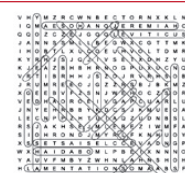




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## Hospital district candidates speak out

As part of its efforts to keep the voting public informed, the Muleshoe Journal asked the candidates for Muleshoe Area Hospital District Place 2 — Scott Brown and Daniel Patterson to respond to a questionnaire.

Scott Brown, the incumbent, has lived in Muleshoe for 18-1/2 years, and is employed at Hilltop Dairy as a bookkeeper. He has a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Texas Christian University. He has been married to his wife, Claire, for almost 33 years. They have two grown children and four grandchildren.



Scott Brown

Daniel Patterson was born and raised in Muleshoe. He attended Eastern New Mexico University after high school and graduated with a bachelor of science in psychology and in religion, and currently preaches



the Progress Baptist Church in Progress. He is a police officer for the City of Farwell Police Department and also works for United Supermarkets. His wife, Emily, is a police officer with the City of Lubbock at the Lubbock Airport Police Department. He

is the son Lionel and Liz Patterson, both formerly of Muleshoe.

*Please list your qualifications for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.*



Daniel Patterson

**Brown** — As the incumbent, I have gained knowledge of medical terminology and of how the medical field works. I also have accounting experience and that helps with the business side of things.

**Patterson** — I have

been a part of this community my entire life and the majority of my family have been in the medical field, including both my father and my mother, my grandmother, my sister and my aunts. I was raised by and around people who worked for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, so I have had a personal investment into having the hospital district being effective and efficient my entire life.

I have served and currently serve on the board of directors of the Plains Baptist Assembly for the Llanos Altos Baptist Association. I

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mule Alondra Villarreal is called safe at home during the game against Idalou.

## Settling dust shows Lady Mules locked in third

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Lady Mules were in sole possession of third place in the district going into Saturday's game with Idalou. But, when the dust settled the Lady Mules were

locked in a tie for third with Idalou and risk the possibility of not making the playoffs.

The Lady Mules will wrap up their regular season against the 0-9 Dimmitt Bobbies Saturday afternoon.

Idalou has a tougher game against the number two team in the district, the 7-2 Abernathy Lady Lopes.

Idalou took advantage of eight free passes in the first inning to jump in front of the Lady Mules

7-0 in the top of the first inning. Dominique Mata fanned the first batter she faced on three straight pitches. She walked eight of the next 10 batters, gave up one hit and struck out one.

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## Sudan residents take time to help one of their own

A tragedy almost too horrible to think about... two young children allegedly murdered by their own father, the apparent result of a custody battle gone wrong.

Nothing can prepare a parent... a mother, such as Lauren Smith of Sudan, for the news of her sons' death at the reported hands of their own father, Gabriel Armandariz of Graham.

Such was the case recently for the relatively new resident of Sudan and waitress at the Chuckwagon Restaurant who learned of the death of her sons — Gatlin, 2, and Luke, 8 months, from a text message allegedly sent her by their father.

But while the horror of murders might have been a surprise, the

response from the small community south east of Muleshoe wasn't.

It's a good community, filled with good people. People who care for one of their own... even if that one has only been in their midst a short while. In the case of Lauren Smith, about five months. She started working at the Chuckwagon in October 2010.

"If this happened to my child, I would want to know I had the support of the community," said Elissa Conley of Sudan.

On Saturday, April 16, a pancake breakfast benefit was held at the Chuckwagon Restaurant with the proceeds going to do what most parents can hardly imagine...

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## State survey raises question: Is Park View 'substandard?'

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

"This facility was found to be providing substandard quality of care."

With such words, the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Care has described Park View Nursing Care Center on a state website specifically designed to help the general public in its decisions concerning the placement of potential nursing home residents.

While the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, including Park View, have taken great strides in its financial stability during the past year, the



state and federal surveys conducted at the nursing home in March appears to be the worst in the nursing home's history.

Federal officials who inspected the Muleshoe facility in March noted 20 deficiencies of varying

degree, including five described as being an "immediate jeopardy to resident health and safety" — the most serious level of concern.

A total of 20 state violations were also noted, some of which

according to the state's posted report reflect federal findings.

Information received from Department of Aging and Disability Care notes that penalties imposed for "immediate jeopardy" deficiencies

— or "IJ's in the department's slang, can range from \$3,050 to \$10,000 per day.

And nursing home regulations state that such penalties continue until the facility submits its written plan of correction.

It should also be noted that an appeals process exists, and that the initial imposed fee may differ from the final assessed fine following the appeals process.

Among the "IJ's received from the March 18, 2011, survey are:

- The facility did not let the resident refuse

treatment or refuse to take part in an experiment.

- The facility did not protect residents from mistreatment, neglect and/or theft of personal property.

- The facility did not write and use policies that forbid mistreatment, neglect and abuse of residents and theft of residents' property.

- The facility did not have a program to keep infection from spreading.

- The facility was not administered in a way that leads to the highest level of well being for

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## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### Community Holy Week services

Holy Week services remaining for this week include a Holy Thursday service on April 21, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church.

Also, the Easter Sunday Sunrise service will be held at the New City Park's basketball court, across from 16& Ave. D Church of Christ Refreshments will be served following the service at 16& Ave. D Church of Christ.

### Mayor's prayer lunch

Mayor Cliff Black invites the public to attend the Mayor's prayer lunch on Thursday, May 5, from noon until 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Donations will be accepted.

### Women's softball

The Muleshoe Softball League is now accepting entries for the Women's Spring League.

If you are interested in entering a softball team contact Carl Patterson at 946-8854, Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100 or Janie Salazar at 806-891-1452.

### Prom, banquet date announced

MHS Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom will be on the evening of Saturday, May 14. Students will be treated to "An Evening in Paradise," sponsored by the Class of 2012. For additional information contact Valorie McCamish at Muleshoe High School, 272-7303.

### Talent show set for May 5

Muleshoe High School FCCLA is sponsoring a talent show on May 5 to benefit Bailey County Relay for Life. Entries are open to all Muleshoe Independent School District students and their families. Registration forms may be picked up at any school. Registration are still being accepted. For more information contact Valorie McCamish at MHS at 272-7303.

### Junior parent planning meeting

An MISD junior parent meeting will be held Monday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m., in the Muleshoe High School commons area, to discuss and plan more details of the Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom. All junior parents are encouraged to attend. Many parent volunteers are needed for various committees such as cooking/grilling, decorating, clean up, and chaperone, etc.

### Softball tournament

Bailey County Relay for Life is hosting a co-ed softball tournament April 29-30. The entry fee is \$125, and the deadline for entering is April 28. For additional information, call Patty at 806-272-5831, or Raul at 806-729-5553.

### Lazbuddie open house, dinner

The Lazbuddie Elementary will be hosting an open house and dinner on Thursday, May 5, to show off the improvements by the district's teachers and staff. Family, friends and the community will have an opportunity to enjoy dinner, visit the elementary classrooms, and participate in a live cake auction. The festivities begin at 6 p.m., and run through 8 p.m., with Pre-K and Kindergarten registration taking place from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., with a cake auction following at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 965-2152.

