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Teaching 'old dogs new tricks' is a crime problem

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The old adage about "teaching old dogs new tricks" apparently holds true for alleged drug dealers as well, if the events of the past week are any evidence.

On Friday, April 9, during the lunch hour, customers at McDonald's of Muleshoe were treated to a little noise and excitement when area law enforcement officers discharged a "flash-bang," a piece of law enforcement ordinance used to disorient criminal suspects, during the execution of a search warrant at 1306 W. Ave. B.

What made it an "old dog, new trick" situation is that the individuals arrested for alleged drug trafficking last week were arrested on similar charges in February.

According to Muleshoe Police Det. Cassie Crandell, local residents

Joshua Hernandez, 26, and Felicia Nieto, 23, were incarcerated at the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center Friday for possession of drugs with the intent to distribute as a result of the raid.

In February, about 100 grams of cocaine and 58 grams of methamphetamine were recovered from the alleged criminals, along with \$3,200 in cash. On April 9, though smaller in amount, law enforcement officers seized a significant 23 grams of cocaine, 10 grams of methamphetamine, and \$1,600 in cash.

Last week's effort to stem local drug trafficking was a combined effort of the Muleshoe Police Department, New Mexico law enforcement officers, and the Lubbock County SWAT officers, Crandell said.

The decision to use



Comfort offered...

Katrin (Jodee Hall) wipes the forehead of her sister Yvette (Sarah Whitworth) as Mother Courage (Natalie Head) stands at the back of the wagon during a performance of the Muleshoe High School One Act Play

"Mother Courage and Her Children" during Monday's annual Fine Arts Night to Shine. Additional photographs of fine arts students' work are on page 12.

Photograph by Terry Brewster

MAHD terminates Covenant agreement

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors severed its "borrowed employee" agreement with Covenant Health Systems following

a closed session Thursday, April 8, relieving the district and Muleshoe Area Medical Center of its chief administrator, Jason Anglin, with the same action.

For several years, the hospital district has had management agreement with Covenant through which it has provided the district with an administrator for the hospital and a chief

executive officer.

Returning from Thursday's executive session, board member Wayne Pierson made a motion to table action concerning the management or "borrowed employee" agreement with Covenant, which was seconded by board member Scott Brown.

This motion failed with a 2-3 vote, with board

members Bob Donaldson, Zona Gatewood and Bill Liles dissenting.

Following this, Donaldson moved to cancel the agreement with Covenant, seconded by Gatewood, and resulting in a 3-2 vote.

"I wasn't surprised the other night when they cancelled the borrowed employee contract," Anglin said Monday.

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Bovina takes lead in tax race

Bovina stomped the competition in this month's race for the sales tax allocation dollar, with a 14.34 percent increase in the sales tax disbursed by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

According to figures received from the comptroller's office this week, Bovina collected \$722.46 more sales tax in February of this year compared to the amount collected in the same period of 2009.

As for the City of Muleshoe, the Bailey County seat's sales tax disbursement fell by 12.49 percent, or \$4,471.18, in the same period, placing it a little below the middle of the pack.

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$31,035.92	35,507.10	-12.59%
Dimmitt	\$21,202.55	21,151.14	0.24%
Morton	\$ 7,829.65	7,935.64	-1.33%
Littlefield	\$54,762.81	54,078.74	1.26%
Olton	\$ 6,511.87	7,581.77	-14.11%
Sudan	\$ 3,042.93	3,390.17	-10.24%
Earth	\$ 3,144.32	4,217.81	-25.45%
Farwell	\$ 6,456.16	8,118.72	-20.47%
Bovina	\$ 5,758.89	5,036.43	14.34%
Friena	\$22,071.08	22,868.78	-3.48%

However, even more distressing are the year-to-date figures, which showed Muleshoe at the bottom of the pack, with a 13.89 percent drop in disbursement dollars,

compared to the figures from the same period last year.

Rounding out the top of the monthly totals were Littlefield in second

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New sound, video system may reduce hungry sports spectators' irritation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe sports fans, as well as visiting sports fans, who have been irritated by this year's restrictions about taking food and beverages purchased at the concession stand into the new gymnasium during basketball games will be able to munch down and still watch the game.

During Monday's facility update at the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustee's meeting, it was announced that the district is looking into a new audio visual system for the high school's commons area — between the cafeteria and the gymnasium entrance, that will include real time video of the game in progress.

While the food restriction will remain in place, to protect the court floors under the gymnasium bleachers on both sides of the main court, if the system is purchased the spectators won't have to jostle for a position to watch the game through the windows at the south end of the court.

The same sound system

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Extension agent reports to county court

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It's too early to tell if last week's low temperatures significantly damaged area crops Monty Vandiver, extension agent - IPM, told the Bailey County Commissioners' court Monday.

Vandiver, who was responding to a question from Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver, his father, was reporting to the court about the Northwest

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Dr. Davor Vugrin, center, speaks with the city council.

City council approves housing grant contracts

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council approved two contracts related to the \$450,000 grant the city has received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs that will allow the city to demolish and reconstruct six or seven substandard and dilapidated homes in Muleshoe.

The city completed a similar project in 2009, turning new homes over to four local residents just before Thanksgiving. A

video of the earlier key presentation is available for viewing on www.muleshoejournal.com.

As in the previous grant project, the City of Muleshoe will provide a 10 percent grant match through "in-kind" services, such as the preparation of the home sites prior to construction.

At Monday's meeting, the council approved contracts for administration and housing provider

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First United Methodist revival set

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting a revival with evangelist Wesley Putnam April 18-21.

Olton annual ladies luncheon

The Olton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be hosting its annual Spring Ladies Luncheon at the Wild Plum Inn, 708 Main Street, on April 29, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Call 806-285-3019 or 806-285 2292 for additional information or to reserve one of the limited seats.

Earth Day at Earth set

The Women of Earth are hosting Earth Day 2010 with craft booth and food vendors on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For additional information, call 806-215-1031.

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.

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.

Commissioners court...

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Plains Integrated Pest Management program for 2009 in Bailey and Parmer Counties.

"We're still up in the air a little bit," he added concerning the assessment of possible weather-related damage, noting also that more rain is still needed in the county's dryland areas. "We had a good year," the extension agent said, adding that 20 research projects were conducted locally.

In other discussion during the report, agent Vandiver said the state budget for county extension offices had suffered cuts of more than 50 percent last year, primarily due to a significant decrease in



Latest videos include:
• MHS OneAct Play, and high school choirs at annual Fine Arts Night to Shine.
• City council proclaims support for colorectal cancer prevention.
• Mayor reads Gov. Perry's proclamation honoring local police dispatchers.

federal funds. According to the written report received by the court, data was collected from 49 fields, and 14 Bailey and Parmer County producers participated in the program.

