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## Problems reported in Tax Assessor office

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Troubling news hit the Bailey County Commissioners' Court Monday as Becky Roberts, CPA, the county's auditor, addressed issues in the office of County Tax Assessor/Collector Melba Clark.

"In order to adequately safeguard the assets of

**"If she is not able to do the bank reconciliation it needs to be addressed." — Becky Roberts, CPA**

an entity from error or fraud, sound internal controls must be utilized. Reconciliation of all cash account on a timely basis is a fundamental

concept in a good system of internal controls. All cash accounts within the county must be accounted for accurately and timely," the auditor's

written comment states.

"It was noted during the audit process that the cash accounts held within the Office of the Tax Assessor Collector

were not being reconciled accurately or on a timely basis. As noted above, reconciliation of all cash accounts on a monthly basis is crucial to proper internal controls over cash. Specific attention should be paid to returned checks and other items that are out of the ordinary day to day operations to ensure

that these are accounted properly," the document concluded.

According to Roberts, the issue wasn't significant enough to be added to the audit report, however, it was pointed out that the office's substandard record keeping had the potential of becoming a much greater problem.

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**He's Out!**

### Tagged

There might be a bit of air between player and glove, due to the speed of the photographer's shutter, but it's rather obvious that this particular move by a determined

Mule Adrian Chacon in the recent game against Lubbock Cooper resulted in an out.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

## Council sets fees for city's new water park

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

To swim... or not to swim won't be an issue at the new water park under construction on West Avenue D, according to the ordinance approved by the Muleshoe City Council during its regular meeting Monday.

"This facility is going to be more expensive to operate than the previous one," City Manager David Brunson explained to the council as they discussed the content of the ordinance that sets the hours of operation, rules and fees for the new swimming pool.

"If they come in, there's a fee," he added.

Unlike the old swimming pool at which a "non-swimming" adult was allowed to accompany children in without paying the fee, at the new park — in an effort to control the capacity, each individual entering will have to pay the assessed \$3 fee.

"Everyone that goes

in is counted," Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason, who chaired Monday's meeting in the absence of Mayor Cliff Black, said.

During the discussion about the hours of operation, the city manager said — if water park personnel were available, it was hoped



Daniel Guzman

the facility would be open until 8 p.m., to allow its use by more people.

However, he added that the longer hours would reduce the time available for private party rentals, which will be set at \$300 per hour.

In other business, the council approved up to

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## Commissioners' court receives 'clean' audit

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court during Monday's regular meeting, received a "clean" audit

The audit report, which was presented by county auditor Becky Roberts, CPA, of Abilene, covers the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2009, and listed the county's assets at \$562,926, down slightly due to the depreciation.

The county's total liabilities were at \$4,558,11, and total debt was \$4,236,679.

Roberts also noted the county's unreserved funds, totaling \$827,523, were lower than in previous years, but were sufficient for the recommended three months of operation expenses for the county. Three years ago, the county's reserve were

enough for about six months of expenses.

The auditor said the revenue for 2009 was relatively flat, with increased taxes received but lower revenue in other areas, such as the prisoner board received through the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center.

"Generally, on the expense side, you're very conservative," Roberts said.

In other business, the court:

- Learned the county was to receive \$18,526 in salvaged road materials from the

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### Filing deadline closes

The deadline for candidates wishing to file for a place on the May ballots in the City of Muleshoe, Muleshoe Area Hospital District elections was Monday, March 8, at 5 p.m.

Candidates for the following positions have filed:  
City of Muleshoe Dist. 1 — Isidoro Trevino and Richard Orozco (incumbent); Dist. 2 — Irene Mason (incumbent).

Muleshoe Area Hospital District Place 1 — Herb Ramage, Travis Copley and Lori Davis; Place 3

— Bill Liles (incumbent); Place 5 — Zona Gatewood (incumbent).

Muleshoe Area Hospital District Two at large board positions — Earl Behrends, Jay Cage and Kelly Kettner.

The uncontested races will be cancelled.

## County's Republican runoff set for April 13

Bailey County Precinct 2 voters will be returning to the polls on April 13 for a runoff election between incumbent C.E. Grant and James Brown.

Brown's tally at last week's primary election was 186, while Grant received 150 votes. However, with it being a three-way race — candidate Garry Shipman received 80 votes in the primary, the top two candidates for the office will face off once more.

Early voting for the runoff election will be April 5-9.

While the Precinct 2 race is the only in-county race going back

to the polls, a problem in the March 2 primary, which apparently didn't impact any of the races involved, was a topic of discussion at Monday's regular meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

Specifically, ballot for one precinct was accepted by the voting machine of the wrong precinct.

County Clerk Paula Benton explained that the problem was created by the company which programs the machines for the election.

"They've got to program them so they only take one precinct," Benton said.

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### Muleshoe chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce will host its 60th annual banquet on Saturday, March 27. This year, the banquet will be in the new cafeteria at Muleshoe High School, and will start at 6:30 p.m.

The chamber is also looking for nominations for man, woman, employee, business and farm family of the year, to be recognized at the banquet.

### Muleshoe fine arts

Muleshoe High School's Fine Arts... Night to Shine is scheduled for Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Fine Arts Boosters is set for April 29, at 6 p.m. Any parents with a child in band, choir, art, speech and debate, visual arts or One Act Play are encouraged to attend. Final plans for Fine Arts Night to Shine will be discussed.

### Library fines

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is in the process of changing circulation software. Individuals who owe a fine, need to come in and get it taken care of, according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

"All fines need to be paid before you can check out any materials," she said.

The library also needs to update its patron records.

### AA meeting set

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

### Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support Group will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County AgriLife Extension Office.

### Alzheimer's support group

Bailey County's Alzheimer's Support Group meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month at Park View Nursing Care Center. Lunch is provided, and anyone is welcome.

### CASA volunteers are needed

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For these children it can mean the difference between instability and permanence, insecurity and learning to trust, invisibility and being made a priority.

The next volunteer training is scheduled starting March 23. For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer or the training, please contact Lori Culver at 806-363-1211.

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## No error allowed in biblical fish stories

When I was about 12, I went fishing with some relatives, including my mother's two brothers, at a pond near Pryor, Okla.

We'd been fishing for awhile when Cliff hooked a large fish that got away by straightening the swivel on his line. My uncles had married two sisters and Cliff was the husband of a third sister.

A little later, Uncle John hooked a fish also... a big one, too big for the Zebco 202 reel he was using to handle, so he began to back up the bank, without letting any slack into the line, and eventually pulled a six pound catfish out of the water.

But that wasn't the amazing part of the catch. What was amazing was that Uncle John's hook wasn't even touching the fish. Instead, his hook had caught the loop in the leader to Cliff's snelled hook.

The chances of such an event are simply amazing. As I recall, they weren't even fishing close to each other.

But as amazing as that incident was, Peter's fishing trip in Matthew 17 was even more so.

If you don't remember, upon the return of Jesus and his disciples to Capernaum, Peter was approached by some temple officials who asked if Jesus was going to pay the two-drachma temple tax.

"Of course," Peter replied — if you'll pardon the paraphrasing, but by the time he returned to the side of his master, Jesus apparently could tell something was bothering him.

Actually, you probably couldn't blame him. After all, he was about to ask the Messiah... God's Redeemer to pay the temple's "redemption tax."

First assessed in the time of Moses, the atonement tax was initially paid to support the upkeep of the Tabernacle, as recorded

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## Lamplight

By Larry Thornton

in Exodus 30:16

The Bible tells us the Son of God not only knew something was bothering Peter, he also knew what it was.

"What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes — from their own sons or from others?"

"From others," Peter answered. "Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him.

"But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours." (Matthew 17:25-27, NIV)

In his answer, Jesus pointed out the authority his Father had given him, and resolved the question of paying the tax. After all, how could he personally pay the atonement tax without denying his authority?

