soon as they are hatched, there is no cooperation among them.

They eat almost anything they come across, they are as apt to hop one way as the other, and they are here today and gone tomorrow.

I mentioned this in a sermon down in the

edge of Louisiana a few years ago. I said that "grasshoppers are not good for anything." After services were dismissed a nice looking little boy came up and told me that "grasshoppers are good for fish bait."

Well of course that was right, and I appreciated the little fellow for having the courage to speak of it, and the good manners to be courteous about it.

But the principle thought is, the ant provides her meat in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

Most of us haven't done that. In other words, most of us have not, during the active years of our lives, saved enough of our earnings to have a sufficient amount to live on during the latter years.

It's that simple, and in my judgment it's that sad. For it would have been so easy to have done better.

I intend to write at length about this and other things that go to make up our own individual lives, because... well, they are the things that life is made of.

Our lives will finally turn out to be what we make of them. And if I can be of assistance to help anyone along the way I will gladly do it.

Neither Gladys, or Betty or myself have been well the last few days, but we are better now. And we hope things are well with you.

Births



Brock St. Clair

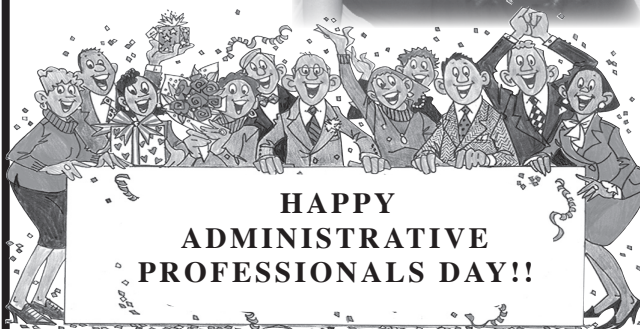
Cole and Lezli St. Clair announce the birth of their son, Brock Mathew St. Clair on March 26, 2009, at 10:14 a.m., at BSA of Amarillo,

Brock weighed six pounds, three ounces at birth, and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

His grandparents are Tommy and Jana St. Clair of Lazbuddie, and Menford and Sharon Gandy.

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Head Start is enrolling now

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start is currently enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children in its preschool program at Muleshoe ISD for the 2009-2010 school year.

Children enrolled in Head Start attend preschool classes that coincide with the local ISD calendar, and receive comprehensive health, dental, disabilities, and family support services.

Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, employment, and disabilities.

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Families can call 1-800-658-9632 or (806)894-2207 to enroll a child or to learn more about this program.

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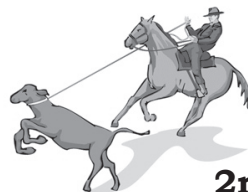


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The Muleshoe High School Advanced Choir

MHS choir has a successful year

This year's Muleshoe High School Advanced Choir — each of whom auditioned to become a part of the group — has experienced a great deal of success, beginning with All region auditions in September.

Students receiving All District honors are: Natalie Head, Shayla Carpenter, John Michael Salinas, Cody Gonzales, and Junior Garcia. Making the All Region Choir: Xavier Cuevas, Melissa Mendoza, Patrick Mendoza, Devnie Orozco, Kathryn Owens, Herman Quezada, John Michael Salinas, and Abigail Regalado

Choir officers for the 2008-2009 school year are: President — Kathryn Owens; vice president — John Michael Salinas; secretary — Ali Eagle, Devnie Orozco; historian — Delia Ruiz (head), Sarah Johnson, Jessica Reyes, Nicole Crandell (assistants); librarian — Ariel Castorena, Tori Alvarado; uniform crew — Victor Hernandez, Herman Quezada, Lindsay Moulton

Member at Large: Xavier Cuevas

Representatives: Freshman — Jodee Hall; sophomore — Abigail Regalado and Amy Regalado; junior — Daniela Aburto, Andrea Alfaro, Jessica Behrends, Britney Crandell, Xavier Cuevas, Jodee Hall, Natalie Head, Ashley Johnson, Kathryn Owens, and Crystal Rubio

In the State ensemble competition: Shayla Carpenter, Jodee Hall, Amy Regalado, and Jenna Whitworth.

