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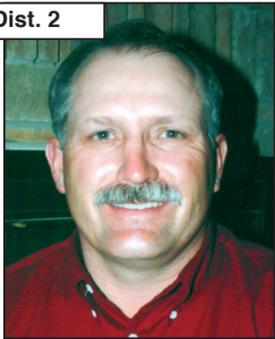
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MISD Dist. 2

RONDA BOX



CARROLL PRECURE



Muleshoe Dist. 4

SHARON GRANT



GARY PARKER



MAHD Place 3

BILL LILES



DIANNE THORNTON

## Early voters may cast their ballots at city hall

Early voting in three Muleshoe area elections — Muleshoe Independent School District's Dist. 2, City of Muleshoe Dist. 4 and Muleshoe Area Hospital District Place 3 — opened this week and will continue until Tuesday, May 6, at Muleshoe City Hall.

While early voting can be done during city hall's normal business day, on

Tuesday, May 6, the voters can vote early from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Regular voting in the three races is set for Saturday, May 10, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., at city hall.

The two candidates for the MISD Dist. 2 election are Ronda Box and Carroll Precure.

Rhonda Box was born and raised in Muleshoe. After

graduating from Muleshoe High School, she attended Texas Tech University where she received a degree in agriculture and a teaching certificate.

She is married to Jason Box and they have four children — Cade, Treg, Bode and Jaron.

Carroll Precure was born in Muleshoe in 1962, and attended elementary school

in Lazbuddie. He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1981, and married Terri Clark of Lazbuddie the same year. They have four children — Andrew, 21, who graduated from Muleshoe High last year; Patrick, a senior at MHS; Adrienne, a sixth grader at Watson Junior High; and Emily, a third grader at DeShazo.

In 1992, he started

Precure Electric, Inc., which currently employs five full-time and two part-time employees.

The two candidates for the Muleshoe city council's Dist. 4 election are Sharon Grant and Gary Parker. Sharon Grant was born in Lubbock and raised in Spur. She graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock, attended Texas

Tech University, and Clovis Community College before receiving an associate's degree in liberal arts from South Plains College.

She is married to Bailey County Commissioner C.E. Grant. They have three children.

In 1964, her family moved to West Camp, where they farmed and were part owner in a cotton gin. In 1989, they moved into Muleshoe.

Gary Parker was born and raised in Muleshoe. He attended Muleshoe schools and graduated in 1975. He has been married to Cyndi Parker for 18 years. They have two children — Shanice Lambert of Childress and Geoff Goff of El Cajon, Calif., and five grandchildren.

The candidates for the MAHD Place 3 election are William "Bill" Liles and Dianne Thornton.

Bill Liles has lived in Muleshoe since 1980. He retired as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association, now known as First Ag Credit, is a graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in agriculture economics, and is married to Alice Liles, who taught school in Muleshoe for 25 years.

Dianne Thornton has been married for 21 years, and has two children, Jessica, who is about to complete her freshman year at Wayland Baptist University, and Sean, who is a sophomore at Muleshoe High School. She has lived in Muleshoe for three years and says she loves the friendliness of this community.

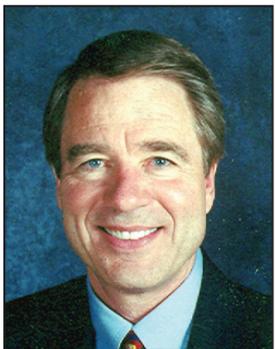
Her husband, Larry, pastors Richland Hills Baptist Church and is also employed with the *Muleshoe Journal*. She is employed with First United Methodist Church as the secretary and treasurer.

## Sheets nominated for his 'super' efforts

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

As part of its regular business Monday, the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees did something that isn't so regular... it approved a resolution to nominate Gene Sheets as the Lone Star State's 2008 Superintendent of the Year.

"This is something that we've talked this a lot," said board president David Tipps, apparently referring to board discussions during its quarterly evaluation of



SUPERINTENDENT GENE SHEETS the superintendent.

When asked recently why the board evaluates him on a quarterly basis rather than yearly, as is seen in most school districts, Sheets said it was something he'd started when he first came to Muleshoe eight years ago to address problems the might arise between him and the board as early as possible.

This is something that is long past due," Tipps added.

Before advancing to the Texas Association of School Board's state-wide award consideration, Sheets must first receive the nod for Region 17's Superintendent of the Year.

## MISD board approves price increase at Dillman

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees approved an increase in the guaranteed maximum price for the expansion project at Dillman Elementary during Monday's regular meeting at the recommendation of Superintendent Gene Sheets.

The superintendent reminded the school board members that at the beginning of the project



Photograph by Larry Thornton

## Up and over...

Students at DeShazo Elementary have been practicing open field events in preparation for the track meet scheduled for May 16 at the Muleshoe High School track. Pictured above, a youngster clears a hurdle, a new event in this year's track meet. Other events will include a softball throw, racing, and the long jump.

it was decided to remove the purchase of the new kitchen equipment from the contract under Lee Lewis Construction's guaranteed maximum price, which would then be purchased by the district itself.

However, Sheets explained that since that earlier decision it had been discovered that due to the amount of coordination required by the contractor and the equipment manufacturer it would be best if the responsibility for

the equipment purchase was placed back under the agreement with Lee Lewis.

Sheets said this would raise the GMP, but said the majority of the increase would be the amount paid for the equipment, which was going to be spent by the district anyway. The only actual increase over the project would be an additional six percent required under the architect's contract.

The amount listed in the change order approved by the board Monday was

\$198,072, for a total of \$6,498,072.

While discussing the recent work at Dillman, which some of the board members toured prior to Monday's meeting, and Watson Junior High, the superintendent noted that the work at the elementary school was about two to four weeks from "substantial completion." The junior high project is a little further behind.

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## Public hearing set on truck parking

The City of Muleshoe has announced that a public hearing concerning a possible municipal ordinance regarding the parking of semi-tractor-trailers on public streets in Muleshoe will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 12, preceding the regular city council meeting.