### MHS awards

Muleshoe High School's Celebration of Educational Excellence awards night has been set for May 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

# Watch out! It's a stampede!

It was horrible! Frightening beyond belief.

I've watched John Wayne, Clint Eastwood and Robert Duvall as they experienced the same thing... well, similar things, but you never know what it's going to be like until you're right there... in the middle of a stampede.

It's not just a case of cattle or other livestock wanting to go where you don't want them to go, it's the total confusion and absolute lack of control you have over the situation.

Sure, you can try to get ahead of them, but there's always the possibility of reaching the lead and not being able to turn the herd. Such was the fear I experienced when it recently happened to me.

Do you remember the scene in "The Cowboys?" A couple of kid wranglers watching the herd at night find themselves in a tense situation, and then it happened... a



by Larry Thornton

stampede.

It's been awhile since I watched the movie. Although I'm a great John Wayne fan, I tend not to watch the movies in which the Duke ends up on the wrong side of the dirt. But as I recall one of the youngsters, the one with the glasses, ended up being buried on the lone prairie.

It didn't matter if the kid liked the tune that described his final resting place or not. He was a goner, and the same thing could have happened to me if I hadn't kept my wits about me.

Over the years, I've dealt with a couple of vicious horses and a cow or two that seemed to enjoy puncturing people.

I've dealt with dogs

that ignored the crime and wanted to "take a bite out of the officer," and spouses — not my own — who tended not to remember Paul's writings in Ephesians 5. I've listened to bullets traveling by a couple of inches away, and recall a few diner meals that were a bit terrifying in

their own right, but none of these were like the stampede on the stretch of road south of the YL Pavement to Hwy. 84.

I was driving along, my wife in the passenger seat, when the truck was suddenly surrounded by the beasts.

"Stampede!" I yelled. My wife ignored the terror in my voice. Her reaction was something like, "They're only prairie dogs... get over it."

Yah, but what if they'd been really, really, big prairie dogs... what then?

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## Resurrection hope in the midst of calamity

As most of our friends and parishioners know, my brothers and I, all four of us preachers, head to Robert Lee, a couple of times a year to spend some time together at the old homeplace of our maternal grandparents.

The other guys usually manage to get there, each alone, from one to a few additional times each year for study retreats, etc.

I live a bit closer to Robert Lee than the others, which means, of course, that so far I have managed to get away for almost no time alone there ever. That is a shame, and it is my own fault.

Don't get me wrong. We love the time together, but my brothers assure me that being there alone and drinking in some quiet time is worth a ton in its own right.

I really enjoy the company of those miscreants, but I've always found myself to be excellent company by myself, too. I need to try it.

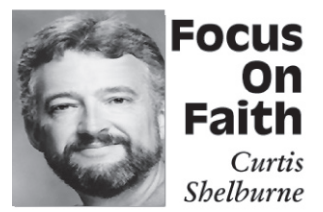
I call our biannual get-togethers the Coke County Ministry Conference. I've derived far more ministerial benefit from those gatherings than any actual ministry conference I've ever attended.

We had a great time at the most recent one, even though we probably should have taken turns preaching sermons to each other warning of hell. We were there a bit later in the spring than usual; afternoon temperatures were already hovering obscenely around 100, and we were roasting.

Add a little — actually, a lot — of wind to that, and it was seriously hot.

It was also dangerously dry. I didn't see any brimstone, but the fire danger was extreme.

A few days ago the chance of fire became the certainty of fire as a major wildfire threatened



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Curtis Shelburne

the towns of Robert Lee and Bronte. Some of our family there have had to leave their homes, and

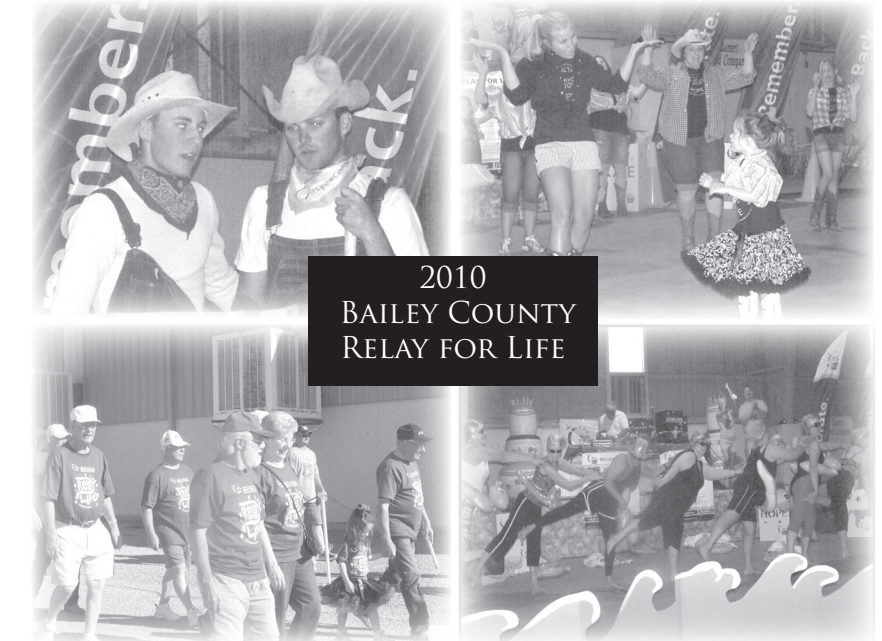
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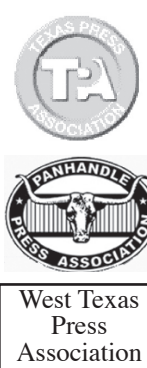
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# Park View problems... Continued from page 1

each residence.

The remaining 15 deficiencies were described as causing "minimal harm of potential for actual harm."

The state's imposed penalty for the lesser

violations could range from \$50 to \$3,000 per day, according to nursing home regulations.

When contacted about the report Park View had received from the state, administrator Maegan Chisholm, said a letter

indicating imposed fines facing the nursing home wasn't included with the report she received from the state.

It was clarified Tuesday by state officials that the letter regarding the imposed penalties would

be sent separately by certified mail.

Chisholm also said Park View's required plan of action to correct the deficiencies had yet to be completed.

Of the "IJ's listed in the report, Chisholm said one — regarding infection control at Park View, was incorrect and should be corrected by the state.

Chisholm declined further comment.

Prior to the recent survey, the nursing home has had several surveys in which the facility was noted as being "out of compliance" on an issue, but according to the history posted by state officials, "there were no deficiencies that caused residents harm or immediate jeopardy."

In fact, the only two surveys that indicate Muleshoe's nursing home provided "substandard quality of care" was in May 2002 and December 2003. The residents were moved from the Muleshoe Area Medical Center complex to the current location on North Ave. J in 2001, according to hospital district officials.

