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Commissioners discuss county attorney position

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court postponed action regarding the position of County Attorney during Monday's regular meeting until a special meeting set for Feb. 26.

According to county officials, attorney Carissa Cleavinger who has been providing the service was apparently closing her Muleshoe office and would be practicing out of Lubbock. Cleavinger had resigned effective Jan. 19. Since that time, District Attorney Johnny Actkinson has been filling in until county officials can make other arrangements.

Monday, the court interviewed Scott Say, an assistant county and district attorney from Lamb County, who has expressed interest in providing the service on a part-time basis.

County Judge Sherri Harrison explained that the court didn't have a candidate who meets the residency requirement for appointment as county attorney.

However, state law allows the county to contract with another county, such as Lamb County, to provide the

service through an interlocal agreement.

In Say's brief interview, he said he had 10 years experience as a prosecutor, and that he would probably need to close his private practice to provide the service needed in Bailey County.

Say also talked about Bailey County's current case backlog of more than 300 cases, and said it would probably take about six months to clear up.

"It's a disservice to your residents," Say said about the backlog, noting that witnesses moving away before a case makes it to court only adds to the problem.

However, Say said he has a few suggestions that might shorten the time it takes to get cases to court.

Among the services normally provided by the county attorney are:

- Prosecution of misdemeanor crimes
- Child protective services cases and juvenile cases
- Advising the commissioners' court

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Horsing around...

Pre-Kindergarten students at Dillman Elementary finished out a week of western studies with a visit by Kolten Kitchens and Jayden Fields, who brought horses for the "Pre-K Rodeo."

Photographs by Larry Thornton



'Profiling' reports presented

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Local law enforcement officials presented their annual "racial profiling" reports to the Bailey County Commissioners' Court and the Muleshoe City Council during Monday's regular meetings.

"Racial profiling" is action taken by law enforcement officials based on occupants of a vehicle's race or ethnicity rather than on the individual's criminal activity or behavior.

Sheriff Richard Wills presented his department's report to the court Monday morning, noting that of the 102 traffic-related stops his deputies had made during the year in question only 25 resulted in citations.

Of those 25 stops, the sheriff said one was an African-American, 10 were Caucasian, and 14 were Hispanic.

Lt. Bennie Parker presented the report from the police department to the city council Monday afternoon.

According to the police department's report, of the

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Muleshoe council receives 'clean' audit report

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's municipal auditor, Randall Field, appeared before the local city council during Monday's regular meeting and gave what he described as a "clean" audit for the year ending Sept. 30, 2006.

According to Field's report, the audit received by the City of Muleshoe listed the city's total net assets on Sept. 30, 2006, as \$6,490,166, of which \$2,585,540 is "unrestricted and may be used to meet the

government's ongoing obligations..."

Receipt of a "clean opinion," also means no areas of concern, or exceptions, were noted in the various auditing tests conducted by Field's office.

The 2006 audit was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Earl Behrends chaired Monday's council meeting in the absence of Mayor Cliff Black.

In other business, the city council approved a resolution opposing House Bill 651 and supporting the repeal of the state's Gas

Reliability Infrastructure Program statute.

Addressing the issue, City Manager David Brunson noted how both legislative measures — HB 651 and the GRIP statute, do an "end-run" around Texas municipalities and their residents in an effort to unfairly benefit the natural gas utilities in the state.

HB 651 removes cities from their position of original jurisdiction in such rate increases, taking the issue directly to the state's Railroad Commission, while the GRIP allowed the gas utility companies to pass

along their expenses for such things as "large screen televisions, and breakrooms in Tennessee" to Texas residents.

"I for one don't want someone in Austin telling us what we need here in Muleshoe," councilperson Sharon Grant said prior to the 3-0 vote supporting the resolution.

Approved a request of up to \$2,500 in reimbursements for the Muleshoe Road Rally, currently set for the weekend of March 16, from the city's hotel/motel fund.

The local motorcycle

organization will be celebrating the event's 25th anniversary in 2007.

Approved joint election agreements with Muleshoe Independent School District and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

Called a general election for the Place 1 and Place 2 councilmember seats. Place 1 is currently held by Richard Orozco. Place 2, which was formerly held by James R. Jones, is vacant.

The general election is set for May 12.

SPC-Muleshoe nursing school scholarship endowment awarded

Muleshoe High School graduate Ray West of Midland, along with his wife Donna, presented a check for \$100,000 to the Muleshoe Area Education Foundation during ceremonies Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The monies will be used to fund scholarships for students attending the SPC-Muleshoe Nursing School, which was opened a year ago.

At the time the check was presented, West said, "Education is the solution to

the world's problems," and said while he hadn't dreamed that he would ever be able to help the Muleshoe community in this manner when he left to attend the University of Oklahoma, he was pleased that he could now do so.

Among the dignitaries in attendance at Wednesday's meeting of the MAEF at the nursing center, was Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of South Plains College, and Martin Aquirre, CEO of WorkSource of the South Plains.



Ray and Donna West of Midland, pictured on right, present Barbara Finney of the Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation and Dr. Kelvin Sharp of SPC with a check.

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Friday
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Saturday
Sunny..... 55/27

Sunday
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Monday
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Tuesday
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Cotton conference rescheduled

The 2007 Caprock Cotton Conference has been rescheduled for Feb. 27. It will be held at the Plains Baptist Assembly, south of Floydada in Floyd county. The program starts at 8 a.m. with registration available from 7 a.m. It will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Questions and Answers about Food." Food can be an ongoing frustration for people with diabetes. People with diabetes can live long, healthy lives if they take good care of themselves. This can be done if they control blood glucose levels by following good nutritional guidelines and diabetes meal plans.