## Local Weather

### Thursday

Sunny..... 79/37

### Friday

Sunny..... 74/33

### Saturday

Mt. Sunny..... 75/40

### Sunday

Pt. Cloudy..... 74/41

### Monday

Sc. Shwrs..... 71/42

### Tuesday

Shwrs..... 77/43

### Wednesday

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**Postal food drive**

Postal carriers will pick up food on May 10 for distribution through the Bailey County Food Bank. Set non-perishable goods in a sack on the porch or sidewalk.

**Umpire clinic**

The Muleshoe Softball Association offering an umpire clinic to be conducted by an official from Lubbock. Anyone interested in signing up for the clinic should call Angelica Olivas at (806)566-5333, Juan Sanchez at (806)729-2353, Oscar Hernandez at (806)778-9635 or Eufemia Torres at (806)729-8791. The cost of the clinic is \$65. The date and time of the clinic will depend on how many sign up for it.

**Softball teams sought**

Anyone interested in playing on a women's or co-ed softball team for the summer season should contact the Muleshoe Softball League board members: Juan Sanchez (806)729-2353, Oscar Hernandez 778-9635, Eva Chavez 729-0093, Eufemia Torres 729-8791, Juan Chavez 946-8246, Carl Patterson 946-8854, Daniel Guzman 946-7115, Kit Diaz 566-7115 or Angelica Olivas 566-5333.

**Spring Roundup**

Dillman Elementary is excited to announce that it is time once again to register children for PreK, HeadStart and Kindergarten for 2008-2009 school year.

Spring roundup is set for May 7, at Dillman, from 8:30 a.m.- noon, and 1-3:30 p.m.

To qualify for PreK your child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008, be eligible for the Bilingual Program or qualify for free or reduced lunches.

To qualify for Kindergarten your child must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008.

Parents should remember to bring the following information when they come to register a child: Updated shot record; birth certificate; social security card; proof of income (Income Tax or W-2, Pre-K and Head Start only); Medicaid card (Head Start).

For more information call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary (272-7382).

**MCTA scholarship applications**

The Muleshoe Classroom Teacher's Association is accepting scholarship applications for any student who graduated from Muleshoe High School and is currently majoring in education at any university or college in the state of Texas.

Applications can be picked up at the counselor's office at Muleshoe High School. The deadline for applications is May 15.

**Blood donation opportunities**

A Muleshoe blood drive, benefiting Sandy Nash has been set for May 2, from 12:45-5:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Call 272-3597 or 272-4112 to set up an appointment.

**Alzheimer's Disease Support Group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting Thursday, May 8, at noon, at Park View Nursing Care Center. Lunch will be served.

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

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**Heritage Board Report**

The Heritage Board met Monday evening, April 21, to discuss a variety of issues including maintenance projects and the Tour de Muleshoe.

Board members present were: President Joe Bob Stevenson, Sheila Stevenson, Sammie Simpson, Tom Watson, Kenneth Henry, Lonnie Adrian, Lavonne McKillip, Ladene Spears, Gary Hooten, Jay Cage, Jenne McVicker, Jean Allison and Center Hostess, Delores Harvey.

Pres. Stevenson conducted the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Jenne McVicker, and approved. Hooten presented the treasurer's report.

Spears reported on the Thrift Shop. She announced that spring merchandise is now available. She encouraged additional clothing donations appropriate for spring/summer wear.

Adrian discussed the Tour de Muleshoe. The City of Muleshoe is helping to distribute brochures and we expect the largest turnout ever.

The ride takes place on Saturday, June 14, starting at 9 a.m. Riders may choose from a 100K, 40 -mile or 10-mile ride. A Kids' Bicycle Rodeo is also planned starting at 10 a.m.

The \$20 registration fee includes a collector T-shirt, meal ticket, water bottle, door prizes from local merchants and a drawing for \$500 in "cold hard cash."

Registration forms are available at the Depot.

Watson reported on the repairs to the Thrift Shop Parking Lot. The cost for re-surfacing both lots is about \$8,000 — that's right, \$8,000. Donations are needed to help fund these repairs. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to P. O. Box 201 in Muleshoe.

Marshall Cook is helping determine the best materials to replace the decking around the depot. Funds raised by the SCAC kids will help. Cook is exploring alternatives using a synthetic product that is more durable than wood. Donations of time and money are also needed for this project.

Kenneth Henry reported on the progress his committee is making on developing the newly-acquired land with frontage on Highway 84.

The Heritage Center is

applying for two grants — one from the Helen Jones Foundation and the other from the CH Foundation.

The committee is hoping to add several historical structures, including the Stegall School and a half dugout. The plans also include building restrooms, a band shell and handicapped-accessible walking paths.

Contact Henry if you're interested in being involved with this project.

Harvey presented her monthly report. She announced that a community-wide work day will be held this spring, with the specific date to be announced. Harvey also described some of

the interesting visitors who toured the center this month and reminded everyone that copies of the book the History of Bailey County are available at the Depot.

Harvey is available to conduct free guided tours Monday through Friday from 1:30-5 pm.

Bring your family and come tour Muleshoe's historic village or have a family picnic on the grounds. The Heritage Center is a special place where all are welcome. Come enjoy it!

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."*  
 Proverbs 3:5, NIV

**Births**



Laura Claire Hutton

**Hutton birth**

Corley and Angela Hutton of Round Rock announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Claire Hutton, on Feb. 28, 2008, at Round Rock Medical Center.

Laura weighed six pounds, 13 ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length.

She has two siblings — Will, 3, and Julia, 2.

Laura's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crawford of Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hutton of Lubbock.

**Porras birth**

Dora Andrade and Epifanio Porras, of Muleshoe, announce the birth of their son, Karim Ismael Porras, on April 23, 2008, at 8:06 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center.

Karim weighed eight pounds at birth, and was 21 inches in length.

He has one sibling, Audel.

Karim's grandparents are Jose and Hilda Andrade and Ramon and Josefa Porras.

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La Autoridad de Cubierta de Muleshoe ahora está aceptando aplicaciones para viviendas para los trabajadores de la agricultura.

