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Journal to be carrying news, column from Iraq



TERAH KAY

Terah Kay, formerly of Muleshoe, the daughter of that Terah has given us this Dr. Kyle and Bernita Sheets opportunity to hear about of Muleshoe is currently the efforts of our service visiting Iraq, and will be men and women first hand," writing a series of columns said Larry Thornton, and features that will be managing editor of the carried in the Muleshoe Journal. Journal and the Plainview Daily Herald in the weeks that due to the hazardous ahead.

Abilene Christian University. additional She received her juris information about Terah and doctorate from the Texas her travels will not be Tech University School of released until her return," he Law in May 2007.

"We're extremely pleased

"We also want to explain conditions anyone traveling Terah is a graduate of to Iraq must experience, personal said.

Just below the bananas...

I made it to the Middle East!

So far my trip has gone impressively well. I got a reasonably good seat on the transatlantic flight and have met several very interesting people thus far.

I will wait 24 hours to fly to Baghdad International (BIAP). I should arrive there sometime Thursday night or night here. Friday morning.

flights to Baghdad, soldiers just after produce.

So I'm just below



I'm at a base now where that are set in rows. My tent is close to the latrine, and I 120 degrees. got a bottom bunk. Hopefully I'll only spend one awaiting transport to

The lady in charge of I sit now, there are several media relations said as far soldiers using webcams to this place are palpable. as seat priority goes on the talk to loves ones. These guys are either on their way exceptions, every soul who have first priority, then home, or, more likely, on is here is on his way to supplies, and media comes their way to spend the next spend a year or more away year of their lives in Iraq.

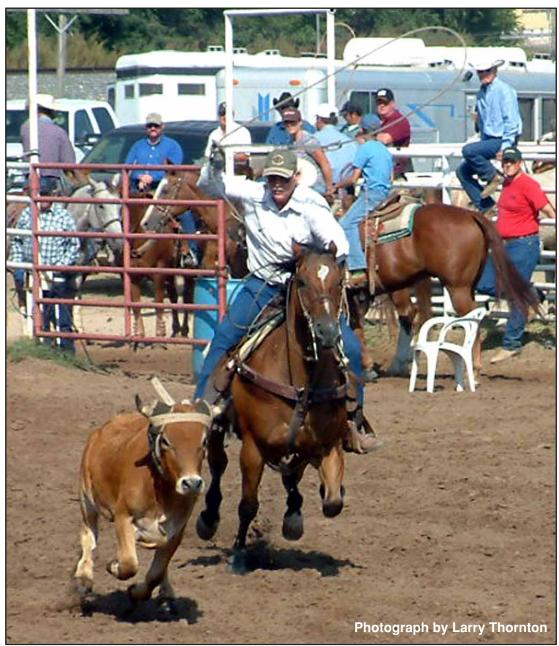
leaving family behind, but to war. I'm sleeping in a tent here these shining smiles as

hundreds of brown tents of the desert, and it is hot - sometimes upwards of

by

I spend two nights here Baghdad. This the gateway In the internet cafe where to Iraq, and to Afghanistan. The loneliness and fear in

With but a few from loved ones and home. They must feel lonely Everyone here is on his way



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Heading out...

Muleshoe's Kenneth Wilcox prepares to rope a steer during the annual Muleshoe Rotary Club's annual team roping, held this weekend at the Dusty Rhodes Areana. The three-day event drew a large number of team ropers to Bailey County. According to Monday's announcer, about 600 teams were scheduled to rope on the final day.

Electric Co-op says it was a year for setting records energy used for irrigation He said the co-op was By Larry Thornton and small commercial trying to keep up with the Managing Editor

bananas.

Local Weather

Thursday Pt. Cloudy..... 93/62

Friday I. T-Strms...... 87/59

Saturday I. T-Strms...... 80/53

Sunday I. T-Strms...... 77/52

Monday I. T-Strms...... 83/55

Tuesday Sc. T-Strms..... 81/54

Wednesday Pt. Cloudy..... 83/56

Give It A Thought

Peace is seeing a sunrise or a sunset, and knowing who to thank. Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper? Call the carrier Bobby Flores at 806-891-3950 (leave a message) or call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- these are priceless. saddest place I have ever been. It is hands down the eeriest.

I can not say where it is those who are back for a located, but it is a war staging area in the middle

The misery of dreading - one of what seems like soldiers connect with home an entire year away from loved ones is written on This army post is quite every face. The fear of the possibly the loneliest, unknown is evident in the eyes of many. And the familiarity of this routine can be seen in the resolve of

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The past year in the business Cooperative has included op's record peak. several new records, BCEC.

In Monday's annual growing pains associated report, Marricle said the of with it.

Plainview festivities to include cattle drive

ages.

A herd of cattle moving still be seen, through a downtown street transformed into a in Texas was a common beehive of activity for all sight in bygone days.

But, you can see it again Sept. 15, in Plainview at include the YMCA's "Moothe "Down Ol' Broadway a-thon" foot race, an Cattle Drive."

The drive is led by breakfast and lunch in the Mayor John C. Anderson park, a country music and the trail boss, with the concert, piñatas, several trail hand following.

The cowboys and bucking bull, giant cowgirls, provided by the inflatable games, cowboy Plainview Rodeo church, a ranch rodeo and Association, drive the herd a rodeo dance. from the Plainview Daily Herald to Broadway Park. by The Plainview Daily The cattle drive is followed Herald, along with by an exciting parade that corporate partners Cargill includes entries by Meat Solutions, HCSB, Wayland Baptist University Wal-Mart and the Wells Fargo Distribution Center, stagecoach as well as Plateau floats, riding clubs, antique Suddenlink, Gebo's, City cars and tractors, and of Plainview/Main Street. many others.

Downtown Plainview, call Vernah Ramsower at where red brick streets can 806-296-1300.

increased Bailey County Electric significantly, as did the co-

And while he noted that according to David Marricle, there has been some are becoming critical," president and CEO of growth, Marricle also said there have been some

Events for the day

authentic chuckwagon

vendors, a mechanical

The event is sponsored

For more information,

Store/

Cellular,

is

demands of it members and has had to "speed up" its building program to do so. "Our power supply issues

Marricle said. "But we're doing what we can to supply all the needs."

According to Marricle, about \$6 million was spent by the cooperative on its building program during 2006.

Prior to Marricle's report, a representative of the accounting firm Bolinger, Segars, Gilber & Moss referred to the cooperative's financial report.

As of Dec. 31, 2006, the cooperative's annual statement lists its total assets, as well as its liabilities, at \$34,085,847, while its total operating income was \$30,700,245.

speaking at Also Monday's meeting was Robert Bryant, general manager of Golden Spread Electric Co-op, of which BCEC is one of 17 members.

In his report to the BCEC members, Bryant discussed the wind energy issues facing West Texas, and how the area's current wind generation energy capability exceeds its ability to fully utilize it because of the need for additional transmission lines.





