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'Town Haul' takes a look at Muleshoe

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Is Muleshoe a town in need of becoming something else?

That was one of the questions which arose Wednesday, March 9, when a large number of local residents gathered at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce deck to welcome Michael Newport to town.

Newport, representing *Town Haul* — a "community make-over" program on the TLC program on the TLC advertising network, told those gathered at the chamber office that *Town Haul* was searching for one or two cities in the southwest to feature on the acclaimed television program.

"We're looking for a town that has a need to become something else," Newport said. He also said the search, which would be considering two other Texas communities along with three in New Mexico and three in Arizona, would be to "find a city that works for us aesthetically."

Newport briefly explained how the program operated, and asked the citizens gathered Wednesday for ideas on how Muleshoe could be improved.

"We don't have a bankroll to revitalize your



Michael Newport, a representative of the TLC program *Town Haul* speaks to Muleshoe residents Wednesday

whole town," Newport said, explaining that a lot of the project budget, if Muleshoe was selected, would depend on the project and the advertising.

"Don't think small," he said, encouraging those in attendance to brainstorm about the community's needs. He pointed out that it is a lot easier to scale down a project than it is to expand upon an idea.

A teen center, a skate park and a swimming pool were among the ideas shouted from the ranks by young and old, and scribbled down by Newport for consideration

and presentation to those who will decide which city to target for renovation. Representatives of local organizations such as the

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— Michael Newport

Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and the hospital district submitted ideas, as did others who felt assistance in rebuilding the theater downtown would most benefit the community.

"What can be done to put Muleshoe back on the map?" Newport asked at another point. "...What does Main Street need?"

Newport's question generated discussion as to whether new facades on Main Street, possibly with a decidedly "West Texas" look is needed.

While discussing possible projects, Newport said projects benefiting special individuals within the community should also be considered. "Think about people who have given to the community all their lives, and now need some

(help) coming back to them," he said.

During the meeting, Newport explained that while *Town Haul* would provide the design help, and pay for specialized labor, the general labor would require a lot of local volunteers.

"We need help," said Newport, "you guys are the labor for this stuff... you guys do the work. If there is a problem getting people in here, we don't want to be here."

Many in the crowd responded by telling

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Council approves road grant

The Muleshoe City Council approved the recommendation of its economic development corporation Monday, gifting Bailey County with up to \$89,430 for the construction of County Road 133.

The new road, which will extend from Farm-to-Market Road 1760 to the Fullmer Cattle Company's calf operation, has been under construction by county work crews.

At the March 3 MEDC meeting Precinct 2 Commissioner C. E. Grant said the cost of the 8,000 yards of caliche required was the greatest expense of the project.

The planned 75,000 calf operation will initially employ 80, and is projected to employ as many as 200 when it is at capacity.

In other business, the city council:

- Accepted bids for five pieces of municipal property. Although a bid was received for a sixth piece of property, City Manager David Brunson said the price was too low, and the property could still be used by the city.

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Local Weather

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Fri.
Mly. Sunny... 51/18

Sat.
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Mon.
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Tue.
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Crumpled cans, cars and lives

Crumpled cans, cars and lives drew the attention of Muleshoe High School students Monday as they watched a dramatization of an alcohol-related traffic accident at W. Ave. H and West Third. The event was part of the Shattered Dreams program held at the school to help the students understand the dangers of drinking and driving. Pictured above, the Grim Reaper and his entourage circle the car as the Muleshoe Police Department arrives on the scene. Pictured on the right, the "driver" heads to jail. On Tuesday, the "driver" of the vehicle responsible for the accident found himself facing a jury of his peers as he was charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter in a mock trial.



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Holy Week services announced

Holy Week services for Muleshoe will begin this weekend as area residents gather to celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus, their Lord and Savior.

The First Baptist Church will be hosting a Community Sing, on Sunday, March 20, beginning at 6 p.m.

On Monday, March 21, a noon worship service is scheduled at the First Baptist Church, with Curtis Shelburne speaking.

Tuesday, March 22, the First Methodist Church will host the noon service, with Dr. Stacy Conner speaking.

Wednesday, March 23, the noon worship service will be at the First Assembly of God, with Reydon Stanford speaking.

And on Sunday, March 27, at 7 a.m., there will be a Sunrise Service at the Muleshoe City Park tennis courts.

For additional information, contact the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance, or a local pastor.



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 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 12 and 19, at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room. Participants who attend all six sessions will receive a tree 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.

The next meeting is Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

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.

Little League sign-up

Parents wishing to sign their children up for Little League may do so today, March 17, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 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.

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.

SCAC Auction set for March 19

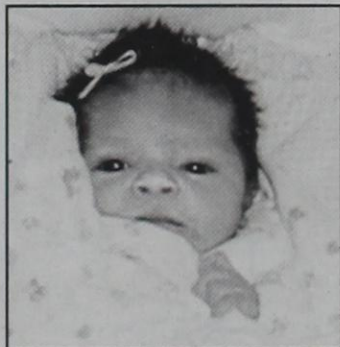
The Student Community Action Club will be holding an auction on March 19 on Muleshoe's Channel 6. Call 272-3990 or 272-4989 to purchase homemade pies, cookies, candy, cinnamon rolls, casseroles and more. SCAC members will be announcing and answering the phones and delivering free of charge within the city limits. All proceeds to benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

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.

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Births



Marissa Andrea Gonzales

Marissa Andrea Gonzales born

Rosie and Jimmy Gonzales of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Marissa Andrea Gonzales 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 21-1/2 inches in length. She has a 3 year-old sister, Christina Xavier Gonzales.

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

Jones transfers to New Mexico

Kelsey Jones of Muleshoe is among the 74 students who have transferred from other institutions to attend Eastern New Mexico University in Portales this semester, according to a university representative.

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Babe Ruth baseball sign-up

Parents wishing to sign their youth up for Babe Ruth Baseball may do so today, March 24-25 from 4-6 p.m. at 506 W. American Blvd. Birth certificates are required. Call 272-5405 for additional information

Kiss a pig fundraiser to benefit ACS

The ACS Bailey County Relay for Life will be holding a "Kiss-a-Pig" competition to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Money jars are available for donations at several local businesses. Individuals wishing to sign up a team for the Luminaria, set for April 29, may do so by contacting Kim Cook at 272-5080, Ester Lazano at 272-6780 or Sylvia Kennemer at 272-7724. Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Luminaria begins at 10 p.m. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society, and mailed to Bailey County Relay for Life, c/o Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

At the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on March 10, the Calvert Home Health of Lubbock conducted a foot clinic, including a foot soak, foot massage and evaluation. The clinic was well attended — and also enjoyed by the Senior Citizens.

On Thursday, a representative came to Muleshoe from *Town Haul*, a popular program on TLC, the Learning Channel on channel 95. The program had called our chamber of commerce about featuring Muleshoe on national

television. On short notice a large and enthusiastic crowd of people gathered at the chamber office and on the deck to welcome their representative. The crowd included teenagers through Senior Citizens.

Many have begun watching the show at 9 p.m. on Saturday evenings and are amazed at the "overhauls" they perform on towns. Several towns are being considered and we should know in a couple of weeks if Muleshoe is the lucky choice. This will help Muleshoe meet the challenge of improving our town for our growing populace.

The Tuesday evening dance at 7 p.m. continues to draw a good crowd from over the area. D. J. Darryl and Bobbie Stephens of Clovis served up toe-tapping music. Sandy Vandevender will be our DJ for our next dance. Mary Nell Bleeker, Eva Atwood, Billie Harvey and Ladene Spears were hostesses.

A new couple came to the center this week and plan to come for meals and to visit. Even though she is in a wheelchair, they found the center easily accessible. They also plan to attend the

dances, enjoy the music and visit with old friends.

Improvements continue at the Senior Center. The back parking area has been resurfaced and now has yellow striping, ample parking spaces and is well lighted. The new commercial kitchen stove is now operative. It features six burners, two ovens and a griddle, it is a welcome addition to our kitchen. This will certainly help in preparing our 100 plus meals each day.

Hostesses for the Tuesday morning games are Nona Clements and Barbara Dee Marlow.

Although many come for the games on Tuesdays, several are coming every morning to enjoy games, walking and the exercise equipment.

Following lunch on Wednesday, March 23, Ann Sinclair has graciously consented to play the piano for a sing-along. Ann is an accomplished pianist who plays gospel and all types of songs.

Next week's menu:
Monday, March 21 — Pork chop, baby lima beans, Harvard beets, tossed salad with ranch dressing, hot roll, and pumpkin pie or cake.

