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Early birds get the snow...

Proving that the best travel plans always seem to go wrong, a small flock of robins dropped by Muleshoe Thursday morning, just in time for the snow. Pictured

above, two of the robins pause for a moment in the tree at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's deck. Photograph by Larry Thornton

Rising energy costs impact budgets

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Rising fuel costs have been taking significant bites out of government budgets, a point that was brought home during Monday's meeting of the Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees, which approved a budget amendment that was at least partially required by the rising energy expenses. According to MISD Business Manager Trae McNeill, the school district is paying an average of \$7,800 more per month for the energy it uses — including electricity, natural gas and vehicle fuel — this year than for the same period last year.

gas use is tapering off, as expected due to increasing temperatures, Brunson added that the city is about to move into a period of higher electricity consumption, due to a consumer demand for the water needed for lawns and gardens.

And later in the year, the higher costs of cooling municipal buildings will also impact government budgets.

With such a significant cost increase expected for

MISD amends budget due to energy costs; Muleshoe and Bailey County may follow.

Specifically, the school district's electricity expenses have increased from \$10,000 per month to \$13,000; natural gas from \$3,500 to \$6,000; and vehicle fuel costs from \$4,500 to \$6,800. This figures out as a 43 percent increase, across the board.

At Muleshoe City Hall, City Manager David Brunson said the current municipal budget included a 50 percent increase for vehicle fuel, over the amount budgeted in the previous year.

The city's other energy expenses, electricity and natural gas, have increased by 37.8 percent, when compared to the same period last year.

While the city's natural

pumping the city's water, Brunson indicated the city council may be forced to consider a water rate increase later this year. The last municipal water rate increase was three years ago, and primarily affected the "high end" consumers.

At Bailey County, County Treasurer Donna Kirk said increased energy costs were something she had been looking at recently.

At Bailey County, the cost of operating the county's vehicles — for the precincts' vehicles and sheriff's department vehicles, has

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Dillman student population increasing

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Superintendent Gene Sheets discussed the school district's student population during his report to the school board Monday.

Sheets noted that while the current student population across the district stands at 1524, the

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totals include a drop of about 30 students at the high school, and an increase of about 40 students at Dillman Elementary from last year.

A portion of the increase at Dillman comes from the addition of the Headstart program, Sheets said.

"Our elementary is really growing," the superintendent said. He noted that the elementary

has several consecutive years of increasing student numbers. "I don't know if it will continue, but it has for the past four years."

Sheets added that it was a good thing the top priority listed on the upcoming bond issue was directed at solving the population problem at Dillman.

Sheets also addressed various legislative issues in his report to the board,

specifically concerning the State of Texas' "budget surplus," which the superintendent said included a large amount of money which the legislators had initially budgeted for teachers' salaries, but hadn't passed along to the school district's because the legislators couldn't agree on a distribution formula.

"They're not going to send 'new money' to the schools," Sheets said concerning the special legislative session that has

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Lazbuddie farmer uses tribal techniques to predict weather

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Forget satellite technology, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, even your favorite television meteorologist... according to a former Muleshoe area resident all you need to predict the weather is a calendar and a bonfire.

Weldon Crim, a retired farmer from Lazbuddie, has been predicting the weather using techniques learned at the side of his father and grandfather for several decades.

Based on the way smoke rises from a small fire at daybreak on March 22, the day after the vernal or spring equinox, Crim says it is possible to predict the general weather patterns for the next three months — April, May and June, with an accuracy rate of 80 to 85 percent.

"They remember when I'm wrong, but don't when

I'm right," Crim joked about his accuracy rating, something he has in common with television weathermen.

This year's forecast was made on a particularly windy and overcast morning. Crim said the heavy cloud cover made it

Crim says: More moisture on the way for Panhandle

difficult to precisely tell when the sun peeked over the horizon, and added that the strong winds "almost blew my feathers off."

Crim explained that his children had purchased a feathered headdress from a reservation store, and insisted that he wear it and Native American jewelry when he was predicting the weather because the

techniques used reportedly came from the Plains, or Plains Jumanos, Indians who adopted Crim's grandfather into their tribe and taught him.

Crim said his grandfather, Taylor Crim, was born in Kentucky and moved to Dallas as a child, only to travel further west at the age of 13, when his mother died.

Taylor eventually found himself working in the El Paso area for the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he met and befriended members of the Plains tribe, which normally wintered in that area and moved north into the Texas Panhandle as temperatures rose later in the year.

Taylor later bought a section of land at Lazbuddie from the XIT Syndicate in 1922, and died in 1937. Prior to his death, the weather ritual was passed along to Crim's father, John "J.W." Crim, who in turn passed it along to Weldon.

J.W. Crim died in 1980, at which time Weldon continued with the tradition. It's his hope to one day pass it along in turn to his son, Rodney.

In 2002, after the death of his wife, Crim said he put his farm into CRP and retired,

moving to Clovis, N.M., but that he still returns to the family homestead on March 22 to build his bonfire and watch the smoke rise.

This year, the smoke blew from east to west, signifying there would be above normal.



Weldon Crim predicts the Muleshoe area weather from his farm at Lazbuddie on March 22.

Local Weather

Thurs.
Windy..... 70/35

Fri.
Pt. Cloudy.... 75/42

Sat.
Mt. Cloudy... 81/44

Sun.
Mt. Sunny.... 82/44

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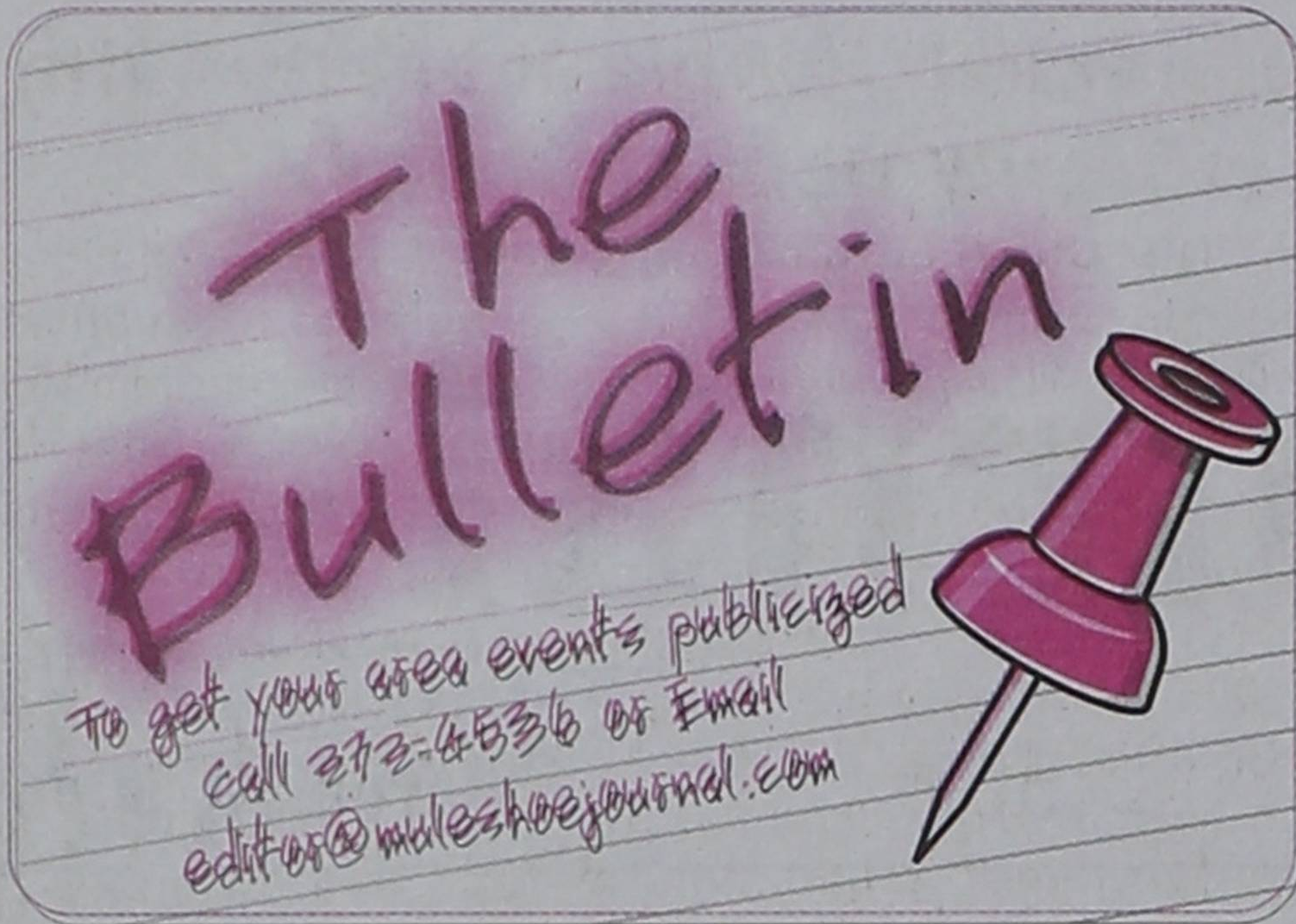
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The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board will be holding a "Gator Giveaway" to be on May 21, to raise money for Project for the South Plains College, Muleshoe Center, School of Nursing.

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.

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.

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.

Class of 1976

The Muleshoe Class of 1976 will meet Saturday, April 1, at 6 p.m., at Leal's to plan its 30 year reunion. All area classmates are urged to attend and help locate the out-of-town class members. Contact Jana at 965-6767 for more information.

Drivers License office closed

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

AA and Al-Anon meeting

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.

Cancer screening to be held

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, in Muleshoe on April 3.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Longhorn Pride to host tourney

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride will be sponsoring its annual '3 on 3' basketball tournament April 21-22 at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium. The games will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and resume at 8 a.m. on April 22. There is a \$50 entry fee for advance registration. For additional information contact Lazbuddie ISD.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, and the Bailey County Diabetes Coalition will sponsor the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program. The fourth session will be Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum.

This program is free of cost to everyone interested. Diabetics and care givers are encouraged to attend. Participants will learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the recommended ranges.

The fourth session topics include: "Dietary Treatment of Diabetes" and "Diabetes and Exercise." "Dietary Treatment of Diabetes" focuses on treating diabetes through nutrition. "Diabetes and Exercise" will address the effect of exercise on blood glucose; identifying the steps for exercising safely; and when, where, and how long to exercise.

For more information concerning diabetes or the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Help sought for annual graduation project

Parents of the Muleshoe High School Class of 2006 need your help to make Project Graduation safe, fun and memorable for the graduates.

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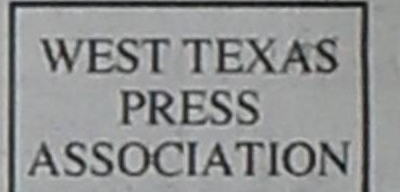
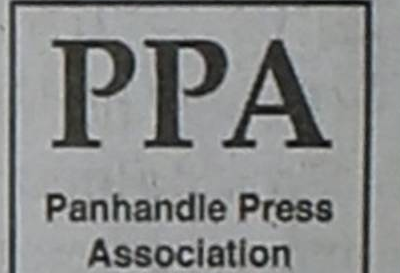
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Engagement



Dodd, Bradley engaged

Gene and Vowery Carlile are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Coleen Dodd of Lubbock, Bret Corey Bradley, also of Lubbock.

The prospective bride is a 1993 graduate of Sundown High School, a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, and is employed as a Children's Protective Services supervisor in Lubbock.

She is the granddaughter of Dan and Millie Throckmorton of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Bobby and Frances Bradley. He is a 1992 graduate of Plainview High School and a 2005 graduate of South Plains College. He is employed as an LVN at Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

The wedding has been set for April 22, at 3 p.m., at the 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ in Muleshoe, with a reception to follow at the same location.

Bridal Shower



GENTRY CREECH

Creech, Slayden honored

Gentry Creech and Josh Slayden were honored at a bridal shower on March 19 at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Linda Shuster, Lavon Hunt, J'Layne Kemp, Judy Puckett, Sue Johnson, Cindy Harrison, Diana Harrison, Mani Seaton, Gwen Sinclair, Debbie Jo Kemp, Suzie Claunch, Terry Byers, Jamie Myers, Terri Bohler and Tina Bohler.

Gifts received by the prospective bride and groom included a gift card from Lowe's Home Improvement.

Special guests in attendance included Peggy Creech, Kaci Brown and Crystal Freeman.

Jeremiah People set to perform at Trinity Baptist Church

The Christian musical group, *The Jeremiah People*, will be performing at Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe on Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

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Julia Hutton

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Julia weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces at birth, and was 20 inches in length. Julia has one sibling, Will

Hutton, who is 18 months old.

Grandparents are Jim and Jan Crawford of Muleshoe and Terry and Druscilla Hutton of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Cynthia Crawford of Muleshoe, Ann Paterson of Tahoka, Sam Damron of Lubbock, and Horace Hutton, also of Lubbock.