## Minor deficiencies noted

The lesser violations noted in the state's survey of Park View Nursing Care Center — which were noted as being of "minimal harm or potential for actual harm, included:

- The facility did not keep each resident's personal and medical records private and confidential.

- The facility did not provide care in a way that keeps or builds each resident's dignity and self-respect.

- The facility did not keep temperature levels comfortable and safe.

- The facility did not keep sound levels comfortable.

- The facility did not give each resident care and services to get or keep the highest quality of life possible.

- The facility did not make sure that residents who cannot care for themselves receive help with eating/drinking, grooming and hygiene.

- The facility did

not make sure that the nursing home area is free of dangers that cause accidents.

- The facility did not 1) make sure that residents are not given too many drug doses or for too long; or

- 2) make sure that the use of drugs is carefully watched; or

- 3) stop or change drugs with unwanted effects; or

- 4) make sure that residents who have not taken antipsychotic drugs are not given these drugs, unless they are used to treat a problem that is diagnosed and noted; or

- 5) gradually lower the dose of residents' antipsychotic drugs, unless this causes negative medical effects.

- The facility did not keep the rate of medication errors (wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong time) to less than five percent.

- The facility did not prepare food that is nutritional, appetizing, tasty, attractive, well cooked, and at the right

temperature.

- The facility did not get food from approved places and store, cook, and give out food in a safe and clean way.

- The facility failed to obtain and provide drugs as needed or use the services of a licensed pharmacist.

- The facility did not make sure that the nursing home area is safe, easy to use, clean and comfortable.

- The facility did not give or get lab tests to meet the needs of residents.

- The facility failed to ensure that doors in smoke barriers are substantial doors that will resist fire for at least 20 minutes, and that facilities that must meet New criteria have doors that swing with exit travel.

For a view of the complete Park View survey, including the state's additional violations, go to "http://facilityquality.dads.state.tx.us/qrs/public/qrs.do" and press the link "QRS Search."

## Engagement



### Diaz, Davis to wed

Harold and Dawn Diaz of Earth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaimie Diaz, to Matt Davis.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Farwell High School and a 2009 graduate of Lubbock Christian University.

She is employed as a teacher and coach by the Muleshoe Independent School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Alan and Kathy Davis of Hale Center.

He is a graduate of Hale Center High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University.

He is employed as a crop consultant by Sudan Farmers Coop.

The couple will be married on June 25 at the Underground Embassy in Clovis, N.M.

### Obituaries and Death notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

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## Senior Citizen News

By Katrina Scott

As we draw closer to the end of April, and May is peeking around the corner, prayers continue to pour out for much needed rain.

Please, keep all those that have lost their homes and been affected by the fires.

Also, remember to join us on Thursday, April 21, as we will be celebrating all of our April birthdays.

Join us for lunch then stay for a game of bingo starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center will be open on Good Friday.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 26, from 7-10 p.m., and come join us for some food, fun, fellowship and dancing. Call all of your friends, bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy a night out.

On Thursday, April

28, at 1:30 p.m., come join us for bingo. Bring a friend for lunch and stay for a fun afternoon of bingo, refreshments and prizes.

Menu for April 25-29:

Monday, April 25 — King Ranch chicken, pinto beans, salad, chips, salsa and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, April 26 — Liver and onions with brown gravy, Italian slaw, scalloped potatoes, biscuits, peaches and cream.

Wednesday, April 27 — Grilled steaks, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and apple-blueberry cobbler.

Thursday, April 28 — Barbecued pork on a bun, potato salad, ranch beans and spice cake.

Friday, April 29 — Fish or chicken, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

## Engagement



### Calley, Black to wed

Darryl and Teena Calley of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Aryn Calley of Lubbock and formerly of Snyder, to Cody Black of Lubbock and formerly of Muleshoe.

The future groom is the son of Cliff and Carren Black of Muleshoe. The wedding ceremony has been set for June 25, 2011, at 2 p.m., at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock.

## Focus on Faith...

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The guys have joined in to help try to get the blaze under control.

One report mentioned that the residents of the nursing home just across the creek from my grandparents' old place has been evacuated.

The fire has been very near Paint Creek and the picturesque little cemetery eight miles out where my parents and grandparents are buried. At last report, though the fire has burned over 100,000 acres and is only 10 percent contained, the two aforementioned towns are no longer in the "line of fire."

I've been checking web-based weather and news outlets for late news. Oddly enough, I'm not

sure if I'd say my brothers and I left Robert Lee at just the right time, or if I'd say that I'd give a good bit to be there right now. I'm sure four preachers would be invaluable fire-fighting assistance!

Earthquakes, tsunamis, fires. A guy with questionable theology and a flare for writing could make a million right now. I'm sure some will.

Sunday is Easter. Pope John Paul II spoke well when he said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

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# Obituaries

## Duease 'Punk' Bragg

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Duease "Punk" Bragg at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011, at a graveside service being held at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ms. Bragg passed away on April 8, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif., where a celebration service was held in her honor on April 11, at Melrose Abbey Memorial Park.

An only child, she was born on Nov. 20, 1926, to E.D. and Lottie Buck in Temple, and graduated from Lubbock High School on May 21, 1945.

She then, at 18 years of age, traveled alone by train to marry George Bragg, Jr., on June 16, 1945, in Modesto, Calif., where he was serving in the US Navy.

They returned to Lubbock in 1946 where they resided until 1953, when they relocated to Muleshoe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and, then by her beloved husband George on March 7, 1967.

A strong, independent woman, Punk was a very special lady with an infectious smile. She loved her family, her friends and life in general and



reflected a zest for life that was noticed by all, regardless of age. To know her truly was to love her because of her bright, optimistic and fun outlook on life.

She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Her loving survivors include three children — Karran Martin of North Richland Hills; Randy "Sonny" Bragg of Orange, Calif.; and Steve Bragg of Irvine, Calif.; four grandchildren — Melisa Martin Vitano of Dallas, Jeremy Martin of Newark, Chris Bragg of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Ashley Bragg of Los Angeles, Calif.; a great-grandchild — Andrew Martin of Cypress, Calif. Also, her daughter-in-law, Phyllis Bragg of Orange, Calif., and her son-in-law, Eric Lord of Irvine, Calif.

If you desire to honor her life, the family suggests you consider a donation to the American Lung Association, or the charity of your choice.

## Alyne Cook

Graveside services for Alyne Lookadoo Bass Cook, 91, of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe and Amherst, are scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Josh Reglen of Lubbock and Ronnie Hedges of Brownfield officiating.

Mrs. Cook died on Monday, April 18, 2011, in Lubbock. She was born on Nov. 11, 1919, to James William and Josie Hassetine (Wright) Buchanan in Cooper.

She married Jefferson R. Cook in Snyder, Okla., on Aug. 9, 1986. He preceded her in death on May 10, 2002.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and six brothers.

Mrs. Cook moved to Lubbock in May 2002. She had lived in the



Muleshoe area from 1955 to 1981.

She was a homemaker and a member of Primitive Baptist Church in Littlefield.

