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## Community flocks to aid of theft victims: Lamb heist won't stop these two teens

By Davie Browder  
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A few months ago, things seemed about as bad as they could to two Muleshoe teenagers. In September, Autumn Rainey and Corie Ann Black were told their sheep had been stolen from the Ag barn. Black had two sheep stolen and Rainey had one.

These were the animals they had been working with and planning to show in this

weekend's Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. And the girls had saved money to buy their show animals.

However, there's a silver lining to this cloud. This weekend, the girls, along with 59 other exhibitors, will be showing animals thanks to ag teacher Sid Morris, who according to Rainey, "talked to some of his friends and got sheep for us."

Since it was before the validation period, the girls were saved.

Of course, this has meant that in addition to the long hours they would normally spend working with their sheep, they've had to work doubly hard with their new animals.

Rainey, 15, and a sophomore, said she was stunned when she heard of the theft from the school's ag farm.

"I was pretty scared at first and kind of mad," she said. "I figured it was over for this year, that I wouldn't be able to participate."

Enter Morris and friends



Leah Bell



Leah Bell

Ready to show — Corie Ann Black, left, and Autumn Rainey, right, lost their sheep but will be showing this weekend with the help of friends and family.

to save the day.

This is Rainey's second year in the Junior Livestock Show and she's been work-

ing with her new sheep, "Miss Thing," who she says is "pretty cool, I like her."

"I work with her at least

an hour and a half every day after school, sometimes longer," she said. "How long I work just depends. But it's fun. I like working with the animals, being around them."

And although she lives in the country, it's not a farm, so she keeps "Miss Thing" at the ag barn.

She is the daughter of Bonita and Randy Drennan and has three younger sisters, Alysha, 13; Amanda, 11; and Brandi, almost 9.

Guess what their ambition is?

"Ever since I started working with the animals and showing them, they can't wait to get in high school because they want to show animals, too," Rainey said.

For her, it's the preparation that's the most fun. As for the show this weekend, "I hope I make the sale at the stock show and do well in the leadership events."

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## Police Chief warns public of nighttime thefts

In a telephone interview with the *Journal* Tuesday morning, Muleshoe Police Chief Don Carter released the following warning to citizens of Muleshoe:

Due to a rash of vehicle thefts over the past few months, the police department is strongly urging citizens to not leave vehicles unlocked or valuables inside unattended cars, especially during the hours from dusk till dawn.

"There have been numerous thefts around Muleshoe. We've been on the case for some time, but it's kind of like trying to find a needle in a haystack," said Carter. "They

have mostly been taking cash which is difficult to trace."

Though most of the time just going from car to car looking for women's purses left inside unlocked vehicles, the thieves have also been known to see purses in locked cars and smash windows to get inside.

"Until we catch all the parties involved, I strongly suggest that citizens take valuables inside at night," said Carter.

Anyone with information about these thefts should contact the Muleshoe Police Department at 272-4569.

### Local Weather

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## Head Start program moving to MISD

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The Head Start Parent Committee voted unanimously to have the Muleshoe Independent School District take over the program, starting in the fall, according to MISD superintendent Gene Sheets.

The vote came after a community meeting Thursday, Jan. 6.

"We had a very good meeting," Sheets said. "The South Plains Community Action people were there and we discussed the possibility of moving the Head Start Program into the school system."

"After quite a bit of discussion, they voted unanimously to support the move into the school system."

Part of that motion, Sheets said, also recognized the contribution of Mrs. Mata and her staff at the Head Start facility for their dedication and love for the children and what they've done for the program.

With the program in the school in the fall, Sheets said they'll be taking applications and "the Head Start staff is certainly welcome to apply."

One of the requirements in the school system is that the teachers must be fully certified. But, he added, there may be some teacher assistant positions available and "they're welcome to apply for that, too."

This means that the

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## We're moving!

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**“Shattered Dreams” meeting Jan. 20**

Those interested in helping prepare for the “Shattered Dreams” program to be held at Muleshoe High School should attend a meeting to plan the event Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

“Shattered Dreams” organizer Michele Barton still needs the help of parents and community members to prepare for the comprehensive three day program designed to educate youth about the problems involved with drinking and driving to be held March 14-16.

“Shattered Dreams” will dramatize a alcohol related crash which will result in 20 people portraying “the living dead” among high school students. The community and parents will hold a mock memorial to dramatize to the students what drinking and driving can do to those indirectly involved.

For more information about “Shattered Dreams,” contact Barton at the high school at 272-7309.

**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 thompson@fivearea.com.

**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.

**Internet Workshop to be held**

Local small business owners can learn how to move into the world of E-Commerce at an upcoming workshop in Muleshoe. The Bailey County Extension Office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring the workshop, Main Street Texas Online, to be held at Muleshoe High School on Jan. 18-20, from 5 until 9 p.m. Specialist faculty from Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A & M University, Dr. Pam Brown, will serve as instructor for the project.

“The course is geared to very small businesses, with fewer than 20 employees and to home based businesses,” said Curtis Preston, Bailey County Extension Agent. “The workshop is based on materials developed in Minnesota called Access E-commerce. The course material is relevant to those who are wondering what electronic commerce is all about, those who are thinking about developing an electronic commerce website and those who have a website and want to improve it.”

Preston said participants in training in other states have included owners of existing retail and service businesses, people wanting to start an Internet business, people operating businesses from their homes, retired persons seeking new challenges, farmers and people considering alternative employment. The class is meant to help participants: learn to use the Internet as a business research tool to find new markets or suppliers or to check out the competition; decide if a web presence is right for a particular business; learn the process of planning a website; learn techniques to effectively promote a website; learn how to incorporate the Internet into a business plan.

The only skills necessary to take the class are basic computer techniques, including keyboarding and mouse operations. Participants should also be able to use an Internet browser. The workshop fee is \$60 and includes all course materials. Supper will be served each evening. For more information on Main Street Texas Online contact Curtis Preston or Mandi Seaton at Bailey County Extension Office, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-

**Corrections**

The *Journal* incorrectly identified the owners of the new Chinese food restaurant as Fong in a photo caption in last week’s paper. The owner’s names are Zhen “Jimmy” and Lin Huang. They come to Muleshoe from the Connecticut/New York area. The *Journal* regrets the error.

4583. Limited space is available, so please RSVP by January 14, 2005.

**Estate Planning Seminar to be held**

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring four two-day Estate Planning Seminars Jan. 25-26, 2005 in Robstown. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered. They are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. There is a registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail her at s-wehring@tamu.edu.

**“Wild at Heart” offering free oil changes to the elderly**

“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.

**Lazbuddie Senior Class sponsors luncheon**

The Lazbuddie senior class is sponsoring a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, to raise funds for the Senior Trip.

The cost is \$6.50 per plate. Take outs and deliveries are available. Call 965-2130.

The menu consists of chicken fried steak, baked potato, cream gravy, tossed green salad, green beans, Texas toast and homemade dessert.

In addition, Senior 2005 Calendars are available for \$6.

**The Jesus of the DaVinci Code**

The Rev. Alvin Petty will be teaching “The Jesus of the DaVinci Code” at Clovis Community College, Room 145, on Mondays, Feb. 14, 21 and 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., New Mexico time.

**Show, from front pg**

She’ll be in horse judging. Black, 14, a freshman, comes by her love of working with animals honestly.

The daughter of Cliff and Carren Black, with two brothers, Cody, 16, and Craig, 12, said it’s something of a family tradition.

“My dad used to do it when he was a kid in Muleshoe,” she said, adding that her brothers are into it, too, making it something of a family affair.

“Dad helps us some,” she said. “He’s a big help, but I usually spend about three hours a day working with my sheep.”

Like Rainey, Black likes the preparation part the best.

“You get to spend time with the animals,” she said. “So when I lost my sheep, I was very upset. I’m surprised, but very happy that I’m getting to show after all.”

Her new sheep is named Trixie. She’ll show both Trixie and Coco, who didn’t get taken in the heist.

“It’s harder with a new sheep,” Black said. “I’ve been spending more time with her. She’s doing better. It gets a little frustrating, but I’m not going to give up.”

This is Black’s third year to show and she, too, has her wish list from the show.

“I would like to see me and my brothers do pretty good,” she said.

Learn the church history from which the novel is drawn. Call (505) 769-4760 for registration and information.

**Fine Arts Boosters to meet**

The Fine Arts Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m., Jan. 20, at the Band Hall to plan the Fine Arts to Shine event.

**Breast cancer screening is Feb. 9**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center 708 S. First, on Feb. 7. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for information or to schedule an appointment.