Hard work pays off big...

A lot of hard work by Muleshoe's students and coaching staff led the way to a big win over the Bobcats in Friday's opening game. Pictured above, Garrett Riley hands the ball off to Victor Vazquez. Turn to page 6 for game details.



Elder Care conference set

Elder care, and living well while aging will be the topic of discussion at a conference set for Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey County, Aging Services of Bailey County, and Park View Nursing Care Center are hosting the conference. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on aging well and the Elder Care Conference, contact Mandi Seaton, county extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County at 272-4583, or Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services at 272-3647.

Local pass available

Muleshoe Independent School District is once again offering the MISD Local Pass to senior citizens who are residents of the district. The MISD Local Pass was designed to allow senior citizens who are residents of Muleshoe ISD to attend locally sponsored school events at no cost.

Senior citizens who wish to obtain a MISD Local Pass may do so by seeing Pam Thomason at the MISD Superintendent's office or by calling her at 272-7404. Some restrictions on the use of the pass apply.

Open 4-H Enrollment Meeting

Bailey County 4-H will hold its open enrollment meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. 4-H is open to all boys and girls ages third grade through 12th grade.

Choose from subjects like photography, food and to come. I hope that is the nutrition, animals, clothing and textiles, and lots more. 4-H has more than 40 different things you can learn about, and offers an opportunity for the whole family to participate.

For more information, contact Bailey County Extension, 118 W. Ave. C., Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Projection Graduation fund raiser

Project Graduation 2008 is currently taking orders for painting the double muleshoes on drive-ways and sidewalks. These muleshoes look just like the ones painted on the street around the high school.

The cost is one set for \$20. Orders can be called in until Sept. 17. All of the painting will be done between Sept. 4-18. Call Lori Bales at 272-5400, Starla Ellis at 272-5838 and Terri Precure at 272-5073 to place an order

SPC to provide safety training course

South Plains College will be present a hydrogen sulfide safety training course starting Sept. 10 in Room 108 of the Law Enforcement building on the SPC Levelland campus.

The class will meet for three hours, from 6 to 9 p.m., on Mondays, beginning Sept. 10, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5.

The course costs \$10 per person. Terry Pitts will be the instructor.

The course will focus on all aspects of the deadly gas hydrogen sulfide including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks. The course meets safety-training requirements for work in the oil field.

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

South Plains College to offer 'Voice' for Fun' courses

South Plains College will offer a "Voice for Fun" classes starting Sept. 10 through Nov. 5. The lesson times and locations will be arranged with the instructor Ruby Moultrie, SPC assistant professor of music.

The half-hour lessons cost \$125 per semester and the one-hour lessons cost \$250 per semester.

The only course requirement is a desire to sing. The classes will focus on voice support, breathing control and improving diction. Participants must be ages 15 and older.

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

As I see it...

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half-zombie state, exhausted from traveling, lonely, scared — these people are going to war, and their faces show it.

Maybe this is the worst part... the dreading what is case.

Day and night are one and the same here.

When I arrived at almost midnight, I watched a game of volleyball as I ate my dinner. I am not tired because it is daytime at home, but I try to sleep.

Sleep does not come easily because the lights in my tent remain on at all hours. Daytime is more suited to sleep than nighttime in this strange place that never sleeps.

it is unbearable.

The desert sun reflects off People wander around in of every surface, making it nearly impossible to see. Only a few people mill among the canvas tents that serve as makeshift hotels.

> Night falls again, and people return.

We are all waiting to board a plane for somewhere else. Of course, there are people who are stationed in this place who help soldiers get where they're going. They are the most cheerful crowd, and it's a good thing.

This place, and these soldiers could use some good cheer.







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Food safety program offered

Bailey, Cochran, and Hockley county, is offering training to reduce the number of illnesses.

The Food Manager Certification Training Program, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" seeks to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

By taking the course, food service managers can receive the latest information on personal hygiene, how to use thermometers, how to store food safely, how to prepare and serve food properly and how to keep the food preparation areas clean and sanitized. Participants can fulfill requirements for food manager certification if they pass the certification exam offered at the end of the course.

The training session will be offered for \$89 on Sept. 13-14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Morton Activity Building, 200 B. W. Taylor, Morton, TX. The cost includes training materials and the state food manager certification examination. Deadline for registration will be Sept. 6.

For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Alzheimer's Disease support group

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center. Lunch will be served.

The program will be presented by Hospice of Plainview. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 272-4583.

LISD fund raiser

The senior class at Lazbuddie Independent School a.m. She weighed six District will be hosting an enchilada dinner on Sunday, pounds, 13 ounces, and was Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The menu will include meat or cheese enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and homemade desserts. Tickets are siblings: Ethan Dylan, 11, \$6.50, and carry out is available.

To purchase tickets, contact the members of the senior Nehemiah, 8, Erbay class.



Thankfully, these tents are air conditioned.

I wake at 6 a.m. for morning roll call, and then fall asleep until 2 p.m., the hottest part of the day, and





EDETTE AND ERICA HERRERA Herrera births

Erbay and Prisela Herrera of Delhi, La., announce the birth of their daughters, Edette Giselle Herrera and Erica Ruth Herrera, on July 12, 2007, at St. Frances Medical Center of Monroe, La.

Edette was born at 8:29 a.m. She weighed five pounds, eight ounces at birth and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

Erica was born at 8:31 19 inches in length.

The twins have five Eliana Vanessa, 9, Ezra Edriam, 7, and Emma Jayn, 6.

The grandparents are Bernado and Antonia Herrera of Mulshoe, and Ramon and Janie Mendoza of Muleshoe.



Larger 'cowboy girdle' is needed

As I looked into the mirror this past week, I realized how successful my diet has been. I mean, if I was a 95pound weakling, wanting to avoid sand being kicked in my face, I've succeeded in solving the problem.

I am not a 95-pound Muleshoe, weakling.

Unfortunately, that hasn't been my problem. Looking back, I figure the last time I was a 95-pound weakling must have been a couple of weeks before kindergarten. I'd check with my mother, but she'd probably say something about it being shortly before I got out of diapers... which I promise was more than a couple of weeks before kindergarten.

Anyway, as I looked at my image in the mirror — at 3/ 4 view since the mirror only covers one entire wall, and probably wasn't large enough for the full image, I realized that drastic measures were needed.

l've got a doctor's appointment coming up and the thought of stepping up on those scales hasn't been pleasant.

to make a trip to the emergency room in

LISD senior class fund raiser set

The senior class at Lazbuddie Independent School District will be hosting an enchilada dinner on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.50, and carry out is available.

To purchase tickets, contact the members of the senior class.



where horrors... an honest nurse.