Scripture doesn't tell us if Peter followed Christ's instructions. We're left to assume that he did, and we're left to assume that Peter caught the fish, recovered the coin, and paid the tax in a way that only the Creator of the universe could have paid it.

But, if he didn't, there wouldn't have been any reason to include the scriptures in the Bible. In fact, if the coin wasn't in the fish's mouth then it is pointless for us to bother reading the

Bible.

The catch my Uncle John made almost four decades ago was at the very least astonishing. However, although its entirely true, if it weren't it could be easily be marked up to nothing more than a faulty memory... a fish tale.

But that's not the case with Peter's fishing trip. If that coin wasn't in the fish's mouth it would mean Jesus was wrong. It would mean that Jesus is not Christ, the Son of God, and we're all dead in our sins.

Thankfully, our

Lord and Savior wasn't wrong, he is God and through his grace all who have accepted him have the assurance of the resurrection.

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## Tax assessor responds... Continued from page 1

In accuracies in balancing the office's cash drawer and counting back change to taxpayers were known to have resulted in a

loss of about \$800 to the county just in the audit's limited scope, according to Jack Kirkland, who assisted Roberts' office in the audit.

Roberts also noted that the audit was delayed until the County Tax Assessor/Collector accounts could be reconciled. Reportedly,

reconciliations hadn't been conducted in the year since Melba Clark had taken office.

In response to a question from Precinct

#3 Commissioner Joey Kindle, it was estimated that a complete audit of the County Tax Assessor/Collector books would cost a minimum of \$3,000.

"When you're looking at all of the transactions, you're looking at a lot of money," Kirkland said about the expense.

A couple of years ago, the county was faced with such an audit in the same office after it was learned that funds had been embezzled by a county employee.

"If she is not able to do the bank reconciliation it needs to be addressed," Roberts said.

No action was taken on the matter during Monday's meeting.

When Bailey County Tax Assessor/Collector Melba Clark was contacted about the issue, she said, "My office and my books are open to the state comptroller on down to the county treasurer and auditors, and they are welcome to come in and audit them as they wish."

## City council... Continued from page 1

\$2,000 of the city's motel-hotel funds for the Muleshoe Roadriders' annual motorcycle rally.

The 28th annual rally is set for March 19-20, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

"Without you, our expenses would be greater, and our donations would be smaller," Daniel Guzman of the Muleshoe Roadriders said.

He explained that much of the proceeds the organization receives is donated back to local service organizations, such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

"It's a good, fun, family event," Guzman said.

About 200 motorcyclists registered for last year's rally.

"The motorcycle rally is one of the four or five



Ramon Sanchez, center left, is congratulated by the council members Richard Orozco and Gary Parker.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

local events that are well worthy of the motel-hotel funds," Brunson said.

In other business, the council:

- Honored Public Works Director Ramon Sanchez, who recently received his Certified Public Manager

certification.

Brunson said the two-year course of study was a nationally recognized program.

"I appreciate the time and effort Ramon has put into completing this program," he added.

- Approved a resolution required for the submission of a competitive \$100,000 grant application for police department equipment.
- Approved the minutes from the Feb. 8 regular meeting.

## BCMA Holy Week schedule announced

Plans for this year's Holy Week celebration include a few changes, according to the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance.

Instead of moving the location of the noon meal and worship meeting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Holy Week celebrants will be gathering each day at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

On Monday, the First Baptist Church will provide the dinner, with music provided by Brady Mason and the message by the Rev. Sergio Leal.

On Tuesday, the First Assembly of God will provide dinner, also at FBC, with the Rev. Ryan Pate providing the music and message.

And, on Wednesday, Trinity Baptist Church will provide the meal, again at FBC, with Curtis Shelburne providing the music and the Rev. Bennie Wright providing the message.

As in previous years, the week will begin with a community worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, with the a

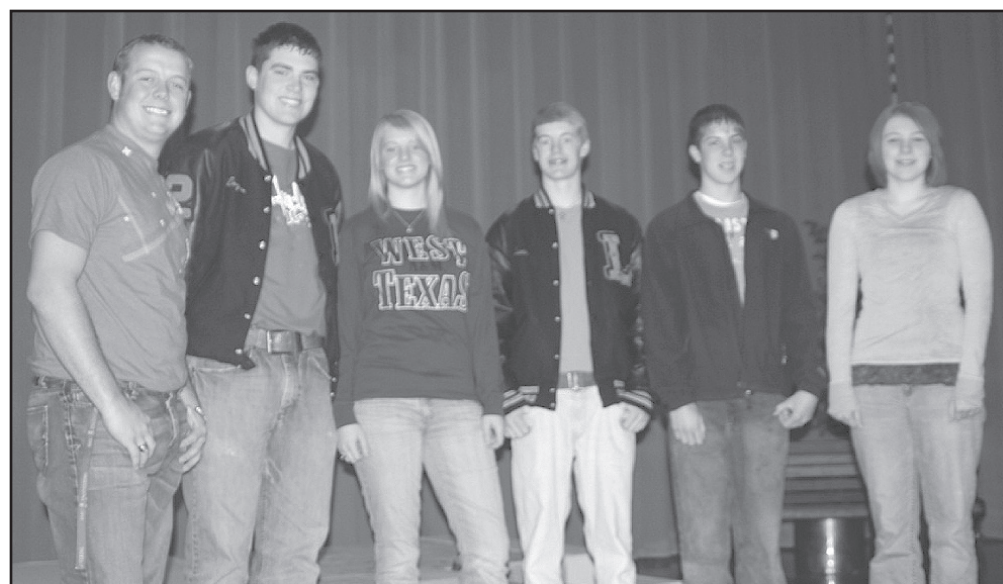
message from Dr. Stacy Conner.

The BCMA services will conclude on Easter morning, at 7 a.m., with a sunrise service at the basketball courts in the new city park, at 16th and Ave. D.

This year's message will be provided by the Rev. Monty Leavell.

Refreshments will be served at 16th & D Church of Christ following the early morning message.

In the event of inclement weather, the sunrise service will move to 16th & D Church of Christ.



## Lazbuddie Livestock Judging team

The Lazbuddie High School Livestock Judging team, pictured above from left to right: Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Kinzi Jo Schacher, Justin Schacher, Jared Timms and Shea Scott, placed seventh at San Angelo. Logan Mason placed fifth individual. There were more than 100 teams competing.

## Commissioners court...

Continued from page 1 Texas Department of Transportation.

Each year, the county precincts rotate which will receive the materials, with this year being Precinct 1's turn.

Authorized Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver to sign a letter certifying that chemicals weren't used to maintain the roads and ditches in Precinct 1.

It was explained that Boehning Farms required the letter for an organic farming permit.

Opened sealed bids for surplus county property.


Approved the county treasurer's report for January and received February's report

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# Obituaries

# 'You are full of your grandiose selves'

## Jerry Mayo

Funeral services for Jerry Mayo, 91, of Hereford were held Tuesday, March 9, at Kings Manor Retirement Center-LaMar Room with the Rev. Joan Gaines, the Rev. Joe Shultz, and the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial was at Petersburg Cemetery in Petersburg.

Mayo died on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Hereford Regional Medical Center. She was born on May 27, 1918, in Southland, the daughter of Tandy and Armina Pennington, and married Robert Mayo in Clovis, N.M. in 1939.

They managed the Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Yard in Muleshoe for more than 40 years.



Jerry Mayo

She is survived by two sisters — Mildred Knox of Hereford, and Margaret Nix of Walla Walla, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1985, and two sisters.

Memorials may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, 610 Lee Ave., Hereford, TX 79045.

It's amazing how haughty and self-assured we humans can be. We blithely blow through days and weeks and months, confident in our ability to plan our work and work our plan, very impressed with ourselves, masters of our own destiny.

And then one little microbe comes along...