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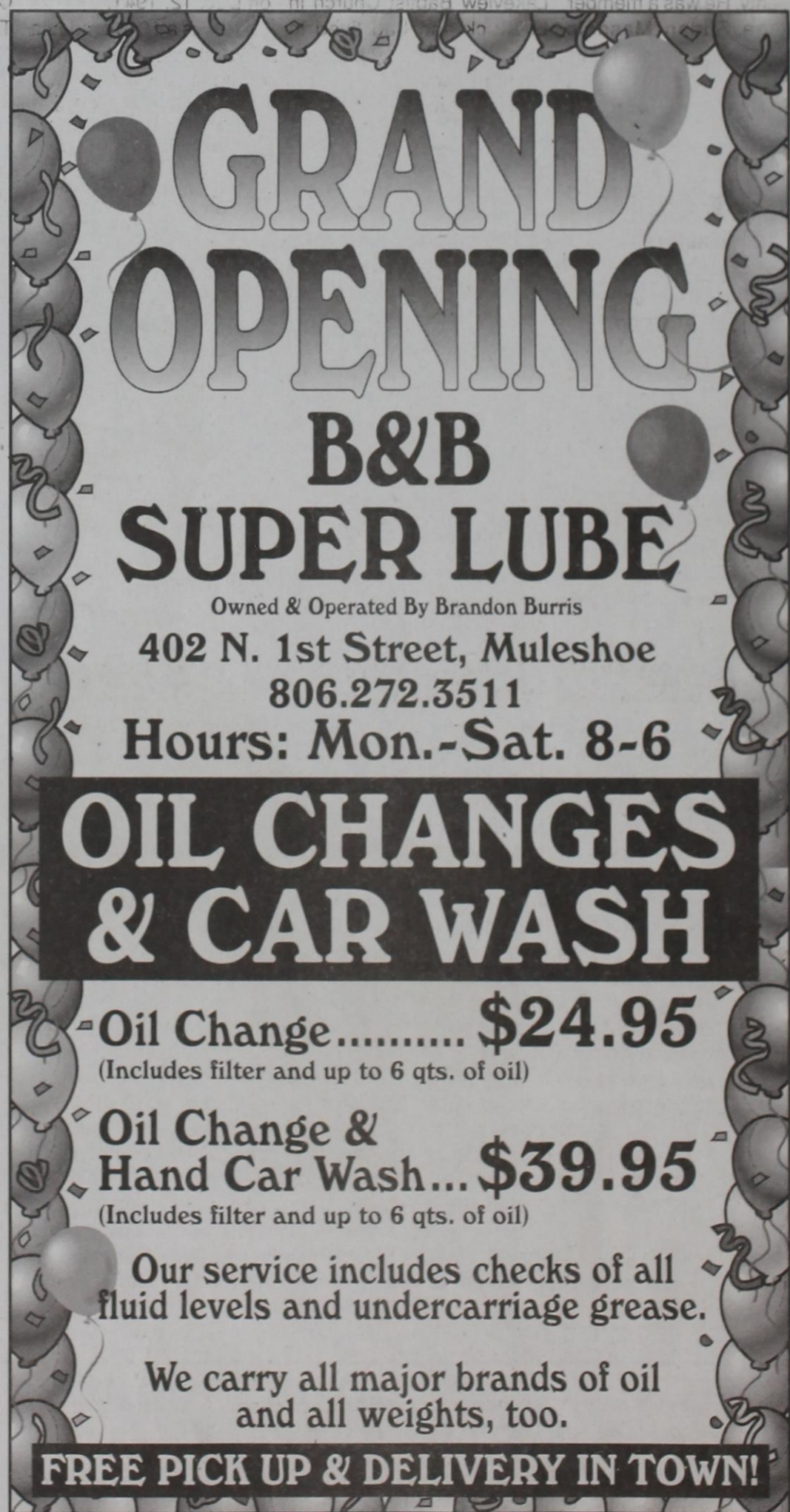
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# 'Christmas in Muleshoe' blesses many

"The Christmas in Muleshoe program of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance, providing gifts to children of families whose financial circumstances are limited, "was a huge success," according to Pastor David Symm, the program's administrator. "Through this undertaking", he said, "the lives of many in our community were impacted by the love of God which moved Him to send His Son, Jesus Christ, into our world to save us."

The BCMA reports that thirty-nine families were assisted. These families included 128 children, ranging in age from 2 months to 18 years. "But these were not the only persons who benefitted from the program," Rev. Symm notes. "In addition there were the many individuals and groups who donated and dropped off gifts, gave of

their time and effort to wrap gifts, made cash contributions, and otherwise assisted with promoting the program in the community."

In all, actual gifts totalling an estimated \$500 to \$600 were donated, and monetary offerings in excess of \$2000 were received! "Every individual, church or school organization involved was blessed through their participation," Pastor Symm noted, "in this outpouring of genuine Christian love and concern during our commemoration of the birth of Jesus. This exercise of compassion was truly a fitting way to honor our Savior God for His tremendous gift of our salvation!"

"The ministerial alliance wants to thank every person who participated in any way," Symm concluded.

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## Obituaries

### THOMAS MILTON WISEMAN

A memorial service for Thomas Milton Wiseman, 93, of Sudan, was held Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Sudan with Jeff Procter and the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites was in Sudan Cemetery.

Mr. Wiseman was born June 3, 1911, in Higgins to Thomas Christopher and Lecia Ella Wiseman. He died Dec. 28, 2004, in San Antonio. He married Hazel Cobb in Clovis on Dec. 21, 1930. She preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 2002. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Milton Sean Chalker.

Mr. Wiseman and his family moved to the Sudan area in 1924 from Childress. He was a graduate of Fairview High School located in Bailey County. He was a member of the Sudan Masonic Lodge, where he served as a grand master and was a 32nd degree Mason. Mr.

Wiseman was a farmer and served as a director for the Sudan Co-operative Gin Board. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Sudan.

Survivors include one daughter, Maxine Chalker of San Antonio; a granddaughter, Cynthia Chalker-Franklin of San Antonio; and two great-grandchildren, Erin and Anna Franklin, both of San Antonio.

The family suggests memorials to Sudan EMS, P.O. Box 494, Sudan, TX. 79371.

### PAT PALMER MOORE

Graveside services for Pat Palmer Moore, 67, of Muleshoe were Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating.

Ms. Moore died Dec. 30, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born Aug. 2, 1937, in Lubbock.

She was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church in Lubbock and had lived in Muleshoe since 1982, moving from Seminole.

Ms. Moore worked as the

secretary at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe for the past 21 years.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Balentine of Merkel; two daughters, Kim Birkenfeld of Lazbuddie and Edie Lopez of Muleshoe; a sister, Jane Tanner of Lockhart; a brother, Bob Palmer of Muleshoe; and seven grandchildren.

### JOE H. HARBIN

Services for Joe H. Harbin, 82, of Muleshoe, were held Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Sixteenth and Avenue D. Church of Christ in Muleshoe with Curtis Shelburne and John Gulley officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Harbin died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born Feb. 8, 1922, in Farmers Branch.

He married Clara I. Throckmorton in Whitharral on Dec. 12, 1941.

He was a 1940 graduate of Whitharral High School and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He left the dairy farm to be employed by Bailey County Electric Co-op in Muleshoe, where he worked for 20 years as an education director and member services advisor. He received the Life Time Achievement Award from the Texas Electric Co-Operatives. He enjoyed working with 4-H and FFA clubs. He was a former member of the Muleshoe Lions and Rotary clubs. He served as an elder at the 16th and Avenue D. Church of Christ.

Mr. Harbin was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife; a son and his wife, Billy C. and Linda Harbin of Floydada; a daughter and her husband, Betty and John Bingham of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Robin Taylor of Canyon; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to 16th and Avenue D. Church of Christ, Muleshoe, TX., 79347 or New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-944.

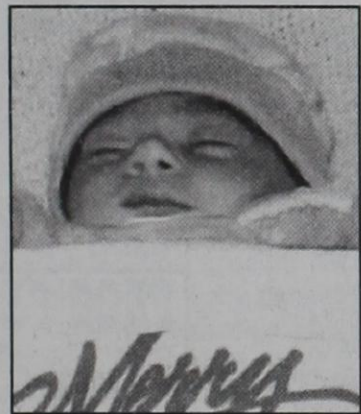
## Births

### JESUS ALBERTO SANDATE

Jesus and Jessica Sandate of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Jesus Alberto Sandate (Sierra), born Dec. 30, 2004, at 8:04 p.m. at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Miguel Angel and Maria Jesus Sandate and



**SANDATE**  
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## Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

**Dec. 30** - Lucia Aguirre, Margaret Collins, Joseph Harbin, Linda Stovall and Maria Valenzuela.

**Jan. 1** - No Report Available.

**Jan. 2** - No Report Available.

**Jan. 3** - Lucia Aguirre, Linda Collins, Joseph Harbin, Camila Platas, Robert Servatius, Linda Stovall and Richard Toscano.

