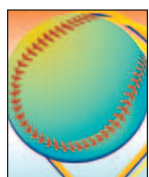




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Commissioners' court appoints EMS director

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court appointed Jackey Wayne Burris of Muleshoe as the new director of the county's ambulance service following several closed sessions Monday.

After approving minutes from its previous meetings, the commissioners' court took several members of its

Muleshoe Area Medical Center, apparently to discuss complaints raised by hospital officials and reported in the *Muleshoe Journal* in its March 29 issue.

At the court's March 26 special session, problems over patient transfers from Muleshoe Area Medical Center to hospitals in Lubbock were brought to the attention of the commissioners' court.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver said he had been contacted by a local doctor concerning the unavailability of a paramedic to transfer a critically-ill patient from MAMC to a Lubbock hospital. And when he looked into the matter, was told a paramedic wasn't available because he was taking a test.

"As far as I'm concerned," Vandiver said, "we don't need a person like that working for EMS." Precinct 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant also said he had received complaints about the inavailability of BCEMS for patient transfers.

After bouncing back and forth between open and closed sessions a couple more times, during which it met with Burris alone, the court returned to open session to approve a motion accepting Winters' resignation, followed by the approval of a second motion to appoint Burris as the Bailey County EMS' director, with an annual salary of \$25,000, with benefits.

The commissioners also addressed the issue of wages for paramedic and emergency medical technicians. The wages were set at \$250 per day for paramedics and \$100 per day for EMTs.

Among the other business conducted by the court were:

- Approval of a resolution against the state's "unfunded mandates."
- "We've done this every year since forever," Grant said.

"And I don't think it's helped," County Judge Sherri Harrison added.

- Approval of a resolution regarding personal identifiers on probate and guardianship documents.
- Approval of minutes from previous meetings; with correction; in-county travel forms; and payment of county bills.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Spring placed on hold

Muleshoe and Bailey County residents awoke Saturday morning to learn that spring had been placed on hold as another storm swung through, blanketing the area with snow. Pictured above, a decorative waterfall on W. American Blvd. offered people driving past a beautiful winter snapshot, but the extra surprise of finding fish in the pool was only visible to the ones who took a moment to step out of their vehicles.

MISD approves Aramark

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees approved a bid from Aramark as the district's food service manager during Monday's regular meeting.

"We should go with who has done us a good job," Superintendent Gene Sheets said in his recommendation that the district re-contract with Aramark.

"I've been very pleased with Aramark this year," board member Cindy Purdy said.

"I feel very confident with Aramark," board president David Tipps said.

Prior to the board's vote, it was explained that the school district is required to go through an extensive bid process, and that after the school board approves a food service manager the contract would have to be approved by State of Texas officials prior to returning to the school board for its final approval.

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Council receives police report

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Police Chief Brian Frieda told the Muleshoe City Council that special steps were being taken to combat the burglaries that have troubled local business.

During Monday's regular meeting, the police chief reported that more than 800 calls for assistance had come into the police department during the last month, but added that several of them appeared to have been attempts to decoy police officers from areas targeted by burglars.

Frieda said that Muleshoe had taken about 17 burglary reports for the month, until a couple of weeks ago, when the total soared to about 30 due to a series of business burglaries that are still under investigation.

But while the number of

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Court members accept Winters' resignation, appoint Burris

beleaguered EMS into closed session with it to discuss "personnel matters."

Among the personnel items listed on the court's posted agenda were "accepting letter of resignation from EMS interim director William Winters," and "appointing EMS director or EMS interim director."

Breaking for lunch at about 12:30 p.m., the commissioners' court members returned to open session to conduct business for a few minutes before returning to closed session, with representatives of the

Local Weather

Thursday

Pt. Cloudy..... 75/45

Friday

Pt. Cloudy..... 60/28

Saturday

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Sunday

Sunny..... 73/41

Monday

Pt. Cloudy..... 74/28

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Pt. Cloudy..... 70/40

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Finding a face on a bottle

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Faces on milk cartons... it's something that has appeared across the country for years.

When Jay Leno jokes about someone's face on a milk carton, you know the punchline is based on the person being missing.

But what about a face on a soda pop bottle? Well, for six-year-old Reagan Maxfield of Rosebud having your face stare back at you from a pop bottle at your local convenience store has to be — in the vernacular of the young — "Kew!"

Reagan, who is the daughter of Kyle and Stephanie Maxfield of Rosebud, and the granddaughter of Reagan and Marilyn Cox of Muleshoe, recently found her face plastered across the labels of Fu Fu Berry Soda, marketed by the Jones Soda Company of Seattle, Washington.

It all started back in the summer of 2005, when Lynnsay Crittenden, the daughter of Cody and Marleea Crittenden of Temple, and another granddaughter of Reagan



Reagan Maxfield and Lynnsay Crittenden pose for a photograph with bottles of Jones Soda®, while Reagan's little sister, Preslee, peeks out from behind.

and Marilyn Cox, took a photograph of her younger cousin and submitted it with along with about 39 others for consideration by the Jones Soda Company. The Seattle company produces a wide variety of flavored drinks each month, and has the unusual marketing tactic of using the different photographs it receives on its labels.

In April 2006, Lynnsay learned that her photograph of little Reagan had been



Reagan's label photograph

chosen, and toward the beginning of March 2007 spotted a label with her cousin's face looking back at her in a Temple convenience store.

At this time, Lynnsay has no plans for a career in photography.

Muleshoe City Council approves request to close 19th Street

The Muleshoe City Council approved a request from the Muleshoe Independent School District to close 19th Street during Monday's regular meeting.

The action, which will affect travel on 19th Street

between Avenue E and G from about 7:15 a.m. until 7:45 a.m., and from 2:45 p.m. until 3:15 p.m., Superintendent Gene Sheets explained, would allow the school buses to load and off-load students at

Dillman Elementary at the curb.

It was also noted by the council that the actual times the street would be closed each day could vary.

Although the school district's initial request was

for the street closing to be in effect for an 18 month period, beginning with the fall 2007 school semester, the council members voted to continue the action until the planned construction at Dillman is finished.

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Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. The program will be "Monitoring Blood Glucose." Kristi Spies, pharmacist, will be the speaker.

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on a new date and new time this month.

The meeting will be Thursday, April 12, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home. The program will be presented by Roy Puente, a licensed social worker and nursing home consultant. Lunch will be served.

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

Meals on Wheels raffle

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the homebound food program.

First place is a painting by a local artist, second place is a quilt and third place is a \$50 cash prize. The tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing is set for May 11.

The painting and the quilt are available for viewing at the Bailey County Courthouse Aging Services office.

AA meeting

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

Cancer screening clinic set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on April 19.

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

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Bogus, fraudulent checks

Bailey County Attorney Scott A. Say will be holding a meeting with Bailey County merchants to review changes in policies concerning the collection and prosecution of bogus and fraudulent checks, on April 24, at 3:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Say will also discuss plans to purchase bogus check collection software for the county to increase efficiency and simplify management of the collection process.

Merchant concerns and questions will also be addressed at the meeting and merchants will have the opportunity to learn about vital information necessary to insure timely collection of such checks.

County merchants who accept payments by check are encouraged to attend or to send a company representative responsible for check collections. Specific problems or concerns may be tendered in advance of the meeting by calling the County Attorney's Office a 272-4205.

Fine Arts boosters

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club will meet on April 16, at 7 p.m., in the band hall. All parents of fine arts students are encouraged to attend.

Hospital Report

Among the recent admissions to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center were:

March 16 — Valentina Bangas.

March 20 — Walter Little.

March 22 — Frank Wiseman.

March 23 — Jenny Shaw.

March 27 — Mickey Lynn Smith, Cruz Soto and Gwendol Lasiter.