I increased my original bribe offer to a whole solve the problem like a guarter, but she insisted on boxer or wrestler who is documenting my true weight struggling to make their on that sheet she was giving weight for a match. the doctor.

For the first time, I the realized that some people appointment is at the are too honest for their own good.

honest for my own good, but she turns the corner and after she wrote down the weight, which I noticed made even her clipboard sag a little, the least she not so all together," could be could have done was to burn it or put it through a paper shredder before the emergency room doctor arrived.

was fortunate that the E.R. doctor wasn't the one I normally see at the clinic. All A few weeks ago, I had he did was check out my injury and send me home. few pounds since the last Wow, that was close.

As I was saying, I've got another doctor's and I'm already thinking girdle." about how I'm going to handle the weight issue.

thought to the idea of was to display his most hooking a really large recent rodeo win, did you? needle to a vacuum cleaner vacuums you see in use on the health channels have learned that a large occasionally — I finally hunk of metal is much better decided that would be at concealing some things.

I carrying things too far. encountered... horror of Besides, I don't have one of those wet/dry shop vacs.

So, I guess, I'll have to

The problem is that since next doctor's cardiologist, there's a great possibility that the sudden Okay... okay, they're too shock to another patient as discovers me standing on the scales in what could best be described as "my more than her system could take.

That being the case, maybe the nurse will take such a dangerous possibility On that particular night, I into consideration and take me at my word, and write down my weight at 104 pounds.

> Yes, I know, I've gained a time sand was kicked into inspection from the Texas my face.

Until then, I'm going to appointment coming up, have to rely on my "cowboy

What! You didn't really think that big piece of metal Although I've given some strapped to a cowboy's belly

Women may be able to - creating one of them fat depend on strips of elastic, but us "full-figured" fellows



Exchange student welcomed...

Muleshoe Rotary Club's youth exchange student, Camille Naas of France, was greeted as she arrived in Muleshoe. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Janae Pyle, Pat Angeley, Rotary president Wayne Pierson, with his wife, Jo, and children, Megan and Tobin, exchange student Camille Naas, Tracy Been, and co-youth exchange officers for Rotary District 5730, Ken and Elyn Patterson of Lubbock.

The Beens and the Piersons are two of Camille's three host families. After a slight delay in her flight schedule, we are glad she finally made it to West Texas. She will be here the entire school year, splitting her stay between three families in equal time increments," explained Pierson.

Letter to the Editor

County jail passes yearly inspection

To the Editor:

inspections.

The first was an Commission on Jail Standards, and the second was an inspection from the State Health Department.

passed both inspections with no deficiencies.

Both inspections are significant in order to keep the jail up and running.

Texas The Jail underwent two major a daily basis and makes keep the jail in operation. sure that all paperwork is in proper order.

are inspected each year.

inspection of sanitation logs, food storage, and food preparedness.

These inspections are On Aug. 17, the Bailey Commission inspects how completed once a year and County Detention Center the inmates are treated on are mandatory in order to

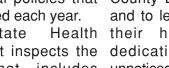
> I would like to extend my up most respect and There are various log gratitude to each and every books, inmate accounts, employee at the Bailey and medical policies that County Detention Center, and to let them know that State Health their hard work and Gail Wilcox,

> > **Acting Jail Administrator**

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I am honored to the be Department inspects the dedication does not go the one to inform you that kitchen that includes unnoticed or unappreciated.

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on Tax Rate

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

Muleshoe Area Hospital District

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 15 percent on August 30, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. and September 10, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

The **Board of Directors of Muleshoe** Area Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at public meeting to be held on September 20, 2007, 6:00 P.M. at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, Hospital Dining Room, 708 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

who donated blood last Wednesday. The helpers with the Blood Service were very appreciative and stated it was a very beneficial drive. So thanks to all who participated.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, Mandi Seaton, with the extension office, will be presenting her informative and enjoyable program during lunch. So make plans to come join us. She is such a good speaker.

Tuesday night dance

Our sincere thanks to all the Bootscooter Band. for the election. After a supportive help to the Sandy will be gone. Make review of the petitions, the plans to come and enjoy the board determined there was music from our home town only one nominee who had music makers. Call a friend and bring your favorite dish for the pot luck supper.

Enjoy a night out.

directors meeting will be determined there would be Wednesday, Sept. 12. meetings are open to the Kenneth Henry and will public.

The board met in a called meeting on Monday, Sept. thanks to Kenneth Henry for Thanks again Kenneth for

music will be provided by 3, to review the nominations the agreed to serve if elected.

Other nominees had stated they do not wish to be on the board. Therefore The regular board of the board of directors no need to have an election. beginning at 1 p.m. The Ron Hohes will replace serve for a three year term.

dedicated Center.

them all.

But if a project was going on, Kenneth had a part in it. We are very pleased and grateful to have Kenneth as Our sincere and many a friend of the centers.

and all your good work.

forms from each of the Kenneth had the idea for senior citizens who come to the Area Pioneer Project, the center. We have the which has been very forms ready for your successful. He has helped signature. So take a little with so many projects for time to help us complete the center it would be your forms. We need to impossible to remember have all completed by Sept. 14.

Menu for Sept. 10-14: Monday, Sept. 10 -

Medatarainian chicken, rice, broccoli, cheese, tossed salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 — Pork We need new intake roast, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, wheat roll, jello and fruit.

> Wednesday, Sept. 12 -Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and chocolate cake.

> Thursday, Sept. 13 -Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, salsa, chips, cheese and Oreo cookie pudding.

> Friday, Sept. 14 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw and fruit salad.





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Obituaries

Creston Faver

A memorial service for Alaska in Juneau. Borger officiating.

Aug. 28, 2007. He was death by two sons -Winter's house, to Jinx Faver in 2005. and Nesba Faver.

Korean Conflict.

He later graduated with Rich honors from Texas Tech Portales, accounting in 1959.

the CPA Firm of Williams, of Faver. Sudduth

the Attorney General in Gallagher, Juneau, Alaska, and then Gallagher, for the University of and Tony Pollreisz.

Creston Faver, 74, of Faver retired in 1986 Saturday, Sept. 1, at Louise, to Ruidoso, N.M. Boxwell Brothers Ivy At the time of his Chapel of Amarillo with passing, Faver was a Darrah Smith and Mike resident at the Clairmont in Amarillo.

Faver died on Tuesday, He was preceded in born on Sept. 14, 1932, in Creston Paul Faver in New Liberty, in Granny's 1994, and Ricky Lee

Survivors include his He graduated from wife — Louise Faver; a Bowie High School in son and his wife - David 1948, and served in the and Ann Faver of Amarillo; U.S. Army during the a daughter and her husband — Sandra and Gallagher of N.M.; а University with a degree in daughter-in-law — Terri Faver of Amarillo; a From 1962-1981, brother and his wife -Creston was a partner in Forrest and Georgia Faver Nocona; nine & grandchildren — Cari Company in Muleshoe. Thompson and husband During the years 1981- Jeremy, Aaron Faver, Trey 1986, Faver worked with Faver, Creston Avery Shannon Brandon became the comptroller Pollreisz and wife April,

Lee Irvin Kizer

Lee Irvin Kizer, 87, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Wheeler Mortuary Chapel was involved in farming in Portales with Dee and dairies. In 1960 he Lancaster of University went into insurance and Drive Church of Christ real estate. officiating.

to his wife in Portales Citizens Center. service.

