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Hot...  
hot...  
hot!

Firefighters from the surrounding area battle the wildfire east of Tolk Plant Thursday. Pictured on the left, firefighters look on as the high winds carry the flames across Hwy. 303 east of the Tolk Plant. Pictured below, the flames roar as the Wisian residence east of Muleshoe is destroyed.

Photographs  
by Larry Thornton



## County wildfire danger spreads

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Firefighters from Muleshoe and the surrounding area have been kept hopping this past week, running from fire to fire in an effort to keep both life and property safe.

According to Muleshoe Fire Chief Richard Ronek, Muleshoe's volunteers have responded to 13 major fires during the past week.

While nine of the calls were grass fires in which an estimated 3,250 acres were burned, the remaining four involved structures and vehicles destroyed as a result of the wildfires on adjacent properties.

"We can't be everywhere at once," said Ronek, who has been Muleshoe's chief

for the past six years and a member of the fire department for 24 years.

The large number of fire calls the department has been receiving, and the size of the fires involved places Muleshoe's 30-man department at a disadvantage, especially when they may have to travel 30 to 40 miles to the scene of a fire,

Because of this, the fire chief has some suggestions for rural residents that may affect their property, as well as the lives of their families.

"Build a firebreak around your house," Ronek said.

"You need something to slow the fire down."

According to the Texas Forestry Department, the state is presently under some of the worst fire conditions in more than five years due to the low humidity and precipitation and high winds.

But even with the current fire load, Ronek is proud of the effort his men are putting forth, as well as the high degree of cooperation

Muleshoe receives from other area departments.

"It's great," Ronek said. "Even New Mexico departments come over to help us, so we try to help them whenever they need it," he added.



## Fire ban extended 30 days

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The approval of minutes from previous meetings is normally an uneventful part of an organizational meeting; however, approval of the minutes from the Bailey County

Commissioners Court's March 18 special meeting resulted in sharp words from Commissioner Juan Chavez Monday.

At issue was the temporary lifting of the burn ban, which the commissioners approved on the evening of Saturday, March 18, and extended until noon on Monday, March 20. County Judge Sherri Harrison said commissioners who were available to attend the special meeting — which did not include Chavez, agreed that the small amount of precipitation that had been received prior to the weekend was sufficient to allow the lift, but that the lift was short-lived because of 50 mph winds that were expected at noon the

following Monday.

Harrison's explanation wasn't sufficient for Chavez, who said he wanted to know

A burn ban is in effect in Bailey County

the purpose for the short ban lift," and accused his fellow board members of

favoritism.

"Did we do it so we could tell our closest friends?" Chavez asked.

Chavez also demanded to know what means the court members had taken to notify the public of the ban's lift.

Harrison said area television and radio stations were notified, and said the commissioners contacted local church leaders asking that the information be announced the next morning during services.

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## City Council receives split vote reimbursement

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council followed the lead of Mayor Cliff Black during Monday's regular meeting, approving a \$1,000 reimbursement to the Muleshoe Sports Academy for "non-advertising" expenditures in a 3-2 vote.

When the reimbursement request initially came before the city council at its March meeting, the item was tabled and the mayor requested additional information, specifically

about the impact the sports academy events had on the local motel occupancy.

At its reappearance Monday, Mayor Black spoke of the impact the events had, referring to information provided by City Manager David Brunson, who reported that 40 rooms at the Heritage Inn occupied

for the academy's Jan. 28 event, and an additional 41 rooms were occupied for the March 4 event.

Black pointed out that the city's policy concerning distribution of motel and hotel funds allows the council to vary from its established precedent of only reimbursing an event's

advertising-related expenditures.

"It's really up to the council about what they want to do," the mayor said.

"Policy allows us to consider requests on a 'case by case' basis," Black said later.

Responding to a request for the opinions of other

council members, Councilman Mark Beard added that the sports academy request, and its supporting documentation, was the first time he'd seen how an event impacted the motel and hotel tax.

However, Councilman Earl Berhend didn't agree with this change in what the board would consider for reimbursement, asking what the MSA actually spent on advertising their event.

The receipts received

Continued on page 12.



A fire truck and crew battles flames, high winds and dust on Thursday, March 6.

### Local Weather

**Thurs.**  
Sunny..... 89/53

**Fri.**  
Pt. Cloudy... 89/54

**Sat.**  
Windy..... 84/48

**Sun.**  
Sunny..... 85/48

**Mon.**  
Sunny..... 87/50

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**Wed.**  
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**Longhorn Pride to host tourney**

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**Project Graduation**

Parents of the Muleshoe High School Class of 2006 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for the graduates. Your donation will help with expenses such as food, games, prizes and gifts for their celebration immediately after graduation on May 26. This will be a parent-sponsored, non-alcohol, drug-free event.

Address donations and questions to the following Project Graduation representatives: Brenda Black, 1931 US Hwy. 70, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-3431; Sandy Nash, 480 State Hwy. 214, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-3597; Liz Tipps, 1811 W Ave. I, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5898; Shelly Turnbow, Box 695 Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5762.

**Relay for Life**

Planning is underway for this year's Bailey County Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the Trinity Christian Center. The Team Captain's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., on April 11, at the same location. Anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact Kim Cook at 272-4093. If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Charla Cogdill at 946-6123.

**Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes**

Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition is sponsoring the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program. The fifth session will be Monday, April 10. Note the date change. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. This program is free of cost to everyone interested. Diabetes and care givers are encouraged to attend. The fifth session topics include: "Managing Your Blood Sugar" and "Diabetes Medicines." These sessions will cover factors that affect blood glucose levels, the best ways to test blood glucose levels, benefit programs for people with diabetes, the two types of diabetes pills, care strategies for sick days, and the importance of working with doctors and pharmacists to get the dosage of medicines right. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

**MAEFB to hold 'Gator Giveaway'**

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board will be holding a "Gator Giveaway" to be on May 21, to raise money for Project for the South Plains College, Muleshoe Center, School of Nursing.

The raffle tickets have been printed and distributed to individuals and businesses that will be selling them for \$5 each. Funds raised at this "Gator Giveaway" will go to the Muleshoe School of Nursing and will be held in conjunction with the Muleshoe Health Fair.

**Golf scramble set for May 6**

The Bailey County EMS Organization is hosting a three-man golf scramble on Saturday, May 6, at the Muleshoe Country Club. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. There is a \$150 entry fee per team. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. There is also a "hole in one" prize of two jet skis. For additional information, call Alex Garcia at 272-4390, or Dustin Jesko at 577-0027. To enter, fax name, phone number and handicap to 272-3141.

**Muleshoe Worksource GED Lab**

The Muleshoe Worksource GED Lab is now enrolling for its spring and summer session. GED, ESL, college prep and improving basic skills courses are among the training available. Instruction is provided by the Region 17 Education Service Center, 203 Main Street. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766 for additional information.

**Muleshoe athletics banquet**

The Muleshoe Athletics Boosters will be hosting it's annual athletics banquet on May 1, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum. Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at Williams Athletics or at the door.

**Lazbuddie Roundup**

Parents needing to enroll their pre-K and Kindergarten age children at Lazbuddie Elementary may do so on the school library on April 28, at 9:30 a.m. Call Alicia Pacheco at 965-2152 for additional information.

**Wisian benefit**

There will be a benefit lunch on April 13 held in honor of the Wisian family — Hilbert, Sherry, Ali, Tiffany and Thomas — who lost their home Thursday, April 6, due to fire. The luncheon will be held at the First Assembly of God's Life Building from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donation will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will be given to the family. If you would like to help with the luncheon, call Tracie Claybrook at 806-965-2864 or New Covenant Church at 806-965-2787.

**Drivers License office closed**

The Muleshoe Drivers License office will be closed April 19-25.

**Texas Farm Bureau asks for help**

The Texas Farm Bureau is asking its members to om other parts of the state to help farmers devastated during the recent wildfires in the Texas panhandle. Individuals wishing to donate should call 806-665-8451.

**AA and Al-Anon**

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd, Muleshoe. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA and Al-Anon in general call 806-965-2870.

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Harrison also pointed out that unsuccessful attempts were made to contact Chavez so he could attend the special meeting.

"Closest friends... my foot," Commissioner Butch Vandiver replied indignantly. "This is a loosing battle," he added before making a

motion to approve both the minutes from the March 18 special meeting and the March 13 regular meeting.

In other burn-related business Monday, the court approved a 30-day extension of the existing burn ban due to the large number of grass fires in

recent days.