Survivors include two daughters — Leoma Josephine Jenkins of Arlington and Everitta Rozelle Nugent of Lubbock; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

The services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

## Gatlin and Luke Armandariz

Gatlin Armandariz, 2, and Luke Armandariz, 8 months, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2011, in Graham.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 18, at Bethany Baptist Church with Pastor Stephen Claybrook officiating. Interment followed in the Sudan Cemetery.

The boys were residents with their mother in Sudan.

Gatlin and Luke are survived by their mother — Lauren Kay Smith of Sudan; a sister — Kamryn Larremore of Breckenridge; maternal grandparents — Sandra Smith of Eastland, Martin Smith and wife Becky of Houston; paternal grandparents — Joe and Geneva Armandariz of Graham; aunts and uncles, Gena Van Meter and husband Jesse of Sudan, Brittany Nieves and husband Erick of

Breckenridge, Anita Torrez of Wichita Falls, Geneva Dean and husband Al of Graham, Marcella Jimesses and husband Juan of Graham, Joaquin Armandariz of Graham, Hope Armandariz of Graham, Bianca Armandariz of Wichita Falls, Melissa Armandariz of Childress, Alice Armandariz and husband Ruben of Georgia, Joe Armandariz of Graham; great-aunts and uncles, Steve and Robin Hayes of Eastland, Shane and Danielle Howeth of Gainesville, Stanley and Shannon Howeth of Breckenridge; great-grandmother, Sammie Howeth of Breckenridge; great-great-uncles and aunts — Dale and Jo Howeth of Graham.

Condolences may be made online at www.morehartmortuary.net

## Death Notices

### Hubert Dykes

Amherst resident Hubert Dykes, 97, died on April 13, 2011, in Amherst. He was born on Oct. 9, 1913, to Homer L. and Dosha Dykes in Bell County. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 16, at Primitive Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

## Births



### Elizabeth Burch

Keith and Brenna Burch of Lazbuddie announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Grace, on Feb. 28, 2011, at 12:29 p.m. at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock.

Libby weighed 8 lb., 9 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Her grandparents are David and Janie Belew of Midland and Kirby and Vickie Burch of Lazbuddie.

## News about your college student

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution.

Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us.

Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news!

Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

# Baby Shower



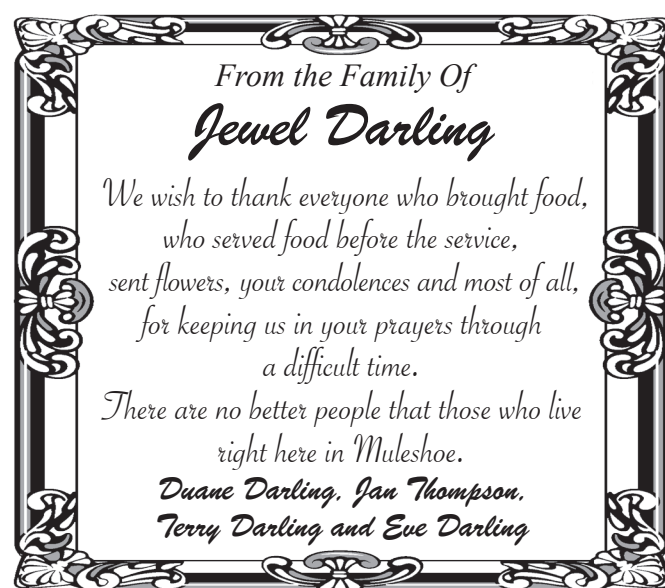
## Conner honored

Meagan Conner was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, April 3, at the home of Rayniel Bamert of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Madison Bamert, Rayniel Bamert, Cindy Barrett, Becky Collins, Jo Ellen Cowart, Barbara Finney, Billie Graves, Karen Harris, Sue Holt, Debbie Hutto, Abby Lawrence, Jan Lawrence, Rhonda Myers, Marilyn Riley and Jody Wood.

The hostess gift present to Conner was a Chico travel system with a car seat and stroller.

Special guests included Debbie Conner, Linda Conner, Geneva Malone, Charissa Conner, Sherri Henly, Cindy Lewis, Bethany Lewis, Britany Lewis, Shelby Lowe, Payton Lowe and Becky Collins.



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(A los votantes registrados del Muleshoe Area Hospital District)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 14 2011 for voting in a general election to elect:

Board Member Place 2  
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Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 2, 2011  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 2 de Mayo 2011)

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Early voting hours are extended from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on May 3, 2011 and May 10, 2010 as required under Section 85.005 (d) of the Election Code.  
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Issued this the 27th day of January, 2011.  
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F/ Bill Liles  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

## Donations for transplant sought

Donations are being accepted for Orlando Reyes, the husband of Muleshoe resident Julie Reyes, who is currently in a Zacatecoluca, La Paz, El Salvador hospital awaiting a kidney transplant.

Reyes, who has been suffering from Gitelman Syndrome for the past four years, was working for area dairies before electing to return to El Salvador to seek the kidney transplant because of the significantly lower cost for the procedure.

According to Julie Reyes, Orlando — who had been working and residing in the United



Orlando Reyes

States illegally for several years, had been working on his citizenship papers, and hopes to return to the states after the transplant.

An account has been set up at Muleshoe State Bank for donations.

# Sports

## Lady Mules softball... Continued from page 1

Idalou held on to dump the Lady Mules 11-7 despite a two-run rally in the seventh inning. The Lady Mules scored seven runs on 11 hits and took advantage of three errors by Idalou. The Lady Cats scored 11 runs on just four hits and used two errors for the win.

Erika Rodriguez sent a ground ball single to left field lead off for the Lady Mules in the bottom of the first. She went to second on a passed ball and stole third when the catcher did not hustle for the passed ball.

Val Olivas sent a towering fly ball to right field to sacrifice home Rodriguez. Idalou led 7-1 after one inning.

Mata seemed to get her stroke back in the top of second inning as she struck out two and got a batter to hit a ground ball to Olivas at short.

Olivas made the scoop and fired a strike to Sabrina Chavez at first



An unidentified Lady Mule swings away in game against Idalou.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

for the out.

Chavez took four straight pitches for a one-out walk in the bottom of the second. Alondra Villareal drew a walk before Lexi Cortez line drive double went to the fence in right field. Chavez scored from

second but Villareal was thrown out at home for the second out.

Mata brought L. Cortez home with a ground ball single to left. The Lady Mules trailed 7-3 after two innings.

Idalou added their final four runs in the

top of the third innings. They pushed four runs across on one hit, an error and five walks. Marissa Cortez came on in relief and stuck out the only batter she faced.

Tori Alvarado raced out of the catcher's box toward the Lady Mule

dugout. She made a running catch for the first out of the inning.

Olivas singled to left and stole second base in the bottom of the third inning. Alvarado's bouncer zipped by the shortstop and Olivas scored for the Lady

Mules only run of the inning. The Lady Mules trailed 11-4 after three innings.

Cortez fanned the first two batters she faced in the top of the fourth and Chavez made a stabbing catch in foul territory for the final out. Cortez fanned two more Lady Cats before the game ended.