Pallbearers Jimmy Judah.

Hospice Care Givers, Rita Lee is survived by his Ornelas and friends. Aug. 16, 2007, at his of Muleshoe; a sister home. He was born in Lena Judah of Portales; Flomont on April 24, 1920, four grandchildren and to John and Annia their spouses - Debby (Perkins) Kizer, and and Dale Bearden of attended school in Ungo, Kerrville, Karen and Jerry N.M.

Funeral services for primarily at Hickman Field, Portales, N.M., were held Lee returned to the on Monday, Aug. 20, at Portales area where he

He was also active in Lee was laid to rest next the Portales Senior

Cemetery following the Lee was preceded in death by his wife were Juanita Kizer; his parents William Kizer, Mack Kizer, — John and Annie; four Larry Greer, Shannon brothers-George, Willie, Kizer, Juan Kizer and J.B. and Jim; three sisters - Cora Mae Judah, Ruby Honorary pallbearers Newberry, Ida Ruth Kizer, were Presbyterian and two great-grandsons.

Wanda Neel

A graveside service for Wanda Neel, 89, of Ranger, formerly of Lubbock, was held on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park with Dr. Ken Horn officiating.

Neel died on Friday, Aug. 31, in San Angelo. She was born on June 3, 1918, in Jester, Okla., to the late George and Lydia Leona Furgeson, and married Harvey L. Neel, on Jan. 6, 1938, in Plainview, Okla.

They lived in Oklahoma for several years before moving to the Littlefield area.

assistant in Littlefield and later co-owned and managed a hair salon in

Terry Richards

A wake for Terry Richards, 45, of Lazbuddie, was held on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the home of Mike and Maria Richards.

Richards died on Aug. 25, in Lubbock. She was born on Dec. 8, 1961, in San Antonio, and was married to Blaine Radford for 15 years. Richards had lived in the Lazbuddie community for 28 years, moving from Quemado.

She earned an associates degree from Eastern New Mexico State University, was а homemaker and an instructor at Clovis Community College, prior to driving a truck for 11 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and a sister — Patricia Richards.

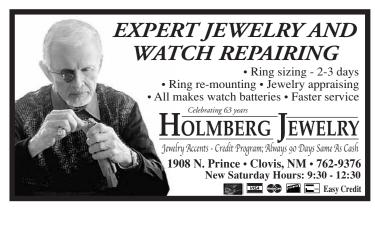
Survivors include two sons - Cody Radford of Muleshoe and Randall Radford of Lazbuddie; a daughter — Leslie Radford of Pecos, formerly of Muleshoe: a sister — Roxy Williams of Amarillo; and a brother — Mike Richards of Muleshoe.



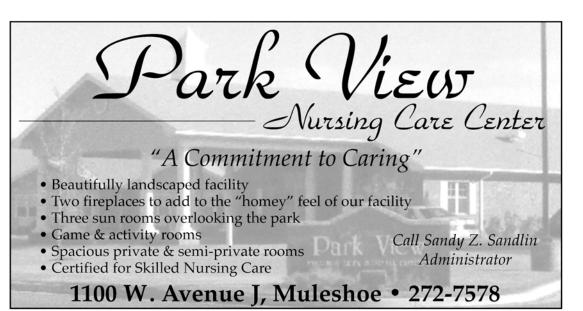
WANDA NEEL

Lubbock. She was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her husband on She worked as a dental March 18, 1999; by her son - Jerry Neel on June 19, 2001; and two grandchildren.

> Survivors include her son and his wife — Merlyn and Jo Dean Neel of Muleshoe: her daughter — Joan Gentry of Ranger; five grandchildren, 11 greatgrandchildren and a greatgreat-grandson.



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at The American Smelting of Austin. Co., in Amarillo, before entering the U.S. Army in great-grandchildren and 1945. He served 13 two

months

daughter and her husband Lee passed away on — Jo Ann and Ray Clark Copley of Muleshoe, and After school Lee worked Jerry Ray and Kim Clark

> Also surviving are seven great-great overseas, grandchildren.

Tom Caldwell

A memorial service for lieutenant in the U.S. Army Tom Caldwell, 86, of Bovina, was held on Tuesday, Sept. II. 4, 2007, at Bovina United Methodist Church with Jan Keeler, CS, and the Rev. Larry Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Bovina Cemetery.

Aug. 31, 2007. He was born of Boston; a daughter on Jan. 23, 1921, in Vernon to J.R. and Bessie Caldwell, and married Ann Brown in Amarillo on Oct. 13,1946.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers — Bob, Ralph, Bedford and J.R. Jr.

Caldwell was a resident of the Bovina community for more than 80 years. He was a 1939 graduate of Oklahoma Lane Schools, and served as a 1st

Air Corp during World War

He was an agriculturalist, a member of the Bovina Lions Club, and served on the school board.

Survivors include his wife - Ann; a son and his wife

Caldwell died on Friday, - John and Julie Caldwell Cynthia Caldwell of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister — Ruth Coats of Wichita, Kan.; a brother — Chuck Caldwell of Houston; and three granddaughters.

> Memorials my be sent to Caldwell Tom the Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech University, Dept. of Agriculture, Science and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 4123, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

SPC to offer cake decorating class

South Plains College will begin a basic cake decorating class on Mondays, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Room 108 of the Law Enforcement building from Sept. 10 through Oct. 22.

The course costs \$40 plus supplies. Sandy Israel will be the instructor. For more information, call the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

SPC to offer oil painting course

South Plains College will offer two sessions of Oil Painting for Fun. All classes will be held in the Fine Arts building on the Levelland campus.

Session one will start Sept. 10 through Nov. 5 with classes on Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 134 of the Fine Arts building. Session two begins Sept. 11 through Nov. 6 with classes on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 14 of the Fine Arts building.

Participants should park on the east side of the Administration Building and enter through the back of the Fine Arts building.

The cost of the classes will be \$85 plus supplies. Enrollment is limited. Artist Marilyn Dewbre is the instructor. Please contact Dewbre at 806-266-8875 about ordering supplies.

The course is open to any student from beginner to intermediate who wants to learn or improve his skills in oil. The class will emphasize color, contrast, detail and line for each individual's work.

Pregnant women are advised not to take the course because of medial reasons for using oil painting supplies.