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Revival set by FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting a revival with evangelist John Barrett Feb. 18-21, with evening services beginning at 7 p.m.

There will also be noon services Feb. 19-21. Monday and Tuesday's meal is "bring your own brown bag," and Wednesday's meal will be provided.

Youth and children's activities will be held each night of the revival at 6:15 p.m.

Music for the event will feature Curtis and Allison House

Thrift Store donations needed

It's easy to forget that there are people in our town who need basic necessities — clothes, household goods, shoes.

Last month, hundreds of people shopped at the Heritage Thrift Shop and bought thousands of articles. The articles they bought came from your generous donations.

Because the needs of the community have recently been so great, the store is extremely low on inventory. "We need everything but, in particular, we need jeans, sweat shirts, shoes and warm clothing for both adults and children," a Thrift Shop representative said. "We also welcome household goods, electronics, books, and miscellaneous items."

Bring donations to the Thrift Shop on Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible and proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Girl Scout Cookies are here

Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 815 will have your favorite Girl Scout Cookies available this Saturday, Feb. 17, at both of Muleshoe supermarkets — Lowes and United, from 2-4 p.m.

Alzheimer's support group

Bailey County Aging Services and the Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey County's support group for Alzheimer Disease patients' caregivers will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Park View Nursing Home.

Roy Puente will present a program on "nursing home transition."

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 272-4583.

Muleshoe blood drive scheduled

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the United Supermarket Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, in the donor bus. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Club News

SCAC meets...



SCAC member Elizabeth Symm greets Wells Hall, the January Citizen of the Month.

The Student Community Action Club met on Jan. 29, at the home of Kate Lepard. Timothy Conner opened with a prayer, followed by SCAC president Kate Lepard calling the meeting to order. Then Timothy introduced the citizen of the month, Wells Hall.

Wells spoke to the club about how SCAC is important to the community. He also mentioned that SCAC has a standard that helps the world.

Following, Hall's address, Jessica Thornton read last meeting's minutes.

Under old business, Kate thanked the members who helped to make the Christmas decorating at the Muleshoe Heritage Center house a success.

Also the turnout of all the help with the food pantry, and wrapping Christmas presents for the 2006 holiday season.

Under new business, the members discussed the upcoming bake sale on March 31, and started thinking of advertising ideas. SCAC members voted Amberlee to be the new secretary for the club.

Club sponsor Chris Mardis addressed the work and hours put in by members and his new expectations.

Kate Lepard asked club members if they were interested in doing the MDA Shamrocks for Jerry's Kids for a fundraiser, and Courtney Mardis mentioned the Adopt-a-Soldier Program.

Shayla Hall volunteered to contact Muleshoe Metal Arts for a sign at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Scholarships to be awarded

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from Muleshoe High School counselor Gayla Gear.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

The final day to apply is March 5.

The club elected to raise money for the Lubbock Servicemen Memorial.

The next official meeting will be Feb. 19, at the home of Timothy Conner, at 7:30 p.m.



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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

This week there was an important day that guys can't forget because they are reminded of it constantly.

If no one has figured out what that day is then here is the big hint, it's Valentine's Day.

Hopefully, everyone has gotten their gifts for their loved ones already and not going to wait until the last moment to do some shopping and make it like Christmas.

When I was younger I just thought that holidays like Valentine's Day and Halloween were invented so kids like me could have parties during class and get all sorts of little goodies.

They didn't have a special meaning, but I recently learned how Valentine's Day became a holiday and the fact that it has been around for almost 1,000 years.

Wow! That's a long time in my book.

As I get older, holidays like Valentine's Day are going to take on another meaning and hopefully a good meaning.

I like getting things on Valentine's Day just a little something to help me know that I am loved and cared, but who doesn't want something on any holiday, I would call myself crazy if I didn't want anything.

The holiday is meant for

couples and all Valentine's Day is about is just for the couples to get out and enjoy being with each other.

A very romantic and enjoyable holiday for parents, but a complete nightmare for their younger kids.

When this is published, Valentine's Day will almost be over and hopefully those who care a good deal about this holiday will have hopefully gotten what they wanted.

Anyway, here is a tip for the guys who don't think they did so well this year and could use a little help and a few tips for next year:

Being a person of the opposite sex and knowing a little of what we want and when it comes to romantic things... we want roses.

We are big fans of roses and it doesn't really matter what color or how many, but a guy who would do something like that for us is a really big plus.

Guys who are really creative and come up with something original is also a big positive.

The main thing that girls and women want on a holiday like this is just a little something special to let them know that they are loved and that the relationship they have with their boyfriend, fiancée, and husband is going to last.

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- Mental health committals
- Collection and disbursement of bogus check monies
- And, civil suits involving the county.

While the cost of contracting through Lamb County was estimated at about \$3,000 per month, the judge noted that the county wouldn't qualify for the state supplement due to the residency requirement.

In other business, the court:

- Approved the payment of

county bills totaling \$423,364.45.

- Approved the minutes from the Jan. 8 regular meeting and the Jan. 15 special meeting.
- Approved the December County Treasurer's report.
- Discussed the preparation and adoption of a county road map.

While the county judge said the apparent process was more expensive than initially expected... \$18,000 instead of about \$10,000, the judge said, "If something comes up, it would be good to have something in place," adding that it could prevent future law suits.

Profiling...

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308 contacts made by local police officers, 10 were African-American, 43 were Caucasian, and 253 were Hispanic.

Neither department reported complaints or allegations of racial profiling being filed during the report period.

Sheriff Wills added that state law only requires his department to collect "Tier 1" information because the department's patrol vehicles are equipped with video camera systems to record traffic stops.

After the commissioners' court, the sheriff said he would be available to talk with individuals or groups concerning racial profiling issues, or the conduct of his deputies on Friday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m.