The Lady Mules did not score again until the sixth inning with Villareal sent a ground ball to the fence in left for a triple.

She scored on a sacrifice ground ball to second by L. Cortez. The Lady Mules trailed 11-5 after six innings.

Olivas took the count full before drawing a one-out walk. Alvarado sent a line drive double to left field to put runners at second and third.

Linda Sanchez grounded out to short but the sacrifice allowed Olivas to score and Alvarado went to third.

Chavez line drive single to right field scored Alvarado for the Lady Mules final run.

The Lady Mules travel to Dimmitt on Saturday to face the Bobbies for the final regular game of the season.

A win by the Lady Mules and Idalou would trigger a play off game with Idalou for third place. A loss by either team would eliminate them from the post season.

## Mules come up short in 'must win' game

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules hosted the Floydada Whirlwinds Tuesday night for a game they needed to win.

The Mule bats all but silent in the first five innings.

Their only hit was a smash over the left field fence for a home run by Juan Guerrero.

The Mule bats heated up in the final inning with the Mules trailing 9-2.

Juan Sanchez walked, stole second and went to third on a throwing error by the Winds' catcher. Ryan DeLeon tied the shortstop in knots with a hot ground ball.

The error at short allowed DeLeon to reach safely and Sanchez went home for the Mules third run.

A sacrifice bunt to third by Alfredo Sanchez moved DeLeon to second.

Isaac Baca ripped a line drive through the hole for a triple and scored DeLeon. Joey Ramirez walked on four straight pitches

Saul Elizalde tripled down the right field line and scored Baca and Ramirez. Elizalde was awarded home on a balk on the pitcher.

Elizalde's run ended the rally for the Mules two runs short of a tie

and three runs away from a win.

Ramirez scored the Mules' second run in the bottom of the sixth inning. He worked the count full before walking and he stole second base.

Back-to-back wild pitches allowed Ramirez to advance to third and then go home.

The Mules had scored seven runs on four hits and took advantage of two Floydada errors.

The Whirlwinds scored nine runs on six hits and four Mule errors.

The Mules stranded three runners on base while Floydada left nine.

Elizalde started the game and DeLeon came on in relief in the fourth inning. The two combined to strike out three and issued eight free passes.

Floydada scored one run in the first inning and added two in the second. They picked up two more runs in the fourth inning and three in the fifth.

Their final run came in

the seventh inning.

The Mules traveled to Friona on Saturday and defeated the Chieftains 10-4.

The Mules returned home on Tuesday to face the Littlefield Wildcats.

Then the Mules hit the road to Dimmitt on Saturday and play their final regular season game April 29 when they host the Abernathy Antelopes.

## Lady Mules bring home bronze

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules won the team bronze medal in the District 2-2A Meet held in Abernathy Saturday.

Littlefield and Idalou finished ahead of the Lady Mules and Floydada, Abernathy, Dimmitt, Tulia and Friona rounded out the

meet.

Daniela Diaz won the only gold medal of the day for the Lady Mules in the pole vault. She cleared seven feet six inches for the win.

Shanice Rosas earned the silver medal in the discus with a throw of 66-07. She also placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 23-10.5.

Michelle Chavez took fifth in the discus with a throw of 62-07.

Mariah Alfaro finished fourth in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 26.47 seconds.

Ruby Andrade placed sixth with an 11:24.76 in the same race. Celeste Flores placed fourth in the triple jump with a

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### Nominate your favorite Teacher NOW 18th Annual Teacher of the Year



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.

We will also honor an outstanding Staff Member of the Year. This award is only open to employees who are not classroom teachers (For example: teacher aid, secretary, custodian, maintenance, food service, bus driver. etc.)

If you would like to nominate a teacher or staff member 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, May 6, 2011.

**The Muleshoe ISD will be presenting the Award at the General Faculty Meeting on May 27 in the High School Auditorium.**

These awards are underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank, each consist of a golden apple and check for \$250.00.

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# Sports

## Seventh grade ladies "run away with the gold"

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules stood tall a proud on the top tier of the winners stand in the District 2-2A Track Meet in Abernathy Saturday.

The Lady Mules amassed 167.5 points to run away with the team gold.

Littlefield, Idalou, Abernathy, Dimmitt, Tulia, Friona and Floydada all finished behind the Lady Mules.

Cassidee Moore won the first gold medal of the day for the Lady Mules in the high jump.

She leaped four feet six inches for the win. Brooklyn Beall placed

fourth in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 50.37 seconds.

Kaytlin Moore hop, skipped and jumped her way to the gold medal in the triple jump with a total distance of 30-09.00.

Sasha Esparza had a silver medal throw in the discus of 67-05.

K. Moore earned a silver medal in the long jump with a leap of 13-10.25. C. Moore placed fourth in the same event with a leap of 12-08.75.

Baylee Ruthardt won the bronze medal in the pole vault by clearing 5-06.

Kennedi Nickels and Megan Pierson placed

fourth and fifth with heights of 5-06 and 5-00 respectively.

C. Moore won her second gold medal of the day in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:07.50.

Blanca Ramirez finished fifth in the same event with a 1:15.18.

Nickels finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 19.90.

Jazmin Arellano raced down the track in the 100-meter dash for the gold medal in a time of 13.67.

Ruby Regalado placed fourth in the same race with a 14.51.

The 4x200-meter relay team had a silver medal time of 2:02.54.

K. Moore finished the 200-meter dash with a silver medal time of 29.61.

Jasmine Garza earned

the bronze medal in the 200- with a time of 30.44 and Desiree Guitierrez placed fourth with a 30.93.

Ramirez and Keidi Salas had times of 2:50.90 and 2:53.87 for the gold and silver medals in the 800-meter run.

Zoe Apodaca finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:02.35.

Aimee Rosas finished strong for the gold medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:41.15.

Garza won the bronze medal in the same race with a 6:52.17.

The 4x400-meter relay team took the silver medal with a time of 4:50.32.

The very successful seventh grade Lady Mules are currently in off season work outs and preparing for their final year of junior high.

## Eighth grade Mules take sixth at Abernathy

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules finished sixth in the District 2-2A Meet in Abernathy Saturday.

Littlefield, Abernathy, Floydada, Idalou and Dimmitt finished ahead of the Mules. Friona and Tulia rounded out the meet.

Braden Bessire had a fourth place height in the

pole vault of eight feet six inches. Isaac Luebanos had a sixth place throw in the discus of 92-05.

JJ Gandara finished sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of one minute and 3.55 seconds.

Blayne Shipman won the bronze medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 19.06. Eshoya Lopez placed fourth in

the same event with a 20.13.

The 4x100-meter relay team finished fourth with a 49.49.

Francisco Elizalde placed sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.43.

The 4x200-meter relay team finished fourth with a time of 1:49.76.

Lopez won the Mules only gold medal in the

300-meter hurdles with a 48.62.

