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Shattered Dreams Hits Home

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

It wasn't real... but it could have been.

Two vehicles leave "the Pit" in Bailey County, each with high school students, all juveniles, doing what too many students do... drink and drive.

Wishing to celebrate the next step in life, they discovered too late that four of their future dreams were destroyed. Two dead at the scene, another dead at the hospital, and a young man facing jail time over the deaths of his friends.

As with previous Shattered Dreams

performances at Muleshoe High School, the intent is to present a startling image of what mixing alcohol and vehicles could bring. But in this year's event there was an unexpected bit of reality thrown in.

Just a week prior to the MHS drama, participants Baylee Bessire and Matthew Ambriz were in a single-vehicle roll-over accident. No alcohol was involved, and neither student was injured, but the pickup Baylee was driving was totaled, making for an all too realistic prop

for the May 1 Shattered Dreams performance.

"Thank goodness they were wearing their seatbelts," Baylee's mother, Cindy, said.

For the event at the MHS football practice field, Baylee and Matthew switched roles, with Baylee riding shotgun—sans seatbelt, and thus ending up on the truck's hood, and Matthew behind the wheel, and later in the patrol car portraying an intoxicated driver

"Kids this age think they're bulletproof... but they're not."

facing a vehicular manslaughter charge.

"I don't know how she did it, her and Matthew also," Bessire said about her daughter and Ambriz's decision to participate so soon after their own accident. "She's a very strong lady," Bessire added.

Needless to say, allowing their daughter to participate so soon after such a real-life experience was a tough decision in the Bessire household, with even more emotion tied to the use of the vehicle, but Bessire said her daughter was of the



But For The Grace Of God...

Cindy Bessire raises her hand in surprise at the appearance of her daughter Baylee, a participant in the May 1 Shattered Dreams performance at Muleshoe High School. The crumpled white pickup on which Baylee's enactment character was sprawled was her own, damaged in a roll over accident the previous week. In that "real-life" accident, no alcohol was involved or injuries incurred, but it doesn't take much for a mother to recognize that Someone above had a hand in her daughter's well being. Pictured on the left, Baylee's shoes extend from under the sheet.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

mindset that if it would help just one student make the correct decision about drinking and driving it should be done.

"I hope this makes an impact on the kids...

and not just the kids," said Bessire, the vice principal at Watson Junior High.

While her husband, Todd, had been with their daughter during her preparation for the

May 1 performance, Bessire said her first viewing was during the actual performance, when the Bessire family arrived at the scene and where shown the remains by Cpl. Steve

Clifton of the Muleshoe Police Department.

"When I looked at her, when he raised the sheet... that was the hardest part," Bessire said.

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Local Prayer Offered

A large crowd appeared to participate in the Mayor's annual prayer luncheon Thursday, May 3, at the Bailey County Coliseum. Pictured above, Muleshoe Mayor Cliff Addresses the gathering. Pictured on the right, Dr. Steve Kennedy's grandson quietly took part in the prayer luncheon also.

Early that morning, as part of the National Day of Prayer, county residents gathered at the Bailey County courthouse to pray for the community, county, state and nation.

MAHD Candidate Responds

As part of the Muleshoe Journal's ongoing efforts to keep the voting public informed about the upcoming elections, candidates for the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Place 5 election were asked to respond to a questionnaire about their qualifications for the positions.

Although both Travis Copley and Zona Gatewood were asked to respond to the questionnaire, only Gatewood responded.



MJ — Please provide us with a little biographical information.

Gatewood — I've lived in Bailey County all my life. My parents were WT (Bill) and Argilee Millen of Muleshoe. After graduating from High School, I married JC Gatewood and we have



Zona Gatewood farmed for over 40 years in the YL community, and we also owned and operated Irrigation Supply for 16 years. We have three children, Kim of Lubbock,

Zonell of Muleshoe, her husband Rodney Baker, and Christopher, and his wife, Padrah, of Tyler.

We have two grandsons, Judd Baker, a sophomore at Muleshoe High School, Kaleb Baker of Muleshoe, and a granddaughter, Kenley King of Amarillo, whose husband is Nathan King, formerly of Friona. And, one great-grandson, Baker King of Amarillo, who we think is no. 1.

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Courtesy photograph / Mike Jones

Metal Thefts Trouble Residents, Businesses

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The high price for scrap copper had the potential of an even higher price recently according to Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills.

On the morning of April 27, county deputies, the Texas Department of Public

Safety and Muleshoe police officers captured two individuals allegedly involved in the theft of wire from the BNSF railroad tracks, east of Track Dairy on Hwy. 84.

What made this particular theft so dangerous, according to Lt. Benny Parker of
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OPINION

Twenty-Six Years And Counting

As this week's newspaper is sent to the printer, my wife and I will be celebrating 26 years of marriage.

While it's a year past society's recognition of the first major matrimonial mile, the 25th, it's good to know that we're headed toward the second, the 50th.

Several years ago, I met a couple celebrating their 75th anniversary, no mean feat as both were rapidly approaching their 100th birthday. And I remember how the staff at the nursing home spoke of them quietly sitting next to each other, holding hands, for most of the day.



As I recall, the couple's advice for making it through the difficult years—and all marriages experience difficulties—was to think of your spouse first. It's something that isn't always easy, and some are able to accomplish the task more easily than others.

And to be honest, thinking of others first—with true kindness in mind, would go a long way toward solving

many of society's problems.

However, getting back to the actual topic at hand, I enjoy being married. As I told someone Friday, I've been thoroughly married since the day I was married.

Even with memories of rough times in the past, and the probability of rough times in the future (Sometimes anger and frustration—usually rooted in worldly events, get the

best of all of us, and the ones to suffer most are the ones we hold closest.) I wouldn't choose not to be married to my wife.

While many might not consider it "macho," I have very clear memories of our wedding day. Sure, everyone recognizes it as a special day in the life of a young lady, but I have little doubt that it's nearly as important to a lot of their guys, some of whom will admit it... at least it was for me.

For example, as my lovely bride walked down the aisle, accompanied by her father, I waited—as patiently as possible, at the altar. And I vividly remember the moment she placed her hand in mine, and slowly looked up into my eyes.

Wow! (No more beautiful woman ever walked the aisle.) And whatever parts of my heart she didn't already have, she claimed at that moment.

Twenty-six years later, she still has my heart, and I'm just as glad to be married today as I was then.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

EMS Fund Raiser

Bailey County EMS is holding a fund raiser to purchase more equipment needed to serve the residents of the county and surrounding area.

