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School board recognizes efforts of students, staff

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

A large number of employees and students were recognized during Monday's meeting of the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Superintendent Gene Sheets shared a letter he'd received from the Texas Education Agency acknowledging the district's PEIMS zero error rate, and recognized Jean Richardson's efforts as being the reason.

According to Sheets, the PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System) allowed a two percent error rate, but that the paperwork Richardson has submitted to the state has consistently been without error.

"I appreciate what she has done for me," Sheets said.

Unfortunately, Richardson — who has been an employee for the school district for 25 years — pointed out that someone else would have to send the information to the state next school year. Richardson's resignation, effective July 31, was one of four the board of trustees took into closed session.

"I'm going to miss you all,"

Richardson said with a smile Monday, "but it's going to be more fun cheering for you from the house with my grandbaby in my arms than it is up here."

Other resignations presented to the MISD board included Mike Richardson, who has taught for 33 years, Norma Prather and Sharon Riggs.

The school board also recognized the

were:

Anna Symn, Shanna Rempe, Marquia Joyce, Tyler Wood, Ashley Beggs, Brad Henry, Niclas Green, Marcella Saxton and Kristen Ambriz.

Jordan Bonds, Brandi Wood, Amber Cowart, Jamie Carpenter, Lindsey Wood, Kelsy Friskup, Ashley Dickson, Monica Posadas, Kasey Wood, Kate Lepard, Chelsi Hawkins, Shayla Hall and Irma Torres.

Myles James, Trent Black, Chris Kindle, Trevor Turnbow, Landon Wilson, Brady Black, Aresenio Geter, Kory Atwood, Tyler

Sheets, Charles Hammer, Charissa Conner, Mandy Brantley, Lizit Vasquez, James Coffman, Sunny Snider and Justin Strawn.

It should be noted that several of the students were honored for more than one achievement.

Sponsors and coaches honored included April Smith, Chris Mardis, Joe Pat Wright, Shana Simms,

"You make a lot of us look good..."
— David Jenkins

achievements of a large number of students and teachers during Monday's meeting.

"You make a lot of us look good," Principal David Jenkins told the students waiting to be presented with certificates.

"We're proud of the way you've represented the school," the superintendent added.

Among the students honored the board meeting



Annual motorcycle rally tours Muleshoe

Brisk temperatures and a stiff wind Saturday didn't prevent the 23rd annual Muleshoe Roadriders' Rally and Show from being held at the Bailey County Coliseum. Along with a large number of motorcycles and vendors, there was food and games to be enjoyed by all who attended. Pictured above are a couple of the machines on display inside the building, while Jerry Berry examines a similar motorcycle outside the building.



Photos by
Larry Thornton

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Hospital board receives 2004, 2003 audit report

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center's board of directors received an audit report for years ending Sept. 30, 2004 and 2003 which was described as being different than the board had ever seen before.

Auditor Brandon Durbin of Durbin & Company explained this year's new audit requirements resulted in a report different from previous reports. "You won't have an 'apples to apples' comparison with last year's report," said Durbin.

Durbin spent about 50 minutes explaining the new format, but took the time to acknowledge the hospital staff's efforts in collecting funds owed to the hospital district. "You have made great strides in reducing your accounts receivable," Durbin said.

Concerning the district's finances, the report said the net assets had decreased in both 2003 and 2004, noting an \$858,356 decrease in 2004 and a smaller decrease in 2003 of \$17,422.

The report also listed the hospital's operating loss in 2003 at \$500,406, and a loss of \$1,380,126 in 2004.

However, the report lists the district's 2004 non-operating revenues as increasing by 20 percent over the previous year's revenues, and 25 percent when the 2003 revenues are compared with 2002 revenues. Both of which the report notes are "consistent

with the district's entire operating history."

A decline in long-term care revenues, as well as increases in contractual adjustments, salary increases and increases in medical supplies and drug costs are listed as the reason for the loss in operational revenues.

Although the auditor noted a deficiency in the hospital district's internal control structure... specifically a "lack of

"You won't have an 'apples to apples' comparison with last year's report..."

— Brandon Durbin

segregation of accounting duties," he also noted that this wasn't unusual in small and medium-sized establishments such as serves Muleshoe. "It is not economically feasible to permit an adequate segregation of duties in all respects," the report said.

In the statement from the auditor included in the report, he reminded the district's administration to separate such accounting duties whenever possible, but also noted there didn't appear to be any "material weakness" in the way the district's accounting procedures were being handled.

Still, the auditor did make

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Pete becomes a matchmaker

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

What do Niagra Falls, Las Vegas and Muleshoe have in common?

Yes, the Canadian side of the falls is called the Horseshoe Falls, and there is a hotel in Las Vegas formerly called the Horseshoe Hotel. But that doesn't answer the questions. After all, this is Muleshoe, not Horseshoe.

Well, the answer is all three locations are places to which people travel to be married.

On Thursday, Ray and Kathie Redford were united in matrimony in Muleshoe, having eloped from Abilene, but their journey to the Bailey County seat was marked by years and not just miles.

Back in 1953, Ray and Kathie attended Paschal High School together at Fort Worth. They knew each other, and at one point Ray sent Kathie a present — which, Ray recalled during an interview Thursday, drew angry words from a close friend of Kathie's who made it clear to Ray that Kathie was already seeing someone.

The person Kathie was seeing soon became her husband and they had a long life together, 48 years and two sons.

But something happened,



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Redford, and Pete

and Kathie was alone again.

At the time Kathie's first husband died she had a career in Georgia, where she was the secretary for the CEO of Cingular Wireless. But with her husband's passing, she said Thursday, she felt her grief pulling her away from the world.

That's when a friend suggested Kathie get on the internet and reconnect with some of her high school friends.

"I did," Kathie said, adding that she wrote to a couple of girls she remembered... and Ray.

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Local Weather

Thurs.
Pt. Cloudy... 73/39

Fri.
Few Shwrs... 63/33

Sat.
Few Shwrs... 58/29

Sun.
Pt. Cloudy... 61/32

Mon.
Pt. Cloudy... 75/39

Tue.
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Wed.
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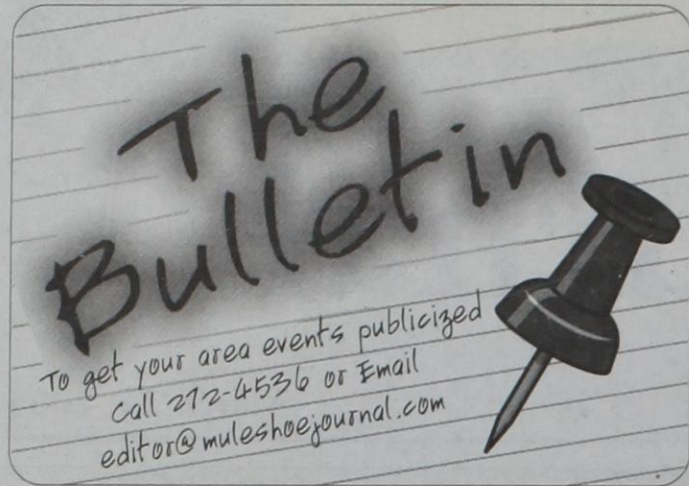
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Diabetes management program offered

Bailey County Extension and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition will be sponsoring a diabetes educational series called Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes. The primary goal of this program is to help participants learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

Presenters include Dr. Thomas Smith, Kay Swint, Linda Bullock, Kristi Spies, Amanda Shelton and Jenifer Gregory. The program will be held from 7-9 p.m. on March 29, and April 5, 12 and 19, at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room. Participants who attend all six sessions will receive a free glucometer. For more information or to register for the program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Old yearbooks wanted

Former Muleshoe students or anyone with old yearbooks, including parents who still have their kids' old yearbooks, are invited to contribute them to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. They will be placed in the Depot for people to take a mental stroll down memory lane.

To donate, call the Depot, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and ask for Delores. The number is (806) 272-5873. At this time, yearbooks from 1950, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1963, 1970, 1973, 1975 and 1980 are still needed.

Muleshoe graduates sought

The Ex-Student Association is looking for 1924-1985 graduates and former students for an all school reunion to be held on July 2, 2005.

Call 806-272-3233 or send name, address and phone numbers in by March 15, 2005, to Muleshoe Ex-Student Association, P.O. Box 100, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Fine Arts Night to shine

Fine Arts Night will be at 6:30 p.m., March 31, at the High School auditorium. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. The choir will perform at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction and the band will perform afterward.

Pioneer history book available.

The Muleshoe Senior Citizens' Pioneer History book is now available at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. The cost is \$25 per copy.

Muleshoe AA meetings set

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at 121 W. Ave. C (next door to the Mental Health Mental Retardation [MHMR] near Main Street). For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Judge's scholarship

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison, whose memory is being honored with this educational subsidy.

To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Chamber seeks event information

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website is being developed and needs the help of community members. Site designer Stacy Thompson needs local and area people to let her know about upcoming events of any nature in Muleshoe. Thompson suggests that events should be called in at least one month in advance for the calendar to be effective. Churches, organizations, clubs, schools, business, individual, etc. events will be publicized on the site if received in time to do so. Call your events in to Thompson at 272-3652 or email thompsn@fivearea.com.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes

'Wild at Heart' men's ministry of New Covenant Church is offering free oil changes to the elderly, disabled and single mothers with children this holiday season. The ministry is designed to fulfill the gospel's call to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

To qualify, one must be over 60 years of age, be disabled or be a single mother with children living at home. The oil change will be provided by a local business and will be free. If you, or anyone you know of needs their vehicle services and meet the criteria, call (806) 965-2787 and a certificate will be sent to them.

Gardening workshop scheduled

A gardening, mini-farming workshop has been scheduled for April 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the Garden & Art Center in Lubbock. The workshop will cover several gardening topics including organic, no-till and beds. For additional information call 767-3724, or email Ken Hargesheiner at "minifarms@aol.com".

DL Office closed for Easter Holiday

The driver's license office in Muleshoe will be closed March 24-25 and 28-29, for the Easter weekend. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday, March 30.

Support sought for Project Graduation

Parents of the Muleshoe Senior Class of 2005 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for our graduates.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses such as games, food and prizes for a celebration in Amarillo. Transportation and sponsors will be provided. This will be a substance-free, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Donations will be acknowledged in the newspaper in one of three levels: Gold Sponsor — donation of at least \$100; Silver Sponsor — donation of at least \$50; Bronze Sponsor — donation of at least \$25. Donations of any amounts will be appreciated.

Donations for "2005 Project Graduation" or questions may be addressed to: Lavon Hunt, The Donut Hole, 1106 W American Blvd. Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3668; Jody Wood, 1502 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, Texas 7934, or by calling 272-7549; or Tom Ladd, Earl Ladd & Sons, 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or by calling 272-3308.

German sausage is available

St. Ann's Catholic Church is selling German sausage, regular or with jalapeno, at \$3.50 a pound. Contact Tami Schilling, 806-825-3031, for additional information or to place an order.

Talent show

Muleshoe High School is hosting a Talent Show on April 28.

If you would like to show your talent and be a part of the show you can sign-up now. Simply fill-out the form available at the DeShazo Elementary, Watson Junior High or Muleshoe High School and return it to one of the locations. The last day to sign-up is April 12. Auditions will be held after school on April 14. There is no cost for entering the show. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. For additional information, contact Annette Escobar or Raquel Mata at 272-7303.

Little League sign-up

Parents wishing to sign their children up for Little League may do so today, March 24, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Muleshoe Junior High, during the Little Dribblers basketball games. There is a \$25 sign-up fee, and parents are asked to remember to bring the birth certificate of the youngsters being signed-up. Contact Jorge Barron, 272-3577, or Adrian Perez, 272-5650, for additional information.

Youth Softball

Muleshoe Youth Softball is currently looking for coaches and umpires for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in becoming a coach or umpire, and maybe even holding an office on the board is invited to attend a meeting at the high school cafeteria on March 29, at 7 p.m.

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Ag Notes

- The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in Texas and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy, or approximately 9.5 percent of the state's gross state product.
- Ninety-two percent of the state's agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

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Scholarship donations sought

The Muleshoe Independent School District would like to make sure that every Muleshoe High School graduate has the opportunity to pursue an education beyond the high school level. Four years ago, the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees took a bold step toward this goal by establishing the Muleshoe Opportunity Scholarship Trust.

The MOST scholarship funded is through contributions, honorariums, gifts, and memorials. "We are inviting you to be a part of offering a successful beginning to our seniors by making certain that every individual who graduates from MHS has a scholarship," MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets said. "Your donation of any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Even a small amount, when pooled with others, can make a difference in the lives of our graduates."