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Deadline nears for PPW's youth writing contest

The deadline for entries in the Panhandle Professional Writers' 2007 Youth Writing Contest is April 30.

The competition is open to

all students from third grade through high school.

Short story and poetry categories are available to all grades. Middle School and High School students are eligible to enter the screenplay category.

The screenplay gives young people an opportunity to show their movie preferences and to test their ability to translate a story idea into script format.

Published authors will score the contest and will provide critiques of the submitted works.

Contestants should send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with their submission in order to receive the critique.

Finalists will be notified by mail and the winners announced during a reception following the July 21, 2007 PPW meeting.

Winning submissions will be published in Range Writers Jr.

Contest rules are available through the PPW web site at panhandleprowriters.org.

Births



AIDEN JAVIER ARIZPE

Aiden Arizpe

Francisco and Amelia Arizpe of Amarillo are proud to announce the birth of their son, Aiden Javier Arizpe, on Feb. 5, 2007, at 12:34 p.m., at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Aiden weighed seven pounds and ten ounces at birth, and was 20 inches long.

He is the grandson of Maria Mendoza of Amarillo, Oscar Alfredo Arizpe of Chihuahua, Mexico, and Rito and Celia Flores of Muleshoe.



KENADEE K'ANN RAMAGE

Kenadee Ramage

Dusty and Lindsey Ramage announce the birth of their daughter, Kenadee K'Ann Ramage, on March 15, 2007, at 3:42 p.m., at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Kenadee weighed seven-pounds, eight ounces at birth, and was 19.25 inches long.

Kenadee has one brother, Rowdy, 2.

Her grandparents are Gary and Kay Ramage, and Ronnie and Sheryl Altman, all of Muleshoe.

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An ode to duct tape...

Not many things in life have a lasting, substantial effect on a being, but this can't be said of our old reliable friend duct tape.

In speaking with friends and coworkers of late, I've come to the conclusion that duct tape does indeed affect every living being in some way or another during the span of a normal life.

This seemingly simple, unobtrusive object has changed my life in a positive way and I'm still in my 30's. Imagine what duct tape might do for (or to) my life in the coming years!

My personal experiences with duct tape are varied — from everyday use, to helping develop a bonding relationship with a former beau, to helping me stick to a diet for a time (all puns intended).

That's right — duct tape isn't just for taping!

I once dated a fellow who fixed every broken car part, household appliance and work related tool with duct tape.

I grew to love him and his quirky ways, along with duct tape, over a period of two plus years, and though my relationship with the man didn't last, my growing devotion to duct tape did.

In college, my roommate and I shared an apartment and at some point during our time together decided to go on a diet and get healthy.

We determined that the true key to weigh loss is as simple as staying out of the kitchen. The problem, we encountered, was finding a way to do that.

Enter my old friend duct

Tinkering with reality

By Leah Bell



tape. Our kitchen didn't have a door, but rather a three-foot opening wedged between a wall and a set of cabinets. When we'd get home from working out and were ravenous, we'd quickly secure duct tape across the ominous opening from ceiling to floor in a thick sort of crude man-made spider's web.

It worked for the most part, but the idea was abandoned about a month into the diet when my roommate found a new boyfriend who didn't actually call her fat and she once again became happy with her body. She left me to fend for myself and frankly, I didn't have any problem waking up in the morning with glue and wads of tape stuck in my hair and a Twinkie® wrapper clutched in my hand.

These days, duct tape plays a more traditional roll in my life — like helping me to build or close boxes, pet-proof my garage with newspapers or securing extension cords to the floor.

You might ask what has caused me to become so nostalgic about duct tape of late?

Just the realization that the allure of duct tape has indeed been passed on to the world's newest generation when my

coworker's son offered to fix one of our broken office chairs, not by welding the roller back on but by duct taping it in place — Ah, how the memories came rushing back! He, too, sees the beauty and usefulness of duct tape!

PBS jumped on the bandwagon years ago with entire programs devoted to duct tape featuring characters like Red Green who entertained audiences with all sorts of duct tape antics — this according to Managing Editor Larry Thornton who joined in my duct tape reminiscing for just a few moments.

I've seen funny videos of college aged kids taping their buddies to walls with duct tape just for kicks.

I truly believe we're poised on the cusp of a new duct tape revolution! It just takes believers to set the wheels in motion.

I urge you to search your memories and join me in giving thanks for and proudly supporting duct tape — both for its practical uses and for its ability to morph into any tool you need it to be at a moment's notice.

If there were an inanimate object hall of fame, surely you would agree duct tape deserves a place of honor within its hallowed halls.

Muleshoe pastor's song hits the charts

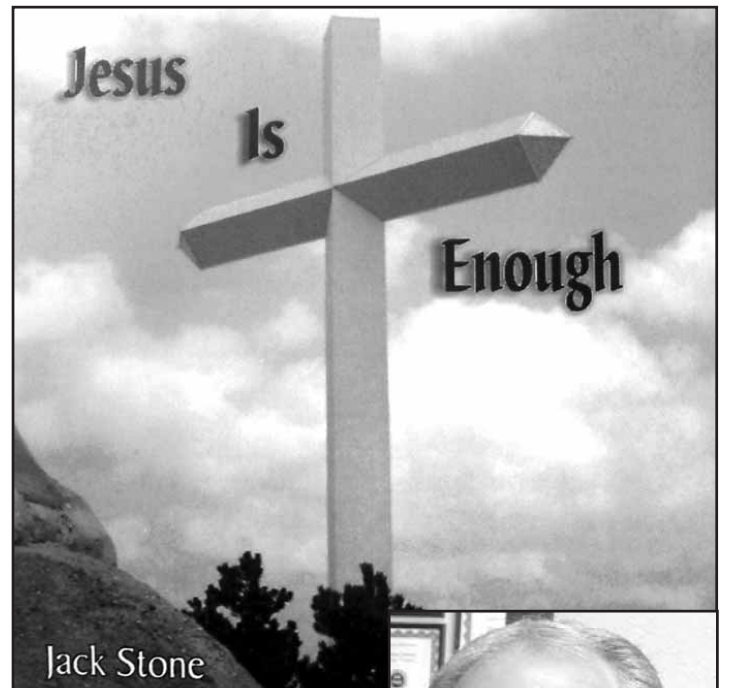
Pastor Jack Stone of the Assembly of God in Muleshoe learned this week that his recently released single, "Jesus is Enough," has made the Christian country music chart for May.

The song, which was written by Russ Murphy of Nashville, formerly the university minister at Indiana Ave. Baptist Church of Lubbock, was written following the death of Murphy's younger sister.

Stone said Murphy was speaking to his brother-in-law and said, "All we have is Jesus, but that's enough."

Talking about the song, Stone said, "It's just like it was meant for me," but added that the glory should go to God.

Although Stone has recorded six previous song collections, "Jesus is Enough" is his first



Jack Stone



PASTOR JACK STONE

"nationally released" song.

The song was released through HMG of Nashville, and has been playing on more than 1,300 stations in the United States.

For more information on Stone's recordings, go to www.topshelfministries.com.



WJHS Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of April 9 – 13, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — Lucia Bustillos, Gisela Perez and Adrian Estrada; and back row — Amy Howard, Matthew Martinez and Mateo Castillo.



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Lazbuddie students honored

The Lazbuddie Independent School District recently honored fourth grade student Haley Ivy, pictured above on the left, the daughter of Lanse and Shelly Ivy, and fifth grade student Austin Mason, pictured on the right, the son of Sean and Julie Mason, as Students of the Week.

Fine Arts boosters to meet

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club will meet on April 16, at 7 p.m., in the band hall. All parents of fine arts students at Muleshoe ISD are encouraged to attend.