The event is set for Tuesday, May 15, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., on the Bailey County Courthouse lawn, and will include a hamburger with all the trimmings, chips, desert and a drink for \$6.

Call 272-4390 for further details.

Movie Night

Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan

The presentation will be *DUI Dead In Five Seconds*, and is open to students in junior high or high school, and older patrons.

MHS Awards

Muleshoe High School will be holding its Celebration of Educational Excellence awards night on May 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kerry Moore auditorium.

Bailey County Cemetery

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will have its annual clean-up day on Saturday, May 19, starting at 9 a.m. Interested individuals are encouraged to come out and help.

For more information, contact Kevin Smith at 272-4051.

Muleshoe Softball Association

The Muleshoe Softball League is getting ready to start summer league for women. Anyone interested in signing up a team please contact Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100.

This Fallen World Is Out Of Kilter, But One Day...

"The Online Etymology Dictionary."

That's the name of a website I discovered recently. No, it's not a site devoted to knowledge about bugs. That's "entomology."

Etymology is indeed a "-logy" so it's "the science of" something. But not creepy-crawlies. Etymology is the science of word derivations. The site's owners describe it as "a map of the wheel-ruts of modern English." Nicely put.

I'm glad somebody created such a site. I'm imagining them as a group of under-appreciated, underpaid, societally under-valued, mildly depressive but devoted English majors who are also afflicted with the kind of itch history helps scratch.

Even for a society on technological steroids, it's probably good to keep around a few of the old fossils just described. Math and science folks help us know how to go really fast and do cool stuff.

Humanities folks help answer pesky questions about which direction we're going and what cool stuff is worth doing (and where there've been wrecks we maybe should avoid).

I feel better just knowing that the Online Etymology Dictionary is available and doing good work for humanity. It'd be a shame for some fine old English words and phrases to be lost or orphaned and nobody know from whence they came.

Sometimes a phrase comes along and just begs you to try to meet its parents by following the wheel ruts back up the road a bit. I was grabbed by just such a phrase recently, and that's when I discovered this site.

If something is "out of working order or alignment," "out of order," "not in good condition," we might say, "It's out of whack." But we're just as likely to say, "It's out of kilter."



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

We know what that means. But why does it mean what it means? What, pray tell, is the "kilter" something might be "out of"?

My money was on "kilter" being an old nautical term. I like old nautical terms. But no. Or maybe a surveyor's or navigator's term. Nope.

I learned that the phrase first shows up

in the 1620's. "Kilter" is a variant of the English "kelter" which pops up around 1600 and means "good condition, order."

But why does it mean that? The word was sired somewhere! You never met a word

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Obituaries and Death Notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal.

Obituaries will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

In all cases, the death notice and obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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Obituaries printed in the *Muleshoe Journal* are printed at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch, and may contain a variety of information, including but not limited to: Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; biographical information; names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors; and where memorials may be directed.

A black and white photo will be included; however, there is an additional charge of \$75 to include a color photograph.

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MHS Shattered Dreams...

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Bessire also spoke highly of the other students who participated in the event. "All of the kids did very well," she said. "They took it very serious."

While discussing the participation of the Muleshoe Police Department, Lt. Benny Parker said, "I think Shattered Dreams is good because it's an 'eye opener' for high school and junior high students."

"It's fake, but it's real," he added. "Kids this age think they're bulletproof, but they aren't," Parker said.

"Any choices you make can affect all of the families in the community," Parker added. "I'm glad the police department had the opportunity to take part."

"Shattered Dreams has become a fixture at Muleshoe High School because of some very important reasons," said Principal Steve Myatt.

"Our students are faced with daily decisions which can have long-term, permanent, and devastating

consequences," he said. "Major decisions such as drinking and driving can impact not only the student but also family, friends, and community."

"Even usually 'minor' decisions such as riding in a car with someone not familiar (under the influence and not necessarily known to the student) can have this same impact," he added.

"At Muleshoe High School, we as educators are called to give as much guidance and information as possible to our students (in a realistic and impactful manner) so that the intelligent decisions will be made by our students."

"The Shattered Dreams program emphasizes the results of alcohol-related crashes: the shattered dreams are the consequences of underage drinking, impaired driving, the innocent victims, and their friends and families," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said after the conclusion of this year's program.

"Shattered Dreams is important to our

school, as well as the entire community. We are grateful to all of the volunteers from the school, parents, and community organizations who planned and implemented this program, especially our two nurses — Sharon Villa and Kyra Newberry, who spearheaded the planning meetings," Sheets said.

"The comprehensive underage drinking and impaired driving prevention program requires a cooperative effort between the school administration and faculty, students, parents, community organizations, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and area hospitals in the planning and implementation of the activities," he said.

"The partnership between the school, parents, and community organizations serves as a foundation for continued communication and reinforcement of the program's prevention messages."

Shattered Dreams Photos on A8

County Copper Thefts...

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Muleshoe PD, and Sheriff Wills is that the copper wire was part of the communication system between trains traveling on the same rail line.

According to Parker, BNSF officials contacted the county's dispatcher around 6 a.m. on April 27, about problems with the railroad's communication system, along with a report of a suspicious vehicle — a green van, in the vicinity of the railroad tracks.

Parker and Dep. Mary Lopez responded to the call, with Parker arriving at the scene first, where he encountered John McDowell, 32, of New Mexico, with the vehicle, it's tires bogged

down in the sand and a large coil of copper alleged to have been stolen from the tracks in the van.

A second subject, Arron Mills, 37, of New Mexico, was also at the van, when Parker arrived, but allegedly fled on foot into an adjacent field.

McDowell was placed under arrest for the theft of the copper, a third degree felony under state charges, according to Parker, and Mills surrendered shortly after a TxDPS helicopter arrived to participate in a manhunt.

"I think he knew it was over," Sheriff Wills said.

According to the sheriff, because of the nature of the copper

allegedly stolen the suspects could also face federal charges for the theft of communication equipment.

During the past year, Bailey County officers have conducted several investigations into the theft of scrap metal and copper, including the span cables from irrigations pivots.

Some of the investigations have resulted in arrests, the sheriff said, and some are still under investigation.

In Muleshoe, on May 3, Muleshoe police officers were dispatched to the scene of a burglary at one of Bailey County Electric Cooperative's warehouses on the east side of Muleshoe.

According to Det. Cassie Crandell, individuals entered the building and stole an amount of copper wire.