A fully tax-deductible donation can be made to: MOST Scholarship, c/o Muleshoe ISD, 514 West Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Women's workshop set for April 1

Clovis Community College is excited to offer a one day educational women's workshop entitled Women: Inspiring Hope and Creating Change. The conference will be held at CCC on Friday, April 1, from 8:15 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:15 in the gymnasium area of CCC. A \$10 fee is required, which includes lunch. Call 769-4929 to learn more about registering for the workshop.

Singer showcase to be held

The Roxy's Singers Showcase will be April 16, at 7 p.m. in Olton. All area vocalists are invited to come and perform. To perform, contact the Olton City Hall at (806)285-2611 or email your entry to oltonpwd@amaonline.com. The deadline to enter is Friday, April 15.

Lamplight... by Larry Thornton

*My Sunday cloak's
a lovely thing,
its pattern woven
by a King.
It wraps me close
in special grace,
which knows no
strangeness...
anyplace.*

*"I'm all you need,"
it seems to say,
"Why don't you wear me
everyday?"*
(From "My Sunday Cloak"
by Blanche Smith)

Easter has always been a joyous time around my home. I've been fortunate in that I was raised in a Christian home; therefore, when spring rolled around it was marked more by my parents buying my sisters and I a new Easter outfit than it was for the arrival of the first robin.

This Sunday my family and I will be joining with many others across the county as we travel to

church, bedecked in our Easter finest to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. But as I think about our preparations I can't help but remember that on the day of his crucifixion Jesus Christ also wore a princely robe.

In Luke 23: 11, NIV, it says, "Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate."

It was this same robe that the soldiers cast lots for at Christ's feet as he hung from the cross.

Yes, it is nice to dress in our finest clothing and it is right that we will gather together this Sunday to celebrate, worshipping God who makes all things possible, but at this time of year we should be more concerned about another cloak, and not just our own.

God's holy word tells us that Christ died for the ungodly. John 3:16, NIV, says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God knew we were unworthy, but from before the beginning of time God had already set in place his plan of redemption. Through his own magnificent grace he offered up his own son as a living sacrifice for all who would believe and follow.

As Christ Jesus hung on that cross he took upon himself the sins of all the world. "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding," Ephesians 1:7-8, NIV.

The Bible tells us that God, being holy, cannot look upon sin. It is our sins that separate us from God, but Christ paid the price for each of us, shedding his blood on Calvary... cloaking all who believe in a crimson mantle that makes them acceptable in the eyes of the Father.

As you finish your preparations for this Sunday prepare your hearts as well. Meditate upon the gift that you as Christians have

already received, and pray that God's Holy Spirit will work upon the hearts of those around you who have yet to accept Christ.



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School News



Computer team wins at Lubbock

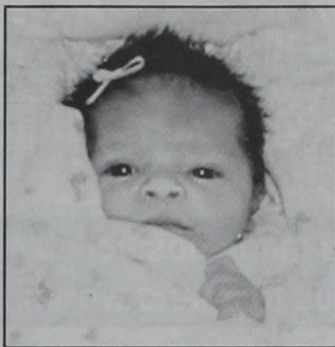
The Computer Science team won first place in the Texas Computer Education Association's Area programming contest Saturday, Feb. 26, in Lubbock. Niclas Green, Brad Henry and Jordan Bonds, pictured above, will be traveling to San Antonio April 30 to compete at the state level.



Watson students qualify for state

Two Watson Jr. High students have qualified for state competition in science testing in the Texas Math/Science Coaches' Association. Sixth grader Justin Strawn and eighth grader Sunny Snider, pictured above, have qualified in science, and will be competing against students from across the state on April 16, 2005. The state competition takes place at the University of Texas at San Antonio. TMSCA is a statewide organization that promotes excellence in math and science. Every year, WJHS students are allowed to try their hand at this test by going to qualifying competitions at Brownfield and Ralls middle schools.

Births



Marissa Andrea Gonzales

Marissa Andrea Gonzalez born

Rosie and Jimmy Gonzalez of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Marissa Andrea Gonzalez at 7:05 p.m. on March 1, 2005, at Plains Regional Medical Center, Clovis, N.M.

Marissa was 7 pounds, 10.5 ounces in weight, and was 21.5 inches in length. She has a three year-old brother, Christian Xavier Gonzalez.

Her grandparents are Delma and Santiago Gonzalez and Bertha and Elpidio Cabrera, all of Muleshoe.

Benefit dinner set for April 3

Project Graduation 2005 will be holding a benefit brisket dinner on April 3 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 10 years of age and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

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ART THOU NOT A VALIANT MAN, ABNER? THEN WHY HAST THOU NOT GUARDED THE LIFE OF THE KING BETTER THAN THIS?!

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WHO ART THOU, THAT CRIEST OUT TO THE KING'S ARMY?!

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"Do you remember the girl you gave the bracelet to?" Kathie said she wrote. "Why didn't you say anything to me back then?" Ray remembered, and told Kathie about her girlfriend coming to him and telling him to back off.

Since high school, Ray had quite a life of his own. Married for 47 years to the wife of his four sons and daughter, Ray had retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 21 years, followed by 15 years with Hughes Aircraft.

And, just like Kathie, when his wife died, Ray also pledged never to marry again.

After Kathie returned to Texas, she was living in Mansfield and Ray was at Arlington, when she "broke her rule," and called Ray to see if he'd like to meet over a cup of coffee. "We met at Starbucks," she said, "and things just clicked."

Shortly after that, Kathie said Ray was going to Las Vegas and asked if she would like to go along. "I told him, 'no, why would I want to do that?'" she said.

So there you have it... high school friends who married late in life. Romantic, yes, but what does that have to do with the home of Pete and the world's largest Muleshoe?

The truth is, the one place Ray could have offered to take Kathie early in their relationship and received an affirmative answer probably was Muleshoe, Texas.

Kathie explained that she has had a fascination with Muleshoe for years. As her first family was growing, they would often travel through the Texas Panhandle.

"Can we stop at Muleshoe?" Kathie said her sons would ask, wanting to have another photograph with their fiberglass friend,

"It's not just the mule... it's something about the small-town atmosphere."

Pete.

Kathie said they came to love their excursions through Muleshoe, and said she used to talk about getting a checking account at an area bank, just so her checks would say "Muleshoe."

What she didn't realize was that she wasn't the only person with such thoughts.

It wasn't until later she discovered that the new man in her life was also a fan of Pete's Panhandle home.

Kathie said on her first trip through the Panhandle with Ray she started telling him about this special community she wanted to go through, only to discover

Ray already knew about the charm of the Bailey County seat.

Ray said he fell in love with the city's name, and during his first marriage made several trips through the town. Ray laughed and said he'd often told his first wife that he wanted to open a checking account at a Muleshoe bank for the same reason as Kathie, but that his first wife wasn't enthusiastic about the idea.

Ray recalled telling a friend of his in New Zealand that he wanted to open an account here one day.

Needless to say, Ray and Kathie fulfilled their dreams Thursday. After exchanging wedding vows, they opened their bank account.

"Now I'm going to send him a check," Ray said, referring to his New Zealand friend.

"It's not just the mule," Kathie said, "it's something about the small-town atmosphere." Kathie said they would be making their home, at least for now in Abilene, but added that a move to Muleshoe is always a possibility.

Agricultural News

Loss assistance available for Bailey County

Bailey County producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program, launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday, March 14.

According to Kim Hanlin, County Executive Director for the Bailey County Farm Service Agency, CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses resulting from damaging weather in crop years 2003 and 2004 as well as certain losses suffered in 2005.

"We are motivated to provide crop loss assistance benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Hanlin. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk — impeding their ability to produce a dependable, affordable national food supply."

Eligibility for CDP is similar to that of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. Producers suffering a production loss greater than 35 percent or more than a 20 percent

quality loss are eligible for CDP. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and non-insurable crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities.

Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program. This program results from Congressional passage last October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Hanlin. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving

to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Hanlin encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Bailey County FSA office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 111 East Ave. D, Muleshoe, Texas, or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov> and <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Extension office can help calibrate lawn sprayers

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For more detailed information on calibrating spreaders and sprayers, contact the Bailey County Extension Office.

2005 cotton crop calculator is ready to be downloaded

An updated and greatly expanded version of the popular Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available for the 2005 growing season.

The new version includes more than 100 conventional, Roundup Ready, LibertyLink, Bollgard and Bollgard II, and stacked gene technologies.

Producers interested in using the new calculator can download a copy from www.plainscotton.org.

The PCG calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices.

The new calculator will allow a grower to select varieties from the list of more than 100 that are available, and compare them side by side.

The calculator gives growers the ability to see

how various seed and technology combinations compare on a per-acre cost basis using their own target seeding rate expressed in plants per acre or calculated as a function of row width and number of seed planted per foot of row.

The spreadsheet will also show how much of a grower's per-acre cost is attributable to the cost of seed and technology.

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Sports

Mules fall to Wildcats in championship

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

A snowstorm changed the Muleshoe Baseball Tournament from a three-day event with pool play to a two-day single elimination schedule. The Littlefield Wildcats loaned the Mules their field for Friday's games, as Mule Field was still wet from the snow.

Saturday's finals were played in Muleshoe. Morton defeated Friona 14-5 for seventh place and Olton defeated Dimmitt 14-5 for consolation. Floydada beat Littlefield 10-2 for third place and the Mules met River Road in the finals.

The Mules dropped Olton in the opening round 12-2 with a game-ending homer by Robby Bomer. The Mules led 9-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Bomer's blast scored three runs to end the game on the 10-run rule.

Floydada defeated Morton 12-2 in their opening game to move to the semifinals. Zane Johnson started on the mound for the Mules against Floydada and gave up three runs on eight hits in five complete innings. Landon Wilson came on in relief in the sixth inning and shut out Floydada for two innings.

Juan Nunez ripped a double down the left field line and with one out in the second inning. He advanced to third on a passed ball and came home on a throwing error by the catcher to put the Mules up by one run.

The Mules scored three runs on two hits in the top half of the third inning. Garrett Behrends walked on four pitches to lead off the inning. Eddie Alvarado drew a one-out walk and advanced to second on a tap to third by Jarad Flores.

Behrends was forced out at third on Flores tap. E. Alvarado stole third and scored on Geoff Sirkel's single. Bomer tripled to left center to score Flores and Sirkel to end the Mule's scoring.



Mule E. Alvarado slides to base during the March 14 game against the Plains Cowboys.

Floydada scored a run in the third, fourth and fifth innings to threaten the Mules. Wilson stuck out four of the seven batters he faced in the final two innings.

The Mules fell to the River Road Wildcats 13-1 in the championship game. The Mules scored their one run on three hits.

During Spring Break the Mules took a double header from Olton 4-2 and 7-2 and dropped two games in River Road 12-2 and 8-6. The Mules bounced back from their losses to River Road by defeating the Plains Cowboys 7-4 Monday March 14.

The Cowboys tied the game at 3-3 with a home run

in the top of the fourth inning and went on top by a run in the fifth.

The Mules came back in the sixth inning with Barry Morris leading off with a single to left. Nunez scored Morris with a triple line drive down the third base line. Cody Clark sacrificed Nunez across with a tap too first. Brant Hamilton slapped a stand up double to left. Ed. Alvarado swapped places with Hamilton with a double over the left fielder's head.

Bomer hit a sky-high fly ball to short center that fell in for a hit and scored Hamilton to end all scoring.

The Mules open district in Littlefield March 25 and return home April 2 to host the Brownfield Cubs.

Lady golfers take second

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mule golf team scrambled to a second place finish in Division I behind the host Sweetwater Mustang team March 11 and 12. Sweetwater shot a two day total of 626 and the Mules fired a 646. Snyder took third with a 654.

"This was a good tournament for us," said Mule golf coach Kody Crane. "We played on a new course with Bermuda grass greens. The grain of the grass made the ball move more on a putt than the slope. We saw putts that actually broke up hill because of the grass."

"The kids adjusted to the conditions and really played

well. It should help us when we get to the regional tournament because it was a two-day tournament. You really have to work at keeping your focus over two days."

Focus is exactly what Trevor Turnbow did as he had scores of 73 and 72 for a total of 145. He was the low individual for the tournament. Kory Atwood followed with a 79-83 for 162.

Trent Black shot 86-89 for a 166 and Myles James carded an 84-90 for a 174. Cade Smith rounded out the team with an 86-89 and 175.

Levelland competed in Division II of the tournament and finished with a team score of 649.

Mules place seventh at Tulia Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

A small group of Mule tracksters competed in the Tulia Relays on Saturday. The Mules placed seventh in a 12-team field with 42 points. Tulia won their own meet with 113 points, Stratford was second with 112 and Hart came in third with 90.

Rudy Gonzales had a gold medal performance in the triple jump with a

combined distance of 40 feet seven inches. Gonzales also placed seventh in the 100- and 200-meter dash. He recorded times of 11.38 seconds and 24.23 respectively.