Tuesday, March 22 — Baked chicken in mushroom sauce, black-eyed peas, asparagus, grapefruit sections, wheat roll and snickerdoodles.

Wednesday, March 23 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra, apricots, roll and cookies.

Thursday, March 24 — BBQ polish sausage, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, wheat roll and pears.

Friday, March 25 — Taco salad with lettuce, onion, cheese, pinto beans, picante sauce, chips and apricots.

Education



SSAC competition...

Muleshoe High School students competed in the area competition for Small School Academic Competition at South Plains College in Levelland, on Feb. 18. This academic competition is for A, AA and AAA schools in the state of Texas. Students compete in the core subject areas: English, math, science and social studies. Muleshoe High School had three teams place at area competition which will advance to state competition at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas, on April 10. First place team members included — Anna Symm, Shanna Rempe and Marquia Joyce. Second place team members included — Tyler Wood, Ashley Beggs and Brad Henry. Fifth place team members included — Nic Green, Marcella Saxton and Kristen Ambriz. In addition to qualifying for state competition, these three teams were awarded an approximate total of \$3,000 in scholarship money. They will have an opportunity to win additional scholarship money at the state competition. Pictured above are: Back row — Marquia Joyce, Tyler Wood, Brad Henry and Nic Green. Front row — Shanna Rempe, Anna Symm, Ashley Beggs and Marcella Saxton. Not pictured is Kristen Ambriz.

Lamplight... by Larry Thornton

Some time ago, a friend and I were discussing the feats of strength performed by various athletes of the past century. Men such as Olympian Paul Anderson and football and baseball star Bo Jackson. But while each of these men have found their place in sports history, their feats compare little with those of the second strongest man in the Bible, Samson.

The Book of Judges, Chapters 14-16, tells about the man God appointed as judge over his chosen people, the Nation of Israel, at a time when the nation was under the domination of the Philistines. A mighty man dedicated to the service of God Almighty at his birth, the feats of strength Samson demonstrated while impressive were even more so when you realize that Samson his greatest feats were as a vessel of God's power.

"Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As they approached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring toward him. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told

neither his father nor his mother what he had done," the Bible says in Judges 14:5-6, NIV.

And in Judges 15, when he used the jawbone of a donkey to slay 1,000 Philistines, the Bible tells us that God empowered him once more. Then, after falling to Delilah's temptations, being captured, tortured and imprisoned by his enemies, Samson called upon God for a final time.

"O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes. Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived." — Judges 16:28-30, NIV.

But if Samson was only the second strongest man, then who could be first?

The strongest man to walk the earth was Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of

God, the only one with the strength needed to bear all of our sins. Although Simon of Cyrene was charged with carrying the cross to the Place of the Skull, the weight the Son of Man bore was far greater.

Acts 4:12, NIV, reads, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Legions of angels stood by, anxiously awaiting the command to free the Father's only begotten son from Calvary's tree, but Christ's greatest feat of strength was displayed in his decision "not to use his strength. "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above," Christ told Pilate in John Chapter 19.

Only the pure, sinless, perfect Son of God had the strength to perform this act of divine love for mankind. Trained as a simple carpenter and not as an athlete, Christ's greatest feat of strength was performed on the hill called Golgotha, when he stretched out his arms and allowed the iron nails of his Roman executioners to be driven through his earthly flesh and bones and into the rough-hewn timbers of the cross... for you and for me. Amen.


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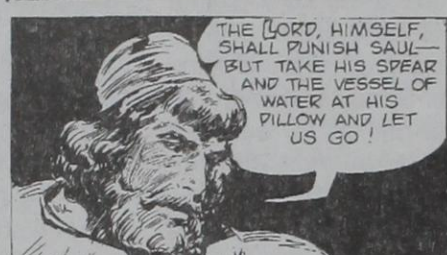
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Agricultural News



Black takes AOB Championship

The AOB (All Other Breeds) Champions of the Junior Market Steer Show were awarded by judge Scott Greiner of Blacksburg, Virginia, during the 2005 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The Grand Champion AOB Steer was exhibited by Brady Black, 16, of Muleshoe, pictured above. The Bailey County 4-H member also plays football and baseball and is active in his high school student government. Black plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Whalin exhibits reserve grand champion

The Junior Market Barrow Show selected Duroc breed champions Feb. 14 during the 2005 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Dal Whalin of Bailey County 4-H exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Duroc barrow. Whalin won the reserve title with his 268 pound barrow. Outside of the show ring, Whalin is involved with the farm skills demonstration team through his FFA chapter. "I think showing is great," Whalin said.

Dairy industry supports new TB test regulations

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Texas consumers and dairy farmers can feel more secure about the health of dairy cattle and the safety of dairy products under new rules designed to keep tuberculosis-infected dairy cows out of Texas, according to the Texas Association of Dairymen.

Lawn help offered by Extension Office

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Many laws have been damaged due to improper applications of lawn products. Remember, read the labels, do your math, and check your calculations. Applying lawn products in measured amounts is the right thing to do to keep your lawn healthy and the environment clean.

For more detailed information on "Turfgass Mathematics" and formulas to use for proper application, contact the Bailey County Extension Office.

The new rules, recently adopted by the Texas Animal Health Commission, will take effect March 18.

"We welcome and, in fact, encouraged these new testing requirements," said John Cowan, executive director of the Texas Association of Dairymen. "Dairy farmers want to know that any new cows they buy from out-of-state won't infect their herd. We also want consumers to feel more secure about the safety of the food they buy, even though milk pasteurization and other measures are designed to kill bacteria before it reaches the store shelves."

The Animal Health Commission began a statewide TB testing program for dairy cows after two infected herds diagnosed in 2001 caused Texas to lose its U.S. Department of Agriculture's TB-free designation.

As a result, every dairy cow in Texas — 336,000 head at 809 dairies — has been tested for tuberculosis. An infected herd was found in Hamilton County and subsequently depopulated.

"As Texas has learned, 'free' status is no foolproof barrier to disease," Cowan said. "These more stringent

testing requirements are welcomed by dairy farmers who want to protect the health of their herds, on which they depend to make a living."

Previously, dairy cows were allowed into Texas if they tested negative for TB within 60 days of entry or were from a USDA TB-free designated state. Some cows from those states, however, were diagnosed with TB.

Under the new regulations, most dairy cows will be required to test negative for TB within 60 days before enter Texas. Young dairy heifers and bull calves brought into Texas will have to be identified with an ear tag and restricted at a designated facility until they test negative for TB at six months of age.

Exempt from these new regulations are dairy cattle that originate from herds tested yearly under a TB-creditation program, neutered dairy cattle being fed for slaughter and dairy cows directly delivered to slaughter. Instead, these animals must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days prior to movement.

In addition to Texas, 33 other states require TB tests before allowing dairy cows into their borders, even if the cows are coming from a designated TB-free state.

Cotton seminar rescheduled due to weather conditions

The one-day Advanced Topic Series course on Developing This Year's marketing Plan-Cotton, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, has been rescheduled to Monday, due to weather conditions.

The course will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 21, at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Growing cotton is only half the battle, said Dr. Steve Amosson, area Extension economist. In order to be successful in their operations, producers also need to learn how to market the crop.

Participants will learn about breakevens, fundamentals, technical signals and seasonal trends in cash, basis and forward contracts for cotton. In addition, different marketing strategies for both pre- and post-harvest marketing will

be discussed. The course will utilize a combination of lecture, small group work and simulation exercises to maximize the learning experience similar to the Master Marketer training.

Instructors will be Dr. Carl Anderson, a recently retired Regents Fellow, professor and Extension cotton marketing economist in College Station; and Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension economist-management in Lubbock.

"If we are going to grow cotton, we better learn how to market it," Amosson said. "Carl and Jackie have a combined 50 years experience in marketing cotton. I can't think of two individuals better qualified to serve as instructors for this course."

Due to rescheduling, additional registrations will be accepted at the door. Registration is \$75 per participant, which includes the cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Spouses can

attend for the same registration fee as long as they share materials.

Registration forms also are available through the Bailey County Extension Office.

Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center. It also is underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System; Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the State Cotton Support Committee.

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Sports

Hereford's ladies hand the Lady Mules a double loss during spring break

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mule softball team faced more adversity this past Saturday than some teams see in a full season of play. The Muleshoe school spring break coincides with the Houston Livestock Show and several Lady Mules were out of town and the early spring weather was cold and windy.

But the biggest problem the Lady Mules faced was a strong class 4-A team in the Hustlin' Herd of Hereford. The short-handed

Lady Mules lost the double header 3-11 and 0-29.

"I do not think I will be scheduling games during spring break this next year," said Lady Mule coach Jody Holcomb. "To many of our kids are involved in other things at this time of year and it makes it hard to field a team."