While the investigation is still under way, according to Lt. Parker, a portion of the wire of the stolen wire has been recovered.

Individuals with information about such offenses are urged to contact the Bailey County Sheriff's Department at 272-4268, or the Muleshoe Police Department at 272-4569.

Focus On Faith...

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without some verbal ancestors. Alas, this one is short on birth records. That's too bad, because it's a cool word and part of a great phrase.

It's a shame Al Gore wasn't around to invent the Internet a few hundred years earlier. Maybe if the Online Etymology Dictionary had been around a good bit longer, a good phrase wouldn't be so sadly orphaned and, just maybe, the world would be a little less

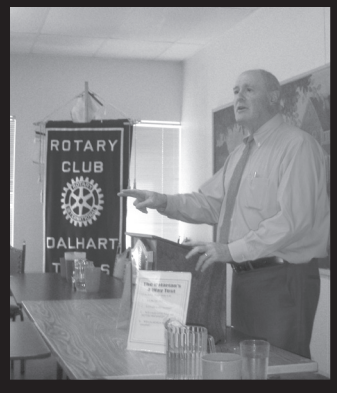
"out of kilter."

I hope you're not feeling "out of kilter." Yes, we live in an "out of kilter" world. But we can thank our Father for the gift he gave to be sure that one day, pure joy and complete goodness and order will reign, and nothing and nobody will ever again be out of...

Well, you know.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

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Obituaries

Frances Minckler

A memorial service for Frances Jean Minckler, 86, of Lubbock will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 10, at Sanders Memorial Chapel with Dale Mannon, pulpit minister, Green Lawn Church of Christ officiating.



Burial will be in Muleshoe, at Muleshoe Memorial Park at 2 p.m., Thursday, under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Frances passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2012, in her home.

She was born to Gene Abe and Velma Pittman on Sept. 9, 1925, on the family farm, Elmdale, Taylor, Texas.

Frances married Richard Kenneth Minckler, Sr. on Sept. 7, 1945. They shared a great love and a blessed marriage for 46 years.

Frances loved her family deeply. She adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a beautiful soprano singing voice and was a talented poet.

She was preceded in

death by a baby son — Terri Lynn Minckler; her parents, Gene Abe and Velma Pittman; as well as her husband, Richard Kenneth Minckler, Sr., who passed away on April 15, 1991.

Survivors include her children — Richard and wife Susan of Lubbock, Howard and wife Sarah of Mesquite, and Sherri Eads and husband, Ray of Canyon; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and her brother — Robert L. and wife Donna Kay Pittman of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Children's Home of Lubbock, PO Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

To send condolences online, visit www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

Bridal Shower



Brittany Thomason

Thomason Feted With Shower

Brittany Thomason, the prospective bride of Bryce Bowley, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, May 5, at the Bailey County Electric Community Room.

Hostesses for the event included Claire Brown, Donna Burton, Terry Byers, Charlotte Field, LeAnn Gallman, Kathleen Hamilton, Linda Latham, Rachel Lopez, Morgan Marricle, Donna Mason, Brandi Miller, Janet Morgan, Erin

Neitsch, Shani Nichols, Iva Noble, Becky Pool, Juana Shelburne, Diane Skipworth, Kayla Spradling, Carlene Stroud and LaTonia Stroud.

The hostess gift was cash toward patio furniture.

Special guests attending included Melody Thomason, Brenda Whitten, Jo McMillan, Pam Thomason, Jeannie Young, Leigh Thomason, Marisela Silva and Amanda Lopez.

Parker Assistance Sought

A special account to assist local resident Chad Parker, following his recent severe traffic accident on has been set up at Muleshoe State Bank.

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Baby Showers

Angeley Honored

Cassie Angeley, the wife of Wade Angeley, was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, April 21, at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative's community room.

Hostesses for the event included Krista Wilson, Cheryl Lewis, Heather Foley, Annie Cleavinger, Bobbie Black, Tonya Ruthardt, Katrina Scott, Na'Lyn

Swartz, Debbie Walters and Dianne Brunson.

The hostess gift was a travel system with jogging stroller and car seat.

Special guests attending included Karen Floyd, Bonnie Crofford, Sharon Mills, Kimberli Phillips, Sharron Bills, Amy McKinnon, Marlene Martin, Tanny Angeley and Wynelle Angeley.

Births

Paisli Claunch Birth Announced

Jacen and Brandi Claunch announce the birth of their daughter, Paisli Rose Claunch, on April 25, 2012, at 8:29 a.m., at Covenant Hospital.

Paisli weighed five pounds, nine ounces at birth and was 19 inches in length.

She has two siblings — Trenton Angeley, 11, and Tracen, 9.

Her grandparents are Jim Pat and Suzie



Paisli Rose Claunch

Claunch of Muleshoe, and Scott and Donna Simpson of Morton.

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

Ten Commandments Discussion Continued...

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water that is under the earth."

The next three verses, five, six, and seven, are, in my judgment, more of comment on the commandment than strictly a part of it.

For the commandment forbids making the likeness of anything in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

In other words we are not permitted to make, worship or serve anything other than the Lord God, the Power that brought us out of bondage.

Why worship other things? Why serve other things?

They can do us no real or lasting good. Furthermore, God is a jealous God, and holds us responsible for our wrongs, even to the fourth generation.

That is a serious matter. The wrongs we do, and the mistakes

we make will affect our children, and their children, and their children and their children.

But on the other hand God will show mercy to them who love him, and keep his commandments. Let us remember love is a verbal action word.

In my judgment virtually all people who worship God worship the same God — he being an unseen power to whom they turn in a time of need, the power — and intelligence — that created all things.

But in the civilized nations people have learned so much more about God that we are blessed with better understanding and are capable of making better use of his creation.

And can teach our young ones, preserve their health and develop more rapidly.

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

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



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Deadline for submissions is May 18 at noon.

Never Forgotten



Students Receive Telecommunication Scholarships

Five Area and West Plains telecommunications have awarded \$600 scholarships to students continuing their education at an accredited vocational school, college or university.

The Board of Directors of Five Area/West Plains selected the scholarship winners at the board meeting held on April 30, 2012.

These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who reside in one of the telephone exchanges served by

the companies.

The scholarship winners are:

- Emily Agee from Farwell High School, the daughter of Charlie and Ginger Trimble. Emily plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a career as a chemical engineer.

- Lazbuddie High School senior Paola Estrada, the son of Maria Vallejo. He plans to study in the field of forensic anthropology at Amarillo College.