Art show results released

The following results were released from the Muleshoe Association's 2007 Art Show, which was held April 2-4:

Best of Show, the First Bank Award — Ginnie Seifert, "Holly Hawks and Tin Roof."

Muleshoe State Bank Purchase Award — Mildred Williams, "Little Red Barn."

Oils — First place, Marie Tidwell, "Sunflowers;" Second, Misti Wilbur, "Mules;" Third, Ruth Barnett, "Grand Canyon of Yellowstone."

Honorable mentions — Mildred Williams, Misti Wilbur, Beth Watson, Ginnie Seifert, Marie Tidwell and Ruth Barnett.

Watercolors — First place, Beth Watson, "The Day is Going;" Second, Mildred Williams, "Colors of the Southwest;" Third, Sandra Chancey, "Evening Glow."

Honorable mentions — Mildred Williams and Misti Wilbur.

Pastels — First, Barbara Carpenter, "Duke."

Honorable mentions — Sandra Chancey and Barbara Carpenter.

Immaculate Conception Church to host 50th anniversary

Immaculate Conception Church in Muleshoe will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, April 15. There will be a procession of song and praise beginning at 10 a.m., followed by mass at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Placido Rodriguez, CMF, Bishop of Lubbock, presiding. The celebration will continue after mass at noon at the Bailey County Coliseum, where the public will be the church's guest at a brisket meal with entertainment.

Remember to vote on May 12!

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Christ rose first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will become alive again. (1 Corinthians 15:23 TLB (Let's go to the tomb, for Jesus lies in the tomb.

Still. Cold. Stiff. Death has claimed its greatest trophy. He is not asleep in the tomb or resting in the tomb or comatose in the tomb; he is dead in the tomb. No air in his lungs. No thoughts in his brain. No feeling in his limbs. His body is as lifeless as the stone slab upon which he has been laid.

The executioners made sure of it. When Pilate learned that Jesus was dead, he asked the soldiers if they were certain. They were. Had they seen the Nazarene twitch, had they heard even one moan, they would have broken his legs to speed his end. But there was no need. The thrust of a spear removed all doubt. The Romans knew their job. And their job was finished. They pried loose the nails, lowered his body, and gave it to Joseph and Nicodemus.

Joseph of Arimathea. Nicodemus the Pharisee. Jesus had answered the prayer of their hearts, the prayer for the Messiah. As much as the soldiers wanted him dead, even more these men wanted him alive.

As they sponged the blood from his beard, don't you know they listened for his breath? As they wrapped the cloth around his hands, don't you know they hoped for a pulse? Don't you know they searched for life?

But they didn't find it.

So they do with him what they were expected to do with a dead man. They wrap his body in clean linen and place it in a tomb. Joseph's tomb. Roman guards are stationed to guard the corpse. And a Roman seal is set on the rock of the tomb. For three days, no one gets close to the grave.

But then, Sunday arrives. And with Sunday comes light — a light within the tomb. A bright light? A soft light? Flashing? Hovering? We don't know. But there was a light. For he is the light. And with the light came life. Just as the darkness was banished, now the decay is reversed. Heaven blows and Jesus breathes. His chest expands. Waxy lips open. Wooden fingers lift. Heart valves swish and hinged joints bend.

And, as we envision the moment, we stand in awe.

We stand in awe not just because of what we see, but because of what we know. We know that we, too, will die. We know that we, too, will be buried. Our lungs, like his, will empty. Our hands, like his, will stiffen. But the rising of his body and the rolling of the stone give birth to a mighty belief: "What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us (Rom. 6:5-9 MSG).

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Obituaries

Joseph Embry

Services for Joseph "Joe" Embry of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, April 9, at the Muleshoe Church of Christ, Muleshoe. Burial followed at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

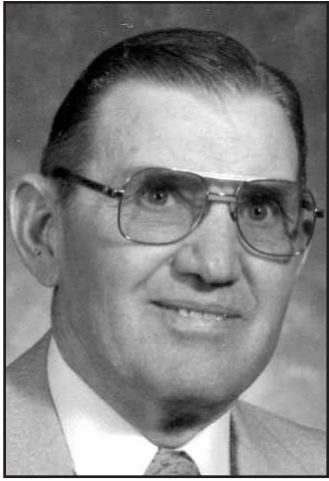
Embry was born on October 27, 1920, to J.E. and Lula Wright Embry in Davidson, Okla. His family came to the YL Community near Muleshoe in November 1929.

He was a resident of Muleshoe until November 2005 when he moved to Lubbock for medical care. He departed this life on Thursday, April 5, 2007, in Lubbock.

Embry graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1937, and attended an aeronautical school in Dallas before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-46. Upon returning home from the service he farmed in the Muleshoe area and retired in 1984.

He served his community, holding positions on the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Board, the Five Area Telephone Cooperative Board, the Pleasant Valley Gas Association Board, and the Muleshoe Independent School Board.

Embry had been a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ for more than 50 years and served as a deacon for several years before serving as an elder for 25 years. He was currently a member of the Broadway Church of



JOSEPH "JOE" EMBRY

Christ.

He married Claudine Trapp in Muleshoe on Feb. 1, 1948. They had two children, Johnny Euell Embry and Rhonda Euell Embry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers — Doyle Ray Embry and James Calvin Embry; and his son — Johnny Euell Embry.

He is survived by the loves of his life: his wife of 59 years — Claudine Embry of Lubbock; his daughter-in-law — Tanya Embry of Lubbock; his son-in-law and daughter — Mack and Rhonda Hodges of Lubbock; nine grandchildren — Brian and Stacey Miller of Springfield, Ill., John Embry of Lubbock, Donald and Lori Fritz of Lubbock, Chris and Suzy Key of Frisco, Cody and Jill Mull of Idalou; three great-grandchildren — Zachary Miller of Springfield, Ill., Joseph Fritz of Lubbock, and Audrey Mull of Idalou; two brothers — Floyd Embry of Farwell and Chester Embry of Muleshoe; and a sister — Lula Maye Shanks of Muleshoe.

Glenn Scott

A church service for Glenn Alfred Scott, 89, of Lazbuddie was held on Wednesday, April 4, at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Burial followed in the Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Scott died on April 2, 2007, in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on July 10, 1917, in Denver, Colo. He married Adora Smith in Portales, N.M., on Aug. 5, 1938.

He moved to Big Square, north of Lazbuddie in 1921, from Denver, and graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1934. For the past 62 years he had been in business in Lazbuddie, at the Lazbuddie Garage and Supply since 1960.

Scott was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Lula Dell Scott, a grandson and a sister.

Survivors include his wife — Adora Scott of Lazbuddie; two sons and their wives — Terry and Ladonna Scott of Muleshoe and Lee and Carolyn Scott of Lazbuddie; two daughters — Juanita Stafford of Ft. Worth and Karen Imery of Plano; and a daughter and her husband



GLENN ALFRED SCOTT

— Carolyn and David Sanders of Portales; a sister — Gloria Elliott of Muleshoe; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, P.O. Box 129, Lazbuddie, TX. 79053; or the Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

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Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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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.

Winnie Mills

Church services for Winnie Mills, 80, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, April 9, at the Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Darrell Martin and Bro. Jeff Coffman officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mills had lived in Muleshoe since 1952, moving from Portales. She was a homemaker and a member of the baptist church.

Mills was preceded in death by her parents — Walter and Ella Chambers, two sisters, a brother and a

grandchild.