Daniel Caraveo finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.49. Joe Bryan Claybrook placed fourth in both the 1600- and 3200-meter run with times of 5:16.40 and 11:34.80 respectively.

Kory Atwood and Caleb Heinrich took second and third in the discus with throws of 119' 8" and 119' 7" respectively. Robby Bomer was second in the high jump by clearing 6' 2".

The Mules will compete in the Antelope Relays in Abernathy March 24 and return home to host the Muleshoe Relays on April 1.

Lady Mules take second at Tulia Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules came up one point short of winning the Hornet Relays in Tulia Saturday. The Lady Mules finished with 141 points to take second behind Stratford with 142 Tulia ran third with 81 and Farwell was fourth with 74 to lead the 12-team field.

Jessica Withrow led the Lady Mules in scoring by taking four individual medals and anchoring the gold medal 1600-meter relay team. She won the long jump with a leap of 17 feet five inches.

Withrow also took gold medals in the high jump by clearing 5'4" and won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.22 seconds. She set a new Muleshoe school record in the 300-meter hurdles with a time 47.09.

Kate Leopard, Brandi Wood and Kelsey Tipps joined her in the final race of the day. The Lady Mules collected all 20 points for winning the race with a time of four minutes 21.89 seconds.

Minerva Martinez took the gold medal in the shot put with a toss of 34' 2" and was third in the discus with a throw of 94' 7". Amber Cowart had a gold medal performance in the pole vault by clearing 9' 6".

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The Author of Life Will Have the Last Word

Recently my younger brother Jim and I walked among the headstones dotting the small country cemetery nestled near the Edith Community a little over 8 miles outside of Robert Lee, Texas.

Well-kept but absolutely blending in with their surroundings, the headstones had grown up where once only mesquite trees and

only one date. Date of birth. Date of death. The same.

Not far away was a larger stone bearing two names, a mother and child. The date of her death was the date of the birth, and the death, of her child. And it pointed to another death. A death of dreams. Her dreams, of course. But also the dreams of a husband/father as on that day the sun of his deepest joy was unexpectedly eclipsed by an even deeper sadness.

More than a few of the names in that country cemetery I recognized. Names of Robert Lee families. Harmon. Bruton. Boykin. King. Peay.

And names like Key and Shropshire. Both strains of blood run in my veins.

And Shelburne. The first time I ever saw that name chiselled on a headstone, it caught me by surprise. Still makes me feel funny. It shouldn't.

Alf Key, my great-grandfather, donated the land for that cemetery. His bones lay there. Not far from the windmill and ruins of his old homestead. As do D.P. Key's, his son and my grandfather, and Wilma Shelburne's, D.P.'s daughter. My mother. And G. B. Shelburne, Jr.'s. My father.

The pattern on the quilt is emerging. Death hasn't skipped a single generation. And it won't skip mine.

But the Author of Life will have the last word in the story.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

prickly pears had dotted the landscape. Not far off, but far enough away to be absolutely unobtrusive, was a defunct country cafe and a flock of goats.

A few jackrabbits darted in and out between the stones, oblivious to the mute but powerful witness those granite markers bore to untold stories and the fabric of life and love, tragedy and triumph, joy and sadness laid out before us in the patchwork quilt of humanity's struggle. Jim and I walked, talked, and wondered about the stories.

Just a little way over from where we were standing was a short white stone, a little stone lamb resting on its top, bearing the names of three boys, triplets we supposed, Terry, Kerry, & Gerry, and

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Chamber News

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Board met in regular session last Thursday to discuss the upcoming banquet, finalize plans and choose annual banquet award winners.

Present were President Kent Bradley, Vice-President Heather Foley, Treasurer Mark Beard, Past-President Terral King, Secretary Stacy M. Thompson, Freddy Santos, Leah Bell, Robert Nichols, Noelia Flores, Tadd Young and Lynn Moore.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bradley told those in attendance that no word has been heard from the TV show Town Haul as of yet. But news should come within a week or so.

The banquet will be held April 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. This year's decorating theme will be "Unsung Heroes" and featured speakers at the event will be representatives from the Sheriff's Office, EMS, Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department and the US Armed Forces. Entertainment for the event will be Texas Crossroads, a country and western band based out of Shamrock.

Beard reported that he had booked Texas Crossroads at a discounted price for the event. Board members voted on and approved hiring the band to play at the banquet.

Nichols reported that all food will be purchased

through United Supermarkets and will be stored in their facilities until April 16. The menu will be the traditional all-you-can-eat steak and peeled shrimp dinner with all the trimmings.

Bells reported that getting items donated to the silent auction is "going well." So far, more than 25 items have been donated.

Thompson will once again be taking "date night" photos at the banquet. King reported that these impromptu photos last year helped bring in an extra \$200 for the Chamber fundraiser. Thompson asked that the photos be advertised beforehand and at the banquet. The board agreed.

The board then read nominations and voted on awards for Man/Woman/Employee/Business/Farm

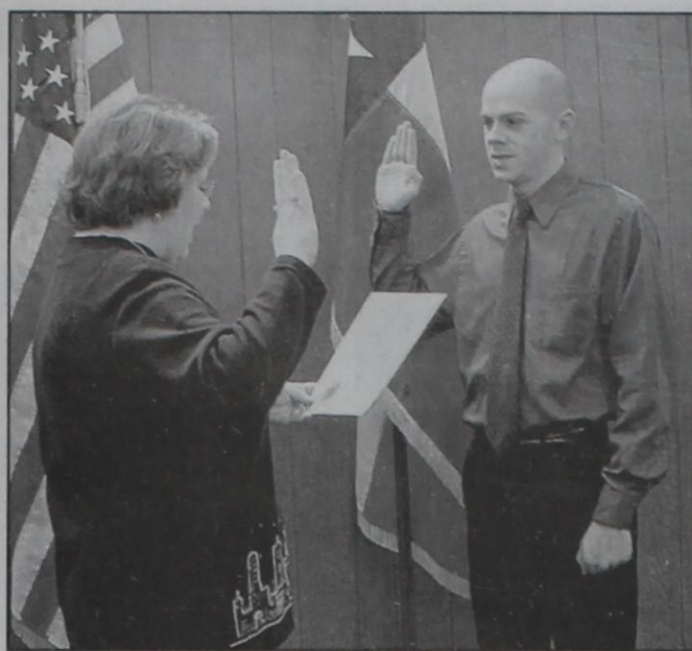
Family of the Year. Winners will receive handsome wood and metal engraved wall plaques.

Banquet tickets will be \$40 per person or \$35 per person for anyone purchasing eight or more tickets. They will be available this week.

The board then voted on and approved purchasing an ad in the State Line Tribune in support of Farwell's 100th birthday.

The employee and business of the month were chosen and the board went into executive session to discuss new hours for Chamber Manager Jan Thompson.

A special meeting will be held Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber Board room. The banquet will be the main topic of discussion.



Patrolman sworn in....

Patrick Keele took the oath of office as a Muleshoe Police Department patrolman Wednesday, March 16, from Justice of the Peace Juana Shelburne. Keele, who served in his first law enforcement position with the Bailey County Sheriff's Office since May 2004, is looking forward to receiving good training from the individuals he will be working with in the department and is excited to start his demanding job. He "expects a lot of hard work." Keele's wife Amber looked on as he repeated the oath in front of several witnesses.

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Muleshoe ISD Spring Sports Schedule

Varsity Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 25	Littlefield*	Away	6:30
Apr. 2	Brownfield*	Home	6:30
Apr. 5	Levelland*	Away	7:00
Apr. 9	Cooper*	Home	1:00
Apr. 12	Littlefield*	Home	6:30
Apr. 18	Brownfield*	Away	4:00
Apr. 23	Levelland*	Home	1:00
Apr. 26	Cooper*	Away	6:30

JV Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 25	Littlefield*	Away	4:00
Apr. 2	Brownfield*	Home	4:00
Apr. 5	Levelland*	Away	4:30
Apr. 9	Cooper*	Home	10:00
Apr. 12	Littlefield*	Home	4:00
Apr. 16	Brownfield*	Home	3:00
Apr. 23	Levelland*	Home	10:00
Apr. 26	Cooper*	Away	4:00

Varsity Softball			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 25	Levelland*	Home	6:30
Mar. 29	Littlefield*	Away	6:30
Apr. 2	Cooper*	Home	6:30
Apr. 5	Levelland*	Away	6:30
Apr. 9	Littlefield*	Home	1:00
Apr. 12	Cooper*	Away	6:30
Apr. 16	Levelland*	Home	1:00
Apr. 18	Littlefield*	Away	4:00

JV Softball			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mar. 25	Levelland*	Home	4:00
Mar. 29	Littlefield*	Away	4:00
Apr. 2	Cooper*	Home	4:00
Apr. 5	Levelland*	Away	4:00
Apr. 9	Littlefield*	Home	10:00
Apr. 12	Cooper*	Away	4:00
Apr. 16	Levelland*	Home	10:00

Girls Golf		
Date	Place	Team
Mar. 29	Abernathy	V
Apr. 5	Muleshoe*	
Apr. 13	Littlefield*	
Apr. 25-26	Nueva Vista**	
May 12-13	Jimmy Clay G.C.***	

Boy/Girl Tennis		
(No schedule available)		

Boys Golf		
Date	Place	
Mar. 30	Abernathy	
Apr. 4	Elm Grove G.C.*	
Apr. 11	Levelland*	
Apr. 25-26	Ratliff Ranch G.C.**	
May 12-13	Jimmy Clay G.C.***	

Jr. High Track		
Date	Type	Place
Mar. 24	Wildcat Relays	Littlefield
Mar. 31	Muleshoe Relays	Muleshoe
Apr. 9	District	Levelland

Boys Track		
Date	Type	Place
Mar. 24	Antelope Relays	Abernathy
Apr. 1	Muleshoe Relays	Muleshoe
Apr. 8	Wildcat Relays	Littlefield
Apr. 15	District Meet	Levelland
Apr. 29-30	Regional Meet	Odessa
May 13-14	State Meet	Austin

Girls Track		
Date	Type	Place
Mar. 24	Brownwood Relays	Brownwood
Apr. 1	Muleshoe Relays	Muleshoe
Apr. 8	Wildcat Relays	Littlefield
Apr. 15	District Meet	Levelland
Apr. 29-30	Regional Meet	Odessa
May 13-14	State Meet	Austin

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 9 — Ruby Clark, Jessie Gray, Dott Parker, Lee Tosh, Janice Villa, Mary Wood, Leslie McCain and Linda Tosh.

March 10 — Baby Villa and Elizabeth Worm.

March 11 — Johnnie Eubank, Margaret Hamilton, Jim Kee, Oscar Lamb, Ruby Lamb, Irene Purser, Francisco Reyes, J. Shanks and Carmen Vega

March 12 — Julia Martinez and Lucy Recio

March 13 — Stacey Beasley, Jimmy Dutton, Michael Griffin and Mary Johnson.

March 14 — Ann McPeak and Daniel Ramireziii.

March 15 — Freddie Ford

Ginning data being collected

Statisticians with the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service are working to gather cotton ginnings data for inclusion in the Final Cotton Ginnings Report for the 2004 crop year.

The final report is used for more than just totaling the amount of cotton ginned in Texas counties each year. The information provided by gins to TASS is also used to determine and verify county level cotton production each year.

TASS depends greatly on the cooperation of Texas cotton gins to gather and report the most accurate information possible. All data collected by TASS is kept strictly confidential and reports are aggregated to avoid disclosure of individual data.

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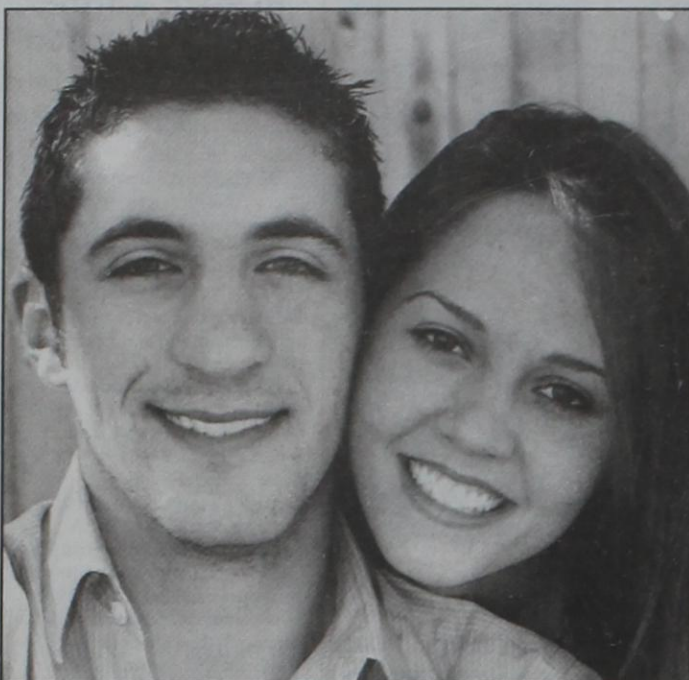
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Engagement



Kidd, McClanahan

Marvin and Ami Standefer are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Kidd of Ft. Worth, to John McClanahan, also of Ft. Worth. The prospective groom is the son of Dr. Mark and Robin McClanahan of Brownfield, formerly of Muleshoe. The prospective bride is a graduate of Lamesa High School and attended Texas Tech University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center, where she is currently employed as secretary to the vice-president. The prospective groom is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, and also attended Texas Tech University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center and Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is a full-time student. The wedding date has been set for July 16, 2005, at 7 p.m., at Fulford Barn, Brownfield, with the Reverend Chad McMullin officiating. A reception will follow.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church announces Holy Week Schedule

The Holy Week schedule for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church has been released.