"We played hard in the first game, but we made too many mistakes. In the second game they jumped on us big in the first inning and we seemed to lose our focus. We should be back in form for the Borger Winter Tournament this next weekend before starting district."

Brittany Ambriz pitched the opening game and struck out six, gave up three hits and 13 walks. The Lady Mules committed six errors that allowed Hereford to score 11 runs.

The Lady Mules did not score until the bottom of the third inning. Kristen Ambriz walked on four straight pitches to lead off the inning and stole second base. The throw from the catcher got away from the second baseman and K. Ambriz came home on the error for the Lady Mules first run to trail 1-3.

The Lady Mules gave up

a run in the fourth inning before B. Ambriz came off the mound and fielded a ground ball on her knees. She made a perfect toss to Jenna Rasco at first to end the Hereford half of the inning.

Madison Smith led off the bottom of the fourth for the Lady Mules and ripped a line drive to left center. The ball took one hop and bounced over the fence for a ground rule double. Smith advanced to third on a balk before Heather Holcomb drew a walk.

Holcomb advanced to second on the first pitch to Ashlie Dickson. Dickson drove a sacrifice fly to deep center field that scored Smith. Sarah Sexton doubled to bring Holcomb home for the Lady Mules third run of the game.

Sexton tried to score on a ground ball to third by Erica Sanchez and was called out at home when she did not slide. K. Ambriz grounded out to short for the third out of the inning and end all scoring by the Lady Mules.

The Herd added a run in the fifth inning and added six in the sixth to take the first game.

Smith was in the pitching circle for the second game and faced 40 batters. She struck out three, gave up 14

walks and 11 hits and the Lady Mules committed six errors.

The Hereford pitcher walked the first three Lady Mules on 12 straight pitches. She recorded a strike out before getting the Lady Mules to hit into a double play to get her out of trouble.

The Lady Mules threatened in the third

inning after Kelly Dale drew a walk. Rasco bounced her first pitch over the center field fence for a ground rule double. Smith walked to load the bases.

Holcomb hit a line drive right at the second baseman and she snagged the hard hit ball. Rasco headed home on the crack of the bat and was doubled off third for the Herd's

second double play of the game.

The Lady Mules will compete in the Borger Winter Tournament March 18 and 19 before opening district at Lubbock Cooper March 22. The Lady Mules return home March 25 to tangle with the Levelland Loboettes and wrap up the first round of district in Littlefield March 29.

Lady Mules named to All-District team

The 25-9 district co-champion Lady Mule basketball team had four girls named to the District 2-3A All-District Team. Lindsey Wood led the list by being named as the district's Most Valuable Player.

Jamie Carpenter was honored as the Defensive Most Valuable Player. Kelsy Friskup and Brandi Wood round out the Lady Mules named to the elite team. Kasey Wood was an honorable mention.

Tana Lockett of Levelland was picked as the Newcomer of the year. Chelsea Blackshear, Kayla Gerstenberger and Erin Methvin joined Lockett from Levelland.

Ashley Cunningham, Aimee Marquez and Whitney Huseman were honored from the Littlefield Ladycats. The Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates had Crystal Herrera and April Ehlers named. No Brownfield player was named to the squad.

Also making the all-district team were: Shay Price and Shakira Conwright, both of Amherst; and Courtney Miller, Kendra Banks, and Haleigh Glasscock all from Springlake-Earth



Coming through...

Quick scrambling was needed during the March 14 Mules winning game against Plains. Watch for game details in next week's issue of the Muleshoe Journal.

Longhorns, Lady Longhorns receive honors

Several Lazbuddie Longhorns and Lady Horns received All-District honors.

Among those students were:

District 3-1A

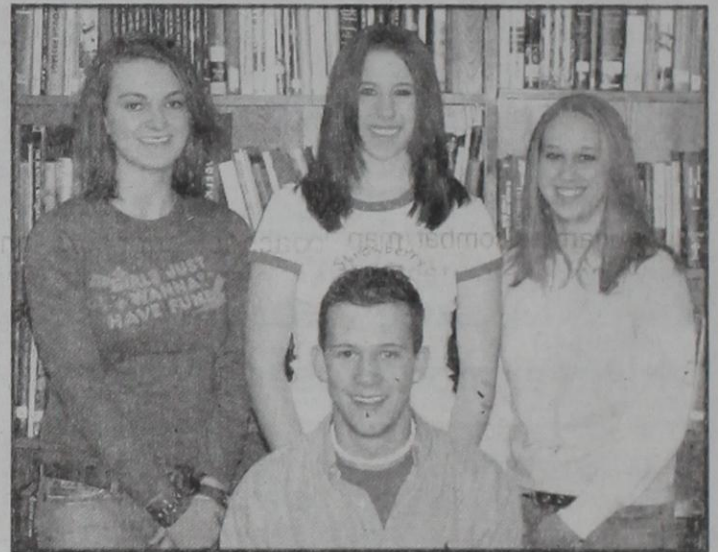
Chelsee Nichols, freshman, All-District and Newcomer of the Year; Melanie Winders, senior, Honorable Mention All-District; Kayla Parham, senior, Honorable Mention All-District; and Cory Puckett, senior, Honorable Mention All-District.

Texas Six-Man

Coaches Association Chelsee Nichols, Second team All-Region; Kayla Parham, Second team All-Region.

Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All Star Game

Melanie Winders, All Star; and Kayla Parham, First Alternate.



All-District players

Picture above, left to right — Kayla Parham, Chelsee Nichols, Melanie Winders and Cory Puckett in front.

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All-District list includes Mules

The Mule basketball team had three members named to the 2005 District 2-3A All-District team. Brady Black was honored as the Defensive Player of the Year and Arsenio Geter was chosen as the Newcomer of the Year.

Trevor Turnbow was the final pick from the Muleshoe squad. Chris Kindle, Kory Atwood and Tyler Sheets were all honorable mentions for the elite team.

Jervon Fisher of Brownfield was named as the Most Valuable Player

in the district. Travis Mills and D. J. Huston joined Fisher from Brownfield.

Levelland had the most team members named with four — Jake Myatt, Brandon Rose, Justin Turner and David Young were chosen from the Lobo team.

Jake Mendez and Aaron Hobratschk were honored from Littlefield and Lubbock Cooper's sole representative was Mark Adkins.

Also named to the District 3-A Boys All District team was Jordan Thompson of Amherst.

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Sports



Pictured above, from left to right — Kylie Sharp, Cambree Haseloff, J. T. Weldon, Baylee Ruthardt, Jessie Babcock, Jordan Welson and McKenzie Thatcher.

Sports Academy hosts competition

Muleshoe Sports Academy recently hosted the "Jumpin For Love" Trampoline and Tumbling Competition in Bailey County Coliseum. The competition featured more than 300 athletes from all over the state of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Guitron graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Jaime O. Guitron has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Among the areas studied during the nine weeks of training were the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill and ceremony, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system and basic first aid.

Guitron, a 2002 graduate of Sudan High School, is the son of Miguel Guitron of Sudan.

The annual competition gives these athletes the chance to show off their skill in a competitive but fun atmosphere. Everyone received a medal and a chance to build their self-esteem.

The Sports Academy took several of its finest athletes to this competition. For many of them it was their first time to go to any type of gymnastics competition. "Parents and athletes were a little nervous about coming to a competition for the first time. All of them had a great experience and could not wait till the next competition," Will Green, MSA director.

The competition was a success and the Sports Academy would like to thank all of the volunteers, judges, coaches, sponsors and athletes for making this year's competition so successful, an MSA representative said.

Individual results for the Sports Academy athletes, followed by their Trampoline and Tumbling results,

include:
Amanda Bailey, 1; Tatum Hasley, 1; Adrienne Precure, 2; Ean Hasley, 1,1; Jordan Weldon, 2,4; Tessa Garner, 2,1; Hadlea Geisler, 8,1; Emily Precure, 1,3; Brooke Matthews, 5,5; Lauren Winkler 3,7; B' Anca De Leon, 2,2; John Gruben, 2,1; and Cambell Sawyer, 2,1.