De La Torre to perform

Robert De La Torre, an original member of the internationally known *Galileans*, is scheduled to perform at the First Assembly of God of Muleshoe on April 2, at 10:30 a.m.

De La Torre's desire to be faithful to the call, of spreading the glorious gospel, through singing and preaching of the Word,

has allowed him to travel extensively through out Canada and United States, and in Latin America.

Although many changes have occurred in Gospel Music, since the *Galileans* received their Dove Award for New Artists of the Year, De La Torre has maintained an individual style that people from different walks of life can relate to.

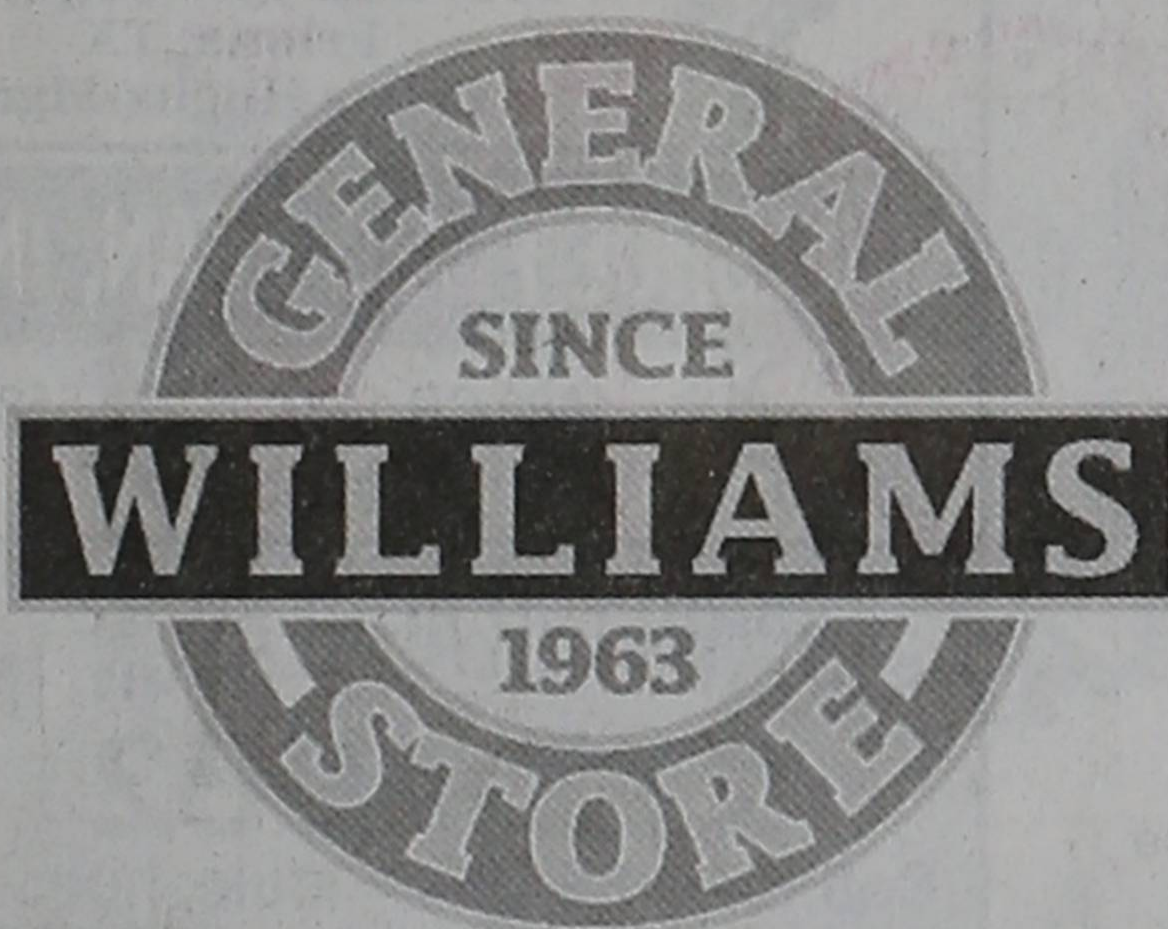
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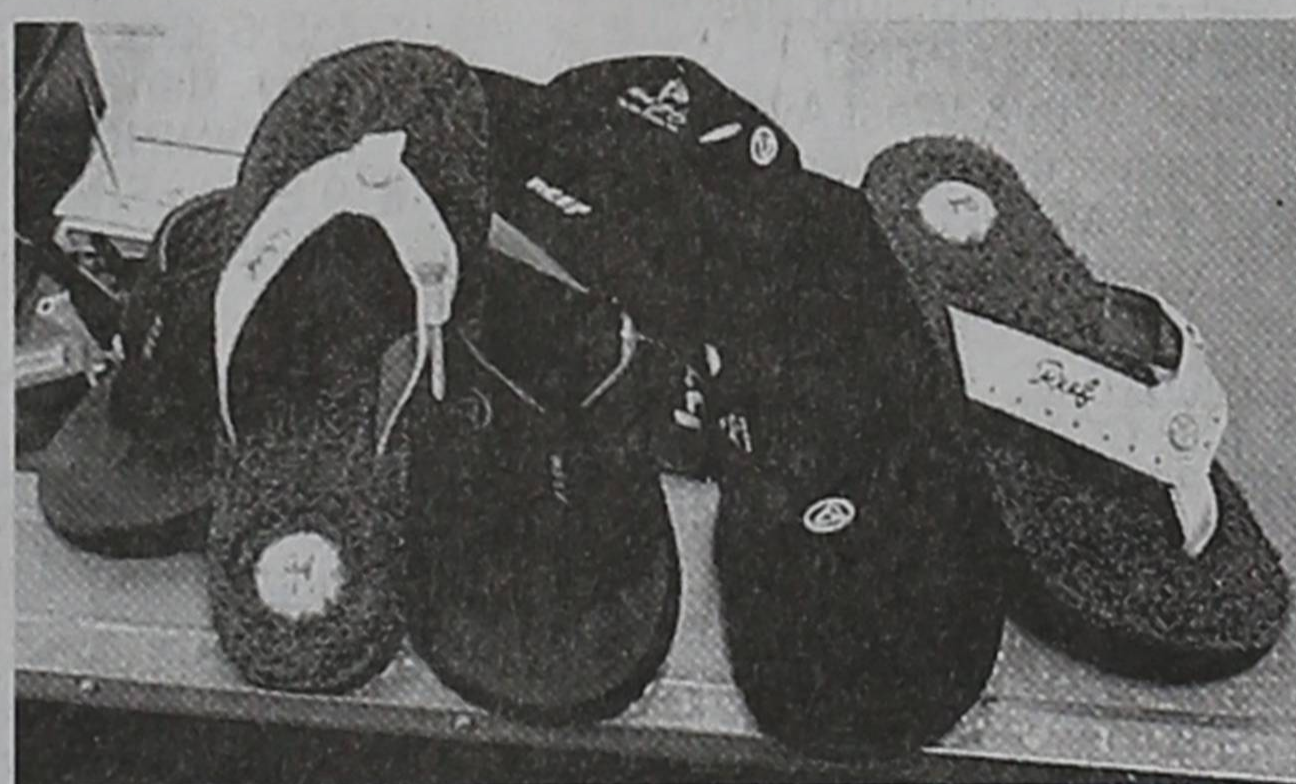
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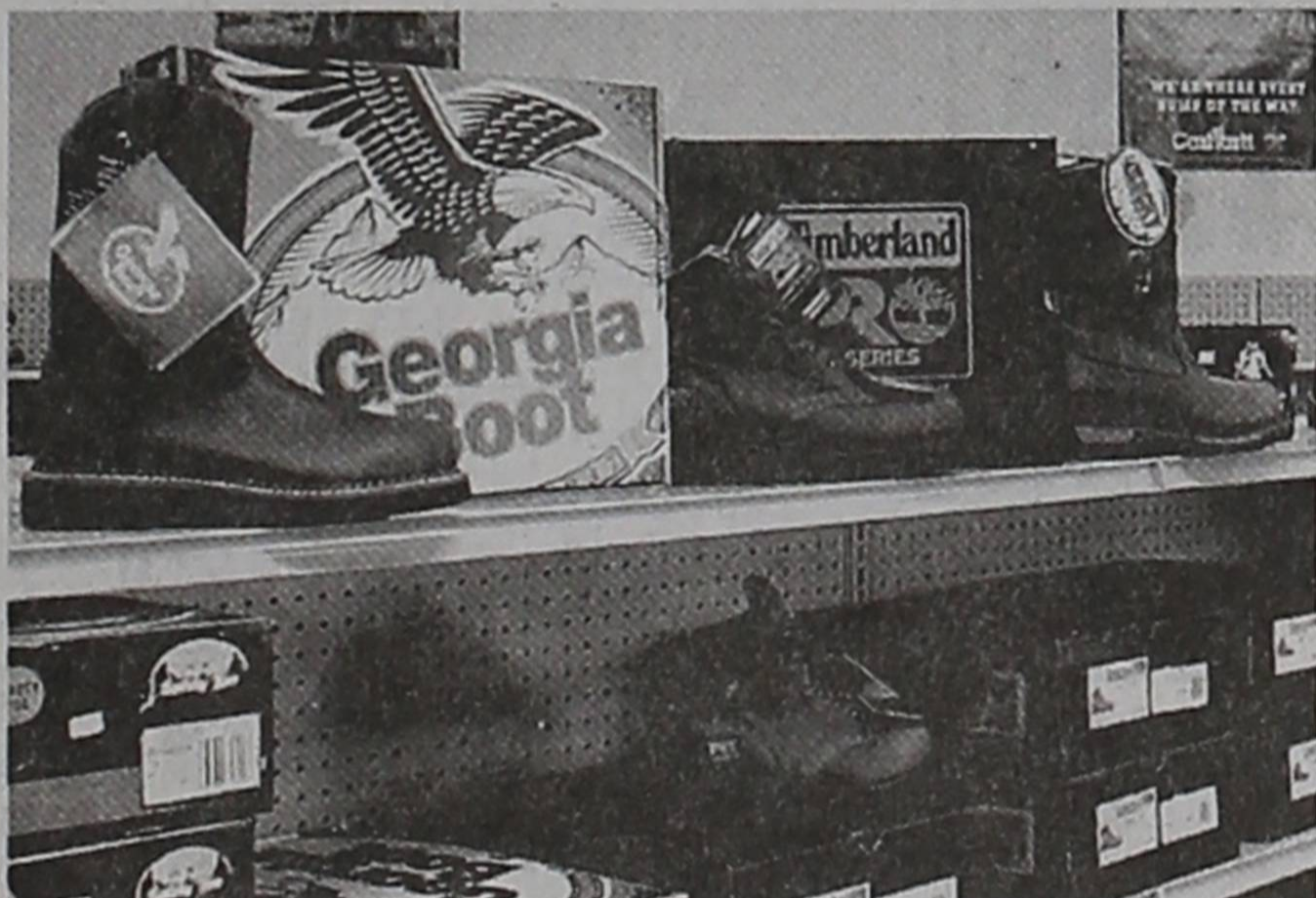
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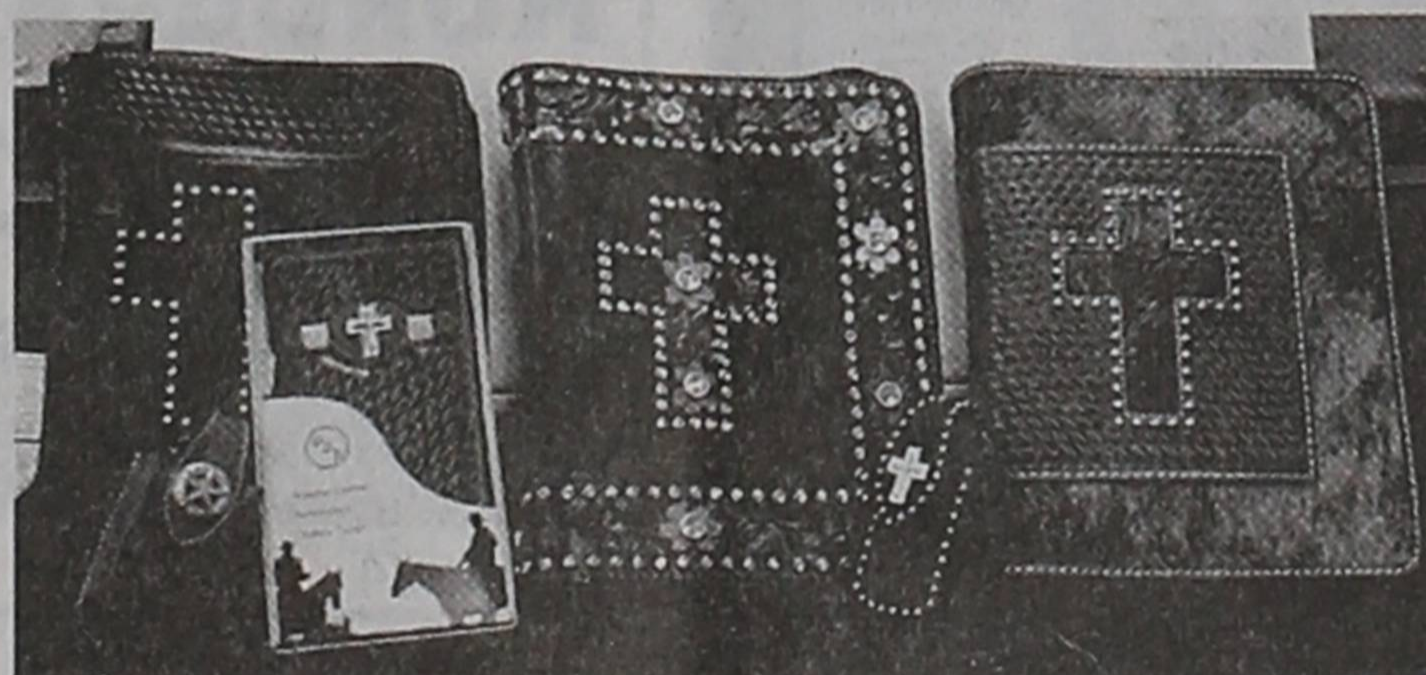
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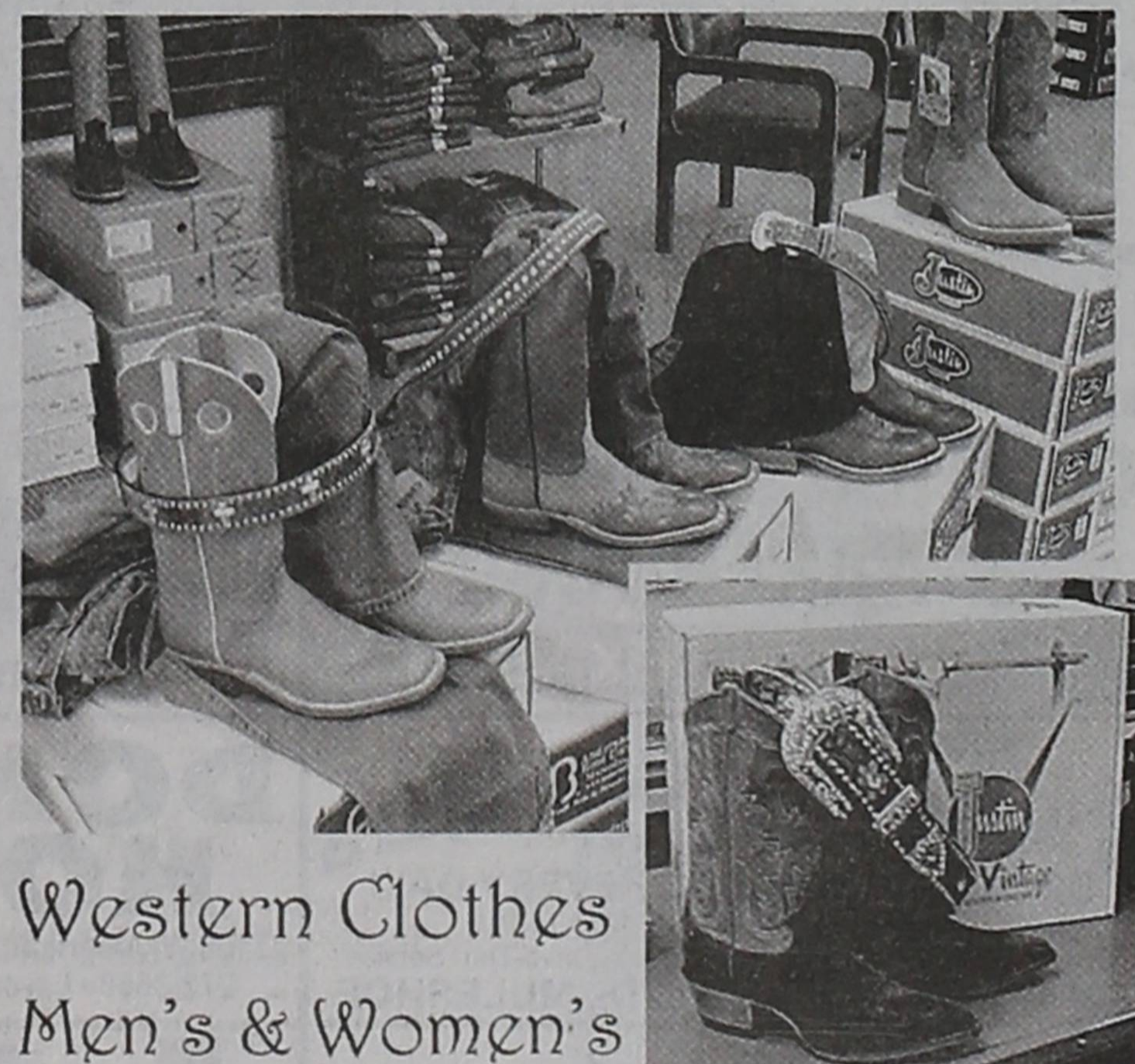
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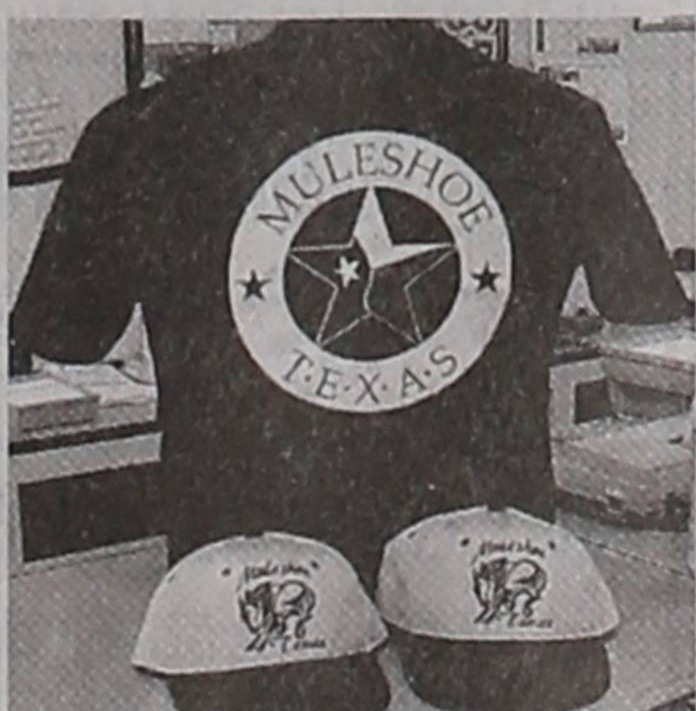
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JACOB'S TOIL
JACOB HAS JOURNEYED TO HIS KINSMAN LABAN'S TOWN IN THE SEARCH FOR A WIFE — NOW RACHEL, LABAN'S DAUGHTER, IS APPROACHING WITH HER SHEEP...