According to the extension agent, the local success was such that he was invited to other West Texas areas to talk about the two counties' program.

In other business Monday, the court:

- Approved county bills totaling \$352977.23.
- Approved the county treasurer's report from February, and received March's report.

• Approved a complaint procedure and citizens' participation plan required for the Maple water grant.

"It's good for Maple," County Judge Sherri Harrison, "but a lot of paperwork is involved by the county."

• Approved advertising for bids on a lot in Muleshoe which the county received for taxes about 30 years ago.

"As far as I'm concerned, we need to get it back on the tax rolls," Commissioner Vandiver said.

'The Coke County Ministry Conference'

By far the most helpful ministry seminar I ever go to is one I try to faithfully attend twice a year at Robert Lee. I call it the Coke County Ministry Conference.

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Just spending a few days at that conference recharges my batteries, reminds me of why I do what I do, and helps me fill up in that amazing atmosphere with renewed vigor and life and thanksgiving to God.

And that last paragraph is true. Most of the rest of what I've written in this column isn't.

The "conference" is indeed in Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas. I think it's a pretty impressive community. Like most of the truly greatest and best parts of our nation, it's part of the rural and small part. I guess pretty much everybody there is somebody. I've not yet bumped into anyone there who felt much need to over-awe or waste much time trying to be impressive.

Sorry, no five-star hotels there. But my Granddaddy and Grandmother Key's old home is there, and that's where the "conference" is held. I never walk

Drug raid...

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flash-bangs to disorient the occupants of the house targeted in the drug raid, Police Chief Brian Frieda said, was made by the SWAT team leader and the SWAT team's policies and procedures for officer safety and to help prevent the possible destruction of evidence.

In February, bond was set at \$27,500 each. This month, the bond was set at a total of \$100,000 each of them.

MAHD action...

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With the agreement cancelled, MAHD chief financial officer David Burke said Anglin surrendered his keys.

Although Anglin is still an employee of Covenant's, he said he was still interested in direct employment with the hospital district.

Another hospital district special meeting, at which the appointment of a CEO is to be discussed, has been set for Thursday, April 15, at 6 p.m., in the MAMC dining room.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

into that house without wondering how it could have been so large when I was a child and so small now. I don't even have a private room there. I usually sleep on the floor in the living room on a blow-up mattress.

The attendees and speakers are one and the same. Actually, four and the same. My three brothers and me. All pastors. For great churches, I think. But not the mega-kind. Between us we've written a few books and scads of sermons, but none that will point anyone to star-dom, ecclesiastical or otherwise.

Gourmet food? Some fine tube steaks (hot dogs) and even some pretty impressive real steaks, cooked over a bed of coals and, occasionally, on my "gourmet" flat-tipped shovel over our fire-pit.

We're all four a bit touched in the head, or so our wives think. One of my brothers just got back from a trip to Paris (as in, France). He said he found himself sitting in the plane thinking that if he wasn't with his wife and grandkids, he'd really rather be going to Robert Lee.

Maybe that just goes to show that our wives are right. Or maybe it just shows that God's best and deepest blessings can be with us anywhere.

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MISD school board action

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will also increase the use of the commons and cafeteria areas for in-school programs and meetings, Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

The school board also approved change orders concerning the work on the football field and the expansion project at DeShazo Elementary.

The board approved a \$453,206 change order in the installation of the new bleachers for the football field, and a \$424,880 change order for the kitchen upgrade at DeShazo, which will include the purchase of new equipment and the installation of a new grease trap.

It was noted that even with the change order, the cost of the bleachers will still be less than the original project estimate.

As for the football field itself, it was noted that the center of the gridiron will include the image of the MISD "fighting mule," with "Muleshoe" at one end of the field and "Mules" at the other.

The school board also sent a request to the district's color coordination committee concerning the seats that will be installed in the bleachers' reserved section.

After thumbing through the multi-colored samples — which included Friona



"Here are your choices."

red, Childress blue and Floydada green, from which the board could pick, Superintendent Sheets held up two samples — gray and black, and said "Here are your choices."

"Yes, one of those two would be good," board member David Tipps agreed with a grin.

Tipps also suggested designing the seats to place a large "M" in the middle of the bleachers, leaving it up to the committee to decide which would be grey, the "M" or the surrounding seat.

In other business Monday, the school board:

- Took no action concerning the district's proposed food service with Aramark to allow school officials additional time to examine the contract.

According to Business Manager Daniel Harper the school district has to submit an approved contract to

the Texas Department of Agriculture, which oversees school lunch programs, by the end of the month.

- Received the state required School Health Advisory Committee report which includes suggestions for additional programs to promote student self esteem and combat drug and alcohol abuse.

- Approved a \$124,000 proposal from Lubbock Audio / Visual for the purchase of 62 projectors and document cameras using \$116,000 the district received through a T3 ARRA Technology grant that will place systems and resources that have been included in some of the expansion project classrooms in the remaining classrooms.

- Approved the minutes from the March 28 school board meeting as corrected.

- Accepted the resignations of Amy King, Marjorie Powers and Barbara Turner.



Muleshoe's police dispatchers, pictured above on the front row, were honored by the city council during Monday's meeting.

City council... Continued from page 1

services — such as the engineering required for the project, with A&J Howco Services at a cost of \$38,000, which will be paid out of the grant funds.

"This is a pretty good price," the city manager said, adding that it was at eight percent of the grant project rather than the 12 percent which is the norm.

In other business, the city council:

- Recognized the Muleshoe Police Department's dispatchers and support staff for their efforts in helping to keep the citizens of the community safe during Monday's city council meeting.

The event, which included Mayor Cliff Black's reading of a proclamation by Texas Gov. Rick Perry, was in honor of Public Safety

Telecommunicators Week.

- Issued a proclamation in support of 2010 being "Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Awareness Year."

Dr. Davor Vugrin, MD, a cancer specialist with the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition, appeared before the council thanking the council for its efforts to bring the issue of colorectal cancer to the public's attention.

The doctor said this particular form of cancer is easily detected, prevented and cured.

"I'm trying to put myself out of business," he added.

- Approved a request for up to \$2,000 from the hotel and motel tax fund for the Muleshoe High School Ex-Student Association, which is planning a reunion for

the classes of 1920-1985 at the Bailey County Coliseum on July 3.

"This is one of the great events that puts people in the hotel and motel rooms," Brunson said.