Among the events of the week are:

Holy Thursday, March 24
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass until midnight.

Good Friday, March 25
Pilgrimage Walk, 1 p.m., beginning at Armando and

Clara Flores' residence on W. Hwy. 84 to the church.

Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.

Veneration of the Cross / Communion Service, 8 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 26
"Pesame" to Mary (Condolences to Mary) Holy Rosary, 10 a.m.

Mass of the Easter Vigil, 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection, 10 a.m.

Library to receive Texas Book Festival grant

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be one of 37 libraries statewide to be honored with a Texas Book Festival grant at the annual convention of the Texas Library Association on Thursday, April 7, in Austin.

The 2004 Texas Book Festival will award a total of \$125,000 to 37 libraries throughout the state. Several of this year's recipients will be

recognized for benchmark projects in literacy and technology that can be replicated by other libraries. Since 1995, the Festival has raised over \$1.65 million for 550 libraries statewide. The 2004 Book Festival was underwritten by SBC.

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is very interested in providing good books for the children of our

community to read. The librarian has read the books: "Books that Build Character: A Guide to Teaching Your Child Moral Values Through Stories" by William Kilpatrick and Gregory and Suzanne M. Wolfe; "Honey for a Child's Heart" by Gladys Hunt.

The money from the grant will be used to purchase some of the books these two recommended. "The Muleshoe Area Public Library has many books to offer the children of our community. But, looking over our collection after reading the above books, we see a need to purchase some of the materials recommended." Librarian Dyan Dunagan said. "We would like to introduce to our readers more books that help youngsters grow in virtue."

"We are planning to purchase around 180 books and the 'Chronicles of Narnia' videos with this money. We are very eager to have these books and videos in our library for our youngsters," said Dunagan.

The 2005 Texas Book Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary and will take place on October 28 - 30 at the State Capitol in Austin. Founded by First Lady Laura Bush in 1995, the festival features reading and discussion with renowned Texas and national authors.

The 2004 festival attracted more than 25,000 attendees with a program that included Joyce Carol Oates, Seymour Hersh,

Peter Bogdonavich, Kinky Friedman and Sir Harold Evans. The Texas Book Festival has grown each year to become one of the most prestigious literary festivals in the nation.

"The Texas Book Festival has become an anticipated, established event that thousands of Texans look forward to attending each year," said Festival Chair Regan Gammon. "We are looking forward to celebrating 10 years of bringing readers and writers together in the State Capitol as we work toward our goal of placing a Texas Book Festival grant in every library in the state."

The festival underwriter is SBC; major festival sponsors include Barnes & Noble, the Susan Vaughan Foundation, Hewlett Packard, the T. L. Temple Foundation, and Williams Brothers Construction. The festival's sponsors include Texas Monthly, the Austin American-Statesman, KUT 90.5 FM, Time Warner Cable, and Emmis Broadcasting.

Religious News

"El Senor es tu Protector"

— Salmo 121:1&2

Por Oneida Lopez
Para Muleshoe Journal

Al contemplar las montañas me pregunto: "¿De donde vendrá mi ayuda?" Mi ayuda vendrá del Señor, creador del cielo y la tierra.

No por casualidad suceden o se encuentran muchas cosas. Aunque muchos hoy pensamos así. A usted escuchado a alguien decir; "¿Que casualidad?". Yo misma recuerdo aver dicho esa misma frase, tiempo atrás. Pero me he dado cuenta que no hay tal cosa, sino simple obra de Dios. En lo que tengo de leer mi biblia he aprendido que mi ayuda, siempre viene del Señor. No importa cual aya sido o sea hoy la ocasión. Hoy simplemente cierro mis ojos y le agradezco por haber tomado mis problemas y aliviado mi corazón. Cuando antes no tenía completa razón.

Hoy se que no es casualidad, ni suerte sino la

mano de Dios. El es quien me sostiene, de donde viene mi ayuda, pues su palabra me lo da a conocer. Salmo 121:5 dice: "El Señor es quien te cuida, el Señor es quien te protege, quien esta junto a ti para ayudarte."

Si usted querido lector se encuentra leyendo mis letras, de parte de mi creador. No es ninguna casualidad sino divina cita del Señor. Al sentir en su corazón un pequeño movimiento, abra usted su corazón al Señor. De le usted todas sus cargas; su tristeza, su dolor y reciba de Cristo la paz. Piense, dándole gracias, pues el creador del cielo y la tierra se interesa y desea ayudarlo como me ayudo ami. Nada es de complicado, pero se toma un corazón sincero, decisivo y dispuesto a recibir. La pregunta a usted, hoy, es. "¿Que se encuentra en su corazón hoy?"

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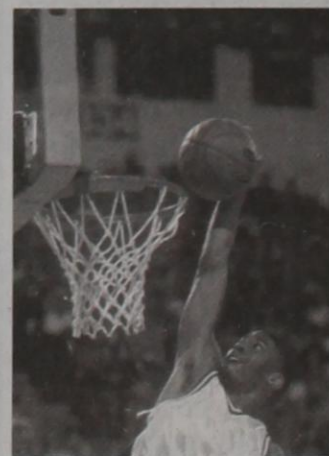
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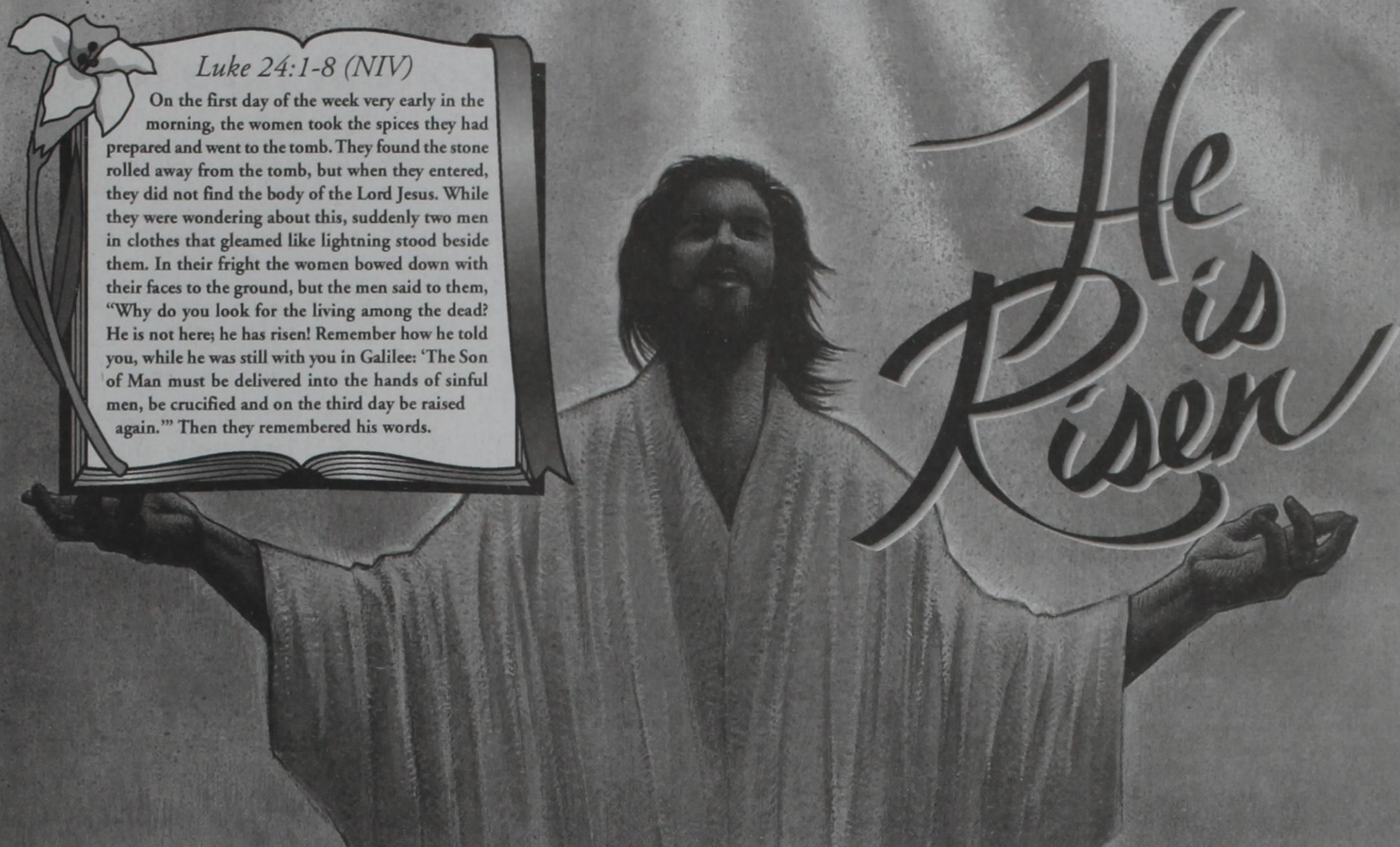
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Sports

JV Mules track team takes third place trophy at Tulia Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules took third out of 10 teams in the Tulia JV Relays on Saturday with 102 points. The Mules finished behind Tulia with 179 points and Stratford at 142. The Mules finished ahead of Dimmitt with 99

points. Josh Ramirez and Dusty Clayton ran fifth and sixth in the 100-meter dash with times of 12.18 seconds and 12.46 respectively. Michael Vega placed second in the 200-meter dash with a 25.01. Doc Fulmer was fourth in

the 400-meter dash with a 58.28. Cory Wallace and Gilbert Mojica had preliminary times of 59.31 and 1:04.86. Adam Zamora and Colby Carpenter finished fourth and fifth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:23.37 and 2:26.07.

Carpenter ran fifth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:45.57. The 4 X 100-relay team of Ramirez, Vega, Heinrich and Clayton finished third with a 48.83. The 4 X 200-meter relay team of Ramirez, Vega, Zamora and Clayton ran third with a 1:43.20.

The 1600-meter relay team of Dustin Barker, Zamora, Wallace and Garrett Riley finished third in a time of 3:56.24. Barker had a gold medal time of 17.50 in the 110-meter hurdles and Riley was fifth with an 18.52.

Bradley Branscum and Logan Caddell took fifth a sixth in the discus with throws of 94 feet 4 inches and 92' 10" respectively.

Riley was fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 36' 3 1/2". Riley took gold in the high jump by clearing 5' 6" and Zamora was second at 5' 4".

8th-grade Mules track team collects a trophy

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Mules ran second with 100 points behind the host team Tulia Friday, March 18, in the Tulia Relays. Tulia accumulated 147 points for the win and Dimmitt followed the Mules with 84 for third place.

Ray Ramirez got the Mules started with a gold medal finish in the 2400-meter run with a time of eight minutes and 44.78 seconds. John Flores and

Marshal Head took sixth and seventh with times of 9:47.23 and 10:18.69 respectively.

The 4 X 100-meter relay team of Gunner Kerby, John Michael Salinas, Roman Martinez and Victor Vasquez finished second with a time of 50.08. Jordan Faires and Nathaniel Chavez ran fourth and fifth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:37.97 and 2:38.91 respectively. Lane Wood and Austin Wright took fifth and seven in the

110-meter hurdles in 19.14 and 20.51 seconds. Vasquez, William Hanks and Kerby placed fourth, sixth and seventh in the 100-meter dash with times of 12.92, 13.17 and 13.34.

Hanks, W. Wood, L. Wood and Martinez took second in the 4 X 200-meter relay with a time of 1:51.69. Salinas and Brian Poyner ran second and fifth in the 400-meter dash in 1:01.24 and 1:05.65.

Jeff Embry, Hanks and Joe Vargas finished fifth,

sixth and eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 49.11, 50.35 and 51.90. Chavez and W. Wood took fourth and sixth in the 200-meter dash in 27.49 and 28.43.

Ramirez took the gold medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:45.55. The 4 X 400-meter relay team of Vasquez, Martinez, Vargas and Salinas finished second with a 4:10.64.