In the State Madrigal competition: Xandra Ballenger, Jessica Behrends, Samantha Campos, Ariel Castorena, Britney Crandell, Nicole Crandell, Xavier Cuevas, Ali Eagle, Junior Garcia, Cody Gonzales, Natalie Head, Victor Hernandez, Alyssa Martinez, Lindsay Meeves, Melissa Mendoza, Patrick Mendoza, Devnie Orozco, Kathryn Owens, Herman Quezada, John Michael Salinas, and Abigail Regalado

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Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a potluck luncheon at noon on Sunday.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services will be at noon and at 7 p.m. Youth activities will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, and also on Wednesday, April 22, at 6 p.m.

Children's night will be Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m. The van will be available to pick up children. Call 986-4362 or 257-3700 to arrange a ride.

The First Baptist Church of Springlake is located at 213 West Hwy. 70 in Springlake.

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Southwest area dairy farmers elected to corporate board

Six dairy farmers from Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.'s Southwest Area Council were elected to the Corporate Board of Directors at its recent Annual Meeting held in Kansas City.

Board members serve two-year terms and provide leadership for the cooperative.

"A strong member-owned leadership is vital to DFA's success," says Tom Camerlo, chairman of DFA's Board of Directors.

"These elected directors make substantial contributions

to the cooperative and to the dairy industry overall. Their passion, integrity and good judgment are to be commended."

DFA's Southwest Area Council represents more than 400 farms in five states. All six directors served previously and were re-elected. Southwest Area directors include Keith Broumley of Hico; Buster Goff of Hobbs, N.M.; Larry Hancock of Muleshoe; Greg Mitchell of Pecos; Wayne Palla of Clovis, N.M.; and Dan Senestraro of Johnson, Kan.

Charles Beckendorf of

Tomball,, retired from DFA's Corporate Board and was recognized for his service during the annual meeting.

Beckendorf, a fourth-generation dairy farmer who has been dairying since 1967, has spent much of his life representing dairy farmers.

More than 11 years ago, when he was serving as chairman of Associated Milk Producers Incorporated, he and three other milk cooperative leaders worked to create a new farmer cooperative.

This cooperative

– today known as DFA – was formed to reduce volatility and enhance members' competitiveness in the marketplace.

Later serving as chairman of the farm commodity organization for National Milk Producers Federation, Beckendorf worked to ensure the best interests of dairy farmers were being met – including helping to create the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) Herd Retirement Program.

Beckendorf also has served on the boards

of Dairy MAX, Dairy Management Inc. and United Dairy Industry Association. He served on DFA's Government, Member and Public Relations Committee and Risk Management and Retirement committees.

Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. is a dairy marketing cooperative that serves and is owned by more than 18,000 dairy

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For more information, call 1-888-DFA-MILK (332-6455) or visit www.dfamilk.com.

Education

A note from the superintendent

By Gene Sheets
MISD Superintendent

We appreciate teachers!

A while back, I read a Letter to the Editor in the a newspaper that talked about teachers. I thought it really said some good things about teachers and the difference they make in the world.

I know that Teacher Appreciation Week is a couple of weeks away, but I wanted to start a little early to honor teachers who sacrifice every day to try to make a difference in the lives of our students.

The author of the Letter to the Editor said that with all the negative things happening in the world today (the financial crisis, rising unemployment, wars in two countries, corrupt politicians, corrupt corporations, etc.), it was easy to be depressed about the future of America.

However, after an opportunity to substitute teach for a few days in

a classroom in Lubbock ISD, he realized that the future of America — the children of America — was in good hands.

He said he observed "everything that was good and right resonating through the halls" while he was substituting.

When I walk the halls of Muleshoe ISD, I see the same thing. I see faculty and staff that go beyond the call of duty to teach our children.

It's not just a job for them. They don't do it because of the money. They do it because they love what they do. They sacrifice every day to help children rise above their situation and become successful, contributing members of society.

A few weeks ago, one of our teachers asked an administrator to go down to Williams Athletics and buy a pair of shoes for one of her students.

The shoes were literally coming apart at the seams on the student's feet. The family could not afford to purchase new shoes at

that time, so the teacher took it upon herself to take care of the child... with her own money.

She gave the administrator a signed blank check, and told him to purchase a nice pair of shoes for the student.