BEHOLD, THOU ASKEST IF ALL IS WELL WITH LABAN, AND, HERE NOW, APPROACHETH HIS DAUGHTER RACHEL WITH HER SHEEP.

RACHEL IS A COMELY MAIDEN!

...AND JACOB ROLLS THE STONE FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE WELL...

LET ME WATER THY SHEEP FOR THEE, RACHEL!

WHY SHOULDST THOU TOIL WHEN I CAN DO IT FOR THEE!

HOW IS IT THAT THOU, A STRANGER, DO THIS FOR ME WHO THOU HAST NEVER SEEN BEFORE?

AH, RACHEL, RACHEL! I AM THY KINSMAN — A SON OF THY FATHER'S SISTER!

HOW NOW! WHY DOES RACHEL RUN AWAY — WHAT HAVE I DONE THAT SHE SHOULD ACT THUS?!

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Obituaries

Elfreda McGehee

A church service for Elfreda McGehee, 84, of Lazbuddie, was held on Tuesday, March 28, at the Lazbuddie Church of Christ with David Bennett of Portales officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Mrs. McGehee died on March 24, 2006, in the Autumn House at Littlefield. She was born on Aug. 20, 1921, in Fe, N.M., and married John Richard McGehee in Las Cruces, N.M., on May 4, 1940.

After their marriage Elfreda and John farmed in the Post/Slaton area before moving to Lazbuddie on Jan. 22, 1952. John farmed until his death in 1992.

Elfreda was a homemaker and an avid artist. She moved to

Littlefield in 2003. She was a past member of the Lazbuddie Church of Christ and an active member of the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield.

Elfreda was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Hendrix, in 2001.

Survivors include two sons — Jerald McGehee and his wife Kay of Santa Fe, N.M., and Kenneth McGehee and his wife Joyce of Littlefield; three brothers — Billy Hendrix of Lubbock, Cecil Hendrix of Prue, Okla., and Nathan Hendrix of Albuquerque N.M.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Littlefield EMS, P.O. Box 1267, Littlefield, TX 79339 or one's favorite charity.

Jacob Fisher

A church service for Jacob Fisher, 30, of Hondo, formerly of the Sudan and Muleshoe area, was held on Friday, March 24, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner and the Rev. Robert Roecker officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, Littlefield.

Fisher died on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in Hondo. He was born on Dec. 5, 1975, in Amherst, and married Bonnie Hall in Sudan on July 8, 2000.

Fisher lived in the Sudan area most of his life. He was 1994 graduate of Sudan High School and a 2005 graduate of Ag Flight Flying School.

He was an active member of the A. A. in Littlefield and a member of the First Baptist Church of

Muleshoe. He was employed as a pilot for Rusty Lindeman Flying Service of Hondo.

Survivors include his wife — Bonnie Fisher; a daughter — Audra Mae Fisher; father and mother — Kenney and Connie Fisher of Sudan; father and mother-in-law — John and Ruth Hall of Sudan; grandparents — Charles and Helen Mixon of Sudan; a sister — Kendra Fisher of Sudan; and a brother and his wife — Jarrod and Jennifer Fisher of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, Hondo, Texas 78861; or the Scholarship Fund for Daughter, Audra Mae, at First Bank, 202 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or First United Bank, P.O. Box 60, Sudan, Texas 79371.

James Elder

A memorial service for James "Granny" Elder, 69, of Muleshoe, was held on March 29 at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Glenn Harlin of Springlake and the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating. Private interment followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Elder died on March 27, 2006, in Muleshoe. He was born on April 11, 1936, in Hamlin, and married Linda Guelker in Muleshoe on Feb. 10, 1984.

Elder had lived in Muleshoe since moving from Hamlin in 1949. He was the service manager for

the Dent & Co. in Muleshoe. Elder served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife — Linda of Muleshoe; three sons — Glen Green of Lubbock, Lee Elder of Dimmitt and Curtis Elder of Denton; two daughters — Stacy Amezcua of Lago Vista, and Karen Bartley of Amarillo; a sister — Freda Long of Muleshoe; two brothers — Thurman Elder of Portales, N.M., and Gerald Elder of Sweetwater; and 11 grandchildren.

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Hospital Report

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

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March 20 — Armando Flores, Jerry Adams, Doyle

Ford, Cathryn Stanford and Sherry Whiteaker.

March 21 — Gonzalo Lozano.

March 22 — Jose Morales and Patricia Young.

March 23 — Teddy Harrison and Eula Hennington.

'Night to shine' set for March 30

The annual Muleshoe High School Fine Arts Night to Shine will be held Thursday, March 30, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

During the course of the evening a one-act play being prepared for contest will be performed, and the choir and band will give brief programs. Displays from students in the art classes are also expected.

In addition, desserts will be served in the cafeteria, where a live auction will be held.

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Sports

Mules' winning streak continues

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules continue to find ways to win close ball games. They turned a Littlefield Wildcat fielding error into a 5-4 win in the two teams district opener.

"This was our sixth one run game of the season," said Mule coach Gilbert Ramirez. "We have come out on top in five of them. These kids just do not quit and know they will win the close ones."

The Mules had jumped out to a 4-0 lead by scoring two runs in each of the first two inning. Zane Johnson and the Mules held Littlefield scoreless until the fourth inning. Johnson walked the first batter in the fourth inning but got the second batter to hit a ground ball toward third.

Eddie Alvarado fought off a bad hop and fired a strike to Jarad Flores at second to force the lead runner. Flores stepped on the bag and threw to Geoff Sirkel at first to complete the double play.