On Sundays, the dog and I have a standing appointment for an afternoon nap. There are better ways to honor God than by sleeping in on Sunday mornings, but I'm of the opinion that a Sunday afternoon nap is a fine way to honor him. This past Sunday, the dog was away visiting a friend in the family, but I'd planned to carry on the Sunday nap routine without Her Furriness.

Other than that, my wife and I hadn't actually planned much for last Sunday afternoon. What we ended up doing would never make anyone's short list of fun things to do on a fine Sunday afternoon.

One little microbe. I suppose by Sunday



## Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

afternoon the one little microbe had become a million swimming around in both our bloodstreams. After lunch Sunday my wife was already convinced that lunch probably hadn't been a good idea. I soon came to the same conclusion.

Without going into great detail, I'll just say that between us we pretty much explored miseries at both ends of the human digestive tract. She said she felt better for a little while after she threw up. If that's what it takes to feel better, I'm not interested. My suffering took other gastrointestinal forms.

Then I suppose the million microbes turned into tens of millions, and here came the fever, the aches, and the chills.

It was a lovely evening.

We took turns

alternating between the recliner, the couch and the bed. I think I remember shivering together through a TV show in the middle of the night since neither of us could sleep anyway.

Today, with just a little low fever occasionally and aches common to either a hard-won hangover or a serious loss in a badly mismatched prize fight, we're better.

One little microbe... We humans should be more humble. The Bible calls us "dust." It doesn't take much real wind to blow away all our grand (or not-so-grand) plans.

Perspective. That's what we need. That's what James, the Lord's

brother, is urging on us as he writes, "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.'"

How modern is that? "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You're nothing but a wisp of fog, catching a brief bit of sun before disappearing."

How much better, James writes, to say, "If the Master wills it and we're still alive, we'll do this or that. As it is, you are full of your grandiose selves" (James 4:13-16, NIV and The Message).

Point taken.

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# Sports

## Varsity Mules bring home third-place trophy

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mule baseball team brought home the third place trophy from the Littlefield Wildcat Tournament.

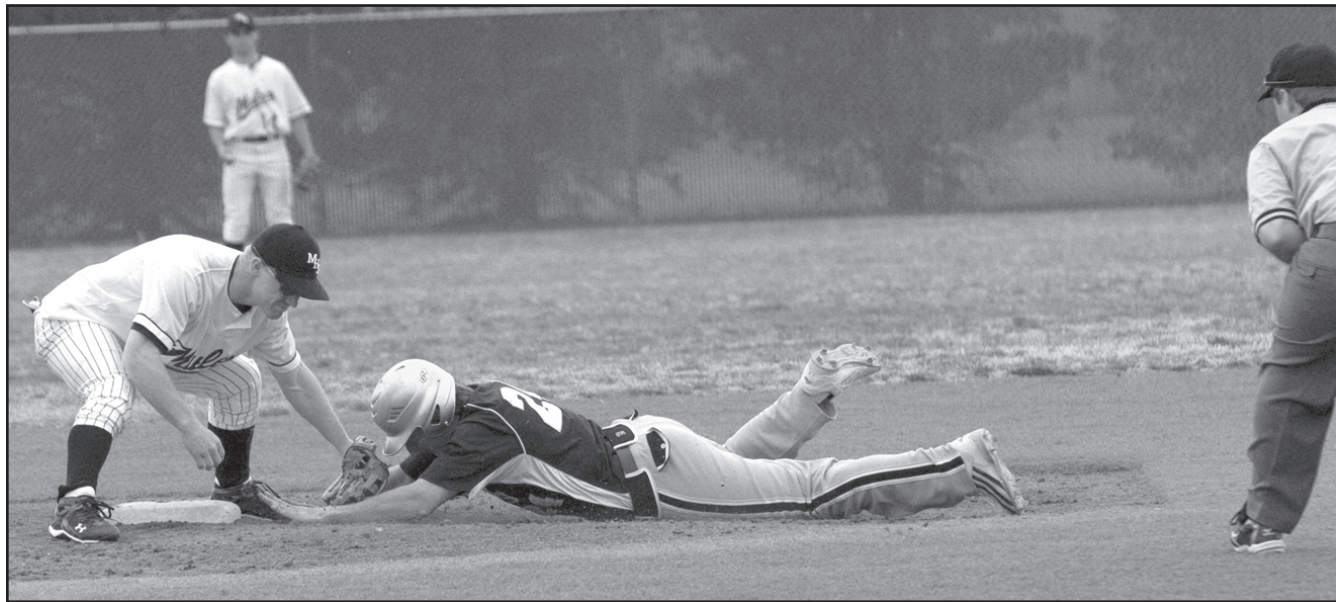
The tournament opened the Mule baseball season because of the success enjoyed by the Mule basketball team.

The Mules defeated the host Wildcats 16-7 on Thursday. They held the Lubbock Cooper Pirates scoreless for five innings in their second game before giving up four runs in the sixth.

Those were the only runs of the game.

The Mules returned to Littlefield on Saturday to defeat the Morton Indians 9-3 for third place.

Jared Skipworth was the only Mule pitcher with any bull pen time prior to the tournament.



**He's out also!** — Mule Caleb Conner tags out a Cooper player during the recent game.

He struggled early against Littlefield but finally settled in and the Mule bats heated up for the win.

Caleb Conner, Adrian Chacon and Dameon Snell all reached base in the first inning to load the bases.

Skipworth drove

a triple to the fence to pick up the three RBIs and give the Mules a head start. Saul Elizalde brought Skipworth across for a 4-0 Mule lead.

Walks and hit batsmen allowed the Wildcats to catch up and go ahead 5-4 after one inning.

Chacon reached base

in the second inning and scored on a hit by DJ Atwood to tie the game at 5-5 after an inning and a half.

The Wildcats scored to two in the bottom of the second inning to briefly retake the lead. But those were the final two runs for the Wildcats.

Conner, Chacon and Snell scored two more runs each. Atwood and Skipworth scored one more run each. Chris Anguiano and Issac Baca score one run each.

Elizalde, Juan Guerrero and Snell gave up four runs, four hits, two walks and a hit batsman

against Cooper.

"I was very happy with the way the guys pitched against Cooper," said Mule coach Lee Fletcher. "These guys have all been in basketball and have had no bullpen time. They showed a lot of toughness today against a good hitting team."

Snell pitched all five innings against the Morton Indians Saturday. He gave up three runs on four hits. Snell walked two batters and struck out six.

Conner and Chacon both went to bat three times and scored all three trips.

Snell, Guerrero and Anguiano scored one each all in the first inning.

The Mules were back in action Tuesday afternoon in Crosbyton. Coach Fletcher is searching for a game for the Mules for Saturday.

They were scheduled to play Idalou but the Wildcats are head to the Texas State Basketball Tournament and cancelled their game.

The Mules open their home season against Floyd, New Mexico March 15 and start district play March 23 in Childress against the Wildcats.

## Mule track team competes at Lubbock Roosevelt

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Littlefield Wildcat new track had not been completed by last Saturday but it was the date of their annual invitational track meet.

So Littlefield held their meet on the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagle track.

The Mules took third with 113 points. Lubbock Cooper was first and Brownfield was second in the five team meet.

Larry Richardson earned the bronze in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.74 seconds.

Cooper Washington was fourth and Issac Baca was fifth with times of 11.96 and 11.99 respectively.

I. Richardson finished sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.06.

Junior Baca had a gold medal time of 54.20 in the 400-meter run. Zach Toscano placed fourth with a 57.45 and Washington ran sixth with a 1:01.05.

J. Baca earned his

second gold medal in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:13.90.

Isaias Guerra finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:32.74. The 4x100 meter relay team of I. Baca,

J. Baca, Toscano and Richardson took silver with a 45.42.

Richardson had a silver medal leap of 18 feet 11 and half inches in the long jump. I. Baca took sixth with a jump of 18'-11.5" and J. Baca leaped 17'-3.5".