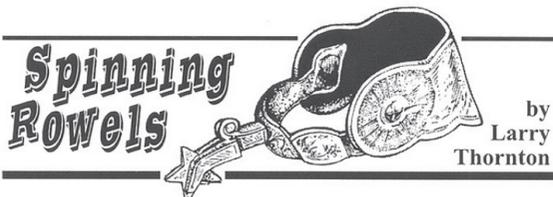
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## MLB substance abuse

Well, it's finally happening... Major League Baseball is finally taking a "pro-active" stance against substance abuse, or at least one team is, the New York Yankees. Now we will have to see if their example is mirrored by other teams as well.

That's right, Yankees manager Joe Girardi has banned candy in the House that Ruth built. Forget the fact that professional sports has had continuing battles over the decades with substance abuse ranging from alcohol to "nose candy," and the debate over steroids and asterisks continues today.

The recent decision would probably have the Reggie Bar, named after former Yankee outfielder Reggie Jackson, rolling over in its candy box, if you could find one. This particular candy bar was discontinued back in 1981, and with the Girardi's actions any hopes of it returning to the candy aisle are probably out.

Yes, the Yankee dugout is finally going to get cleaned up. Sure there will still be an occasional spatter of tobacco juice — after all it isn't the minor leagues where chewing tobacco and snuff is working on its second decade since being banned — but at least there won't be any candy wrappers blowing around.

As for the impact this decision could have on the baseball card industry, or the giant wads of bubble gum some use to replace the brown leaves betwixt cheek and gum is hard to say at the moment.

Sure, Girardi may be encouraging a healthier diet for his players, and moms across the nation will no doubt stand up and applaud, but the dads who toss around a ball with a young tyke in the backyard planning for that day when he's old enough to take to an afternoon game and fill up on junk food galore will be hanging their heads.

Another change is on the horizon for baseball, and you can safely say the future of the American pastime is looking far from sweet.

## MISD School board... Continued from page 1

In regards to the expansion project at Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary, the superintendent asked for and received the authority to make construction and renovation decisions necessary without bringing the issue before the school board.

The board gave Sheets similar authority during the Dillman and junior high projects to hasten the work and reduce the number of day-to-day construction decisions requiring a board vote with the stated understanding from the superintendent that major issues would still be brought before the school board.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved changes to the district's testing policy. Assistant Superintendent Don Wood explained that the changes merged the district's existing policy with state-mandated changes.

"On a testing day, you should be able to walk into a district building and see these things taking place," Wood said.

He also said that "active monitoring" is a big issue, and that during the tests the instructors were required to be moving about the room, watching for testing violations.

"It's a very hard day for teachers. They're up on their feet all day long," Wood said.

- Approved updates to the district's "ranking policy" that Wood said should make it easier for students and their parents to understand the process.

The policy also removes classes such as band, which often has a "blanket" participation grade from consideration in the ranking process.

- Discussed the upcoming budget process with the district's business manager, Trae McNeill, in which she noted that each of the state's mandatory step raises for teachers adds about \$200,000 to the district's payroll. Of that amount, she estimated only \$43,000 was recovered from the state.

According to McNeill, the school board would need to address the issue of a possible tax increase in the months ahead, adding that the amount received from local tax revenue would determine the amount the district would receive from the state.

"We've got to set a tax rate that will allow us to maximize our state revenue," McNeill said.

Each penny of a sales tax increase, she estimated, provides about \$23,000

in sales tax revenue, and increases the amount received from the state by about \$100,000.

- Noted that the school district had received a \$1,000

innovation award from the Texas Association of School Board's Risk Management Fund for the district's efforts toward encouraging healthier lifestyles for its employees.

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## Tip Your Hat

I can't help but agree with the MISD school board's decision to nominate Gene Sheets for 2008 Superintendent of the Year.

During the time I've been here in Muleshoe, I've found him to be a leader of amazing abilities and integrity, both here in Muleshoe and also at the Texas State Capitol, where he is known as a champion for small school district financing.

I've seen his care and concern for the children of the school district, and his compassion for school district employees.

The fact that the school district is almost halfway through a multi-million dollar building project — the bane of all administrators, without voiced differences from the public speaks for itself.

Add to this the fact that through his efforts, the Muleshoe School District has put together the best administrative team I have ever seen in public education.

Yes, there will be other school districts that will nominate administrative leaders for the regional and state award. All we can say to that is they apparently haven't met Gene Sheets... or they wouldn't bother.

## Co-ed softball tournament set

Muleshoe Softball League will be hosting a double elimination co-ed softball tournament on Saturday, May 17, at the Roque Flores Softball Field.

The entry fee is \$132. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams. For more information call Juan Sanchez at 729-2353, Oscar Hernandez at 778-9635, Eufemia Torres at 729-8791 or Angelica Olivas at 566-5333.

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## How About an "In Your Face" Fortune Cookie?

I still remember the day several years ago when I was on the phone talking to sons in Africa. "You're not gonna believe what we've got now in Muleshoe!" I said.

From the tone of my voice, they thought it might be something on the order of a rural backup for NASA's Houston Space Center.

Mission Control Muleshoe. Nope. But it was almost that exciting and surprising to me! "A Chinese food restaurant!"

Don't get me wrong. I am

the fortunes. Like everyone, I read them for fun. Most are so generic they're laughable, and aren't fortunes anyway, something like "You have ten fingers and many friends." I don't know anyone crazy enough to take them seriously.

But I just about choked on my fortune cookie and spewed hot tea when I'd just bit into a startling sort of "in your face" fortune cookie the other day.

Try this one on for size: "That which you thought was secret is known by all."

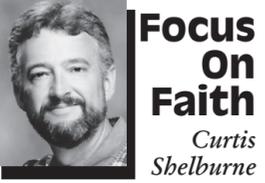
Good grief! I almost lost my cookies and fled the Muleplex!

Secrets. We all have some, and, I dunno, maybe we should have some if we don't. Some genuine privacy is a genuine blessing and, though I believe in and, I think, have tried to practice the right kind of honest transparency in life, some things are nobody's business but our own and God's.

I hadn't run very far out of town before I turned around. My wife and I just blew right on past our 23rd anniversary in this little but great town. Our first Sunday in the pulpit here was Easter 1985. Our oldest son started kindergarten that fall. If you have any secrets, raising four boys in one town will likely solve that.