Shipman had a bronze medal time of 49.3 in the same race and Medardo Andrade placed sixth with a 50.16. The 4x400-meter relay team finished sixth with a time of 4:07.75.

The Mules begin off season work outs now and will cross the street in the fall.

## Seventh grade Mules finish in seventh place

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules track team placed seventh in the District 2-2A Meet in Abernathy Saturday.

Friona, Littlefield, Floydada, Idalou, Tulia and Dimmitt placed ahead of the Mules and

Abernathy rounded out the meet.

Jaxon Lee got the Mules started in the field events with a silver medal toss in the shot put of 31 feet 10.50 inches.

He placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 85-04.

Aaryn Ross placed just

out of the medals in the first race of the day.

He finished fourth in the 2400-meter run with a time of nine minutes and 46.39 seconds.

Simone Chavez was fifth in the pole vault with a height of 6-06.

Josh Lopez placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 29-02.50.

Brandon Chavez had a fifth place finish in the 800-meter run with a 2:40.86.

Felipe Guerrero had a silver medal time of 27.19 in the 200-meter dash.

B. Chavez earned the bronze medal in the

400-meter dash with a 1:07.44.

Lee was close behind him and won fourth place with a time of 1:08.30.

The 4x200-meter relay team placed fifth with a 1:58.44.

Danny Campos took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a 20.87.

Campos placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 54.78.

Tony Castillo finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:12.62.

The Mules will begin off season practice until the school year closes.

## Eighth grade ladies...

Continued from page 6 distance of 29-08.75 and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 13-05.75.

Kaylie Morris had a silver medal time of 1:08.89 in the 400-meter dash.

The 4x100-meter relay team finished fifth with a time of 56.50.

Diaz ran a silver medal time of 18.08 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Marissa Martinez placed fifth in the

800-meter run with a time of 3:00.10.

Flores ran a silver medal time of 55.84 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Andrade finished sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 7:06.67.

The 4x400-meter relay team won the bronze medal with a time of 4:54.78.

The Lady Mules have started off season and will cross the street in the fall to begin high school.

## Dist. 2-2A UIL Academic Contest results released

The Muleshoe High School hosted the 2011 District 2-2A UIL Academic Contest recently. Muleshoe High School won second place out of eight teams in the district.

Here are the final standings: First, Idalou; second, Muleshoe; third, Friona; fourth, Abernathy; fifth, Floydada; sixth, Littlefield; seventh, Tulia and eighth, Dimmitt.

The individuals and teams who qualified for the Region 1 Academic Contest in Odessa include:

Poetry — Natalie Head, first place; Roper Kerby, second.

Prose Interpretation — Louis Guzman, first.

Persuasive Speaking — Sarah Whitworth, first; Robert Brewster, second.

Informative Speaking — Colton Clarkson, second.

Lincoln Douglas debate — Sarah Whitworth, first; Robert Brewster, second.

Science — Belinda Pacheco, second.

Physics — Belinda Pacheco, first.

Social Studies —

Belinda Pacheco, first. Jenna Whitworth, second.

Accounting — Muleshoe High School, second place team.

Computer Science — Muleshoe High School, second place team.

Science — Muleshoe High School, second place team.

Social Studies —

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District General Election to be held on May 14, 2011 will be tested on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 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 AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular qutomaticamente que estara usado en la elleccions de la Muleshoe Area Hospital District, que se llavara a cabo el dia 14 de Mayo de 2011, se probara el miercoles el 26 de April de 2011, 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.

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## USDA livestock indemnity program benefits available after wildfire loss

As the drought in Texas continues, wildfires are a daily threat to livestock operations across the state.

In the event of losses experienced as a result of wildfire, eligible ranchers and livestock producers can apply for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"This program provides livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters," said Kim Hanlin, executive

director for USDA Farm Service Agency in Bailey County.

LIP provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold.

Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

Hanlin added, "A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Livestock that die within 60 days of the date of the qualifying event, but prior to Oct. 1, 2011, will be considered eligible for loss benefits."

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5 percent and Non-Adult Beef Cattle = three percent.

These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under,

"normal" conditions.

According to Hanlin, producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

After filing a notice of loss, livestock producers should file a LIP application as soon as possible to avoid a delay in processing and receipt of disaster assistance.

For more information on LIP, the LIP application process and other FSA programs, contact the Bailey county office at 806 272 4538 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx>.

## MHS academic challenge results noted

On April 10, a total of 31 high schools competed in an academic contest that resembled an athletic contest.

Teams from all across Texas competed in the State Academic Challenge sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Schools.

The contest was held at The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. Schools from north of Amarillo to south of Houston competed in the State Contest.

All of the teams qualified for the State Contest by competing at one of six Area Contests across the state.

Each team consisted of three high school students (three levels based on GPA averages).

Each team member

competes in four rounds of five questions each. The students have 15 seconds to answer each question.

The competition gets intense and exciting as students compete for college scholarships.

Dr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent of Muleshoe ISD, is the State Director for the Academic Challenge.

Dr. Sheets reported that the State Contest this year had to go to two tie-breaker rounds to determine the final outcome.

He commented that the excitement level and tension at the end of the contest was similar to the end of a close athletic competition.

The highest score in the contest was 30 points.

This was the closest contest in recent history. The top three teams each had 30 points. There was a tie-breaker round to determine first, second and third place.

There were three teams tied at 28 points. The teams had to have two tie-breaker rounds to determine fourth and fifth place.

There were several teams bunched together after the top five. There were ten teams tied at 27 points. One of the teams from MHS had a score of 27, one point out of contention for scholarships.

Results for the first through fifth places and total amount of scholarships won for each team:

First place — Denver City High School Team Q with \$8,640.

Second place — Hamilton High School

### UIL results...

Continued from page 7 Muleshoe High School, second place team.

Speech — Muleshoe High School, first place team.

Muleshoe High School has won first or second place at the District UIL Academic Contest for the last 17 years in a row.

Team I with \$4,700.

Third place — Denver City High School Team I with \$3,760.

Fourth place — Denver City High School Team U with \$2,820.

Fifth place — Sundown High School Team U with \$1,880.

Team members from Muleshoe High School included: Team Q — Belinda Pacheco, Michael Martinez and Mark Quezada; and Team I — Jenna Whitworth, Stephanie Vasquez and Val Olivas.

Except for a nominal fee to the host college for stipends for the judges, all entry fees are returned to the students in the form of college scholarships.

This year, just under \$20,000 in college scholarships were awarded at the State Contest alone.

Another \$30,000 in college scholarships were awarded at the Area Contests held across the state.

The Academic Challenge contest has given away over \$500,000 in scholarships in the last 10 years.

Competing schools must be an institutional member of the Texas Association of Community Schools.



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### Sudan yearbook orders...

Continued from page 9 Lindsey Davison, Stormi Peck, Tawnee Garcia and Kelbi Harris.

The cost of a yearbook is \$25.

There will be a limited amount of yearbooks purchased this year. Reserve a copy as soon as possible to ensure that your son or daughter receives a copy.