Chavez had to leave prior to the board's vote on the issue, but expressed his support for the extension, a change of position from the board's vote when the ban and a later amendment were set in place in January.

The commissioners' court also:

- Received a report from County Sheriff Richard Wills, who said the sheriff's department at Alamogordo, N.M., was considering signing a long-term agreement with Bailey County to house an average of 50 prisoners.

Wills said the jail is currently near capacity, with

"paying prisoners," but added that the number of Bailey County prisoners is also increasing.

- Approved a proposal from the Texas Association of Counties as provider of the county's employee and dependent health care insurance.
- Approved the County Treasurer's report for February 2006.
- Tabled a request from EMS Director Chris Thompson concerning changes in the ambulance service's volunteer pay schedule.
- Approved changes to the county's credit card reimbursement policy.

## Lamplight By Larry Thornton

As you read through the gospels, you see the incarnate Son of God as a caring, compassionate... giving person. After all, he gave sight to the blind, health to the sick and ill, and life to the dead.

But some of Christ's most important tasks while walking the earth involved taking rather than giving. The Bible tells us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," but there are some instances in which it is better to take than to give as demonstrated by the Son of God.

When Christ left the splendors of heaven, he took upon himself the form of a man, a body of flesh. When he did this, he also took on time. Before he became flesh, he was not limited by time, but during the years of his incarnation time was an important factor in his life.

There was a time for him to be born. Galatians 4:3-5, NIV, says, "...when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

There was a day in heaven when the Father tapped his Son on the shoulder, and said "it is time." And on that day, the Son of God left the Father's side to be born of a virgin's womb in a squalid little village called Bethlehem.

And, there was a time for him to die. Luke 18:31-33, NIV, says, "Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.'"

Christ also took on life's problems... temptation, physical concerns, rejection, and problems with family and friends.

In Mark 6:4-6, NIV, the Bible says, "Jesus said to them, 'Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.' He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith."

But the most important thing that Christ took on himself were our sins. He became the substitute in eternal, spiritual death for all who believed in him. In John 10:11, Christ said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"

A high school chemistry teacher once pointed out that for a cube of ice in a glass of water to complete it's task it has to destroy itself. This occurs because energy always travels from a point of higher energy to a point of lower energy. By

accepting the energy from the water into itself, the ice cube's energy rises, and the ice cube melts.

Our Lord and Savior took our sins upon himself, and suffered death. As far as my memory serves me, in the entire Bible, Jesus Christ is the only person documented as dying for another.

The closest other one was probably Jonah, who had himself cast overboard to save the others on the boat. But Jonah didn't die, and the Bible doesn't say he thought he was going to die.

In Luke 23:44-46, NIV, the Bible tells of the death of God's only begotten son.

"It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last"

2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV, says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Death had come to the hill called Golgatha, but tomorrow the victory!

Three days later, our Lord fulfilled his promise and rose from death and the grave. Be sure to spend some time celebrating that victory in the days ahead, and especially on Easter Sunday.

## Lazbuddie student accepted into aerospace program

Addie Treider of Lazbuddie High School was notified March 29 of her acceptance into the seventh annual High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program.

HAS is an interactive online learning experience for high school juniors in Texas.

There were many web-based lessons involving a variety of activities including designing upgrades to be used on the space shuttle.

Addie has been completing the online assignments since late December, and will be



ADDIE TREIDER

taking part in a six-day internship at the Johnson Space Center this June in Houston.

Addie was one of the 250 students out of 400 on-line participants who were selected to attend the internship.

She will participate in hands-on engineering activities and a team project in Mars exploration while being mentored by NASA engineers.

### Sunrise service set

A community sunrise Easter service, sponsored by the Muleshoe Ministerial Alliance, is scheduled for 7 a.m., on April 16.

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WE MUST MEET THIS JACOB WHO SAYS HE IS MY SISTER'S SON!

...WHILE JACOB STILL TARRIES AT THE WELL...

WHAT MADE RACHEL RUN AWAY?

BEHOLD, MANY PEOPLE COME RUNNING!

ART THOU, THEN, JACOB THE SON OF MY SISTER REBEKAH?

I AM HE.

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# Obituaries

## Andrea Jaramillo

A church service for Andrea DeLeon Jaramillo, 73, of Muleshoe, was held on Monday, April 10, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Saturday and Sunday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Jaramillo died on Thursday, April 6, 2006, in her residence. She was born on Dec. 29, 1932, in York Town.

She moved to Muleshoe

in 1954 from Mercedes. Jaramillo was a home maker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Guadalupe Maestas.

Survivors include a son — Joe A. Martinez of Slidell, La.; four daughters — Alice Garcia of Odessa, Maria E. Villegas of Muleshoe, Andrea DeLeon of Clovis, N.M., and Marcy A. Villareal of Hereford; a sister — Mary Hernandez of Muleshoe; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## Nova Darsey

A chapel service for Nova Wood Cary Darsey, 85, of Amarillo and formerly of Muleshoe, was held Tuesday, April 11 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bennie Wright officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Darsey died Saturday, April 8, 2006, in Amarillo. She was born on June 28, 1920, in Aberdeen to John A. and Eula Mae Wood. She married Dan Dale Darsey in Lubbock on Dec. 27, 1947. He preceded her in death on March 20, 1965. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, two brothers and an infant son, Stephen Dale Darsey, June 4, 1951.

Darsey moved to Amarillo, from Muleshoe, in 1978. She was a member of the Longview Baptist Church where she was church treasurer and secretary. During World War II she was the first woman jig builder at the Northrup Air Craft Factory in Los



NOVA WOOD CARY DARSEY Angeles.

Survivors include her son — John F. Cary of Texarkana; four daughters — Jackie Cary Bosserman and Kathryn Joyce Darsey Murray of Amarillo, Faustine Darsey Humphris of Midland and Karla Sue Darsey Shrake of Keller; two sisters — Geneva Bradley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Edna Seymore of Sudan; a brother — A.V. Wood of Farwell; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer Association or the American Cancer Society.

## Ollie Onstead

A funeral services for Ollie Bench Onstead, 97, of Littlefield was held on Wednesday, April 12, at Littlefield First Baptist Church Hemphill Chapel with the Rev. Joe Stewart officiating and the Rev. Norris Onstead assisting.

Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Onstead died on April 10, 2006, at her home in Littlefield. She was born on April 21, 1908, in Red Springs, to George and Amy Bench. They moved to Amherst in 1924.

She married I.D. Onstead on Aug. 13, 1927 in Mineral Wells.

They returned to Amherst in 1927 and then moved to Littlefield in 1939.

Onstead and her husband owned and operated Onstead Furniture for more than 30 years.

Onstead was active in Girlstown, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Littlefield.

She was preceded in



OLLIE BENCH ONSTEAD

death by her husband on Aug. 20, 1974.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — the Rev. Norris and Maxine Onstead and of Houston and Ronnie Jean Onstead of Ruidoso, N.M.; a daughter and her husband — Jean and Donald Gilreath of Lazbuddie; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 26 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to the Littlefield Senior Citizens or the Littlefield First Baptist Church.

## K.E. Johnson

A graveside service for K.E. Johnson, 84, of Oklahoma Lane, is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Clayton of Farwell First Baptist Church officiating.

Johnson died on April 10, 2006, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Feb. 23, 1922, and married Nettie Routon in Knox County in 1941.

Johnson had lived in the Oklahoma Lane community since 1954, moving from

Munday. Johnson was a farmer and a member of the Farwell First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nettie, in 1999 and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons — Dan Johnson of San Antonio and Bill Johnson of Clovis, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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# Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

April 1 — Jacob Froese and Elvira Trevino.

April 2 — No report.

April 3 — No report.

April 4 — Harvey Alfaro.

April 5 — Raygena Barrett, Morgan Burris and Maria Vargas.

April 6 — Wallace Bernard.

April 7 — No report.

April 8 — No report.

April 9 — No report.

April 10 — No report.

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# Sports

## Gymnasts place at local competition

Muleshoe Sports Academy recently sent seven athletes to the SIT A Spring Fling competition held in Muleshoe.

This competition featured more than 600 athletes from all over Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

The event was originally scheduled to be held at Texan Dome in Levelland, however, the dome somehow double-booked the event with the Regional Little Dribblers Tournament.

Bailey County Coliseum was the only place not booked in the area for that weekend.

The sports academy welcomed the event, and offered to help host with the team out of Levelland.

This would be the second major gymnastics event of the season to be held in Muleshoe.

The Muleshoe team continued to shine against the competition, bringing home five medals all together including three gold.