- Jarrod Jesko, a senior at Lazbuddie High School, and the

son Terry and Janene Jesko. Jarrod's field of study is in pre-law at Texas Tech University or culinary arts at Art Institutes of Dallas.

- Lazbuddie High School's Justin Schacher plans to attend West Texas University and is undecided in the field of study.

- Alyssa Leal from Muleshoe High School is the daughter of Sergio and Tracie Leal. Her future plans are to pursue a career in nursing at South Plains College.

- Muleshoe High

School's Kristen McCoy plans to use her scholarship to pursue a career as a school psychologist at West Texas A&M University. She is the daughter of Robert and Joy McCoy.

- Jordan Stroud from Muleshoe High School is the son of LaTiona Stroud. He plans to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer at West Texas A&M University.

- Timothy Tait Cooper, a senior at Olton High School, is the son of Tim and Tamera Cooper. He plans to

use his scholarship to attend San Angelo State, his field of study will be in animal science.

- Adrian Sandoval is a senior at Olton High School. He is the son of Gerardo and Maria Sandoval. Adrian's future education plans include attending the University of Texas at San Antonio to study in the field of communications.

- Mikala Whitaker, the daughter of Stephen Whitaker, will graduate from Olton High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University to study agriculture communications/broadcast journalism.

- Springlake/Earth High School's Karina Aguiar plans to use her scholarship at South Plains College to pursue a career in radiology.

She is the daughter of Carmen Vasquez.

- Mitchell Edwards of Sudan High School is the son of Monty and Brandi Edwards. Mitchell's future education plans include attending Texas Tech University to pursue a career as a civil engineer.

- Sudan High School's Kelbi Harris plans to use her scholarship to pursue a career in nursing at Eastern New Mexico University. Kelbi is the daughter of Kevin and Jackie Harris.

- Kylee Shultz, a senior at Sudan High School, is the daughter of Joe Ky and Missy Shultz. Kylee's future education plans include attending Wayland Baptist University to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

Landers Memorial Scholarships Awarded

On April 22, the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees met to interview three senior candidates from Muleshoe High School and conduct their annual business.

This year, 19 graduating seniors applied for the scholarship. The board of trustees reviewed the applicants and chose three students to interview, each of whom impressed the board with their successful educational experience.

As a result of the interviews all three students received a scholarship.

"These three very impressive students of Muleshoe High School are surely a result of

the influence of the administration and teaching staff and family support," a board representative said. "We compliment the school and their families."

"We are proud to be able to award all three scholarships totaling \$3,200," he added.

This year's recipients are Belinda Pacheco — \$1,200; Baylee Bessire — \$1,000; and Alyssa Leal — \$1,000.

"Our compliments to Mrs. Heidi Moore as she has been a key person in helping inform the students of our scholarship availability and helping them in timely communication back to our board," the board representative said.

Classmates, friends

and family of Kristy Landers established this scholarship in December 1987 to remember Kristy, a 1986 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

The board of trustees was originally composed of 11 members; however, one was deceased in 2003, the mother of one of the classmates.

The current board is composed of the parents of Kristy, an aunt and uncle, two close family friends and three classmates, and one mother of the classmates.

This year recognizes the 24th year since the establishment of the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship.

During that period, the fund has helped 72

students work toward their educational goals by awarding scholarships totaling \$44,675, an average of approximately \$620 per student.

"We are pleased to continue this process and appreciate the community support," the board representative said.

This scholarship is a 501 (c) (3) exempt private foundation and any donation is tax deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Should individuals wish to make a donation to the scholarship it may be done through Edwards Jones in Muleshoe in the name of The Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship Fund.

New DL, ID Residency Requirements

The Texas Department of Public Safety has announced the implementation of new proof of residency requirements to obtain Texas driver licenses or identification cards effective May 7.

The requirements, which only apply to first-time driver license and identification card applicants, are the result of legislation approved by the Texas Legislature.

In addition to the standard requirements necessary to obtain a license or identification card, all new applicants will also be required to present two acceptable documents containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of residency in the state of Texas.

To meet the residency requirement for an original identification card or driver license, an applicant must:

- Reside in Texas for at least 30 days prior to

application.

- Present two acceptable documents establishing proof of residency, one of which must demonstrate the applicant has lived in Texas at least 30 days.

The 30-day requirement is waived for applicants who surrender a valid, unexpired out-of-state

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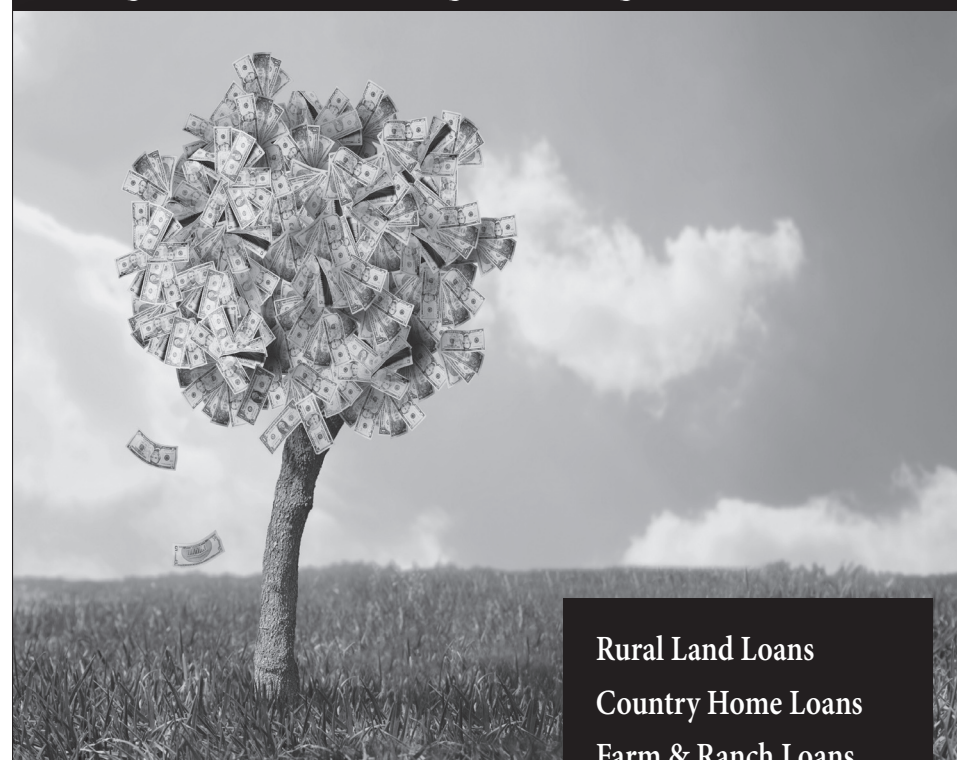
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The Sudan Buzz