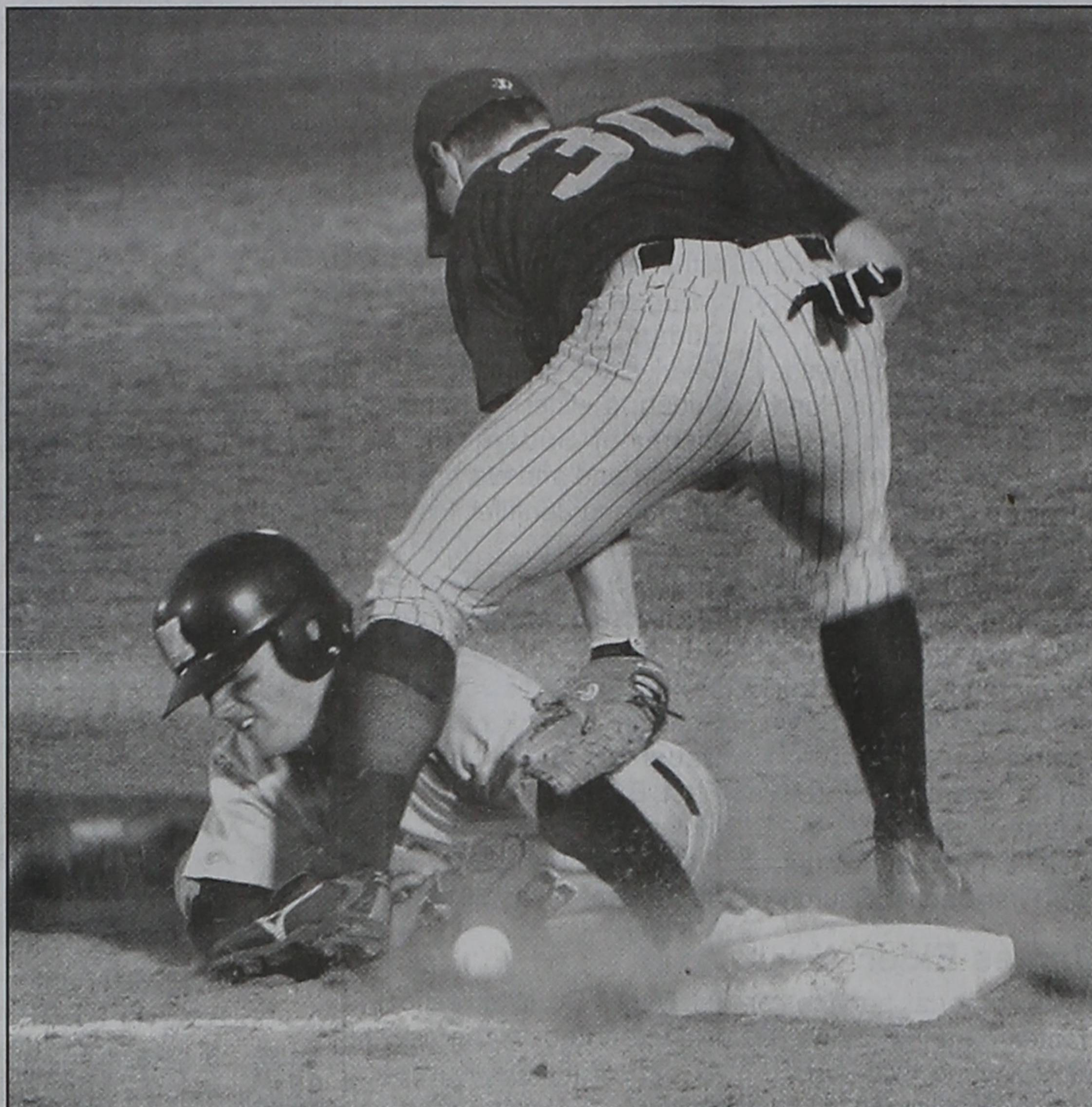
Johnson gave up three base hits in a row that resulted in two Wildcat runs before getting a fly ball to right. Garrett Behrends retreated to near the fence and made the grab for the final out to end the Wildcat rally.

The Mules loaded the bases in the bottom of the fourth with two outs before a tap back to the pitcher stranded three runners on base.

Elias Alvarado came on in relief in the top of the fifth with the bases loaded and no outs. A double, and error and a hit bats man had filled the bases with Wildcats before Elias Alvarado took the mound.

TJ Brantley allowed a pitch to get past him at the plate but scrambled for the loose ball at the backstop. Brantley made a perfect toss to the plate and Elias Alvarado made a sweeping tag on the Wildcat attempting to come home for the first out.

A tap back to the mound scored a runner as Elias



Mule Garrett Behrends catches a break as Littlefield's player drops the ball during the recent game against the Lobos.

Alvarado went to first for the sure out. Behrends made a running catch in right for the final out. The Wildcats trailed the Mules 4-3 after four and half innings.

Victor Vasquez led off for the Mules in the bottom of the fifth and reached on a fielding error. Timothy Conner hit behind the runner and moved Vasquez to third. Conner went to second on the throw to third. The next two Mules struck out and a tap back to the hill stranded Vasquez and Conner.

Two Wildcat base hits in the sixth tied the game at 4-4. Eddie Alvarado led off the sixth inning and reached on an error. Eddie Alvarado was forced at second on Brant Hamilton's tap to the short stop. Hamilton was forced at second when Flores high pop was dropped by the short stop. He recovered in time to force Hamilton at second as he had gone half way to second on the pop fly.

Flores stole second on the first pitch to Vasquez.

Vasquez walked to put Mules on first and second. Conner hit a hot shot to third that ate up the third baseman for an error. The third baseman found the ball and fired to first trying to get Conner.

His throw was wide of the bag and went in the Wildcat's dugout and advance the runners an extra base. Flores was on his way to third and trotted in for the winning run.

Eddie Alvarado tossed out the first Wildcat on a tap to third to begin the seventh. His throw was a little wide of the bag but Sirkel made the catch and tagged the runner as he went by. Elias Alvarado stuck out the next Wildcat on four pitches. He gave up a base hit before the final Wildcat went down looking at the pitch.

Hamilton and Flores crossed the plate in the first inning to put the Mules on top. Behrends and Eddie Alvarado added two more runs in the second inning to give the Mules their 4-0 lead before the Wildcats scored

a run. It appeared in the third inning the Wildcats would push their first run across. The first batter stroked a double to lead off the inning. Behrends drifted back for the catch in right for the first out and the runner advanced to second.

The next batter sent a blooper to right and Behrends had to charge the ball to make the grab. Behrends not only made the grab but in one motion fired a strike to TJ Brantley at home. Brantley blocked the plate and completed the double play with the tag to end the inning.

Elias Alvarado picked up his third win of the season against no losses.

The Mules had an open date on Friday and are now 13-2 on the season and 1-0 in district. The Mules are tied with Levelland at 1-0 for the district lead after one game.

The Mules traveled to Brownfield March 28 to tangle with the 0-2 Cubs and return home to battle the Levelland Lobos on April 1.

Athletics booster meeting set for April 3

The Muleshoe Athletics Boosters will be meeting on April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Muleshoe High School science room to discuss preparations for the Muleshoe Athletics Banquet, scheduled for May 1. All members are asked to attend.



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Lady Mules fall to Lady Pirates

By Delton Willhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team hosted the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates in their district opener Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Pirates proved to be much for the Lady Mules but Muleshoe hung tough with their defense to force the game to go a full seven innings.

This was the first time the Lady Mules had taken Cooper seven innings since the two teams began to play in district competition last season. Cooper scored three runs in the top of sixth to take an 11-0 lead.

The Lady Mules scored their only two runs of the game in the bottom of the sixth to force a seventh inning. Cooper defeated the Lady Mules 15-2.

Brittany Ambriz drew a one-out walk in the bottom of the sixth and went to second on a passed ball. Ashley

Dickson hit a line shot to left for a base hit and moved Ambriz to third. Dickson went to second on the first pitch to Jasmine Hernandez.

Hernandez blasted a shot off the shortstops glove for a single and brought Ambriz home. Lupita Andrade followed Hernandez lead and banged a line drive off the same glove to collect Dickson for the Lady Mules second run.

The Lady Mules never gave up more than three runs in an inning until the seventh when Cooper pushed across four runs.

The Lady Mules held the Lady Pirates scoreless in the third inning. The first batter popped out to Dickson at the hot corner (third base) and the second batter reached on an error.

She was forced out at second on a tap to Sunny Snider at second She scooped up the grounder and flipped it to Cecelia Reyna

covering the bag.

Ambriz handled a hot shot in the dirt up at first and stepped on the bag for the unassisted out to end the inning.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland Saturday and fell to the Loboettes 15-0 in five innings. The Lady Mules dropped to 0-2 in district. The Littlefield Lady Cats are next

on the schedule for the Lady Mules.

Brownfield does not have a softball team so the Lady Mules play Cooper, Levelland and Littlefield three times during district. The lady Mules hosted Littlefield Tuesday and travel to Cooper April 1. The Lady Mules return home to tangle with the Loboettes April 4.



Headed for the finish line

Mule Rudy Gonzalez, pictured above on the far right, hands off to Eric Washington in the third leg of the 400-meter relay at Friday's varsity track meet in Muleshoe. The team placed second in the event. Turn to page 11 for related story.

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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

"Beware the TAKS are coming!"

This week at Muleshoe High School, the teachers are starting TAKS tutorials to help the students pass TAKS next month. TAKS is the shortened version of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. They are supposed to help us... but I have my doubts.

I haven't lived in Texas very long, but that doesn't mean I can't have an opinion about the tests and all the pressures that come with the tests that the State of Texas insist we take. I am a junior at Muleshoe High School and so most of the pressure is on us, because we have to pass TAKS in order to graduate from high school.

Personally, I think the State of Texas has gone too far in pushing these tests. I think the legislature just wants to make the state look good as far as education goes. I don't think there is a single person who likes TAKS, and I don't blame them.

In Oklahoma, from where my family and I moved, they also have state testing the students must take, but there isn't nearly as much pressure as there is on Texas students.

I guess the point I am trying to make is that I don't think there is a single person who likes TAKS, and if there is I am so sorry for that person.

All of my classmates here have been taking these tests, or another form of state test, since long before I moved to Muleshoe, and I feel sorry for them also. I'm sure most of them have a much stronger opinion

about them than I, but unless something changes at the state legislature, unfortunately, we're going to be stuck with these tests next year as well. As for this year, I just want to get the tests behind me.

Another of my complaints about TAKS is that the textbooks don't cover stuff on the test. It would save the teachers a lot of work if they did.

Speaking of the teachers, a big hand should go to them. They are the ones who alter their lesson plans to help us pass the tests.

So when you encounter a teacher — whether it be from you or your child who has that teacher, be sure to thank them for their efforts.

Taking Time to Look Up Reminds Us That . . .

My youngest son, our fourth was recently able (because of the blessing of a generous gift) to join two of his brothers in Uganda. He plans to stay at least for several months. Having helped get an AIDS orphan relief program there rolling, #1 son will be coming home soon to be married. (Ah, I love having girls in the family! What a concept!) #3 son is planning to stay and continue growing that program and helping on the mission "as long as I'm welcome" and the Lord keeps that door open, and #2 son and his wife (Did I

universe, and that lots of really important things happen without our making them happen.

Looking up reminds us that Somebody created and sustains the heavens without any help or counsel at all from us. Someone far bigger than we are "determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name" (Psalm 147:4).

Looking up reminds me that the God who keeps this globe spinning and whirling through space and spreads the times and seasons of our lives before us also is the God who "spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes" (Psalm 104:16).

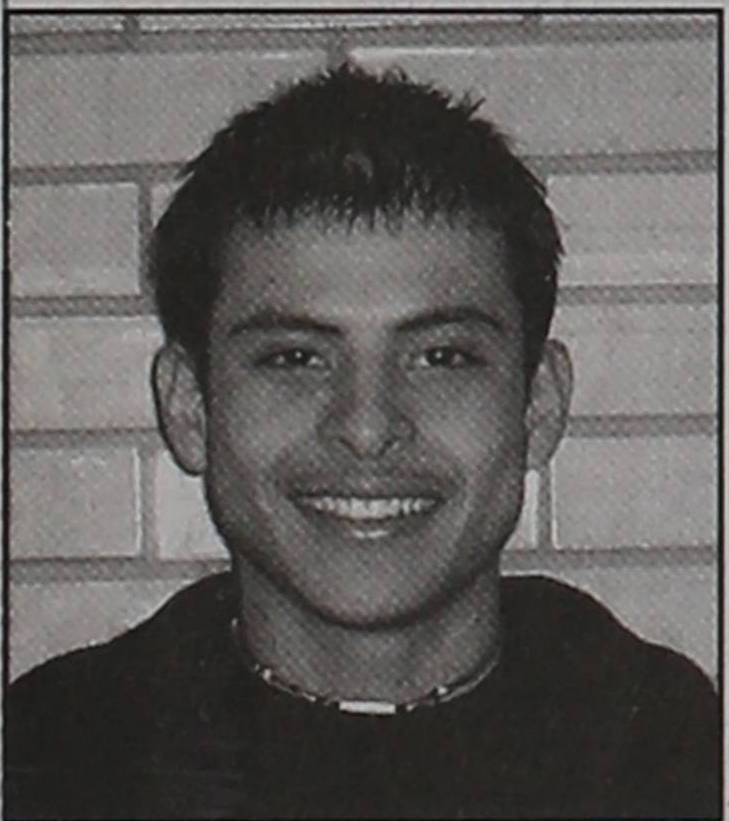
Looking up reminds us that, though God has prepared good works for us to do, the most important things that need to be done are not things we can do, but things we have to trust the Creator of the universe to do or graciously give us the power to do. We are dust. God is the One who flung the stars across the sky and who will sustain them.