- Learned about the progress in the city's ongoing improvement projects, including the new aquatic facility, which the city manager said had officially been named the Muleshoe Water Park.

"We will have a place to get wet this summer," Brunson said, noting that the facility will be completed in the not too distant future.

Brunson also said the city should be receiving its permit for the upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment plant soon.

"It amazes me the hard work and determination it took to complete it," the mayor added.

Area sales tax allocations

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place, with a \$684.07 increase, followed by Dimmitt with a drop of only 1.71 percent.

In the year-to-date totals, Sudan logged the largest percentage of increase at 4.94 percent, or \$695.02. Olton came in just above Muleshoe in the year-to-date figures at 12.27 percent.

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in February.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state received \$1.46 billion in sales tax revenue in March, down 7.8 percent compared to March 2009.

"For the second month in a row, the decline in sales tax collections continued to moderate," Combs said. "Following an eight-month stretch of double-digit declines, the pace of revenue losses is slowing."

"The oil and gas, construction, manufacturing, and retail industries registered lower sales tax revenue collections than one year earlier," she added. "We expect further declines in the near term followed by a return to sales tax revenue growth later this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$394.1 million in April sales tax

allocations, a 3.9 percent decrease compared to April 2009.

So far in 2010, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments lag 7.4 percent behind 2009.

On Friday, April 9, the comptroller's office sent April sales tax allocations of \$265.7 million to Texas cities, down 3.6 percent compared to April 2009.

Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running seven percent lower than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$24.0 million, down 7.7 percent compared to one year ago.

Year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 12.9 percent lower than last year.



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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Just a reminder, Saturday, April 17, "Aging Well in West Texas" will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the

Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center.

Kathy Carr with the Agri-Life Extension Office of Bailey County, has

Tolk Station recognized as 'Plant of the Year'

The Powder River Basin Coal Users Group recently named Xcel Energy's Tolk Generating Station as its "Plant of the Year," citing its safe operation, high reliability and environmental stewardship.

Tolk was one of four power plants considered for this year's annual award.

PRBCUG is a trade group that promotes the safe, efficient and economic use of Wyoming's Powder River Basin coals by generating companies who currently use, or are considering the use of coal produced

in this area.

Xcel Energy owns and operates two coal-fired generating stations in Texas—the Tolk plant and Harrington Generating Station near Amarillo—that primarily use coal mined in the Powder River Basin.

"Tolk and its sister station, Harrington, are the backbone of our generating system in the region, and a prime reason why Xcel Energy rates are among the lowest in Texas among investor-owned utilities" said Riley Hill, president and CEO of

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planned for programs, speakers, prizes, vendors, and a free lunch for all who attend. So mark your calendars and make plans to come.

Monday, April 19, the Rev. Wesley Putnam will be at the center. Come in and visit and listen to him sing.

Tuesday, April 20, Kathy Carr with the Extension Office, will present her nutrition program.

We appreciate Kathy giving her time and sharing her knowledge with us. Make plans to come and enjoy.

She gives prizes too. Tuesday is Bungo playing day. So call your friends and come on in and enjoy.

Thursday, April 22, the Muleshoe Ex-Students Association will meet at the center at 6:30 p.m.

All of you ex-students

are invited to come out and help with the plans for the big reunion in July.

Menu for April 19-23:

Monday, April 19 — Lemon chicken, parsley potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat roll and blonde brownies.

Tuesday, April 20 — Beef strips on seasoned noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli and carrot salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

Wednesday, April 21 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and blueberry cobbler.

Thursday, April 22 — Mexican casserole, pinto beans, salad, chips, pudding.

Friday, April 23 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbreads and fruit salad.



Putnam to lead revival

Wesley Putnam, widely acclaimed evangelist, singer, and composer, will be at First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe on April 18-21.

His ministry includes preaching, storytelling, and music woven together to create a fresh approach to renewal. In addition his ministry offers BibleQuest, a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary children.

Putnam holds a bachelor of music degree from Northeast Louisiana University and the master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. An ordained United Methodist clergyman, he pastored local churches for more than eight years before turning his attention to full-time evangelism in the summer of 1981.

He and his wife, Felicia, live in Bedford. They have three grown sons and 12 grandchildren.

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Obituaries

R.G. Bennett III

Church service for R.G. Bennett III, 65, of Muleshoe were held on Monday April 12, at Trinity Christian Center Church with the Rev. Reydon Stanford officiating.

Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Bennett died on Wednesday, April 7, in Muleshoe. He was born on Dec. 1, 1944 in Sherman, and married Ronnie Dudley in Muleshoe on Oct. 14, 1977.

Bennett had lived in Muleshoe since 1949 having moved from Sherman. He was a member of Trinity Christian Center Church and a member of High Plains 2 Cylinder Club, and past president of Muleshoe Kiwanas Club.

Bennett had retired from Five Area Telephone where he was central office supervisor.

Survivors include his



R.G. Bennett III

wife — Ronnie; three sons — R.O. Bennett of Muleshoe, Shannon Bennett of Lubbock and John Kropp of Portales, N.M.; four daughters — Lisa King of Gentry Ark., Jenny Becerra of Roswell, N.M., Rachel Bennett of Lubbock and Kristi Parker of Muleshoe; his mother — Luease Bennett of Muleshoe; a sister — Linda Baker of Portales N.M.; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Christian Center Benevolence Fund, 1723 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Ruth Hunt

Chapel services for Ruth Hunt, 96, of Muleshoe were held on Saturday, April 10 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Benny Wright and Cory Hunt officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Hunt died on Friday, April 9, 2010, in Park View Nursing Care Center of Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 28, 1913, in Wolfe City to Joe W. and Katie Crouch, and married Buford Hunt in Clovis, N.M., on March 18, 1933. He and her parents preceded her in death.

Hunt had been a resident of Bailey County since 1933 moving from Wolfe City. She was a homemaker and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Survivors include two sons and their wives



Ruth Hunt

— Cloyce and Cloann Hunt of Hamilton, Mont., and Robert and Nelda Hunt of Muleshoe; a daughter — Joyce Hunter of Muleshoe; two sisters — Helen Hall and Doris Scott, both of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Legacy of Love Hospice, 125 Marshall Howard Blvd., Littlefield, Texas 79339, or Muleshoe Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Glenda Ott

Church services for Glenda Ott, 67, of Muleshoe were held on Wednesday, April 14, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Glenda died on April 12, 2010, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born on Feb. 15, 1943 in Hope, Ark., to James Thomas and Lelia Mae (Wright) Kelly, and married Raybern Ott in Earth on July 21, 1962.