And that's okay. I like living with real people and feeling free to be one. And it seems pretty clear to me that when Jesus walked the dusty roads of Palestine, he loved being with real people, and they loved him. Come to think of it, the only folks he ever spoke harshly to were so plastically pious and pretentious that they'd come to despise real people.

Jesus never did. And, thank the Lord, that's no secret.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

deeply in love with Mexican food and can pretty much eat it three times a day for most of the year. And Son #1 is a manager of one of the finest Mexican food restaurants in the world, in my opinion. I could wax eloquent about the fine variety of Mexican food we have in just this little town. I love food. All kinds. You won't find anyone more thankful for every restaurant of every sort that we have here. I support them all.

But I thought the arrival of a Chinese food restaurant in Muleshoe, Texas, was an item newsworthy enough to cross an ocean!

Which brings me to this. Along with Chinese food comes, of course, the traditional fortune cookie.

I believe in cookies. Any kind. But not fortune cookies. What I mean is, I like the cookies and am particularly fond of a fortune cookie taken with the last bit of jasmine hot tea.

What I don't believe in are

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

# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our crowds have been less at the center this past week. For those of you who are ill our prayers are with you, those who are gone on trips we wish you a great time.

To Joyce Clements, one of our favorite helpers we wish you a speedy recovery from your hand surgery. Our decorations are holding fine until you get back with us.

We appreciate Joyce for the great work she does for the center.

Tuesday, May 6, all you Bunco players remember to come to the center by 10 a.m. to join in the fun and fellowship.

Al Harrison with Calvert Home Health Services, will be at the center to take blood pressure readings for all you senior citizens, beginning at

11 a.m. We are glad we have his services every Tuesday morning.

Thursday, May 8, LaShea Mason with NursCare will be calling for the Bingo games. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m.

This is always a lot of fun and fellowship for our senior citizens. We encourage you to come join us. Prizes and refreshments are given.

We need and appreciate

the ones who have donated prizes for the games.

My heartfelt appreciation to all of you who have supported me at the center. I appreciate the honor of being recognized for the work.

Just remember, you — the senior citizens of the area — make the success of the center. Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated. We encourage

you to come and enjoy seeing friends and taking part in the fun.

Menu May 5-9:

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I know. I've been on it. It's rough. It's a spiritual slump, a famine. The fire goes out. Although the fire may flame for a moment, it soon disappears. We drift downward. Downward into the foggy valley of question, the misty lowland of discouragement. Motivation wanes. Desire is distant. Responsibilities are depressing.

Passion? It slips out the door.

Enthusiasm? Are you kidding?

Anvil time.

It can be caused by a death, a breakup, going broke, going prayerless. The light switch is flipped off and the room darkens. "All the thoughtful words of help and hope have all been nicely said. But I'm still hurting, wondering...."

On the anvil.

Brought face to face with God out of the utter realization that we have nowhere else to go. Jesus in the garden. Peter with a tear-streaked face. David after Bathsheba. Elijah and the "still, small voice." Paul, blind in Damascus.

Pound, pound, pound.

I hope you're not on the anvil. (Unless you need to be, and if so, I hope you are.) Anvil time is not to be avoided; it's to be experienced. Although the tunnel is dark, it does go through the mountain. Anvil time reminds us of who we are and who God is. We shouldn't try to escape it. To escape it could be to escape God.

God sees our life from beginning to end. He may lead us through a storm at age thirty so we can endure a hurricane at age sixty. An instrument is useful only if it's in the right shape. A dull ax or bent screwdriver needs attention, and so do we. A good blacksmith keeps his tools in shape. So does God.

Should God place you on his anvil, be thankful. It means he thinks you're still worth reshaping.

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# Obituaries

## Lanora Allison

Funeral services for Lanora Ethel Allison, 90, of Abilene, formerly of Muleshoe, Lamesa and Olton, were held on Friday, April 25, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Allison died on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. She was born on Dec. 21, 1917, in Wichita, Kan., the daughter of James and Leona Wells. She married Gerald Parker Allison on April 30, 1936, in Roswell, N.M.

The family moved to Muleshoe in January 1946, and farmed in the Pleasant Valley community until 1973.

Allison attended college at South Plains and West Texas State University and received a degree in education.

She taught for 12 years in the Muleshoe Independent School District, and retired

from teaching in 1985. She had been a resident of Windcrest Alzheimers care unit in Abilene since November 2005.

Allison was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband — Gerald, in 1982; two sisters — Arlis Shaw and Eleanor Legleiter; and by two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Survivors four sons and their wives — Jim and Renee Allison of Huntsville, Ala., and Winston and Dianne Allison of Anson, Larry and Gwen Allison of Lamesa and Bob and Trodi Allison of Houston; a daughter and her husband — Sherry and Jim Bainbridge of Abilene; a sister — Anna Corrigan of Alamogordo, N.W.; 22 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials be sent to the Windcrest Alzheimers Care Center.



## Muleshoe volunteers recognized for helping homebound adults

Volunteers with the South Plains Senior Companion Program, seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults, were honored recently for their efforts.

The Bailey County volunteers include Adelia Jones, Frank Estrada, Josephini Fragoso, Zulema Rodriguez, Pearlie Fluellen Florencio Martinez, Jose Orozco and Jan Thompson.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded through the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps.

Local sponsorship is through South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services are received through the Texas Department on Aging and Disabled Services.

## SPSCP Volunteers

Pictured on the left from left to right, include: Front row — Adelia Jones, Frank Estrada and Josephini Fragoso; and back row — Zulema Rodriguez, Pearlie Fluellen and Florencio Martinez. Not pictured are volunteers Jose Orozco and Jan Thompson.

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## Allen Groom

Funeral services for Allen Ray "Bud" Groom, 57, of Dilley were held on Friday, April 25, at the Lighthouse Christian Community Church with the Rev. Lance Hartsfield officiating.

Groom died on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. He was born in Strawn on April 26, 1950.

Groom was farm manger for the Leona Ranch for more than 20 years, and was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Community Church.

Survivors include his wife — Sharon Groom of Dilley; two sons — Bo Groom of Dilley and Trey Groom of Arizona; three daughters and their husbands — Misty and Jody Easley of Uvalde, Wendy and Tony Waddell of Uvalde, and Daina and Mark Gonzales of Moore; a daughter — and Amber Groom of Dilley; his mother — Francis Groom of Sudan; three sisters Pauline Baker and Phoebe Davison, both of Lubbock, and Teresa Rainey of Leland; and 11 grandchildren.