Lazbuddie students place at Idalou meet

Eight Lazbuddie high school students competed in different events at the Idalou academic meet.

Among the students, their events and their placings were:

Addie Treider, science; Jason Davis, computer applications and computer science, 7th; Chelsee Nichols, news and feature writing, and calculator, 6th; Chase Timms, science, number sense and computer science; Jacob Schacher, number sense and computer science; Devlin Thompson number sense, computer science and science; Katie Chavez, computer applications and literary criticism; Kinzi Schacher, computer applications, 10th.

The computer science team of Jason Davis, Chase Timms, Jacob Schacher and Devlin Thompson placed third overall.

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Lamplight

By Larry Thornton

A valentine that came from heaven

According to the story behind Valentine's Day, a priest by the name of Valentine lived in Rome about 250 A.D.

At that time, Rome was ruled by an emperor who wanted a larger army. However, many of the men the emperor wanted to fight in Rome's wars didn't want to leave their wives.

This angered the emperor, who decided not to allow any more marriages.

The priest Valentine thought the new law was ridiculous, and kept on performing marriage ceremonies, but in secret.

One night, while Valentine was marrying a couple he was caught, thrown in jail and told that his punishment would be death.

While Valentine was in jail, he befriended the daughter of a prison guard. She believed Valentine did the right thing by ignoring the emperor and performing marriage ceremonies.

On the day Valentine was to die, it is said he left her a note thanking the prison guard's daughter for her friendship and loyalty, and he signed it, "Love from your Valentine."

This note, which was reportedly written on the day of Valentine's death — Feb. 14, 269 A.D., started the custom of exchanging love notes on Valentine's Day.

The first valentine commemorated love and friendship.

But the Bible tells us the greatest love story doesn't involved a man and a woman, or even friends. It is not the story of David and Bathsheba, Ruth and Boaz, to Esther and the king of Persia. The greatest love story noted in the Bible is between the one true God, and the people of the world.

In John 3:16, NIV, we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

It is a statement of love that fills the universe.

In fact, the Bible tells us that God is the source of love.

All other forms of love are shadows of the love God has for us, and only through our love for God is it even possible for us to truly love others

John Hugo once said, "One's love for God is equal to the love one has for the man he loves least."

1 John 4:19, NIV, says, "We love because he first loved us."

God's love is always pure, always holy, and always seeking what is best for us.

Jeremiah 31:3, NIV, says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love

George Strait touches on this in his song about a father's love. The song says, "Let me tell you about a father's love... Daddies don't just love their children every now and then... it's a love without end. Amen."

But God's love had a price, and that price was the life of his only begotten son. He sacrificed his one and only son to save you and I from the ravages of hell.

As we go through the remainder of this week, and especially as we think of sharing valentines with our loved ones, I want you to give special thanks for the valentine God sent from heaven.

There's a saying about "wearing your heart on your sleeve," which refers to a person's emotions being visible for all to see," but this is nothing like the valentine from God.

Instead of placing it in a decorated shoebox at school, God nailed his valentine to Calvary's tree.



Furgeson honored for service

Nick Bamert, pictured above on the left, presents Johnny Furgeson, pictured on the right, with a plaque as he steps down as chairman of the board of Blackwater Valley SWCD. Furgeson has served on the board since 1987 and continues to serve as a director.

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Students of the Week

Watson Jr. High Students of the Week for the week of Feb. 12, pictured above, from left to right, are: Ivana Edwards, Gage Edwards, Caitlynn Nolen, Saul Elizalde, Agundis and Christian Lucio; and back row, Saul Elizalde, Caitlynn Nolen and Gage Edwards. Not pictured is Jessica Kube.



Chamber Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture presented Tina Costilla of Carolyn's Christmas Creations with a certificate as the February Employee of Month. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Elaine Case, Buck and Carolyn Johnson, Rob Tapley, Tina Costilla, Tadd Young, Brandi Angeley and Bertha Gonzales.

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MONEY IN A FISH'S MOUTH!

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WHEN JESUS WAS IN CAPERNAUM AND THE ROMAN TAX-COLLECTOR ASKED FOR THE HEAD TAX EVERYONE PAID TO ROME (TWO SILVER COINS, WORTH A SHEKEL), JESUS TOLD PETER, WHO WAS A FISHERMAN, TO GO CATCH A FISH WHICH WOULD HAVE A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH (MATT. 17:27). MANY AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED HE WAS USING THE SLANG OF THE DAY—IN OTHER WORDS, TO CATCH A FISH GOOD ENOUGH TO SELL ON THE MARKET FOR A SHEKEL AND THUS PAY THEIR TAX. DURING THE 1ST CENTURY A.D., WHEN THE GREEKS WERE TRANSLATING THE GOSPELS INTO THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, THEY HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THESE ARAMAIC EXPRESSIONS AND SO THE STORY CAME OUT AS THOUGH PETER ACTUALLY CAUGHT A FISH SWIMMING AROUND WITH A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH—WHICH DOESN'T MEAN JESUS COULDN'T WORK A MIRACLE IN THIS CASE, FOR HE RAISED THE DEAD AND HEALED MANY WHO WERE "BLIND, LAME, AND HALT"—BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE HE NEVER PERFORMED MIRACLES FOR HIS OWN COMFORT AND BENEFIT!

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Obituaries

Sammie Jo Ethridge

Sammie Jo Ethridge of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, passed from this life on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at the age of 90. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Muleshoe in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.



SAMMIE JO ETHRIDGE

Ethridge was born on Oct. 7, 1916, in Tatum, N.M., to Sam and Effie Houston. She grew up in the rolling plains of Texas, and married Sidney Melvin (Bo) Ethridge on Dec. 10, 1933. They were married for 50 years, until he preceded her in death in 1984. The family moved to Muleshoe in 1948, where Sammie remained until 2002.