Survivors include her husband — Cecil Mills of Muleshoe; a son — Jimmy Mills of Muleshoe; two daughters — Linda Foshee of Littlefield and Daina Blue of Lubbock; a daughter and her husband — Gayle and Eddy Morris of Muleshoe; a sister — Letta Harvey of Portales; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Samaritan Hospice of Hereford, Alzheimers Association of the South Plains, or Park View Nursing Care Center

Lois Reynolds

Church services for Lois Hester Reynolds, 83, of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, April 7, at the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Jack Stone and Pastor Terry Nesmith officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery

Reynolds died on April 4, 2007, in Dallas. She was born on Oct. 28, 1923, in Sunshine Hill, and married Harold Reynolds in Alamogordo, N.M., on June 24, 1952.

She was a graduate of Electra High School and Waxahachie Bible College.

Reynolds worked for many years as a cook before owning and operating the Crossroads Cafe in Muleshoe with her husband. She was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church in Lubbock.

Reynolds was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1981, four sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband — Dovie and Gary Gunn of Plano; two sisters — Ella Copley of Muleshoe and Della Boen of Vernon; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Meals on Wheels raffle set

Bailey County Meals on Wheels is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the homebound food program. First place is a painting by a local artist, second place is a quilt and third place is a \$50 cash prize.

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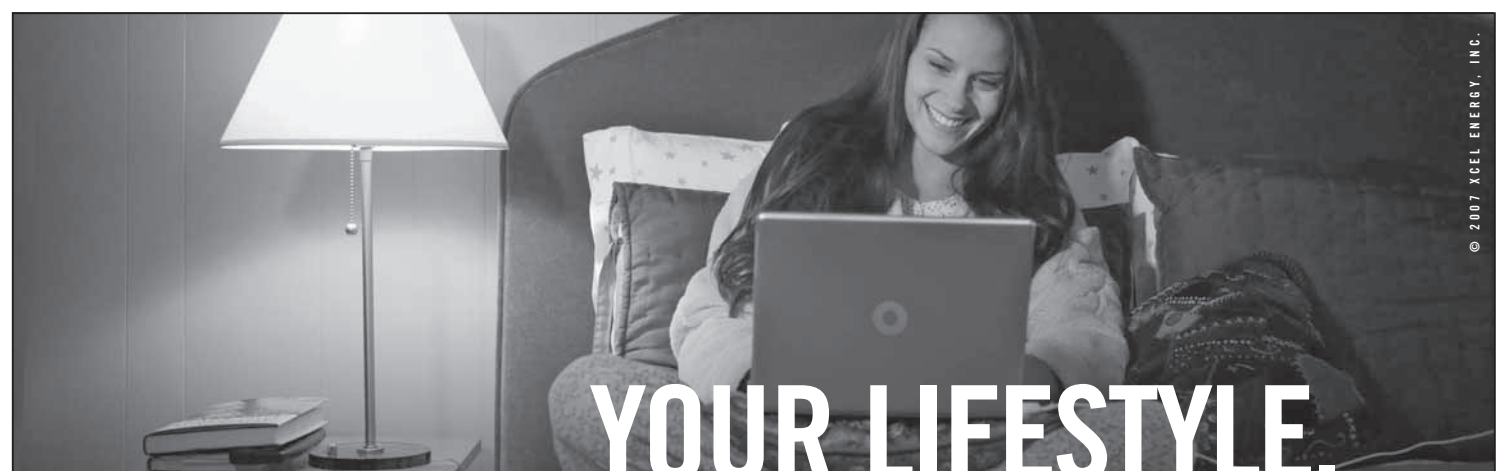
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Sports

Mules 'shut out' the Chieftans in first district game

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules shut out the Friona Chieftans in the first district game for either team. The Mules held Friona scoreless for five innings and pushed 11 runs across to stop the game on the 10-run rule.

The Mules moved to 2-0 in district by hanging on against the Tulia Hornets. The Mules had Tulia down 4-1, two outs and two strikes on the batter. An error allowed Tulia to hang around and tie the Mules at 4-4.

Caesar Lopez doubled to lead off the seventh for the Mules. Dusty Clayton singled to score Lopez for a 5-4 win for the Mules.

Brant Hamilton gave up a single hit to Friona and only faced 17 Chieftans in five innings. He struck out five.

Clayton led off against Friona with a walk and moved to second on a single by TJ Brantley.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mule Brant Hamilton pitches in the game against the Friona Chieftans.

Clayton and Brantley moved up a base on a double steal. Clayton scored on an error that allowed Victor Vasquez to reach first.

Hamilton singled to score Brantley and Timothy Conner sacrificed in Vasquez. The Mules led 3-0 after one inning.

Lopez and Matt Richards

were each hit by a pitch to start the second inning. They scored on an error that put Vasquez on and Hamilton and Conner each banded a base hit. Hamilton

and Conner both scored to push the Mule lead to 8-0.

Garrett Riley singled to start the third inning and Clayton drove him home with a single for the Mules only tally.

Conner blasted a one out single in the fourth followed by a single by Elias Alvarado. Both crossed the plate to push the Mule lead to 11-0.

Alvarado pitched six and two thirds innings against the Hornets but left the game with the score tied. He gave up five hits, struck out 10 but did not get the decision. Hamilton relieved Alvarado and struck out the final Hornet of the game.

Tulia scored in the top of the second on a base hit and a pair of Mule errors to take a 1-0 lead that stood up until the bottom of the fourth when the Mules took a 4-1 advantage.

Vasquez led off the bottom of the fourth with a base hit. Hamilton and Alvarado walked to load the bases with one out. Lopez singled to score Vasquez and Hamilton. Lopez moved

to second on the throw home. Ray Ramirez singled to score Alvarado and Lopez.

The Mules hung on to the lead until the top of the seventh. Tulia started the seventh with a base hit. The second batter flied out to Vasquez in center and Alvarado struck out the next batter for two outs with a man on second.

An error allowed a run and gave Tulia a second another man on base. A walk put a second Hornet on the bases and both scored on single to tie the score at 4-4. Hamilton struck out a Hornet to retire the side.

Lopez ripped a two strike double to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Clayton hit a walk off single that scored Lopez. The 5-4 win moved the Mules into first place in District 2-2A.

Weather forced Saturday's game with Dimmitt to be rescheduled for Monday afternoon in Muleshoe. The Mules traveled to Dimmitt on Tuesday and go to Tulia on Friday.

Varsity Mules capture Mule Relays title

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules won their Mule Relays with a total score of 129 and Littlefield ran second with a 97. Dimmitt took third with an 84, Tulia was fourth with an 82, and Brownfield was fifth with 78. Abernathy with 77 finished sixth and Friona with 62 rounded out the teams.

The Mule Relays were held Thursday April 5 as the final preparatory meet for the District 2-2A Meet that is scheduled for Tuesday April 10 in Tulia.

Eric Washington took the

gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet nine and half inches. Victor Vasquez was sixth with a distance of 18-11.5. The 4x100 meter relay team of Dusty Clayton, Brant Hamilton, Washington and Timothy Conner took the gold with a time of 43.78 seconds.

Ray Ramirez took fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:11.37. Garrett Riley and Adam Zamora both cleared six feet in the high jump. Misses gave Riley the gold medal and Zamora the bronze.

Wes Wood took the gold medal in the pole vault by clearing 11-6. He went a foot higher than the next contender. Vasquez placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 40-5 æ. Kendall Johnson took sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.40.

Hamilton and Clayton took gold and bronze in the 100-meter dash with times of 10.72 and 10.94. Vasquez finished sixth with an 11.61. The 4x200-meter relay team of Clayton, Washington, Doc Fullmer and Bradley Branscum took

the silver medal with a time of 1:34.09.

Hamilton took silver in the 400-meter dash with a 50.22 and Nathaniel Chavez finished fifth with a 54.02. Chavez took fourth in the 200-meter dash with a 24.06. Ramirez and Colby Carpenter took silver and bronze in the 1600-meter run with times of 5:08.94 and 5:10.31 respectively.