Taylor Winchell, Hadlea Geissler and Adrienne Precure brought home gold medals in individual trampoline.

Baylee Bessire and AnnMarie McClelland won

silver medals in individual trampoline as well.

"The team did really well considering the change in venue and the sports academy helping to host the event. This made things a little chaotic, but everyone did a great job of getting things done," coach Brittini Carter said.

The team will next compete in Floydada and then at the State Championship in Lubbock on April 29.

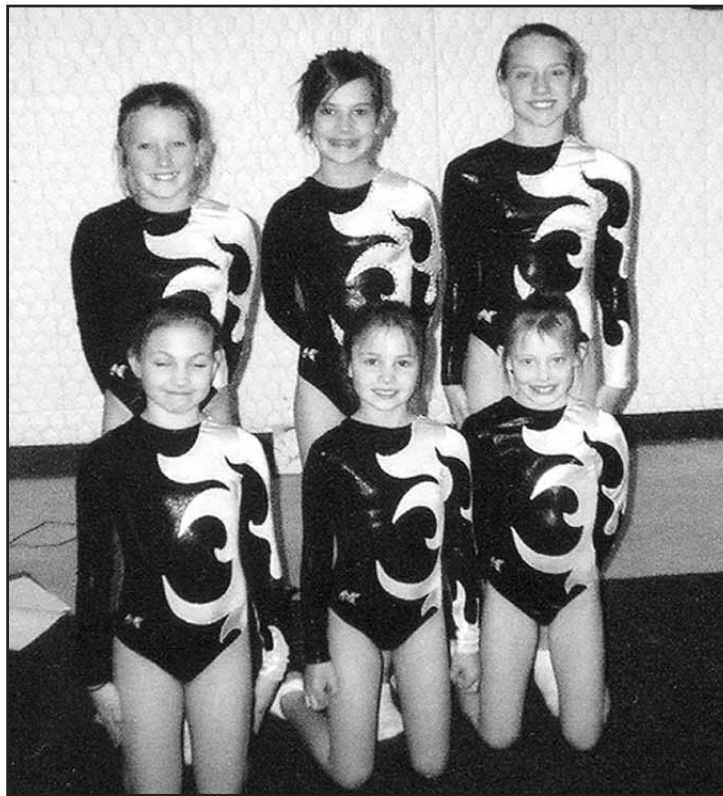
Individual places — in trampoline, tumbling and double mini, respectively — were as follows:

Baylee Bessire — 2 x x; AnnMarie McClelland — 2 x x; Adrienne Precure — 1 x x; Shaylee Winchell — 10 4 1; Hadlea Geissler — 1 5 10; Taylor Winchell — 1 x 6; and Emily Precure — 4 8 x

MSA also sent three of its athletes to a recent gymnastics competition in Brownfield, hosted by the Brownfield Sports Academy.

Jordan and J.T. Weldon of Earth and Marki Streamer of Muleshoe competed in the event.

The competition was a club event featuring 125 athletes from the Plains, Levelland, Lamesa and Brownfield.



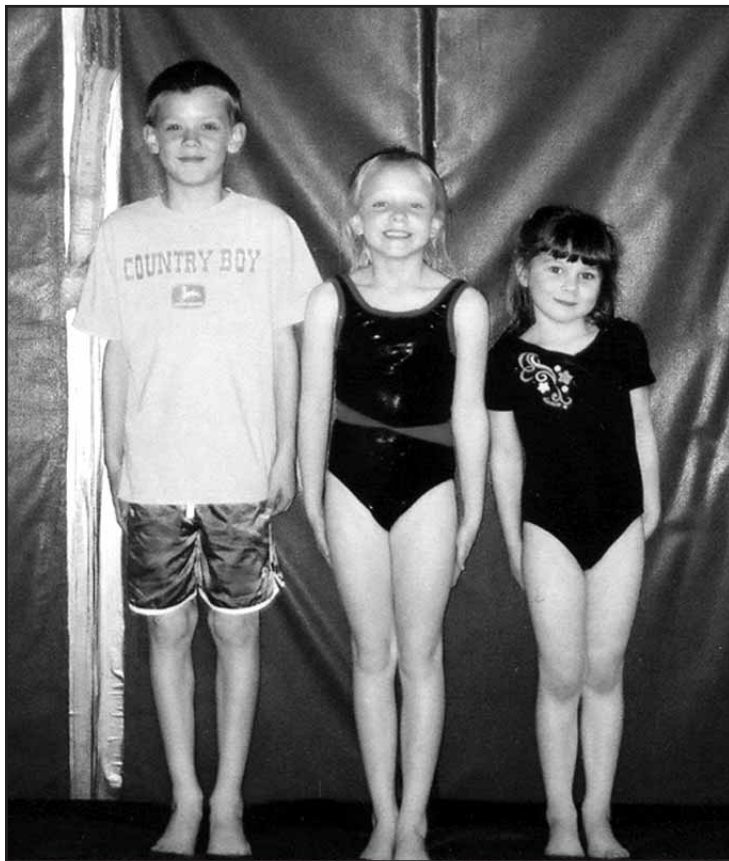
Pictured above, from left to right: Top row — Adrienne Precure, AnnaMarie McClelland and Baylee Bessire; bottom row — Shaylee Winchell, Taylor Winchell and Hadlea Geissler.

These competitions are focused on building self esteem and enjoyment of competing in gymnastics.

Five-year-old Marki won two silver medals in tumbling and trampoline. Seven-year-old Jordan brought home gold in trampoline and double mini trampoline and also take home silver in tumbling. And 10-year-old J. T. brought home gold in all three events.

"The kids had a great time and are looking forward to the next time they get to show off their skills. As usual we all had a great time at the event," said Tim Pendleton, team coach.

The next opportunity for the Sports Academy athletes to compete will be at the Muleshoe Academy on April 15. The public is welcome at the event, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Pictured above, from left to right: J.T. Weldon, Jordan Weldon and Marki Streamer.

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# Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

"Game count 0-0... first serve," when you watch a game of tennis that is what you hear the most often and you sometimes hear the players' yells when they hit the ball.

I said and heard this a lot when I played tennis this spring. I have never played tennis competitively before and I would like to say I had the most fun I have ever had playing a sport.

I should give some credit to our wonderful coach, Coach Shana Simms. She was so great and really helped make all of the hard work worthwhile. Our team is not a big team like Levelland or the best like Levelland, but as far as I am concerned I wouldn't be on any other team, but Muleshoe's.

We had a short season due to the extended varsity boys basketball season and all of it seemed to go by way to fast for me and that is just because this was my first year playing.

Altogether the tennis team had 13 players, four doubles team and three single players.

I liked playing singles this year, I didn't have to worry about running into my teammates half of the court not that you are supposed to, I just have a tendency to run in to people when I am playing something and not paying attention.

We played two duals, two tournaments, and districts all spread out over a period about a month, we had

districts last week. Even though none of us advanced to regionals like Lindsey Wood, we as a team had fun playing and going to all of the meets. The trips are the best part.

Tennis is one game you don't hear crowds shouting because it is a quiet and supposed to be focused on concentration for the players sake and it is respectful.

One thing I don't like about playing is being on a court where many people can sit and watch you, I don't know about everyone else on the team, but it makes me nervous. I've never had trouble in the past with people watching me play other sports, but it really bugs me when people watch me playing tennis.

I can also say that at the beginning I wasn't all that great, but with time and practice I became a lot better and it showed on the court, especially at districts.

Now that the season is over and I can think back and remember how everything went. I can reflect and tell myself what I need to correct for next year.

And who knows, I may try and play doubles next year, just to see how things go and see if I can share the court with another person.

I had great fun playing tennis this year. I'm playing next year, and encourage any high school student to give it a try.

It is so much fun!



## Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 10 are, from left to right: Front row — Steven Durben, Lupe Rivera and Hector Flores; back row — Norma Ronquillo, Joseph Lopez and Alejandra Montejano.

## Lazbuddie students perform in One Act Play

On Saturday, March 21, Lazbuddie One Act Play competed in District 3-A Zone 2 competition with four other schools — Amherst, Whitharral, Cotton Center and Springlake Earth on the Wayland College campus at Plainview.

Lazbuddie performed *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare adapted by Henry Thomas.

Cast members were Puck and Egeus played by Bryce Haney; Theseus and Oberon played by Aaron

Chavez; Hippolyta and Titania played by Leticia Mendoza; Hermia played by Rochelle Smith; Lysander played by David Campos; Demetrius and the fairy company played by Jesse Gomez; Helena played by Addie Treider; Fairy and Botton played by Joaquin Campos.