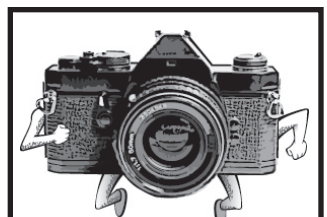
Washington earned the bronze in the shot put with a toss of 43'-4"

and Sergio Montejano took fourth with a throw of 38'-10.25". Montejano had a gold medal throw in the discus of 120'-5". Washington took silver with a distance of 118'-0.5.

J. Baca earned the silver medal with a distance of 37'-7" in the triple jump.

Justin Griswold soared to the gold medal in the pole vault with a height of 11'-0".

The Mules will be back on the track in Floydada on March 12 in the Floydada Whirlwind Relays and then in the Brownfield Cub Relay on March 26.



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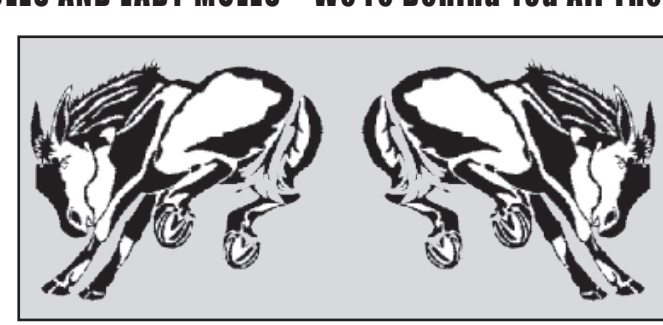
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# Lady Mules place fourth

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules finished fourth in the Littlefield Lady Cat Meet held at Lubbock Roosevelt. Lubbock Cooper, Roosevelt and Brownfield finished ahead of the Lady Mules in their first track meet of the season.

Stephanie Martinez and Belinda Pacheco placed second and sixth in the 800-meter run. They had times of two minutes 46.37 seconds and 2:59.90 respectively. Pacheco finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 6-57.06.

Sarah Whitworth earned the bronze medal in the 3200-meter

run with a 15:01.96. Brittany Soliz and Jenna Whitworth placed fifth and sixth respectively in the 3200-meter run. They had times of 15:34.49 and 15:55.61.

The 4x100 relay team of Sandy Mojica, Marissa Casanova, Linda Sanchez and Heather Gutierrez placed fourth in the time of 55.02.

Mojica, Casanova, Gutierrez and Yvonne Gardea teamed up in the 4x200 relay and earned the silver medal with a 1:57.05.

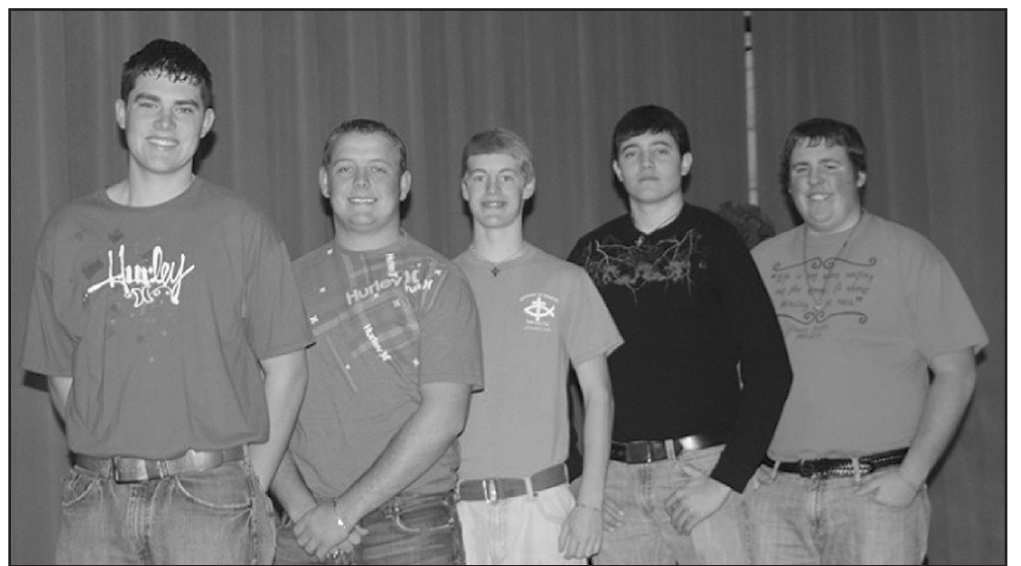
Amanda Scolley and S. Whitworth ran fourth and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles respectively. They finished with times of 1:02.06 and 1:03.20.

Mojica won the bronze medal in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet 5.5 inches.

Sheridan White took sixth in the shot put with a heave of 25-3. Gardea won a gold medal in the high jump with a leap of 4-10 and a silver medal in the triple jump with a distance of 33-0.

The final race of the day had the team of Mojica, Gutierrez, Martinez and Gardea place third in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:34.86.

The Lady Mules will take to the track on March 12 in the Floydada Whirlwind relays and the go to Brownfield for the Cub Relays on March 26.



## Lazbuddie Golf

The Lazbuddie High School Boys Golfing team, pictured above from left to right: Logan Mason, Kayle Jesko, Justin Schacher, Colton Weaver and Todd Nichols, place second at the Dimmitt meet. Todd Nichols tied for second individual with a score of 84 and Kayle Jesko was fourth individual with a score of 89.

# Seven Mules make Dist. 2-2A all-district basketball team

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Seven Mules were named by the District 2-2A coaches to the prestigious All-District Team.

Tyson Turnbow was picked as the leagues Most Valuable Player.

"Tyson showed the results that only tremendous determination and hard work can bring this season," said Mule coach Matt Mason.

"He had a serious injury as last season was just getting under way and showed a lot of character to not only get healthy enough to play but had a district MVP season."

Turnbow led the Mules with almost 18 points per game scoring average and rang up 600 total points.

He made 140 two-point goals and 58 3-pointers. He sank 146 of 192 free throws. Turnbow recorded 191 assists, blocked 12 shots and grabbed 184 rebounds.

Cooper Washington, Jonathan Perez and Zach Toscano were also chosen to the All-District team.

"Cooper started the season slow but he elevated his game by the district time and learned

to be a floor leader," continued Mason.

"Jonathan and Zach matured as the season progressed and took their game to the next level. They not only improved their skills but also their confidence. They really helped the team with their hustle."

Washington averages 13 points per game made 423 points. He had 61 assists, blocked 31 shots and ripped down 300 rebounds.

Perez averaged three points a game and scored 107 points. He made 67 assists and grabbed 100 rebounds.

Toscano had an eight point per game scoring average and recorded 204 points. He passed out 40 assists and had 81 rebounds.

Isaias Guerra, Nick Hurtado and Ryan DeLeon were named as Honorable Mentions to the All-District Team.

Guerra averaged three points per game and made 98 points during the season. He had 28 assists and 44 rebounds.

Hurtado made seven points per game and 232 points for the season. He had 41 assists and 82 rebounds.

DeLeon scored four points per game and

134 total points. He made 22 assists and 135 rebounds.

"Nick came a long way this year and learned to keep his head when things were not going well. He has always been a sharp shooter but he learned to play hard on defense. This was most evident in the Sonora game when he made a 3-pointer in the final quarter to tie the game and knocked down a second one to give us the lead for good."

"Isaias just never stops. He gives everything he's got out on the floor. He also gave us key baskets in some big games that include the second Childress game and the Sonora game."