There were no field events because the field was still wet from the snow.

7th-grade Mules track team dominates Tulia Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Mules ran away from the six-team field in the Tulia Relays Friday, March 18, with 118 points. Dimmitt was second with 74 points, Clarendon third at 71 and Olton ran fourth with 67.

Dallas Davidson, Frankie Reyes and Lennin Granillo took the top three places in the 2400-meter run with times of 10 minutes 7.19 seconds, 10:08.00 and 10:17.58 respectively.

The 4 X 100-relay team of Adrain Chacon, Caleb Conner, Jared Skipworth and Larry Richardson finished third with a time of 55.00.

Rolando Saucedo ran fourth in the 800-meter run with a 2:43.48. Kyler Steinbock took the gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles with an 18.70. Jay Andrade and Juan Quezada placed sixth and 10th with times of 22.93 and 25.74 respectively.

Sean Thornton took third

and Chacon sixth in the 100-meter dash with times of 13.76 and 14.34 respectively. Austin Bamert, Skipworth, Conner and Andrade placed third in the 800-meter relay with a 1:58.90.

Bamert, Justin Griswald and Chris Anguiano ran fifth, seventh and eighth in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:08.90, 1:13.82 and 1:15.67. Steinbock and Andrade came in first and second in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 48.85

and 53.32.

Toni Mendoza took sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 31.94. Saucedo, Stewart Precure and Reyes finished in third, fourth and sixth in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:42.46, 6:43.88 and 6:49.96 respectively.

The 1600-meter relay team of Bamert, Conner, Steinbock and Richardson capped off the day with a second place finish with a time of 4:33.85.

There were no field events at Tulia because the field was still to wet from the snow.

Lady Mules track team... continued from page 6

Kelsey Tipps took second in the triple jump with a combined distance of 32' 3/4". Wood was fifth in the high jump by clearing 4' 10".

Hernandez was second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.13 seconds. Leopard ran sixth in the 400-meter dash with a 1:08.56.

Leopard and Sarah Sexton placed third and fourth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:39.49 and 2:43.38 respectively.

Chelsi Hawkins was fourth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:59.01. Ashley Grumbles and Hillary Tipps finished fourth and fifth in

the 3200-meter run with times of 14:17.19 and 14:32.82 respectively.

Charissa Conner ran seventh in the 100-meter hurdles with an 18.03. The 4 x 100- and 4 x 200-meter team of Hernandez, Wood, Hawkins and K. Tipps ran fourth in both events with times of 54.73 and 1:58.44 respectively.

Kyra Kimbrough is a transfer student and has to compete on the junior varsity her first year in Muleshoe. Kimbrough was the only competitor for the JV Lady Mules and finished ninth with 12 points beating out three other teams. She had a gold medal leap in the triple jump of 32' 3 3/4" and ran fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.0 seconds.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Brownwood Relays March 24 and return home April 1 for the Muleshoe Relays. The final warm up meet of the season is in Littlefield April 8 and the District 2-3A Meet is in Levelland April 15.

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recommendations for improvements. Among those recommendations were:

- How new accounts for payable vendors are set up.
- Conflict of interest statements for the board of directors, which the auditor suggested be renewed annually, as well as having the district's top administrative staff provide similar documents.
- The identification of accounts receivable write-off debts as being either charity or bad debts.

According to the report, the hospital's total write-offs in 2004 totaled \$935,039, and

in 2003 totaled \$982,482.

In other business Thursday, the MAMC board:

- Instructed the hospital's administration staff to meet with representatives of the Bailey County Emergency Medical Services and county officials to work out a billing problem concerning the cost of transporting Park View Nursing Home residents to the hospital.
- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for the purchase of a water softening system for the hospital kitchen.
- Entered into a closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

The family of
Dorothy Spencer
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Engagements



McElroy, Hatch

Don and Ann McElroy announce the engagement of Reagan Nicole McElroy to Adam James Hatch. Reagan is the daughter of Don and the late Lisa McElroy. Adam is the son of Anne and Steve Hatch of Austin. Reagan graduated from Southern Methodist University in June 2001 with a degree in International Studies and Spanish. Adam graduated from SMU in June 2000 with a degree from the Cox School of Business. Reagan is a Business Development Partner for Clarity Resource Group of Austin, Texas, an accounting and technical services staffing firm. Adam works with his father in the real estate and land development business. Reagan and Adam currently live in Tucson. The couple will be married on June 18, 2005, in a small ceremony on Great Exuma Island in the Bahamas. A wedding reception for the couple will be held in Muleshoe on Saturday evening, Aug. 20, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Senior Citizen News

Spring has officially arrived at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center and the center is sporting its new Easter attire. The decoration committee, Nancy Kidd and Pauletta Crawford, have done a good job, as always, keeping the center dressed up for each occasion and season.

The dance committee, Billie Harvey, Eva Atwood, Mary Nell Bleeker and Ladene Spears felt that the big snowfall on Tuesday created too much of a hazard for the seniors to come out for the regular Tuesday evening dance and it was called off. Sandy Vandevender, our disc jockey promises an extra-special evening this week at 7 p.m.

Sharing the responsibility at the senior center, several have volunteered to help take the money for the noon lunch, but a few more people are needed for back-up.

Nona Clements and Barbara Dee Marlow bring an array of delicious refreshments each Tuesday morning for the game players. Several are busy at the pool tables, while others enjoy putting puzzles

together at the library. Many enjoy the big-screen television.

A good number were present for the Retired Teachers meeting at the senior center on Friday afternoon. After the business meeting, Nelda Merriott, program director for the senior center was the speaker, telling of the growth and activities of the center. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

A lady remarked that she had visited another senior center and it seemed a bit quiet and dreary, but that ours was bright and cheery and laughter was heard at the game tables.

Another mentioned our inviting atmosphere as well as our great senior meals for a suggested donation of \$3.

The center can be rented for a variety of occasions for \$10 an hour with a minimum of \$30.

The senior center will be the site for a brisket lunch on Sunday, April 3, as a fund-raiser for Project Graduation. The senior citizens are proud of our graduating high school seniors and wish them all the best.

Memorials may be sent to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center at P. O. Box 272, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Birthdays are celebrated at the senior center at noon on the second Thursday of each month.

A craft afternoon is being planned. Stop by the activity center office and tell us your ideas and about things you would enjoy.

The menu for the upcoming week is:

Monday, March 28 — Burritos, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad with Thousand Island dressing and Angel food cake.

Tuesday, March 29 — Beef Stroganoff, noodles, peas and carrots, wheat roll, oranges and bananas.

Wednesday, March 30 — Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll and gelatin.

Thursday, March 31 — Patty melt sandwich, vegetable soup, three bean salad, orange sections and cookies.

Friday, April 1 — Beef roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with Thousand Island dressing, biscuit and brownies.

County 4-H youth place at Houston

Among the winners at the Houston Livestock Show were Dusty D. Clayton and Judd Baker, both of the Bailey County 4-H.

Dusty Clayton took seventh place in the lightweight Berkshire barrow division; and Judd Baker took ninth place in the heavyweight Berkshire barrows division.

Ag Notes

• Although agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than two percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

• The top two commodities in Texas are cattle and cotton.

Nursing Home News

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons delivered pieces of ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class.

Residents participating were Wilma Hughes, Delphine Gruda, Diane Copley, Jim Kee, Alliene Lasiter, Cynthia Crawford, Gladys Wilson and Cathy Wilson.

Brother Randy and Brenda Thomas from the Lazbuddie Methodist Church directed a devotional for the resident's Thursday morning.

Dorothy Bowers was taken out for lunch by her daughter Virginia Bowers and Louise Bynum Thursday.

Friday afternoon Janet Denton entertained the residents in the day room. Janet's mother Sharon Rector also attended the program.

The Farwell Church of God in Christ and Mennonite youth came to sing for and with the residents Friday evening.

Bill Lambert's family hosted a 100th birthday party for him Saturday afternoon in the activity room. Bill had family from Utah, South Carolina and Wyoming just to name a few from out of state who attended his celebration.

Iris Clements directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

The Calvary Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon.

Louise Agee went for a drive in the country with her daughter Louann Friday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard, pastor of the Earth United Methodist Church directed a memorial service for Letha Patterson Tuesday morning. Mrs. Patterson's family, along with the residents attended the service.

Carolyn Riley visited Park View last week and gave us bouquets of flowers that enhance our decor.

Tuesday afternoon, Pat

Watson, Pat Clark and Beverly Wagnon came to shampoo and set the ladies hair.

Wednesday morning, Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth served coffee and doughnuts to the residents.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Anna B. Lane directed the "Singspiration" devotional time.

Arnold Prater's little granddaughter Bailey came and played catch with Arnold and Rick Hunter.

Summer Lowe, Cassidy Lowe and Skyler Smith visited the residents during spring break.

Dr. Stacy Conner visited the residents at Park View Wednesday.

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I just wanted to express my sincere appreciation to the parents, students, faculty, businesses and members of the community of Muleshoe. Shattered Dreams is a wonderful program that brings into reality the consequences of underage drinking and drinking and driving. Anyone can put together this program, but it took a community, school system, students, and parents all pulling together to make it successful. YOU are the reason Shattered Dreams was a success! It is all our duties now to make sure we continue to spread the message associated with Shattered Dreams; even with all the success we have achieved we must continue to show our young people how much we care about the decisions they make. Again, thank you all for everything!!

MICHELE BARTON, RN
M.H.S. School Nurse & Health Occupations Teacher

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Engagement



Chaney, Mendoza

Wyley and Pegi Chaney of Amarillo are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Apryl Chaney to Gabriel Mendoza, also of Amarillo. The prospective groom is the son of Heriberto and Lupe Mendoza of Muleshoe. The prospective bride graduated from Amarillo High School and Amarillo College with an associate's degree in nursing. She is currently employed as a podiatric registered nurse at Children's Hospital at Northwest Texas Healthcare System. The prospective groom graduated from Muleshoe High School and is currently enrolled at Amarillo College. He is employed as manager of Hatworld, Inc. in Westgate Mall. The wedding has been set for May 28, 2005, at 7 p.m., at Galbraith House Bed & Breakfast.



Obituaries

Manuela Ochoa

A church service for six daughters — Sylvia Manuela Ochoa, 84, of Amherst was held Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth with Fr. Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, and burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery of Amherst.

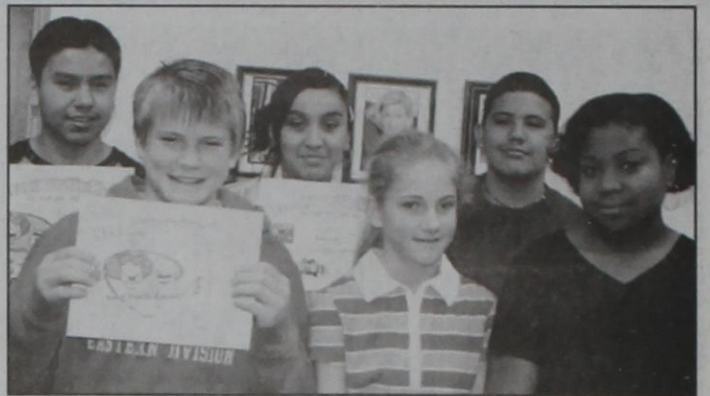
Ochoa died Saturday, March 19, 2005, in Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield. She was born Sept. 20, 1920, in El Roden, Durango, Mexico, and married Ysidoro Ochoa Jr. in Lubbock in 1942.

Ochoa moved from her home in Amherst to Harmon House in 2003. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church of Earth, where she was a member of the Ladies Crusillista.

Survivors include four sons — Felipe Ochoa and Ysidoro Ochoa III of Amherst, Epifanio Ochoa and Francisco Ochoa of Amarillo;

two brothers — Ernesto Pauda of Brownfield and Gregorio Pauda of Amarillo; 31 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

School News



Students of the Week

Watson Jr. High Students of the Week for the week of March 21 - 25 are, from left to right: Front row — Sterling Lepard, Jenna Whitworth and Mariah Hall; back row — Juan Salamanca, Erika Tovar and Xavier Cuevas.

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Baby Showers



Morris baby shower held

A baby shower for Keila and Sid Morris was held Sunday, March 20, in the home of Dani Heathington. Hostesses for the event included Kathy Ambriz, Suzie Claunch, Louvenia Garlington, Rosemary Lowe, Joyce Scott, Katie Bynum, Sheryl Altman, Leslie Crane, Krystal Favor, Rhonda Myers, Lora Wallace, Brenda Black, Debbie Gallman, Dani Heathington, Joan Nix and Pat Watson. The hostess' gift presented at the shower was a stroller and child care kit. Cookies and tea were served at the shower, which had a western theme with a red and white checked tablecloth accented with a denim overlay and floral centerpiece. The honored guests at the event included Sherri Kennedy and Sheryl Morris, grandmothers-to-be; Gloria Kennedy and Flo Smith, great-grandmothers-to-be; Jodi and Sidney Morris, Kaci Morris, Sheri Kay Woodward and Pam Merryman.