She attended the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe, and was an accomplished artist and a member of the Muleshoe Ladies Association.

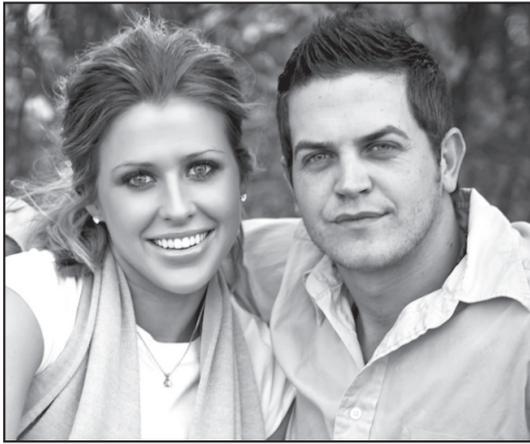
She loved to cook for her children and grandchildren of whom she loved dearly. She was a homemaker.

Glenda was preceded in death by her father and a sister — Jimmie Sharman.

Survivors include her husband — Raybern of the home; a son — Sammy Ott of Lazbuddie; two daughters — Pam Prather and husband Joe Don of Amarillo, and Teresa Ott of Muleshoe; her mother — Lelia Mae Kelly of Muleshoe; a sister — Debbie and husband Tracy Edgar of Amarillo; a brother — Charles Kelly and wife Judee of Cleveland; four grandchildren — Brenna Shipman and husband Todd, Jamie Williams and husband Noah, Jared Prather, all of Amarillo, and Matthew Ott of Shreveport, La.; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Engagement



Mindy Locker and Brady Ash

Locker, Ash set wedding date

Fred and Ruth Locker announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Locker of Lubbock, to Brady Ash of Throckmorton.

The prospective bride will graduate in May

with a master's in speech-language pathology from Texas Tech.

The prospective groom is the son of Debbie Richards and Thomas Ash. He is employed in production management with Tot Richards Oil.

The wedding has been set for June 5, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Spirit Ranch of Lubbock, with a reception to follow.

Muleshoe Art Assn. News

Annual spring art show results listed

The Muleshoe Art Association held its annual spring show April 5-7 in the Muleshoe State Bank community room.

Marilyn Dewbre of Morton, a continuing education art instructor at South Plains College in Levelland, judged the event. She has studied under Bill Earl and Ben Konis.

Best of Show was awarded to Ruth Bennett of Muleshoe for her oil painting, "Brotherly Love."

The Purchase Award was received by Ginnie Seifert of Clovis, N.M. for her oil painting "Tres Ritos."

Other awards, their category, and artist included:

Oils — First place, Ruth Bennett, "Brotherly Love;" second, Jackie Henderliter, "The Boss;" third, Marie Tidwell, "Aspen Trail."

Watercolor — First place, Heather Hancock, "Adain: a portrait;" second, Annette Scheller, "Dancing Dolphins."

Pastel — First, Ginny Seifert, "Early American;" second, Sandra Chancey, "The Lighthouse;" third, Barbara Carpenter, "Bandit."

Miscellaneous division — First, Helen Adrian, "Intolerance Cloud;" second, Ann Sowder, "The Left One," a charcoal drawing.

Honorable Mentions: Oils — Ruth Barnett, "Twinkle Toes" and "Progression of Time;" Gennie Seifert, "Tres Ritos;" Misti Wilburn, "Peace & Serenity."

Pastels — Sandra Chancey, "On the River, New Mexico."

Miscellaneous — Helen Adrian, "Summertime," an enamel on copper.

The Muleshoe Art Association meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May.

Anyone interested in art is invited to join. For more information call 806-946-9221 or 806-272-4071.

Head Start is enrolling students

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start Center in Muleshoe is currently enrolling "need-based" students.

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The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 28 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 23, 2010.

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Sports

Mules finish third at Lubbock Roosevelt Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule track team finished 12 points short of a three-way tie for first place in the Lubbock Roosevelt Relays Friday afternoon.

The Mules finished third with 118 points just behind Lubbock Roosevelt and Slaton. Roosevelt and Slaton finished with 130 points

each. Friona ran fourth at 93 points and Floydada took fifth with 81.

Sterling Leopard won the Mule's first gold medal in the first race of the day. He finished the 3200-meter run in a time of 10 minutes and 28.33 seconds.

Leopard also won the gold medal in the last individual race of the day. Despite running with an

upset stomach he posted his fastest time of the year in the 1600-meter run with a 4:44.05.

Larry Richardson earned the bronze medal in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet 10 inches. Ryan DeLeon placed sixth with a distance of 15-5.5 in the long jump. Marquise Trevino won sixth in the shot put with a toss of 44-11.

Cooper Washington threw the discus 143-8 for the gold medal. Richardson had a fourth place distance of 39-10.5 in the triple jump. Issac Baca was just behind him in fifth place at 39-8.

Tyson Turnbow competed for the first time this season in the high jump and won the gold with a leap of 6-0. Steven Durban cleared 11-0 in the pole vault to earn the bronze medal. Saul Elizalde placed sixth with a height of 10-6.

Junior Baca had a gold medal time of 2:05.92 in the 800-meter run. He had a silver medal time of 53.27 in the 400-meter dash. Zach Toscano finished fifth in the 400 with a 54.92. Jonathan Garcia and Manual Quezada ran fifth and sixth in the 800 with times of 2:25.40 and 2:31.58 respectively.

Elizalde placed fifth in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 18.30 and 45.52 respectively.

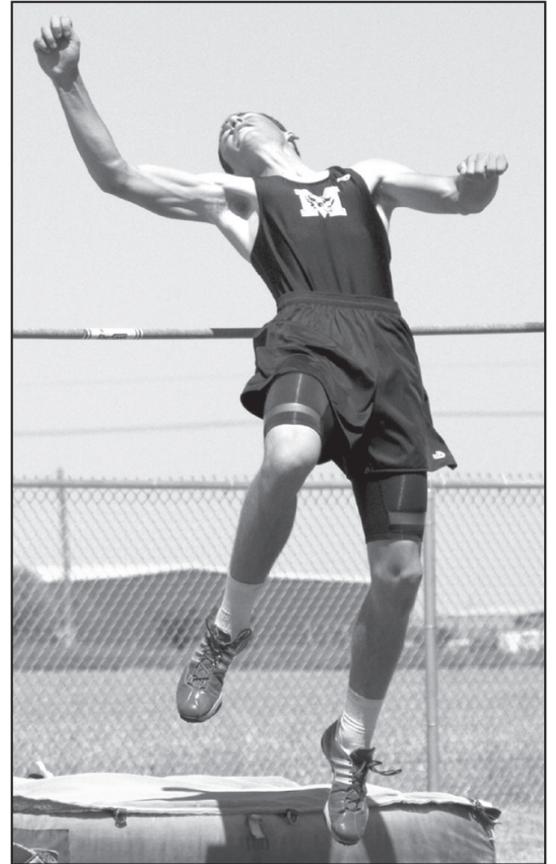
The 4x100-meter relay team of J. Baca, Caleb Conner, DeLeon and Richardson had a silver medal time of 45.87. Garcia took sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:26.90.