Alternates and crew members were: lighting-Erik Estrada and sound-Stephanie Williams.

Lazbuddie did not advance to district.

Honors received were Honorable Mention All Star Cast to David Campos and Rochelle Smith.

All Star Cast went to Addie Treider.

The judge's comment was kudos to the cast for performing Shakespeare.

Directors were Shannon Anderson and Sarah Black.



Lazbuddie OAP cast, from left to right: Back row — Joaquin Campos, Rochelle Smith, Aaron Chavez and Erik Estrada; front row — Addie Treider, David Campos, Leticia Mendoza, Jesse Gomez and Stephanie Williams; not pictured — Bryce Haney.

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Can you find and circle 8 words that begin with the letter "h" as in the word "Happy?"

Some of the animals shown hatch from eggs, some do not! Color the four eggs that have animals that really hatch from eggs.

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**Easter is a time of...**  
 Can you find and circle the words below?

family egg hunts light hot cross buns new clothes sunrise joy prayer bells song lambs lilies

1. colored and hidden  
 2. hops by to deliver surprises  
 3. filled with treats  
 4. a new spring hat  
 5. beautiful, white flowers that grow from bulbs  
 6. bells ring out to invite people to these at the church

1. LILIES  
 2. BONNET  
 3. EGG  
 4. SERVICES  
 5. RABBIT  
 6. BASKET

chick pony pig kangaroo  
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**What Can These Easter Symbols Do?**  
 Chicks, flowers, rabbits and eggs are all symbols of Easter. Can you find and circle the three things each symbol can do? (The other ideas are silly.)

1. chicks can ...  
 peep scratch hop moo tell jokes

2. flowers can ...  
 run blossom grow attract bees dance

3. rabbits can ...  
 hop nibble lay eggs plant gardens wiggle ears

4. eggs can ...  
 roll write sing hatch crack

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# Sports

## Eighth grade Mules take fourth at Brownfield relay

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules ran fourth in the Brownfield Cub Relay recently.

In the process, the 4x200 meter relay team of Sean Thornton, Caleb Conner, Joseph Lopez and Larry Richardson set a new school record with a time of one minute 45.63 seconds.

The team finished second in their race.

Conner took second in the shot put with a toss of 38 feet two inches. DJ Atwood was fifth in the discus with a toss of 98-3. Jared Skipworth cleared 5-2 in the high jump for third. Able Mendoza and Brett Poynor took third and sixth in the pole vault by clearing 7-0 1/2 and 7-0.

Josque Maciao ran fifth in the 2400-meter run with a

time of 9:25.63. The 4x100 meter relay team of Austin Bamert, Conner, Lopez, and Richardson finished in fifth place. Daniel Fiero ran sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.2.

Jay Andrade took the gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.65. Bamert finished second in the 400-meter run with a 61.05. Adrian Muniz and Chris Anguiano place second and third in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 50.63 and 50.93.

Josque Macias took sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:24.37. The 4x400 meter relay team of Conner, Andrade, Bamert and Richardson ran fifth.

"These boys have a great work ethic and battled for the district championship in Levelland on April 8," said Mule coach Jeff Withrow.

## Seventh grade Lady Mules compete in Cub Relay

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules ran in the Brownfield Cub Relays recently.

Tori Alvarado had a second place discus throw of 54 feet to get the Lady Mules started. Yvonne Gardea placed third in the high jump with a leap of 4-6 and took fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 27-6 1/4.

She also finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 55.1 seconds.

Vivian Ronquillo ran third in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10:04.00 and placed sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:34.00.

Shayla Carpenter placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a 2:52.00. Abigail Regalado ran third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.98.

Anabel Regalado took sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 20.33 and ran fourth in the 200-meter dash in a time of 30.69.

Heather Gutierrez took third in the 100-meter dash with a 14.31. Mindy Hamilton ran sixth in the 400-meter run with a 1:15.00. Devnie Orozco place second in the 200-meter run with a 28.89.

The 4x100 meter relay team

of Gutierrez, Gardea, Ab. Regalado and Sandy Mojica finished second with a time of 57.22.

An. Regalado, Gardea, Ab. Regalado and Mojica ran the 4x200 meter relay in 2:02.82 to take the gold medal.

Gutierrez, Valerie Olivias, Orozco and Mojica took the gold in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:43.65.

## Seventh Mules run away with Brownfield Cub Relay

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules ran away with the Brownfield Cub Relays with a total of 192 points.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Joey Ramirez, Rico Alacorn, Juan Rivas and Fernando Careveo set a new school record time of one minutes and 51.27 seconds. The old record was 1:52.85.

Juan Orozco and Clay Pena got the Mules started by taking second and fourth in the shot put respectively. Estaban Vidano, Sterling Lepard and Sergio Montejano took

second, third and fourth in the discus respectively.

Cooper Washington took first in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet and nine and quarter inches. Tyson Turnbow won third in the long jump. Washington and Turnbow were second and third in the high jump by clearing 5-2 and 4-10 respectively.

Chris Babcock placed second in the pole vault by clearing 7-6. Isaiah Guerra and Chris Tascaono ran second and third in the 2400-meter run with times of 9:32 and 9:39 respectively.

The 4x100 relay team of Juan Sanchez, Christian Godinez, Turnbow and Washington placed second with a time of 51.0. Sterling Lepard placed first in the 800-meter run with time of 2:25.17.

Turnbow and Rivas took second and fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with times of 18.30 and 19.65 respectively. Washington finished first in the 100-meter dash with a 12.1. Mark Quezada ran sixth in the 400-meter run with a 67.12.

Alvaro Sanchez and Babcock took third and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with

times of 52.25 and 53.21 respectively. Ramirez, Alacorn and Rivas finished third, fourth and fifth in the 200-meter dash with times of 28.05, 28.07 and 28.41 respectively.

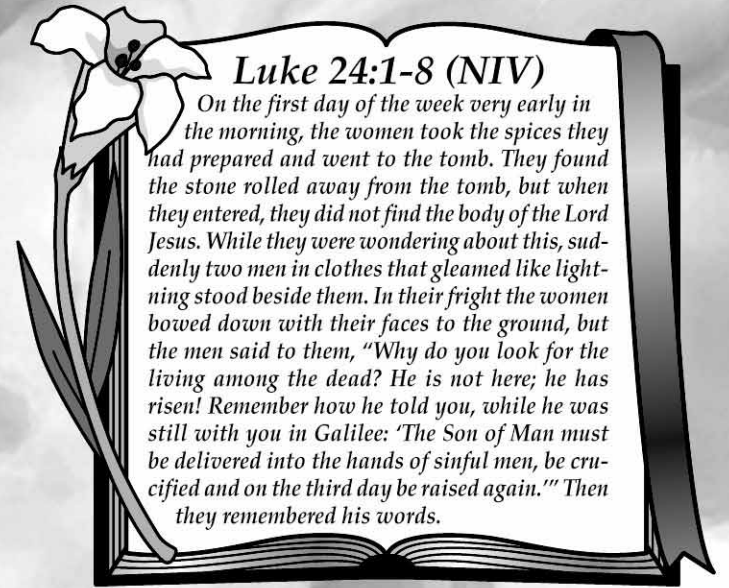
Lepard won his second gold medal of the day in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:21.33. Guerra finished fifth with a time of 6:02.72.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Caraveo, Turnbow, Godinez and Washington finished second with a time of 4:14.75.

Coach Jeff Withrow said, "These boys have worked hard this track season."

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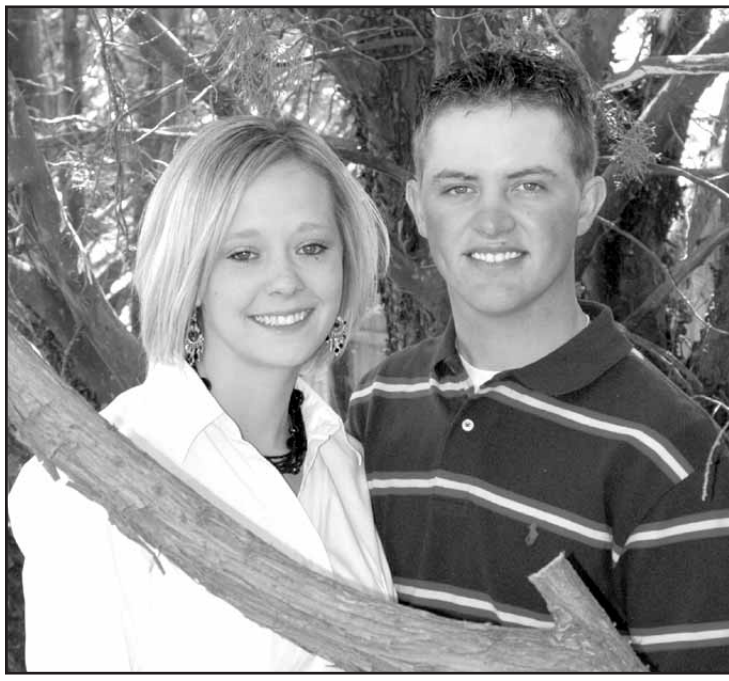
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## Wedding Announcements



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### Barrett, Kerby to wed

Robbie and Stephanie Barrett of Friona are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Robbie Jan Barrett of Lubbock, to Tyson Lee Kerby, also of Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a 2004 graduate of Friona High School and is employed at Gene Messer Ford in Lubbock.