**Jan. 4** - Lucia Aguirre, Viena Barron, Linda Collins, Joseph Harbin, Camila Platas and Richard Toscano.

**Jan. 5** - Lucia Aguirre, Linda Collins, Amber Fuentes, Joseph Harbin, Esther Ketherside, Camila Platas and Richard Toscano.

### Head Start from front page

school's full-day Pre-K program, which served some 80 students this year, will continue. There had been talk of scaling it back since the school didn't get the Head Start Program this year and were unsure about prospects for next fall until the Thursday meeting. In the fall, the district will have the Head Start program which will take 20 4-year-olds in addition to its full-day Pre-K program.

"Last year we went to a full day Pre-K program and were sort of counting on the funding from Head Start to help us with that," Sheets said. "We didn't get it. But we went ahead with the full day Pre-K because we already had kids registered."

"But this will help us to provide better service and fund that full-day Pre-K and Head Start program. We think when we reach kids earlier we will level the playing field."

Sheets said educators are excited that the full-day Pre-K program will be able to continue full-force.

"It's great for these younger kids to have a head start - educational experiences that will help them in the classroom," he said. "Especially the non-English speaking students. We can begin

their language development. We're very excited about what this will do to our whole program."

Putting Head Start in the public schools helps everyone, he said.

"For instance, we already have a cafeteria; we don't have to have equipment and personnel for just those 20 kids," he said. "We already have the transportation, food service facility and people. To have all that for 20 students would be more difficult."

Parents interested in enrolling their students in Head Start next year should contact the Head Start Program in Muleshoe.

Those interested in having their 4-year-olds in the full-day Pre-K program will have the opportunity to enroll them in coming months, Sheets said.

On Monday, at their regular board meeting, trustees heard from Paul Trautman, from the Texas Association of School Administrators, who gave his facility report to the board of trustees.

His report centered on a demographic study and assessment of the MISD's buildings and facilities and he offered some directions for the board for the future.

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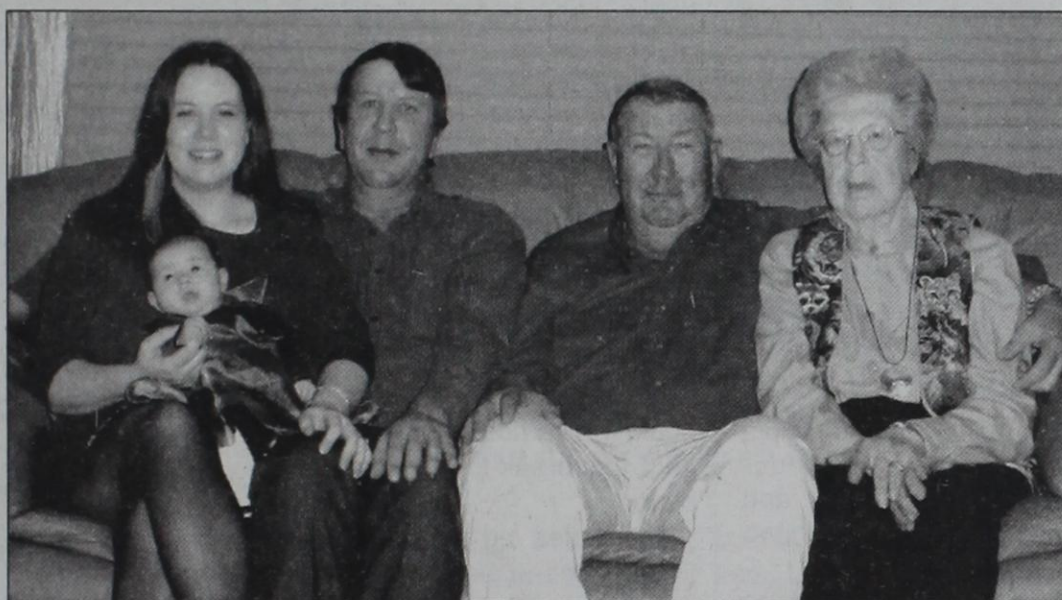
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### A Living History – Five Generations of Family

Over Christmas, the Gustin Family (of Friona and Muleshoe) celebrated the arrival of Emma Jade Gao — bringing together all five living generations for a photo. Seated from left to right are new mother Tangie Kim Gao (with daughter Emma Jade); grandfather Donnie Gustin of Temple; great-grandfather Leland Donnie Gustin of Temple; and great-great grandmother Loma Paige Gustin of Muleshoe. Erma Lee Schilling of Hub (not pictured) is also Emma's new great-grandmother.

## Heritage Foundation News

At the first board meeting of the New Year, the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation welcomed Cathy Stucco of the Lubbock Area Foundation.

Jim Allison introduced Stucco and asked her to explain what the Lubbock Area Foundation is all about.

She said to use the three "Gs" - gather, grow and grant - as one explanation, noting how a little money can do much good.

She then presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to be used by the Muleshoe Heritage Center for landscaping the new highway frontage area of the Center. She had a nice surprise for the board members presenting another check in the amount of \$500 given by Larry and Pattie Fryer of Brownfield.

Ms. Fryer, wife of one of the Lubbock Area Foundation board members, heard about the different projects going on at the Muleshoe Heritage Center and decided to give this money as a means of encouragement.

President Allison then asked the board members present to introduce themselves to Stucco. Members present were Lonnie Adrian, Jean Allison, Gary Hooten, Betty Kerby, Ann McElroy, Lavonne McKillip, Jenne McVicker, Sammie Simpson, Ladene Spears, Dan Throckmorton, Dustin Wilhite, Center Hostess Dolores Harvey and Shanna Rempe, representing the Student-Community Action Club (SCAC). SCAC is an honorary member of the Heritage board.

The meeting was contin-

ued with secretary McVicker reading the minutes which were approved. Treasurer Hooten gave the financial report which also was approved. Spears gave the Thrift Shop report and said money from the Thrift Shop account will be transferred to the general account of the Heritage Foundation.

Money from the Thrift Shop is used for the day to day expenses of the Center. Center Hostess Harvey gave a report which contained a list of activities at the Center for the past year.

These happenings included school tours, bridge clubs, business meetings, wedding and baby showers, family reunions, Christmas parties, delegations at the Texas Plains Trail Tours (twice), Girl Scout and SCAC meetings.

Many citizens have expressed what a wonderful place the Heritage Center is for these varied activities.

Je. Allison gave a report about the special work day which was held the Saturday before the annual Christmas Open House which was held December 18 this year. Members expressed appreciation to United employees, SCAC representatives and board members all who worked on the lights which glowed on all of the old structures at the Center during the holidays.

A special note of thanks was given to Bob Bomer who came with a motorized bucket-truck to help place and replace bulbs on the higher buildings.

Je. Allison then reported on the annual Old Fashioned Christmas Open House held on Dec. 18.

She noted that SCAC mem-

ber Brady Black gave a number of tours to people who noted how beautiful everything was all decorated for the holidays. SCAC members held the club's annual Christmas party at the Janes Ranch House and decorated the house and the Christmas tree.

A group consisting of Don Sharp, Gerald Shanks, Presley Newton, Dave Sudduth, Jay Messenger and Mart Long entertained during the evening, and those attending remarked what great entertainment this was. Board members expressed appreciation to all of the local musical groups who generously give of their time to entertain.

McElroy gave an update on the grant proposals she has been working on and board members expressed deep gratitude for all of the work she has done.

She noted that another proposal is pending and hopefully, will be approved.

Throckmorton told of all the work as well as Simpson and Betty for all of the work they have done on this requirement, and president Ji. Allison said that he will contact Texas Tech for assistance.

He will also begin activities to set an overall plan for improvements at the Center.

Discussions were held about the lights in the Janes Ranch House which are on loan from West Texas A&M, as well as the history book of Bailey County compiled by the students of McKillip a number of years ago.

Further action on these two matter will be taken later. Meeting adjourned.