The Mule 4x400-meter relay team of Zach Toscano, J. Baca, Ray Martinez and Richardson finished third for bronze medal with a time of 3:41.89.

The Mules will now prepare for the District 2-2A Meet on April 15.



Mule Justin Griswold clears the opening height at the Roosevelt track meet.



Mule Tyson Turnbow takes gold in the high jump at his first track meet.

Photographs by Stacy Conner

Lady Mules take fifth at Roosevelt

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Muleshoe finished fifth in the Lubbock Roosevelt Relays with 52 points. Abernathy won the meet with 216, Roosevelt was second with 131, Floydada third with 123 and Slaton finished fourth with 73.

Sarah Whitworth placed fourth in the first race of the day. She had a time of 14 minutes and 51.14 seconds in the 3200-meter run. Jenna Whitworth took sixth in the same race with a 15:52.61.

Sandy Mojica placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet six and half inches. Samantha Reyna and Morgan Burris were fifth and sixth in the shot put with throws of 25-5 and 25-2 respectively.

Burris had a fifth place throw of 61-11 in the discus. Mojica covered a distance of 31-1 in the triple jump for fifth place. Stephanie Martinez and Belinda Pacheco placed fourth and fifth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:54.86 and 2:55.09 respectively.

The 4x100-meter relay

team of Linda Sanchez, Melissa Casanova, Devine Orozco and Heather Gutierrez finished fourth with a time of 55.17.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Yvonne Gardea, Mojica, Casanova and Gutierrez placed fourth with a 1:59.74. Pacheco ran a 6:38.17 in the 1600-meter run for sixth place. The 4x400-meter relay team of Gardea, Mojica, Orozco and Gutierrez won the bronze medal with a time of 4:32.50.

The Lady Mules next meet will be the District 2-2A Meet on April 15.



Lazbuddie relay team places sixth

The Lazbuddie High School 800 M Relay Team — Josh McIntosh, Riley Smith, Dallas Cox and Darin Ivy — took sixth place at the district track meet.

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Sports

Johnson signs with the Howard College Hawks

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Sarah Johnson signed a letter of intent to play college basketball for the Howard College Hawks this fall.

The signing ceremony was held in Muleshoe High School's library. Johnson was joined at the table by her parents, Chris and Adena Johnson, Lady Mule coach Val Acree and Hawk assistant coach Jamie Fisher.

MHS principal Alex Salazar welcomed those in attendance before turning the program over to Coach Acree.

Acree said, "During my coaching years I have never been blessed with post players so when I first arrived here in Muleshoe I ask about post players. I was told that the tall players I



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Sarah Johnson and her parents, Adena and Chris Johnson

was hoping for did not exist but I would sure be happy with my point guard."

"They were absolutely right. It has been a lot of fun watching Sarah grow as a person as well as a player. It is really nice to have a player on the floor that knows what to do with out having to be

told."

"Having her on the floor was like having a coach on the floor as she directed the action on the floor. I really do not know how much I will miss Sarah until the Lady Mules play their first game next year and I look out on the floor and she is not there."

"Not only will I miss Sarah being on the floor I will also miss the support of her parents. They have been two of my best supporters since I have been here and I will miss them."

"Sarah is my first player to sign a letter of intent to play basketball in college."

Coach Jamie Fisher of the Howard College Hawks presented Johnson with a Hawks College basketball shirt.

"Just to let Sarah know a little bit about what she is getting in to I will tell you a little about the Hawks. In 2008-2009 season we went to the National Championship Tournament. But we lost almost the whole team and last year was

a rebuilding season for us."

"There was a large piece missing from our puzzle and that was at point guard. When we watched Sarah play we knew she was the one that could bring our team picture together and lead us back to the National Tournament."

Johnson was selected as the Newcomer of the Year for District 2-2A in 2006-2007. She was first team All-District in 2007-2008 in District 2-2A.

She was named as the District 2-2A Offensive MVP in 2008-2009 as well as to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team.

In 2009-2010 Johnson was named a District 2-2A's MVP, TABC All-Region Team, TABC Academic All-State and has been chosen to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Game.

Her career statistics read as follows: 1542 points (second all-time high at MHS), 528 assists (all-time high), 281 steals (all-time high), 308 free throws made (all-time high) and 176 three pointers made (all time high).

Johnson career highs

are: 31 points in a game against Tulia, 15 assists in a game against Childress, 10 rebounds in a game against Springlake-Earth and seven steals in a game against Childress and Springlake.

She holds the record for most assists in a season with 175, most three pointers attempted in a season 197 and tied for the most three pointers made in a game with six against Dimmitt.

"I am really excited about playing for Howard College and Coach Diddle and Coach Fisher," said Johnson. "I visited Liberal and Pratt before deciding to play for Howard College."

"I really enjoyed playing with my friends and teammates as a Lady Mule. Coach Acree, Coach Sudduth and Coach Simms really taught me a lot about the game and I appreciate what they have all done for me."

"It has been great fun and I will miss them all," said Johnson.

"But I am also looking forward to moving up to the next level and see if our team can get to the National Tournament. That would be a thrill," he added.

Lady Mules drop 'heart-breaker'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules dropped a heartbreaker Tuesday afternoon to the Littlefield Lady Cats 6-5.

The Lady Mules came from behind to tie the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth with the heart of their batting order coming to the plate in the seventh.

Littlefield scored on a bloop single on a pitch well out of the zone to score one run in the top of the seventh.

BreAnn Baca walked after taking the count full and went to second on a wild pitch with two outs.

Val Olivas got too far under the pitch and popped out to the second baseman to end all hopes of a come back for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules fell behind the Lady Lopes of Abernathy 3-0 in the first inning and then could never catch up. The Lady Mules lost 7-4.

The 3-4 Lady Mules are one game behind the 4-3 Childress Lady Cats in the standings. The Lady Mules and Childress will battle April 22 in the final regular season game in Childress.

Dom Mata struck out three of the first seven Lady Cats that she faced. Littlefield did not score in the first two innings and only left one runner on base.