Also, Lani Ruthardt, 1,1; Kylie Sharp, 6,2; Baylee Ruthardt, 5,4; Carli Gruben, 4,5; Cambree Haseloff, 8,5; Taylor Winchell, 1,1; Kaelyn Matthews, 1,2; Rachel Precure, 3,1; Morgan Winkler, 4,1; Kyan Garner, 3,2; J. T. Weldon, 1,1; Madeline Precure, 1,1; Treg Box, 2,1; Dominik Hasley, 3,4; Kara Winkler, 3,5; AnnMarie McClelland, 1; Kyra Zablotzky, 3,3; Hunter Hall, 1,2; James Gruben, 1,2; Shaylee Winchell, 3,1; Jordan Busbee, 2,1; Cade Box, 1; Trenton Angeley, 2,3; Alyssa Leal, 1,1; Alex Zablotzky, 1,3; Reagan King, 4,1; McKenzie Thatcher, 7,3; Jessie Babcock, 1,2; and Jacob Ketner, 1,1.

Funds received...

The Texas Farm Bureau recently provided a check to the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department for its work to contain a fire at Jeff Pope's house in February. Pictured on the right, Fire Chief Richard Ronek receives the check from farmer Coby Baldwin.



Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

March 3 — Gumercindo Aguirre, Louise Allen, Doyle Morris, Renuka Patel and Lucille Wills.

March 4 — Marisol Castro and Natalia Gutierrez.

March 5 — No report available.

March 6 — Aurelio Cuevas and Johnie Eubank.

March 7 — Manuela Alvarez, Deysy Estrada, Frieda Foss and Barbara Goodwin.

March 8 — Ramon Delarosa, Jack Lane and Verna Metcalf.

Journal photos moved to Senior Center

All of the remaining photographs from the Muleshoe Journal's photo archive have been moved to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center at Main St.

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Letters to the Editor

Muleshoe resident voices education concerns

Dear Editor:
I appreciate very much the series run by the Journal and written by our Superintendent, Gene Sheets. We must be concerned about the education of our children, because Texas has moved into 50th place of all the states in education.

Speaker Tom Craddick, Governor Rick Perry and Rep. Kent Grusendorf, the chairman of the House Committee on Education, have designed a new bill (HB 2) that leaves many Texas children behind.

The whole point of school finance reform is supposed to be to make our schools more equitable — kids in wealthy neighborhoods shouldn't get a better education that kids in the rest of Texas.

HB 2 is so off-base that multiple nonpartisan

reviews of the bill reveal that it will actually make our schools LESS equitable than they are even now. The kids in wealthy districts will see a 52 percent increase in funding, while the other 90 percent of the state (including Muleshoe) will see between three percent to eight percent if they are lucky.

Last week it was discovered that under this plan, there would be almost no new money for schools, and less than a third of the money promised would actually be delivered, just as the federal "Leave No Child Behind" act passed by Congress has never been fully funded. There, \$27 Billion enacted has never been funded by the White House to carry out the so-called "Leave No Child Behind Act."

Mr. Sheets has been

explaining why the 90 percent of schools must have equity, and Texans have always been able to be proud of their schools in the past, and I must say that if Pete Laney were still the Speaker of the Texas House, this bill would never have been considered as it is, nor would a bill proposing to reduce school property taxes by a third, levy a new business tax and increase the state sales tax by 15 percent (<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/shared/tx/legislature/index.html>).
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If you are concerned about the quality of education in Texas and you would like to write our Texas Representative, Republican Warren Chisum about this,

you can contact him at his Pampa office: P.O. Box 2061, Pampa, TX 79066, (806) 665-3552, or Fax (806) 669-1095.

The Texas State Senator for our District (31) is Republican Kel Seliger, who can be reached in Amarillo, (806) 374-8994, or by checking the websites below.

Also you may read the bill and contact Speaker Tom Craddick or Rep. Grusendorf at the Committee's website: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/committees/400.htm> and other information at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/fyi/county.htm>.

I would like to thank the Muleshoe Journal and Superintendent Gene Sheets for bringing this important issue to our attention.

Linda McGonagill,
Muleshoe

Superintendent speaks out against Texas House action

Dear Editor:

Public Schools were hit by a train this week. The Texas House of Representatives just passed a bill CSHB2 that gives property tax relief, but does not add money to public schools. That is not the solution the courts were after when they ruled that the state must put more money into public education. The House ignored the court ruling, and proceeded to give big business and the wealthy a tax cut. At the same time, the average homeowner will actually see his total tax obligation increase (when sales tax is considered), according to the Legislative Budget Board.

Rep. Bob Griggs, a Republican, a former educator, voted against the measure. He called the bill, "junk food for school finance." It gives an "immediate sugar rush, but falls apart over time." This is a very bad bill.

Here is what happens to the \$3 Billion in "new" money:

- 44 percent of the "new" money must go to increasing 300,000 teachers' salaries across the state, including the \$500 Health Insurance "pass through" cut by the state. It will now be \$1,000 salary for teachers. It will have to be funded by local districts out of this 44 percent "new" money — \$1.8 billion.

- One percent of our total state and local budget must go to incentives for teachers — \$640 million.

- There is no money for facilities in this bill. The state must provide money to pay for existing debt on facilities and new facilities due to growth — \$180 million.

That leaves about \$380,000 for the entire state to pay for these mandates from the state:

- Money for textbooks has been taken out of the state funding. Textbooks will now have to be funded out of this "new" money.

- "Gifted and Talented" has been taken out. It will now have to be funded out of this "new" money.

We still have to pay for the following:

- Secretaries, T.A.s, custodians, bus drivers, etc. had their \$500 health insurance cut out and it will not be replaced. If local schools replace this for nonprofessional staff, it will be funded out of this "new" money.

- The regular "step increases for teachers" that are currently on the state salary schedule will be funded out of the "new" money.

- Any salary increases for any other employee besides teachers, nurses, librarians, and counselors.

- Any increases due to inflation (diesel, insurance, utilities, supplies, etc.).

Look at Muleshoe ISD specifically:

- Muleshoe ISD gets 5.3 percent additional funds over two years (2.65 percent per year). Wealthy districts will get from 10 - 54 percent more revenue. There is a provision that will

allow wealthy districts to access as much revenue as they wish. The gap between wealthy districts and poor districts will widen tremendously. But all districts will still be held to the same standards.

- Muleshoe ISD will receive an additional \$288,744 for 2005-2006 school year.

Here is how it must be spent:

- 44 percent for teacher increases — \$127,047. We have 130 teachers, so it will not even pay the \$1,000 to replace the health insurance.

- Mandated incentive pay for teachers — \$94,864.

- Textbooks and the Gifted & Talented program will take the rest of the money.

Then, Muleshoe ISD will have to come up with:

- Secretaries, T.A.s, custodians, bus drivers, etc. had their \$500 health insurance cut out and it will not be replaced. If local schools replace this for nonprofessional staff, it will not be funded by the state.

- The regular "step increases for teachers" that are currently on the state salary schedule will not be funded by the state.

- Any salary increases for any other employee besides teachers, nurses, librarians, and counselors will not be funded by the state.

- Any increases due to inflation — diesel for buses, insurance, utilities, supplies, etc., will not be funded by the state.

Wealthy school districts

get much larger increases in revenue than do poor school districts like Amarillo, Lubbock, and Muleshoe. For all practical purposes, they will no longer be in the system. The House voted to cap the recapture of the wealthy school districts. In other words, they can tax all they want and keep the money in their district. Poor school districts will not be able to do that. The gap between the poor districts and the wealthy districts just got larger with this bill.

I don't know why people in Amarillo and Lubbock and 90 percent of the communities in West Texas are not up in arms about this. Our children are not "worth less" than children in wealthy districts in the state. We need to provide a quality education to all children in Texas, not just those who live in areas with great wealth.

This bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. Let's hope they do better.

Gene Sheets,
Superintendent,
Muleshoe ISD

Lazbuddie Shootout set for April 22, 23

The Lazbuddie Senior Parents of Class 2005 will be hosting the Lazbuddie Shootout, a 3-on-3 festival, on April 22 and 23 at the Lazbuddie Gymnasium.

For more information, contact Debbie Weir at 806-965-2302 or Sarah Black at 806-265-3861.

There is a \$50 entry fee, and an entry deadline of April 15.



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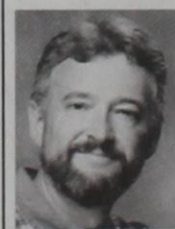
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Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey no one had ever ridden, a beast his disciples found just as he had said they would.

As he approached the city, people began to spread their cloaks on the road and wave



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

palm branches hailing the coming King.

As he came down the road from the Mount of Olives, the crowd began to burst into praise.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

The Pharisees, soured by their toxic approach to religion, began to warn Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples. Shut them up!"

And Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

On this Palm Sunday, and on every Sunday, I'd rather be a rock on the road praising the Savior than a Pharisee all dressed up but blind to the One who is worthy of all our praise.

The cynical poet Swinburne once wrote, "Thou hast conquered, O pale Galilean! / The world has grown grey with Thy breath."