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The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

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Watson Construction, Lovington	4 Mxd. str	434 lbs. at \$130.00
Kress Jones, Hobbs, NM	3 Mxd. str	528 lbs. at \$122.00
Richard Barnett, Lubbock	13 Mxd. bulls	541 lbs. at \$117.00
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Derrick Jenkins, Seminole	13 Mxd. str	640 lbs. at \$110.50
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Kress Jones, Hobbs, NM	Char. hfr	375 lbs. at \$120.00
Don Hardin, Portales, NM	Char. hfr	375 lbs. at \$121.00
Richard Barnett, Lubbock	10 Blk. hfrs	525 lbs. at \$118.00
J.R. Rodriguez, Sudan	3 Blk. hfrs	557 lbs. at \$114.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	7 Blk. hfrs	588 lbs. at \$110.00
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Ernesto Bustillos, Muleshoe	8 Red hfrs	651 lbs. at \$99.00
Ernesto Bustillos, Muleshoe	3 Red hfrs	847 lbs. at \$95.00
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Walking J Farms, Muleshoe	Roan cow	1565 lbs. at \$51.75
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# Sports

## Mules easily handle Friona

### Fall to Lubbock Monterey

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Mules sent the Friona Chieftains back to the reservation last Tuesday night with a 69-40 shellacking.

The Mules fell to the Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen 69-24 on Friday night.

The Mules jumped out quick on Friona with back-to-back treys by Tyler Sheets.

The stingy Mule defense held the Chieftains to only two buckets in the period. The Mules owned a 12-4 advantage after one period.

Chris Kindle opened the second period with a long deuce from the corner.

Brady Black stuck back an offensive rebound and drove coast-to-coast for four of his eight points in the period.

Trevor Turnbow fired a bullet pass to an open Kory Atwood in the lane to push the Mule lead to 20-9 half way through the quarter. Sheets got the ball to bounce twice on the rim before falling through for his third trey of the night.

The Mules took a 33-11 advantage into the half time break.

Sheets opened the second half the way he did the game with a trey from the wing.

Arsenio Geter went high for an offensive rebound and put the ball back on the glass all in one motion.

Landon Wilson found Brad Henry open under the bucket with 42 seconds left in the period.

Wilson then beat the



It's a bird — Arsino Geter, No. 33, takes flight against Friona.

buzzer with a left handed scoop shot to end the period with the Mules on top 50-24.

The Mules may have lost some of their defensive edge with the big lead and Friona heated up in the final quarter with 16 points. The Mules put in nineteen with Trent Black sticking back a rebound at the four-minute mark.

Turnbow was credited with a trey to end the game.

Sheets led the Mules with 19 points that included four treys.

B. Black added 14 and Atwood dropped in eight. Turnbow made six while T. Black had all five of his points in the final period and

Kindle got his five in the first three-quarters.

Wilson and Henry had four points apiece and Geter and Myles James chipped in two each.

The Mules could not find a way to stop Monterey's scoring machine. The Plainsmen out scored the Mules 22-8 in the opening period. The Mules slowed Monterey's scoring in the second period and held them to eight points but could only score six to trail 14-30 at the intermission.

The Plainsmen shot lights out in the final two periods with 20 and 18 points. The Mules could only answer with 10. B. Black led the Mules

with 10 points and Kindle and Atwood added four each. Wilson, Geter and Sheets each chipped in two points.

The Mules played host to the Tulia Hornets Tuesday night in the two teams' second match of the season. The Mules won the first go around in overtime.

The Mules uncork district action Friday, Jan. 14 when they host the Brownfield Cubs.

The Mules travel to Levelland Jan. 18 and return home Jan. 21 to host the Lubbock Cooper Pirates. The Mules defeated the Pirates in the second game of the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

## JV Mules run over Friona, 61-24

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The JV Mule defense totally shut down the Friona Chieftains in the opening period last Tuesday night. The Mules raced out to a 19-0 lead after one period and the blitz carried through the next two quarters.

The Mules plucked the Chieftains 61-24. Eddie Alvarado set the scoring pace for the Mules in the opening frame with six points. T.J. Brantley followed by making three-of-four charity tosses and bucket for five points.

Dustin Barker burned up the net with seven points in the second period and Brant Hamilton began to get the range with four.

The Mules added 17 total points in the period to take a 36-11 advantage to the dressing room at the intermission.

Hamilton opened the third frame with a free throw and added a bucket in the lane on the next trip down the floor. Jarad Flores converted a pair from the charity stripe and Eric Washington finished a fast break. Hamilton drained a trey before Friona could score almost five minutes into the period. Hamilton's 3-pointer capped a nine-point scoring run. Alvarado and Flores each finished fast breaks and Hamilton canned his second trey to push the Mule's lead to 53-13.

Flores drove the lane and picked his way through the porous Friona defense to cap a seven-point run. Cade Smith found Alvarado open on the inside for a bucket. Alvarado returned the favor with an assist on a fast break to Smith for the final bucket of the period.

The Mules led 59-15 to begin the final quarter. Friona opened the period with an old fashion three-point play.

Brantley finished a delayed fast break for the Mules only points in the final quarter.

Hamilton paced the Mules with 15 points and Brantley added 11.

Flores and Alvarado dropped in eight points apiece and Barker had seven. Washington and Smith each had four points and Kirby Kimbrough and Garrett Riley chipped in two each.

No information was available for the Mules trip to Lubbock Monterey on Friday night. The Mules hosted the Tulia Hornets on Tuesday night and open their district season Jan. 14 when the Brownfield Cubs visit.

The Mules travel to Levelland on Jan. 18 and host the Lubbock Cooper Pirates on the Jan. 21.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules overwhelm Friona

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules wrapped up the non-district portion of their schedule with a 59-49 drumming of the Squaws of Friona. The Lady Mules finished the non-district portion of their loop with a 14-7 record.

They opened district in Littlefield with the Lady Cats. Littlefield hung tough through three periods but the Lady Mule pressure defense took its toll in the final quarter. The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Cats 21-6 in the final eight minutes for a 55-41 win.

"We are a fourth-quarter team," said Brandi Wood. "We knew Littlefield could probably hang with us through three periods, but the last quarter is ours. I think the 21-6 final eight minutes proves that."

Friona is a highly rated this season and started the game strong by out scoring the Lady Mules 12-16 in the first frame. Lindsey Wood drove the baseline for a bucket to open the second period. Kasey Wood drained a 3-pointer from the wing on the next possession to give the Lady Mules their first lead of the night.

The Lady Mules held a 28-25 lead at the intermission. Friona regained the lead four minutes into the third period with a 9-5 scoring run.

L. Wood made a spin move off the dribble that put Friona's Katy Welch on her knees. L. Wood continued down the lane for a layup that tied the game at 34-34. Kate Lepard added a charity toss and a bucket in the final minute to help the Lady Mules cling to a 39-38 margin going into the final quarter.

Kelsy Friskup led the scoring charge for the Lady Mules in the last quarter with 10 of her game high 20 points. She opened the period with back-to-back buckets with an assist from L. Wood.

The Lady Mules out scored Friona 10-2 in the first four minutes of the final period. Friona had trouble getting the ball across the time line as the Lady Mules continued to pressure the ball full court.

In less than a 30-second span late in the period Friskup finished two fast breaks and L. Wood picked off a Friona inbound pass and found B. Wood open near the basket. L. Wood sealed the deal for the Lady Mules with a coast-to-coast drive for a layup.

Four lady Mules reached double figures with Friskup leading the way with 20 points. L. Wood added 12 and B. Wood and Lepard each dropped in 10. K. Wood had three points and Jamie Carpenter and Chelsi Hawkins chipped in two each.

Littlefield's big girl, Ashley Cunningham, gave the Lady Mules problems inside at times Friday night. Amber Cowart drained a trey from the wing to beat the buzzer to



Waiting for the rebound — Muleshoe's No. 34, Kate Lepard outdistances the Friona rebounders as she goes up for a ball.

give the Lady Mules a 9-8 advantage at the end of the opening period.

The Lady Cats hit two treys in the first three minutes of the second period to open a five-point lead over the Lady Mules. Ashley Dickson relieved a Lady Cat of a rebound, took two dribbles and hit an eight-foot jumper to interrupt Littlefield's scoring run.

Dickson continued to be a disruptive force by crashing the boards and grabbing a defensive rebound and finding K. Wood with an outlet pass. K. Wood pushed the ball down the floor to Friskup for a layup on the break.

The Lady Mules trailed 20-23 at the half.

Friskup kicked the ball from the blocks back out to Carpenter at the top of the key for a trey to break a 27-27 deadlock with three minutes left in the third period. The Lady Cats hit back-to-back treys to retake the lead.