During her long life, Sammie was a devoted wife, mother, and citizen. She raised three sons and was always active in school and community affairs.

After her children were grown and as long as her health allowed she was active in the Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, managing a Thrift Store that raised money to support the hospital, doing volunteer work at the nursing home in Muleshoe, cooking for church functions, conducting voting stations, and other diverse civic affairs.

She also belatedly took

on the hobby of painting, which she enjoyed and continued until failing eyesight made it impossible.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Also by two grandsons — Justin and Jared Ethridge.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law — Don and Kathie, Dean and Lanell, and Gary and Gail Ethridge, all of Lubbock; six grandchildren — Heather, Whitney and Sierra, all of Lubbock, Lisa of Flagstaff, Ariz., Erin of San Diego, Calif., and Tiffany of Galveston; and one great-grandson — Jeremiah of San Diego, Calif.

She is also survived by one brother — Kenneth Houston of Carlsbad, N.M., and one sister — Joyce Wisley of La Mesa, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock or another charity of your choice.

William Speck

Funeral services for William "Bill" Speck, 73, of Lubbock were held Thursday, Feb. 1, at Lakeridge Baptist Church with the Rev. Merle Fulmer and the Rev. Gary Williams officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Speck died on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, in Post. He was born on March 3, 1933, in Enochs and attended school in Bula.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Speck moved to Lubbock in 1957, and married Sandra Ellis on June 17, 1966. Speck

retired from Energas in 1988, and worked parttime for Enterprise Rent-A-Car until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a son — Rodney.

Survivors include his wife Sandra; a daughter and her husband — Karen and Gary Williams of Arlington; a daughter — Robin Carty of Lubbock; a sister — Lela Sue King of Muleshoe; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lakeridge Baptist Church building fund.

Corey Kelton

Funeral services for L/Cpl. Corey Lynn Kelton, 21, of Sundown were held on Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Sundown School Auditorium with Kevin Douglas of Dalhart officiating. Burial followed in the Gaines County Cemetery, Seagraves.

Kelton died on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Oct. 20, 1985, in Brownfield, and moved to Sundown from Levelland in 2000.

Kelton graduated from Sundown High School in 2004, and entered the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

He attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Levelland, and was a pump mechanic for Allied Oilfield Service.

Kelton was preceded in death by his grandfather — Charles Harvey of Muleshoe, and his great-grandparents — Omar and Alice Kelton, also of Muleshoe.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather — Rhonda and Dennis Gardner



L/CPL. COREY LYNN KELTON

of Sundown; his father and stepmother — Roby and Kay Kelton of Lubbock; a brother — Jason Kelton of Abilene; a sister — Sarah Kelton of Sundown; a stepsister — Kristin Gardner of Santa Anna; his grandparents — Billy and Marty Bagwell of Plains, Dolores Harvey of Muleshoe, and Dena Gardner of Seagraves; and great-grandparents — Roy Shoemaker of Ralls and Nell Jordan of Carlsbad, N.M.

Memorials may be sent to the Marine Corps League, South Plains Detachment #519, P.O. Box 93152, Lubbock, TX 79393.

Jackie McWhorter

Jackie Lois Earldine Branaman McWhorter went home to her Lord on Jan. 30, 2007.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1921, in Talpa, to the Rev. James A. and Annie Jennings Branaman.

McWhorter went to college at Texas Tech and taught high school until 1944 when she married Jasper Earl McWhorter, who preceded her in death.

McWhorter is survived by a son and his wife — James Dale and Alice McWhorter of Round Rock; a daughter and her husband — Jerrie and Larry Barrett of Cedar Park; and a daughter — Jeana Butler of Flagstaff, Ariz; and three grandchildren — David and Jacob McWhorter of



JACKIE LOIS EARLDINE BRANAMAN McWHORTER

Round Rock, and Brian Butler of Flagstaff.

A dedicated Christian, McWhorter taught Sunday school in the Baptist church most of her life.

McWhorter shared her love for Christ and was often heard asking, "Will I see you in Heaven?"

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Sports

Lady Mules fall to the Squaws in final game of season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules had a clinch on the Texas State Playoffs going into Friday night's game with Friona. But no one would have guessed the Lady Mules were not playing for their playoff lives by the way they played.

They took their home floor for the final game of the season and brought the same intensity to the floor that had given them a playoff lock.

The Lady Mules owned a 10-6 lead after one period but the Squaws made a strong push in the second half to defeat the Lady Mules 60-50.

The Friona Squaws

controlled the opening tip but the Lady Mules took the ball away. Kate Lepard nailed a 3-pointer from the wing less than 30 seconds into the game.

The Lady Mule full-court pressure forced a second Squaw turn over and Lepard raced down the floor for a fast break lay up.

Kyra Kimbrough finished a fast break to put the Lady Mules up 7-2.

The Squaws hit a pair of buckets to get close to the Lady Mules as time ran down.

Sarah Johnson pulled up at the ark and drained a trey just before the buzzer sounded. The Lady Mules led 10-6 to start the second period.

The Lady Mules kept up the pressure through the first four minutes before the Squaws settled in to tie the game at 22-22 by the intermission. CiCi Reyna made a trey and Chelsi Hawkins added a bucket before the break.

Johnson opened the third period with a 3-pointer from the wing. Chi Hernandez hit a base line jumper and scored in the paint as the Lady Mules opened a little space between themselves and the Squaws.

The final four minutes belong to Friona and they out scored the Lady Mules 22-16 in the period to take a 44-38 lead into the final eight minutes.