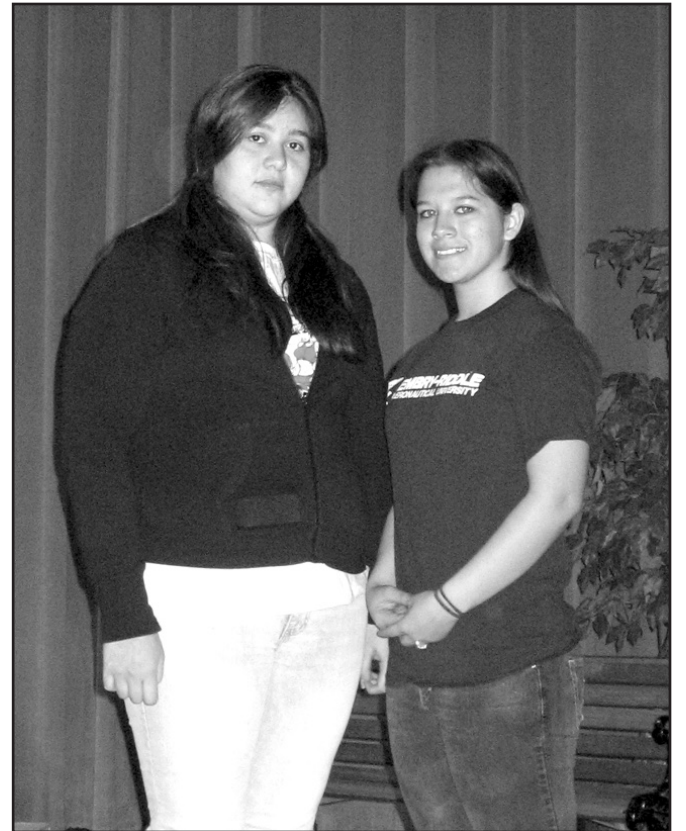
"Ryan really came on at the end of the year. He got some big rebounds for us and was able to hit the open shot when he was open. He gave us quality minutes during his sophomore year," concluded Mason.

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## LISD power lifters...

Lazbuddie High School's girls power lifting team are Paola Estrada and Jordan Hernandez, pictured on the right. Paola Estrada qualified at Monahans and will be headed to the state competition at Corpus Christi. She was the highest ranking power lifter in 1-A at regional.



## Muleshoe High School's fine arts event set

Muleshoe High School's Fine Arts... Night to Shine is scheduled for Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Fine Arts Boosters is set for April 29, at 6 p.m. Any parents with a child in band, choir, art, speech and debate, visual arts or One Act Play are encouraged to attend.

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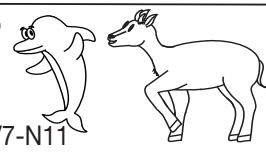


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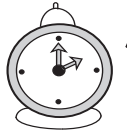
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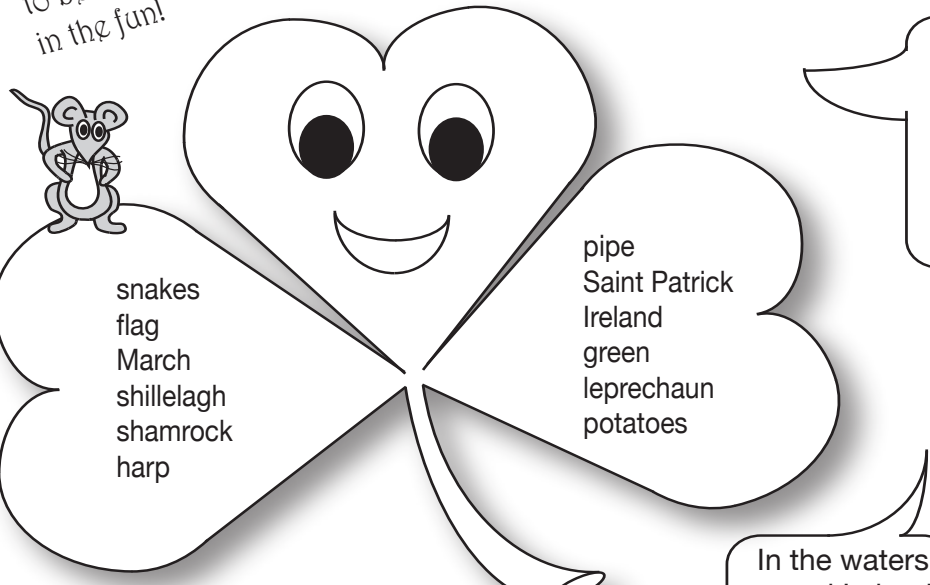
## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Don't forget, on Sunday, March 14th (at 2:00 a.m.), it will be time to spring our clocks ahead one hour.



Every year the people of Ireland celebrate a special holiday in the early spring. Many go to church, visit family, attend dinners or dances, and march in parades.

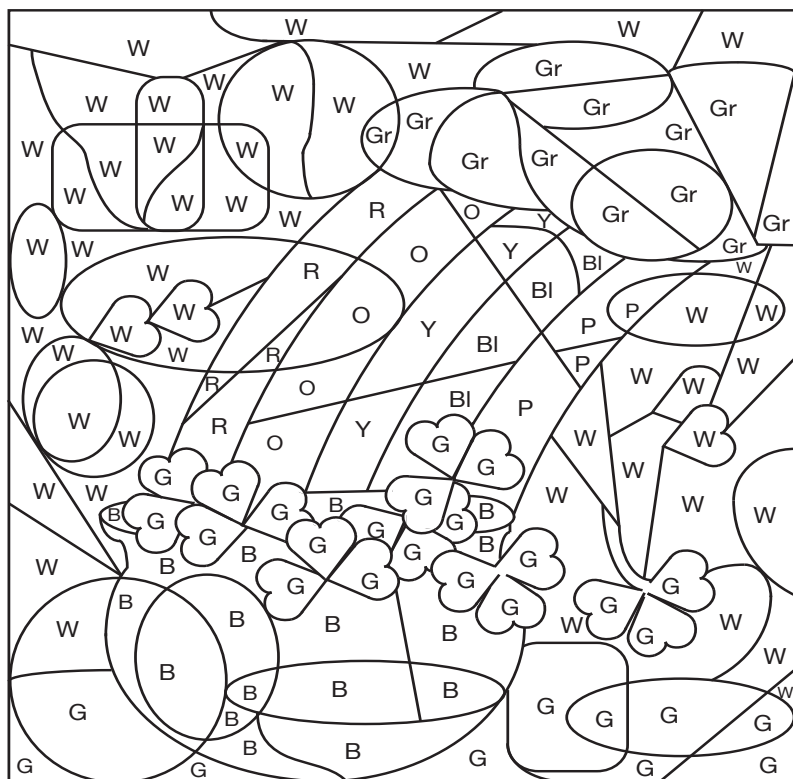
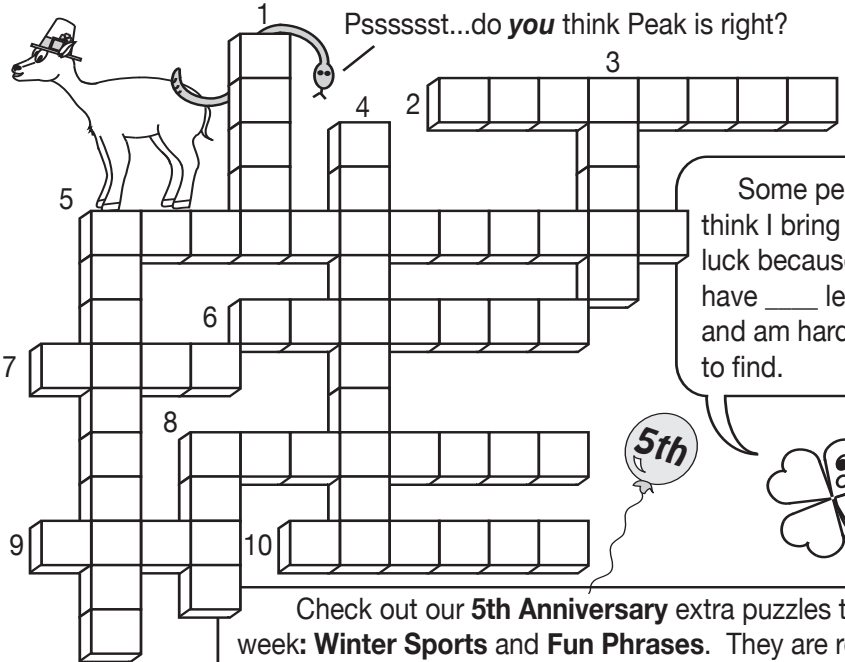
Across the ocean, in America, many people of Irish descent join in activities that show their pride in being Irish-Americans. Do you know the name of this holiday? If you are thinking of St. Patrick's Day, then you are right.