Looking up reminds me that many more important things are happening today than those I have listed on my calendar.

Looking up reminds me how amazing it is that the God who is big enough to weigh "the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance," the great Shepherd of even the constellations who "brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name" is also the God who lovingly calls my name and invites me to bring all my cares before him (Isaiah 40).

No wonder Isaiah exhorts us, "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens" (40:26).

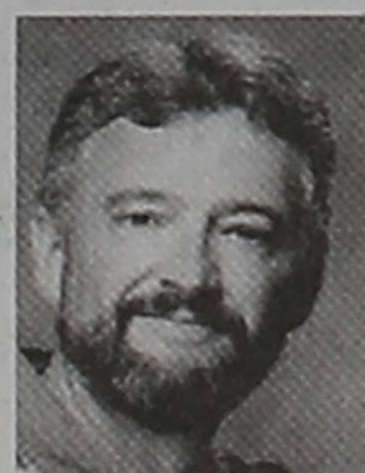
Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



AARON CHAVEZ

Lazbuddie student honored

Aaron Chavez, a junior at Lazbuddie High School, was recently named to the All District Boy's basketball team.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

mention how much I love our girls!?) are finishing student teaching right here in the great State of Texas on this very continent. These days, you need a program to figure out which of our four sons are on U.S. soil, which are getting married, and what's happening next week! But we're thankful!

In the midst of all the busyness, I hope I remembered to encourage Josh to spend some time in Africa checking out the sky of the southern hemisphere.

It strikes me as a shame that, even in this hemisphere, we don't spend much time looking up anymore. It's healthy to simply take a little time occasionally to step outside and focus heavenward.

Looking up reminds us that we are not the center of the

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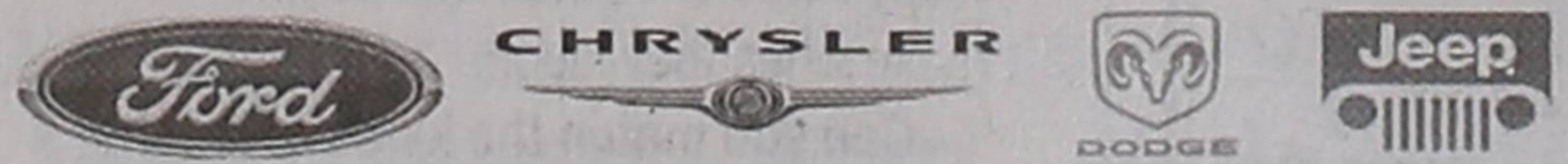
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Where's Wing? Can you find him?

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Laughing Matters!

I love to clown around. A good joke or funny story can make people feel good even if they "got up on the wrong side of the bed" in the morning.

Laughter helps us show our feelings of happiness or amusement. It is wonderful to have a good sense of humor. Being able to see and enjoy what is funny adds a lot of spirit to our lives. Laughing matters!

Entertainers and animal trainers will "jump through hoops" to amuse people. They work many long hours thinking of funny ideas and getting materials together for their shows. The words below the hoop tell some of the ways entertainers try to make people laugh. Can you find and circle them?

Forest earned \$15.00 so he could buy props to help him become a magician. He knows that he needs to buy the top hat and the magic wand for \$7.54.

Next, he will buy 3 tricks that will cost him \$5.10 and leave him with \$1.36 in change. What three tricks did Forest buy for \$5.10? Study the Price List below to find the three items that add up to \$5.10.

What "knightly" creature kept bugging the camping kids when they tried to sleep? Follow the dots to find out the answer:

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Sounds of Laughter

There are people who think that "clowning around" is no laughing matter! They take their work very seriously. They work hard to entertain and make people laugh. There are many kinds of sounds that people make when they laugh.

Can you match the kinds of laughs people make with their sounds?

1. belly laugh	A. sounds like a donkey
2. giggle	B. reminds one of a hen's "chatter"
3. howl	C. a silly laugh
4. cackle	D. a deep, loud, hearty laugh
5. bray	E. loud laugh, almost like a dog
6. chuckle	F. a burst of loud laughter
7. snicker	G. to laugh quietly, a bit meanly
8. guffaw	H. partly quiet laugh

Haw! Squeak!

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Left to right, top row — Alexandra Zablotsky, Shaylee Winchell, Adrienne Precure and AnnMarie McClelland; bottom row — Kyra Zablotsky, Taylor Winchell, Hadlea Geissler and Emily Precurer.

Sports Academy students place

Muleshoe Sports Academy competed in the 'Flipping in the Desert' competition in Hobbs, N.M., on February 18. Four hundred athletes from 30 teams competed in the competition.

For the Sports Academy team, this is their second competition of the year.

AnnMarie McClelland and Adrienne Precure competing in level 10 and level 9 trampoline won their first ever gold medals in their new levels.

"We moved them up to these new levels to make them eligible to travel to international competitions

over the next couple of years. We knew it would be tough with the level of competition that they would compete against. We were glad they were able to get a win under their belts to build their confidence for the rest of the year," team coach Amanda Bailey said.

Also winning gold on trampoline were Hadlea Geissler in the 9-10 years level 5; Taylor Winchell in 7-8 years level 5; Shaylee Winchell in 9-10 years level 6; and Kyra Zablotsky in 5-6 years level 2.

"We were extremely proud of the whole group. They continue to work hard and are getting great results from all the hours they have put in," said Will Green, MSA director.

The team will next compete in Floydada on April 1.

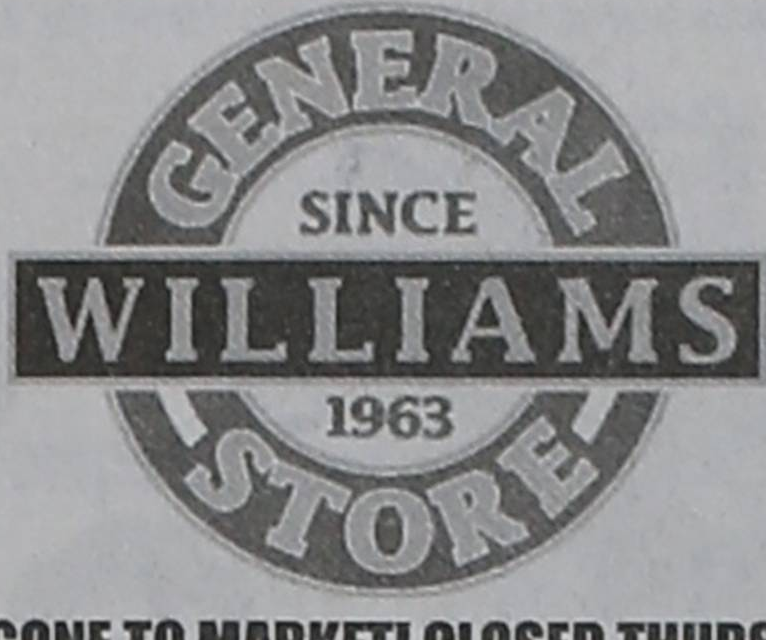
Individual results from the recent competition, for trampoline, tumbling, and double mini trampoline respectively, are as follows:

Taylor Winchell — 1, x, 9; Hadlea Geissler — 1, 10, 9; AnnMarie McClelland — 1, x, x; Alex Zablotsky — 2, 8, 3; Kyra Zablotsky — 1, 2, x; Shaylee Winchell — 1, 5, 6; Adrienne Precure — 1, x, x; Emily Precure — 4, 10, x.

Clinic to host open house

The Sudan Medical Clinic, 611 E. Hwy. 84, will be hosting an open house on Saturday, April 8, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Activities at the event will include free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings.



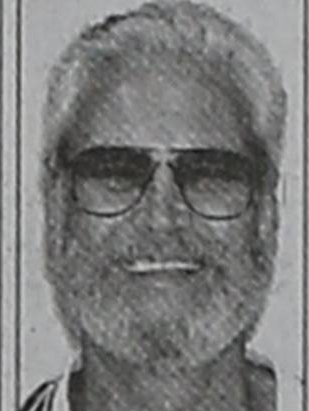
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Science, math honorees

The students pictured above placed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches' Association testing competition at Ralls Middle School on Saturday, March 4.

The students, from left to right, and their achievements were: Front row — Matthew Wiseman (third in seventh grade science), Carlos Sosa (seventh in sixth grade math), Weston Griswold (eighth in sixth grade math), Beau Avila (fourth in sixth grade science); back row — Ryan Hall (fifth in seventh grade science), Justin Strawn (second in seventh grade science), Steven Richards (sixth in eighth grade science) and Andrew Villareal (eighth in eighth grade science). Also, sixth grader Beau Avila qualified for the state competition in sixth grade science.

Wolf Man Kruse 2006 touring on Hwy. 84

Wolf Man Kruse 2006 will be traveling through Muleshoe on Saturday, March 31, according to event organizers. The Kruse, which is set to begin in Snyder on March 30, will travel through Littlefield and Muleshoe enroute to Amarillo. Among the car clubs taking part in the event are Snyder Wheels, Desert Cruizers and the Texas Panhandle Mustang Club.

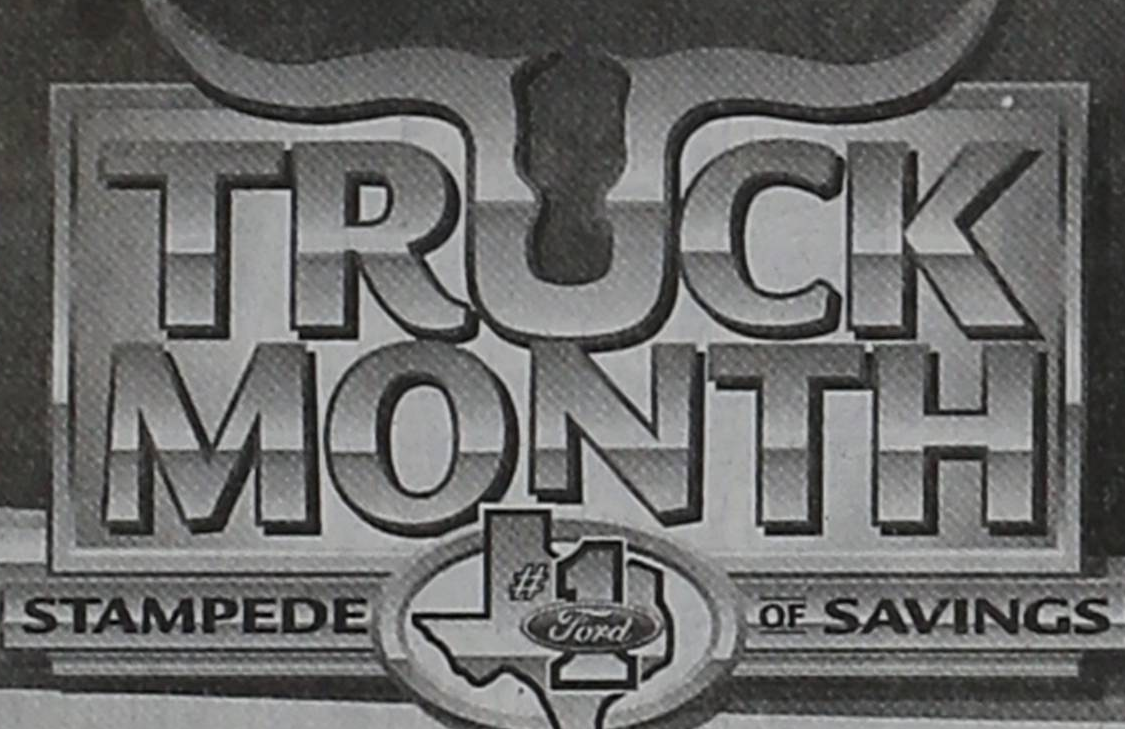


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Students of the week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of March 27 are, from left to right: Front row — Anabel Regalado, Hunter Carter and Crystal Rubio; back row — Amber Fuentes, Carlos Bustillos and Juan Rivas.