The Mules ran at Tulia Tuesday in the District 2-2A Meet and the first three places in each event qualified for the Region I Meet in Abilene on April 27.

Lady Mules take third place in Mule Relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules ran third in the Mule Relays with a score of 99.5.

Abernathy won the meet with 145.5 points and Tulia took second with a 144. Friona was fourth with 82 points, Littlefield 71; Dimmitt had 64 and Brownfield rounded out the meet with 13.

Kelsey Tipps took the silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.03 seconds. She took the bronze in the triple jump with a distance of 31 feet nine and three quarter inches. Kyra Kimbrough took sixth in the high jump with a leap of 4-6.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Ashley Cisneros, Janae Pyle, Tipps, and Kimbrough placed third with

a time of 53.40. Kimbrough took the gold medal in pole vault by clearing 10-1 a foot and half higher than the silver medalist.

Amberlee Steinbock tied for sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.80. The 4x200-meter relay team of Cisneros, Pyle, Tipps, and Kimbrough finished fourth with a time of 1:54.64.

Amelia Clemmons took bronze in the 100-meter dash with a 13.15. She took sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 22.27. Marisela Casanova took fifth in the 400-meter dash with a 1:09.00 and BreAnn Baca was sixth with a 1:09.25.

Lupita Andrade and Sarah Johnson took the silver and bronze medals in

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Varsity Lady Mules receive fourth at Dimmitt meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules were in Dimmitt on Monday, April 2, for their first of two District 2-2A tournaments.

Friona took the lead in the district with a team

score of 415 strokes. Amarillo River Road finished second with a 433, Bushland took third with a 442 and the Lady Mules were fourth with a 464.

Tulia finished fifth with a 480, Dimmitt was sixth with a 488 and Amarillo Highland

Park was seventh with a 490.

Amberlee Steinbock led the Lady Mules with a 94. Sarah Johnson finished with a 119 and Janae Pyle shot a 121.

Jacy Lawrence posted a 130 and Kathryn Owens

fired a 145.

The teams will meet in Friona for the final district tournament on Wednesday, April 11.

The top three teams will advance to the Region I Meet in Baird April 23-24.

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Eighth grade Lady Mules take top title

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules won the Mule Junior High Relays on April 3 with a team total of 150 points.

Abernathy finished in second with 148 points, Dimmitt third with 113, Tulia had 85, Friona 82 and Littlefield finished with 43.

Shayla Carpenter, Vivian Ronquillo and Cassidy

Lowe took the silver medal, bronze medal and fourth in the 3200-meter run with times of 10 minutes 5.58 seconds, 10:18.90 and 10:22.62 respectively.

Tori Alvarado took the gold in the shot put with a winning toss of 29 feet two inches. Sandy Mojica took the gold in the long jump with a leap of 14-3.75. The 4x100-meter relay team

Devine Orozco, Amy Regalado, Sandy Mojica and Yvonne Gardea finished sixth with a time of 59.04.

Carpenter placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a 2:57.06. Alvarado took her second gold medal in the discus with a toss of 73-00. Lowe took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with an 18.62. Mojica and Gardea tied

for the silver medal in the triple jump with leaps of 31-2.

Gardea took the gold in the high jump by clearing 4-8. Regalado took bronze and Orozco finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with times of 14.18 and 14.34 respectively.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Orozco, Regalado, Mojica, and Gardea took the silver with a 2:00.65. Mindy Hamilton and Erika Rodriguez both cleared 6-6 in the pole vault but misses gave Hamilton the bronze medal and Rodriguez had to settle for tie for fourth.

Regalado ran sixth in the 300-meter hurdles. Orozco took silver in the 200-meter dash with a 30.34 and Ronquillo took the silver in the 1600-meter run with a 6:43.87.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carpenter, Lowe, Mojica and Gardea took the bronze with a 4:45.56.

The Lady Mules will compete in the District 2-2A Meet at Tulia on April 14.

Seventh grade Mules win relays

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules won the Mule Junior High Relays on April 3 with 140 points. Littlefield finished second with 128, Tulia was third with 109, Abernathy 108, Friona 83 and Dimmitt had 59.

Isaac Baca took the gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 35 feet seven and half inches. Juan Guerrero had a silver medal throw in the discus of 94-10.5 and Angel Alvarez finished fifth in the 2400-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 12.50 seconds.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Baca, Devan Cantrell, Eric Orozco and Beau Avilla took the silver with a time of 51.55. Juan

Mendoza tied for fourth in the shot put with a toss of 31-9.

Mateo Castillo took fifth in the high jump with a leap of 4-6. Cantrell and Saul Elisalde both cleared 7-6 but misses gave them silver and bronze medal respectively. Mateo Castillo ran fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:47.28.

Hector Flores was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 22.75. The 4x200-meter relay team of Orozco, Jaden Herrera, Avilla and Cantrell took silver in the time of 1:52.56.

Baca took the gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 16-5 and Orozco was sixth with a 13-9.5.

Baca took the gold medal

in the 100-meter dash and Alfredo Sanchez finished fourth with a 13.52. Sanchez took silver in the 400-meter dash with a 1:05.35 and Colton Hill finished fifth with a 1:06.00.

Hill took the gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles with a 52.49 and Avilla took the bronze medal with a 54.27. Baca earned the silver in the 200-meter dash with a 26.53.

Castillo finished sixth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:24.40. The 4x400-meter relay team of Cantrell, Sergio Vasquez, Orozco and Hill finished fifth with a time of 4:24.75.

The Mules will compete in the District 2-2A Meet at Tulia on April 14.

More Mule sports on page 9!

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A Story About Seeing a Man About a Dog

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Quite curious, the man walked up to the front door of the house and knocked. When an ordinary-looking fellow answered, the guy standing on the porch said, "Pardon me, sir, but I saw your sign. Are

imagine what a great tool a talking dog would be in the spy game. Why, a talking dog who knows when to keep his mouth shut is better than the best electronic bug money could buy! Hard hours, though, and a tough element to work with. I actually was on assignment for so long one time that I ended up losing my wife. She nuzzled up to a Basset hound and ran off with him while I was gone."



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

After closing a really interesting conversation, the man walked back to the porch and the dog's owner.

"I can hardly believe my ears. You're right! He talks! That's mystery enough, but why in the world would you be willing to part with a talking dog for just five dollars? Are you crazy!? You'd really sell that dog for five bucks?"

"Yeah, he talks," the answer came back, "but I'd sell him. Why, you can't believe half of what that dog says!"

Sometimes we expect too much and fail to be properly grateful for what we already have. Always desiring for us what is better, God completely loves, forgives, and accepts us just as we are. His grace gives us hope. But if we fashion ourselves into little and far less loving gods, so hard to please that nothing is ever good enough, we will breed in our families, coworkers, and associates (I don't say friends because we won't have any real ones) not hope but despair.

When you hear a dog talking to you, you don't waste time criticizing his grammar or running a background check to make sure he has his facts straight.

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

Lady Mules...

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the 3200-meter run with times of 13:03.50 and 13:26.69 respectively. Tipps took the gold medal in the long jump with a leap of 15-8.5 and Morgan Smith placed fifth with a 14-2.5.

Johnson took the bronze medal in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:11.94. The 1600-meter relay team of Smith, Baca, Pyle, and Casanova took bronze with a 4:30.98.

The Lady Mules ran at Tulia in the District 2-2A Meet Tuesday April 10. The first three places in each event qualified to compete in the Region I Meet in Abilene April 27.