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Sports

Mules dominate the game against Childress Bobcats

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

The Mules "WOWed!" their staunchest supporters as well as the Childress Bobcats Friday night in Benny Douglas Stadium.

Both teams carried preseason top 20 ratings in various polls coming into the contest Friday.

Muleshoe converted the football field in Benny Douglas to a race track. They won all but one of the races in the first half and rolled up impressive 26-7 an the advantage by intermission. After the half the Mules returned to the track and won two quick races and extended their advantage to 40-7.

When the final gun sounded the Mules had racked up a very impressive 52-36 win over the visiting Bobcats. They garnered 194yards rushing and 342 passing for a total of 536 yards of offense.

"It was a great win for us tonight," said Mule coach David Wood. "Scoring 52 points against a quality team like Childress is always a plus. We gave up a lot of yards in the game but most of that came late."

"There are several things that we saw on both sides of the ball that we need to continue to work on. We have to use this game as a positive but not be satisfied with our performance."

"We have a tough predistrict schedule. This is just the first of four strong opponents we face before district. Now we need to build on this win and continue to work on our weaknesses and build on our strenaths."

"We go to Cooper next Friday and that will be another big test for us," said a Bobcat receiver. Wood.

Players of the Game

Scout Team Player of the Game - Cole Hawkins Special Teams Player of the Game — Austin Wright Offensive Player of the Game — Dusty Clayton Defensive Player of the Game - Colton Heinrich Player of the Game — Garrett Riley

pump faked to me. I broke off pushed them back three with the pattern and was able to get past him. Garrett laid the ball in my arms and I was out the Bobcats to punt. The kick run them to the end zone."

Clayton picked off a pass to stop Childress and set up march to the end zone with a a Mule drive. Clayton 13 yard toss from Riley to continued by saving. "I had Clavton. short coverage on that play. Coach (Greg) Poynor had warned me they would try to throw over me to a deeper receiver. I read the two plays. quarterbacks eyes and when he tried to go over me I drifted into Childress territory with a back and was able to steal 16-yard jaunt up the middle the ball away from their on the Mules patented receiver."

rushing with eight carries for hot route for nine more yards. 82 yards and two touch downs. Ray Ramirez had three carries for 40 yards. Elias Alvarado carried three the defender put a hand in his times for 12 yards and two back as he went over the top TDs.

The Mule defense was at its very best in the first three the Mules at the Bobcat 24. periods with their "Bend But Not Break" philosophy. The through a gapping hole Bobcats racked up 359-yards opened by the Mule line and rushing and 136 more broke a couple of tackles for passing for a total of 495 nine yards. A swing pass to yards of offense.

The Mule defense forced the ten-yard line. the Bobcats to give up the ball seven times on middle to Vasquez and out turnovers. Riley, Wood, Colton Heinrich and Brian yard TD. Poynor all recovered fumbles for the Mules.

of Childress" passes. Elias Alvarado, Clayton, Wood and

Colton Heinrich led the

Slobber Knocker — Ray Ramirez route when Garrett (Riley) yards on first down but

L. Wood making the stop.

An incomplete pass force rolled dead on the Mule 10.

The Mules began their

Victor Vasquez took a pitch wide around the right end for 14 yards and the Mules second first down in

Ramirez moved the ball "Hammer Play". Riley Riley led the Mules in connected with Clayton on a

> Doc Fullmer ran a crossing pattern 15 yards down field and before the pass arrived to knock the pass away. Penalty flags came out to put

Vasquez took a hand off Vasquez moved the Mules to

Riley faked the dive up the raced the defense for a 10-

Vasquez extra-point kick was good to put the Mules on The Mules picked off four top 7-0 with 6:47 remaining in the first period. The drive went 90-yards in 11 plays Victor Vasquez each robbed and consumed almost four minutes.

Precure kicked deep and Mule defensive attack with to the left side of the field. The Alvarado blasted him as he Alvarado's helmet hit the ball and made a special team and knocked it toward the doal line. Heinrich raced past the ball on the Childress eight. Adam Zamora picked six of the eight yards needed for a TD. Alvarado was rewarded for his hit and carried the final two yards on the "Hammer Play". The two-point seconds gone off the clock since the first TD.

holes in the Muleshoe the Childress sideline for 17 Mules were back in the defense and scored on a yards and moved the Mules Helm 47-yard run. The kick was good and with 4:40 left in the period to trail the Mules the middle, spun to avoid a running. Clayton broke off the 13-7.

a quick TD of their own after Bobcats for the final eight getting off to a slow start on the drive. Riley was sacked on first down for a nine-yard loss and a motion penalty backed them up five more.

They over came the set period. backs with a screen to Vasquez on the left side. He used his blockers to the max and gained 34 yards.

Fullmer made a grab on

Bobcat end zone. Riley's to the Bobcat 18.

The Mules responded with Alvarado ran past the defender. vards.

six plays and took a minute

Childress drove from their plays. The Mule defense halted them at that point.

pump fake sold the safety on L. Wood went straight up the slant pattern Clayton was tackler and gained 10. route and raced past his Riley laid the ball in

Clavton's hands at the Mule The drive went 69 yards on 35. Clayton raced untouched to the end zone. Childress and 41 seconds off the clock. was never able to really The Mules led 19-7 after one recover and the rest is history.

The Mules' next big test 30 to the Mule 11 in nine will be at Lubbock Cooper Friday. The Pirates defeated Borger 48-27. They rushed In just three plays the 57 times for 651 yards.



Garrett Riley and Wes Wood connected with nine different receivers. Dusty Clayton led the receiving core with five catches for 184 yards and two touchdowns. Colby Carpenter made two circus style grabs for 22 yards and a TD. Wes Wood had only one catch but raced 33 yards for a TD.

Clayton had an excellent game on both sides of the ball. When ask about his long touch down passes from Riley, he said. "They were both really good throws. We had noticed the safety was covering the slant really hard."

"So I faked the slant and the safety tried to jump the

10 solo tackles, nine assists, Childress return man could a sack and recovered a not handle the ball and fumble. Lane Wood made 11 solo stops, three assists, a tried to regain control. sack, hurried the guarterback tackle.

Riley made nine solo tackles, had two assists and collision to cover the loose recovered a fumble. Poynor had five solo stops, two assists, two hurries, caused a fumble and recovered a fumble.

The Mules won the toss and deferred to the second half. Patrick Precure kicked conversion failed and the off and Bo Helm returned the Mules led 13-0 with only 37 ball to the Childress 42.

It was three-and-out as the Mule defense gave up two

Childress found some

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Freshman Mules trample the Bobcats, 32-20

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

were ready to run after a Thursday afternoon.

The Mule offense scored by the intermission.

They tacked on six more

Bobcats scored all 20 of The Freshman Mules their points in the first half.

long bus trip to Childress ice for the Mules with a 47- second period. yard scamper.

and run to Rico Alarcon.