The administrator was moved at the compassion of this teacher. When he got to the store, he offered to help pay for the shoes.

Mrs. Williams said the teacher would not be happy with her if she let him pay for part of it.

Mrs. Williams didn't even take the check. She

just charged it to the teacher's account. She said the teacher does this regularly.

I love being a part of a school family that cares so much about our children.

We don't have to worry about the future of America when we have loving teachers and staff like this in charge of educating our children.

Please take the time to tell a teacher or staff member that you appreciate them for their loving commitment to children in Muleshoe.

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Gov. Perry calls on FEMA to assist in fighting wildfires

Following severe wildfires that swept across North Texas this week, Gov. Rick Perry has reiterated his request to FEMA to issue an emergency declaration for 199 Texas counties based on the threat of wildfires.

Perry also authorized additional state resources today to combat the ongoing wildfires across the state.

"The rapidly spreading wildfire threat across North Texas demonstrates how quickly conditions can change and the importance of heeding warnings from local officials," Perry said.

"I urge Texans, particularly in the northern part of our

state, to exercise extreme caution and monitor the situation closely."

The pending FEMA declaration would provide federal assets and firefighting resources to assist the state in battling ongoing wildfires.

Since Jan. 1, wildfires in Texas have burned approximately 240,000 acres, destroying 161 homes and damaging 20.

Based on the recent wildfires, the governor is adding Clay, Cooke, Hamilton, Jack, Montague and Wichita counties to the state disaster proclamation for counties threatened by wildfire conditions.

Bailey County is the only county north of Lubbock not included.

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Senator says: 'Unproven technology' lays basis for missile defense

On April 5, North Korea launched a missile — and sent the world a wake-up call.

Ballistic missiles in the hands of rogue states, potentially armed with weapons of mass destruction, remain one of the most serious security threats of the 21st century.

Change of administrations in Washington does not change this strategic imperative: Free nations must defend themselves from ballistic missile attack through robust and layered missile defense capabilities.

North Korea's launch continues a ballistic missile development program that is now four decades old, and which many believe is the most advanced in the developing world. North Korea's Taepo Dong-2 long-range missile has the potential capability to strike Hawaii, Alaska and possibly the West Coast of the United States.

Many observers agree that North Korea has proliferated elements of its missile program, along with those of its nuclear program, and has helped accelerate development of dangerous capabilities in Iran and other nations. Iran's capabilities, in turn, could threaten all our allies in Europe, Central and South Asia, and the Middle East, including Israel.

Despite the growing risk, the new U.S. administration seems determined to scale back our missile defense capabilities and leave us and our allies more vulnerable.

On the same day that North Korea tested its new capabilities, President Barack Obama announced that America's capabilities would be subject to new restrictions.

He said in Prague that our missile defense partnership with NATO, including a tracking radar to be based on Czech soil, would go forward only if it is cost-effective and proven, and if the threat from Iran persists. These qualifications may seem reasonable, yet they signal unreasonable cutbacks throughout our missile defense program.

The next day, Defense Secretary Robert Gates made clear which U.S. missile defense capabilities meet the administration's new standards. Approved for more funding are the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, the Standard Missile 3 program, and the conversion of six Aegis cruisers for missile defense.

Defunded or delayed are the Multiple Kill Vehicle program, the Airborne Laser program and additional ground-based interceptors in Alaska. Overall, the administration plans to cut funding for missile defense by nearly \$1.5 billion, or about 15 percent.

Reading between the lines, we can see the new administration's priorities. They recognize



our proven but limited capability to destroy missiles in the mid-course and terminal stages of flight, yet they resist developing new technologies that would defeat such missiles much earlier, in the critical boost phase. In Europe, what they haven't left out of the budget they seem eager to give away at the negotiating table.

And while trillions of dollars in domestic spending are justified as economic stimulus, new defenses against ballistic missiles — built right here in America — must overcome much higher hurdles from the budgetary bean counters.

Fixing the priorities... The administration has set the wrong priorities, partly because it takes too lightly the growing missile threat from rogue states, but mostly because it has failed to recognize three crucial developments over the past 25 years.