Local ladies take second place

Muleshoe's Little Dribblers team, the Lady Mules, took second place in the fifth and sixth grade division at the Farwell Tournament on March 31. In the tournament's championship game, the Lady Mules fell to Farwell, 16-15. The team will be playing in a tournament at Hereford on April 27-28. Pictured above, from left to right, are team members: Back row — Coach Joe Cortez, Jasmine Lucero, Marrisona Cortez, Desiree Reyna, Stephanie Martinez and coach Jerry Gonzales; front row — Linda Sanchez, Adriana Guerra, Jessica Kube and Elida Bonilla. Not pictured is coach Rudy Bonilla.



MICHAEL PENA

Pena to play in All-Star games

Michael Pena of Dumas, the son of Rudy and Mary Jane Pena, formerly of Muleshoe, is scheduled to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Games, April 12-14, in Canyon.

Officials comprising the Amarillo Basketball Association invite area seniors to participate in the all-star games to give them recognition for their athletic talents. The association divide the selected seniors into four teams — north, south, east and west. There are 9-10 players on each team.


Pena will be playing on the North team, which will be coached by Michael Howard, a former Dumas High School teacher.

Pena is the grandson of Elina Hernandez and Lucy Recio, both of Muleshoe.

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Greg Young, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. bulls	418 lbs.	\$137
N-N, NM	14	Blk. str.	471 lbs.	\$135
N-N, NM	6	Mxd. str.	627 lbs.	\$113
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Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	1	Char. str.	515 lbs.	\$138
Sterling Walker, Las Cruces, NM	12	Mxd. str.	521 lbs.	\$124.50
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Greg Young, Muleshoe	6	Blk. hfrs	323 lbs.	\$136
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Beto Diaz, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. hfrs	406 lbs.	\$124
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W-W, NM	16	Blk. hfrs	631 lbs.	\$110.50
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Cotton Market Weekly

A twelve day streak of mostly higher trading on the New York Board of Trade was brought to a halt on Thursday as speculative and local selling pressured prices lower ahead of the long Easter holiday weekend.

Thursday's release of USDA's export sales report did little to boost the market despite healthy export sales and a new marketing year high in export shipments. Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 358,900 bales in the week ended March 29, eight percent less than the previous week but 35 percent more than the four-week average.

China was the top buyer for the week with acquisitions totaling 203,200 bales, the second consecutive week sales to China exceeded 200,000 bales. Indonesia, Taiwan and Turkey rounded out the list of the top four buyers for the week.

Export shipments of 284,700 bales, the highest weekly level reached this marketing year, were 28 percent above the week earlier and 31 percent more than the four-week average. Major destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey, and Taiwan.

The trade still is waiting for confirmation of rumors that China may have issued cotton import quotas. However, the increase in

Chinese inquiries in the U.S. cotton market are leading some merchants to believe import licenses already are being distributed to some mills despite the lack of an official announcement.

In the spot market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 30,825 bales in the week ended April 5 compared to 40,227 bales the previous week.

Average prices received by producers ranged from 43.61 to 47.09 cents per pound compared to 43.39 to 47.37 cents per pound the previous week.

At this writing, it looks like Texas cotton farmers should have ideal planting conditions in the coming weeks. When final numbers are tallied, March could go down as one of the five wettest months on record in Texas, according to a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Just three months ago, 38 percent of Texas was classified as being in a severe drought or worse. One year ago at this time, 72 percent of the state was in severe, extreme or exceptional drought.

"The rain across the state will cause a dramatic improvement in drought monitor data, and most reports show there are no more severe drought areas in Texas," the meteorologist said.

After rains inundated the Texas High and Rolling Plains last week, producers had only a few days to make some pre-planting field preparations before unseasonably cold, wintry weather moved into the area. The season is off to a slow start in Texas as USDA's latest state crop report showed cotton plantings in some areas of South Texas were halted last week due to excessive moisture. The department reported Texas producers had planted nine percent of their expected cotton crop by April 1, down 12 percent from the same time last year and lower than the 10 percent five-year average.

Traders now have turned their attention to the April 10 release of USDA's crop production and supply/demand reports. Most analysts expect the department to leave its U.S. numbers mostly unchanged from its March data. A few analysts, however, look for the government to trim its export projection by 200,000 to 500,000 bales to reflect the slow export pace to China this year.

Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

The Muleshoe Public Library will be celebrating Library Week is April 16-20.

We will be celebrating by having our annual Book Sale.

There are a few newer hardback books that are \$1 each. All other books are priced 25 cents for

Sports

Seventh grade ladies capture title

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules won the Mule Junior High Relays April 3 with 168 points. Tulia finished second with 140.5 points, Littlefield was third with 111, Friona had 72.5, Dimmitt 64 and Abernathy finished with 43.

The Lady Mules have been setting new school records this season. The 4x100-meter relay team of Stephanie Vasquez, Araceli Macias, Melissa Casanova and Baylee Bessire ran a record setting time of 55.08 seconds at the Abernathy Relays.

Macias set a 400-meter dash record of 62.09 at the Abernathy Relays. She grabbed the record in the triple jump in the Mule Relays of 31 feet nine inches. Bessire set a pole vault record of 6-0 in the Mule Relays.

Stephanie Vasquez finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with a 15.56. The 4x200-meter relay team of Vasquez, Ashley Thomas, Keiry Nava and Alyssa Leal took silver with a time of 2:06.06.

Macias, Casanova and Nava claimed gold, silver and bronze medals in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:04.28, 1:08.84 and 1:12.06 respectively. Leal finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:06.28.

Nava earned the bronze in the 200-meter dash with a 30.56. Ivana Agundis took bronze in the 1600-meter run with a 7:09.34. Macias took the gold in the long jump with a leap of 13-11.75 and Bessire placed fifth with a 12-3.5.

Agundis had a fifth place throw of 53-11.75 in the discus. Thomas and Leal finished third and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with times of 20.39 and 20.62

respectively. Summer Lowe ran fifth in the 800-meter run with a 3:18.69.

Rashelle Hall, Brianna Kirk and Lowe took the gold, silver and bronze medals in the 2400-meter run with times of 11:22.04, 11:22.04 and 11:27.46 respectively. Dominique Mata took the silver in the high jump with a leap of 4-2.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Bessire, Vasquez, Casanova and Macias took the gold with a 56.02. The 4x400-meter relay team of Thomas, Bessire, Casanova and Macias took the silver medal with a time of 4:49.18.

The Lady Mules will compete in the District 2-2A Meet at Tulia on April 14.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our sincere sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Our prayers are with you. Our sincere thanks to those who have honored their loved ones with memorials to the center.

The senior center operates on donations from the supporters. You can purchase meal tickets for a loved one, give a memorial for someone, or just give a donation to help the center. Your help is very much appreciated and needed.

Aurora, our helper at the Center had to have surgery this week. We all miss her and hope for a speedy recovery.

The center has a busy week coming up. On Tuesday, April 17, SPAG will be hosting a health clinic.

Health screenings and checkups will be offered at no cost to seniors. Visitors under the age of 60 will be charged a small fee on some of the screenings and checkups.

The health fair will offer the bone density checkup, blood pressure check, and screenings of cholesterol, nutrition, and diabetes. Make plans to join us on Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18, Vista Care Hospice will sponsor a domino tournament. So all you senior domino players be at the center by 9 a.m. on this day to have a morning of fellowship and fun.

We have invited the

Clovis senior citizens to use our center for their Friday night dance, during the time it takes to restore their Center after the tornado. The dance will be on Friday night, the same as the dance on Tuesday night. Sandy will be providing the music except when he is out of town.

The Bootscooters will be playing this coming Tuesday night.

If you would like a night out for fun and fellowship come join us at the center. The dance begins at 7 p.m., a pot luck supper break is at 8:30 p.m. and the dance ends at 10 p.m.