Washington broke loose in the third period to down for a 51-yard TD run to wrap

the Bobcats 32-20. The up the Mule's first period times for 79 yards and assist, one interception and scoring.

Juan Sanchez bored in Joey Ramirez broke the from one yard out in the

Cooper Washington yards for the Mules final tally 20 points in the opening completed only one pass in the third period. period and added six more but it was a 60-yard TD pass Washington led the Mules in stops, three assists, a had an interception. Damon rushing with 10 carries for 145 yards.

Ramirez carried nine

Sanchez got the call nine a big hit. times for 63 vards.

Washington raced 43 assists, one special teams pressures.

tackle and a big hit. Ramirez made five solo solo tackles, two assists and fumble recovery and broke Snell recovered a fumble. up a pass.

Royce Strader made Pirates of Lubbock Cooper three solo tackles, one Thursday afternoon.

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Panhandle at Highland Park

Bushland at Sunray

Littlefield at Friona

Abernathy at River Road

Farwell at Dimmitt

Last Week's Scores River Road 0, Panhandle 48

Borger 48, Lub. Cooper 27

Dimmitt 20, New Deal 35

Friona 9. Abernathy

hland Park 7, White Deer 27 Tulia 7, Littlefield 35

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Christian Godinez made Sanchez led the defense two solo stops, one assist with seven solo tackles, six and four quarterback

Nick Hurtado made three

The Mules will host the

Interested participants

The course fee is \$25

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cash, check or money order

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2007 Journal football contest begins!

By Leah Bell

General Manager newcomers competed to win the first football contest of the season. I love football season in West Texas!

Unlike the decisive win Muleshoe racked up against Childress this past Friday first contest wasn't a runaway victory, nor was it pretty. But in the end, a victor was crowned and he'll take home the first \$25 points under his name in the grand prize contest. The "he" I'm speaking of is none other than Joe Flores of Hi-Tek Automotive.

the 12 games. He edged out youngster Brandon Acevedo who also missed just three games by guessing closer to the tiebreaker score (total points scored in the Mules versus Childress game). Flores guessed 41 points while Acevedo guessed just 28 total points would be scored. The actual total points scored in Friday night's game was 88 with the Muleshoe handily beating Childress 52-36.

Brandon will get nine grand prize points for his efforts this week.

Rounding out the top ten positions for this first week

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pts.), Tommy King (5 pts.), regular season game It was a free-for-all this Fernando Toscano and earned by each contestant first week as old friends and Richard Orozco (tie - 3 pts.), for the top ten spots each and Terry Field (1 pt.).

positions, the remaining top season with the most points ten contestants all missed earned throughout the four games.

Just out of the running for grand prize points this week (Go Mules!), the Journal's was Marilyn Engelking who your chances folks! We will also only missed four also award a weekly prize games but was further away of \$25 to the number one on her tiebreaker quess than the other contestants.

Games that tripped many

Contestants remember that the grand to announced after the last or ctyankee@fivearea.com.

Rudy Gonzales (4 pts.), played by the Mules. Points week will be added together. Besides the top two The person finishing the season will be named the grand prize winner of \$200 - so play weekly to increase finisher....either way it's worth your time to play!

If you missed this first weekly prize and add 10 of the players up this week week, don't worry. You can included Canvon Randall's still play. Just be sure to unlikely win over Amarillo enter your picks each Friday High, Plainview's loss to by 5 PM. They can be Dumas, Clovis' loss to Las mailed to us at P.O. Box Cruces Mayfield and 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347, Joe missed just three of Pampa's win over Perryton. dropped off at our office. should 201 W. Ave. C, or emailed either prize winner will be advertising@muleshoejournal.com

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Grand Prize Winner - Each week, points will be awarded to the TOP 10 FINISHERS (1st Place=10 pts., 2nd Place=9 pts., 3rd Place=8 pts., etc.). The person finishing the regular season with the most accumulated points will receive the Journal's \$200 Grand Prize! So play every week to increase your chances!

Entries may be mailed to the Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, dropped off at the office (201 W. Ave. C) during business hours, M-F, 8-5 or Emailed to: advertising@muleshoejournal.com or ctyankee@fivearea.com. Please indicate FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY. Need not have original entry form to enter.

Entries for any week's contest must be postmarked before or received in our office by 5 PM on Friday of that week's games. No exceptions! Muleshoe Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win. Decision of the judges is final. Games not marked will be counted against the player. Must be at least 12 years old to play.

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- 1. Muleshoe at Lubbock Cooper
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- 3. Bushland at Sunray
- 4. Palo Duro vs. Amarillo High
- 5. Lubbock Coronado at Plainview
- 6. Tascosa at Odessa Permian
- 7. Idalou at Levelland
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FSA holds cotton program referendum sign-up

importers who want USDA's Service (AMS) to conduct a continuance referendum. Cotton Research and Promotion Program can sign-up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office Sept. 4 through Nov. 30.

No action is necessary if a continuance referendum is not desired.

allows eligible cotton producers and importers to request a referendum for amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act," said Kim Hanlin, county executive director for Bailey County FSA.

In March 2007, following comprehensive а mandatory five-year review, USDA endorsed continuation of the 1991 the department can be order amendments without a continuance referendum.

This sign-up period is significant because, "If

Cotton producers and percent (4,622) of the voting collection of assessments of \$2 per line item entry program Agriculture Marketing request the conduct of a cotton products. referendum regarding the then a referendum will be cotton producers to demand held within 12 months of the sign-up period end date," said Hanlin.

Research and Promotion engaged in the production Program were approved in a July 1991 referendum, by a 60 percent majority of "This sign-up period cotton producers and those who imported upland importers who voted.

These changes included:

 Importer representation continuation of the 1990 on the Cotton Board, the organization that assists the Department in administrating the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

> Assessments levied on imported cotton and cotton products.

> Increasing the amount reimbursed for the conduct referendum from а \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Reimbursing results of the sign-up period government agencies that show that at least 10 assist in administering the

participants on imported cotton and during calendar year 2006.

a refund of assessments.

According to Hanlin, eligible producers are Changes to the Cotton individuals over age 18 of upland cotton during calendar year 2006.

Eligible importers are cotton in excess of the value

JV Mules fall to the Bobcats

kick.

yards.

Muleshoe's

By Delton Wilhite Sportswriter

The JV Mules traveled Skipworth tacked on the to Childress Thursday and extra point with a perfect jumped in front of the Bobcats in the first half.

The Mules led 7-0 at the for 112 yards. Muniz intermission but Childress caught three passes for 19 yards and Conner made came back in the second half to take the game 13- two receptions for 19 0.

Caleb Conner set up the Mules' touchdown with a Lubbock Cooper Pirates 60-yard scamper in the Thursday opening period.

Jared Skipworth capped Douglas Stadium.

Hanlin advises that other

 Terminating the right of eligibility requirements might apply and eligibility will be determined by FSA.