Muleshoe Youth Softball signup

Registration for girls fast-pitch softball will be held on April 1, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the junior high gymnasium. The cost is \$25, plus a fundraiser, per child, and is open to second through eighth grade. Please bring birth certificates. To sign up prior to April 1, contact Eddie or Rachel at 272-5588 or Frank or Elisa at 272-3043.

Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

Storytime for children ages 2 to 11 is every Tuesday from 4 – 5 p.m.

There will be no Storytime for April and May. I will start again in June.

June 1 is the day to sign up for Summer Reading Program.

The library has purchased:

- *Picture Perfect*, by Jodi Picoult.
- *The Storekeeper's Daughter*, by Wanda Brunstetter.
- *The Quilter's Daughter*, by Wanda Brunstetter.
- *Levi's Will*, by W. Dale Cramer.

Dyan's picks of the month:

Picture books — *Let Me Hold You Longer*, by Karen Kingsbury.

This pictures are beautiful in this book, but they don't even compare to the words this author wrote!

Junior Chapter Books — *Seventh-grade Tango*, by Elizabeth Levy.

This book is just hilarious. It talks about the embarrassing things kids go through during this time in their lives. It has a wonderful ending and I really enjoyed this book.

Youth Fiction — *The Princess Academy*, by Shannon Hale.

While Miri attends Princess Academy she learns the talents she has and she learns to love her homeland. This is a good book for discussing self-esteem.

Adult Fiction — Believe it or not I didn't read a fiction

book I could recommend! Adult Non-Fiction — *The Power of a Positive Woman*, by Karol Ladd.

This book is awesome! I think every woman should read this book at least once a year!

The Vow, by Kim and Krickitt Carpenter.

I loved this book and it was hard to put it down. It is a true story about a couple from New Mexico.

For Laci, by Sharon Rhoca.

This was a very touching story about Laci's life and the trial.

Stormie by Stormie, by Omartian

It is so amazing the things God can do with a life. This woman's story is very touching and just overwhelming.

The library's annual book sale is April 3 – 7.

We will have some newer hardback books for \$1 and the rest will be .25.

The paperbacks will be .10 each. We will have lots of children and junior books this year.

Come into the library and find the books you have been wanting and help our Friends of the Library organization at the same time!

Library week is also what we call "Amnesty Week."

This is the one week out of the year you can bring back overdue books and not pay any fines. Please look through your bookshelves and find all your library books that are way overdue and return them!

Publication of Obituaries

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

Thanks for reading!

Spring Forward

Don't forget to change your clock when you go to bed Saturday, April 1!

Thank you does not seem adequate to express to you my appreciation for the hard work and support from the voters in Precinct 2. I will work very hard for Precinct 2 residents as well as all residents in Bailey County to deserve the trust that you have placed in me, just as I have in the past. My heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to each one of you.

Sincerely,
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Sports

Second in relay gives Mules track win

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules ran second behind the Lubbock Cooper Pirates in the 4x400 meter relay to hang on for a one point win over the Pirates. The Mules won their own Mule Relays with 139

points. Cooper finished with 138, Littlefield 129, Lubbock Roosevelt 88, Brownfield and Shallowater had 24.

Garrett Riley cleared five feet 10 inches to take second in the high jump. Adam Zamora cleared 5-8 for fourth place. Caleb

Heinrich threw the discus 128-0 1/4 for second place. Zane Matthews finished sixth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12 minutes 26.13 seconds.

Eric Washington leaped 20-4 1/2 in the long jump for first place. Rudy Gonzales was third with a leap of 19-2. The 4x100 relay team of Dusty Clayton, Gonzales, Washington and Brant Hamilton finished second with a time of 44.17.

Gonzales and Bradley Branscum finished fourth and fifth in the triple jump with distances of 38-7 and 38-2. Michael Lee took second in the pole vault with a 13-6 and Lane Wood took fifth with a 12-0.

Brady Black took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.28 and Wood ran third with a 17.29. Washington ran sixth in the 100-meter dash with an 11.60. The 4x200 meter relay team of Clayton, Branscum, Riley and Timothy Conner took third with a time of 1:39.42.

Black cruised to a first place finish with a time of 39.93 in the 300-meter hurdles and Dustin Barker took fifth with a 46.04. Hamilton and Gonzales took second and fourth in the 200-meter dash with times of 23.14 and 23.35 respectively.

Colby Carpenter ran sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 5:29.31. Washington ran the first 400-meters of the relay and had the Mules in second at the first exchange. Black over took the Pirates and had the Mules in the lead when he handed off to Gonzales.

Gonzales maintained the distance in his 400 meters. Hamilton held off the Pirates until the final two strides. The Mules finished the race in second with a time of 3:34.36. Finishing second behind the Pirates clinched the win for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Brownfield March 31 for the Cub Relays and compete in the Wildcat Relays in Idalou April 7.

Lady Mules capture track win over Lady Pirates

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Every point counts in a close track meet and the Lady Mules found themselves in a battle with district rival Lubbock Cooper Friday on the Lady Mules home track. The Lady Mules grabbed a two point win over the Lady Pirates of Cooper by taking the final event of the day.

The Lady Mules had to finish one place ahead of the Cooper to hang on to the win. The Lady Mules won the Muleshoe Relays with a total of 157 points to defeat Cooper with 155, Shallowater had 111, Littlefield 76, Lubbock Roosevelt 61, and Brownfield 57.

Ashley Grumbles got the Lady Mules started in the first event of the day with a fifth place finish in the 3200 meter run. She finished in a time of 14 minutes 1.96 seconds. Morgan Smith took third in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet eight inches.

Kathryn Owens was fifth in the shot put with a toss of

28-6. Kyra Kimbrough place first in the triple jump with a total of 33-3 and Kelsey Tipps was fifth with 31-6 3/4. The 4x100 meter relay team of Cecelia Reyna, Tipps, Amy Withrow and Kimbrough finished second with a time of 54.67.

Withrow took the high jump by clearing 4-10 and Brandi Wood was sixth with a 4-8. Kate Lepard finished first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.93 and Chelsi Hawkins was second with a 2:38.21.

Withrow won the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.01. Amelia Clemmons took second in the 100-meter dash with a 13.42. The 4x200 meter relay team of Reyna, Tipps, Clemmons and Kimbrough ran second with a time of 1:54.51.

Smith was fifth in the 400-meter run with a 70.28. Kasey Wood soared to a win in the pole vault with a vault of 9-0 and Kimbrough was second at 7-6. Cassie Steinbock took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 56.20 and Reyna was sixth with a 60.07.

Kimbrough finished sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.99. Chelsi Hawkins ran in the shadow of probably the fastest 1600-meter runner in the district for two lap. Hawkins dropped of the pace slightly for the final two laps for a second place finish with a 6:01.11. Grumbles finished fourth with a 6:21.64.

The Lady Mules had to win the 4x400 meter relay to win their own meet. Lepard ran the first lap and was in second place behind the girl from Cooper. Tipps took the baton and not only passed Cooper but put some space between her and Cooper. Withrow increased that lead on her lap and handed off to Clemmons for the final 400-meters. Clemmons ran for the Lady Mules lives and finished almost five seconds ahead of Cooper. The Lady Mules finished with a time of 4:24.78.

The Lady Mules are in Brownfield for the Cub Relays March 31 and then run in the Wildcat Relays in Idalou April 7.

Muleshoe tennis team competes at Levelland

The Muleshoe tennis teams were in action in Levelland this past week. The Levelland Tournament is divided into three different divisions.

The girls doubles teams of Brittini Carter and Tara Fuller took third in the Green Division. Calli Hancock and Lindsey Hall took third place in the Blue Division.

The boys doubles team of Lane Wood and Wes Wood won three matches before having to leave for a track meet and were unable to complete the tournament.

The Sudan and Dimmitt tennis teams were in Muleshoe for a meet Tuesday. The Muleshoe teams return to Levelland for a tournament April 1. The District 2-3A Meet will be held in Levelland April 4 and April 6.



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I am 69 years of age and I have lived in Bailey County for over 60 years. I have been in business in Muleshoe for over 40 years and served in civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, as Mayor and City Councilman of Muleshoe and I have been an active volunteer worker at the Center for the past two years. Darlene and I have donated several thousand dollars in money and services and hundreds of hours of volunteer work. My reward has been repaid many times over by the smiles and improved status of the senior's health and happiness. I am proud to be serving as President of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

This background is given to show that perhaps I am in a better position to give you a truthful and factual report about the Center instead of the sensational and misleading story that you had the opportunity to read on the front page of the March 16, 2006 issue of the *Muleshoe Journal* written by Larry Thornton.

I am proud to serve with many other generous and kind volunteers who work together to make this community a better place to live, not just for senior citizens but for everyone who lives here. These volunteers have worked together to make the Bailey County Senior Center the envy of other centers in this area. Please let me report to you why this is a true and accurate statement. The Center has 186 participants who enjoy a variety of activities. In February, we served an average of 65 hot, well balanced and nutritious meals at a cost of \$3.00 per person and prepared 44 meals for Meals On Wheels to be delivered by other county volunteers. On Tuesday (game day), there is an average of 24 seniors who play games. On Thursday, there is an average of 25 seniors who enjoy Bingo. The seniors put puzzles together, walk for exercise, play pool, use exercise equipment, use the five new computers with access to e-mail, and meet with friends for coffee and fellowship. We also have a Senior Dance on Tuesday night that averages 11 local citizens and 41 senior guests from West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The Center has five employees. I recall when the City, the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Board were all pleased and happy when a new or old business developed a payroll for five new people.

The Center is experiencing more participants in more programs than any time in its short history. The Center is well managed and strong financially. Thus, you may ask, why the article of March 16, 2006? There will always be those who do not join in unison for the good of the majority. For those of you who want an "on the spot" observance of the Center's operation, please come in person.

I'm happy that I live in Bailey County where the honest, hard working and responsible citizens look for ways to make this area better.

Since March 16, I have made a pledge to the Senior Center Participants that should prove without a doubt where I stand. It goes like this:

"I pledge to work diligently and responsibly in cooperation with others for the improvement and betterment of the Bailey County Senior Citizens Center without regard for personal or selfish gain. To serve the Center is an honor and privilege to help my fellow senior citizens to enjoy their golden years of retirement."

Signed: *Kenneth R. Henry*
Date: March 28, 2006
Witness: *W.B. Kattrell*

I have asked others to make the same pledge and they are listed below with their signed and witnessed pledge on file at the Center. All the Board members are in agreement with this report and they have been the first to sign the Pledge. If you would like to join us in being productive, positive and helpful citizens, then please come sign your pledge and start participating.

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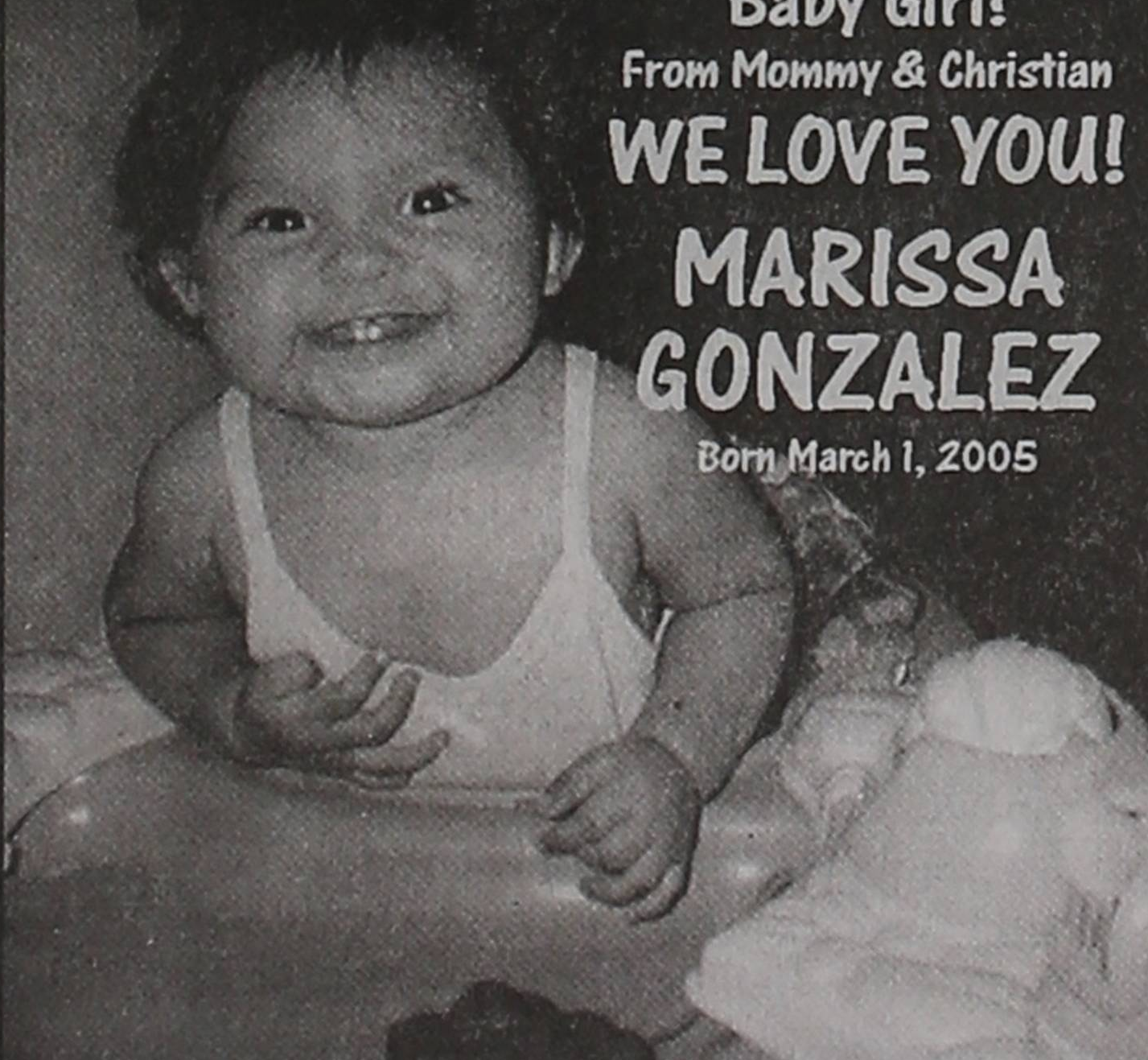
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Muleshoe Art Association's 2006 show set for April 3-4

The Muleshoe Art Association's 2006 Art Show has been set for April 3-4 at Muleshoe State Bank community room.