First, new technologies have proved the skeptics wrong. During the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan's vision of defenses against ballistic missiles was dismissed as science fiction. Today, our nation has deployed ground-based interceptors, early warning satellites, land-

and sea-based radars, and an integrated command, control, battle management and communications infrastructure. Together these components give us an emergency capability against a limited long-range ballistic missile attack, yet each of

them, decades ago, was merely an "unproven" technology.

Research, development and deployment of today's unproven technologies are the key to improving our defenses in the decades to come.

Second, the administration seems unaware of the sea change in international public opinion on the issue of missile defense. At the close of the 20th century, our allies and friends were still very skeptical of missile defense. Yet, consistent and patient diplomacy by the Bush administration changed all that.

Today, our nation has cooperative agreements on missile defense with the United Kingdom, Denmark, Italy, Japan and Australia.

We are working with Poland and the Czech Republic to give NATO a missile defense capability, and with Israel to improve its defenses against medium-range rockets. India, France and many other nations have expressed interest in cooperating with us on these technologies. Cutting back on U.S.

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Library sale is under way

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is hosting its annual book sale until April 17, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Anne Camp meeting room.

Hardback books are 50 cents, paperbacks are 10 cents, audios and videos are \$2.



WJH students qualify in TMSCA

Three Watson Junior High eighth-grade students qualified to compete in the annual TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association) state championship meet. They will compete against other 2A schools across the state that qualified at their regional meets. All three students qualified in science. The three students competing at the state meet are: Frank Recio (left), Aaron Reyes (center), and Sarah Whitworth (right). Sarah Whitworth has advanced to the state meet in science for three years in a row.

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Parmer County - Lazbuddie - 108 acres with 2 irrigation wells, with or without sprinkler, good soil, lays good.
Lamb County - 400 acres with 2 sprinklers, 6 wells, 600 g.p.m., a good farm! **SOLD**
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Lamb County - North of Earth, 320 acres, 2 pivots, 6 wells, good yields and good direct payment.
Lamb County - 320 + 80, 5 wells, 600 g.p.m. sprinklers can go with sale. **SOLD**
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Lamb County - Amherst Area - 177 acres of grass with 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with basement. Has 30 x 50 Metal barn. Grass was previously in CRP, currently has allotments with good direct payment. House and barn with 5 acres can be sold separately or grass can be sold separately. **SOLD**
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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. Geothermal Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, approx. 2757' lvg. area, sunroom w/ wet bar, lg. basement, jacuzzi tub in master, auto splkr., fenced yard., cov. patio, wkshp./stor. bldg.!! \$184,900!!
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- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lvg. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/workshop, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED \$129K!!! \$124,000!!
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- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lvg. area, screened porch, cellar, auto splkr., stor. bldgs, \$149K!!
- NICE 3-1 3/4-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, cov. patio, fenced yd., \$75,000!!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED - \$82,000 \$75,000!!

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- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt, or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$92,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!
- NICE 3-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, hardwood & tile floors, astroturf in sunroom, fans, woodburning stove in sunroom, cellar, RV cover, 2 carports, 780' stock barn, corral, on 8 acres, fenced, 2161 Hwy. 70 East!! \$125,000!!
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CLASSIFIEDS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Muleshoe ISD will receive proposals for asbestos abatement in the Administration Building, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, TX 79347 addressed to Mr. Sam Whalin, at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Bids must be clearly marked **ASBESTOS ABATEMENT - MULESHOE ISD ASBESTOS ABATEMENT MULESHOE HIGH SCHOOL AND DESHAZO ELEMENTARY**. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal not received on time will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals are not acceptable.

A 5% bid bond for the highest acceptable bid must accompany each bid. A 100% payment and performance bond will be required by the successful bidder. Both the bid bond and the payment bond shall be written by a Surety Company listed by the United States Department of the Treasury (Federal Register Circular 570) as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and shall hold a B+ or better rating by A.M. Best Co., Oldwick, N.J.

There will be a mandatory walk through the project facilities for all interested proposers. Project specifications, including detailed proposal requirements, will be provided at that time. The walk through will begin at 3:00 PM, Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Deshazo Elementary School, 309 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas.

For information you may call: King Consultants 120 E. 46th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 763-6157.