Alzheimer's group to meet on Sept. 13

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center.

Conner rushed 11 times

The Mules will host the

night

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Local students place in trampoline competition

Muleshoe Sports Academy recently hosted the sixth annual Texas Trampoline Cup in conjunction with USA Gymnastics.

The competition featured level 5 and up athletes from across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

A total of 75 athletes competed in the one day event, which was divided into four levels: Girls, Boys, Junior, and Elite Divisions.

The competition had a preliminary and then the competition was head to head competition after that to determine the winner.

The Sports Academy took competition.

six of its own athletes to the Academy representative lone representative for the said.



the head to head In the-advanced round, competition," a Sports Hadlea Geissler was the

Academy.

Stormie fell in the first round of competition, but gained valuable experience competing against the best. Brittany and Baylee won

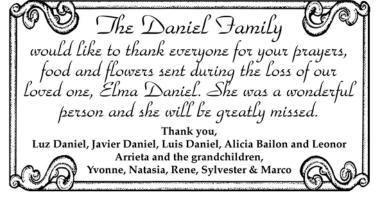
four rounds a piece to face each other in the finals. Baylee won by the closest

of margins to take the Texas Cup Competition.

"It was tough going up against Brittany, she is such a great competitor. She is the best I have competed against all year. I was really proud of us both bringing home cups," Bessire said.

Former Elite Division competitors have competed all over the world including World Championships and

"We hope that this will be



Our family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers and everything that was done for us after the passing of Ryan. Words cannot express our gratitude for all of the generous contributions to the memorial fund for Pacen. we appreciated so much the overwhelming support of our family and friends in New Mexico and

Olympic Trails.

Daniella and Natalie Diaz competed in the Girls' of the competition by the Sports Academy well, division. "Both did great in third-place cup winner. She preliminaries, but came up was ranked fourth out of 30 against tough competition in competitors.

Daniella was knocked out

Health Packing a safe lunch

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Back to school may mean back to packing lunches for your child.

In helping your child pack lunch, start by а brainstorming foods and snacks that he or she would like to eat.

In addition to choosing nutritious foods, keeping the foods safe for eating can be a challenge when packing for school.

Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.

Keep cold foods like meat, eggs, lunch meat, cheese, milk, cut fruit and cooked pasta, vegetables and rice cold.

Use ice packs, freezer to keep foods cold until lunch.

Keep foods like soup and chili hot with a wide mouth insulated bottle.

Pour boiling water into the bottle to heat the inside. Then heat the food to 165°F. Drain the boiling water from the bottle and replace with the hot food.

Foods like nuts and peanut butter, unopened containers of pudding, juice boxes, unopened canned meat, dried and canned fruit, chips, and whole fruits

are safe at room temperature.

Here are other tips that can help you and your child with "safe sacking:"

· Wash hands with soap and warm water before preparing the lunch.

· Clean all food preparation areas including countertops.

Keep lunch boxes clean

• Use paper bags only once.

 Do not reuse plastic bags or wrap.

· Keep lunches out of direct sunlight or other heat sources.

 Use leftovers that have been in the refrigerator for less than 1 or 2 days.

• Do not re-use perishable gels, or frozen juice boxes lunch leftovers. Throw them out.

> Take time throughout the school year to talk with your child about good nutrition and food safety.

Let them take an active part in planning and preparing lunches.

For more information on packing safe lunches, contact Mandi Seaton, County extension agent -Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, 806-272-4583.

"She represented the winning the Junior Division after five rounds of head to head competition," a Sports Academy representative said.

Stormie Fuentes, Baylee Bessire, and Brittany Caddell competed in the Elite Division.

another stepping stone in a great career for all these athletes. It was a great event that we were glad to host," Will Green, director said.

Fuentes, Bessire and Caddell will next compete in Birmingham, Ala., at the Stars and Stripes Cup in September.

Texas. Thank you all for being a lighthouse in this dark time for our family.

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Energy, Wildlife to be thrust of Oct. 25-26 Abilene conference

at 1982 Lytle Way.

The conference is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Wildlife the Texas Association.

"Wind energy is one of the fastest growing businesses in West Texas," said Gary Bomar, extension agent for Taylor County.

"Our goal with this program is to create a forum for addressing the myriad of issues associated with this new industry and to explore the economic and ecological implications landowners may face. This program is a must for anyone contemplating a wind farm on their property."

The Oct. 25 program starts at 9:30 a.m., and includes talks on the past, present and future of wind energy, and its known and unknown effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat.

State Rep. Susan King of Abilene will be the keynote



Torres receives scholarship

The Muleshoe Area Education Foundation has announced that Irma Torres of Muleshoe, pictured above, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend the SPC Muleshoe Center for basic college credit classes.

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perspectives.

Wind energy and its effects speaker. Along with the topic begin at 7:30 a.m. At that of how wind energy on wildlife will be the focus of of wind energy production time, participants will meet at production effects cattle, is \$50 before Sept. 15 and WILD or e-mail her at a conference in Abilene Oct. pros and cons, the afternoon the hall for coffee and to hunting and daily life on the \$75 thereafter. Those h holdsworth@texaswildlife.org. 25-26 at the Big Country Hall program will include a panel caravan to the Galbraith ranch. discussion of landowner Family Ranch for a field tour

of a wind turbine site. The conclude with lunch at the The Oct. 26 program will tour will include a discussion ranch.

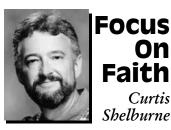
registering after Oct. 20 are The conference will asked to register at the door. information contact Bomar at For more information and 325-672-6048 to register call Helen bomar@tamu.edu.

Individual pre-registration Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-For sponsorship and booth or <u>q-</u>

A Few First Impressions from Mbale, Uganda

As I'm writing from Mbale, Uganda, my problem is not that I don't have enough to write about; it's much the opposite.

We've been in Africa for just three days. We're barely out of the jet-lag doldrums, much less qualified to hold a serious opinion or draw any conclusions about many of the amazing things we've already seen. One of the most valuable things I'm beginning to learn is how very little I



know about this land and its people. To be much more than a journeyman in such knowledge must take years of living here.

This is not, I'm afraid, a very focused bit of writing, but let me just throw out a very few very early impressions.

Our sons were right when they recommended tranquilizers and/or blindfolds for us for the four-hour drive from the Entebbe airport to Mbale. Cars, trucks, taxis, motorcycles, and bikes are everywhere, as are pedestrians running down, around, and along the rode like suicidal ants.

It would be bad enough if the only problem was that all my "right side of the road" instincts are totally wrong. I would pay good money NOT to be compelled to drive in London where they drive on the left but have some semblance of order.

But Uganda is left-sided vehicular chaos on the worst roads you can imagine with at least double the number of cars and pedestrians you're now seeing in your mind's eye-all moving at twice, or more, anything you'd consider a safe speed.