Carpenter picked off a pass and drove for a left-handed layup to cut the Lady Cat lead to 32-33. The two teams exchanged baskets before the period ended with Littlefield on top 34-35.

Littlefield opened the final period with a Cunningham

bucket inside the paint. The Lady Cats would not score again for three minutes as the Lady Mules went on a 14-point scoring blast.

B. Wood had to sit out most of the second period because of fouls but made up for her time on the pine in the final period. She had three steals early in the period and L. Wood hit back-to-back bombs from 3-point land.

Friskup had six points in the scoring surge and Cowart topped it off with a short jumper. The Lady Mules had raced to a 48-37 lead with over four minutes left in the game. Hawkins capped the scoring for the Lady Mules with 59 seconds showing on the clock.

Friskup set the scoring pace with 18 points, 10 in the final period. B. Wood and L. Wood each added 10 points and Cowart and Carpenter made five each. Dickson had three points and K. Wood and Hawkins chipped in two each.

"Our pressure defense takes a toll on the opposition," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "These girls do not panic or get rattled during the game. They keep up the pressure and

know the final eight minutes belongs to them.

"The Friona win was a great way to get ready for the district run. We knew Littlefield would be tough and they were able to stay with us longer than I had hoped. The open date will be a little strange, but we will try to use it to our advantage."

The Lady Mules are open Jan. 11 because of the five-team district schedule. They will host the Brownfield Lady Cubs on Friday, Jan. 14 and travel to Levelland on Jan. 18 to meet the Loboettes.

### Girls district results

Lady Mules (15-7 1-0) defeated Littlefield (4-15 0-1) 55-41

Lubbock Cooper (8-14 1-0) defeated Brownfield (season unknown 0-1) 44-42

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Note of interest: Sara Benham and the University of Denver Lady Pioneers will play North Texas State University on Jan. 13. The game will be televised on ESPN.



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## WJHS Students of the Week named



For the week of Jan. 10-14, Students of the Week at Watson Junior High are: Front Row, L to R: Christopher Ortega, Brenda Rodriguez; Middle Row, L to R: Ryan Hall, Lindsay Meeves; Back Row, L to R: Janae Pyle, Brian Poynor.



## Police Report

### Sunday, January 9

Suspicious vehicle stopped. Driver arrested for DWI.

On January 9, 2005, a citizen reported that her purse had been stolen from inside her vehicle.

### Saturday, January 8

On Jan. 8, 2005, the police department received a call in reference to an incident which had occurred. An officer responded to the scene.

On January 8, 2005, a citizen reported that her vehicle had been burglarized. Her purse and other items were taken from the unlocked vehicle.

### Friday, January 7

On Jan. 7, 2005, an officer made an arrest for Driving While License Invalid, enhanced, during the course of a traffic stop.

Accident - Vehicle #1 was stopped facing north on east 5th street; vehicle #2 was turning onto E. 5th from American Blvd. and the front of the vehicle struck the left side of vehicle #1.

On Jan. 7, 2005, a victim reported that she had lost her cellular phone somewhere in the city of Muleshoe while she was in town.

### Thursday, January 6

Subject came into the PD to report that her daughter was missing. Daughter located later in the day by PD.

### Wednesday, January 5

On Jan. 5, 2005, the police department received a report in reference to an intoxicated

driver and passenger of a vehicle. The vehicle was located in the 100 block of East American Boulevard and two arrests were made.

On Jan. 5, 2005, the police department received a call in reference to an Attempted Burglary of a Vehicle. Officers responded to the scene.

On Jan. 5, 2005, the victim reported that sometime between 12-26-04 and 01-05-05 he lost his cellular phone.

On Jan. 5, 2005, the police department received a letter from Cherise Thompson the Fraud Investigator with Western Wireless. Ms. Thompson stated in her letter that the suspect had acquired a bill from Western Wireless in the amount of \$2397.14 that was left unpaid.

### Tuesday, January 4

On Jan. 4, 2005, the Boll Weevil Eradication office reported that some time between 12-23-04 and 01-04-05 someone entered the office located at 710 North 1st and removed several items.

### Monday, January 3

On Jan. 3, 2005, a vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Ave. G for equipment violation. Driver found to have warrants for his arrest out of Lubbock and Tom Green counties. Driver arrested and transported to Bailey County Jail.

### Sunday, January 2

On Jan. 2, 2005, an officer took a report of a Burglary of a Habitation.

## Sports

# JV Lady Mules edged by Friona

## Come back and defeat Littlefield in district play

By Delton Wilhite

*Sports Writer*The JV Lady Mules could not get all the rust off that had accumulated during the holiday break last Tuesday night.

The Lady Mules fell to the Friona Squaws 30-38.

The Lady Mules bounced back in their district opener in Littlefield.

They came back from a 14-19 half-time deficit and outscored the Lady Cats 21-12 in the second half to take the game 35-31.

Cholov Hernandez did most of the damage for the Lady Mules in the opening frame against Friona. She hit back-to-back buckets and Amberlee Steinbock added a charity toss as the Lady Mules trailed 5-10.

The Lady Mules screwed down the defense in the second period and held the Squaws to a single basket.

That basket ended a 12-point scoring run by the Lady Mules.

Ashley Grumbles took a pass over the top from Gini Sheets to finish a break to open the second period. Grumbles was on fire during the period and added two free throws after being slammed to wall on fast break.

Grumbles picked off a pass near mid-court and drove to give the Lady Mules their first lead of the night. Irma Torres grabbed a defensive rebound and found Grumbles with the outlet pass.

Grumbles was fouled on the drive and converted both free throws to put the Lady Mules up 13-10. Hernandez finished the period with two buckets in the lane to put the Lady Mules up 17-12 at the intermission.

Friona trimmed the Lady Mule lead to 23-22 at the end of third period by out scoring the Lady Mules 10-6. The Squaws continued to roll in the final period with a 16-7 scoring surge.

Hernandez paced the Lady Mules with 15 points and Grumbles added eight.

Torres dropped in four points, Sheets two and Steinbock

chipped in one.

The Lady Mules fell behind the Littlefield Lady Cats 8-12 in the opening period. Grumbles stuck back a rebound to open the second period before Littlefield hit three buckets in a row.

Torres turned to the baseline and was fouled shooting. She made both shots from the charity stripe to break the Lady Cats, scoring run.

Kyra Kimbrough picked a Lady Cats, pocket at mid-court and made a reverse layup.

Littlefield added a charity toss to take a 14-19 advantage into the second half.

Hernandez got the Lady Mule come back started with a drive down the baseline for two points.

Shayla Hall finished a break and on the next possession kicked an offensive rebound out past the arc to Kimbrough.

Kimbrough drain the three to tie the game at 21-21. Grumbles was fouled shooting a last second shot. She made one free throw to give the Lady Mules a 22-21 lead to end the third period.

Littlefield opened the final period with a bucket to re-take the lead.

Hernandez put back her own rebound to put the Lady Mules on top to stay with almost seven minutes left in the game.

Kimbrough hit a baseline jumper and Hall put back a rebound to start a 9-6 final scoring surge by the Lady Mules. Kimbrough added her second trey of the night with two minutes left to push the Lady Mule lead to 32-25.

Kimbrough was hot in the final period with nine of her game high 16 points.

Hernandez added eight points and Hall dropped in six. Grumbles made three points and Torres chipped in two.

The Lady Mules do not play on Tuesday on Jan. 11 but return to district action Friday, Jan. 14, when they host the Brownfield Lady Cubs.

The Lady Mules travel to Levelland on Jan. 18 and return home Jan. 21 to meet Lubbock Cooper.

## Honors

Three Muleshoe students at Lubbock Christian University have been cited for excellent grades.

Mitchell Mason and Joshua Williams, both of Muleshoe, have been named to the President's List for the fall semester of 2004. In order to be considered a part of the President's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 hours and have a 4.0 GPA or better for the entire semester.

Also, Mindy Locker of Muleshoe has been named to the Dean's List at LCU for the fall semester of 2004.

In order to be on the Dean's List a student must take 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 GPA or better for the entire semester.

## Have You Read Any Good Catalogs Lately?

I got yet another catalog in the mail recently. Nothing unusual about that. Like most folks, I get lots of them. And, like lots of folks, I occasionally enjoy just thumbing through the pages of an interesting catalog.

I don't know if anyone has a contest for catalogs, but I'd probably vote for Land's End and their oft-mailed offerings (Christmas is best, I think) as among the most imaginative,



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well-written, and just cozily fun. A cup of hot tea or hot chocolate, a nice fire in the fireplace, a comfortable chair, warm slippers, and a few minutes meandering through a Land's End catalog—well, maybe this is weird, but I find a little time of that sort kinda relaxing (just don't look too closely at some of their prices).