Tori Alvarado blasted a line shot to left field that rolled to the fence as she motored around the bases for a solo home run.

The Lady Cats came back in the top of third to score two runs on two hits and stranded three on base.

The Lady Cats added two more in the top of the fourth to lead the Lady Mules 4-1.

Olivas singled to right field with one out in the bottom of the fourth inning. Alvarado doubled to score Olivas and went to third on the throw home.

Jandy Gomez fly ball single to shallow center field scored Alvarado and cut the Littlefield lead to 4-3.

A hit batsman and an error allowed Littlefield to score one run in the top of the sixth for a 5-3 lead.

Olivas blasted a ground ball passed the second baseman to lead off the bottom of the sixth for the Lady Mules.

Alvarado reached on a swinging bunt down the third base line and both runners advanced on a passed ball.

Gomez reached on a ground ball and an error on the first baseman. Errors allowed Olivas and Alvarado to score before the final out of the inning and tie the game at 5-5.

The Lady Mules cut two runs off the Abernathy lead in the second inning. Alvarado walked to lead off the inning. Brenda Rodriguez singled to left field and both runners advanced on a passed ball.

Sara Johnson laid down a bunt to third base that scored Alvarado and moved B. Rodriguez to third. Johnson beat out the bunt.

An error on the second baseman allowed Baca to reach first and B. Rodriguez to score. The inning ended on a double play with the Lady Mules trailing 3-2.

Two walks and an error allowed one Abernathy runner to score to push the lead back to 4-2 after two innings.

Gomez was hit by a pitch in the top of the third inning and scored on a double to left by Alvarado. The Lady Mules trailed 4-3 after two and half innings. Abernathy got that run back in the bottom of the inning on errors.

The Lady Lopes put two more on the board in the bottom of the fourth to take a 7-3 lead.

Erika Rodriguez singled down the third baseline with two outs in the top of the seventh inning.

She stole second base on the first pitch to Gomez. Gomez reached on an error by the short stop.

Olivas singled to left to score E. Rodriguez but the Lady Mules could not keep the two-out rally

going long enough to extend the game.

The Lady Mules hosted Dimmitt Tuesday and will be home Saturday to host the Floydada Whirlwinds.

The Lady Mules are on the road April 22 to play the Childress Lady Cats in the final regular season game.



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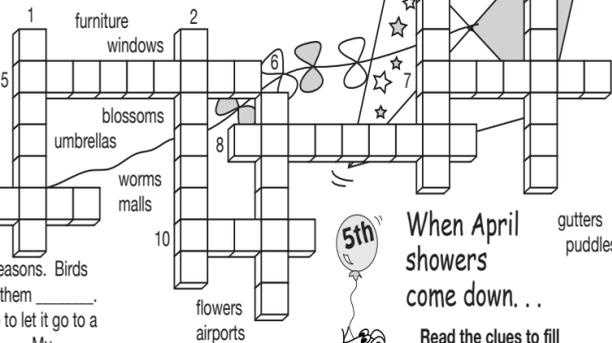
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What are we playing on if you go up when I go down?

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Lazbuddie individual track awards...

The individual awards from the district track meet for Lazbuddie High School were, from left to right, Jarrod Jesko, fifth place, 3200m run, 12:10; Jarrod Jesko, fifth, 1600m run, 5:30; Kylie McGehee, fourth, 200m dash, 28.5, area qualifier; Shea Scott, third, discus, 75' 8", area qualifier; Darin Ivy, third, pole vault, 10', area qualifier; Darin Ivy, fourth, high jump, 5' 2", area qualifier. The area track meet will be held at Lowry Field in Lubbock on April 16.

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It's Time for the 16th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards

The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 28 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 23, 2010.

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Columnist explains 'why you should vote!'

"This is election year," so the candidate said. Without intending to express a preference for one candidate over the others, I was glad to see one of them in a local race tell us to "get up and vote,"

I appreciated it. So I will tell you the same thing. And I will tell you why I think you should.

But here's a point I want to make clear—since moving into Muleshoe in October of 1954 to assume office as county judge I have not involved myself in any of the political races because I did not believe then, and I do not believe now, that it would be proper to

do that; for there would likely be instances in which I would be called on to render decisions on matters in which I had a personal interest. And that would be unworkable.

That is especially true where one serves as both a judge and a minister, as I did. And I promised to render efficient, courteous and unselfish service to all the people, regardless of their age, creed, color and without regard to their financial or other circumstances of life.

But that is not the purpose of this writing. I may write more about that in time to come, but

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

for now this is about the election—it's importance, what it means, why we should vote.

Now, a few years ago I asked this lady how she was "getting along?" And she said, "Not very well."

And she explained that a local election held a few days before did not go the way she wanted it to go. "And I could not even vote," she said. But she also said that would not happen again.

And she went on to

explain that if she had voted it would have made her feel better — that perhaps she would have discussed it before the election and consequently would be better informed.

"Who knows" she asked if she might not have influenced it a bit. But she had never registered, and had never voted. She had never thought it important.

Now let me say; that this was a very nice, highly intelligent woman. She

has a good job. She had just never given much thought to elections as to what are they, and how important they are. That may have been true, for we have had other elections and issues of recent date that might have been influenced.

For example; We have a commissioner, and a sheriff, each of whom were elected by a margin of three votes. In each case two people voting differently would have changed the outcome.

And we had an instance a few years ago in which a commissioner was elected by one vote. A couple living in that precinct told me that they had left home the morning of the election and talked about whether or not they should vote before leaving, but decided they wouldn't go to that trouble "because our vote wouldn't make any difference."

They also told me that if they had stayed and voted they would have voted for the man that lost the election.

But there is always more than the candidates involved. It's their respective policies. That is the thing that is

important. What kind of an official will he make?"

Lyndon Johnson was elected to the United States Senate by a majority of 87 votes. Eighty seven votes out of an approximate million is cutting it pretty slim. If 45 of those who voted for Johnson had voted for Gov. Stephenson he would have gone to Washington rather than Johnson. And that was for six years. That would have meant a tremendous difference in their policies. In other words "what were they for?"

We know of course that choosing people to public office is not the only way or purpose for which elections are held. But the financing of roads, bridges and other improvements — buildings etc., issuing bonds — authorized by popular vote — are equally important.

In fact the creation, development and operation of such improvements is a reflection of the quality and vision of the the people we put in office.

Finally, my one prayer is... may God continue to guide us.

NRCS announces water conservation assistance

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced the availability of \$61.2 million in financial assistance funding for Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) projects.

This funding will help producers conserve surface and ground water and improve water quality on agricultural land.