Hawkins and Lepard each hit from behind the arc in the final period. The Lady Mules struggle at the charity line continued in the final period.

Lepard set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 16 points and Hawkins dropped in nine. Johnson and Reyna had seven apiece; Kimbrough made six and Hernandez added five.

The Lady Mules were in the West Texas State



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Players scramble for the ball during the recent game against Friona.

Dimmitt drops the Freshman ladies, 44-24

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Lady Mules led 6-2 after two minutes. Dimmitt scored nine unanswered points to take the lead. The Bobbies would briefly relinquish their advantage in the second period but came back to drop the Lady Mules 44-24.

Marisela Casanova drove the lane to score the first points of the game. Casanova saw Amber Fuentes breaking across the lane. Fuentes was fouled on her shot and could not convert the free throws.

Ali Eagle cleared the rebound and stuck it back in for points. Eagle drove from the wing and was hammered on her shot. She made both shots from the line to push the Lady Mule lead to 6-2.

The Bobbies scored the final nine points of the period to take an 11-6 lead into the second period.

The Lady Mules chipped away at the deficit in the second period. Casanova led the come back charge for the Lady Mules with a free throw and a pair of field goals for five points. Melissa

Mendoza grabbed a long offensive rebound, side stepped a defender and drained the shot while being fouled. She completed the old fashion three-point play by converting the charity toss.

Mendoza's three-point play had cut the Bobbie lead to 13-12. Casanova's last field goal of the period and Julia Silva's free throw gave the Lady Mules a brief 15-13 lead. The Bobbies scored the final four points of the period to reclaim the lead for good. Dimmitt led 17-15 at the half.

The Lady Mules could not find the shooting range after the half and Dimmitt out scored the Lady Mules 15-0 to take a 32-15 margin into the final quarter.

Eagle hit a 3-pointer and a deuce in the final period. Casanova made a bucket and Silva tacked on one from the line.

Casanova and Eagle paced the Lady Mules with nine points each. Mendoza dropped in four points and Silva chipped in two.

The Lady Mules will begin to prepare for their chosen spring sports and look forward to warm weather.

University Fieldhouse Monday night to play the highly touted Panhandle Lady Panthers. The Lady Panthers were the preseason number two rated team in Class 2A.

"I was proud of our intensity against Friona,"

said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Especially early in the game we had them out of their rhythm. But we made a couple of mistakes and they made us pay."

"Panhandle has a very good team. We will have to play a very strong game with few mistakes to defeat them. We may have a couple of new wrinkles for them to figure out," she said.

"They have a true post player with a good jump shot from near the free throw line. We will have to double down on her at every opportunity to keep the ball out of her hands."

"Panhandle played in the Regional tournament last year. So the Playoffs are nothing new to them. We will have to pressure the ball the full length of the floor and try to take them out of their game," said the coach.

Eighth-grade ladies win, 40-26

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

It seemed to take the eighth grade Lady Mules three quarters to finally get warmed up against the Dimmitt Bobbies. It was the final game of the season and after three periods of play the Lady Mules owned a 25-24 lead.

The Lady Mules turned up the pressure in the final frame to hold Dimmitt to a single basket. The Lady Mules poured in 15 in the period to down the Bobbies 40-26.

Yvonne Gardea broke across the lane with out the ball and Valeria Olivas delivered her a perfect pass. Gardea had the inside position and dropped in the bucket. Olivas dropped a lob pass over the defense to Alejandra Gomez in the lane. Gomez scored easily.

Gomez returned the favor

on the next trip down the floor with a pin-point strike to Olivas on the blocks. Olivas spun into the lane for a scoop shot. The Lady Mules had the ball out of bounds and Olivas found Gomez open on the blocks for a short jumper.

Mindy Hamilton drove down the lane to complete a 10-0 Lady Mule run in the first four minutes of the final period. Dimmitt's only points of the period came with under two minutes left in the game. Olivas finished the game with back to back buckets.

Olivas led the Lady Mules with 15 points and Gomez dropped in 11. Gardea and Hamilton made six points each. Sandy Mojica's two points came in the second period.

The Lady Mules now prepare for track season and look forward to pretty weather out of doors.

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Sports



Mule Dustin Barker shoots during the recent game against River Road. Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mighty M Band students bring home gold

Five students from the Mighty M Band were rated as superior (division one) at the UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday, Feb. 10, at Lubbock Coronado High School.

Elizabeth Symm received a superior rating on her flute solo.

The clarinet quartet comprised of Courtney Mardis, Sara Cisneros, Sunny Snider, and Jonathan Garcia also received a superior rating.

All five of these students have also been certified to compete at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest in San Marcos in late May.

The Brass Quintet received an Excellent rating (division two) for their performance.

Members of the brass quintet are James Coffman, Andrew Villareal, Lissi Hall, Rene Orozco, and Franklin Piland.

Courtney Mardis also performed as a clarinet soloist and received an excellent rating.

Sara Cisneros also performed as a clarinet soloist and was rated good (division three).

Band directors Brad Walker and Marcos Gomez said they were proud of the students' performances and their many hours of preparation for this contest.

"These results are indicative of the great improvement we've seen in the past 18 months from all the students in our band program. We are looking forward to a great spring with the full band at the UIL Concert and Sightreading contest on April 3 as well as the "Fine Arts Night To Shine" performance on March 26," said Walker.

Mules take victory from Friona, River Road teams

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules continued to be in a must win situation this past week. They faced the district leading Friona Chieftains on Tuesday night and the bottom of the district River Road Wildcats Friday night.

The Mules held a three-point advantage over Friona at the end of the third period and held the Chieftains to a field goal and two free throws in the final eight minutes. The Mules scored 11 to down Friona 48-42.