Entries will be accepted on Monday, April 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All members of the Muleshoe Art Association may enter. Non-members may pay an entry fee of \$10

for each painting submitted, or join the art association and pay the \$5 per painting entry fee. Membership dues are \$20.

There is no limit on the number of entries submitted, but entries should not have been shown, previously in the Muleshoe art competition shows. Each artist is to bring easels to display the

submitted paintings. No submissions with wet paint allowed.

The show will be judged on April 4, beginning at 9 a.m. At 2 p.m., the judge will give a critique of the paintings and awards will be presented.

This will be the art

association's program for April. Winning paintings will be on display in the bank until April 14, and should be picked up before 3 p.m. on that day.

Paintings should be wired for hanging. Attach a card to the back stating the artist's

name, address, media and price. Entries that are not for sale must be so designated.

Paintings will be handled and displayed at the artist's risk.

Any artist will be limited to one cash award other than the purchase award.

'Night to Shine' set for March 30
The annual Muleshoe High School Fine Arts Night to Shine will be held Thursday, March 30, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

MISD School board...

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been called.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the minutes from its March 13 meeting.
- Took no action on the renewal of the school district's contract with Aramark. Although the board members received its monthly report from Aramark, which contracts for food services with the district, it was noted that the item was listed on the agenda a month early and action wasn't needed at this time.

According to the report, the Food Services Department made a profit of \$13,272.70 for the month of February, for a year to date profit of \$59,798.52.

- Approved a \$559,244 budget amendment, of which the largest single item listed was \$101,404 to pay for the state required — but unfunded — increases in teachers' salaries.

- Recognized the achievements of the Muleshoe boys and girls basketball teams.

"All someone has to do is travel around to other schools to see how fortunate we are," Muleshoe High School Principal David Jenkins said, referring to the character of the students who represent the school district in its athletic and academic competitions.

"We appreciate your coming tonight, and allowing us to honor you," the superintendent said at the conclusion of the awards presentation.

- Voted to cancel the May 13 trustee election for Dist. 1 and Dist. 4. Incumbents Thurman Myers and Curtis Shelburne were unopposed in both the regular filing period, and for write-in candidates. They will be sworn into office at the school board's May 22 regular meeting.

The school district's bond election is still set for May 13.

- Adopted an emergency operations plan and updates to the board's policy manual.

- Accepted the resignation of Linda Pshigoda, Gaylene Whitworth, Julie Gruben, Jodie Urbantke and Ryan Shober.

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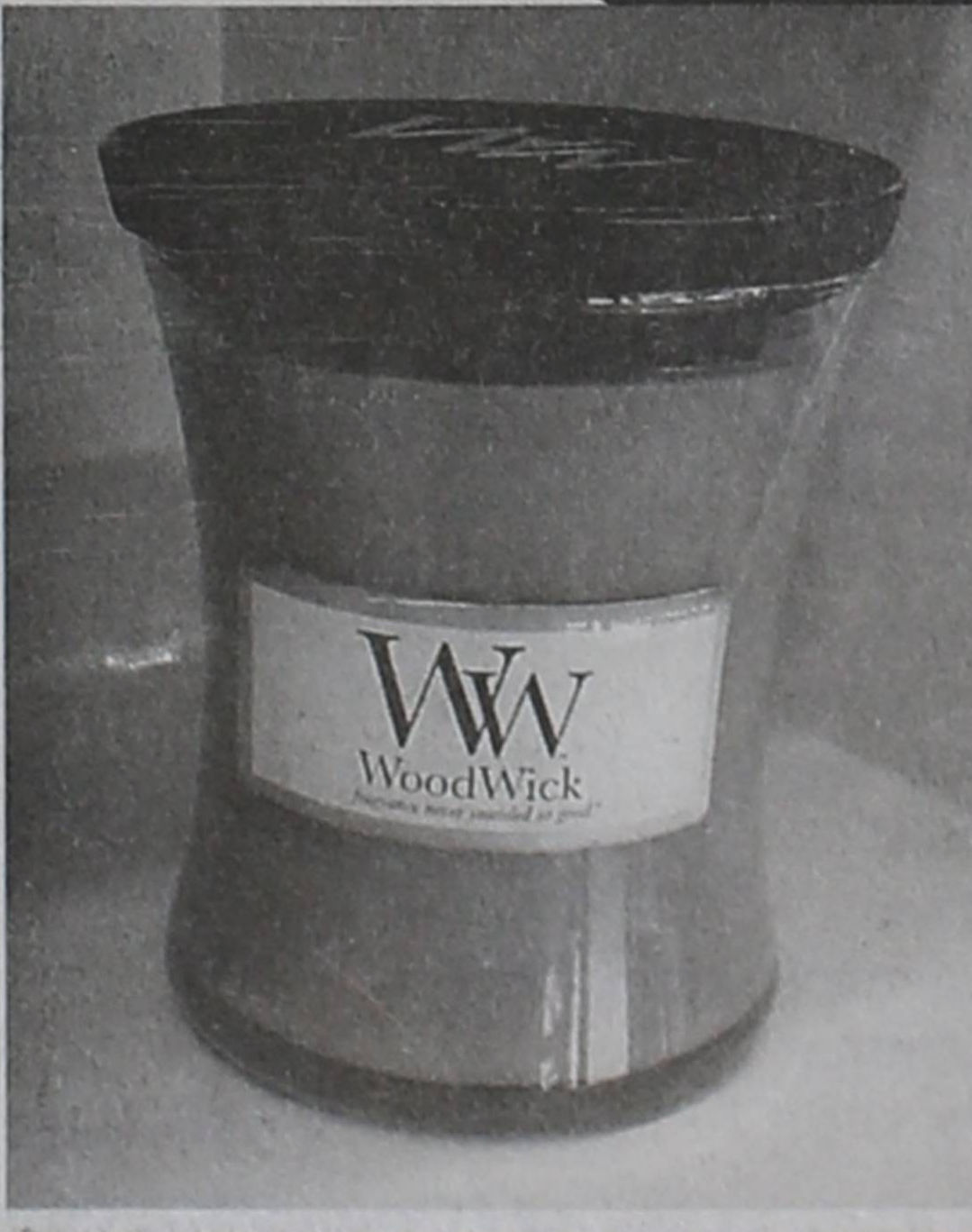
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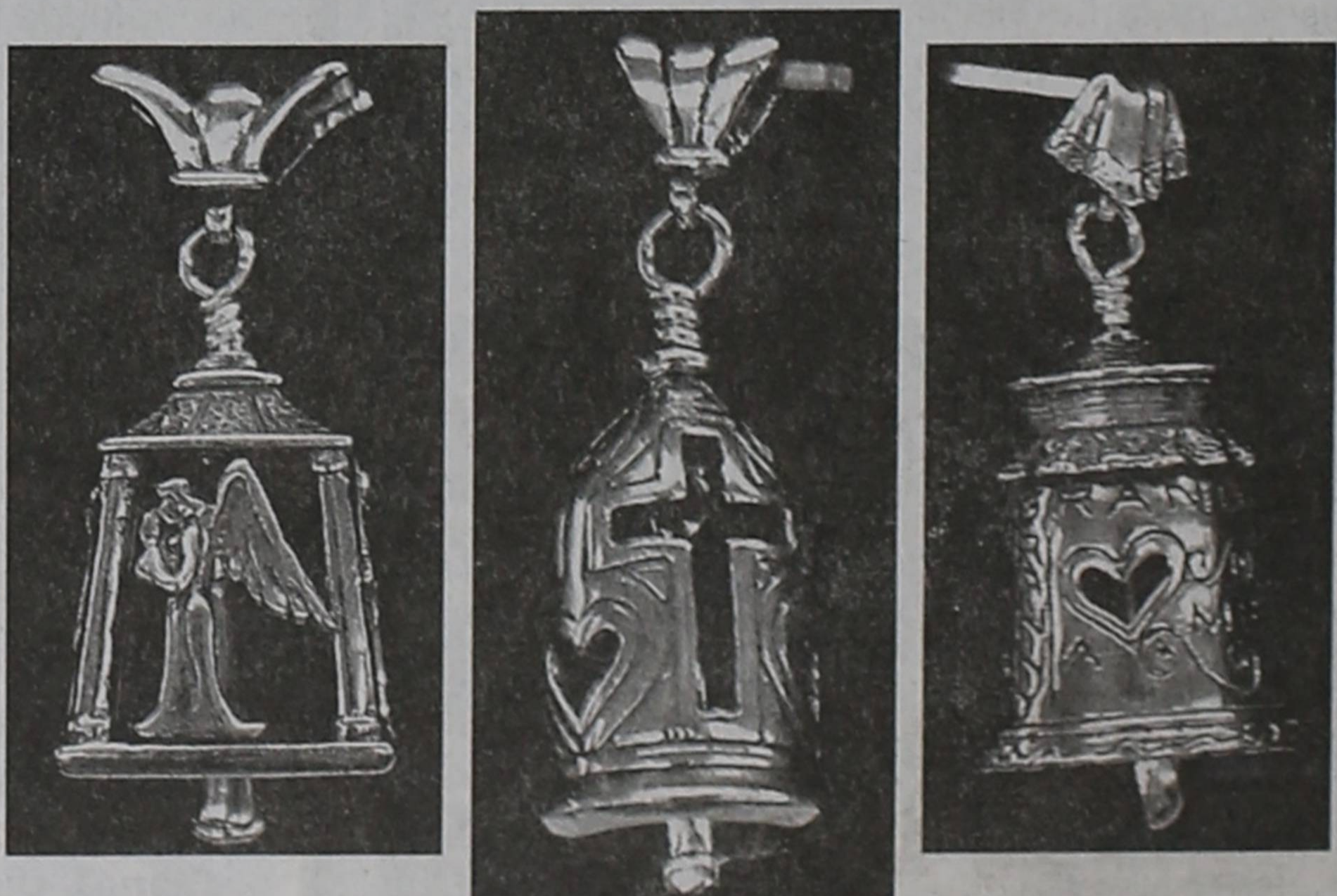
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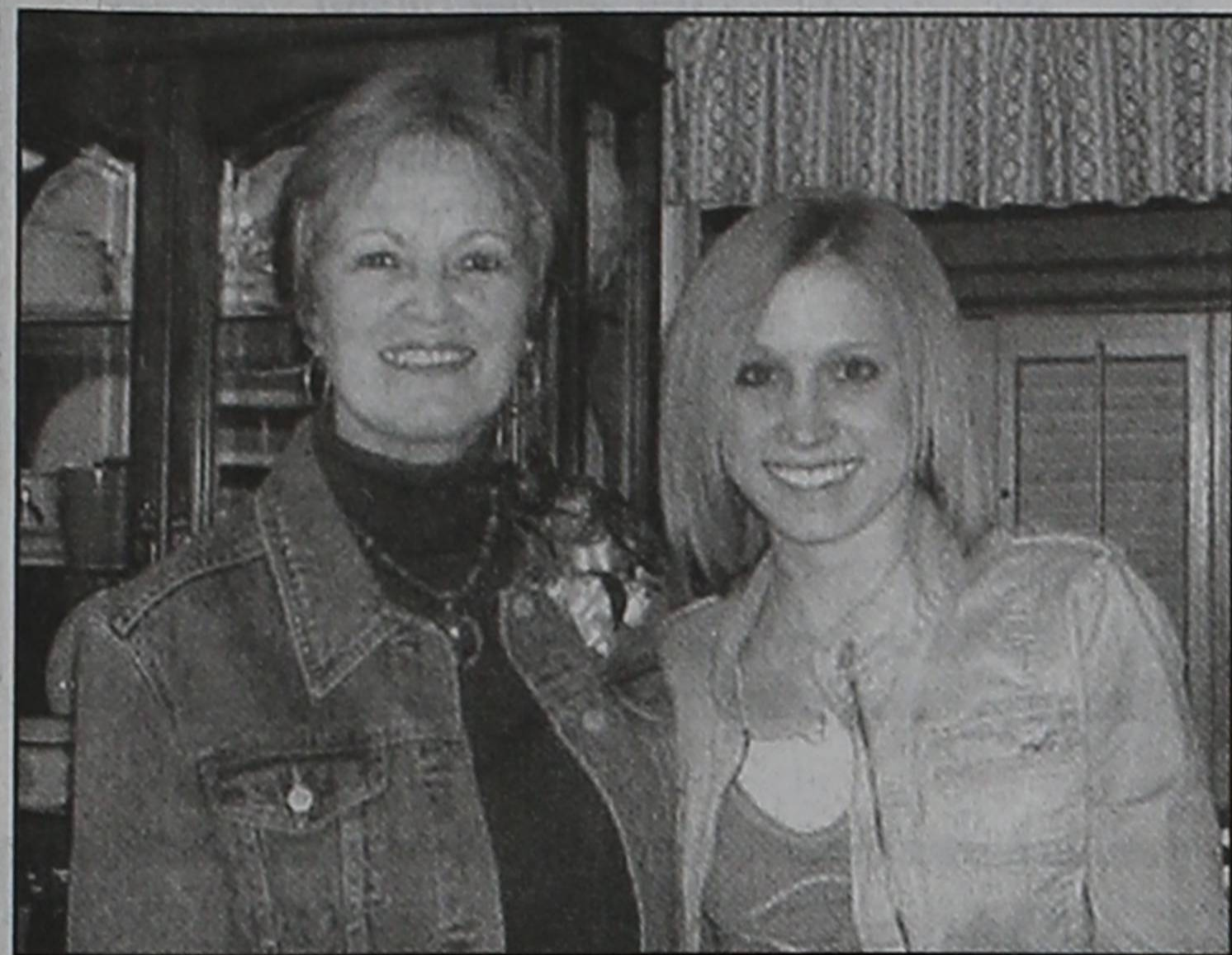
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Club News