## Jennyslipper News

The Jennyslippers met on Monday, April 21, for an enjoyable evening which included a number of guests, at the Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge.

The evening began with a dinner provided by the Jennyslippers, and was followed by a very unusual style show.

Elaine Parker, president, introduced each model and gave a colorful description of the attire of each one which had the group laughing throughout the show.

The models were:

- Miss Merry-Tot in a designer boxy jacket outfit (which really looked like Nelda Merriott wearing a box with her designer label on the back.

- Carolyns Junabeth, known as a free spirit, parked her Harley outside and came in dressed in her Harley motorcycle suit, complete with helmet and whom we recognized as June Green.

- Joyful Sweetums, modeled a swimsuit with



matching beach hat. We decided it was Joy Williams, covered from head-to-toe in her modest swimsuit.

- Our mature model, Ruby Pearl, walked the runway in a fur stole over her favorite evening gown which appeared to be flannel. (Wasn't it Ruby Green?)

Closing out the show was LUCinda (Cowgirl) Mardis dressed in her denims, boots and Stetson and promising to ride a bucking mule on Mule Days on Sept. 13.

Nancy Kidd narrated an informative discussion of the activities of the Jennyslippers. She and

Cari arrived with bicycle handles and helmets to tell about PUSH, the bicyclists who ride across the United States raising awareness of people with handicaps.

Onieda DeLeon reported on the various donations made by the Jennyslippers, such as to the prescription fund, a scholarship, Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts and others.

Ruby Green reported on the Rebekah/Jennyslipper Thanksgiving dinner, and on the Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf Course which will be open on Mothers Day from 1 to 7 for everyone, including Moms who will play free. Regular season begins May 16.

Nelda Merriott spoke on the Toast to Texas and the rest-stop for the Heritage Bicycle Tour.

As each person arrived a note bearing the name of a famous woman was placed on their back. They asked questions of others to gain a clue as to their identity. Magann Rennels was first to guess her character.

The Jennyslippers gained several new members who promised to attend the next meeting which will be on Tuesday, May 13, at the Girl Scout Building at 12 noon.

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## Chamber ribbon cutting held...

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Triple S Auto Glass & Body Shop on April 18. Triple S is located at 1300 W. American Blvd. and owned by Terry Steinbock. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Celie Parham, Luis Villanueva, Terry Steinbock, Bea Padilla, Brandon Martinez, Francisco Zubia, Cory Collins, Yi Shi and Sharla Johnson.

## Students of the Week

Watson Junior High's Students of the Week for April 16 were recently announced. Among the students honored were, pictured on the right, Yesenia Huerta, David Fitzgerald, Gisela Perez, Lupe Campos, Marissa Ramirez and Douglas Bartholf.



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# Sports

## Varsity baseball wraps up playoff spot

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules had wrapped up a playoff spot by defeating Friona for the third time but they still had two regular season games to play.

They fell to the district champion Tulia Hornets 6-1 on Tuesday and then defeated the second place Dimmitt Bobcats 5-4 in eight innings Friday.

Stephen Dominguez singled and scored in the first inning for the Mules only run in Tulia.

The Mules came on strong in Dimmitt as Victor Vasquez blanked the Bobcats through the first three innings. The Mules gave Vasquez a four-run lead in the first four innings.

Elias Alvarado walked on four straight pitches. Vasquez took his first pitch for a strike.

The Dimmitt pitcher had blanked the Mules in their first meeting and his favorite pitch was a sidearm curve.

That was exactly the pitch he served to Vasquez and he swatted the ball over the fence to give the Mules a 2-0 lead.

Cesar Lopez was hit by the first pitch he saw and went to second on a passed ball.

He stole third base and home to extend the Mule



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Victor Vasquez bats against Dimmitt.

lead to three runs. The Mules went in order in the top of the second.

The Mules and Ray Ramirez was robbed of a home run and a run in the top of the fourth.

Lopez walked to lead off the fourth inning. Ramirez hit bounced off the top of the wall and hit a light pole.

The ball bounced back on to the field of play. The home plate umpire gave the signal for a home run but the field umpire saw the play different. The homer was nullified but Lopez was allowed to score.

Vasquez gave up his first

hit of the game in the bottom of the fourth and it turned into a run. Dimmitt added three more in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 4-4.

The game seemed to be slipping away from the Mules in the bottom of the seventh. There was one out with the bases loaded with Bobcats.

Alvarado relieved Vasquez and made a diving tag on the runner headed for home. He struck out the final batter to maintain the tie.

"That seventh inning was our best defensive inning

of the season," said Mule baseball coach Shane Fuller. "The diving tag by Elias (Alvarado) to stop that run from getting to the plate was huge. We held them scoreless after loading the bases with one out."

"Victor (Vasquez) crushed that sidearm curve. That ball would have left the park any place baseball is played whether it was high school, college or professional. That had to be the hardest I have ever seen a ball hit."

"Then Gunner (Kerby) was able to take advantage of their catcher as he was not able to hang on to the ball. Now we build on this game as we move into the playoffs," concluded Fuller.

Gunner Kerby singled to lead off the top of the eighth. Passed balls advanced him to second and then to third. He sprinted home when a third pitch got away from the catcher to give the Mules a one run lead going into the bottom of the eighth.

Dimmitt led off the bottom of the eighth with a single. Marshall Head gunned down the base runner when he attempted to steal second and the Mules held on for the win.

The Mules (11-10) will meet the Sanford-Fritch Eagles (12-9) in the bi-

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## Mules capture Region 1 golf tournament title

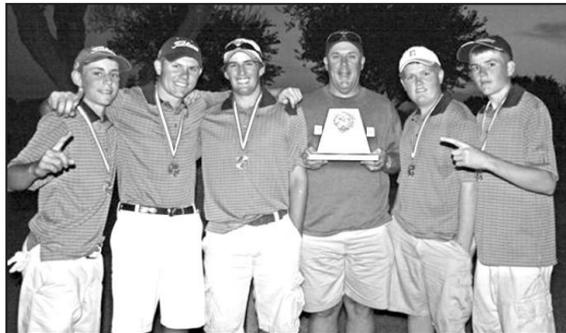
By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules led the Region I Golf Tournament by five strokes at the end of the first day on Baird's Shady Oaks Golf Course. Just 24 hours later they had won the Region I tourney by 29 strokes and had punched their ticket to the Texas State Tournament.