Junior High Places At Zone Competition

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent
The Sudan Junior High tennis team competed at the District 3-1A zone competition in Littlefield on Saturday, May 5, with every Sudan boy who competed coming home

with a medal. In the seventh grade boys' single division, Alex Rodriguez placed first, and Derek Tovar placed third. In the seventh grade boys' doubles division, Derek Tovar and John Paradez placed second

in a tiebreaker match. In the eighth grade boys' singles division, Briffen Ames placed first overall. In the eighth grade boys' doubles division, Harris Chester and Steven Schovajsa placed first. "The boys played

outstanding," Sudan tennis coach Lawrence Altum said. "If we had more girls play this Saturday, we would have had a chance to be district champions. I am really proud of how the boys played today," he added.



Eighth grade student Briffen Ames winning the singles division. Courtesy photograph / Lawrence Altum



Joaquin Azua

Azua, Edwards Receive SPG Scholarships

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan High School's Mitch Edwards and Joaquin Azua were awarded \$1,000 scholarships through the South Plains GenTX Scholarship fund and the South Plains Closing the Gaps P-20 Council. In addition, Edwards and Azua will receive matching funds through Texas Tech, their chosen university upon graduating from Sudan High School.

Edwards and Azua joined 50 other recipients at the GenTX Day at the Lubbock Municipal Colliseum on May 4t.

An award ceremony highlighted all the individuals who received the scholarships. It was set up with a red carpet entrance, an official introduction

of each recipient, and a scholarship signing ceremony.

Generation Texas promotes the idea that today's youth will have a better chance of succeeding in the transition from high school to college if a peer network is established.

They also believe that area youth need to be introduced to the opportunities and accessibility to higher learning through the school, peers, and events that bring the college to the student.



Mitch Edwards

News about your college student

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Area Businesses Donate Funds For Hornet Field Score Board

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan High School Football Field will be sporting a new look when sports fans glance at the score or time left on the clock.

Because of the generous donations from area businesses — including First United Bank, King Ag Aviation, Capital Farm Credit, and the Sudan Farmers Co-Op Gin, the Hornet Football Field has a new scoreboard and sound system.

"We greatly appreciate these businesses for their generous support

to our district," Superintendent Bo Lance said. "The new scoreboard and sound system will utilize new technology and will enhance the appearance of Hornet Field for many years to come."

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The new scoreboard and sound system are just a few new additions

to Hornet Field. Last year the school used bond money to complete the newly constructed field house that sits between the practice field and Hornet Field.

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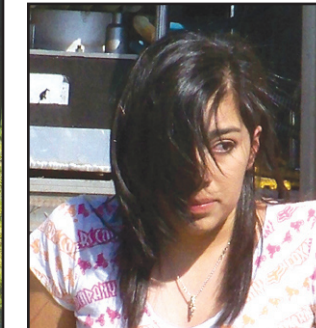


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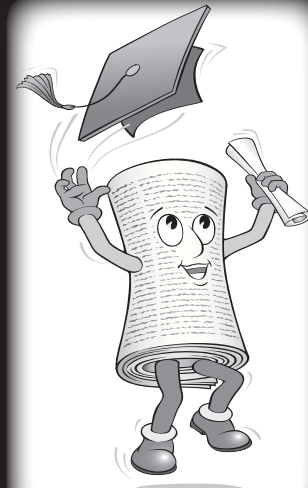
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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Suffer Tough Loss Against Alpine

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Alpine Lady Bucks stopped the Lady Mules for the third time in four years in the Area round of the state playoffs. The Lady Bucks took advantage of five Lady Mule errors and 10 hits to score 14 runs in the first inning. They went on to defeat the Lady Mules 21-0.

"Alpine is a very good team and has a chance of winning it all this year," said Lady Mule coach Jason Cole. "We had talked all year about trying to avoid Alpine as long as possible but a couple mistakes against Idalou cost us."

"I am proud of our very young team and how they came on strong this season. This was a rebuilding year for us. We graduated almost all of our starters last year. But our few juniors and seniors took over and provided the leadership we needed and our freshman and sophomores developed much quicker than we anticipated."

"This team is so coachable and a lot of fun. They truly made me proud to be a coach and be able to work with them. I want to thank the girl's parents and all our fans for the great support they provided for us this season. We are already looking forward to next season."

"The Lady Mules have a great future ahead of them in softball," said Alpine Lady Buck coach Troy Canaba after the game. "I visited with (Samantha) Vasquez and told her she did a great job."

"She has a good understanding of the game to be just a freshman and then to have a freshman behind the plate (Adriana Loya). They will be a dynamic duo before they graduate. This is the best Muleshoe team we have faced. Softball is developing fast in Muleshoe."

"Life is full of 'ifs and buts'", continued Cole. "But if we had gotten outs on our first three errors, we could have held them to six or seven runs. That would have been a manageable

game. We were getting the bat on the ball today but most of them went right at one of their players."

Jessica Kube got the Lady Mule's first hit of the day with a hard hit ground ball up the middle. Linda Sanchez followed with a fly ball into shallow left field. The third inning ended with a strike out and the Lady Mule's best offensive inning failed to produce a run.

Tanisha Villareal came in at third base in the second inning. She was immediately tested with a ground ball down the line. She made the scoop and made a perfect throw across the infield to Sabrina Chavez at first base for the first out of the inning.

The next batter hit a line drive double over the head of Villareal to left field. Kube tracked it down and held the batter to a double. Linda Sanchez reeled in a fly ball to centerfield for the second out.

Villareal charged a bunt down the third baseline. She scooped up the ball and threw a strike to Chavez at first for the third out and stranded the runner at third.

The lead-off batter doubled to left field in the bottom of the third inning.

An error allowed her to circle the bases for



Photograph by Rachel Mata

Lady Mule Dominique Mata connects during Friday's game against Alpine.

a run. Chavez camped under a pop fly at first base for the first out. An infield error allowed the next batter to reach first.

Vasquez made the pitch and the batter sent it back to her at lightning speed. She turned her glove and backhanded the ball for the second out. Sanchez made a running grab on a fly ball that was drifting away from her in right center field for the final out.