The Mules had to guard against slacking off against 0-10 Wildcats Friday night. They doubled up on the Wildcats 16-8 in the first period and continued to hold down River Road to take the game 51-36. The win gave the Mules a chance to make the post season.

Colby Carpenter busted a 3-pointer to open the game and serve notice the Mules were ready for Friona. Dustin Barker made a trey and hit a short jumper as the Mules opened an 8-2 lead over the Chieftains. Friona

came firing back and trailed the Mules 12-11 going into the second period.

The Mules missed some crucial free throws in the second period and Friona eased out to a 23-21 lead by the half. The Mules returned to the floor after the break with a very determined attitude.

Barker converted back to back old fashion three-point plays as the Mules out scored the Chieftains 16-11 and take 37-34 advantage into the final period. Garret Riley converted a free throw for a 3-point play and Elias Alvarado dropped in a trey late in the game to dash and hopes the Chieftains had of a come back.

Barker, Riley and Eric Washington each nailed the game down from the charity line as the game wound down.

Barker led the Mules with a game high 17 points and Riley dropped in 10. Patrick Precure made a trey in each of the first two periods for six points. Washington, TJ Brantley and Brian Poynor made four points each and

Alvarado had three.

The Mules opened with an 11-0 run against the Wildcats and led 16-8 after one frame. River Road held the Mules to just eight points in the second period but could only score four to trail 24-12 at the half.

Brian Poynor continued to crash the boards and stick back rebounds in the third period. Carpenter drained a trey and Riley made a pair of charity tosses to keep the Mules on top 37-23 with eight minutes to play.

River Road had their best scoring period of the night in the final frame. They put 13 on the boards but the Mules scored 14. Poynor dialed in from long range before making free throw and sticking back two rebounds for eight points in the period.

Poynor paced the Mules with 18 points and Barker had 11. Carpenter dropped in nine points and Riley made seven. Alvarado, Precure and Brantley chipped in two each.

Friona virtually slammed the door on the Mules

Seventh-grade ladies fall to Dimmitt Bobbies

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The seventh grade Lady Mules got off to a fast start in their final game of the season against the Dimmitt Bobbies. Dimmitt made up the difference in the second period to lead by the intermission.

The Lady Mules could not come back and fell to Dimmitt 23-15. Melissa Casanova answered a Dimmitt basket by finishing a fast break to tie the game at 2-2. She drove the base line and dropped in a short jumper that gave the Lady Mules a 4-2 advantage going into the second period.

Dimmitt scored two quick buckets as the second period began to take a 6-4 lead. Sabrina Chavez made one of two from the line. The Lady Mule defense shut down the Bobbies offense and only Casanova was able to find the shooting range.

She pilfered a Dimmitt in-bound pass and put the ball on the glass for a bucket before time expired in the half. The Lady Mules trailed 8-7 at the break.

Samantha Reyna answered two charity tosses by the Bobbies with a shot from the elbow. Dimmitt scored seven unanswered points. Dominique Mata broke the run as she banked in a 15 footer to end the period with the Lady Mules trailing 17-11.

Ivana Agundis provided all the Lady Mule fire power in the final period. She drove for a lay up from the wing and added two free throws as the game came to a close.

The Lady Mules will now change seasons and begin to get prepared for their first track meet.

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People honor us by celebrating our birthdays and studying our lives. Take a good look at paper bills, coins and stamps. You might see us there!

My challenge to you!

How many Presidents can you name? Get a piece of paper, a pencil and your family or friends. Write down all the names you can remember. Check your list against ours to see how you did. Next, find and circle all 42 Presidents in the puzzle.

Wow! That's tough... So put on your Presidential hat...um... I mean your thinking cap and get into the games!

Read the four names of Presidential homes on the right, then

- Circle the name of Thomas Jefferson's home.
 Mount Vernon
 Monticello
- Put an "X" on the presidential home used for relaxing.
 Camp David
 White House
- Draw a square around the house where the President lives.
 The Lincoln kids kept my Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather as a pet in the White House.
 A few of my cousins lived there too!
- Underline George Washington's home.

Presidents had other careers before they became presidents. Fill in this crossword with their jobs:

- Ronald Reagan
- Ulysses S. Grant
- Abraham Lincoln
- James E. Carter

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1. George Washington	42
2. John F. Kennedy	35
3. Abraham Lincoln	1
4. Bill Clinton	43
5. George W. Bush	16
- Who might be our 50th president? Follow the color key to find out:
 R = Red B = Blue

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Nursing Home News

Thursday afternoon Park View received a visit from Muleshoe's finest athletes, Coach Woods and Coach Poyner. The Muleshoe Mules were treated to chili dogs, chips and brownies in lieu of Super Bowl Sunday.

Friday afternoon Herald and Avis Carpenter our Friends from the Oklahoma Lane Community came to visit. Harold played our favorite songs from yester-years as the residents sang along.

The United Methodist Church came Sunday afternoon and directed communion and church services.

Joan Lewis is in Muleshoe visiting her brother G.R. Lassiter and friends.

Lazbuddie students place at Sudan meet

The Lazbuddie powerlifting team competed at the Sudan Powerlifting competition on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Among the students competing were: Jason Davis, Joaquin Campos, Bryce Haney and Steven Pacheco.

Joaquin Campos placed third and Jason Davis placed fourth at the event.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bonnie Tibbitts. We to shall miss her.

Butch Vandiver called the numbers at the Bingo Bash! Saturday afternoon. Homemade cookies baked by Iris Clements and Betty Ramage. G.R. Lassiter was the caller for Bingo on Monday.

Lucille Harp returned to Park View from the local hospital Monday afternoon. Welcome back Mrs. Harp we all missed you.