If Christ was the morose Son of a joyless God sent just to tell this world we are wrong and lost and that we'd better straighten up, but to do nothing to help us, if the cross was just an unfortunate accident, a tragic historical footnote with no meaning, instead of the event in which God himself accomplishes the work of salvation, I could well agree with the poet's words. Good news? What good news?

If God was just a stern heavenly killjoy, a thin-lipped, overly strict, bloodless, joyless Father griping that his kids are more trouble than they're worth and who'd really rather not bother with them . . .

If God had stopped with the tables of stone revealing his holy law and not gone on to send the Savior with the message, "God's laws are real, and you often break them at great cost, but I have paid the price for your pardon and risen to heal and empower you to live lives under his mercy and filled with his joy . . ."

If God had sent just the Law to be our Prosecutor and not the Son to be our Savior, Swinburne would be right.

But he's not right. Not even close.

And it would be a shame to let the rocks do all the praising.

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

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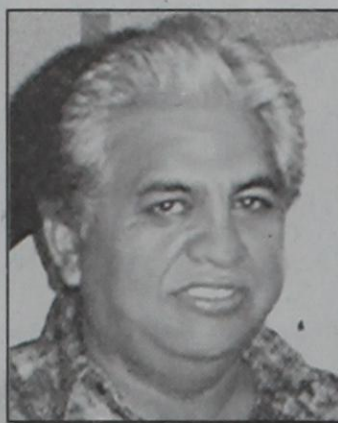
Obituaries

Alexander Castorena

A church service for Alexander Castorena, 65, of Muleshoe was held Monday, March 14, 2005, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Muleshoe, with Father. Pat Maher of Littlefield officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rosary was said Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13, in the Ellis Funeral Chapel. Castorena died on March 10, 2005, in Lubbock. He was born Aug. 14, 1939, in Mason.

On March 9, 1955, Castorena married Lupe Montano in Muleshoe. He was preceded in death by his father, Refugio "Polo" Castorena, in 1985 and a



Alexander Castorena

brother, Gilbert Castorena in 1996.

Castorena had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1947, when he moved from Mason. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Muleshoe; and a member of the

Knights of Columbus. He worked as a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife — Lupe Castorena of Muleshoe; four sons — Richard Castorena of Muleshoe, Eddie Castorena of Lubbock, Ray Castorena of Copperas Cove and David Castorena of San Antonio; three daughters — Anna Perez and Crystal Castorena, both of Muleshoe, and Gloria Castorena of Kingsville.

Also his mother — Clara Castorena of Muleshoe; two sisters — Maria and Dolores Orozco, both of Muleshoe; a brother — Jesse Castorena of Muleshoe; 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Betty Jean McAlpine

A church service for Betty Jean McAlpine, 75, of Lubbock was held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Earth United Methodist Church with Bro. Gary Hubbard of Earth and David Tyler of Waxahachie officiating.

Burial followed in the Earth Memorial Cemetery. McAlpine died March 13, 2005, in Covenant Medical Center. She was born Dec. 19, 1929, in Klondike, Texas.

On June 1, 1947, she married E. R. "Skeeter"

MacAlpine in Earth. McAlpine lived in Earth until 1980, when she moved to Brownwood. She had been living in Lubbock for the past two years.

She was a secretary for the City of Earth and KMP Pump Company.

When she retired, she was working for the Brownwood State Park, in Brownwood.

McAlpine was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Ava Wages;

her husband E.R. McAlpine in 1986, her brother James Wages, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters — Sherian Clark of Axle, Debbie Taylor of Wolforth and Cindy Pena of Muleshoe; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031, or the Earth Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 274, Earth, Texas 79031

Vada Alexander

Services for Vada Alexander, 91, of Amarillo, were held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Washington Avenue Christian Church with Curtis Shelburne, minister of 16th and D Church of Christ, Muleshoe, officiating. Burial followed at Llano Cemetery.

Alexander died Sunday, March 13, 2005, in Muleshoe.

She was born Dec. 17, 1913, to W. C. and Nellie Jones. She was a homemaker and a member of Washington Avenue Christian Church.



Vada Alexander

She was preceded in death by her husband, L. Ray Alexander; a son, Donald "Okie" Alexander;

and a great-granddaughter, Brittany Hudgens.

Survivors include two daughters — Sharon Dale of Muleshoe and Clara Smith of Gold Hill, N.C.; a son — Curtis Alexander of Lubbock; a brother — Dewey Jones of Reed, Okla.; eight grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family requests memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, Texas 79159.

Evelyn Stephens Fisher

A memorial service for Evelyn Stephens Fisher, 90, of Sudan was held Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Sudan Church of Christ with Jeff Proctor of Sudan and Terry Wilson of Earth officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park, Littlefield.

Fisher died March 12, 2005, in her residence. She was born on June 15, 1914 in Hamilton County, TX. She married Jack L. Fisher in Sudan on June 8, 1938. She was a homemaker and



Evelyn Stephens Fisher

a member of the Sudan Church of Christ and Sudan Senior Citizens. She had

lived in Sudan since 1930; when she moved from Roswell, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack on Oct. 21, 1986; and a brother — W. O. "Steve" Stephens on Jan. 11, 2004.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law — Steve and Charlotte Fisher of Post, Jan and Shirley Fisher of Sudan, and Kim and Loretta Fisher of Lubbock; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Corrections

Name left out

The name of Mary Toscano was inadvertently left off the list of candidates for the MISD Dist. 3 seat in

the May 7 election. The three candidates for the position are Mary Toscano, Ganiel Guzman and incumbent Rene Torres.

The Muleshoe Journal

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School News

Lazbuddie Elementary, Junior High UIL results released

Lazbuddie Elementary and Junior High 2004 UIL results have been released. Among the participants, and their placings, were —

Ind. Awards Team Awards Kindergarten and First Grade

Oral Reading — Gentry Hicks, Kenlea Barnes (4th), Ashley Scott (6th) and Abigail Jesko.

Second Grade Creative Writing — Zack Bachman, Andrea Lule, Haley Ivy and Albert Moran.

Oral Reading — Haicha Hood, Lacey Jesko (2nd), Albert Moran and Jonathan Jesko.

Storytelling — Lacey Jesko, Albert Moran, Haldon Ivy and Jonathan Jesko.

Third Grade Creative Writing — Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Madison Jesko and Haley Beasley.

Music Memory — Cutter Glover (2nd, Team), Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason and Madison Jesko.

Oral Reading — John Ryan Isaacson (3rd), Katlyn Hicks (4th), Austin Mason (5th) and Allison Weaver.

Ready Writing — Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason (6th), Madison Jesko and Haley Beasley.

Spelling — Katlyn Hicks (1st) (1st, Team), Ashton Mason, Austin Mason (5th) and Haley Beasley.

Storytelling — John Ryan Isaacson (2nd), Ashton Mason, Cutter Glover and Allison Weaver.

Fourth Grade Calculator — Chandler Barnes (2nd) (1st, Team), Shea Scott (3rd), Cotton Fleming and Kohen Morris (1st).

Music Memory — Cotton Fleming (2nd, Team), Seth Russell, Denise Sanchez, Jared Timms and Jessica Estrada.

Number Sense — Cotton Fleming (2nd) (1st, Team), Chandler Barnes, Karina Galaviz and Kolten Morris (1st).

Oral Reading — Chandler Barnes (2nd), Colten Ingram, Alfredo Chavira and Kolten Morris (1st).

Picture Memory — Denise Sanchez, Jacob Suderman, Jessica Estrada, Alex Lopez (6th) and Karina Galaviz.

Ready Writing — Kolten Morris, Cotton Fleming, Chandler Barnes and Karina Galaviz.

Spelling — Chandler Barnes, Shea Scott, Kolten Morris (6th) and Anna Harder.

Fifth Grade Calculator — Emily Agee (2nd) (1st, Team), Todd Nichols (1st), Kylie McGehee (1st in 6th grade contest) and Jarrod Jesko (3rd).

Dictionary — Cathy Galindo (2nd, Team), Emily Agee (5th), Todd Nichols and Jarrod Jesko (2nd).

Listening — Kylie McGehee (3rd, Team), Paola Estrada and Jordan Mason (5th).

Maps, Graphs and Charts — Jarrod Jesko (1st), Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols and Dallas Cox.

Music Memory — Kenton Randolph (3rd, Team), Paola Estrada, Dallas Cox, Luis Tafoya, Harley Jones and Todd Nichols.

Number Sense a— Todd Nichols (1st) (1st, Team), Jarrod Jesko (3rd), Emily Agee (2nd), Kylie McGehee (competed in 6th grade contest).