Alpine hit two home runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to score their final six runs.

Amber Lopez got the Lady Mules final hit of the day. She dropped a two-out fly ball into shallow right field in the top of the fourth inning. Miranda DeBruin was hit by a pitch to put Lady Mule runners at first and second. A strike out ended the Lady Mule's hopes and 2012 season.



Lady Mules Sabrina Chavez and Dominique Mata appear to be deep in thought as they leave the field. Photograph by Rachel Mata



Lady Mule Adriana Loya pulls in a strike during Friday's game against Alpine.

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Lady Mule Sabrina Chavez appears to suspect how the game will end.

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SPORTS NEWS

Watson Junior High Tennis Has Busy Week

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe junior high tennis team had a busy week.

They played in the SPCHEA tournament in Levelland on the South Plains College courts the April 28.

May 3 they were in Plainview for the District 2-2A Tournament.

The Eighth grade results were as follows: Aimee Rosas and Aaryn Ross won the district championship in mixed doubles. Jo Moore and Cas Moore are the girl's doubles district champions. Eddy Elizalde and Felipe Guerrero won the boy's doubles district championship.

The boy's doubles team of Simon Chavez and Antonio Vasquez

won second place. Sasha Esparza placed third in girls singles. Danny Campos placed third in boy's doubles. Brandon Chavez and Kevin Mendoza placed fourth in boy's doubles.

Dezzy Gutierrez, Denise Ramirez and Rachele Whitworth all competed in girl's singles. Girl's doubles teams that competed were Zoe Apodaca and Ruby Regalado, Lisett Mojica and Allegra Mora and Shyanne Carpenter and Jaki Huerta. Dylan Miller competed in boys singles.

The seventh grade results were as follows:

The girl's doubles team of Emily Precure and Sydnie Sudduth won the district championship. Sadie Sudduth and Regan



The Watson Junior High Tennis Team

Reynolds placed second in girl's doubles. The mixed doubles team of D-lilah Castorena and Jared Gallegos placed second.

Jessie Leal won the bronze medal in boy's singles. Brylee Beal and Marilyn Melendez competed in girl's singles. Kamron Newberry, Tre Villa

and Blake Parker played in boy's singles.

The previous Saturday in Levelland the tournament was divided into divisions.

The A Division results were as follows:

Brandon Chavez and Kevin Mendoza placed third in the boy's doubles. Eddy Elizalde and Felipe Guerrero

won consolation in boy's doubles. Danny Campos placed fourth in boy's singles. Jesse Leal competed in boy's singles and Simon Chavez and Antonio Vasquez played in the boy's doubles.

Sasha Esparza, Rachele Whitworth and Cas Moore played in the girl's doubles.

The B Division results were as follows:

Denise Ramirez won the silver medal in girl's singles. Aimee Rosas won consolation in girl's singles. Sadie Sudduth and Reagan Reynolds won the silver medal in girl's doubles. The girl's doubles team of Zoe Apodaca and

Ruby Regalado won consolation.

Kamron Newberry won consolation in boy's singles.

Marilyn Melendez, Dezzy Gutierrez and D-lilah Castorena competed in girl's singles.

The girl's doubles teams of Emily Precure and Sydnie Sudduth and Lisett Mojica and Allegra Mora competed.

Blake Parker, Tre Villa, Dylan Miller and Jared Gallegos competed in boy's singles.

The team is coached by Jody Wood and Jalissa King and Triston Boehning serves as the team manager.

Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

The dining room at the Muleshoe Country Club was having carpet removed and a minor face-lift, so the April 25 meeting of the Ladies Association was slightly different than normal.

This get-together was a brown-bag event held in the ladies' locker room.

A few of the ladies would have enjoyed doing a lunch trade, as someone else's brown bag always looks tastier!

While brown bagging is fun, the members are looking forward to their more traditional luncheons and an updated dining room in the future.

During this month's gathering, reports were given by Judy Wilbanks, Pat Kirk, Trenea Matthews and Jerie Flowers.

Anita Black, reporting for the club board, told us that the Muleshoe Country Club is now

offering a reduced rate social membership. With a signed contract, the social membership dues were lowered from \$64.95 to \$35.

Linda Erdmann, Trenea Matthews and Deborah Noble participated in a Hi-Plains playday at Canyon Country Club on April 18. Linda won Low Putts with 30 putts, and third flight low gross with 99.

The next play day is at Dimmitt on May 9.

Jerie Flowers gave the play day report for the past month.

The winners for cards:

March 21 — Hi score last game was Jerie and Judy. April 18 — first down on the third hand of second game was Claudine.

Then for the golf play day awards:

March 28 — Three club scramble (where only three clubs could be used) was the team

of Linda Christie, Pat and Elinor; April 4 — Low Putts (no gimmes) was Deborah; April 11 — String Along game, in which each player had a piece of string that was the same length (in inches) of the player's handicap. The string could be used to improve your putt.

With each use, the player had to cut the used portion off of the string. Tammy won low gross and Deborah won low net on this game.

The play day chairman is implementing more unusual games this year, putting a new twist on our play days. Most of the ladies enjoy the change; however a few grumbles can occasionally be heard from the losing teams.

Marlene then conducted the drawing, which was won by Judy Wilbanks, and the meeting was adjourned.

For the luncheon scramble, enough golfers signed up to make three teams. The teams for the day consisted of Linda, Debra and Judy; Christie, Pat and Helen; and the third team with Tammy, Elinor and Trenea as teammates.

The team of Linda, Debra and Judy won the monthly scramble for April.