AWEP projects are implemented by NRCS entering into partnership agreements with eligible

entities. NRCS works with these partners to help landowners plan and implement conservation practices in project areas established through the agreements.

Partnership entities that are eligible to submit proposals for funding: federally recognized Indian Tribes, States, units of local government, agricultural associations, and other groups of producers — such as irrigation associations, agricultural land trusts,

or other nongovernmental organization.

When an AWEP project area has been approved and announced, individual producers may apply for program benefits through their local NRCS office.

Types of water enhancement activities intended with this request for proposal are: Water quality or water conservation plan development; water conservation restoration or enhancement projects; water quality or quantity

restoration or enhancement projects; irrigation system improvement and irrigation efficiency enhancements; activities designed to mitigate the effects of drought; and related activities determined to help achieve water quality or water conservation benefits on agricultural land.

The deadline for partner organizations to submit a proposal is May 17. For additional information, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/AWEP.



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Breakfast Casserole

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 lb. sausage
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 lb. Monterey Jack cheese

Spread crescent rolls on bottom of 9x13 inch pan. Brown sausage in skillet and drain. Spread sausage on top of crescent rolls. Beat eggs, milk and cheese together, and pour over sausage. Bake for 20 minutes at 375 degrees.

Tolk plant honored...

Continued from page 4 Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

David Low, Tolk plant director, complimented the employees, as well as Savage Companies, which provides coal-handling services for the plant.

"Our employees and Savage have strived for excellence over the past few years, and this national recognition reflects that effort," said Low. "Savage played a big role in winning this award by operating a well-run coal-handling facility. We have enjoyed a great partnership and we are proud to accept this award."

An in-house team at Southwestern Public

Service Company designed the two coal-fired, steam-electric generating units that make up the Tolk plant. The units, completed in 1982 and 1985, have a generating capacity of 540 megawatts each, for a total of 1,080 megawatts.

It is the largest generating plant in the Panhandle-Plains region, and its power is delivered not only to Xcel Energy customers in Texas and New Mexico, but also to customers of rural cooperatives and municipal utilities in the region.

Xcel Energy and Tolk Station will be recognized at a reception and power plant awards dinner in Baltimore on May 17.

United Methodist Women to meet

Sudan United Methodist Women Guild Circle will meet Monday, April 19, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The hostess will be Glyna Harrison and the leader for the program will be Patty Vincent.

The study for the meeting will continue on "The Disciples."

All women are invited to the meeting.

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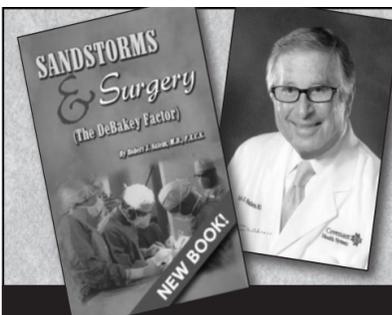
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Sports

Varsity Mules finish a 'great week'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules were coming off a great week with wins over Dimmitt and Friona before their bats fell silent. The Mules only recorded five hits and one run in this past week's games against Tulia and Childress.

The Mules went down to defeat 11-1 in Tulia on Tuesday and 12-0 Saturday at home against Childress.

The Hornets took advantage of three hits, two Mule errors and two free passes to score five runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The Mules did not get a base runner past second base until the top of fifth inning. The Hornets added three runs in the bottom of the second inning.

The Mules went in order in the second, third and fourth innings. Tulia scored three in the bottom of the fourth to extend their lead to 11-0.

The Mules first hit of the game came in the top of the fifth inning when Juan Guerrero doubled. Ryan DeLeon followed with a double to score Guerrero but the Mules could not extend the game past five innings.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Juan Guerra makes a great catch against the Childress Bobcats.

Saturday's game with Childress was almost an extension of the Tulia game. The Bobcats used a walk, back-to-back home runs and an error to score four runs in the top of the first inning.

The Mules went in order in the first and second innings and finally pushed a man to third base in the third before the inning ended on a ground out to short stop.

Childress scored two in the top of the second and three in the fourth inning. They added three more runs in the top

of the fifth to nail the Mule's coffin shut unless they could score four runs.

The Mules went down in order to end the game. The Mules only highlight came in the top of the fourth inning. Joey Ramirez scooped up a ground ball at short stop and flipped it to Jonathan Garcia at second base in time for the force.

Garcia turned and threw to Jared Skipworth but not in time to get the batter charging down the line. Skipworth fired a strike to home plate

and DJ Atwood made the catch and turned in time to make the tag on the runner coming home. It was a 6-4-3-2 double play.

The Mules will try to put the week behind them as they are still tied for third place with a 3-3 record. The Floydada Whirlwinds visited the Mules Tuesday evening and the Mules travel to Dimmitt on Saturday.

The Mules will host Friona on April 20th and the Tulia Hornets will visit the Mules on April 24 for the final regular season game.

Watson track teams win divisions at Farwell meet

The Watson Junior High Lady Mules seventh grade and eighth grade track teams recently competed in and won their respective divisions at the Farwell Junior High Track Meet.

The seventh grade team results were as follows: Muleshoe, 189; Sudan, 167; Farwell, 108; Crosbyton, 64; and Bovina, 40.

Seventh grade individual results were:

2400m Run - Angelina Perez, third; Ruby Andrade, fourth; Idali Cruz, sixth.

400m Relay - Kaylie Morris, Marissa Martinez, Daniella Diaz, Celeste Flores, second.

800m Run - Jade Rodriguez, third; Shanice Rosas, third.

100m Dash - Bernie Delgado, third; Angela Rodriguez, sixth.

800m Relay - Jade Rodriguez, Daniela Diaz, Shanice Rosas, Adriana Loya, third.

100m Hurdles - Kaylie Morris, third; Daniela Diaz, fifth.

400m Run - Marissa Martinez, third.

300m Hurdles - Celeste Flores, first.

200m Dash - Magen Cantrell, second; Adriana Loya, sixth.

1600m Run - Ruby Andrade, second;



Watson Junior High Lady Mules seventh grade

Yannette Orozco, third; Angela Rodriguez, sixth.

1600m Relay - Kaylie Morris, Adriana Loya, Marissa Martinez, Celeste Flores, first.

Triple Jump - Celeste Flores, first; Adriana Loya, sixth.

High Jump - Kaylie Morris, first; Miranda Debruin, fourth.

Long Jump - Celeste Flores, first.

Shot Put - Magen Cantrell, second; Shanice Rosas, third.

Discus - Michelle Chavez, second; Jade Rodriguez, sixth.