Just on our trip to Mbale, we saw two guys on a motorcycle pushed into an intersection by another vehicle and into the path of a truck that crushed the bike. One ended up on the ground with his head inches away from the truck's wheels.

I've long suspected that the most dangerous thing missionaries here do is travel. Now I know so. (A plane and a pilot to help them make the all too frequent four-hour trips to Kampala would be a huge blessing. Frequent prayer for safe travel is no luxury; it's a need.)

My sons who have been and are here are both closer to home and farther away than I thought. Closer, in that the love and faith surrounding them here is even deeper than I realized. Farther, in that what I've already seen here culturally, just the tip of the iceberg, is farther away from my own experience than I dreamed possible. People breathe oxygen and drink Coke here; otherwise, it might as well be another planet. I don't know why it should be odd for my sons to be the teachers and me to be the novice, but I'm more amazed, thankful, and respectful than ever of what it takes to live, work, and minister in such a vastly different culture.

I've already seen great wisdom here in the way the missionaries live and minister. I've been awed by the prayer of a Kenyan missionary to Uganda. I've been honored to shake the hand of another Kenyan missionary to Sudan who, along with his colleague, has literally helped my youngest son stay alive in Sudan while he's lived and built there.

To be able to be here is as awesome as it is humbling, and I'm deeply thankful.

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



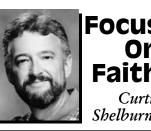
The Mighty 'M' Band at work

The Mighty "M" Band, pictured above under the direction of drum major Sara Cisneros, assisted by Muleshoe graduate Andrew Precure, was in attendance and ready to perform during Friday's first game of the season. Photograph by Larry Thornton

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	2004	2005	2006	
Cotton acreage*	5,850,000	5,950,000	6,400,000	
Production (bales)*	7,740,000	8,440,000	5,700,000	
FiberMax acreage	45.3 percent	56.7 percent	56.0 percent	
FiberMax production (bales)	3,506,000	4,785,000	3,192,000	
Average quality discount below base for varieties (before 1998 (¢/lb)**	\$.02	\$.02	\$.02	
Estimated premium for FiberMax over base (¢/lb)	\$.03	\$.03	\$.03	
FiberMax quality adjustment (¢/lb)	\$.05	\$.05	\$.05	
Increased farm income	\$84.1 million	\$114.8 million	\$76.6 million	
Percent of income to operators residing outside Texas***	5 percent	5 percent	5 percent	
Increased income in state	\$80.0 million	\$109.1 million	\$72.7 million	
Income available for spending	\$53.7 million	\$73.2 million	\$48.8 million	
Economic output	\$91.6 million	\$125.0 million	\$83.3 million	
Jobs supported	795	1,084	722	

*Texas Agricultural Statistic Service estimate located at: www.nass.usda.gov/tx; 2006 acreage and production is a December 2006 estimate. ***Jiscount is for varieties before 1998. ***5 percent is based on an estimate by the Farm Service Agency.

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Lamplight By Larry Thornton A tale of two early church women...

As you look through the the scene. books of the Bible, there are many opportunities for us to open to the message of compare one individual to another, especially in that she was important to instances involving belief in the growth of the church in and obedience to God.

are direct comparisons, in which the actions and attitude of one individual is showcased next to those of another individual.

We have such a comparison in Genesis, where Cain's obedience to God is compared to Abel's. And in Luke 10, we can make a direct comparison between Mary, who chose to learn at the feet of Jesus, to Martha, who chose to get dinner on the table.

But the Bible also "indirect" to make comparisons, and such is Thyatira. The first woman we find in Acts 16, and the second woman we find in Revelation 2.

Thyatira is described by most as being a small city, located about halfway Pergamum.

It had an active business community, which was controlled by its trade guilds, and was especially known blue dyes used for cloth.

Thyatire also had a small Israel. congregation of Christians.

the Thyatira church was a loving and faithful church, whose members who were trying to serve God and were growing in their relationship with God. But allowing tolerance for worldly ways and idolatry accomplished in their food sacrificed to idols. relationship with God.

God. Church tradition has it Revelation, were telling Philippi after Paul left, and Some of these instance may have been instrumental in starting the church at Thyatira.

> other woman from Thyatira appears to have been a problem "from the get go." The old saying that a single bad apple can spoil the whole barrel aptly describes her.

> In words that were probably as tough as any words used concerning his church, Christ called her "Jezebel."

contains opportunities for us her actual name was Jezebel, many believe Christ was comparing her to the case of two women from the Jezebel of the Old Testament, who married King Ahab, and attempted to lead the entire nation away from the true God.

Ahab and Jezebel did so much evil that God proclaimed that everyone in between Sardis and their household was to die, even the slaves, and that the bill become torn or Jezebel didn't even deserve to be buried.

Christ was comparing this woman from Thyatira with for supplying the purple and arguably the most evil woman in the history of incidents that occurred in

In his letter, Christ said the Old Testament, this woman was leading the church in the same direction as the original Jezebel... away from God.

Apparently, leading, some of the church the congregation was in Thyatira was taking part in the immorality that accompanied the idolatry of interfere with all they had the city's guilds, and eating there something about your

1 Corinthians 10:20-2

wrote the letters to the Lydia had a heart that was Corinthians, and the apostle John who wrote the Book of Christians that taking part in idolatry, and the associated festivities, was different from an instance in which a Christian bought meat part of which had been On the other hand, the sacrificed to a false God, and sold in the market, or when served such food as

a guest in someone's home. What matters isn't the condition of the meat in your stomach, it's the attitude of your heart when the meat is eaten.

In the second chapter of Revelation, the Son of God goes on to promise his judgment would fall on this Although it is possible that false prophet Jezebel, and those who followed her.

> What this scripture means at its root, is that if these members of the Church of Thyatira didn't repent, God's actions could include calling those unrepentant Christians home early.

> The average life span of a \$100 bill is 89 months, according to the U.S. Treasury; however, should defaced in some manner, the bill is removed from circulation and sent back to the U.S. Federal Reserve.

This passage, and the Thyatira doesn't change And, like the Jezebel in God's promise to protect and keep those whose names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

> But just as is done when currency becomes defaced, at her God reserves the right to "remove us from circulation" early because of our conduct.

> > What about you today? Is thinking or attitude that wouldn't stand up to God's

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the Jewish women of demons too; you cannot Philippi to worship Yahweh. have a part in both the In other words, the Holy Lord's table and the table of Spirit was working on her demons." even before Paul arrived on

Lydia, "a seller of purple of pagans are offered to cloth from Thyatira," at demons, not to God, and I Philippi, along the river, do not want you to be where she was worshipping participants with demons. that you are wrong, and to You cannot drink the cup of seek his forgiveness? Lydia was meeting with the Lord and the cup of

Both the apostle Paul who

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