Oral Reading — Emily Agee (3rd), Todd Nichols, Jordan Mason and Jarrod

Jesko (1st).

Picture Memory — Justin Schacher (2nd, Team), Luis Tafoya, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee and Tony Suderman.

Ready Writing — Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Justin Schacher and Todd Nichols.

Spelling — Todd Nichols (4th) (1st, Team), Emily Agee (6th), Kylie McGehee (5th) and Jarrod Jesko (5th in 6th grade contest).

Sixth Grade Calculator — Jordan Hernandez and Colton Weaver.

Dictionary — Jordan Hernandez (3rd, Team), Colton Weaver and Joseline Garcia.

Listening — Helena Harder, Joseline Garcia (2nd), Tina Suderman and Lacy Russell.

Maps, Graphs and Charts — Tina Suderman and Joseline Garcia.

Mathematics — Joseline Garcia, Colton Weaver, Jordan Hernandez and Lacy Russell.

Number Sense — Colton Weaver and Jordan Hernandez.

Oral Reading — Tina Suderman (6th), Jordan Hernandez and Colton Weaver.

Ready Writing — Jordan Hernandez, Joseline Garcia and Colton Weaver (5th).

Spelling — Joseline Garcia and Lacy Russell.

Seventh Grade Calculator — Kayle Jesko (1st) (2nd, Team), Kinzi Schacher (2nd), and Joseline Garcia (6th grader competing in 7th grade contest).

Dictionary — Katie Chavez (3rd, Team), Kayle Jesko (1st), Kinzi Schacher and Dylan Haney.

Editorial Writing — Katie Chavez, Monica Vera and Lydia Campos.

Impromptu Speaking — Monica Vera, Katie Chavez and Kinzi Schacher (6th).

Listening — Darin Ivy (6th) (2nd, Team), Kayle Jesko, Dylan Haney and Lydia Campos.

Maps, Graphs and Charts — Kayle Jesko (5th) (2nd, Team), Logan Mason (4th) and Lacy Russell (6th grader competing in 7th grade contest).

Mathematics — Kayle Jesko (1st) and Dylan Haney.

Modern Oratory — Logan Mason, Katie Chavez and Lydia Campos.

Number Sense — Kayle Jesko (3rd) and Darin Ivy.

Oral Reading — Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason and Kinzi Schacher (5th).

Ready Writing — Kayle Jesko (4th), Darin Ivy and Kinzi Schacher.

Science — Kayle Jesko (1st) (3rd, Team), Darin Ivy, Logan Mason and Dylan Haney.

Spelling — Colton Weaver (6th grader competing in 7th grade contest), Kayle Jesko (3rd), Riley Smith and Kinzi Schacher.

Eighth Grade Calculator — Jacob Schacher (1st) (3rd, Team), Ryan Mason, Katie Chavez (7th grader competing in 8th grade contest).

Dictionary — Jacob Schacher (3rd, Team), Ryan Mason and Chase Timms (1st).

Impromptu Speaking — Riley Smith (7th grader competing in 8th grade contest), Brittany Sexton and Helena Suderman.

Listening — Brittany Sexton (3rd, Team), Trevor Coker

(3rd) and Ryan Mason (6th).

Maps, Graphs and Charts — Chase Timms (5th, Team), Jacob Schacher and Ryan Mason.

Mathematics — Brittany Sexton (3rd, Team), Ryan Mason, Chase Timms (6th)

and Jacob Schacher (3rd).

Modern Oratory — Brittany Sexton, Kayle Jesko (7th grader competing in 8th grade contest) and Helena Suderman.

Number Sense — Chase Timms (6th) (3rd, Team),

Ryan Mason and Jacob

Schacher (4th). Oral Reading — Chase Timms, Jacob Schacher and Monica Vera (7th grader competing in 8th grade contest).

Ready Writing — Jacob Schacher, Ryan Mason (6th)

and Chase Timms.

Science — Jacob Schacher, Ryan Mason (2nd), Chase Timms (4th) and Helena Suderman.

Spelling — Trevor Coker, Brittany Sexton and Helena Suderman.

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Father, son bring home seed awards

Chris Bass and Stephen Bass received plaques commemorating their agricultural efforts recently from Pioneer Seeds. Pictured above are, from left to right: Gene Paul Jarman of Jarman Seed, Stephen Bass, Chris Bass and Rod Carpenter of Pioneer. Chris Bass' award was for winning the Conventional-Till Irrigated Division of the 2004 National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management contest. Stephen Bass' award was for winning the Mulch-Till Non-irrigated Division of the contest.

Managing diabetes when eating out

Submitted by Mandi Seaton
Bailey County
Extension Agent-FCS

A diagnosis of diabetes doesn't mean you can never enjoy a restaurant meal again. On the contrary, people with diabetes are not required to eat special dishes or limit the foods they can eat.

People with diabetes can enjoy the same foods everyone else in the family enjoys — but they must choose their foods wisely to control blood sugar levels and maintain their health.

People with diabetes should make sure their meals are nutritionally balanced, with foods grouped by nutrients and calories; adjust their caloric intake to achieve and keep a healthy weight; and control blood glucose levels. All these things can be done while still enjoying an occasional meal out.

Food choices greatly affect blood glucose (sugar) levels. So does the kinds of food and numbers of servings, as well as the amount of calories in these foods.

Carbohydrates, proteins and fats are energy nutrients in foods. This energy is measured in calories. Eating healthfully means consuming more whole grains and vegetables, which are relatively low in calories, and fewer dense-calorie foods such as meats, sugars, fruits, and starches.

Americans spend about 40 percent of their food budgets on meals and other foods eaten away from home. But with wise management, you can make healthy choices when you are eating out.

Use these tips:
• Know how often to eat out. When you do, ask for no butter or salad dressing, or order it on the side. That will help you keep better control of how much salt, butter, mayonnaise and oil you use when dining away from home.

• Visit restaurants with flexible menus. Even fast-food places that offer salads or baked potatoes — without added butter or cheese — can be included on this list.

• Make wise menu choices that will taste good and still be healthy. Eat a little snack before you go out so you won't order more than you should when you

get there.

• Keep fat grams in check. Watch for extra fat in appetizers, entrees and desserts.

• Order food the way you want it. If the restaurant won't honor your special request, you don't have to go there again.

• Use portion control. Know what portions look like, based on the food guide pyramid or exchange lists. If the portion is too big, ask for a take-home container for the leftovers or share an order with a friend. Look for smaller portions on the menu, which are often listed as lunch, petite, single or child.

• Ask the server for information on how the food is prepared, what size the serving is, and what are the options for special requests.

• When visiting a salad bar, avoid piling on dressings and other

high-fat items. Stick with the raw vegetables and other low-fat, low-calorie items.

Fast-food places are everywhere, and most people with diabetes need to be extra cautious when ordering from a fast-food menu. Most of these establishments offer menus heavy on meat, starch, and fat.

To include an occasional fast-food meal in your meal plan, be aware of how to measure the servings. For example, a quarter-pound hamburger provides three meat exchanges (medium-fat); adding cheese will add another one-half to one meat exchange (high-fat). The sauce or dressings contributes fat; ask for mustard instead.

A regular-sized hamburger bun is usually two starch exchanges; larger buns provide two and a half to three exchanges. Milkshakes are concentrated carbohydrate and not a milk exchange. The best drink choices are reduced-fat milk, water, coffee or tea, depending on meal plan. Some fast-food places offer juices; one-half cup of tomato juice counts as a vegetable exchange and one-half cup of orange juice is a fruit exchange.

Remember to control what you eat in restaurants. Eating out healthfully takes a little work and effort, but it can be done. For more information on living with diabetes — especially type 2 — plan to attend the *Do well, be well*

with diabetes program in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room.

The series of diabetes-related meetings began March 15, but other meetings are scheduled for March 22 and 29, and April 5, 12 and 19. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and should last about two hours.

For more information or to register for this program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347 or call 806-272-4583.

TCTA board meets with Gov. Perry

Alice Liles of Muleshoe was among 58 members of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association Board of Directors who had a private meeting March 3 with Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Commissioner of Education Shirley Neeley during the TCTA's 50th annual convention.

The board was briefed on what some lawmakers are thinking regarding education issues and were invited to ask questions.

Perry addressed the current debate over public school funding, telling teachers the Texas Legislature is committed to action. "The debate always needs to be about how to improve public schools," Perry told the teachers.

Perry also responded to questions and discussed such issues as testing, helping disadvantaged children and reducing paperwork demands on teachers.

Commissioner of Education Shirley Neeley joined Perry in welcoming the TCTA Board members to Austin.