Muleshoe I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive all formalities.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Muleshoe Independent School District, of Bailey County, will receive sealed proposals for re-roofing work at three (3) MISD Campuses up to, but no later than, **2:00p.m. CDT, May 5, 2009 for DeShazo Elementary Reroof Work; 3:00p.m. CDT, May 5, 2009 for Watson Junior High Reroof Work; 4:00p.m. CDT, May 5, 2009 for Dillman Elementary Reroof Work**, in the Administrative Offices located at 514 West Avenue G in Muleshoe, Texas.

Bid Documents will be available to bidders on April 21, 2009 at the offices of MWM Architects, Inc. located at 2574 74th Street, Suite 201, Lubbock, Texas. A refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required for each bid document set, made out to Muleshoe ISD.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held in Muleshoe, Texas at 2:00p.m. CDT on April 30, 2009. Meet at the MISD Administration offices located at 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas.

The Muleshoe Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any proposal or in the proposal process.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Emilina C. Elizarraraz, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2009, in Cause No. 2495, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to: ANA B. ESPARZA.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the following named representative of the estate within the time and in the manner prescribed by law:

Ana B. Esparza, Independent Executrix
6524 Oak Ridge Lane
Amarillo, TX 79124

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Muleshoe I.S.D. will be accepting proposals for HV AC Retrofits for 3 campuses. The proposals will be due no later than 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the Muleshoe ISD Administration office board room located at 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. All proposals must be clearly marked HVAC Retrofit.

• A 100% payment and performance bond will be required by the successful contractor.

• A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Muleshoe I.S.D. Administration office at 514 W. Ave. G on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Bid specifications and information may be obtained by contacting Sam Whalin at 806/272-7400 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Muleshoe ISD reserves the right to accept and or reject any and or all proposals in the best interest of the district.

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION (NOTICIO QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO UNA ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Muleshoe, Tejas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 9, 2009, for voting in a Special Election for state and county officers, with a measure concerning the sale of alcohol in the City of Muleshoe. (Noticio, por 10 presente, que las casilas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el9 de Mayo, 2009 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para el Estado y oficiales del condado, con una medida con respecto a la venta de alcohol en la ciudad de Muleshoe.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City Hall, 215 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted: (Votar temprano por la apariencia personal se conducira:)

City Hall
215 South First
Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 27, 2009 and ending May 5, 2009.

Extended hours will be held on Tuesday April 28th and Tuesday May 5th from 7:00a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Entre las horas de 8:00 a.m - 5:00p.m., empesando el27 de Abril, 2009 hasta el5 de Mayo, 2009.

Dias tarde - martes - Abril 28 y Mayo 5 - abierto asta las 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada Por correo deberan enviarse a)

LeAnn Gallman,
City Secretary
215 South First
Muleshoe, Texas 79347
806-272-4528

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: May 1, 2009

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fm de las horas de negocio el:) I, Mayo, 2009

Issued this the 13th day of April, 2009. (Emitida este dia 13 de Abril de 2009.

Sherri Harrison, County Judge
La Juez del Condado

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Bailey County Special Election and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Election to be held on May 9, 2009 will be tested on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the CITY HALL, 215 S FIRST MULESHOE TEXAS to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast.

LeAnn Gallman
Muleshoe City Secretary

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EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el quipo para tabular qutomaticamente que estara usado en la elecciones de la Condado de Bailey, and Muleshoe Area Hospital District que se llavara a cabo el dia 9 de Mayo de 2009, se probara el miercoles el 21 de April de 2009, a las 1:30 p.m. en la CITY HALL, 215 S FIRST, MULESHOE, TEXAS para averiguar que el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

LeAnn Gallman

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Sen. Hutchison talks about 'fighting for Texas taxpayers'



This year, the Democratic-led Congress has spent without reservation: \$786 billion on a Stimulus bill with many provisions that will not actually curb the economic downturn; \$1 trillion on an Omnibus

Appropriations bill that will only fund government operations through Oct. 1; and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget that proposes spending a total of \$173 trillion over the next five years.

On April 15 – Tax Day – some in Congress may need a reminder of just who is underwriting this spending: the American taxpayer. I am deeply concerned over the swelling tax burden that will be imposed on all Texas families. Here are a few ways I am working to protect you from this burden:

Safety from the Marriage Penalty...