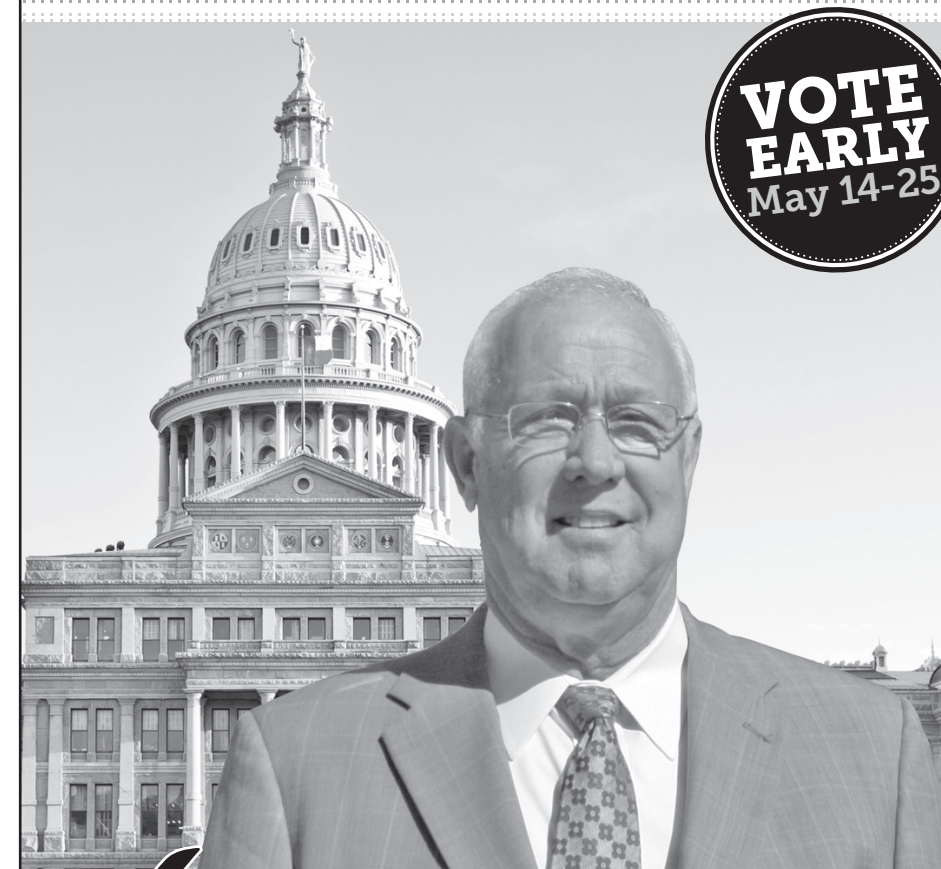


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MAHD Candidate... Continued From A1

your qualifications for the MAHD Board of Directors, and explain why you think you are the best candidate for the position.

Gatewood—I believe I am the best qualified for this position because of the six years of experience that I have acquired serving on the board of trustees of MAHD. This experience through many trials and errors have brought me to an understanding of the importance of following the rules and regulations set up by the federal and state government, and the Critical Access Hospital Trustee Guide.

We recently had a special trustee session on board's operating procedures, Updated 2011, with Slater Elza of Underwood Law Firm from Amarillo. One of the many important issues he covered was "Citizen request/complaint to board members." When the board members walk out of the door of the building, they have no power. They have no power over employees other than the CEO, and even then, only as a group. They should not make promises to tell people they will take care of issues.

Concerning executive sessions, what happens in the executive session "stays in the executive session." To release this information would be wrong, illegal and dishonest.

The Critical Access Hospital Book on policy and procedures stresses that the trustees are

never to try to engage in management activities. It goes on to say that the board is responsible for setting policy for the hospital, and the CEO is responsible for managing the operations of the hospital on a daily basis. A board must resist the temptation to become involved in operational matters.

I think it is a good thing for the citizens to know that the board has limited powers. I have learned an enormous amount of information in being a board member and about the hospital district in the past six years, and what I have learned is I believe a necessity in my continuing on as a trustee with our present and future needs.

To have a really stable board, it needs members who have been on the board for a good length of time. Having a fairly new inexperienced board can lead to many unnecessary problems.

Having my experience and knowledge makes me the best choice for this position.

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

Gatewood — It is difficult to name only one of the district's assets, but the greatest on the list is of course the doctors, clinics, and all of the employees of the district. We appreciate our doctors immensely and this year, we have brought in Dr. Tyson Purdy, who already has a wonderful reputation

for his knowledge and personality.

Also, we have a CEO who in the past three years has done a great job of getting our district turned around financially. David Burke came to our district about four years ago as chief financial officer, and through his knowledge and expertise, we have paid back all of our notes at the banks, lowered our accounts payable by over \$500,000 and hired a former Muleshoe resident, Carrie Stroud, to come in with an RN to get Parkview out of the red.

Parkview has not had to borrow any money from the hospital in over three years! And I, as a trustee voted to refinance Parkview's bonds at a lower rate of interest saving us thousands of dollars. Also our recent state survey at Parkview was quite an improvement over the preceding year.

At our March board meeting our auditors gave a good report on our turnaround. He said the MAHD has had a great positive difference made over the past four years, and in those four years have produced great improvement in a difficult financial environment. He even applauded how good the nursing home is doing. He commented that the leadership working together has made great strides in the improvement of the hospital district.

For the past six years that I have been

a trustee, there have been seven Parkview administrators, and it seemed as though there was always competition between the facilities, but now we have an administrator at Parkview, Shanna Laughton, who works with David and the two facilities are working together to make this a better and stronger district.

David has always advised the board with caution concerning finances and when the board has ignored his advice on these issues, it really cost us.

We have put a much needed roof on the hospital, repaired the heating and cooling system, which had not been maintained during past administrations, and received grants that have enabled the hospital to receive much needed equipment.

Another great asset to the district is our citizens, both in Bailey and Parmer Counties, and taxpayers who provide us with revenue for our hospital and nursing home.

We have come a long way and now is not the time to change leadership on the board.

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

Gatewood — As for the greatest problem facing our hospital at this time, it is the government health programs that

are cutting back on Medicare and Medicaid payments that we have depended on in the past. Hopefully with the major elections coming up, this can be turned around.

I also would like to add this note, I would like to encourage you as citizens, if you have complaints, please go to someone in the district rather just commenting to others so the problem can be addressed and fixed.

If you hear rumors, please don't accept what you hear as fact, but find out the truth for yourselves.

Remember the old saying, "Believe half of what you see and none of what you hear." Always check out the facts.

Lastly, I want to thank the people of District Five for allowing me to be on the board for the past six years, and I ask that you allow me to continue to do so for the next two years hopefully reaching my goal of being the best hospital district in the area.