We invite our senior citizens from Parkview to come and visit us anytime. We are happy for you to come and enjoy the center when you can.

Menu for April 16-20:
Monday, April 16 — King Ranch chicken, baked beans, broccoli, salad, wheat rolls and pears.

Tuesday, April 17 — Beef stir-fry, rice, Chinese vegetables, salad, roll and carrot cake.

Wednesday, April 18 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Thursday, April 19 — Spaghetti casserole, zucchini squash, tossed salad, wheat roll and chocolate pudding.

Friday, April 20 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

Muleshoe athletic boosters to meet

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters will be meeting on April 19, at 7 p.m., in the Science room of the Muleshoe High School.

Among the topics of the discussion will be the 2007 athletic banquet, and the election of new officers.

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Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 16th.

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

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

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2007 renditions is April 16. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 16 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
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Do you need to reapply annually?

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MISD school board takes action

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In other business, the school board:

- The superintendent noted that the estimated completion costs of the Dillman expansion project is back down to about \$4.6 million.

"We're trying to get the most out of the money," Sheets said.

"Everybody is working really hard to get there," he added.

- Approved a resolution to extend the district's

depository pledge contract.

Assistant Superintendent Don Wood said the school district currently has a two-year contract, and that it has the option of going being extended for an additional two years.

- Approved the minutes from the March 26 meeting.

- Approved a bid for asbestos abatement — involving the removal and disposal of floor tiles at Dillman Elementary, part of the construction project, at a \$37,500 bid price.

- Approved a plan change the school district's board agenda and packet from paper to an electronic medium.

The project will include the purchase of laptop computers at a cost of \$15-20 thousand, but would reduce the amount of time needed for employees in the administration office to prepare the packets for each of the board members.

- Accepted the resignations of Lanelle Skaggs and Jeff Shelburne.

Letters to the Editor

Muleshoe police chief offers suggestions regarding toronado, storm notifications

To the Editor:

With tornado season upon us, comes the city's attempt to begin the continuous testing at regular days and times of the city's aging early warning sirens stationed around the city.

The city currently has three sirens located within the city. We will begin testing the sirens weather permitting Monday, April 16.

These weekly tests will be short in length — just long enough to note activation. These are referred to as growl tests, however; a complete test of the siren system will be conducted once a month.

The growl test will be conducted on Mondays and Fridays at noon weather permitting, and the monthly test will be conducted the first Wednesday of each month weather permitting.

These tests will not only allow us to be sure that the

sirens are operational when needed, it also allows us to monitor their output to be sure that the citizens of Muleshoe will be able to hear them when they are outside in their yards or while enjoying other outdoor activities.

The siren system is not and was not intended to be a "catch all" warning system. They are in place so that those who are outside can be notified of a possible problem so they might get to another form of notification such as their televisions, AM/FM radios or NOAA weather radios and scanners.

We strongly suggest that individuals obtain the NOAA weather radios. They can be used almost anywhere and have battery back-ups. The cost of the radios vary, however; they can be purchased for as little as \$25.

We are very fortunate to have the system that we currently have in place. Many cities in our region have done away with these sirens, only to find themselves having to reconsider their use.

There are other cities that are having to replace sirens at costs ranging from as little as \$7,500 per station to more than \$25,000 per station.

As with any situation, if anyone has questions pertaining to various early warning systems, the city and county emergency response plans, shelter locations or to obtain information about getting involved in the Muleshoe and Bailey County CERT program please feel free to contact the Muleshoe Police Department at 272-4569.

Brian Frieda,
police chief

Assistance sought for Meals on Wheels

To the Editor:

For those of you that are unfamiliar with the Meals on Wheels program, Meals on Wheels was established in Bailey County 23 years ago.

It is partially funded by South Plains Association of Government. However, we do not receive enough funding from them to cover the cost.

The reason for this letter is to ask for your support so that Meals on Wheels can continue to help our elderly community in every possible way.

I think that you would be surprised as to how far your donations can go to help put food on the table for senior citizens who are struggling on a fixed income.

For only \$4 per day we can provide a meal for one person. That translates into \$20 per week and \$80 per month. For an annual cost of \$960 you can make sure that someone will continue to get the nourishment that their bodies need to stay healthy.

Everyone who participates in this program would be so grateful for any help that you could offer.

Meals on Wheels delivers an average of 43 meals a day five days a week. The people we feed are elderly and either can not leave their house, or they don't have the funds to buy food.

Each of the 43 beneficiaries are over the age of 60, and the majority of them eat our meals for lunch and dinner.

The meals are delivered solely by volunteers. We are currently looking for

additional volunteers to help deliver the meals and make a difference in someone's life.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in receiving additional information on how to become one of our volunteer drivers.

Meals on Wheels relies on the generosity of our community to maintain it's budget as well as to ensure that we can continue to bring the necessary food to these people.

We would love the opportunity to expand our operations so that we would

be able to help even more people. With your support this is more than a dream, it could be a reality.

Unfortunately, if the funding does not arrive, neither will the food. So please do all that you can to make sure that this program can continue to flourish.

Please contact me to get more information about how and where to forward all donations.

Thank you so much for your kindness.

Debbie Crabtree,
Bailey County
Office on Aging

Muleshoe City Council...

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local burglaries have been on the increase, the police chief said his information from other surrounding communities have shown a similar increase.

The police chief also addressed the issue of the city's tornado sirens, and talked about local efforts regarding early detection and warning, presenting a letter of notice to the local media intended to further

prepare Muleshoe's residents. In other business, the

city council:

- Met with the Muleshoe Softball League to discuss possible locations for construction of a new softball field.

The league's governing board are to discuss the possible locations and bring back a recommendation at a future council meeting.

- Appointed Deborah Noble as the election judge for the upcoming municipal elections, with bob Graves as the alternate judge.

- Approved the minutes from the March 12 regular meeting.

- Noted that Mayor Cliff

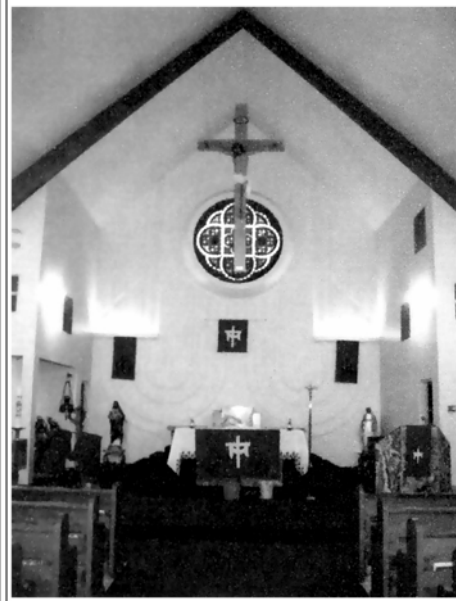
Black had received a letter from Rapid Communications, notifying the city that cable rates would be increasing by five percent, effective May 1.

- Approved a settlement with Southwestern Public Service regarding its requested increase from last year.

- Approved a deed to transfer property from the city to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

- Approved a request for monies from the city's hotel/motel fund for the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

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cordially invite you to join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 15th.

A procession of song & praise will begin at 10:00 a.m. & Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the church, 805 E. Hickory, with His Excellency the Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, CME, Bishop of Lubbock presiding.

The celebration will continue after Mass at 12 noon at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, where you will be our guest for a delicious brisket meal & entertainment. Please come & share our joy!

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More **CLASSIFIEDS** Deadline: 5 PM Monday - 272-4536

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Tuesday, April 17, 2007 -- Sale Time 10:00 A.M.

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• VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - MAY BE SOLD SEPARATE!! Priced to sell!!

• GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE- Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! \$400K

• OASIS ICE CREAM-NICELY REMODELD - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, will sell without equipment!! \$55K!! For all!!