The eighth grade team results were as follows: Muleshoe, 195; Farwell, 138; Bovina, 114; Sudan, 78; and Crosbyton, 39.

The eighth grade individual results were:

2400m Run - Carolina Franco, first; Miranda Garza, third; Kristen Gonzales, sixth.

400m Relay - McKenna Dunham, Brittany Prater, Adrienne Precure, Katelyn Gable, first.

800m Run - Alexis Cortez, second; Hadlea Geissler, fourth.

100m Hurdles - Adrienne Precure, first; Brittany Prater, second.



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CLASSIFIEDS

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

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the High School Football Stadium Concessions and Restrooms, Muleshoe Independent School District, Muleshoe Texas. Proposals are due by 4:00pm, Thursday, April 22, 2010. No proposals will be accepted after this time. We specifically invite Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns, and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals.

Plans are available from: Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. 7810 Orlando Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79423 806-797-8400.

Plans are available for viewing in the following locations: Lee Lewis Job Site Trailer - Muleshoe High School AGC Plan Room - Lubbock Dodge Plan Room - Lubbock Dodge - Scan

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Minsa Corporation is taking bids on remodeling the facilities restrooms in their production plant. Those parties interested may pick up a packet at Minsa Corporation Main Office. One onsite meeting will be held on April 21, 2010 at 2:00 pm to look over the construction site area and existing structure. Packets may be picked up at this time. Contact Tony Scolley to schedule your attendance and/or interest in the project.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Muleshoe General Election, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District General Election, and the Muleshoe Independent School District

General Election to be held on May 8, 2010 will be tested on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 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

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICA MENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el quipo para tabular quomáticamente que estara usado en la elleccions de la Ciudad de Muleshoe, Muleshoe Area Hospital District, y Muleshoe Independent School District, que se lavara a cabo el dia 8 de Mayo de 2010, se probara el miercoles el 20 de April de 2010, 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 Secretaria de la Ciudad de Muleshoe

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Announcement of the Application Period for the HOME Owner Occupied Program to Reconstruct Homes for Low-Income Homeowners

The City of Muleshoe has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Owner-Occupied Reconstruction program within the city limits of Muleshoe. This program is designed to reconstruct homes for eligible low-income homeowners who occupy their homes.

The application

period will be open from April 19 - May 19, 2010. The first five households to (1) complete and return the application information, (2) provide all requested information to verify eligibility, (3) meet all eligibility requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.

The city will host an Application Workshop to provide program information and to assist homeowners with the completion of application materials. Applicants are encouraged to attend this workshop but are not required to participate in this workshop as an eligibility requirement.

May 5, 2010 at 1:30 pm, Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First

Special advance arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs or for persons needing alternative time or locations by calling David Brunson 806.272.4528.

Application packets will be available for pick up at the Muleshoe City Hall starting on April 19, 2010.

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The City of Muleshoe is accepting applications for lifeguards and concession stand workers for the new water park. Upon employment, subject may be required to pass a drug test. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. EOE, ADA.

The City of Muleshoe is taking applications for a worker in the Public Works Department. High school graduate/GED required. Upon employment, subject may be required to pass a drug test. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. Position open until filled. EOE, ADA.

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- 3-1 3/4-2 Home on 80 acres, Geothermal Heat & Air, 2-10 hp. sub. IN CONTRACT across east side. Good productive soil!!! \$150K!!
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Grant wins Republican runoff

Bailey County Precinct 2 Incumbent C.E. Grant took Tuesday's Republican runoff with 18 votes to spare, according to the results released by County Clerk Paula Benton.

In the early vote, Grant lead his opponent James Brown 53 to 44.

In Tuesday's regular runoff election, Grant maintain the same lead percentage, taking the precinct 2 box with 97

votes to Brown's 87.

"I respect the man as much as any man around," Grant said following Tuesday's win, adding that if he'd lost the runoff there wasn't anyone else he would

have preferred to lose to.

With the results of Tuesday's election, Grant will go into the November general election unopposed unless a write-in candidate files at a later date.

The final total was 150 votes for Grant, and 131 for Brown.

In the state-wide Republican runoff for Texas Supreme Court, place 3, Rick Green took the race in Bailey County, garnering 150 votes to opponent Debra Lehrman's 72.

In the early vote, Green led Lehrman 55 to 20. In Tuesday's regular vote, he maintained his lead 95 votes to 52.

Softball is starting soon

Anyone interested in signing up for softball should call one of the following individuals: Carl Paterson at 946-8854, Rudy Perez at 729-2100, Tony Ramirez at 729-6172, or Michael Cortez at 946-6759.

The softball organization is also seeking more umpires.

Anyone interested in officiating games is encouraged to call also.

Earth Day at Earth set

The Women of Earth are hosting Earth Day 2010 with craft booth and food vendors on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For additional information, call 806-215-1031.

Bridal Selections

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Cade Hooten
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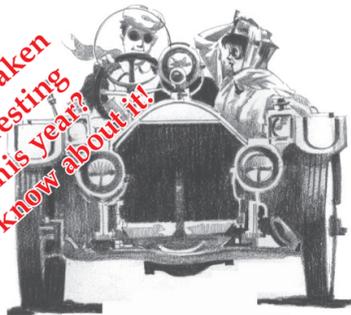


Girl Scouts to receive a new door

Leslie Kirby of Excel Energy presented Alicia Pope, Daisy Girl Scout leader, with a \$400 check on Monday, April 12. The money was donated by Excel for the purpose of buying a new front door for the Muleshoe Girl Scout Little Hut on 815 W. Second Street. Pictured above, from left to right are: Nelda Merrriot, Kristen Pope, Brianna Barraz, Emma Anglin, Alicia Pope and Leslie Kirby.

Muleshoe on the Move

Have you taken an interesting trip this year? Let us know about it!



"Muleshoe on the Move" is a reader-based column in the Muleshoe Journal. Our readers have the opportunity to tell about their "unique" vacation experiences, include one or two photographs, and even a short video to be included on the Journal's web page.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0010049001

APPLICATION. City of Muleshoe, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend wastewater disposal Permit No. WQ0010049001 to authorize an increase in the disposal of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 640,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation on 78 acres of golf course via Outfall 001 and 240 acres of non-public access agricultural land via Outfall 002. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and southern disposal site are located approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas 79347. The northern effluent disposal site consists of an agricultural land application site and a golf course land application site which are located approximately 1.0 mile northeast of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas 79347. TCEQ received this application on February 4, 2010. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Muleshoe at the address stated above or by calling Mr. David Burnson, City Manager at 806-272-4528.

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