Other members of the Muleshoe Classroom Teachers Association who attended convention include Terri Bohler, Donna Green, Diana Harrison and Debbie Kemp.

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Students of the Week

Announced as Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of March 14th were front row (l-r): Matthew Martinez, Britney Crandell, Mitchell Forti; back row (l-r): Brittany Railsback, Carlos Bustillos, and Sunny Snider.

Commentary

An income tax by any other name is still an income tax

By Matthew Griffing

Young Conservatives of Texas
The Republican-led Texas House of Representatives has taken a big step toward doing what Democrats could not do in over 120 consecutive years in power — enacting a virtual state income tax.

For many years, Texas Republicans advocated fiscal restraint, and their opposition to a state income tax was axiomatic. Those days are long over, and Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) is to blame.

This session, the House leadership led by Speaker Craddick is dumping billions of new wasteful spending into the state budget. Fiscal restraint is off the table. What is on the table is a new

way to take money from the people, which will constitute a net tax increase for most Texans.

Of course, the Republican Leadership does not have the courage to call this an income tax or assess it directly against the people. Instead, they call it a "payroll tax" and assess it against employers rather than employees.

In addition to political cowardice, there are two reasons to backdoor the income tax rather than impose it directly. First, the voters have resoundingly rejected past attempts to levy a state income tax and enacted constitutional protections against it. Through semantics and technicalities, Craddick believes he has found a way to circumvent those protections, most of which he voted to enact back when he was a fiscal conservative.

Second, Craddick and his lieutenants want a tax they can raise without an immediate impact on an individual's wages. Because the new tax is imposed on the employer, the employee (who votes) will never see it. Instead, his raises will simply be smaller and less frequent.

As expected, Republican activists within the State Republican Executive Committee initially opposed the Leadership's plan. However, most of them have capitulated under Craddick's pressure and are either supporting the plan or being silent on it.

When the smoke cleared after a late-night session, seventy-seven Republicans voted for the new tax, and nine voted against it. Sixty-

one Democrats voted against the new tax, and one voted in favor of it. (One Republican, and one Democrat were absent.)

Those Republicans who voted in favor of the new tax will likely face significant consequences in their respective primary elections next year, as well they should. Not only have they blatantly disregarded their party's platform (which opposes a state income tax), they have defied the will of the electorate on a major issue.

In addition, they have handed their Democratic opponents a potent campaign tool. On the floor, Democrats led the charge against the tax and were virtually unanimous in their opposition. In 2006, they will be in a position to attack Republicans for raising taxes on most Texans and creating a new way to take their money - and they will be right.

It seems that every session, Craddick bullies through a major piece of bad legislation against the will of his party, his membership, and most of all, the people of Texas. In 2003, it was a tuition deregulation scam. In 2005, it is a backdoor state income tax.

Hopefully, the 2006 election will be a wake-up call to those Republicans who relented to Craddick's pressure. Too many of them have forgotten that they answer to their constituents, not Tom Craddick. In fact, as Speaker, he answers to them, and it is time for him to be reigned in, and if that fails, then it will be time for a new Speaker. Still interested in the job, Pete Laney?

City council

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- Approved a \$2,350 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Ex-Students Association.

- Approved a \$1,500 reimbursement to the Bellringer Sheepdog Trials.

- Approved a \$1,000 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Babe Ruth league for the tournament it held in July 2004.

Although the organization's officials presented about \$1,500 in receipts, Brunson said the council had approved up to \$1,000 prior to the tournament.

- Approved a resolution opposing the proposed elimination of the federal Community Development Block Grants. The city has been using CDBG funding for several of its water, sewer and other infrastructure projects.

USDA Rural Development announces the availability of \$14.3 million in grants

Temple, Texas —Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, has announced USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$14.3 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and develop alternative sources of renewable energy which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," said Daniel. "In addition, priority considerations will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51% of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project."

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include energy projects generated through the use of agricultural commodities, wind, water, or solar power. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$150,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than May 6, 2005. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist, (254) 742-9775 or visit the website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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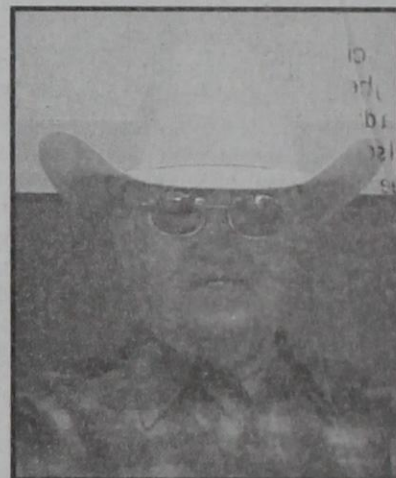


Muleshoe Chamber Business of the Month

The Art Loft, located at 1529 W. American Blvd., was selected as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's March Business of the Month. Pictured above, from left to right are: chamber vice-president Heather Foley, chamber board member Noelia "Shorty" Flores, Sharon Agee of the Art Loft, chamber manager Jan Thompson and chamber president Kent Bradley.

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Heritage Foundation News

Not only is Muleshoe growing and on the move, but also the Muleshoe Heritage Center is growing and on the move. Exciting things are happening at the Heritage Center and many of these were discussed at the monthly Heritage Foundation Board meeting on Monday, March 7, at the old Santa Fe Depot.

Pres. Jim Allison conducted the business meeting and called on Sammie Simpson for the opening prayer. Secretary Jenne McVicker read minutes of the February meeting which were approved. Treasurer Gary Hooten gave the financial report, also approved, and Ladene Spears gave

the Thrift Shop report. She reported that the heater at the Thrift Shop has been repaired and an estimate for an air conditioner was received.

More action will be taken, on this at the next meeting. Center Hostess Dolores Harvey reported that the TV Channel 6 announcement asking for old Muleshoe High School annuals has been very successful. Betty Cowan brought Elizabeth Watson's collection of these annuals and donated them to the Heritage Center, a great addition for the Center. She also reported that a young lady in Beaumont had chosen Bailey County for a school report.

The hostess sent one of the history books about Bailey County to this young student, and received a sincere thank-you from the student and her mother. Now people in Beaumont can learn about this area.

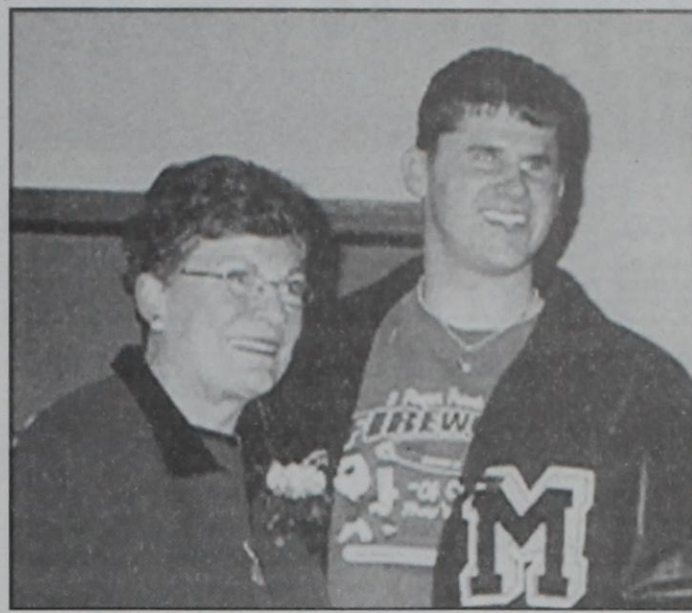
Dan Throckmorton reported that windows have been installed on the east side of the Figure 4 Ranch House. Board members expressed sincere thanks for all of the hard work done on this old house by Dan and Sammie. Dan also reported that work will not start on the Virginia City Hotel until the Figure 4 House is completed.

These two new additions to the center will add tremendous interest to the center when completed. It is anticipated that the figure 4 become a certified museum when completed. Board member Dustin Wilhite has done a great deal of work on this to make the dream of a museum a reality.

In order to receive grant money, the next necessity for the center is a master plan listing anticipated growth and activities for the coming years. Board president Allison has contacted the architectural department of Texas Tech, and this department has agreed to work with the center representatives on this project.

A group of Heritage board members, including Jim Allison, Simpson, Jean Allison and Ann McElroy, met with local teacher Sandy Chitwood to discuss activities which can be held at the center. Board members voted to involve local citizens to assist in this venture. A meeting is planned for March 22 and interested citizens will be invited to further this plan. Anyone interested in making the center a center for historical activities will be welcome to this meeting. The time will be announced later.

Monday, March 7, David Wilder and wife from Plainview, representing the



Julie Cage, SCAC February Citizen of the Month with Niclas Green, SCAC president.