The Mules had a team total of 312 after the first 18 holes and the sun had gone down on April 21 in Baird. They improved their total by 10 strokes the second day for a total of 614 while the rest of the field wilted in the heat.

"I am fairly sure this is the first Muleshoe golf team to qualify for the state tournament," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth. "These kids were so determined all year and after setting the goal for themselves, they were not afraid to talk about it."

"They did not let the fact



that we had not done it before slow them down. The weather had been horrible for working on their game but they just kept putting in the effort."

"We were ranked the number nine team out of the 16 that had qualified for the Region I Tournament based on scores from the district rounds. We were flying under the radar and no one was looking at us as a contender. But the boys knew that the only reason their scores were so high was the weather."

Tyson Turnbow was the

third low individual at the end of round one with a total of 69. He fired a 68 the second day to hang on to third place with a 137. Bryan Poynor was in a tie for sixth low individual with a round of 75 after round one.

He trimmed four from his first day score for a two-day total of 146 and tie four fourth low individual. Patrick Precure shot an 81 the first day and improved by five strokes the second for a 157. Brett Poynor had back-to-back 87's for a total of 174. Brad Poynor cut two strokes off his first day 95 for a total

of 188.

"Brian and Tyson were rock steady as usual," continued Sudduth. Brett and Brad had been consistent all year and were no different in Baird. The real surprise was Patrick. He played the best he had all year."

"There was a lot of pressure on all these guys, especially the second day, to hang on to the lead. Their lead went from five strokes, to 10 to a bunch after they finished the front nine only nine strokes over par. It was all over at that point."

"Our community should be very proud of these young men. To make school history and to do it with the class that they always show is really a neat accomplishment," concluded Sudduth.

Sonora will join the Mules from Region I and they will meet the remaining six class AA teams in the Texas State Golf Tournament May 5-6 in Austin.

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# Sports



## Putting the put...

Lady Mules Katherine Owens steps up to the line during the shot put competition at the regional track meet.

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## Lady Mules fall to Lady Comanches

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The young Lady Mule softball team was no match for the senior laden West Texas High Lady Comanches in the bi-district round of the state playoffs.

West Texas converted eight walks and four hits into nine runs in the top of the first to leap into the lead.

The Lady Comanche pitching stayed strong through the five inning game with the Lady Mules only able to put the bat on the ball three times and score one run. The game ended after five innings 18-1.

The Lady Mules three hits all came in the bottom of the third inning. Tori Alvarado blasted a two-out double up the middle. She scored on a single to right by Val Olivas. Olivas had fouled off three pitches after taking two strikes.

Gabby Perez singled down the first base line to and moved Olivas to third.

Ashley Johnson went down swing for the third out of the inning. The Lady Mules never threatened again.

"Hopefully the girls will play summer ball and maybe make some camps," said Lady Mule coach Ray Altman.

"We need our juniors to be senior leaders next season in order to build a winning tradition. Hopefully the girls will build on this season and strive to get better for the future of the program," he added.

## Baseball...

Continued on page 7 district series. The best two out of three series will start in Lockney Friday night at 7 p.m.

The second game will be in Amarillo's Tascosa High School field on Saturday at 1 p.m.

If necessary the third and deciding game will start thirty minutes after Saturday's first game is completed.

# Wood advances to state track meet in pole vault

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Lane Wood was the only Mule to advance to the Texas State Track Meet in Austin at last weeks Region I Meet in Abilene.

L. Wood cleared 14 feet on his first attempt and that was the maximum height of the day.

L. Wood was awarded the silver medal in pole vault because of more misses at the lower heights than the gold medal winner.

The bar was raised to 14-6 but no contestants cleared the bar. L. Wood cleared on his final attempt but on his way down he bumped the bar with his chin.

The Mules had swept the District 2-AA Meet in pole vault and two other Mules were also vaulting.

Wes Wood cleared 12-6 to tie for seventh place. Austin Wright reached 12-0 for a 10th place tie.

Sterling Leopard finished the 3200-meter run in 10 minutes 34.95 seconds for fourth place.

Colby Carpenter finished 16th with a time of 11:24.77. Lupita Andrade ran the girl's 3200-meters in 12:56.08 for 12th.

Kathryn Owens tossed the

shot 32-01.00 for 15th place in the shot put. Garrett Riley cleared 6-0 in the high jump for an eighth place tie.

Dusty Clayton scored points for the Mules in the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.48 for fifth place.

Caleb Conner ran an 11.84 in the 100-meter preliminaries for 22nd.

Colt Ellis led off for the Mules 4x100 relay and handed the baton to Clayton.

100-meters farther down the track Victor Vasquez took the stick and Doc Fullmer finished.

The Mules ran a 44.85 in the preliminaries for 10th but did not run in the finals.

Ray Ramirez competed in what many believe to be the toughest event in track, the 300-meter hurdles. His preliminary time of 41.76 was good enough for 15th.

Alex Godinez finished one trip around the track in the 400-meter dash in a time of 52.97. He placed 11th based on the preliminary times.

Fullmer started the 4x200-meter relay for the Mules and gave the baton to Clayton.

Clayton passed the stick to Ellis for the third leg and Nathaniel Chavez ran the final 200-meters. The team

had a time of 1:33.40 for ninth.

Andrade finished 10th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:47.06.

Leopard was 11th in the boy's 1600 with a time of 4:52.90.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Fullmer, Godinez, Ramirez and Chavez ran their team best time in Abilene. They had a time of 3:29.95 and finished ninth in the region.

"First let me say that this has been a very interesting track season," said Mule track coach Ted Johnson. "I appreciate the leadership that our seniors have shown this season. They have more influence in getting the younger athletes to come out and participate than the coaches do."