Read the clues to fill in this "Irish" crossword puzzle.

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| <b>Across</b>                                   | <b>Down</b>                                  |
| 2. plant with leaves that have 3 small leaflets | 1. color of spring leaves, grass             |
| 5. bishop in Ireland (2 words)                  | 3. holiday month                             |
| 6. large island west of Great Britain           | 4. will grant you a wish if you can catch it |
| 7. green, white and orange striped              | 5. short oak club                            |
| 8. important food                               | 8. used for smoking                          |
| 9. large, stringed instrument                   |  |
| 10. serpents                                    |  |

In the waters around Ireland there are seals, dolphins and killer whales. On land, there are red deer, badgers and lizards. But, there are no snakes to be seen anywhere!

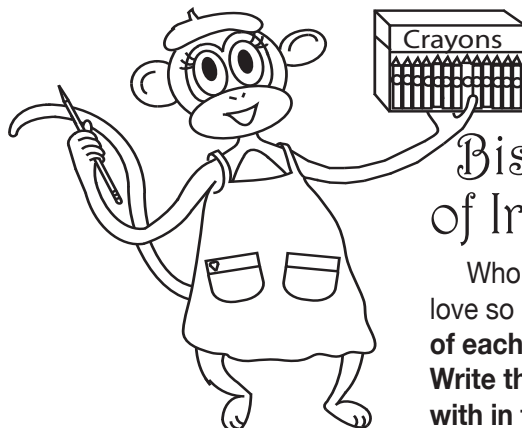


### At the End of the Rainbow

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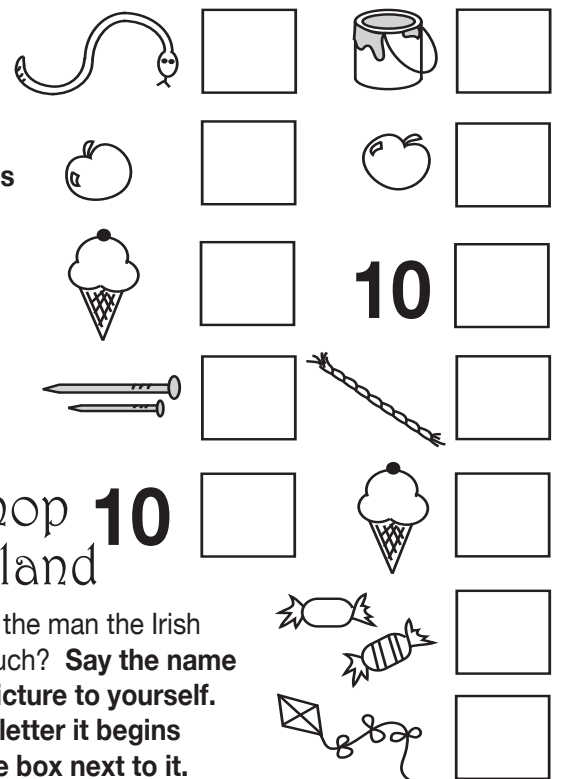
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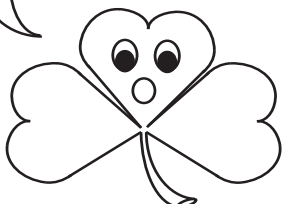
### Bishop of Ireland

Who is the man the Irish love so much? Say the name of each picture to yourself. Write the letter it begins with in the box next to it.



### Pop Quiz!

A pop quiz is a quick, little, surprise test. Can you answer this one?



Everyone has seen the "green" in the card shops and heard stories about leprechauns, but how much do you know about Saint Patrick? Are the statements below True or False? Circle "T" for True. Circle "F" for False.

#### Saint Patrick:

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|---|---|---|
| 1. was born in Ireland  | T | F |
| 2. was a teenage slave in Ireland   | T | F |
| 3. escaped from Ireland and then went back years later to teach about God and the Christian faith | T | F |
| 4. is said to have driven all of the snakes out of Ireland  | T | F |
| 5. has many Irish boys named after him  | T | F |
| 6. is a symbol of the Irish "spirit"  | T | F |

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This was the 12th annual dinner theatre.

Proceeds from the event are used to provide scholarships to graduating senior at Sudan High School.

This year cast includes Josh Barrett, Mariah Steinbock, Luke Weyrauch, Emily Fiene, Rhett Sain, Robert Martha, Chance Doty, Janelle Vanderlei.

The crew includes Brooke Lennon, James Markham, Savannah Sain and Kathrine Gutierrez, Bradley Lennon.



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#50 Rhett Sain • #31 B.J. Davis • #1 Chance Doty  
#41 Jarrod Sawyer • #15 Derrick Williams • #23 Shane Zamora  
#32 Zachary Richards • #12 Cragae Swarb  
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Asst. Coach - Guthry Edwards (3rd year)  
Asst. Coach Chance Vineyard (2nd year)

## Nettes Conference 1A Division 1 Regional Semi-Final Champions



Back Row: #10, Baliee Black • #11, Mariah Steinbock  
#15, Chelsea Locke • #35, Pytrik Vanderlei  
#41, Marlynke Vanderlei • #21, Lacey Logan  
Front Row: #25, Kylee Shultz • #33, Emylee Gonzales  
#20, Danielle Logan • #31, CeCe Williams  
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## ET, don't phone home... until after school hours

If you were on the campus of Dillman Elementary a while back, you may have thought we had been invaded.

It looked like aliens had taken over the elementary.

Before you call the school and ask if ET is attending school in Muleshoe, you probably need to know that all of the outer space "aliens" were really second graders who were in our weekly enrichment program at Dillman Elementary.

About once per week, we have an enrichment program that extends the learning during the day to all sorts of fun and educational activities.

We help students with tutoring in subjects in which they are having

## School News

By Superintendent  
Dr. Gene Sheets



difficulty, but we also challenge students with creative activities that encourage students to want to learn.

This enrichment program is coordinated by Kimberly Woolbright. Kimberly is the coordinator for our

Community in Schools program.

This program has helped extend the learning after school for many of our students in Muleshoe. Most of the activities are creative, fun and involve the arts or physical activity in

some way.

The "alien" activity was fun for everyone. In fact, I don't know who enjoyed it more, the students or the teachers.

If you see any of these "aliens," please do not have them "phone home."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

## Thank You Bailey County

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your support in the Republican Primary Election. It has been a privilege serving you. I would appreciate your continued support in the upcoming general election.

Again Thank you,

Deb Stone, Justice of the Peace

Bailey County

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## Mules fall to the Idalou's Wildcats

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules met the Idalou Wildcats in Levelland's Lobo Gym in the Regional Quarter Finals for the right to participate in the Region I Tournament.

The Mules only managed to lead the Wildcats for about two and half minutes late in the opening period Monday night.

The Wildcats took charge in the second and third periods and held on to down the Mules 55-42.

Cooper Washington picked up two quick fouls in the first period but still led the Mules in the opening period with a pair of free throws to start the game.

He later pulled up at the arc and drained a 3-pointer. He scored the Mules first five points and finished the period with a jumper in the lane.

Zach Toscano had the only other Mule points when he fought through a foul for a two pointer.

He converted the free throw for an old-fashion three-point play. The Mules led 10-8 after one quarter.

Washington continued to lead the Mules with a pair of baskets and a free throw in the second quarter.

Ryan DeLeon made his first bucket of the game.