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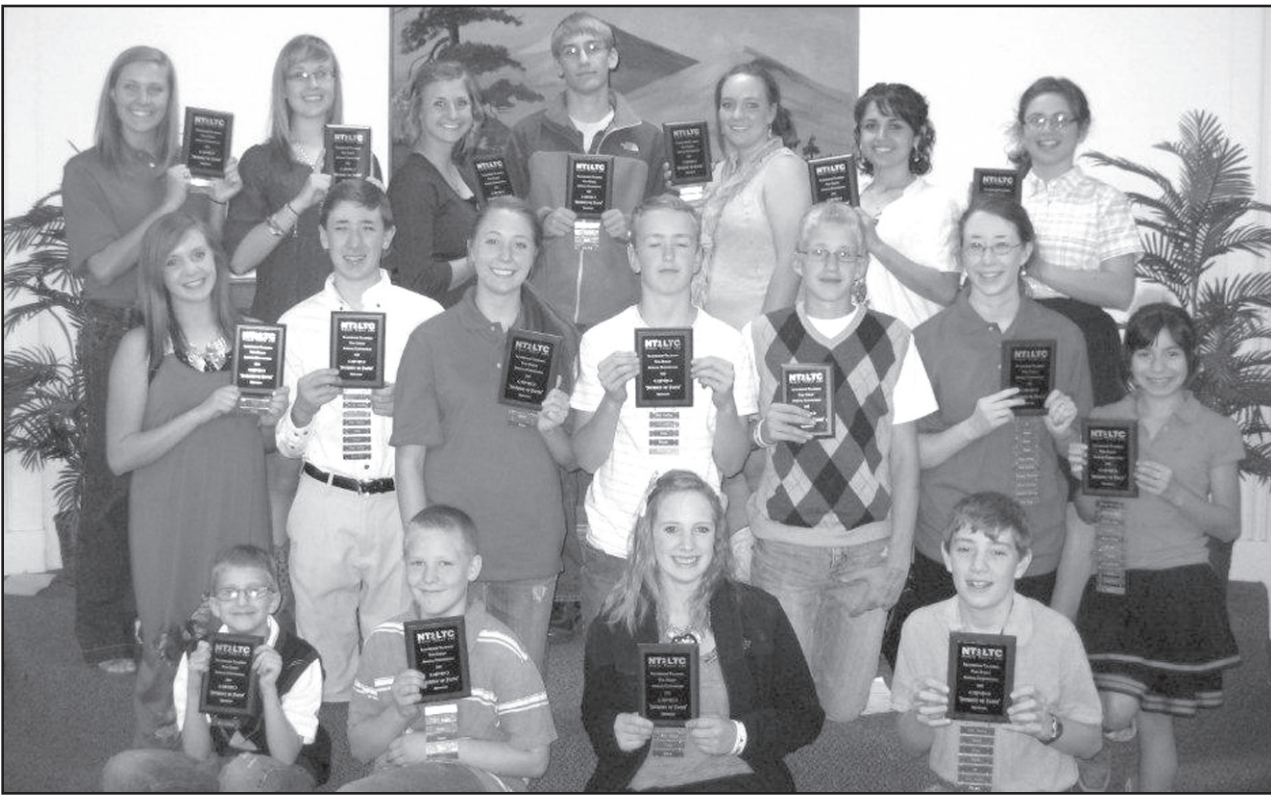
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Lariat Students Win At Leadership Training

Easter weekend, 2012, Lariat Church of Christ took 18 youth, grades 3-12, to Dallas to compete in the annual Leadership Training for Christ.

There are 28 events the kids can select from, some are individual and others are team events. They were judged on the criteria set out for individuals and the teams, not against others, but based on their own efforts and how well they did.

Each year there is a theme selected with a concentration on one book of the Bible. This year's theme was "Journey of Faith" with Genesis being the book of the Bible around which the events were centered.

Various adults coach

the kids during their preparation, so it is an entire congregation effort for these kids to compete.

Here are the results:

- Ali Vaughan, grade 3, participated in 11 events, and received 3 silvers in art, chorus and Bible reading, and eight gold medals in PowerPoint, speech, song leading, service challenge, bulletin boards, children's book, drama and puppets.
- Slade Perkins, grade 3, participated in four events, in which he received all gold medals in puppets, art, Bible reading and song leading.
- Adam Stancell, grade 6 — 10 events, one bronze in Bible quiz, three silvers in speech, song leading

and chorus, with six gold medals in drama, Bible reading, service challenge, art and puppets.

- Ethan Stancell,

grade 6 — five events, one bronze in Bible quiz, a silver in song leading and three golds in puppets, drama and

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Happy Mother's Day!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with all the things our Moms do:

- _____ her bicycle on the path
- _____ in the lake
- _____ and folds laundry
- _____ stories with us every night
- _____ the flower box
- _____ sure we do our homework
- _____ cookies
- _____ me to feed our pet
- _____ us even when we make mistakes
- _____ the bushes
- _____ us how to take care of our things
- _____ at a business
- _____ at town events
- _____ us to the bus stop on time
- _____ for our groceries and clothes
- _____ and kisses us goodnight
- _____ summer vacations
- _____ picnics
- _____ us to the doctor or dentist
- _____ in the road race
- _____ and mops floors
- _____ flower bulbs
- _____ mini golf
- _____ the bills

Mothers and fathers are very excited when their children are born. It is a time of wonder and love. Our parents take care of us, guide us and teach us for many years. Mothers do so many things for and with us. Stop and think about all the time and love your Mother gives you. **What can you do to surprise her or help her out a little on her special day?**

Mail a card!

Write a note!

Give hugs and kisses to Grandma!

For Mom

Who knew I had such a flair for flowers?

Visit our web site to print out new puzzles: **Family Memories, Best-Loved Books, and Birds** (word search). Don't forget to print out the spring reading log set, too: www.readingclubfun.com

Animal Mothers and their Young

Some newborn animals need a lot of care, while others can take care of themselves almost from birth. Every spring it's a blast to visit farms and zoos to see, feed and pet the new baby animals. **Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

1. this mother sits on her eggs to keep them warm, then spreads her wings to keep wind and rain away from her chicks
2. this nanny watches her kid leap and jump on the mountainside
3. this baby hangs by its toes in a cave: its mother hangs next to it to feed it and wrap a wing around it to provide warmth
4. these babies are born onto their mother's tail
5. this hopping mother has a large pouch to carry her baby
6. this mother builds a nest of grass and mud to put her eggs in; when they hatch she tears the nest open
7. her young can hang upside down by their tails-"look, ma, no hands"
8. after this baby is born, others help it get its first breath of air
9. this bear carries her young on her back
10. mother carries her young by picking them up with her mouth

Does this mother bird get to feed her baby birds? Or will the worm escape?



I'm the early bird!

I knew I should have slept later!

Start **Escape**

MSA Summer League To Start Soon

The Muleshoe Softball League is getting ready to start summer league for women. Anyone interested in signing up a team please contact Rudy Perez at 806-729-2100.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

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