In early April, I introduced an amendment to the FY 2010 budget to block the passage of any

legislation that sought to impose a marriage penalty. The marriage tax penalty pushes married couples into a higher tax bracket than two single wage earners taking in the same combined income.

As a matter of principle, the IRS should never do anything to discourage one of the most fundamental institutions of our society: marriage.

I began the fight to reverse this inequity in 2001. Under the old policy, an estimated 25 million couples paid a penalty of \$1,141 for being married. In 2001, Congress eliminated the marriage tax penalty for many married couples as part of a series of tax cuts on families, small businesses, and retirees.

On the first day of the 111th Congress, I introduced the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2009 to outlaw this tax policy, once and for all.

Given the challenge many families face today to make ends meet, raising taxes on married couples is unacceptable and unfair. My colleagues agreed, and my amendment to prevent this significant disincentive for Americans to walk down the aisle was unanimously passed in the Senate.

This was an important victory that, if it goes through the House, will help married couples keep more of their hard-earned income and use their money to meet the needs of their families.

Extension of the Sales Tax Deduction...

I also introduced an amendment to the FY 2010 budget to provide a permanent extension of the sales tax deduction, thus ending the discrimination suffered by taxpayers from states that do not have an income tax. Texas is one of eight states that imposes sales taxes in lieu of income

taxes.

Before 1986, taxpayers in these states had the ability to deduct their sales taxes like taxpaying citizens from states that impose income taxes. Unfortunately, citizens of some states were treated differently after 1986 when the deduction for state and local sales taxes was eliminated.

In 2004, Rep. Kevin Brady and I finally corrected this injustice by passing a two year reinstatement of the state and local sales tax deduction. Since then, we have provided extensions every few years, and the current extension is set to expire at the end of 2009.

After a series of negotiations, the Senate accepted a modified version of my amendment that I cosponsored with Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), the Majority Leader of the Senate. Federal tax law

should not treat people differently on the basis of state residence and differing tax collection methods, and it should not create an incentive for states to establish income taxes. I will keep working in the Senate to ensure that Texans are not taxed on their taxes by fighting to make the sales tax deduction permanent in the final Congressional budget.

Fighting Long-Term Tax Hikes...

Eliminating the marriage tax penalty and extending the sales tax deduction were significant achievements. But we must do more to prevent American families from being weighed down by a steadily growing tax burden. The Administration has proposed a tax increase of \$1.4 trillion.

While the rhetoric of the budget proposal suggests only the top 5 percent of wage earners will shoulder these tax increases, the fact is each and every American

will bear a piece of this new burden. Such a tax hike sends the unmistakable message to every American taxpayer: the government knows how to spend your money better than you do.

I believe that American families know how to best use their money – particularly during times of economic hardship, when everyone is called on to make tough choices about their budgets and spending. And I am also convinced that the way to revitalize our economy is to lower taxes on families and small businesses.

In the past, Presidents from both parties, including Presidents Kennedy, Reagan, and Bush, have successfully employed tax relief to create jobs and spur economic activity. We should follow that path again. Congress must reign in spending and put America's budget back in order so we may rebuild the long-term foundation of our prosperity.

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Continued from page 14 missile defense capabilities makes no sense when so many allies and friends want to deepen their cooperation with us.

Third, support for U.S. missile defenses now crosses partisan lines. Five of my colleagues, including Independent Joe Lieberman and Democrat Mark Begich, wrote President Obama following his administration's proposed funding cuts for missile defense. They urged him to reconsider these

recommendations and to continue development of an integrated, layered defense against the ballistic missile threat.

I share my colleagues' concerns, as do millions of Americans across the political spectrum. The president has inspired so many with his vision of crossing ideological divides to pursue common, long-term objectives. Building the infrastructure of missile defense presents a tremendous opportunity to make that vision a reality.

President Obama, like every commander in chief, must make difficult choices to protect our people, advance freedom and defend our strategic interests. I applaud his surge of forces in Afghanistan and appreciate the additional defense capabilities he appears willing to fund. Yet I will oppose any cuts to missile defenses, and to any program that gives us a fighting chance to deter and defeat the security threats of the 21st century.

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