Mayer Foundation came to the center for an inspection of the center. Board members present included Jim Allison, Ann McElroy, Sammie Simpson, Jenne McVicker, Jean Allison and Dan Throckmorton.

Board members gave reports about center activities and then the Wilders were shown through all of the structures. After the tour the Wilders were shown through the Heritage Thrift Shop which is the main

source of revenue for the day-to-day activities and expenses at the center. The Wilders and board members then enjoyed lunch at the Senior Citizen's complex, a place where Mayer Foundation funds were received earlier.

A report was then given on the status of the history book written by LaVonne McKillip's students in 1977-78. Supt. Gene Sheets has agreed to transfer the copyright to Watson Junior High

School. More action will be taken on this later.

A discussion was held about a day for the "raising of the old windmill" at the Center. Plans are being discussed for other interesting activities for this special day. It was noted that Larry Nickels, board member and windmill expert has been sick, so further action will be taken later.

Board members were then told about the TV program Town Haul, seen over the TLC Learning Channel weekly. Representatives from this TV show were in Muleshoe on Wednesday, March 9, and board members were encouraged by the president to be at the Chamber of Commerce building as a part of the welcoming group.

Meeting adjourned. Board member present at this important monthly meeting were Pres. Allison, Sec. McVicker, Treas. Hooten, Ladene Spears, LaVonne McKillip, Lonnie Adrian, Throckmorton, Gene Rogers, Sammie Simpson and Center hostess Dolores Harvey.

Nursing Home News

Anita Johnson came Thursday morning and directed our craft class. The class made St. Patrick's Day pins. The residents participating were Wilma Hughes, Delphine Gruda, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Gladys Wright, Jim Kee and Diane Copley.

Virginia Bowers came to play the piano for our music and song devotional Thursday morning. Diane Copley led the closing prayer.

Harold and Avis Carpenter came Friday and delighted us with music and songs from now and yesteryear.

Saturday afternoon, the residents played Bingo.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday morning.

Harold Burge and Buster Kittrell taught the Bible Study Sunday morning.

Elton Bass and Darene Collins came and played bluegrass music for the residents in the Day Room and the special care.

The United Methodist Church directed our church and communion service Sunday morning.

The Feagley family gave several bouquets of flowers for the residents and staff's enjoyment.

Billy Lambert's daughter and son-in-law were here visiting him on his 100th birthday, March 9. Mr. Lambert was also expecting a visit from his son and other family members.

Chubby Douglas and Francis Purdy in the Sun Room Monday afternoon.

Pauline Chappell went to Clovis shopping with her daughter Diane Wiedebush Thursday.

Elsie Williams did some clothes alterations for Johnnie Kimbrough last week.

Nicky and Diane Nickels and granddaughters visited Johnnie Tuesday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard from Earth directed a memorial service for Sally Vargas Tuesday morning.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagon, Pat Clark, Beckye Conklin, Dolores Garrett and Eva Neel Dale shampooed and set the ladies' hair Tuesday.

The Followers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church gave a donation to Park View.

Nichole Shearer donated several boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the residents.

The Jennyslippers gave cookies to the residents in lieu of toast to Texas last week.

Wednesday morning, Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo

Burge served coffee and donuts to the residents at coffee time.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Bro. Bennie Wright directed the Singspiration, devotional time Wednesday night.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Ruby Riley. We too will miss her.

Frank Parker gave Rick Hunter a hair cut last week.

Nan Gatlin returned to Park View after spending a few days in the local hospital. Welcome back, Nan.

Cathy Wilson was taken out for lunch by her family Tuesday.

Alliene Lasiter and G. R. Lasiter received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lewis and daughter Hanna, and Joan Lewis on Friday.

Joy Whitt and Mary Crane visited Park View last week.

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Total square yards	580,453

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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 the prices in 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 Oiler Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700.

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- VERY NICE 3-2 1/2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2272' liv. area, basement, spktr. sys., 2 stor. l bldgs. MUCH MORE!! 165K!! HL-2
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- 2-1-2 carport Home, floor furn, heat, win. evap. air, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$33.5K!! L-1
- 3-2-1 Home, floor & wall furn. heat, win. air, built-ins, FP, fans, 1424' liv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd.!! \$49.5K!! L-2
- HIGH SCHOOL AREA**
- 3-1-1 carport home, cml lot, cent. A&H, therm win & drs, metal trim. More!! \$47K!! HS-8
- REMODELED 3-2-5-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas FP, fans, parkay flooring, 1852' liv. area, fenced yd. Stor. Bldg.!! \$69.5K!! HS-1
- COMMERCIAL**
- 525' frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chain link fence!! \$21K!
- IRRIGATION SUPPLY - Bldgs., land, equip, inventory!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - approx. 3490' bldg., paved parking, good net lease!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- VERY NICE 2300' bldg., cent. A&H, 175' frontage on Hwy. 84 & 70!! MUCH MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$72.5K !!
- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 19,360' building, paved parking, 3.44 acres, Hwy. 84/70 !!! LET'S LOOK TODAY!!
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetrock bldgs., chain link fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59,500!!
- RURAL**
- S. OF FARWELL - 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built - ins, 4560' liv. area, 350' basement w/ vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6' well, barns, & corral!! MORE!! \$339K!!
- CIRCLEBACK - 174.54 acres, FM 298, good productive farm, lays well!! REASONABLY PRICED!!
- 4Bdrm. 2 bath on 8.7 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, DW, workshop/storage, stock shed/pens!!
- PARMER CO. - 340 ac. tract & 163 ac. tract, good soil, allotments, & yields, lays good, 2 wells & 2 circle spktr. on 340 & 2 wells & 1 circle spktr. on 163!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' off area, 16,900' comm bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!



Happy 100th!

Bill Lambert, pictured above, celebrated his 100th birthday Wednesday at Park View Nursing Home. Lambert, who was born on March 9, 1905, in Uvalde County, Texas, moved to Muleshoe in 1927, where he was a truck driver until he retired at the age of 86. Lambert has two sisters and a brother living in the Muleshoe area.



Garden Spot of the Month...

L. D. Jones' yard at 1720 W. Ave. D was selected as the Jennyslippers' Garden Spot of the Month for March.

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Newport how well the citizens in Muleshoe worked together. Newport also explained that the more unusual characters within the community would quickly draw camera time, should Muleshoe's projects be selected. "We need 'over-the-top' characters," he said, adding that the person the community probably wouldn't want on television was probably the person the television show would want on camera. Prior to leaving Muleshoe, Newport videotaped several local representatives, each explaining why they supported a specific project. He also toured the city to get a personal look at some of the potential project sites. If Muleshoe is selected, Newport said the program would begin shooting in mid-April. He also said he received several good ideas Wednesday, but couldn't make any promises.

Police Report

Sunday, March 13
 • An officer responded to a report of a shoplifter at a local business where a subject was later arrested for theft.

Thursday, March 10
 • An unknown suspect forced entry into a residence. The suspect left the residence after being confronted by a homeowner.

Tuesday, March 8
 • Vehicle stopped for equipment violation. The driver was arrested for driving without a license. Nine other occupants found inside the vehicle. All occupants found to have illegal immigration status. All 10 occupants of the vehicle detained for INS.

• The police department received a call in reference to a terroristic threat. An officer responded.

• An officer took a report in reference to Falsely Holding Oneself Out as a Lawyer, Harassment, and Criminal Trespass of a Habitation.

Monday, March 7
 • Subject called MPD to report that a family member had just taken a vehicle after being denied permission to drive the vehicle.

Sunday, March 6
 • During a traffic stop, it was discovered that the driver's license had been suspended. An officer arrested the driver of the vehicle for Driving While License Invalid.

• An officer responded to a verbal argument. The situation continued to escalate and two arrests were made by the officer on scene.

• The police department received a call in reference to a possible employee theft, \$50-500. The offense was determined to be unfounded.

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For each luminaria please make a donation from the heart. The Luminaria Ceremony will be held on April 29, 2005, at 10:00 P.M. Send your donations, payable to American Cancer Society, and this completed form to Kim Cook, 201 E. Fir, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!

The Muleshoe Journal's 11th Annual Cutest Baby Contest

Enter any child born in 2004 who you fell in love with at first sight - children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, etc...

This year's contestant will appear in the March 24 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2004 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, March 28, 2005. NOTE: Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Friday, March 18 at 5 pm

Winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for being selected 2004's Cutest Baby!

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

Baby's Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Weight at Birth: _____
 Length at Birth: _____
 Place of Birth: _____
 Mom & Dad's Name: _____
 Grandparent's Name: _____
 Contact Info: _____