• 40' x 75' METAL BLDG. w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!!! \$85K!!

• 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building + approx. 1440' storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!

• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!

• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheeteron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!

• Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$39.5K!!

• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

FARMS
• LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!

• CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

RURAL
• CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2.75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100 sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!!

• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!

• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!

• PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!

OH, BABY AREN'T THEY CUTE!

Say "Hello" to the Muleshoe Journal's 13th Annual Cutest Baby Contest participants. We'd like to thank all of you for entering the contest this year and let you know that this year's competition was one of the best we've seen in 13 years, but there can be only one winner. Unbiased judges chose their pick as the the cutest photo as winner of the Cutest Baby Contest.

And the winner is..... Grant Maverick McGuire!



Hayden Lewis Barrett
Son of Jason & Summer Barrett. Born March 20, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 9 lbs., 13 oz.; length: 21". Grandparents are Ronnie & Sherry Barrett.



Blaykin Grace Branscum
Daughter of Cobey & Haley Branscum. Born October 16, 2006, in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 3 oz.; length: 19.25". Grandparents are Donald & Kim Birkenfeld, Scott & Mitzi Branscum and Wade & Kelly Sanders.



Cameron Blayne Brown
Son of Burton "B.J." & Penny Brown of Mission Viejo, CA. Born October 23, 2006 in Orange Co., CA. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 2 oz.; length: 18.5". Grandparents are Jama Brown Marritt of Lubbock, Gary Mac Brown of Muleshoe, Erasmo & Fe Brion of Glendora, CA. Great-grandmother is Jackie Maritt of Idalou. Other great-grandparents include the late Dee & Dorothy Brown and J.W. Maritt.



Chase Edward Caswell
Son of Jake & Rebecca Caswell. Born August 22, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 8 oz.; length: 21.5". Grandparents are Darwin & Mary Ellen Robertson and Pete & Belinda Caswell. Great grandparents are Ruby McCall and Dan & Millie Throckmorton.



Alicia Joanna Chavez
Daughter of Joey & Liz Chavez. Born January 24, 2006, in Lamb County. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 10 oz.; length: 20". Grandparents are The late Greg Guzman & Ruth Guzman and Bennie & Rosalinda Chavez.



Lauren Grace Garlington
Daughter of Chad & Denise Garlington. Born May 22, 2006, in Lubbock, Texas. Weight at birth: 8 lbs.; length: 21.5". Grandparents are Loyd & Louvenia Garlington.



Landri Lawrence
Daughter of Michael & Jandi Lawrence. Born May 25, 2006, in Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 0 oz.; length: 19". Grandparents are David & Jan Lawrence and Weidon & Jana DeWitt.



Baylee Lovelady
Son of Tisha Lovelady. Born January 16, 2006, in Littlefield. Grandparents are Roy & Debbie Lovelady.



HERE'S OUR WINNER!

Grant Maverick McGuire
Son of Russell & Alison McGuire. Born October 30, 2006, in Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs.; length: 19". Grandparents are Gene & Kerma McGuire and Owen & Linda Sears.

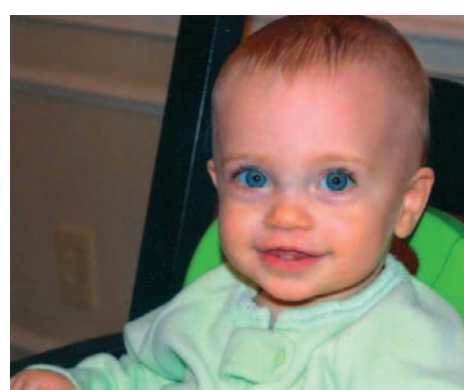


Heavenly Jade Colunga
Daughter of Valentin & Tina Colunga. Born September 10, 2006, in Clovis, NM. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 5 oz.; length: 19". Grandparents are Valentin, Sylvia, Ruben Gloria.

Congrats to our cutest baby 2006 - Grant!



Ryder Mills McElroy
Son of Eric & Ashley McElroy. Born August 25, 2006, in Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 2 oz.; length: 20.5". Grandparents are Marshall Pool, Tonya Pool and Don & Ann McElroy.



Kennedy Grace McGuire
Daughter of Jeff & Rachel McGuire. Born April 15, 2006, in Dallas, Texas. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 7 oz.; length: 19". Grandparents are Gene & Kerma McGuire, Howard & Sheila Jackson and Bruce & Vicky Schafer.



Rider Jay Morris
Son of Justin & Kaci Morris. Born November 19, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 11 oz.; length: 20.5". Grandparents are Steve & Robin Friskup and Gary & Sheryl Morris.



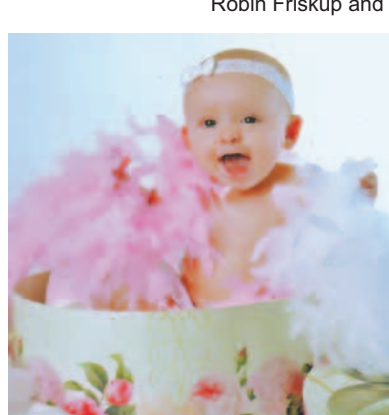
Mykel Dawn Mull
Daughter of Royce & Randi Mull. Born July 6, 2006, in Lubbock, Texas. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 8 oz.; length: 20". Grandparents are Ronnie & Toni Ray and Daryl & Brenda Mull.



Jayci Joy Nickels
Daughter of Guy & Kimberly Nickels. Born April 20, 2006, in Lubbock, Texas. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 13 oz.; length: 19". Grandparents are Dale & Debbie Gallman and Nicky & Debbie Nickels.



Stormie Lee Phillips
Daughter of Steve & Charlene Phillips. Born August 21, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 11 oz.; length: 20.5". Grandparents are Jean Phillips of Oklahoma City, OK and Reba Gray of Waco.



Stormie Lee Phillips
Daughter of Steve & Charlene Phillips. Born August 21, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 7 lbs., 11 oz.; length: 20.5". Grandparents are Jean Phillips of Oklahoma City, OK and Reba Gray of Waco.



Jaxon Lance Rasco
Son of Jason & Holly Rasco. Born February 15, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 4 oz.; length: 20". Grandparents are Dave & Sheryl Engelking and Larry & Deanna Rasco.



Kadey Faith Urbantke
Daughter of Dusty & Jodi Urbantke. Born March 7, 2006, in Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 6 oz.; length: 19". Grandparents are Gary & Sheryl Morris, Robert & Marilyn Harris and Alton & Donna Urbantke.

You're all winners in our book!



Skylar Sage Street
Daughter of Shannon Street of Muleshoe. Born June 4, 2006. Weight at birth: 8 lbs., 3 oz.; length: 18". Grandparents are John Street of Muleshoe and Jack & Becky Landrum of Farwell, Texas. Great-grandparents are Lillian Street and the late M.C. "Bud" Street.



Chloe Jessica Treider
Daughter of Rusty & Kristen Treider. Born September 22, 2006, in Chesapeake, VA. Weight at birth: 8 lbs., 3 oz.; length: 20.75". Grandparents are Lance & Karen Leschper and Russell & Susan Treider.



Dekon Rillie Vega
Son of Casey Tosh and Angelo Vega. Born September 14, 2006, in Littlefield. Weight at birth: 5 lbs., 0 oz.; length: 17.5". Grandparents are Billy & Linda Tosh and Carmen and Carmilla Vega.



Jaksen Williams
Son of Erin Williams. Born June 28, 2006, in Childress Medical Center. Weight at birth: 6 lbs., 8 oz.; length: 19.5". Grandparents are Debbie & Buddy Williams. Great-grandparents are Walt & Rose Sain.