SCAC Citizen of the month Janet Claborn is welcomed to the March meeting by member Hillary Tipps.

SCAC holds monthly meeting

The Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) met March 20 in the home of Eddie Alvarado.

The president, Brady Black, called the meeting to order and asked Eddie to say the prayer. Next, Secretary Hillary Tipps read last month's meeting minutes, followed by Kate Lepard's treasurer's report.

Old business discussed included SCAC's seniors who helped out with the food pantry. The club wrapped up on the Shamrock sales for its Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser.

New business included a discussion about the upcoming bake sale on Channel 6, set for this Saturday, March 25.

Also, the Heritage Foundation board is talking to architects about

remodeling and encourages any members to attend the meetings. The board has received two grants to help with the development.

The next meeting is on April 3. SCAC members need to start thinking about ideas on fixing the James Ranch House.

Towards the end of the meeting, Hillary introduced Janet Claborn, SCAC's citizen of the month, who spoke about economic development.

SCAC is getting ready for new member recruitments; and will vote on new members at next month's meeting.

The possibility of helping out with the bond election was discussed.

The next official SCAC meeting will be held on April 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Timothy Conner.

Pete and Re-Pete



Pete was called upon Thursday to help educate one of his younger and smaller counterparts in Muleshoe. "Yes, son, I know it's cold and wet... but it's better than pigeons," Pete said.

Senior Citizen News

Spring has finally arrived and we are blessed to have had some moisture and would love to have a good rain this week. This would put a smile on everyone's face here at the senior center.

We invite all seniors to come join us, bring a friend and share a meal with us. The suggested donation is only \$3 and Phyllis serves very good meals.

The second and fourth Monday's of each month, we have Pattie Banks here with us to assist anyone in computer skills. She is very patient and willing to help anyone in need.

Tuesdays is game day and several arrive before 9 a.m. to get a seat at the game table. We have as many as eight tables going at one time playing dominoes, 80 or 42.

Come and play games with us or just visit, or watch our big screen television. Also come visit our library or help put puzzles together.

Tuesday evening is our senior dance. Sandy, our local disc jockey, will be here to play good music for entertainment. We have potluck refreshments at intermission. So bring a dish and join us.

Each day of the week we have an exercise video on at

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. We have several pieces of exercise equipment to use. Several of our senior citizens come to walk and then have coffee and visit. Come join us.

Thursday afternoon we have Bingo from 1:30 - 3 p.m. and have prizes for the winners. We have refreshments when the games are over.

Friday is always a good day at the center. Phyllis serves the best fried fish you have ever eaten. Come and enjoy.

Menu for April 3 - 7:

Monday, April 3 — Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, April 4 — Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, carrots, tossed salad, wheat roll and strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, April 5 — Chicken-fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, wheat roll and apricots.

Thursday, April 6 — Tuna and pasta casserole, brussel sprouts, tossed salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Friday, April 7 — Fried fish (or) chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

Energy costs...

Continued from page 1 increased by almost 48 percent.

County vehicles used \$46,998 in fuel during the first five months of the current fiscal year, compared to \$31,612 for the same period last year.

At the courthouse and probation office, the electricity expenses have increased from \$4,579 to \$5,859.

Hydrogen Sulfide safety training course set

South Plains College will be holding hydrogen sulfide safety training on April 3 at the Petroleum Technology building on the SPC Levelland campus. All courses begin at 6 p.m. through 9 p.m.

Another course is scheduled for May 1.

The cost of the one-day class is \$10 per person and the three-hour course covers all aspects of hydrogen sulfide including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks. The course meets safety-training requirements for oil field work.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

FYI

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

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Nursing Home News

Mandi Seaton from the county extension office gave a great program on Ireland, Friday morning. Mandi made and served shamrock shaped, green sugar cookies, and big plump strawberries dipped in chocolate.

Joan Lewis assisted with the serving and singing of Irish songs.

Saturday afternoon, Butch Vandiver called Bingo, and kept things rolling at the Bingo Bash!

The Earth Church of Christ came for church services Sunday afternoon. The church also visits and has communion with those unable to attend the morning communion service.

The staff and residents all celebrated the "Wearing of the Green," Friday, March 17.

Lisa Puckett bake and decorated a cake for St. Patrick's Day and brought it to Park View for the residents enjoyment Friday.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed the music, praise, and song time Tuesday morning.

G.R. Lasiter called Bingo at the Bingo Bash, Monday afternoon.

Marlin and Loma Mosley went to Rudiso, New Mexico for a holiday with their son and his wife, Ronnie and Betty Gustin.

Jewel Peeler received a visit from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Buddy Peeler and Mrs. Buddy Peeler's mother Ida Mae Shafner, Monday - Laverne James visitor her also.

Ruby Clark receives a visit from her sons every morning.

Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Josie Ovalle, Eva Nell Dale, Beckye Conklin, and Dianne Brown came Tuesday afternoon to shampoo and style the residents hair. Pat

Clark gave hair cuts.

Wednesday morning, Wanda and Buster Kittrell served coffee and cinnamon rolls to the residents at the "Second Cup Café." Buster entertained the group with humor and fun.

Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, James Sinclair, and Ann Sinclair, Anna B. Lane, Jo Ellen Cowart, and Pastor Steve Claybrook directed the Singing and Devotional Time Wednesday afternoon.

Glenda Jennings, her puppets, and Jackie Scoggins directed entertainment and Sing-A-Long Wednesday afternoon.

Aubrey Heathington and "Mallie dog" visited Hattie Heathington Tuesday.

Mollie Johnston received a visit from Cindy Purdy

Tuesday.

Nancy Lemons and her daughter Tini delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class Thursday morning.

Residents participating were Lola Crawford, Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Ruth Clements, Cynthia Crawford, and Mary Johnson.

Zona Gatewood directed and music and song program Thursday morning.

Loma Mosley's family and Bill Lambert's family hosted the March birthday party Thursday afternoon. Peggy Dent have a special recognition to Jimmy Dutton, Loma Mosley's sons gave a special tribute to her. Marie Lane gave a special tribute to her brother Bill Lambert, Jimmy Dutton, Loma and Bill all had March

birthdays. Irene Mason gave a great performance singing with her karaoke machine. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday recipient a corsage or boutonniere and a TY beanie baby tied to big bright balloon.

The residents helped with packing a box of snacks to send to Brandon Sheets who is on the ship USS Ronald Reagan, on the Persian Gulf.

Diane Copley was visited recently by Andy and Cameron Copley of Dumas.

W.T. and Pat Watson (The Music Makers) entertained in the Day Room Friday. W.T. on the steel guitar and Pat on the piano played the residents favorite songs and song and music to lighten the heart.

Butch Vandiver added to the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon by calling Bingo.

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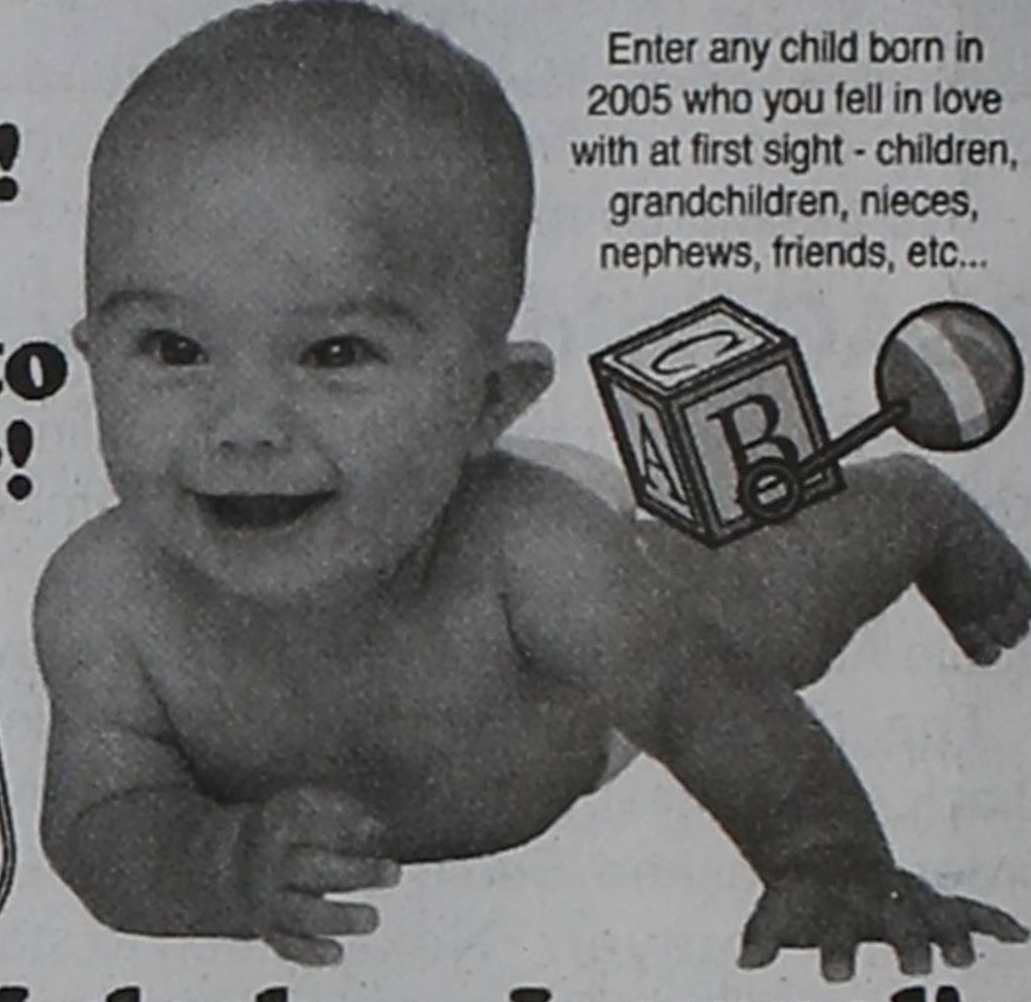
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Bring your favorite photo along with \$13 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$13 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 17, 2006. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

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Weds., April 5 at 5 pm

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Friday, April 21, 2006—Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.

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Located: Hereford, Texas—Selling: Farm Equipment

Saturday, April 22, 2006—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Located: Crowell, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, May 6, 2006—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, May 17, 2006—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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• 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated

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