Muleshoe youth captures calf

Roper Ledbetter of an FFA student at Farwell Muleshoe was one of 14 youngsters to capture an elusive calf during the March 7 performance of RodeoHouston. The certificate is to be used in exchange for his successful scramble, Roper, registered beef heifer.

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you could be hit with a 10% to 50% penalty.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☐ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☐ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☐ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
Bailey Central Appraisal District
302 Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347
806-272-5501

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2005 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Commentary

Journalist becoming disheartened by politics in legislative process

By Davie Ann Browder
Castro County News

When I started my first job in the news business, back in the 1970s, I thought I could help people — tell the public what was going on. And once people knew what was happening, whether it was in Austin or Dallas or Washington, D.C., they'd get together and do something about it.

Boy, was I wrong. Over the past 30 plus years, I've covered politics from Austin to Washington, D.C. and in between worked for a few politicians. And although this state has gone from a Yellow-Dog Democratic state to a GOP-dominated state, little has changed.

I guess my biggest disappointment came covering the Legislature. I'm writing this because at a recent Dimmitt ISD school board meeting, Superintendent Les Miller mentioned that there's a proposal before the Lege to make school districts buy their own textbooks. It would cost the district hundreds of thousands of dollars which,

by the way, school districts don't have. It's just one of many goofy proposals that may or may not see the light of day before this session ends.

So, I'm here to rant about the Legislature and, let's put the blame where it belongs, the public's apathy.

Why don't we get mad and do something when ridiculous proposals wind their way through the Legislature? Is it because individuals feel less and less able to effect changes? Are we waiting for the other guy to do something? Surely, it isn't that we just don't care?

I really thought, when I first started out, that once I informed the public about the process and the way it is sometimes perverted, they'd would throw the rascals out. Thirty years and counting and that still hasn't happened. Oh yes, we sometimes see "reform" candidates. Wanna bet how long it takes them to get the "Beltway mindset" or the "Austin mind cloud"? Sometimes not even a full term. They become

convinced that it's all about them - and they justify making stupid decisions by telling the public that if they don't go along with the Speaker, Lt. Gov., you fill in the blank, that they wouldn't get any of their bills a fair hearing. There's some truth to that, but not nearly as much as elected officials want us to believe.

So we still have a Legislation session in Austin that can often be called surreal — and that's putting it nicely.

I don't know how to describe a session of the Legislature. There are literally thousands of bills introduced each session. The filing deadline was Friday, March 11, by which time 6,636 bills and resolutions had been filed — 3,475 are House Bills and 1,777 are Senate Bills.

And in the first 60 days, no votes are taken (it can be done, but you must have 4/5 agreement of each house to do so or it must be deemed an "emergency"). This means that as the session winds to a close in

May, action on these thousands of bills is rapid and haphazard — remember, the session, by law, is only 140 days and you've just eliminated 60 of them. Of course, those first 60 days and the other 80 are jam-packed with hearings on bills and introduction of bills right until that final deadline.

Then we have riders added to legislation. And, by the way, the riders usually have little or nothing to do with the substance of a bill. A rider is usually added for one of two reasons.

1. A lawmaker will attach a rider so odious that it makes the bill impossible to pass.

2. A lawmaker will attach a rider to a bill so important that it must be passed and often that rider is allowed to

slip through in committee.

What this means is that something like local districts paying for textbooks can be tacked on to a bill that may talk about timber cutting in East Texas or changing the name of the state flower. And the amount of horse trading is incredible. Don't get me wrong. Without horse trading among the members, NOTHING would ever get out of committee, much less make it to a floor vote.

But the trading and the duplicity of some members of the House and Senate make it almost impossible for a "pure" bill about anything to make it through unscathed.

If you've never just sat in the gallery of the House or Senate in Austin and listened, it's hard to believe what goes on there. I'll give you an example. In the early 1970s, the Speaker of the House, Gus Mutscher, was about to be indicted for taking a bribe. (He was later convicted). But during the final day of one session — as the House was working on both redistricting and passing an appropriations budget — a member changed Mutscher's district during floor debate to include Walker County, so, he said, the Speaker could still keep his office while serving time.

Huntsville is the county seat in Walker County, but apparently most of the House didn't notice it because it passed. I was sitting there listening and realized what they meant (I'd gone to school in Huntsville), so I hurried to the lobby of the House and waited for the fireworks. I didn't have to wait long. I can't use the language that Mutscher's lieutenants used, but they had members out in the lobby in no time flat and were threatening them with just about everything if they didn't get back in there and reverse their action. Of course they did. But folks, that's what the Legislature is like.

Remember, just because a bill passes in the House, it means little. It, or a Senate Bill like it must make it through the Senate. And then that bill goes to conference committee, where both Senators and Representatives must hammer out some kind of

compromise. Here you have more horse trading. And while we're talking about horse trading, don't forget lobbyists. These are some of the most powerful people in Austin. They literally have millions of dollars to contribute to campaigns of people they deem "helpful" to their cause. In this state, it costs big bucks to run for governor or some of the other state-wide offices and it isn't cheap to run for the Legislature, either.

Which brings us to the heart of the matter. How do we, the public, the man on the street, begin to influence those people in Austin. After more than 30 years, I'm still not sure. I can name a handful of people I've EVER known who write letters or make calls to Austin, or for that matter, to Washington, D.C.

It is a daunting task — trying to influence the way a bill looks. I don't know if the public has a chance of being heard. A couple of decades ago, a group called Common Cause was formed. Its aim was to represent the public. I don't know what happened to it. (I believe it was too liberal for most people in the South). But at least someone was trying.

I do know this. Once the public stops trying altogether, then the worst will happen. Decisions in Austin and Washington will be completely in the hands of the special interest groups. And folks, let me tell you, farmers, teachers, ranchers are not among the most influential in either town.

Of course, if we aren't active at a local level, what hope do we have of influencing legislation away from home? How many of our eligible voters exercised their rights in the last trustee or city election?

I believe the one thing we can't do is sit back and hope for the best. But again, I'm just one person.

To think that over the past 200 years in this country, hundreds of thousands have died fighting for our right to cast a ballot. For what? A country that decade by decade sees fewer people participating in the process - handing over what others have died for us to have.

Births



Damien Blayze Martinez

Damien Blayze Martinez born

Toby Martinez and Shannon Chapman proudly announce the birth of their son, Damien Blayze Martinez, on Feb. 22, 2005, at 6:59 p.m., at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Damien weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

His brother is Kurt Rodriguez, 2-1/2.

Damien is the grandson of Atanacio Martinez and Christina Olivarez of Muleshoe, and Cary and Joy Radford, also of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are Mollie Davis of Muleshoe, and the late Carol Davis and Shirley Mitchell.

Sports

Hole-in-one reported

Officials with the Muleshoe Golf & Country Club reported that Tyson Turnbow hit a hole-in-one on March 20.

Reportedly, Tyson, the son of James and Shelly Turnbow of Muleshoe, used a pitching wedge on the ninth hole to make the shot.

Country club officials also reported that Analeta Haley of Muleshoe made an eagle using an eight iron on the sixth hole on Feb. 8.

Ag Notes

Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the United States' total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses.

Obituaries

J. D. Tipton

A chapel service for J. D. Tipton, 90, of Morton, was held Thursday, March 24, 2005, at the Ellis Funeral Home chapel in Morton with Joey Pierce officiating. Burial followed at Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton.

Tipton died Monday, March 21, 2005, in the Levelland Nursing Home. He was born Sept. 17, 1914, in Tipton, Okla. He married Murlene Young in Lovington, N.M. on March 25, 1952.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and seven brothers.

Tipton had lived in Morton since 1976, after moving from Wilcox, Ariz. He was a farmer and a rancher, and a member of the Taylor St. Church of Christ, Morton.

Survivors include his wife Murlene of Morton; a son — Joe T. Daniel of Las Cruces, N.M.; a daughter — Twila D. Bolton of Deming, N.M.; a brother — Bob Tipton of Sherman; three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

Addresses for charitable giving

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-4429 or 5873
 - American Cancer Society/Bailey County Relay For Life, c/o Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, TX 79347
 - MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347
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Club News

Muleshoe Retired Teachers met Friday, March 18, at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, 319 South Main in Muleshoe, Texas.

Nelda Merriott, the activities director at the center, spoke to the group on the creation and progress of the senior center. It was a very interesting and informative program.

Members present at the meeting were Georgia Pena, Mary Nell Bleeker, Mary Crane, Wilma Smith, Alene Bryant, Lucy Faye Smith, James and Ann Sinclair, Rose Sain and Pauletta Crawford. Visitors present in addition to the speaker, Nelda Merriott, were Myrtle Puckett and Nancy Kidd.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mary Nell Bleeker and Mary Crane.

Sunrise service on Sunday

The Muleshoe Ministerial Alliance will be holding an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, March 27, at 7 a.m. at the city park, across from the 16th and D Church of Christ.

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Sports

8th grade team takes second place

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Lady Mules finished second behind the Tulia Lady Hornets in the Tulia Relays this past Friday. Tulia finished with 116 points, the Lady Mules had 110, Nazareth was third with 62 and Dimmitt was fourth with 56.

Lupita Andrade led off for the Lady Mules with a gold medal performance in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 10.86 seconds. The 4 X 100-meter relay team of Janae

Pyle, Morgan Smith, Gizell Vasquez and Amelia Clemmons took second with a 56.80.

Amy Withrow took the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.41 and Cassie Steinbock and Sunny Snider ran seventh and eighth with times of 20.25 and 21.11.

Clemmons had a gold medal time of 13.76 in the 100-meter dash. Pyle ran second and Gabby Agundis took seventh with times of 14.12 and 15.77. The 800-meter relay team of Withrow, Pyle, Smith and Clemmons took the gold

with a 1:59.56.

Agundis and Tabitha Orr ran fourth and seventh in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:15.37 and 1:17.72. Steinbock and Chelsea Moore took third and seventh in the 300-meter hurdles in 58.55 and 1:02.58.

Moore finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 31.95. Snider ran third in the 1600-meter run with a 7:24.68. The 1600-meter relay team of Andrade, Pyle, Withrow and Smith took second with a 4:49.67.

The field was too wet for the field events to be held.

7th grade Lady Mules succeed at Tulia

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seven grade Lady Mules ran second in the Tulia Relays last Friday. The Lady Mules scored 89 points to trail the host Tulia Hornets 144. Dimmitt finished in third with 75 points and Clarendon was fourth with 55.

The 400-meter relay team of Ashley Cisneros, Breann Baca, Stephanie Garcia and

Marisela Casanova finished third with a time of 58.73 seconds. Sarah Johnson took the gold medal in the 800-meter run with a 2:54.85 and Tessa Burris finished sixth with a 3:09.97.

Briana Anguiano, Tiffany Standard and Caitlyn Durbin finished in seventh, eighth and ninth place in the 100-meter hurdles with times of 21.60, 22.14 and 22.48 respectively. Jessica Behrends and Alyssa

Martinez ran fifth and seventh in the 100-meter dash with times of 14.87 and 15.29.

The 800-meter relay team of Martinez, Baca, Cisneros and Casanova took the gold medal with a time of 2:04.29. Behrends placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a 1:14.13.

Anguiano was third in the 300-meter hurdles with a 1:02.30 and Durben and Standard finished sixth and eighth in 1:06.43 and 1:08.17. Behrends finished second in the 200-meter dash with a 32.08.

Johnson, Burris and Aguiano ran second, sixth and seventh in the 1600-meter run with times of 6:41.19, 7:30.17 and 7:31.62. The 1600-meter relay team of Cisneros, Baca, Casanova and Martinez took second with a 4:55.24.

Lady Mules win double-header

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

A snowstorm forced Borger to call off their Winter Softball Tournament this past weekend. Lady Mule softball coach Jody Holcomb had to scramble for games. Dimmitt agreed to come to Muleshoe and play a double header Saturday afternoon.

Abby Lawrence showed a lot of heart by pitching two complete games. The Lady Mules took the first game 3-0 and capped off the day with a 9-7 win.

Lawrence pitched a three-hit shutout in the opening game and stranded five Bobbie base runners. The Lady Mules committed three errors in the contest.

The Lady Mules scored three runs on two hits in the third inning. Madison Smith drew a walk to open the inning and Heather Holcomb singled to left field. Ashley Dickson singled to right to score Smith.

Kendra Pruitt was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Erica Sanchez slapped a ground ball past second to score Holcomb and Dickson. That rally was enough to put the Bobbies away.