"We will miss the seniors but with their help we have built a great foundation for next year and I am already looking forward to getting started," said Johnson. "The kids all competed hard and I am proud of Layne for advancing to the state meet. It is a thrill you can not describe to compete with the top eight athletes in the state in your event. With a good day in Austin and if he can keep his chin away from the bar I believe he has a chance at a medal."

## Woods team takes fourth place in regional tennis tourney

The Muleshoe tennis doubles team of Lane Wood and Wes Wood powered their way through the first day of competition. The Region I Tennis Tournament was held on Abilene's Rose Park Tennis Center courts.

Wood and Wood defeated the team of Barker and Key from San Saba 4-6, 7-6 (8-6) and 7-5 in the opening round.

The quarterfinals pitted Wood and Wood against Reagan County's team of Contreras and Heintzelman. The Woods took the first set 6-4 but dropped the second 0-6. The Mules came back in the third set to defeat Contreras and Heintzelman 6-2.

Wood and Wood proved to be no match for the eventual Region I champions from Floydada. The twin brothers, Kody and Kevin Smith, defeated the Mules 6-4 and

6-1. The Mules finished fourth after dropping their third place match to Buist and Vargas of Mason 6-1 and 6-0.

"I was very proud of Lane and Wes and how they played in the regional tournament," said Muleshoe tennis coach Coli Cox. Wes has a broken bone in his left foot but he tried not to allow that to interfere."

"Lane did a great job of covering the court. The guys had to battle the weather as well as the rest of the region. It was hot and humid and storms were brewing in the area late in the first day," said Cox.

"The Smith twins finished fourth in this tournament last year so maybe that is a good path to follow for next season. Fourth one year and champions the next sounds like a great plan to me."

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Piano students pictured above, from left to right: Back row — John Ryan Isaacson, Cristian Mora, Olivia Schilling, Gabrielle Schilling, Ashton Mason and Shea Scott; third row — Brenna Jarman, Kiley Sharp, Kari Mendoza, Miranda deBruin, Kaitlyn Schuster and Lauren Isaacson; second row — Jady Essary, Mykaylee Wilhite, Ashley Scott, Sydnie Sudduth and Sadie Sudduth; front row — Jackson Jarman, Haley Hunt, Addyson Wilhite, Jack Isaacson and Sidney Urbantke.

### Hamilton piano students participate in spring recital, national festival, state qualifiers

Piano students of Fran Hamilton took part in a spring recital on Sunday, April 20. Previously, several of the students took part in the Pastoral Festival and state qualifiers held on Saturday, March 29. A total of 23 of Hamilton's piano students traveled to Texas Tech University to participate in the National Federation of Music Association's Pastoral Festival. Student who received a rating of "Excellent" included: Miranda deBruin, Jack Isaacson, Lauren Isaacson, Baylee Ruthardt, Sierra Tyson, Sidney Urbantke, and Addyson Wilhite. Students who received a "Superior" rating, qualifying them for the State Pastoral Festival that will be held on May 17, at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas included: D-Lilah Castorena, Rashelle Hall, Ryan Hall, John Ryan Isaacson, Ashton Mason, Kari Mendoza, Cristian Mora, Olivia Schilling, Gabrielle Schilling, Kaitlyn Schuster, Ashely Scott, Shea Scott, Kiley Sharp, Sadie Sudduth, Sydnie Sudduth and Mykaylee Wilhite.

### Library Family of the Year

The Muleshoe Public Library recently announced that the Library Family of the Year is Linda, Helen and Jacob Lopez. Linda Lopez retired from the library a year ago. Helen, Linda's sister, works at Watson Junior High. Jacob is Helen's grandson. Linda is Jacob's caregiver and the two are frequent visitors at the library.



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### Sudan senior citizen bake sale

The Sudan Senior Citizens need your help. They are having a bake sale and would like everyone to buy some goodies. The bake sale is on Friday, May 9, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the senior citizen center.

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## Outstanding students honored at NMJC

At New Mexico Junior College's 36th Annual Outstanding Academic Achievement Recognition Ceremony, held Tuesday, April 22, in Watson Hall Theatre, approximately 50 students were honored.

Chris Polson, associate dean of Students, and Dr. John Gratton, vice president for Instruction, welcomed more than 180 faculty, students, family, and friends to the ceremony.

In the Division of Math and Sciences, 17 awards were presented. Where there are two names presented in a category, the first is classified as a freshman, and the second is a sophomore. They are as follows:

Athletic training — Travis Thompson-Campbell; Biology — Jessica McGraw

and Laura Gabaldon; Chemistry — Jessica McGraw and Matilda DeAnda; Government — Ryan Thompson; Government/International Relations — Stephanie Rodriguez; U.S. History to 1877 — Jessie Callaway; U.S. History from 1877 — Meagan Gonzales; Mathematics — Sean Daugherty; Mathematics — Rakhsana Farooq; Physical Education — Andy Lewis and Elena Flores; Physics — John Klassen; Psychology — Jennifer Ferguson; Sociology — Billy Factor; and Sociology — Monique Bolden.

In the Division of Careers and Technology, 22 awards were presented as follows:

Accounting I — Sarah Hayes; Accounting II — Shalaine Britain;

Architectural/Drafting Technology — Chris Polacek and Maryellen Baeza; Automotive Technology — Bill Evans; Business — Bridgette Davis; Business — Brandi Varner; Computer Information Systems — Bridgette Davis and Jeannie Burrow; Cosmetology I — Amy Mapp; Cosmetology II — Claudia Puebla; Cosmetology III — Sheri Friday; Cosmetology IV — Amy Ojeda; Ford Motor Company ASSET Program — Edgar Aguirre and Fred C. Frazier; General Motor Company ASEP Program — Cody Breshers; Macroeconomics - Melinda Jacobo; Microeconomics - Jade Young; Nursing — Bridgett Posey; Nursing — Leticia Flores; Office Technology — Cherie Sager; and Welding — Jose

Vizcarra. In the Division of Arts and Humanities, seven awards were presented as follows: Art — Maria Brumley; Early Childhood Education — Deidre Priest; English — Corin Olivas and Jennifer Ferguson. Performing Arts in Music — Krystal Lavendar and Brandi Campbell; Performing Arts in Theatre — Cecily Coleman; Coleman also received a \$1,000 NMJC Drama Club Scholarship to any four-year college or university in the United States.