She is the granddaughter of Curby and Mary Janice Brantley and Jodie and Virginia Barrett, and the great-granddaughter of Myrtle Puckett, all of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Al and Susan Kerby of Bovina.

He is a 2001 graduate of Bovina High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May.

Kerby is currently employed at the Rawls Golf Course at Texas Tech and after graduation will be employed at the Amarillo Country Club.

He is the grandson of Charlene Treider of Muleshoe, and the late Roy Lee Farley and Jeanne Kerby of Bovina, and the late A.L. Kerby.

The couple will be married on June 10, 2006, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bovina. Invitations will be sent.

## City of Muleshoe Hotel/Motel Tax Use Policy

**Purpose**  
The City Council for the City of Muleshoe hereby adopts this policy in order to assure compliance with Texas Statutes and to fairly and prudently distribute Hotel/Motel Tax Fund revenues for approved activities, programs, and events.

**Authorization**  
The City of Muleshoe, as authorized by Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code, levies a local hotel/motel occupancy tax to promote tourism within the city. The proceeds of this tax are used to promote a number of local events that bring overnight travelers to the city.

**Statutorily authorized use of Hotel/Motel Tax revenues**

There is a two-part test that expenditures of local Hotel/Motel tax revenue must pass to be valid.

(1) Expenditures must directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel/motel industry.

(2) Expenditures must clearly fit into one of the six statutory categories for expenditure of local hotel/motel tax revenues as follows:

(a) Fund the establishment, improvement or maintenance of a convention center or visitor information center.

(b) Fund administrative costs for facilitating convention registration.

(c) Fund tourism-related advertising and promotion of the city or its vicinity.

(d) Fund programs that enhance the arts.

(e) Fund historical restoration or preservation programs.

(f) Fund sporting events which majority of participants are tourists.

**Policy**  
The City of Muleshoe will consider request for Hotel/Motel revenue for convention centers, arts programs, and historical restoration on a case-by-case basis.

For tourism-related and sporting activities, programs, and events the council will generally adhere to the following guidelines:

- Organizers of the event must declare that the event will draw visitors to the city that will stay overnight in one of the local motels.

- Funds for these events will be available for actual cost of providing notice of the event through newspaper and other publication advertising, radio and television advertising, posters, and other forms of notice that may be approved by the city council.

- Event organizers should submit a list of scheduled activities, programs, or events, with estimated costs, for any given year on the approved form.

- After the activity, program, or event, the organizer shall submit receipts and/or invoices for approval by the City Council.



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## Muleshoe Art Show winners listed

Muleshoe Art Association members have announced the winners of the Muleshoe Art Show held April 3-4, in the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room.

They are:

Best of Show — Mildred Williams, watercolor "Victorian," winner of the First Bank Award.

Muleshoe State Bank Purchase Award — Mildred Williams, watercolor "Victorian."

Oil painting — first, Marie Tidwell, "Geraniums"; second, Jackie Hinderliter, "Just Wondering"; third, Ann Sowder, "The Secret Place."

Watercolor — first, "Sandra Chancey, "Aspens In Snow."

Pastel — first, Ginnie Seifert, "Dreena"; second, Barbara Carpenter, "Sebastian."

Miscellaneous — first, Frances Stegall, "Meggie."

Honorable Mention — pastel "Happy Thoughts" by Ginnie Seifert; watercolors "Taos Church" by Ginnie Seifert, "Through The Ages" and "This Old House" by Mildred Williams; oil painting "The Lookout" by Ginnie Seifert, "Swan Lake" by Marie Tidwell, and "Landscapes Birthday" by Jackie Hinderliter.

### Athletics banquet set for May 1

The Muleshoe Athletics Boosters will be hosting it's annual athletics banquet on May 1, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at Williams Athletics or at the door.

## Muleshoe Cattle Market

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.

### REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., APRIL 8, 2006

604 head of cattle, 121 hogs and 536 sheep and goats for a total of 1,261 livestock sold at the April 8 sale. Market steady on light stocker cfs.; 1-3 lower on 4-550# cfs. Not enough feeder cattle to test market. Pairs and bred cows steady with very good demand. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 lower.

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| Lucas Aranda, Portales, NM       | 1  | Red str                | 295 lbs.  | at \$149.00 |
| Chris Young, Muleshoe            | 2  | BWF bulls              | 385 lbs.  | at \$136.00 |
| JCL, Inc., Sudan                 | 4  | Char. bulls            | 396 lbs.  | at \$135.00 |
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| Carroll Cook, Friona             | 1  | Red str                | 430 lbs.  | at \$120.00 |
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| A&H Cattle, Hagerman, NM         | 3  | Mxd. str               | 538 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| Joe Miller, Amherst              | 3  | Mxd. str               | 710 lbs.  | at \$100.00 |
| Joe Miller, Amherst              | 5  | Red str                | 810 lbs.  | at \$92.50  |
| Joe Miller, Amherst              | 10 | Mxd. str               | 928 lbs.  | at \$82.75  |
| Greg Young, Muleshoe             | 1  | Blk. hfr. clf. per hd. | 145 lbs.  | at \$280.00 |
| Secondar Strategies, Littlefield | 1  | Blk. hfr               | 430 lbs.  | at \$119.00 |
| JCL, Inc., Sudan                 | 5  | Mxd. hfrs              | 450 lbs.  | at \$118.00 |
| A&H Cattle, Hagerman, NM         | 10 | Mxd. hfrs              | 480 lbs.  | at \$111.00 |
| A&H Cattle, Hagerman, NM         | 6  | Mxd. hfrs              | 588 lbs.  | at \$103.50 |
| C&M Rogers Farms, Muleshoe       | 3  | Char. hfrs             | 518 lbs.  | at \$112.50 |
| HM Black, Sudan                  | 1  | Brang. hfr             | 585 lbs.  | at \$104.00 |
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| Patricia Azua, Sudan             | 1  | Blk. pair              |           | \$975.00    |
| Tim Engram, Texico, NM           | 1  | Blk. cow P7            |           | \$925.00    |
| Tim Engram, Texico, NM           | 2  | Blk. pair              |           | \$875.00    |
| Harlan Curry, Denver City        | 2  | Blk. cows P            |           | \$780.00    |
| Phil Garrett, Muleshoe           | 3  | Blk. cows P6           |           | \$735.00    |
| Rudy Chavez, Amherst             | 1  | Blk. cow P7            |           | \$750.00    |
| Rudy Chavez, Amherst             | 1  | Blk. bull              | 1675 lbs. | at \$64.50  |
| Tim Engram, Texico, NM           | 1  | Roan cow               | 1075 lbs. | at \$53.25  |
| Wayland Mullins, Seagraves       | 1  | Yell. cow              | 1020 lbs. | at \$53.25  |
| C&J-S, Muleshoe                  | 3  | Mxd. cows              | 1090 lbs. | at \$52.75  |
| Warden Farms, Anton              | 1  | Red cow                | 995 lbs.  | at \$52.50  |
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## Engagements

### Randolph, Johnson

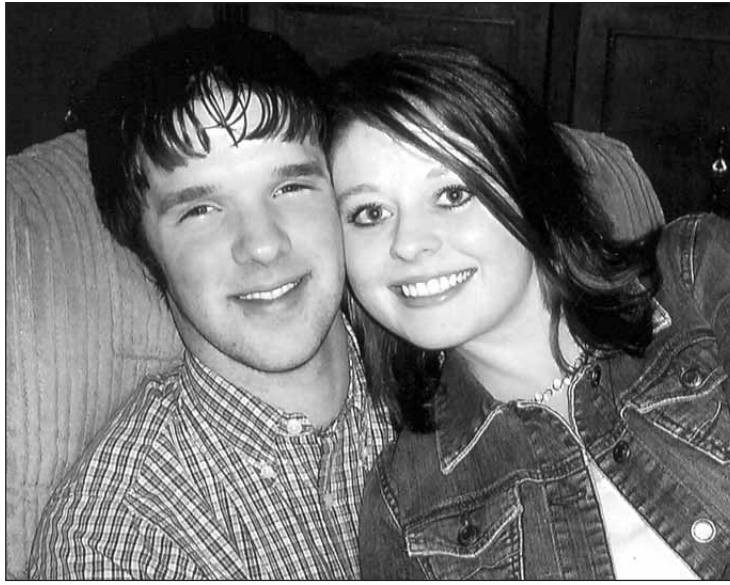
Mr. and Mrs. LynEldon Randolph of Lazbuddie are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Candice Randolph, to Blake Johnson.