Also, the yearbook staff is beginning to work on the senior ads and ad section of the yearbook.

If a senior parent would like to buy an ad to honor his or her senior, email Cheri Sain at [cherisain@sudanisd.net](mailto:cherisain@sudanisd.net).

The cost vary per

size, and there has been mailouts sent home to parents.

There are still copies of the 2009-2010 yearbooks for sale.

The cost is \$25. Plus, there are limited numbers of copies from previous year.

Yearbooks from 2008-2011 will be \$25. Yearbooks ranging from the years 2007 and older will be \$20. Make checks payable to Sudan ISD-Yearbook.

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# The Sudan Buzz

## Sudan FCCLA attends state meeting in Austin

The Sudan FCCLA Applied Technology team and Career Investigations competitor travelled to Houston for the State FCCLA meeting on April 12-16.

Josh Barrett, Karen Trevino, and Brooke Lennon placed third in the state in Applied Technology with their project and speech while Alex Hernandez placed sixth in the state in Career Investigations.

Applied Technology is an individual or group event that highlights a project using various technologies.

This year the students put together a web page focusing on careers. Alex Hernandez's project focused on her career choice and investigations on becoming a veterinarian.

Also attending the state meeting was Savannah

Sain, who has served as the Region I president this year.

She had various job duties for the nomination committee, helping at workshops, and participating in the stage production of the general sessions.

Janelle Vanderlei and Stormi Peck served as alternates for the STAR Events plus helped Mrs. Sain, their advisor, with the running of one of the competitive events, Chapter Service Project Display.

They were also recognized for their hard work and effort.

More than 5,000 students attended the State Conference.

The students participated in a fund raising activity for the Children's Miracle Network while in Houston. They helped

raise more than \$6,700 for this worthwhile organization.

The students also attended workshops on careers, leadership, and cyber-bullying. They attended meetings and general sessions throughout the week.

John Sain received Honorary Membership through the State FCCLA headquarters for his time and commitment to the organization. He was presented a plaque during the second general session.

Cheri Sain, the FCCLA advisor, was awarded the status of Master Advisor.

She was selected with two other advisors from Texas who will be recognized at the National FCCLA Convention this year in Anaheim for their commitment to FCCLA.



Doug Ames empties Elissa Conley's donation for the Lauren Smith family during Saturday's pancake breakfast benefit.

## Sudan residents help their own

Continued from page 1  
burying to small, innocent victims of another parent's unthinkable act.

"This is so hard," said Ashley Bolen, one of the volunteers who participated in Saturday's benefit. "I can only imagine how hard it is for her," said Conley.

In all, more than 30 volunteers helped the Lamb County community help one of its own.

Francis Groom, another volunteer, said, "This really has torn this town up. But we all wanted to help the best way we could."

"It was also good to see so many of the young kids helping out," Groom added.

Just beyond the parking lot of the restaurant, run the tracks of the BNSF Railroad, whose employees showed they were also part of the community even if it's only for a few minutes a day as they travel through Sudan.

"At the end of the day, the train even stopped and the guys came to make a donation," said Doug Ames, owner of the Chuckwagon and

Lauren's employer.

In the 10th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, Christ Jesus is asked "Who is my neighbor?" and responds with the parable of "the Good Samaritan."

Obviously, it's a story

Sudan area residents have already taken to heart.

An account has also been set up at all of the First United Bank branches for donations that will be used for Luke and Gatlin's funeral.



Sudan FCCLA students take in a ball game at Austin.

## Sudan track team is still competing

By Savannah Sain  
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan track team is still competing hard to reach the next level. The girls competed at the Area track meet at Sundown and placed second overall as a team with 64 points.

Several of the girls placed in their events. Dayton Fisher was the boys' representative at the track meet where he finished first in the high jump with a jump of 6'2".

Senior Mariah Steinbock placed first in the pole vault. Her best

pole vault measurement was 11'6".

She also competed in the 300 meter hurdles where she placed fourth with a 49.49 second time.

Mariah won the pole vault state championship her sophomore year and qualified for state last year.

Sophomore Keela Chester placed fifth with a pole vault jump of 6'6".

The Girls' 4x100 meter relay placed second with a time of 52.29 seconds.

Team members include Mariah Steinbock, Danielle Logan, Sury

Rodriguez, Victoria Williams.

The Girls' 4x200 meter relay placed second with a time of 1:52.47.

Sury Rodriguez, Danielle Logan, Hailee Gonzales, and Victoria Williams make up the 4x200 meter team.

Junior Victoria Williams placed fourth in the Girls' 200 meter dash with a time of 26.95 seconds.

In the Girls' 1600 meter run, Sophomore Marie Carrizales placed third with a time of 6:10.29.

Freshman Chesanie Brantley ran a 6:16:67.

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*Thanks to the Ellis Funeral Home and staff for their kindness and support. Many thanks Pastor Steve Claybrook and the New Covenant Church for your loving concern and words of comfort. We appreciate the area churches who came together to prepared the meal for the family and friends.*

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Families spend a lot of time getting ready: cleaning, decorating, planning meals, and getting their best clothes ready for church.

My crossword puzzle is about Easter and what families are doing. Can you read the clues to fill it in?

## Happy Easter!

sunrise 11 20  
 parade 10 7 dinners 14  
 chicks 15 18  
 baskets 16 3  
 lamb 13 5 bells Lent 2  
 1 19 6  
 8 candles houses 4  
 chocolate 17 12 church beginnings  
 friends clothes

*Easter Time:*

- the 40 days before Easter, for some people a time for prayer and fasting; many people "give up something" like desserts
- many Easter services are held at this beginning of a new day
- ring with joy
- shine with bright light
- Easter Bunny brings these gifts with treats in them
- this kind of rabbit is often in the middle
- beautiful, white flower that stands for a "new life after death"
- soft, yellow baby animals also used as a symbol of new life
- gentle animal sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- dawning of a new day; can be a time for this

*Families are:*

- cleaning \_\_\_\_\_ and decorating
- dyeing and decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- baking hot cross \_\_\_\_\_
- dressing in their best \_\_\_\_\_
- going to \_\_\_\_\_ services
- visiting \_\_\_\_\_ and relatives
- hunting for \_\_\_\_\_ eggs
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- marching in an Easter \_\_\_\_\_

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### Community Holy Week services continue through Sunday

Holy Week services remaining for this week include a Holy Thursday service on April 21, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church. Also, the Easter Sunday Sunrise service will be held at the New City Park's basketball court, across from 16& Ave. D Church of Christ. Refreshments will be served following the service at 16& Ave. D Church of Christ.

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 Elementary Open House and Dinner  
 Family, Friends, and Community will have a chance to enjoy dinner, visit the elementary classrooms, and participate in a live cake auction.  
**Pre-K and Kindergarten registration - 5:30 to 7 p.m.**  
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Family, friends and the community will have an opportunity to enjoy dinner, visit the elementary classrooms, and participate in a live cake auction.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m., and run through 8 p.m., with Pre-K and Kindergarten registration taking place from 5:30-7 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m., with a cake auction following at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 965-2152.