But the catalog I'll describe to you here is a cat of another breed. It's evidently put out by the book club who baited me some months ago with a free book offer. (Yes, I bit.) I've not ordered any more books, but I do now have this little catalog in hand which its producers have christened "One Spirit." It claims to be filled with resources for my "total wellbeing: spirit, mind, and body."

Great! A Christian minister oughta be excited about a catalog chocked full of resources designed to encourage and enhance spirituality, right? Looks like I can even get

over \$150 of books on spirituality for just \$1 each if I want to join this very spiritually-minded book club spinning off of the club I originally joined.

So I flip through the pages. Hmm. I doubt this is put out by the Southern Baptist Convention. This catalog's definition of spirituality is a tad south of what I expected when I saw the title "One Spirit." Oh, Christianity is included. Right along with Self-discovery, Yoga, Homeopathy, Psychology, Ayurveda (what's your veda?), Buddhism, Astrology, Zen, Mindfulness, Inner Work, Sacred Sexuality, Qi Gong, the Tarot, Native Religions, and Spells & Enchantments. The catalog plops Prayer right into the midst of the list. I'll betcha a prayer covering all of these bases will pretty much have to be a pseudo-prayer of the "To whom it may concern" variety.

I don't want to be too critical. This catalog's got some really practical stuff stuck between its pages. One book offers 168 ways to use Feng Shui more effectively. If I buy that one, I can cross ineffective Feng Shui use right off my list of weaknesses and worries. And Michael Jordan, presumably not the rebounding basketball star, has written the *Encyclopedia of Gods* listing more than 2,500 deities. If you're deity-shopping, and if you're not finicky about breaking the first and probably the second of the Ten Commandments of the God whose name is Jehovah, well, it may take a little time, but you can pick your own god. In a nutshell—I mean, in a nutshell—that's probably the biggest advantage of this kind of "spirituality."

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

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## Nursing Home News

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Peggy Dent visited her friends at Park View Tuesday afternoon.

Jearl James visited Park View Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Our new stainless steel ice machine is in an up and running. The machine was purchased by the monies from the Christmas Card Project.

Wednesday morning Harold and Mary Jo Burge, and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents. Harold reads words to "ponder over."

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and James Sinclair directed the "Singspiration"/devotional time Wednesday morning.

Thursday morning Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class. Residents participating were Delphine Gruda, Wilma Hughes, Diane Copley, Ruby Riley, Gladys Wilson, Cathy Wilson, Jim Kee, Alliene Lasiter and Gladys Wright.

Nelda Mayse and her hus-

band Max played the piano for our music program Thursday morning. Max and Nelda are the daughter and son-in-law of Clifton Finley.

Friday afternoon Kortney Mardis played her violin and entertained for our New Year's Eve party.

Friday afternoon Grace Plyler was visited by Buster and Wanda Kittrell and her granddaughter Carolyn.

Buster Kittrell gave haircuts to the men Friday morning.

Saturday afternoon Iris Clements directed the bingo bash.

Sunday morning Buster Kittrell/Harold Burge taught the Bible study.

Elton Bass and Darene

Collins played blue grass music for the residents early Sunday afternoon.

The United Methodist Church directed a communion/church service for the residents Sunday afternoon.

Betty Ramage, from Volunteers Plus, delivered quarters for the bingo bash! Monday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of the First United Methodist Church of Earth directed a memorial service for Winnie Jacops Tuesday morning.

Elzie Darling's daughters Berta Combs and Beatrix Ruzicka donated supplies to the volunteer beauty shop.

Ruby Riley went out to have Christmas with her family over the weekend.

We had a great undecorating team of volunteers at Park View Wednes-

day. In just a short time the team had the Christmas decorations down, boxed up

and hauled to the storage room. Thank you! What a wonder you are!

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**Employee of the Month**

**Business of the Month**



**January Employee of the Month** — The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce honored this week Cheryl Feagley, Sonic Drive-In employee, as January's Employee of the Month. Cited in her nomination by a community member were Mrs. Feagley's cheerful attitude and quick, responsive service. Pictured are: Lynn Moore, Feagley, Chamber President Kent Bradley, Vice President Heather Foley, Manager Jan Thompson and (in front) Noelia Flores.



**January Business of the Month** — The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce honored this week West Camp Gin as the January Business of the Month for its "courteous, friendly owners and staff." Pictured are Lynn Moore, gin owner James Shepard, Chamber President Kent Bradley, gin owner Phyllis Shepard and Chamber Board Vice President Heather Foley.

## Library News

Storytime for children ages 2 to 11 is every Tuesday from 4:00 - 5:00. Storytime programs for the month of January:

This month we are going to try something different! We are only going to read one book, but we will have many flannel board stories, fingerplays, songs and activities!

**Jan. 4** - Color Wheel; Story: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" By Bill Martin

**Jan. 11** - Yum Yum; Story: "Strawberries Are Red" by Peter Horacek

**Jan. 18** - Dressin' Up; Story: "New Shoes, Red Shoes" by Susan Rollings

**Jan. 25** - Animal Tales; Story: "Roar! A Noisy Counting Book" by Pamela Duncan Edwards

The library has purchased: A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicketts Books 1 - 11.

Books by Jodi Picoult: Mercy, Keeping Faith, Songs of the Humpback Whale, Harvesting the Heart, Plain Truth.

Dyan's picks of the month: Picture books: Red Lace, Yellow Lace by Mike Casey. Your child can learn how to tie their shoes with this book!

Junior Chapter Books: The Miserable Mill by Lemony Snicket Book 4 in the A Series of Unfortunate Events books

Youth Fiction: I suggest any of the books from the "Alice" series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Adult Fiction: The Cape Light Series by Thomas Kincade, Unveiling Mary Magdalene by Liz Curtis Higgs.

Adult Non-Fiction: Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs.

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equipment or the library, and some watch T.V.

Meals on Wheels are sent out by 11:15 a.m., then the Senior Center meals are served—beginning at 11:30 a.m. and serving until 1 p.m.

Tuesday morning games are a lot of fun. Hostesses for the games morning are Thursie Reid, Mary Nell Bleeker and Polly Tuck.

Ladies Bridge Club and Men's Bridge Club meet at the Center. January Birthdays will be observed Thursday, Jan. 13 at noon.

The menu for the upcoming week is:

**Monday, Jan. 17:** Chicken pattie on bun, tater tots or fries, peas and carrots, sliced tomatoes and fruit salad

**Tuesday, Jan. 18:** Meat loaf, potato O'Brien, green beans, tossed salad/ w French, wheat roll, carrot cake

**Wednesday, Jan. 19:** Baked ham, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad/ranch, biscuit or roll, plum cobbler

**Thursday, Jan. 20:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, garlic

bread, Sunshine congealed apple or applesauce salad  
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## Weddings

### Powell-Martin

Cynthia Renay Powell and the Rev. Henry Curtis Martin were united in marriage on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Claytonville First Baptist Church with Q.D. Beville of Bethal Baptist Church of Plainview, a friend of the groom, officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dwayne and Mary Powell of Sudan. The groom is the son of Bruce Martin of Phoenix, Ariz., and the grandson of Sally Martin of Mesa, Ariz.

The bride was escorted by her father and entered to the "Bridal March," played by Sherry Warren of Kress. The bride selected a knee-length winter white chiffon satin-lined sleeveless dress with V-neck and two-tiered layers with a chiffon, long-sleeved jacket that was waist-length and adorned with sequins and rhinestones. Her hair was in a French twist with white floral hair piece. For something old, she wore pennies minted in the year of the couple's birth; something borrowed was pearl jewelry belonging to her daughter, Heather Nichols; something new was her dress; and something blue was her bouquet of white roses, navy carnations with miniature white roses, navy ribbon and pearl accents.

Matron of honor was Brandi Lawrence of Amarillo and maid of honor was Heather Nichols of Sudan, both daughters of the bride. They wore navy sweaters, accented with sequins and navy blue with white floral print, ankle-length satin skirts with navy satin sandals. They wore navy floral halos in their hair and carried navy and white rose bouquets. They entered the church to "You are my All-

in-All" which was sung by Dane and Diane Sisemore.

Flower girl was Kailee Knezek of Littlefield, who wore an ankle-length navy velvet dress with a jacket and carried a white basket with floral accents and white rose petals. She wore a navy floral halo in her hair; she was the niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Marshall Ebling of Kress, who carried a heart-shaped pillow with white and navy flowers and ribbon.