The prospective bride is a 2002 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and graduated from Amarillo College in 2005.

She is currently is employed with the Pinnacle Sports Network in Omaha, Neb.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Johnson of Amarillo.

He is a 2003 graduate of Amarillo High School and



CANDICE RANDOLPH AND BLAKE JOHNSON

currently attends the University of Nebraska in Omaha. He is currently employed with the MSR Group in Omaha. An Aug. 5 wedding has been set at the Amarillo South Church in Amarillo.

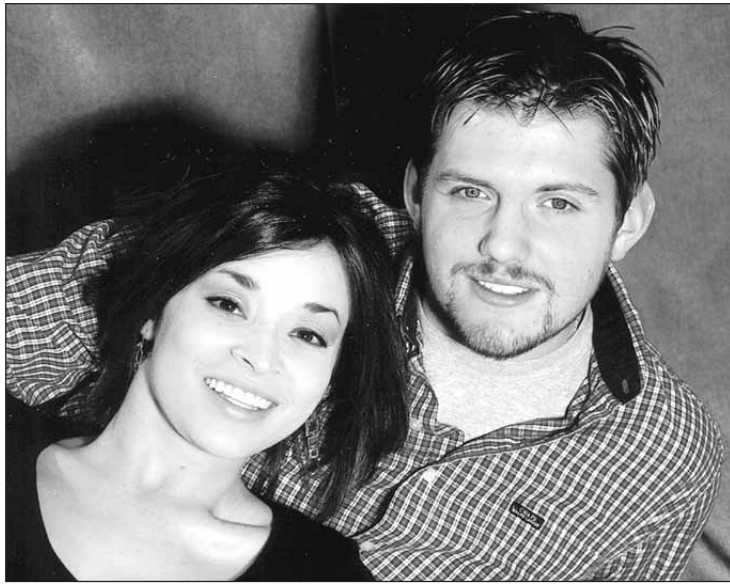
### Blair, Johnson

Andrew and Mary Blair of Sudan announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Blair of Sudan, to Aaron Johnson of Dumas.

The prospective bride is a 2001 graduate of Sudan High School, and will graduate from Eastern New Mexico University with a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design in May.

She is the ENMU president's ambassador's event coordinator, a resident's assistant and a learning facilitator.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Alysia Johnson of Dumas. He is a 2003 graduate of Dumas



KRISTEN BLAIR AND AARON JOHNSON

High School, and has attended ENMU and Amarillo College. Johnson is employed by the Texas Northwestern Railroad. A wedding has been set for May 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Sudan, with a reception to follow.

## Births

### Emery Damron

John and Valerie Damron of Dumas announce the borth of their daughter, Emery Kindle Damron, on March 29, 2006.

Emery weighed seven

pounds, six ounces at birth and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Emery has two sisters — Madison, 11, and Hope, 8.

Her grandparents are Ginger Damron of Circle

Back, and Dan and Paula Malone of Dumas.

Great-grandparents are Mary Kindle of Maple and Elise Damron of Amherst.

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## Baby Showers



KIMBERLY NICKELS

### Nickels baby shower held

A baby shower honoring Jayci Joy Nickels, the expected daughter of Guy and Kimberly Nickels, was held Saturday, March 4, in the home of Sheryl Engelking.

Hostesses for the event included: Vicki Morris, Vickie Burch, Debbie Weir, Paulette Foster, Ellen Gallman, Desirae Gallman, Joanna Martinez, Jana St. Clair, Sarah Black, Jeanell Smith, Marca Morris, Krista Wilson, Becky Jones, Joann McDonald, Mandi Seaton, Claire Brown, Rhonda Roberts, Louvenia Garlington, Donna Locker, Stephanie Foster and Sheryl Engelking.

Among the gifts received was a hostess gift of a Bertini Stroller.

Special guests included: Debbie Gallman, Debbie Nickels, Josie Flowers, Billie Jean Glenn, Elaine Larson, Liz Jesko, Brenda Jesko Joy Glover, Kayla Nickels

and Kenedi, Jaegan and Mia Nickels.

The table was decorated with a black tablecloth with a sheer leopard-print overlay gathered with black bows and lime green accents to keep with the animal print theme of the nursery.

Asparagus greenery was tucked around a black iron giraffe, a lime green table lamp and lime green candles.

Peach tea, lemonade and thumbprint cookies were served from antique bronze serving pieces.

### From God's Holy Word

"I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought."

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## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

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

### Who must file a rendition?

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

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2005. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2006.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2006 renditions is April 17. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:  
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If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2006 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

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# Bridal Shower

## Coker, Friemel shower held

Jodie Coker and Evan Friemel were honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, March 25, in the home of Ricky and Sarah Black of Lazbuddie.

Special guests were Anne Friemel, Fran Lewis, Flo Windwehen, Ruth Miller, Pam McMurtry, family friend of the groom; Kelly Little, Maid of Honor, Marcie Jones, Janice Miller, Diane Reeves, Debbie Miller and daughter Courtney, Zadee Mizer and Laney Whitefield.

The hostesses for the shower were Terri Nichols, Vickie Morris, Roxanne Winders, Mandi Seaton, Cindy King, Johnna Blackburn, Reta Mimms, Paula Daniel, Kim Kimbrough, Debbie Weir, Mary Jo Schacher, Sarah Black, Pat Randolph, LaReta Barber, Debbie Nickels, Becky Jones, Jana St. Clair, Janette Thorn and Jo Donna Terry.

The hostess gift was the Sante Fe Collection of dishes from Carolyn's in Muleshoe.

Special pieces included a pitcher, cookie jar,



JODIE COKER

popcorn bowl, salt and pepper shakers, two place settings and also a fire pot.

The table was decorated with fresh gerbera daisies in assorted colors and pink flamingoes. Guests were

served coffee and orange juice with sausage balls, cheese danish and grapes.

The wedding will be on May 6. Afterwards, the couple plan to make their home in Amarillo.

## City council acts... Continued from page 1

from the organization requested reimbursement for \$850 which the academy had paid in their successful bid to have the Jan. 28 event held at Muleshoe, and an additional \$500 which were the MSA's costs for sanction fees and event insurance.

Brunson explained that the MSA events were only open to members and not the general public. He said the Southwest Trampoline and Tumbling Association, of which the MSA is a member, requires its members to participate in three of its five sanctioned events, and notifies the

members of the time and date of the events, there wasn't a need to advertise the event.

"I feel like I'd have to vote against it," Behrends said, expressing an opinion that was matched by Councilman Richard Orozco prior to the council's split vote.

At previous requests for motel/hotel tax funds, the board and the city staff have been sticklers about only reimbursing for advertising expenditures.

At its November meeting, the council turned down a request from the Comite Patrotico of Muleshoe for a

refund of expenditures incurred during the Hispanic Sept. 16 celebration in Muleshoe, basing their reasons in the difference between paying for an event — which they said wasn't allowed — and promoting an event, which was.

Previously, the council had turned down reimbursements requested by other local organizations for expenditures relating to the cost of holding an event rather than to the cost of promoting the event.

For the public's information, the city's motel and hotel tax reimbursement policy is included on page 10. Although the policy was originally adopted on Oct. 11, 2004, according to the city manager, the policy's format was changed to make it more easily understood after the council's March 2006 meeting.

In other business, the city council:

- Received a presentation about the Muleshoe Independent School District's bond election from the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner, and Muleshoe School Needs Action Campaign committee chairman Bob Finney.

- Voted to cancel the May 13 mayoral election. MISD's bond election and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's elections are still being held at city hall on May 13.

- Approved minutes from the March 13 regular meeting.

## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The senior center continues to be a place of activities. We had a visitor from Kansas last week. She was very impressed with our building and the seniors that were enjoying the games and fellowship.

We invite and encourage any 60 and over senior citizen to come by the center and see all the the activity that is available for you to enjoy.

Our 60 and over senior dances are being enjoyed by several of our area friends.

Sandy, our great disk jockey will be playing on Tuesday night the April 18. So plan to come and join in the fun. On Tuesday night April 25, the Bootscooter Band will be playing for the dance. We are planning a special treat for that night, so mark your calendars to be here.

Wednesday, April 19, Laverne James and Jimmy Clyde Holt will be entertaining the seniors during the noon luncheon.

For those who were here when they entertained before know how enjoyable it is and if you have not had a chance to see them, please join us for the fun.

Remember our Bingo on every Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. here at the center.

We have a lot of fun and laughs. Refreshments and prizes are furnished.

Our party for the April birthdays will be on Friday, April 21, during the noon luncheon. You should get a phone call reminding you to come and be honored.

Menu for April 17-21:  
Monday, April 17 — Barbeque beef on bun, french fries, green beans, salad and cake.

Tuesday, April 18 — Hamburger steak, gravy, rice, squash, salad, wheat roll, peaches and cookies.

Wednesday, April 19 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, potatoes, black eyed peas, sliced tomatoes and cobbler.

Thursday, April 20 — Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, mayo, mustard, oven potatoes, pork and beans, pears, cookies.

Friday, April 21 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, coleslaw, hush puppies and fruit salad.

**We want to thank God for His love, mercy and protection. And our heartfelt thanks goes out to the fire departments, volunteers and neighbors who fought the fires last Friday. Because of you, our homes were saved and we are very grateful. May God bless you.**

**Evelyn Morris      Mike Morris**  
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## MISD Teachers of the year to be named

The 13th annual Teacher of the Year Awards at Muleshoe Independent School District will be presented at the general faculty meeting on May 26 in the High School auditorium.

Teachers at Dillman Elementary and DeShazo Elementary will be eligible for the Elementary award and the Watson Junior High and Muleshoe High School teachers will be eligible for the Secondary award.

The awards, which are underwritten by Muleshoe State Bank and First Bank, each consist of a golden apple and a check for \$250.

The teacher selected will also advance to the regional competition in Lubbock and from there can qualify for state and national honors.

Last year's Teachers of the Year were Chantel White of DeShazo Elementary and April Smith of Muleshoe High School.

To be selected, the nominee must be a full-time classroom teacher. Anyone in Muleshoe ISD — employee, student, parent, community member — may nominate a teacher for the award.

If you would like to nominate a teacher for one of these honors, please

send a brief letter stating why he or she should be Teacher of the Year to the Superintendent's office at 514 W. Ave. G., no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21.


A committee composed

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# Heritage Foundation News

By Jean Allison

Lively discussions flowed at the monthly meeting of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Board meeting on Monday night, April 3, at the old Santa Fe Depot.

Board president Jim Allison conducted the business meeting, and asked Gary Hooten to give the opening prayer.

Secretary Jenne McVicker read the minutes of the March meeting which were approved with one correction.

Treasurer Hooten gave the financial report and Ladene Spears gave a positive report about the Heritage Thrift Shop, reporting that the Thrift Shop is lately doing a thriving business.

Years ago in 1983 when early supporters of a Heritage Center struggled to get contributor's or supporters, one man stated, "You know at first I did not think Muleshoe could support a Heritage Center, but with young supporters like the SCAC students, I think it is possible, so I am going to contribute and give my support."

This man's predictions have come true over and over when the Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) members, as honorary members of the

Heritage Board, have stepped forward assisting in every way possible.

At the Monday night board meeting this man's predictions again proved to be true. Brady Black, president of SCAC, and Chris Mardis, SCAC sponsor, presented a new proposal to board members.

Brady explained that SCAC members are interested in doing repairs, sanding, painting, etc. on the porch of the Janes Ranch House.

He was asked if the club could also do some caulking and repairs on the Janes House windows. He assured members that this would be possible.

Chris Mardis gave some details about these repairs and board members present expressed pleasure that the students are that interested in the Heritage Center.

A committee consisting of board members Dan Throckmorton, Gene Rogers, Gary Hooten and Jim Allison will meet Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Janes House to make further plans.

Brady further reported that the club (SCAC) made \$1,700 at their annual TV Channel 6 Bake-Auction which was held March 22.

He said that this money will be donated to the Heritage Center soon.

The Heritage hostess Dolores Harvey reported on further needed repairs at the center and noted that Bruce Electric has the heating and air conditioning installed at the Figure 4 Ranch House.

Harvey said that the Heritage Foundation received a letter last week from the Texas Historical Commission which said the Heritage Center is being sent a packet of brochures explaining Texas Plains Trail anticipated tours to start soon.

The Muleshoe Heritage Center will be the "star" of an early tour and will be furnishing a dinner for tour members. More plans on this soon.

Dan Throckmorton gave an update about continued work going on at the Figure 4 Ranch House.

Board members express appreciation to Chad Beall and seven others for giving eight full hours doing all types of construction work at the Figure 4.

Jim Allison reported on the status of the X-Cel grant activities.

Tammy Killough has completed the photography classes she conducted with Muleshoe Junior High Students. She is investigating the possibility of conducting pottery classes soon with other students.

X-Cel Grant money must be used for educational purposes, and these classes help fulfill this requirement.

Allison reported that the Muleshoe school principals have been very cooperative during these classes.

Another discussion was held about groundskeeping at the center which needs to be done soon.

The board president appointed Sheila and Jo Bob Stevenson to be in charge of this.

The president said that the Texas Tech graduate students who are working with the center will be returning soon. They will do a presentation about some of the anticipated growth plans which were suggested by local citizens earlier.

Lonnie Adrian, chairman of the annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride said this year's event will be held on June 17, beginning at the American Blvd. Church of Christ.

Committees were appointed to carry out the many segments of the event.

Jenne McVicker, Jean Allison and Gary Hooten reported that business sponsors are now on board with one new sponsor, the Muleshoe Motor Company.

Other long-time sponsors are First Bank, Muleshoe State Bank, Leal's Restaurant, United Supermarkets, Bailey County Electric, Five Area Telephone Coop.

This activity brings many bike riders to this area from all over Texas and surrounding states. Last year there was even a rider from Germany.

Meeting adjourned.

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# Lazbuddie students place at UIL meet

On Thursday, March 23, a total of 18 Lazbuddie students competed at the District UIL competition in Happy.

The students did well and ended up in eighth place overall. Six Lazbuddie students place in the top six in their respective events and one student advance to regionals.

Results are as follows: Mica Brandvik placed third in Ready Writing and will be competing at regionals on April 21 in Levelland.

David Campos placed sixth in Literary Criticism and Jason David placed fifth in Informative Speaking.

The accounting team of Chelsee Nichols, Regina Mata and Mari Beliz came in second place with Chelsee Nichols placing fifth individually, Regina Mata placed eighth and Mari Beliz placed 10th.

The calculator team of Chelsee Nichols, Regina Mata and Jacob Schacher finished fourth with Chelsee placing seventh individually, Regina and Jacob tied for 15th.

In current events Aaron Chavez placed 14th and Bryce Haney was 21st.

The mathematics team of Addie Treider, Jason Davis, Aaron Chavez and Mica Brandvik placed seventh with Addie placing 18th individually, Jason was 23rd, Aaron was 26th and Mica was 28th.

The number sense team of Chase Timms, Brittney Schacher, Ryan Mason and

Jacob Schacher placed sixth with Chase placing 16th individually, Brittney was 17th, Ryan was 20th and Jacob was 23rd.

The science team of Addie Treider, Chase Timms, Brittney Schacher, Mica Brandvik, Jacob Schacher and Ryan Mason finished in sixth place. Individually the placings were Addie—12th, Chase—21st, Brittney—28th. Mica and Jacob tied for 32nd and Ryan—35th.

The Social Studies team of Chase Timms, Trevor Coker, Aaron Chavez and Ryan Mason finished fourth. Individually the placings were: Chase—ninth, Trevor—16th, Aaron—18th and Ryan—23rd.

Bryce Haney placed 15th in spelling.

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# "Lord, I've Got This Great Plan . . ."