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#### MFL needs new board members

The Muleshoe Football League is in need of board members.

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# 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,' explained Christ

What does it matter?

I speak of the closing of the last article we had printed, and the way in which the brother changed the sequence of the things from "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

And he quoted them like this: "My sheep hear my voice, and I give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish, and I know them and they follow me."

Now here's what it matters, at least with reference to what that brother was trying to teach. What was that?



That the new birth, being born again, is not conditioned on anything a person believes, says or does in this life.

But rather people are born again, and they receive eternal life by and through a direct operation of the Spirit of God on their mind and heart-without any action on their part at all.

That's what the brother believes, and that is what he was trying to teach.

But that is not what those scriptures say and consequently it is not

what they teach. However they do harmonize with Christ's command to the Rich Young Ruler to "Come and follow me."

But I would hasten to say that neither the account of the rich Young Ruler or that of the Sheep has anything to do with their lives beyond their lives on this planet-even though they both speak of eternal life-that was received, if at all, as a result of their following Christ.

Now at the risk of sounding repetitious

I now quote another statement made by Christ in Chapter Five of the same book of John.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." Verse 24 of chapter five.

Now we notice there is nothing said here about knowing Christ or following him.

It's simply those that "hear my word and believe on him that sent me." What about them?

They have everlasting life, (past tense) and they shall not come into

condemnation which I would suggest might mean condemnation of the death out of which they have passed.

And in chapter six, verse 40 of John Christ said "This is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

Now here we see a phase of everlasting life which those that seeth the Son and believeth on him may have.

This is another phase of everlasting life. It is different from that of John chapter five, verse 24, which, in my

judgement, is received without condition on the part of the person - which I believe might be the new birth.

There is another instance in which the Apostle Paul says he might serve as a pattern "to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." - I Timothy 1:16.

Believe on Christ is what he meant. And through the ministry of Paul many people were led or were caused to believe in Christ as being the son of God, the Begotten son.

In that connection I don't see how a person can believe that Christ

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# Candidates... Continued from page 1

have been involved with Plains Baptist for the last nine years in various capacities, including staff. I currently am on the Policy and Procedure committee for Plains Baptist Assembly and I have served on the Finance and Budget committee as well.

Plains Baptist Assembly serves 17 area counties and five different Baptist associations, so I am no stranger to handling business on a large scale. I currently and have for several years now served on the Finance committee of Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

I have served as jail administrator for the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center in the past.

In addition to the numerous places where I currently serve and work, I also work as the DSD receiver at Muleshoe's Untied Supermarket.

My law enforcement career has required me to work with the medical professionals of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District in a professional capacity in addition to having my wife and my own medical needs met by those same

professionals.

I have a deep appreciation of the employees of MAHD and understand the necessity of having a local hospital district that can meet the needs of the community. Many towns in our area do not have a local hospital or even a clinic office.

Muleshoe's hospital and nursing home demonstrates the community's commitment to providing quality medical locally.

Although I am not a medical professional myself; being surrounded by an entire family of nurses helps give me a particular insight into the workings and operations of a hospital that most don't enjoy. My commitment and service to the community and commitment to financial responsibility and fiscal accountability is what I promise to bring to the board.

*What do you perceive to be the hospital district's greatest assets?*

**Brown** — The hospital district's greatest assets are its employees. The employees have always worked diligently for the benefit of the hospital.

The two administrators we have are an asset for the district. The taxpayers are also a great ally for the district.

**Patterson** — Certainly the greatest assets of the hospital district are each and every employee, without whom there would be no hospital or nursing home. Several employees have been working for the district for over 30 years and almost 40 years, and I thank them for their constant commitment and service.

Another of the greatest assets of the hospital district is the fact that the City of Muleshoe and the surrounding areas have a local medical center that can administer emergency services, outpatient services and provide the area with quality local doctors.

Medical needs are just that... needs. I feel that, as a community, we should be able to meet our needs where we live. Our economy and our jobs are supported by being able to have our needs met where we live. Our hospital and nursing home provides quality care for our families and for you and I on a personal basis. Being

able to personally know who is serving you is a quality that should never be taken for granted.

*What do you perceive to be the greatest problems faced by the hospital district, and how would you suggest these problems be addressed?*

**Brown** — The greatest problem for the hospital district is cash flow. Our administrators are working to improve the cash flow and the financial condition of the district.

It is difficult to have the best medical equipment in a rural hospital, and we need to keep trying to improve the equipment as our financial condition allows.

**Patterson** — The hospital district inevitably faces problems, but none that cannot be overcome. I feel that one problem that the hospital district faces is found in the budget and financial areas of operation. A hospital district cannot provide services if the funding just does not exist. Through the years the hospital district has embraced various projects and contract companies that have burdened the district and have also cost the district, with no benefit to be shown for at all. Situations such as this are best advised to be avoided in the first place. I feel that a much deeper careful consideration into any outside business be taken instead of discovering policy conflicts and nonpayment of accounts

years down the road.

Our tax dollars are spent on supporting the services of the hospital district and no one can claim that they want their taxes to increase to make up for a shortfall because of poor planning.

Our community deserves to be able to keep their taxes low and still have quality care. Accountability of

finances and accounts is the most primary way to prevent tax increases and retain our hospital and nursing home.

The necessity to preserve the hospital and nursing home in Muleshoe requires fiscal responsibility to keep costs low, yet be able to provide employees with the pay so rightly deserved.

## Bridal Shower



### Barrett honored with shower

Megan Barrett, the prospective bride of Emmanuel Medina, and daughter of Bruce and Cindy Barrett of Muleshoe was honored with a bridal shower on April 17 in the home of Karen Harris.

The prospective groom is the son of Rolondo and Belinda Medina of The Woodlands.

Hostesses for the event included Pam Atwood, Rayniel Bamert, Brenda Black, Vicki Black, Annette Bonds, Virginia Bowers, Peggy Buhrman, Terry Byers, Beckye

Conklin, Debbie Conner, Jo Ellen Cowart, Rhonda Eagle, Joy Glover, Terri Hahn, Ruth Hall, Karen Harris, Darlene Henry, Sue Holt, Debbi Hutto, Connie Kenmore, Jan King, Eileen Morton, Juana Shelburne, Liz Tipps, Jody Wood, Linda Wood and Marilyn Young

Among the gifts presented was a mirror.

Special guests attending included Margie Penix, Vicki Scivally, Nancy Purcell, Therese Barrett and Cindy Barrett.

## Something worth saying

Continued from page 11 is the Son of God unless he first believes in God as the Father.

Thus far we have three instances in which everlasting or eternal life is had in differing ways.

It having been conferred by the person

having passed from death unto life.

Through faith in Christ as the Son of God, and following Him in his teachings.

Through the gospel ministry of the Apostle Paul. And many more continue to be taught.

Finally, it has been said that by example is not a good way to teach. It is not the best way—it is the ONLY way.

I have one more article on this subject, and then I will move on.

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