Dickson ended a Bobbie threat in the fifth inning with a triple play. Dimmitt had runners on first and third with no outs. The batter hit a line shot to Dickson at third. She made the snag and tagged the runner coming off third for the second out and fired to first to catch that base runner scrambling back to first.

The Lady Mules jumped in front early in the second

game before Dimmitt scored on two hits in the top of the third inning to trail 3-1. Holcomb charged a lazy fly ball to short center field and made a running catch for the third out to end the Bobbie rally.

Dimmitt loaded the bases in the top of the fourth with one out. Lawrence fielded a comebacker in the pitching circle and threw home to Sanchez for the force. Sanchez stepped on the plate and fired the ball to Jenna Rasco on first for the double play and end the inning.

The Bobbies scored three runs in the fifth inning and loaded the bases with one out. Lawrence got a strike out for the second out. Sanchez fielded a swing

bunt and made a perfect throw to Rasco at first for the third out and end the threat.

Kristen Ambriz made a running grab in left to dash the hopes of a come back for the Bobbies and end the game.

With only four teams playing softball in District 2-3A the teams will play each other three times during the district race.

Ag Notes

Texas' one million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States. Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature Horses.

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Employee of the Month

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School board... continued from page 1

Carey Sudduth, Benji Jay, Linda Pshigoda, Ralph Mason and Ron Welch.

Jenkins also spoke briefly concerning the Shattered Dreams program that took place at the high school last week, saying the effort put forth by the community, the school staff and the students was amazing. "It went far beyond what any of us expected," Jenkins said.

And, trustee Cindy Purdy recognized Sheets for the efforts he has taken to combat HB 2 and the financial burdens it would place upon smaller Texas school districts.

"Thank you, Gene," Purdy said, "for what you did. It's made a difference for our kids."

In other business, the MISD board:

*Approved a resolution canceling the May 7 election in Districts 2 and 5. Incumbents Cindy Purdy and Nick Bamert were unopposed in the election and will be sworn into office on May 16.

*Approved an order of election for the Dist. 3 seat, to be held between April 20 and May 3, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the MISD Administration office. Application for a mail ballot can be sent to Jean Richardson, Early Voting Clerk, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe.

April 7 is the last day for individuals wishing to vote in the election to register.

*Appointed Rhonda Smith as judge for the May 7 election, Amelia Madrid as assistant judge and Deborah Nobel as clerk.

*Noted there would be a school board candidate workshop March 24 in Lubbock.

*Received a report from Food Service director Robin

Thacker in which she referred to the food service staff's efforts during the recent TAKS, and said the students at DeShazo Elementary were offered free breakfasts during the testing period to help prepare the students for the day's work.

Thacker also reported that food services made \$7,532.24 in February, bringing the year-to-date total to \$29,164.36.

According to the invoice the district received from food contractor Aramark, the food cost for February totaled \$23,347.31, and food services labor totaled \$24,712.41. Administration and management fees of \$7,857.85 brought the invoice to a total of \$60,169.40.

However, with cash sales totaling \$15,616.66, and the district's TEA reimbursement of \$55,286, the district's food services profit was the \$7532.24 previously mentioned.

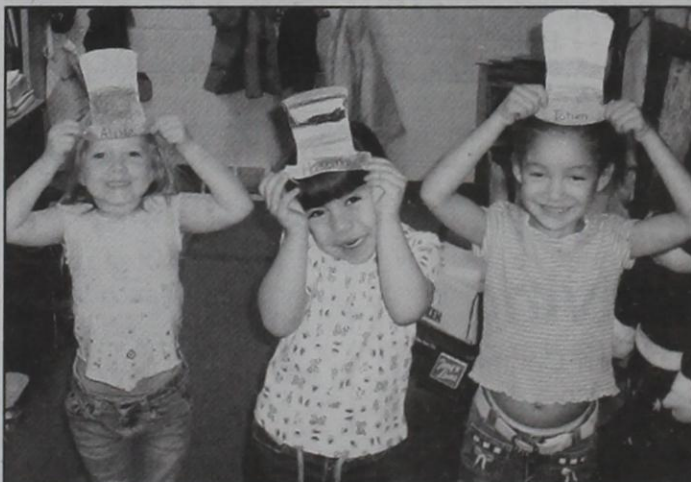
*Approved minutes from the Feb. 14 meeting with minor corrections, and the minutes to the Feb. 28 meeting as presented.

*Received a financial report from Superintendent Gene Sheets which stated that 92 percent of the local revenue budgeted had been collected for a total of \$2,536,822. State funding collections are at 65 percent, or \$4,374,703.

Financial documents show the district's current expenditures for the 2004-2005 school year total \$6,508,551, which is 63 percent of the budgeted \$10,457,782.

The school district's designated fund balance is \$6,800,000, its undesignated fund balance is \$2,187,196, for a total of \$8,987,196.

School News



Happy Dr. Seuss Day!

Lazbuddie Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2 with various activities and learning experiences. The fourth and fifth graders did problem solving math with green eggs and ham (paper ham, that is). The second and third graders discussed different antics from one of Dr. Seuss' favorites, "The Cat in the Hat." Topics were likes and dislikes and character comparisons. First grade, Kindergarten and Pre-K participated in many projects including devouring green eggs and ham cooked by the Seventh grade Life Skills class and also decorating their own Dr. Seuss hat. The day ended with Dr. Seuss' classic, "The Diffendorf Day," read to the entire elementary by Superintendent Karl Vaugh. Pictured above, three Pre-Kindergarten students display their hats.

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Letter to the Editor

Resident urges state leaders be contacted about HB 2

Dear Editor:

The overriding issue of all parents is for their children to get the best possible education. Based on what MISD Superintendent Gene Sheets has informed us through the pages of the *Muleshoe Journal*, our children are getting the 'short-end-of-the-stick' in tax-funded public education. Thanks to the recent House of Representatives passage of HB2.

I have sent a protest letter to the following state officials, Gov. Rick Perry, Speaker of the House Tom Craddock, Dist. 94 Rep. Kent Grusendorf, the Chairman of the Public Education Committee, Dist. 19 Rep. Warren Chisum and Dist. 31 Sen. Kent Sliger

Their addresses and phone numbers are enclosed for the convenience of those who may wish to contact them.

LaVonne McKillip,
Muleshoe

Health

Alzheimer's on the rise

Submitted by Mandi Seaton
Bailey CEA-FCS

Throughout human history, many names have been given to what we know as dementia, the most common form of which is Alzheimer's Disease. Though many know the name, few people can tell you much about this devastating illness.

Alzheimer's Disease is a chronic, degenerative disease which means that it progresses slowly and gets worse as it progresses. According to Andrew B. Crocker, gerontology health specialist, more than four million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease, a number that is expected to reach 14 million by the year 2050.

It seems that the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease has increased in recent years to near epidemic proportions. While improvement in diagnosis has contributed to the rise, the real answer lies in the average length of life for human beings. At the end of the 18th century, the average lifespan of individuals was 35 to 40 years. Currently, average lifespan for someone living in the United States is about 77 years. Alzheimer's is more prevalent now because more and more people are living long enough to develop the disease.

Plaque is a major part of the Alzheimer's Disease process. This particular type of plaque forms in the brain between nerve cells causing nerve signals in the brain to be interrupted. Imagine that your nerve cells are like electric lines that transmit signals back and forth. Now imagine that a piece of insulation blocking the electricity is put in that line. All of a sudden, the signal cannot get through anymore. That is how plaque affects you brain — it prevents brain signals from getting from one place to another.

Another hallmark of Alzheimer's Disease is the formation of tangles. Imagine that the nerve cells in your brain are like railroad

tracks. You have two side pieces and a ladder-like structure in the middle holding everything in place. These ladder-like structures are made up of a protein that becomes abnormal in the Alzheimer's brain and causes the ladder to weaken and collapse. If enough of these proteins become abnormal, the whole nerve cell may collapse on itself and prevent nerve signals from being transmitted.

Alzheimer's Disease begins its destruction in an area of the brain called the hippocampus. The hippocampus is responsible for taking in new information and processing it through your memory. As the disease spreads, it works its way up through the outer layers of your brain affecting judgment, emotions, and language. Eventually enough of the brain is overrun by plaques and tangles that even the most basic functions are impaired, such as the ability to toilet, communicate, and walk. Alzheimer's Disease completely destroys the ability of an individual to be independent.

To-date, the only way to make a 100 percent certain diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease is autopsy of the brain upon death. However, medical science has progressed such that through various mental tests, physical exam, and ruling out other illnesses, a 90 percent certain diagnosis may be made. Though there is no cure for Alzheimer's Disease, early diagnosis is important. Many prescription medications may help control symptoms and slow the disease progression. Testing and diagnosis by a trained professional is very important since other conditions may resemble Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583, or go to the Alzheimer's Association website at <http://www.alz.org>, or call 1-800-272-3900.

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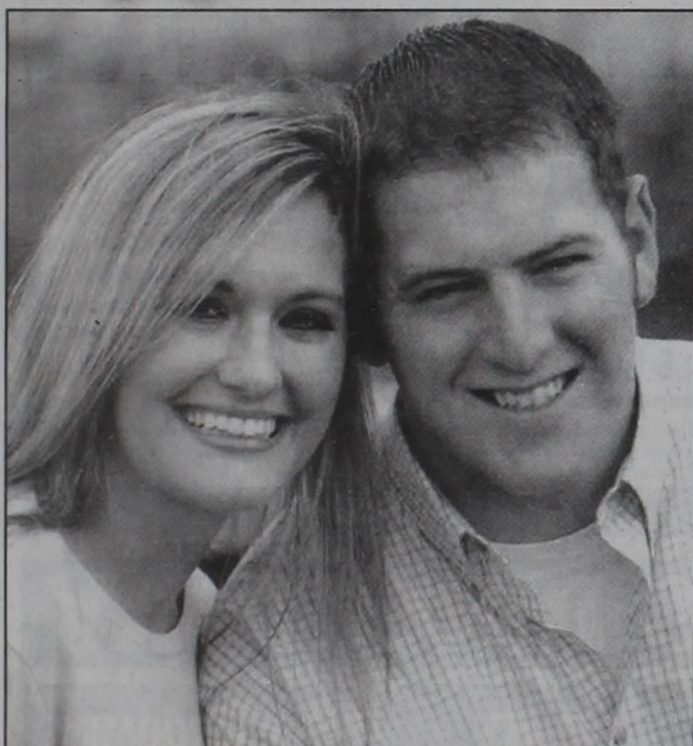
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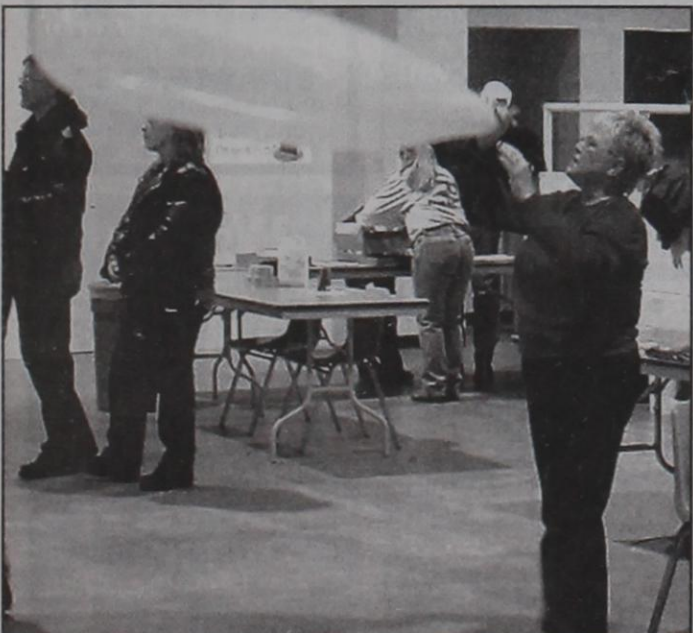
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Ka-Boom!

The sound of thunder rocked the interior of the Bailey County Coliseum during the Muleshoe Roadriders Rally and Show Saturday, shortly after a balloon that had been blown up to amazing proportions made contact with a hard surface.

Happy 100th Birthday Bill Lambert!

The family of Bill Lambert celebrated his 100th birthday at Park View Nursing Home Saturday, March 12.

Those attending were his son and daughter-in-law, Bernie and Olga Lambert from Midland, TX.; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Gene Vandegrift from Cheyenne, WY.; grandchildren: Joe Bob Stuka of Waxhall, N.C., Sandra Nunn of Lexington, N.C., Pam Lambert, Tamera Hitt and Amber Haney of Lubbock, and Deneise Gomez of Clovis, N.M. Also attending, his great-grandson and wife, Mike & Tracy Nunn, and great-grandchildren Ryan & Olivia Nunn, all of Lexington.