I haven't read from the King James Version of the Bible for years, and it's never been my main version for preaching. As beautiful as the language can be, I've never thought it was good stewardship for me to take time in the pulpit to explain words that in a more modern translation are perfectly clear. So I'm surprised sometimes at how many Bible verses play back in my head in the King James Version. Just such a verse has been running through my mind, and I finally found it: Jeremiah 10:23, King James Version—"O Lord,

And the God who, when he wanted to send his Son into this world chose the tiny form of an infant and the landing site as a feed trough in a stable in a hick town called Bethlehem, seems unimpressed with my plan for my kids. "Peace, be still," he says. "Just love them and trust me."

Lord, I explain, I'm so thankful for the little church you've allowed me to serve, but I've got some great ideas for future expansion, and the words "crystal" and "Muleshoe-shaped cathedral" come to mind . . .

And the God who, when he needed to feed a large crowd of a few thousand folks, chose to ask for a handout from a little boy with a little lunch of little loaves and little fish, says, "Peace, be still. Just love my people, and trust me."

Lord, I explain, I know I make lots of mistakes, but in some parts of my life and even religion, I've planned the work and worked the plan, and I think I've got things together there. I just need a little help in case I missed something . . .

And the God who, when he wanted to save the world chose for his son to do every bit of the work of salvation on a cross "lest any man should boast" says, "Peace, be still. Love my Son and trust me."

Lord, I explain, here's my plan for how I can live a new and better life . . . But before I can impress the Lord with my self-improvement plan, a cold stone begins to roll away and the brilliant glory of God's Son burns away my arrogant self-righteousness and sends me to my knees in awe and praise.

In God's plan, in God's power, he is risen!  
 Love him. Trust him.

**Focus On Faith**  
 Curtis Shelburne

I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

I like Eugene Peterson's rendering of that verse in his great paraphrase, *The Message*: "I know, God, that mere mortals can't run their own lives, / That men and women don't have what it takes to take charge of life."

But I keep trying to take charge because, as I've explained to the Lord many times, I've got this great plan . . .

Maybe you know what I mean because you have some really good plans, too. Maybe God's been more impressed with yours than he has been with mine.

Lord, I explain, I'm so thankful for the family you've given me! Now let me share with you some of what I have in mind for my sons' education, employment, future advancement . . .

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





# Ohh Baby, Aren't They Cute!

Here are all participants in the Muleshoe Journal's 12th Annual Cutest Baby Contest



**Lauren Noelle Bayouth**

Daughter of Charlie & Debbie Bayouth. Born March 8, 2005 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 19-3/4" long and 7 lbs., 6 oz. Grandparents are Charlie & Georgette Isaac.



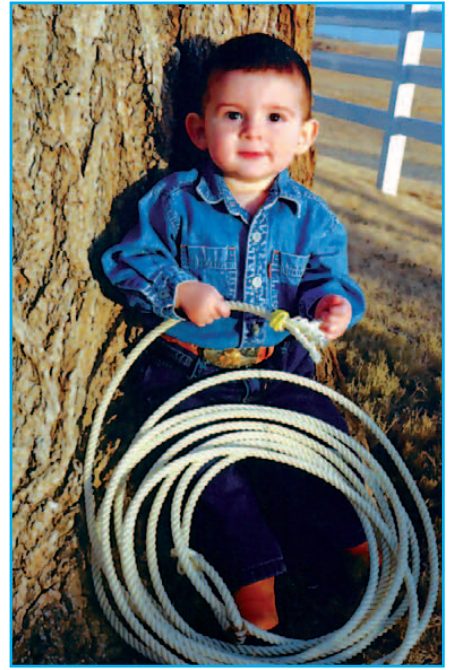
**Judith Castillo**

Daughter of Romelia Gardea & José Castillo. Born February 23, 2005 in Clovis, NM. At birth, 21" long and 8 lbs., 11 oz. Grandparents are Genoveva & Daniel Gardea.



**Aidan Chapman**

Son of Traci Chapman. Born August 22, 2005 in Littlefield, Texas. At birth, 18" long and 5 lbs., 2 oz. Grandparents are Larry & Jeri Chapman.



**John Alonso Cox**

Son of Miles & Ana Cox. Born February 2, 2005 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 22" long and 8 lbs., 12 oz. Grandparents are Sammy & Sandra Cox.

**WINNER**



**Jayden Brock Morris**

Son of Sid & Keila Morris. Born May 6, 2005 in Lubbock. At birth, 21" long and 7 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Steve & Sherri Kennedy and Gary & Sheryl Morris.



**Madilynn Lillard**

Daughter of Codi Smith & Danny Lillard. Born July 8, 2005 at Methodist Hospital in Sacramento, CA. At birth, 19-1/2" long and 7 lbs., 13 oz. Grandparents are Becky & Gary Smith. Great grandparents are Walt & Rose Sain.



**Haley Elizabeth Helton**

Daughter of Justin & Pam Helton. Born November 23, 2005 in Odessa, Texas. At birth, 18" long and 6 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Tommy & Gayle Sisemore of Robert Lee, TX; James & Tommie Williams of Colorado City, TX; and Jerry & Laura Killingsworth of Muleshoe. Great grandparents are O.G. & Loyce Killingsworth and great-great aunt is Theron Eubanks.



**Lane Polasek**

Son of Twyla & James Polasek. Born October 10, 2005 in Lubbock. At birth, 18-3/4" long and 5 lbs., 5 oz. Grandparents are Joe & Gayla Gear.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
JAYDEN BROCK MORRIS  
WINNER OF THE MULESHOE JOURNAL'S  
12TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST!**



**Twins!**

**Avery Loren Redwine**

Daughter of Jarrod & Kristi Redwine. Born October 7, 2005 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 18-1/2" long and 6 lbs., 14 oz. Grandparents are Jerry & Donna Redwine of Muleshoe; Robert & Karen Snell of Clovis, NM; and Tom Lovelace of Farwell.

**Haley Brooke Redwine**

Daughter of Jarrod & Kristi Redwine. Born October 7, 2005 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. At birth, 18-3/4" long and 7 lbs. Grandparents are Jerry & Donna Redwine of Muleshoe; Robert & Karen Snell of Clovis, NM; and Tom Lovelace of Farwell.



**Mia JoBeth Nickels**

Daughter of Chad & Kayla Nickels. Born August 26, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. At birth, 19" long and 6 lbs., 6 oz. Grandparents are Nickey & Debbie Nickels and Rich & Cindy Magby. Siblings are Kennedi & Jaegan Nickels.



**Timothy Robert McCormick**

Son of Chad & Sarah McCormick. Born August 24, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas. At birth, 21-1/4" long and 8 lbs., 1.5 oz. Grandparents are Tim McCormick and Greta Donaldson.



**Elaina Rose Procter**

Daughter of Jeff & Monica Procter. Born May 24, 2005 in Lubbock. At birth, 18" long and 5 lbs., 2 oz. Grandparents are Fred & Doris Neuhold and Ron & Libby Procter.



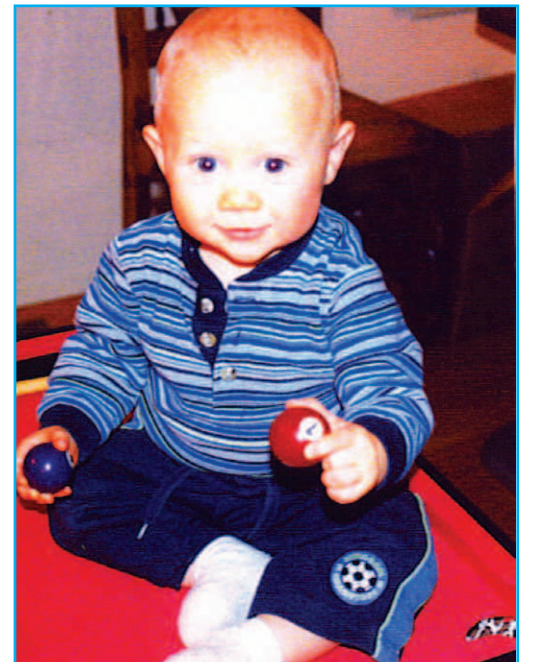
**Kevin Sain**

Son of Tim & Charlene Sain. Born May 13, 2005 in Red Bluff, CA. At birth, 17" long and 4 lbs., 10 oz. Grandparents are Walt & Rose Sain.



**Sabastian S. Stiles**

Son of John & Tommie Stiles. Born February 6, 2005 in Muleshoe. At birth, 22" long and 9 lbs., 7 oz. Grandparents are Tomas & Rosa H. Rey.



**Wyatt Wilson**

Son of Wade & Kristi Wilson. Born June 9, 2005 in Ruidoso, NM. At birth, 20" long and 7 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Larry & Jeri Chapman.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO ENTERED!**