Best man was Larry Buske and groomsman was Kelly Durham, both of Kress.

Decorations in the church consisted of two candelabras and a heart archway, decorated with greenery, white tulle and clear lights with navy ribbon and bows and white candles. Navy pew bows lined the aisles and white satin and tulle bows with pearls and navy ribbon were on the front pews.

Ushers were Tucker Foley and Tyler Moss, nephews of the bride, both of Littlefield.

Before the vows, "Only God Could Love You More," was sung by Dane and Diane Sisemore and "I Do Not Want to Miss a Thing" was sung after the vows.

Candlelighters were Emily Gardner and Tanner Foley of Littlefield, niece and nephew of the bride.

The couple left the sanctuary to the traditional recessional.

Tiffany Moss of Littlefield, niece of the bride, was at the registration table, which featured a picture frame with baby pictures of the bride and groom, an engagement picture and also a "dove" statue with mirrored plaque that read "Mar-



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis Martin

riage takes three."

A reception followed in the fellowship hall, which featured white lattice boards decorated with greenery, white tulle, clear lights and navy bows. The table had a white Battenburg tablecloth with navy linen. A round, two-tiered bride's cake was topped with precious moments topper and the groom's cake was served by Tiffany Moss and Emily Gardner, nieces of the bride. Wedding punch was served from a crystal punch bowl and coffee was served from a silver service set. White and navy mints and chocolate covered strawberries, made by the mother of the bride, were served from a silver, two-tiered dish. Birdseed bags were distributed to the guests by Katie Ebling.

The couple left for their honeymoon to a birdseed

shower and will live in Sudan.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the couple and their parents, was held on New Year's Eve at Claytonville Baptist Church with 43 guests.

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# Agricultural News

## Beltwide Cotton Conferences

The 2005 Beltwide Cotton Conferences provided the stage and a high-powered slate of speakers provided cotton producers and industry leaders a wealth of information about the key issues and challenges facing the industry in 2005.

Opening topics ranged from a preview of 2005 legislative challenges to the importance of variety selection on producers' ability to market their crop and concluded with a generally optimistic 2005 market outlook from long-time Beltwide contributor William B. Dunavant, Jr. Sponsored by the National Cotton Council, the 2005 Beltwide Conference included reports from National Cotton Council staff, producer leaders and key industry figures.

Among the first-day speakers were NCC Chairman Woody Anderson of Colorado City, Texas; John Maguire, NCC Vice President-Washington Operations; Gary Adams, NCC Vice President-Economic and Policy Analysis; and William Dunavant, Jr., CEO of Dunavant Enterprises of Memphis, TN.

Maguire and Anderson discussed many of the challenges facing the industry on the legislative and trade fronts. Maguire also provided an in-depth description of the Washington legislative landscape and highlighted the many challenges that await cotton and the rest of agriculture in 2005.

Legislatively, Maguire noted that in 2005 the FY2006 budget debate would be a top priority for agriculture. The bottom line message delivered by the pair was the importance of the industry working together to defend Ag programs during the budget development process to keep agriculture from being asked to do more than its fair share.

When discussing the challenges, Maguire said trade issues and the next farm bill will be issues that garner significant attention in 2005. He explained that farm bill hearings are already scheduled for later in the year and would mark the start of the process to develop the next Farm Bill.

In addition to the legislative and trade updates, the first day's general session concluded with a 2005 market outlook from long-time Beltwide contributor and cotton industry leader William B. Dunavant, Jr.

Dunavant's comments quickly took a poignant turn when he announced that his 2005 Market Outlook would be the last time he would take the stage at the Beltwide Conferences as he would soon be stepping down as Chief Executive Officer of Dunavant Enterprises.

Following his announcement, Dunavant provided his usual thorough review of the current market situation and discussed his thoughts on what would transpire in 2005.

Dunavant reported that 2004's record world production 115.5 million bales would ultimately result in a 2004-2005 carryover figure of some 46.9 million bales and set the stage for reduced world acreage and production during the 2005 growing season.

Dunavant also foresaw a smaller U.S. production number in 2005 on the heels of U.S. carryover more than doubling from the current 3.5 million bale level to 7.9 million bales at the end of the 2004 marketing year.

The bright side of Dunavant's report was his belief that consumption will continue to increase through the 2005 marketing year and would bring, in combination with reduced 2005 production levels, slightly higher prices and a decrease in both world and U.S. carryover stocks.

The critical component of the mix according to Dunavant will be China and that country's increasing need for cotton. Dunavant noted that as long as the U.S. produces the high quality cotton Chinese mills demand, U.S. cotton growers would continue to be a major supplier of raw cotton to Chinese mills.

Many other Beltwide speakers shared Dunavant's focus on China as a primary

destination for U.S. cotton in 2005 and beyond.

## USDA Deregulation Paves Way For More Roundup Ready Flex Trials in 2005

Representatives from Monsanto Corporation have announced that a decision by the United States Department of Agriculture to deregulate the testing procedures for RoundupReady Flex technology would result in more opportunities to evaluate the technology during field trials in 2005.

The move is the first step in the process that will eventually make RoundupReady Flex technology commercially available in 2006.

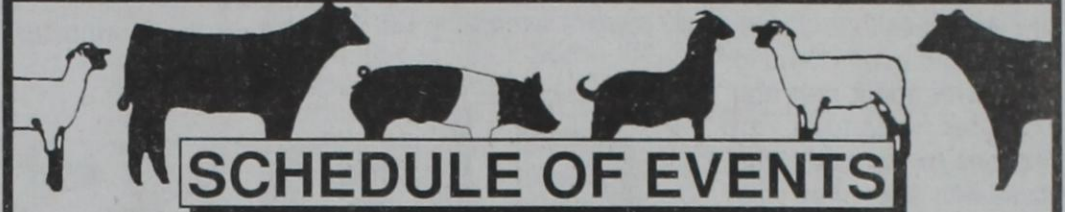
According to Monsanto technical services representatives attending the 2005 Beltwide Cotton Conferences, the USDA move will make a visible difference to High Plains cotton growers interested in evaluating the new technology.

High Plains growers will see an increase in the number of RoundupReady Flex trials that will be conducted in 2005. Plans are now in the works for 20-30 separate tests that will allow growers to see the technology at a location near them throughout the year.

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## Cotton Report

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled on firmer ground for the third consecutive session on Thursday in response to an improvement in the technical outlook for cotton earlier in the week.

The week's export sales report reflected a predictable drop in sales due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, but the figures still were considered "healthy" by the market. USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 30 totaled 141,000 bales. The figure was 42 percent less than the previous week and the prior four-week average. Primary buyers included Turkey, China and South Korea.

U.S. export sales for the season have remained ahead of the pace set last year. For the 2004-05 season to date, export sales total 3.0 million bales while commitments total 8.0 million bales.

Export shipments of 243,400 bales were 64 percent more than the previous week and 37 percent better than the four-week average. Major destinations included China, Turkey, and Thailand.

Cotton prices were slightly higher this week, and spot cotton sales were active as more cotton became available for sale. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 132,149 bales online in the week ended Jan. 6 compared to the previous week when 67,411 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 34.69 to 36.33 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 33.77 to 34.69 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) now projects world cotton production to hit a record high of 114.2 million bales in 2004-05, a 20 percent increase from the previous season. The committee also expects consumption to rise to an all-time high of 103.5 million bales in the upcoming year.

As if to help bring to fruition the reports of higher world cotton production, sources in Pakistan now say the crop there will reach a record 13.7 million bales this year, 3.0 million bales more than USDA's estimate, due to timely rains, increased acreage and improved water supplies.

Closer to home, misty and foggy conditions, coupled with sub-freezing temperatures and high humidity levels, halted harvest progress on the Texas High and Rolling Plains this week. Despite the adverse weather, the retrieval of modules from fields continued where possible, and ginning activities remained constant. Drier weather is expected over the upcoming weekend. Although the vast majority of the crop already is off the stalk, producers would welcome a prolonged period of dry weather to allow them to complete harvesting activities.

Regional observers report approximately 10 percent of the High Plains crop remains to be harvested, but if the weather cooperates, work should be completed by mid-month. Ginning and classing activities, however, remain well behind normal. Local analysts say approximately 55 percent of the region's crop has been ginned. Some gins may be finished by early February while many larger, higher capacity gins are unlikely to complete work before mid to late March.