Other relatives attending were nephew Ernie & Merlene Lambert of Price, UT., nieces Marilyn Byrd of Slidell, LA., Evelyn & Bill Fry of Prescott, AZ., Nellwyn Brewer of Lubbock, Melba & Alvin Richards of Sudan, and Judy Lambert of Muleshoe. Also, several great-nieces and nephews from Portales, N.M.

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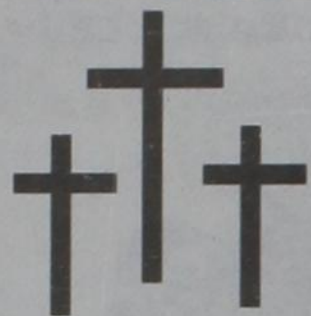
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South Plains Regional Housing Authority
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announces The closing of the Section 8 Housing waiting list. Applications for Section 8 Housing will not be accepted after March 1, 2005 at 804 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, TX., 308 W. Taylor, Morton, TX., S Highway 84, Post, TX., 900 E. 12th Apt. C-3, Littlefield, TX., 1629 Ave J., Tahoka, TX., 111 N. D., Brownfield, TX., 112 W. 2nd, Denver City, TX., and 311 E. 8th, Olton, TX. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on March 17 and 24, 2005.*

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CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulla, Texas. Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilman, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka and Tulla, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc. 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2005, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka and Tulla, Texas including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Abernathy	16,529
Bailey County	60,462
Borden County	59,352
Bovina	43,572
Friona	39,596
Fritch	23,894
Hale center	23,040
Hearne/Robertson County	109,410
Lockney	17,415
Lorenzo	17,274
Morton	57,854
Nazareth	5,426
Post	40,305
Tahoka	26,672
Tulla	39,652
Total square yards	580,453

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc., shall be the agent for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ABERNATHY, BAILEY COUNTY, BORDEN COUNTY, BOVINA, FRIONA, FRITCH, HALE CENTER, HEARNE, LOCKNEY, LORENZO, MORTON, NAZARETH, POST, ROBERTSON COUNTY, TAHOKA, AND TULLA, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating of or to the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulla, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Bailey County, Borden County, Bovina, Friona, Fritch, Hale Center, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Nazareth, Post, Robertson County, Tahoka, and Tulla, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 for a non-refundable cost of \$35 per set.

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- Lamb County** - 1077 acres, 13 wells, 9 center pivots, soils suitable for peanuts and potatoes. Nice home, shop and other out-buildings.
- Earth** - 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 bath, double garage, shop/storage building. Very affordable.
- Parmer-Castro Co. Line Near Lazbuddie** - 320 acres, 2 sprinklers, 2 wells. Good livestock farm.
- Bailey County** - 361 acres on pavement. 2 circles, 4 wells, 235 allotted acres of C.R.P. Good set of working pens. A GOOD LIVESTOCK FARM! \$450 per acre.
- Muleshoe** - Large 4 bedroom/3 1/2 bath home, 2 fireplaces, basement, garage. Lots of extras.
- Parmer County - Lazbuddie Area** - 1,595 acres, 3 half-miler pivots, 2 wells, good allotments, best soil.
- Earth Area** - 125 Acres, center pivot with 2 wells. Lays good. Good soil.
- Southeastern Bailey County** - Near Lamb, Hockley, Cochren County lines. 357 Acres 2 Sprinklers, 7 Wells, allotments. Excellent livestock place.

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AUCTION

Thursday, March 24... 10:00 a.m.
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Ohh, Baby! Aren't They Adorable!

Here are all participants in the 11th Annual Muleshoe Journal Cutest Baby Contest.



Audrey Rose Allen
Daughter of Angela Allen. Born 1/30/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 18-3/4" long and 6 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Mark & Lisa Allen.



Justine Marie Barb
Daughter of Nathan & Jodi Barb. Born 5/23/04 in Sedalia, Missouri. At birth, 21" long and 7 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents are Larry & Sharyn Flowers.



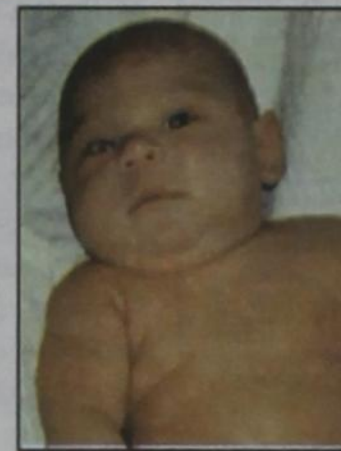
Jordan Noël Barrett
Daughter of Jason & Summer Barrett. Born 1/17/04 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 14 oz. Grandparents are Ronnie & Sherry Barrett.



Barrett Charles Bradshaw
Son of Casey & Cara Bradshaw. Born 4/9/04 in Amarillo. At birth, 19" long and 7 lbs., 2 oz. Grandparents are Lloyd & Janice Bradshaw.



Garrett Carpenter
Son of Toby & Andrea Carpenter. Born 4/9/04 in Dallas, Texas. At birth, 19-1/4" long and 7 lbs., 5 oz. Grandparents are Alton & Rhonda Carpenter.



Jonathan Dez Chavez
Son of Joey & Liz Chavez. Born 10/6/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 18" long and 5 lbs., 8 oz. Grandparents are Greg & Ruth Guzman and Bennie & Rosalinda Chavez.



Matthew I. Cisneros
Son of Steve & Eva Cisneros. Born 11/1/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 21" long and 8 lbs., 8 oz. Grandparents are Pascual & Lupe Cisneros and Pedro & Eva Marrufo.



Trinity Janae Ann Clemmons
Daughter of Jessica Fetty & Jerome Clemmons. Born 6/15/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 2.2 oz. Grandparents are Terome & JimElla Clemmons.



Chloe Fayth Davidson
Daughter of Stephen & Cindy Davidson. Born 9/24/04 in Muleshoe. At birth, 18-1/2" long and 6 lbs. Grandparents are Bill & Linda Davidson and Devona Crocker.



Dok Gardner
Son of Jaci & Justin Gardner. Born 3/22/04 at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. At birth, 18-3/4" long and 5 lbs., 12 oz. Grandparents are Sharon Gardner, Robert Gardner, and Paula and the late Arlis Edwards of Hereford.



Paige Kenna Garner
Daughter of Rammie & Mandy Garner. Born 4/21/04 in Muleshoe. At birth, 23" long and 9 lbs.



Avlan J. Garza
Son of Robert Garza & Adriana Gonzalez. Born 8/27/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 5 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents are JoAnn Gardea and Delma & Santiago Gonzalez.



Garrett Gilliam
One of twin sons born to Dustin & Lissa Gilliam. Born 6/15/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 17-3/4" long and 5 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Rama Smalling and Tommy & Glenda Gilliam.



Tyler Gilliam
One of twin sons born to Dustin & Lissa Gilliam. Born 6/15/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 19" long and 6 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Rama Smalling and Tommy & Glenda Gilliam.



Jack Henry O'Reilly Green
Son of Geoff & Christina Green. Born 2/1/04 in Van Nuys, California. At birth, 21" long and 8 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Karen Jones & Michael J. Green.



Gracyn Harrington
Daughter of Casey & Steve Harrington. Born 4/6/04 in Austin, Texas. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents are Ann & Don McElroy.



Lacie Marie Kirk
Daughter of Shane & Brenda Kirk. Born 3/8/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 21" long and 7 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Lacie & Donna Kirk and Jerry & Maudie Mudford.



Logan Lassiter
Son of Ross & Misty Lassiter. Born 8/26/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 7 oz. Grandparents are Raymond & Judy Davenport.



Emilee "Paityn" Laurent
Daughter of Luke Louder & Amy Laurent. Born 10/6/04 in Hereford Regional Hospital. At birth, 19-1/4" long and 6 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are David & Tammy Killough, Lyle Louder and Kyle & Vicki Aljoe.



Jacob Lindley
Son of Tom & Sandra Lindley. Born 6/19/04 in Cottonwood, Arizona. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 13 oz. Grandparents are Mary & George Martinez and Tom & Patty Lindley.



Brayden Logan Lutz
Son of Tad & Kim Lutz. Born 1/29/04 at Odessa Regional Hospital in Odessa, Texas. At birth, 19" long and 7 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents are Jim & Linda Lutz.



Daniel Richard Mancusi
Son of Robert & Staci Mancusi. Born 5/18/04 in Kansas City, Missouri. At birth, 21" long and 9 lbs., 8 oz. Grandparents are Rob & Brenda Tapley.



Clayton James Nichols
Son of Randy & Shani Nichols. Born 5/25/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 22" long and 8 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Wesley & Dana Rasco and Joe & Mitzi Nichols.



Amber Brooke Owen
Daughter of Derek & Gail Owen. Born 6/22/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Wayne & Margaret Copley and Terri Owen.



Cooper Pritchett
Son of Jerod & Amber Pritchett. Born 10/30/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 20" long and 6 lbs., 12 oz. Grandparents are Shannon & Linda Bomer.



Braeden Wyatt Railsback
Son of Latasha Glover & Ricky Railsback. Born 12/7/04 in Plains Regional Medical Center. At birth, 20" long and 7.04 lbs. Grandparents are Lynda & Harold Hill and Kathy & Richard Railsback.



Rowdy Doyle Ramage
Son of Dusty & Lindsey Ramage. Born 10/6/04 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. At birth, 20" long and 7 lbs., 12 oz. Grandparents are Gary & Kay Ramage, Ronnie & Sheryl Altman. Great-grandparents are Clark & Barbara McCamish, Herb & Betty Ramage, and Frankie & Jeanette Fine.



Daniel Ramirez III
Son of Daniel Jr. and Elizabeth Ramirez. Born 7/7/04 in Clovis, New Mexico. At birth, 20" long and 7 lbs., 8.3 oz. Grandparents are Ramon & Janie Mendoza and Daniel & Carlota Ramirez.



Gillberto Nicolas Reyes
Son of Gerardo & Olimpia Reyes. Born 9/5/04 in Lubbock. At birth, 21" long and 9 lbs., 3 oz. Grandparents are Oscar & Liberty Hernandez, Maria de la Luz Reyes and the late Gillberto Reyes.



Annie Jai Scoggin
One of triplets born to Jason & Kacy Scoggin. Born 7/13/04 in Wichita, Kansas. At birth, 16" long and 4 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Kearney & Jackie Scoggin, Doris Scoggin and Marcia Mardis. Great-grandparents: Lewis & Grace Scoggin.



Bailey Kay Scoggin
One of triplets born to Jason & Kacy Scoggin. Born 7/13/04 in Wichita, Kansas. At birth, 17-1/2" long and 5 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Kearney & Jackie Scoggin, Doris Scoggin and Marcia Mardis. Great-grandparents: Lewis & Grace Scoggin.



Riley Xan Scoggin
One of triplets born to Jason & Kacy Scoggin. Born 7/13/04 in Wichita, Kansas. At birth, 17-1/4" long and 4 lbs., 6 oz. Grandparents are Kearney & Jackie Scoggin, Doris Scoggin and Marcia Mardis. Great-grandparents: Lewis & Grace Scoggin.



Mia Grace St.Clair
Daughter of Justin & Roxann St.Clair. Born 12/8/04 in Eastland, Texas. At birth, 22" long and 8 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Tommy & Jana St.Clair.



Ashton Lee Suthers
Daughter of Blake & Shane Suthers. Born 5/16/04 in Shattuck, Oklahoma. At birth, 20" long and 8 lbs., 3 oz. Grandparents are Alec & Lindy Schuster.



Hannah Sue Treider
Daughter of Rusty & Kristen Treider. Born 6/29/04 in College Station, Texas. At birth, 20-1/4" long and 8 lbs., 5 oz. Grandparents are Karen & Lance Leschper and Russell & Susan Treider.



Sloan Elizabeth Turner
Daughter of Steve & Noël Turner. Born 10/1/04 in Dallas, Texas. At birth, 20" long and 7 lbs., 3 oz. Grandparents are Sandy & Royce Turner and Keith & Sylvia Vourazeris.



Emma Nicole Tyus
Daughter of Paul & Fara Tyus. Born 7/23/04 in Stephenville. At birth, 19" long and 7 lbs., 0.9 oz. Grandparents are Steve & Vicki Black and Billy & Pat Tyus.



Jaxon Lee Walls
Son of Jonas & Kelli Walls. Born 8/12/04 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 6 lbs., 9 oz. Grandparents are Vivian White.



Matthew Guy Wiley
Son of Guy & Ashley Wiley. Born 4/2/04 in Sevierville, Tennessee. At birth, 19" long and 6 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Kent & Wanda Wiley.



Tyler James Young
Son of Tadd & Antoinette Young. Born 8/4/04 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 19-3/4" long and 6 lbs., 14 oz. Grandparents are Pat Young and Jay & Andrea Ridolfo.

And the winner is.... **HANNAH SUE TREIDER**

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