Idalou went to the line

five times in the second period and converted seven-of-10 charity tosses. The Wildcats led 24-17 at the intermission.

The Mules shooting slump continued in the third period. Washington only made one basket but Toscano made a pair. Tyson Turnbow made his first basket of the game in the third quarter.

Idalou led 36-25 with eight minutes left to play.

The Mules saved their best to the last with 17 points final period.

Washington went to the line three times and converted three free throws. He added a bucket for five points during the quarter.

DeLeon converted a pair from the charity line and made a bucket. Turnbow nailed his only trey of the game from the top of the key.

Nick Hurtado completed an old-fashion three-point play and Toscano made a basket.

During the final quarter the Mules cut the Wildcat's lead to seven

several times but could get no closer. Idalou went to the line 11 times in the final quarter and only made 10 of 22 tries but the Mules could not get enough shots to fall to cut the Wildcat lead to less than seven.

Washington led all scorers with 19 points in the Mules final game of the season.

Toscano added nine points and DeLeon dropped in six. Turnbow made five points and Hurtado chipped in three.

## Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and children.

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We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.

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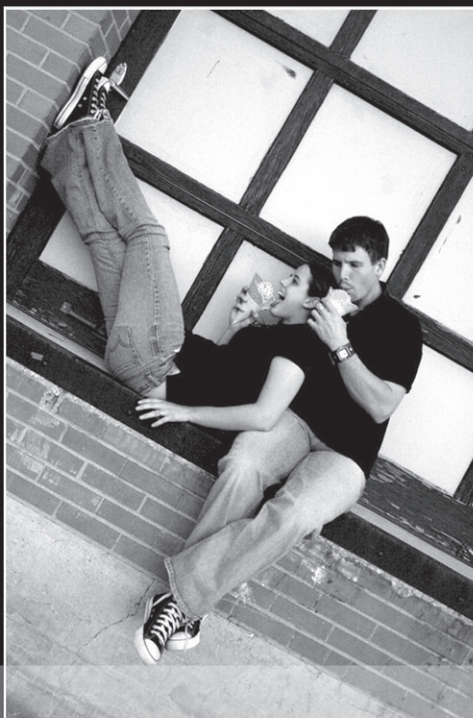
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## Police department receives 'heartsafe' grant

The Muleshoe Police Department has two new ways to make the citizens of Muleshoe a little more safe thanks to Great Plains Project Heart Safe.

Through this program, individuals, organizations, businesses and government agencies may purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit at a greatly reduced cost.

In addition, those who purchase units through Project Heart Safe may be eligible for a grant from Great Plains Ag Credit and Cardiology Center of Amarillo that will further reduce the unit cost.

Tim McDonald, president and CEO of Great Plains Ag Credit, recently delivered a grant check to the Muleshoe Police Department because the organization met specific criteria set by

the Great Plains Project Heart Safe committee.

"I want to applaud your efforts to make Muleshoe a safer place in which to live and thank you and your officers for your service to your community," said McDonald.

Chief Brian Frieda applied through the reduced cost program for two portable AEDs; his goal is to eventually have a unit in each patrol vehicle. "The department already had two AEDs and have used them successfully with multiple saves," said Chief Frieda. "With two more units we are even better prepared to assist in the case of sudden cardiac arrest here in Muleshoe."

Frieda continued, "We would like to see these units in local churches, businesses, etc.; at this cost savings, there is no reason not to have one — for everyone's peace

of mind."

The Great Plains Project Heart Safe, a committee consisting of Great Plains Ag Credit, Cardiology Center of Amarillo, KVII and Cardiac Science was established to save lives by ensuring that AEDs are widely available in the region, especially in rural communities.

The project was inspired by the story of Chris Knight, vice president of Retail Sales for KVII Television in Amarillo.

In August, 2008 he and his wife were visiting near Chicago when Chris suffered sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). His heart completely stopped and he collapsed in a hotel lobby in Naperville, Ill.

His wife, Joyce, began performing CPR and the 911 call was placed. Within five minutes, the first responder arrived.

Luckily for Chris, a police officer was just a block or so away from

the hotel.

However, more importantly was the fact that she was equipped and trained with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The City of Naperville has provided every one of their officers with an AED in their patrol vehicles and it's because of this, that Chris was able to have a chance at surviving. In all, Chris' heart was restarted five times.

Sudden cardiac arrest remains a leading cause of death in this country, responsible for an estimated 250,000 deaths each year.

Sudden cardiac arrest is unpredictable and can happen to anyone, anywhere—even to a child. Risk increases with age.

Although pre-existing heart disease is a common cause of cardiac arrest, many victims have never had any heart problems.

The American Heart Association (AHA) reports that up to 50,000 lives could be saved annually with the prompt use of AEDs.

Nationwide, fewer than five percent of sudden death victims survive. In communities with strong response systems, survival rates have reached 30-50 percent.

For more information on obtaining a reduced cost AED for your business or organization, see www.greatplainsagcredit.com/heartsafe.



Tim McDonald and Chief Brian Frieda

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## Engagement

### Davis, Sheets engagement announced

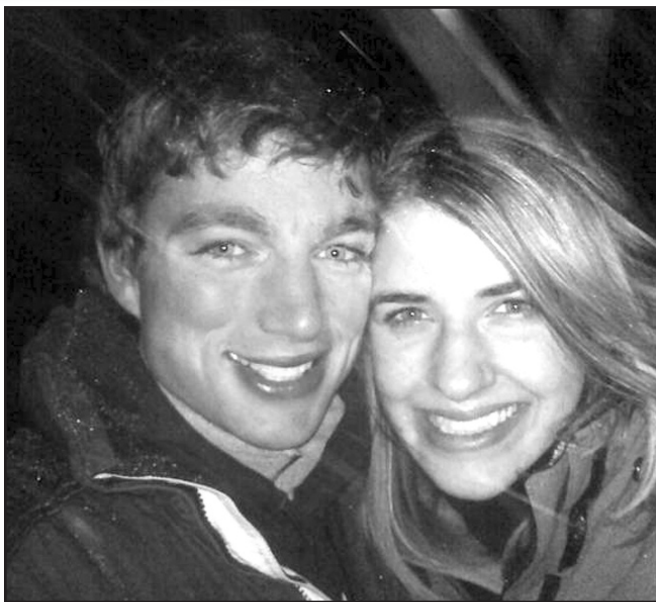
Steve and Rene Davis of Lubbock announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Hayley Davis, to Layne Sheets of Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock, and is currently attending Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is the son of Dr. Gene and Melody Sheets of Muleshoe.

He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, and holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. He is attending graduate school at Texas Tech University, and is employed by the Slaton Independent School District.

The wedding has been set for June 12, 2010, at the Spirit Ranch of Lubbock.



Layne Sheets and Hayley Davis

### AA, Al-Anon meetings held each Friday

Individuals looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. Second, Muleshoe.

Please use the west side entrance.

For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.



### Greens celebrate 50th

Charles and Gale (Johnson) Green of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 6, 2010, with a buffet dinner at Green Tree with family and friends hosted by their children.

The Greens were married on March 8, 1960, in Nazarene Church in Muleshoe. Their children are Charla and Stan Edgar of Rockwall, Mark and Sandra Green of Hayden Ala., and Lena and Chris Snow of Midland. They have five grandsons Jon, Brandon, Nathaniel, Justin and Derrick. The Greens have been business owners in Midland since 1982.

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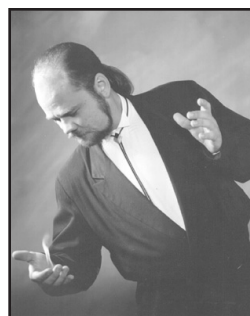
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The Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for man, woman, employee, business and farm family of the year, to be recognized at the annual banquet. Nominations are still being taken. Tickets can still be purchased for \$35 each or tables for \$250. For more information please contact the Chamber at 806-272-4248 between the 9am to 3pm on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Dinner will be steak with all the trimmings. Entertainment will be provided by award winning Lubbock Magician Monte Holder, performing as "The Magic of Montgomery." He has entertained

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## Extension agents discuss spraying dormant Bermuda grass lawns

Roundup (glyphosate), a nonselective herbicide, may be safely applied to completely dormant Bermuda grass lawns.