## Bailey County and Available Surrounding Area Yearly Precipitation And First Freeze Record Brought To You By Fry & Cox True Value

Year	1st Freeze	Yearly precipitation (inches)	Year	1st Freeze	Yearly precipitation (inches)
1922	M	13.99	1963	18-Nov	18.96
1923	M	29.09	1964	13-Nov	12.96
1924	M	18.02	1965	22-Oct	17.07
1925	M	15.42	1966	15-Oct	20.18
1926	M	24.23	1967	17-Oct	14.2
1927	12-Oct	14.92	1968	18-Oct	13.74
1928	22-Oct	18.96	1969	13-Oct	19.35
1929	23-Oct	19.07	1970	8-Oct	10.3
1930	29-Oct	16.84	1971	31-Oct	18.33
1931	17-Oct	21.05	1972	20-Oct	16.7
1932	5-Oct	17.33	1973	28-Oct	14.69
1933	4-Nov	13.55	1974	16-Oct	19.9
1934	25-Oct	15.21	1975	18-Oct	M
1935	24-Oct	14.9	1976	8-Oct	13.97
1936	29-Sep	15.72	1977	2-Nov	14.04
1937	19-Oct	19.48	1978	7-Nov	17.74
1938	20-Oct	20.49	1979	23-Oct	17.57
1939	28-Oct	14.08	1980	19-Oct	13.76
1940	15-Oct	13.97	1981	23-Oct	21.22
1941	31-Oct	43.52	1982	20-Oct	17.12
1942	3-Nov	21.1	1983	21-Sep	M
1943	15-Oct	14.26	1984	19-Oct	20.5
1944	22-Oct	20.51	1985	5-Oct	21.63
1945	29-Sep	11.21	1986	12-Oct	24.16
1946	12-Oct	19.88	1987	10-Nov	18.65
1947	1-Nov	12.09	1988	1-Nov	20.64
1948	7-Oct	11.75	1989	19-Oct	13.67
1949	25-Oct	24.49	1990	10-Oct	13.42
1950	3-Nov	19.27	1991	23-Oct	19.56
1951	7-Oct	21.34	1992	8-Oct	18.4
1952	7-Oct	10.44	1993	21-Oct	M
1953	27-Oct	13.29	1994	10-Nov	18.23
1954	15-Oct	7.75	1995	14-Oct	14.4
1955	24-Oct	13.74	1996	18-Oct	15.37
1956	31-Oct	8.53	1997	26-Oct	24.36
1957	26-Oct	22.51	1998	11-Nov	14.69
1958	22-Oct	17.97	1999	18-Oct	M
1959	18-Oct	18.56	2000	M	M
1960	31-Oct	25.1	2001	13-Oct	M
1961	3-Nov	13.38	2002	30-Oct	18.22
1962	8-Nov	20.84	2003	26-Oct	11.58
			2004	14-Oct	38.92

M=Records not available  
Data courtesy of the National Weather Service - Lubbock office

### AVAILABLE 2004 TOTAL RAINFALL & FIRST FREEZE BY TOWN/AREA:

	Muleshoe:	Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge:	Pep:	Morton:	Frona:
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FREEZE:	Oct. 14	Nov. 2	M	Nov. 2	Nov. 2

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# Health

## Fitness in the New Year

By Andrew B. Crocker  
Gerontology Health  
Specialist

One of the most common resolutions made each New Year is to get fit and stay fit. While this is a worthy goal for overall health and well-being, older adults need to be careful about diet and exercise because of changes in the body that occur with age. For your safety, always remember to discuss changes in diet and exercise, including the following recommendations with a health provider.

Physical activity can do a number of things for people of all ages but may be especially helpful to older adults. In addition to helping your mood and increasing social interaction, physical activity may help prevent, delay or improve conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. Physical activity also helps strengthen muscles and bones which have a tendency to weaken as the body ages.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) recommends the following when considering exercise:

- \* Stretch. Before you start any exercise and after you complete any exercise, you will want to stretch your muscles. This will help loosen and warm your muscles in addition to helping prevent injury and cramping. It is also important to remember that you may or may not be thirsty during or after exercise; however, your body will need plenty of water, especially after you are finished exercising.

- \* 30 minutes. The NIA suggests that you should do something to increase your heart and breathing rate for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. The 30

minutes do not have to be all at once, you could do three 10-minute exercises. A good rule of thumb to see if you are doing enough is to try to talk during exercise: if you cannot talk at all, you are exercising too

hard; if you can talk without any trouble, you are not exercising hard enough.

- \* Use your muscles. Every time you move a part of your body, you are using a muscle.

When those muscles

are not used because of a lack of physical activity they weaken. If your muscles get too weak, you may not be able to walk or even get up from a seated position. In addition, strong muscles help reinforce your bones, making it less likely that you will fall. Whatever exercise you do should in-

clude something that uses your muscles, whether you are walking laps or raking leaves in the front yard.

- \* Improve your balance. In addition to strengthening your muscles, it is also very important to strengthen your sense of balance. After all, many falls are caused by loss of balance.

To do this, try standing on one foot, holding onto a chair for support if you are unable to do this task alone. Also, try standing from a seated position without using your hands or arms. Be very careful when trying these activities and have someone else.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PERMIT NO. W0010049001 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Muleshoe, 215 South 1st Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Permit No. 10049-001, to decrease the non-public access agricultural acreage irrigated from 340 acres to 240 acres while training the public access (golf course) acreage irrigated at 78 acres. The current permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 580,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 78 acres of golf course and 340 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 27, 2004. The facility and southern disposal site are

located approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas. The northern effluent disposal site consists of an agricultural land application site and a golf course land application site which are located approximately 1 mile northeast of the intersection of State Highway 214 and U.S. Highway 84 in Bailey County, Texas. The facility and disposal sites are located in the drainage basin of Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Muleshoe City Hall, 215 South 1st,

Street, Muleshoe, Texas. **PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of the newspaper publication of the notice.** **OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments,**

**along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request

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# Commentary

## Stupid is as stupid does: So goes school finance

By Byron Schломach, Ph.D.

Are the children of Texas stupid or are our schools inefficient? If your answer is "neither," you're wrong. You have to decide. Which is it? Stupid kids or inefficient schools?

Why must it be one or the other? First, the United States spends more on a per-pupil basis than virtually any nation on earth. Second, Texas spends a little below the national average unless cost-of-living is taken into account; then, Texas spends a bit above the national average. Third, every nation that outperforms the United States in international academic comparisons, and for which there is spending data, spends less than we do on a per-pupil basis.

Only two conclusions can be drawn, and it's clear where the state's administrators represented in the school lawsuit fall. Apparently, because they say they absolutely cannot adequately educate children even at the planetary-high funding level they already enjoy, our children must be awfully thick. It is all that they can do to keep the dull-witted varmints corralled for a few hours every day.

Travis County District Judge John Dietz is right there with them. His ruling implies that when the legislature delegates in law the responsibility of actually educating children it is an "unfunded mandate." He makes it clear in his legal opinion on the school finance lawsuit that our funding levels are insufficient to educate the state's children. They need lots of extra tutoring, summer programs, full-day kindergarten, much smaller classrooms, brand-new buildings, more books, and lots and lots of technology.

Of course, common sense tells most of us that the problem is less with the kids than it is with the administrators and our monopoly school sys-

tem.

Other multi-lingual countries educate their children better than ours for less money.

There is no reason to believe that Texas children have more difficulty learning than children in the Russian Federation, the Czech Republic or Hungary, all of whom outperform us in math and science.

But common sense apparently took a powder the day Judge Dietz ruled on school finance. Most of us know to be suspicious when someone

demands more money in the name of some higher purpose, especially when there are financial benefits to be had. Instead, Judge Dietz swallowed every line the state's superintendents spoon-fed him.

The fact is we could triple the amount of money going to our schools and it would not be enough. Oh wait! We've done that already! From 1970 to 2000, inflation-adjusted, per-pupil spending in Texas' public schools tripled.

If anything, the hue and cry

from administrators has only gotten louder. It's like the spoiled child who knows that whining always gets him more goodies.

Apparently, planetary-high levels of funding are not good enough.

It's just not enough that the student-teacher ratio has fallen from 24 to less than 15 over the last 40 years, and that simultaneously teachers ceased to outnumber non-teachers. More employees and more money, but our kids are no better educated.

Here's a little common sense: More money alone will not provide more education. Existing money needs to be spent where it counts, in the classroom, and parents need

more choices. Maybe what the inadequacies of the school system identified in Judge Dietz's opinion really tell us is just how badly our money is being spent.

Byron Schломach, Ph.D., is the chief economist for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-partisan research institute based in Austin.



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