Floy Hanson remains in the hospital in Amarillo. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Tennie McCormick was honored with a celebration on her 100th birthday Saturday at the 16th & D Church of Christ. Mrs. McCormick's family hosted the party.

Hattie Heathington was visited by her son Awbrey Heathington Monday.

Pat young gave Mollie Johnston a hair cut and Cynthia Crawford a perm Monday morning.

Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Dolores Garrett, Pat Clark came to shampoo and style the ladies hair Tuesday afternoon.

LaNell Stancell visited Marie Lane and Jewel Peeler this week.

Fallowers Sunday School Class form the First Baptist Church gave a donation to Park View.

Mike Griffin, Melvin Griffin, Gary Skaggs and Edward Orozco, all great chefs—cooked breakfast for the men Wednesday morning.

We have started a program to enrich our end of life program. The Butterflies are Free is a program chaired by several different staff members. If you are interested in helping please contact Joy Stancell. We need volunteers to read, visit, and in other areas.



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Obituaries

Opal Ruthardt

A church service for Opal Ruthardt, 85, of Muleshoe, was held on Feb. 8, at the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ruthardt died on Feb. 5, 2007, in Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 1, 1921, in Powderley, and married Herman Delbert Ruthardt in Paris on Oct. 1, 1938.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Delbert; a daughter — Linda Burris in 2005; two sisters and a brother.

Ruthardt moved to Muleshoe from Sundown in 1961. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include three sons and their wives — Pete and Connie Ruthardt of Graham, Jerry and Darlene Ruthardt of Muleshoe, and Joe and Brenda Ruthardt of Levelland; a son — Dean Ruthardt of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Melba and Robert Clark of Muleshoe; three sisters — Mae Rayburn and Gladys Gordon, both of Author City, and Joy Fletcher of Michigan; 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

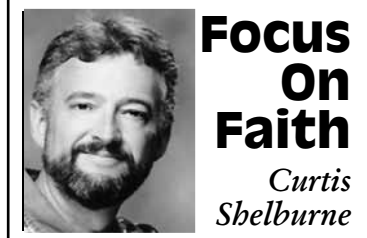
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I'm feeling a bit over-protected. I wrote recently to make fun of some of the "lawyer litter" standing more as a monument to multimillion dollar litigation than to protecting the populace. McDonald's started it by pawning off dangerously hot coffee on an unsuspecting public, but as I sit writing in a Dallas hotel, I have on the desk a cup holding some scary Starbuck's liquid. The cup warns: "Careful, the beverage you're about to



enjoy is extremely hot." I'm surprised I didn't have to sign a legal form when I bought my coffee. Come to think of it, somebody probably should sue them. Did they profile me racially when I bought that coffee? Was I so obviously "Anglo" that they didn't feel a need to warn me in Spanish? What if I'd been a blue-eyed Spaniard and burned myself because I expected cold coffee? And the warning that was actually there was written pretty much in the King's English (note the words "beverage" and "extremely"). Is that a backhanded slap against Texans? Shouldn't they also have a warning in Texas English, something like, "Careful, pard, this here stuff's dang hot"?

More basic still, Starbuck's seems to wantonly assume everybody knows that coffee is for drinking. Why, with no warning that it's a bad idea to take off the top, stick your nose into the brew, and suck up a lungful of it, somebody might drown. Shouldn't we be

protected from such danger?

I reached into my pocket a few minutes ago to get my knife. I needed to open a box. But no knife. I think it's somewhere in my suitcase. Or maybe I dropped it the last time I hijacked an airplane. But I knew better than to try to carry that little pocket knife onto the plane. I like that fiendish instrument. I want to keep it.

Personally, I think Southwest Airlines should be exempt from federal regulations banning such miniature pig-stickers. Most Southwest flights have a least a few Texans on board, and, now that 9/11 has eliminated the element of surprise, I pity the poor creep who tries with a utility knife, or anything much shorter than a machete, to hijack a Texas-based airliner.

I also reached into my pocket earlier today to get some lip balm. Oops! I forgot I'd remembered to consign that deadly stuff to the suitcase along with my very frightening knife. Air travel these days is fraught with danger. Before we flew, my wife asked me if I'd turned my cell phone off. I'd thrown it into the computer bag just to make it simpler for me and the rest of the inmates lining up to be frisked by the guards. I told her, "I think it's off, but I'm not sure, and I'm too sleepy to look. If it rings and we crash, I apologize in advance for any inconvenience."

I'd be willing to be a bit less safe if flying could be more fun. I'm a good deal more afraid of bureaucrats than I am of terrorists.

That principle is doubly true with regard to faith. Living's dangerous and grace can be messy. But the biggest mistake of all is living life scared—legalistic and cold—afraid to joyfully trust the warm heart of the God of all grace.

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

Muleshoe ISD schedules talent show for Feb. 22

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Muleshoe High School health fair included Mobile DWI exhibit

Muleshoe High School Health Occupations I and II, DECA, Leaders Advocating for a Positive Difference (LAPD), and the Teen Coalition Against Destructive Driving researched, displayed, and presented educational information and exhibits for the Health Fair on Jan. 18. South Plains College, Clovis Community College, and the Area Health and Education Coalition (AHEC) provided information on

health career opportunities for the students. Muleshoe Rotary, Muleshoe State Bank, First Bank of Muleshoe, and the Bailey County 4-H Council/ Youth Board sponsored the Drinking While Intoxicated (DWI) Mobile Exhibit, from the Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) West Texas Office, for the Health Fair. Exhibits prepared by MHS students provided up-to-date information on cardiovascular disease,

breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, halitosis, and optometry. The DWI Mobile Exhibit was donated by Dirk and Tara Lindsey of Seminole. The trailer displays the pickup the Lindsey's were driving the day they were involved in a collision with a drunk driver. The Lindsey's had 3 children, 10-year-old Rachel, 6-year-old Madelyn, and one-month-old Yates. All three children were killed in the crash. The exhibit is equipped with four television monitors that play a documentary about the lives of the Lindsey children. The goal of the exhibit is for it to be seen by as many people as possible with the hope that everyone who sees the exhibit will commit to stop drinking and driving.



Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
Ole man winter is still visiting us. If you are tired of being home alone, come to the senior center. The senior citizens are coming to the center to enjoy the fellowship, play games, and have lunch. It makes for a very good day. Call a friend and come on in to visit with us.

beans, salad, wheat roll and strawberry short cake. Thursday, Feb. 22 – Chicken pot pie with vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler. Friday, Feb. 23 – Fish or chicken strips, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

We have a number one rated center for the State of Texas. We received a call from Waxahachie last Friday. The gentlemen stated he had heard we were a model center and wanted some advice on how we accomplished the task. We informed him about the tremendous volunteer help, donations, and participation at the center.

He wanted to know what all activities we did at the center, and was told about the eighty, dominoes, bingo, senior dances, the library, exercise equipment, the computers available to our seniors, and the good meals served every day, also monthly birthday parties. Maybe you would like to play other games besides eighty or dominoes. We have several here at the center, or bring one with you. The center is here to make for a more enjoyable and happy life during your senior years.

We could not have the success we have without our senior citizens who come and enjoy their center every day. So pat yourself on the back and be proud of your senior center. Wednesday, Feb. 21, James Milner, with diabetic shoes will be at the center from 9 a.m. until noon. He will also be demonstrating a moisture heating pad for those with arthritis. Make plans to come in and visit with him, if you need his service.

The February birthday party will be on Thursday, Feb. 22. All you seniors with February birthdays plan to come for lunch and be honored. Menu for Feb. 19-23: Monday, Feb. 19 – BBQ Brisket, beans, salad, cornbread and cake. Tuesday, Feb. 20 – Baked ham, sweet potatoes, black eyed peas, salad, wheat roll and brownie. Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green

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Lady Horns advance to state playoffs

The Lazbuddie Lady Horns have advanced to the state playoffs.

Their first game will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, against Groom.

This is the first time the Lady Horns have made the playoffs since 2002.

The Lady Horns have had a great season ending the regular season with a record of 14-8 and a district record of 5-3.

The girls competed in tournaments at Bovina and Whitharral, where they won the consolation trophy and had one player named to the all-tournament team.

In district play, the Lady Horns kicked it up and played great basketball.

The first half of district they began by facing Happy at home. They won the game 31-11 with the following girls scoring: Chelsee Nichols, 17, Brittney Schacher, 10 and Brittney Sexton, four.

The following Tuesday the girls traveled to Kress where they won 60-25.

Scoring in this game were Chelsee Nichols, 20, Brittney Schacher and Brianna Sanchez, nine each, Rochelle Smith, eight, Megan McGuire, 6, Brittney Sexton, 4, Katie Chavez and Kinzi Schacher, 2 each.

The Lady Horns then had an open date but came back on Friday hosting Hart and winning 67-37. Scoring in this game were Chelsee Nichols, 25, Brittney Sexton, 15, Rochelle Smith, 14, Brittney Schacher, eight, Megan McGuire, four, and Kinzi Schacher, one.

The Lady Horns finished

out the first half of district by traveling to Nazareth to face the Swiftettes. The girls lost 65-30.

Scoring in this game were Chelsee Nichols, 10, Brittney Sexton, nine, Rochelle Smith, five, Brittney Schacher and Kinzi Schacher with three each. This put the Lady Horns at 3-1 to end the first half of district.

The second half of district started with a tough game. The girls traveled to Happy to face the Cowgirls.

With some troubled scoring in that game, the girls ended up losing a close one 23-21.

Scoring for this game was Brianna Sanchez and Chelsee Nichols with 6 each, Brittney Schacher with 5, and Brittney Sexton with 4.

The Kress Kangaroos then came to town and faced the Lady Horns, only to fall to the Lady Horns, who took a decisive 73-30 victory with the entire team scoring!

Chelsee Nichols had 19, Brianna Sanchez had 17, Brittney Sexton had 11, Brittney Schacher had six, Megan McGuire, Katie Chavez, and Kinzi Schacher each had five, Haley Sexton and Lydia Campos each had

two, and Rochelle Smith had one.

Later that week Lazbuddie traveled to Hart to face their Lady Horns and once again answered the challenge and won 50-19.

Scoring were Chelsee Nichols with 15, Brianna Sanchez with 14, Brittney Schacher with nine, Brittney Sexton with six, Rochelle Smith with four and Kinzi Schacher with two.

The end of the district season came with Nazareth traveling to Lazbuddie.

The Lady Horns played a good game, but came up short, losing the game 66-34.

Scoring for the Lady Horns were Chelsee Nichols with 14, Rochelle Smith with eight, Megan McGuire with six, Brianna Sanchez and Brittney Sexton with three each.

This put the Lady Horns district record at 5-3 and 14-8 for the season.

The Lady Horns ended up tied with Happy for second place in the district.

The seeding for the state playoffs was decided by a coin flip with Lazbuddie winning the coin flip and going in as the second place seed.

LEAP program begins at senior center

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, NursCare Home Health of Muleshoe introduced its LEAP program to participants at the Oneita Wagon Senior Citizen's Center in Muleshoe.

The LEAP program (Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention) Program is a service designed by NursCare, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Podiatric Association to help seniors avoid foot care problems that could lead to amputation.

At Wednesday's foot care clinic, the senior citizens' feet were soaked, toenails clipped and filed and examined by a skilled nurse.

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