Glyphosate herbicide, applied at the labeled rate can be an effective method of controlling many winter broadleaf and grassy weeds.

Applications should only be made after careful inspection of the lawn at the soil level to determine if the grass is truly dormant (no green tissue). As a general rule glyphosate applications after March 1 should be carefully considered; risk

of turf damage increases with later applications.

The efficacy of the herbicide is much greater when temperatures rise above 60 degrees, so it becomes a challenge to the applicator to target the application when the turf is dormant, but yet have temperatures warm enough for the herbicide to be most effective.

This is not to say that glyphosate should not be applied at lower temperatures, only that it is not the optimum and at best slower control of weeds should be expected.

A second application may be required to achieve desired results in very cool conditions.

Finally, read the labels on all pesticides prior to application and calibrate your sprayer to insure proper application.

If you are uncomfortable with your ability to accurately apply pesticides, you may want to consider hiring a professional applicator.

For more information contact Monti Vandiver, extension agent-IPM, or Curtis Preston, Bailey County extension agent, at (806) 272-4583.

## Muleshoe Art Assn. News

The Muleshoe Art Association met Tuesday, March 2, in the Anne Camp Room of the Muleshoe Public Library.

Topics addressed included completion of the display area in the Library and details of the Spring Show.

Interested parties are invited to call for further information to participate.

Contact Sandra Chancey, 806-946-9221, or Ginnie Seifert, 763-4998.

April 5-7 are the dates of the 2010 Spring Art Show and Competition scheduled in the Community Room of the Muleshoe State Bank.

Entries will be accepted in categories of oil, watercolor, pastel and miscellaneous on Monday, April 5.

Judging will take place on Tuesday, April 6; the judge will critique all entries beginning at 1 p.m. and awards will be presented.

Guests are welcome.

The entire collection will remain on display through Wednesday, April 7, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and winners can be seen in the lobby

of Muleshoe State Bank through Friday, April 16.

Marilyn Dewbre of Morton will judge the show.

Dewbre is a retired school teacher who worked in the English and Art Departments and saw two of her art

students reach national competition.

She is currently an art instructor in the Continuing Education Department at South Plains College in Levelland.

Artists she has studied with include Bill Earl and Ben Konis.

## We must not give up on space

More than 40 years ago, our nation and the world paused to witness history as astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin saw firsthand the "magnificent desolation" of the moon.

That defining moment reminded our nation that America can overcome insurmountable challenges and achieve great things when we are committed and dedicated to a singular purpose.

But NASA's strong history of innovation, as well as our dominance in space, is in danger because President Obama has decided to shift the agency's mission to more "earthbound" tasks.

If President Obama has his way, the U.S. will retire the Space Shuttle program later this year, just as the International Space Station is finally complete and without a viable alternative to take its place.

America has spent billions of dollars building and maintaining the space station. Now that it is complete, the Obama budget plan ensures that we will no longer have easy access to it.

Current plans for the next generation space vehicles are years away from completion. This human space flight gap threatens not only our nation's access to the International Space Station and other areas of space, but also our national security and economic interests.

America's decades-long dominance of space will finally come to an end. This is wrong.

Instead of sending up a white flag for our nation's premiere science agency, I believe we must close the gap in human space flight.

To do so, I have introduced legislation allowing NASA to extend the shuttle's service while work continues on the development of the next generation of space vehicle.

My legislation will make the shuttle retirement dependent on the availability of a replacement ship or until NASA determines that the space shuttle capabilities are not



### Capitol Comment

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

needed to keep the space station viable.

The measure will also provide acceleration of the nation's human space flight programs to ensure we continue to have future access to space.

Unless we make every effort to close the gap in U.S. human space flight, we will have no choice but to face the reality that we will be totally dependent on Russia for access to space.

Should Russia, far from our strongest ally, "renegotiate" the terms of our cooperation, the U.S. could be blocked from space for years.

This would leave Russia and China as the only nations in the world with the capability to launch humans into space.

This must not be an 'either or' proposition in which we are forced to choose between continuing to fly the shuttle and maintain our independence in reaching space, or investing in the next generation of space vehicle.

We can and must do both. By maintaining our independence from other nations in reaching space, the U.S. can fully realize the research potential of the space station as a national lab while protecting and promoting our national interests.

We must seize our nation's proud history

of innovation and dominance in space as inspiration to move forward.

As Pres. John F. Kennedy said at Rice University in 1962: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win."

Investing in the next generation of space vehicle while continuing to fly the shuttle will not be easy, but we must accept the challenge and overcome the obstacles to reach our nation's goals.

**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, 2 a.m. Spring forward 1 hour**

## Thank You, Precinct 2

Dianne and I want to sincerely thank all of you for your votes in the Republican Primary. I would appreciate your vote in the run-off election for County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

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/s/ Irene Mason, Mayor Pro Tem  
/s/ LeAnn Gallman, City Secretary  
*Published in the Muleshoe Journal March 11, 2010.*

**LEGAL NOTICE MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that Muleshoe Independent School District intends to examine alternatives to its present food service program. All interested parties must attend a Pre-proposal Conference and District Tour on March 31, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at Muleshoe ISD Administration Building, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas. No offer of intent should be construed from this legal notice that Muleshoe Independent School District intends to enter into a contract with any party for alternative food service unless, in the sole opinion of the District, it is in District's best interest to do so. All costs involved in submitting a letter to Muleshoe Independent School District's current food service program shall be borne in full by the interested party and should be kept to a minimum. A copy of the Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting: Mr. Daniel Harper Business Manager Muleshoe ISD 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, TX 79347 806-272-7400 Muleshoe Independent School District reserves the right to accept any proposal which it deems most favorable to the interest of the District and to reject any or all proposals or any portion of any proposal submitted which, in the District's opinion, is not in the best interest of the District. **FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROPOSALS DUE: April 9, 2010 2:00 P.M.** *Published in The Muleshoe Journal March 4, 2010 and March 11, 2010.*

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The Muleshoe Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for the following:  
1. Purchase of Projectors and Document Cameras  
The proposals should be returned in a sealed envelope with the name of the category and the word PROPOSAL clearly indicated on the outside of the envelope. Return the sealed proposal to Daniel Harper, Business Manager, Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347, or delivered to Mr. Harper at the Business Office, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas. **The sealed proposals will be received until 10:00 a.m., March 29, 2010.** Proposals mailed will be deemed as delivered only when received by Mr. Harper. A proposal that has been opened may not be changed for the purpose of correcting an error in the proposal price. Specifications on the above category can be obtained at the Muleshoe ISD Business Office, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas. The Board of Trustees of Muleshoe Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive all informalities or irregularities and to make the proposal award in the best interest of Muleshoe ISD. This is a solicitation for proposals and is not an offer. All proposals and information received in response to this solicitation will become the property of Muleshoe ISD. **Any questions concerning the proposal forms and specifications should be directed to Mr. Daniel Harper, Business Manager, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe,**

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Two Temp positions: Farm work, 04/05/10 to 12/31/10 @ 12.76 p/hr. Housing provided, 48 hrs p/wk. 3/4 guarantee, transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid after 50% completion of contract. Tools, equipment provided at no cost. Min. 3 months experience. Duties: drive, plant, harvest, store grain, repair operate tractor, rock picker, plow, disc, drill, harvest equip, sprayer, grain truck, basic literacy and math skills required. Dobbins Ranch, Thomas, OK, Interested? **Apply at OK Dept of Labor office use job # OK366279.**

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- 3-1 3/4-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, covered patio, fenced yd., corner lot, storage bldg.!! \$84,900!! "AS IS"
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