Four awards were given in the Division of Public Safety.

They were Criminal Justice — Jessica Emerson and Maribel Martinez; and Legal Studies — Amanda Baker and Marlene Henry.

## Bridal Showers



SARAH FISHER AND MICHAEL JOHNSON

### Fisher, Johnson shower held

Sarah Fisher and Michael Johnson were honored at a bridal shower in the home of Julia Cage on April 26.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Dan and Lori Fisher. The prospective groom is the son of Ted and Laura Johnson of Muleshoe.

Hostess for the event included Pam Atwood, Cindy Barrett, Peggy Buhrman, Julie Cage, Leslie Dale, Rhonda Eagle, Debbie Hutto, Sally Messenger, Dana Rempe, Marilyn Riley, Juana Shelburne, Pam Thomason, Diane Skipworth and Linda Wood.

The hostess gift presented was bedding.

Special guests in attendance were Laura Johnson and A.J. and Amy Buhrman.

### Gandy, St. Clair shower held

A bridal shower honoring Lezlie Gandy and Cole St.Clair was held in the home of Celie Parham on April 19.

The prospective bride is he daughter of Menford and Sharon Gandy.

The prospective groom is the son of Tommy and Jana St. Clair.

Hostesses for the event included: Terri Loudder, Ruth Locker, Rayniel Bamert, Celie Parham, Claire Brown, Terri Hahn, Pattie Kent, Ricki Warren, Christie Whitt, LaDonna Scott, Debbie Weir, Donna Locker, Sheryl Engelking Stephanie Foster, Susan Sudduth, Paulette Foster Sarah Black, Dani Heathington, Marca Morris, Linda Martin, Debbie Hutto Vicki Morris, Diane Saylor and Joy Glover.

The hostess gift was a gift card.

Among the special guest attending were: Jana St.Clair, Sharon Gandy, Moisele Bruns, Janis Woodall, Jacie Bruns, Marlee Black, Mary Ellen Holland, Ashley Joplin, Carolyn Sanderson, Lisa Barber, Kate Heanchen, Melany Harmon and Linda Collins.



LEZLIE GANDY

## Engagement



CHRISTOPHER OGILVIE AND BROOKE DEAR

### Dear, Ogilvie engaged

Lonnie and Sharon Dear of Fort Worth announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Kristen Dear, to Christopher Cade Ogilvie, both of Abilene.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Evalyn Brewster and the late R.L. Brewster of Muleshoe, and LaVelle Jenkins and the late J.W. Dear of Olton.

The prospective groom is the son of Jack and Kim Ogilvie of Dallas.

He is the grandson of Jack and Evelyn Ogilvie and Frank and Pat Kuenstler, both of Dallas.

The prospective bride is

a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science in speech pathology. She will graduate in May 2008 from Abilene Christian University with a masters in speech pathology.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University and received his bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. He is currently employed by Hendrick Outpatient Rehabilitation Center.

The wedding has been set for May 31, 2008, at 6 p.m., at Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Dallas.

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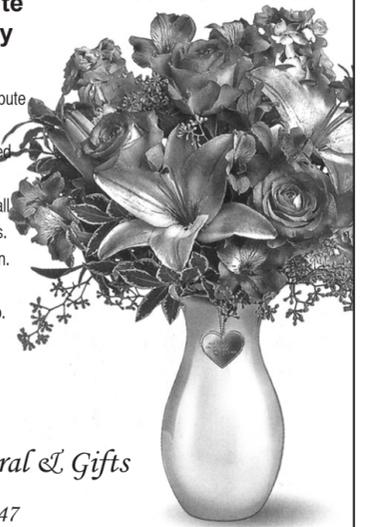
## Publication of Obituaries

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

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# CINCO DE MAYO

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, the 5th Of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at the Battle Of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with some recognition in other parts of the Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverages and festivities, with music playing a more visible role as well. Several cities throughout the U.S. hold parades and concerts during the week prior to May 5th, so that Cinco de Mayo has become a bigger holiday north of the border than to the south, and adopted into the holiday calendar of more and more people every year.

[Sources: Encyclopedia Encarta, Encyclopedia Britanica, Prescott's Mexico:1900, HistoryChannel.com, other sources.]

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The battle at Puebla in 1862 happened at a violent and chaotic time in Mexico's history. Mexico had finally gained independence from Spain in 1821 after a difficult and bloody struggle, and a number of internal political takeovers and wars, including the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) and the Mexican Civil War of 1858, had mostly wiped out the national economy.

During this period of struggle Mexico had accumulated heavy debts to several nations, including Spain, England and France, who were demanding payment. Similar debt to the U.S. was previously settled after the Mexican-American War. France was eager to add to its empire at that time, and used the debt issue to move forward with goals of establishing its own leadership in Mexico. Realizing France's intent of empire expansion, Spain and England withdrew their support. When Mexico finally stopped making any loan payments, France took action on it's own to install Napoleon's relative, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, as ruler of Mexico. France invaded at the gulf coast of Mexico along the state of Veracruz and began to march toward Mexico City, a distance today of less than 600 miles. Although American President Abraham Lincoln was sympathetic to Mexico's cause, and for which he is honored in Mexico, the U.S. was involved in its own Civil War at the time and was unable to provide any direct assistance.

Marching on toward Mexico City, the French army encountered strong resistance at the Mexican forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. Led by Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin, a small, poorly armed militia estimated at 4,500 men were able to stop and defeat a well outfitted French army of 6,500 soldiers, which stopped the invasion of the country. The victory was a glorious moment for Mexican patriots, which at the time helped to develop a needed sense of national unity, and is the cause for the historical date's celebration.

Unfortunately, the victory was short lived. Upon hearing the bad news, Napoleon had found an excuse to send more troops overseas to try and invade Mexico again, even against the wishes of the French populace. 30,000 more troops and a full year later, the French were eventually able to depose the Mexican army, take over Mexico City and install Maximilian as the ruler of Mexico.

Maximilian's rule of Mexico was also short lived, from 1864 to 1867. With the American Civil War now over, the U.S. began to provide more political and military assistance to Mexico to expel the French, after which Maximilian was executed by the Mexicans - today his bullet riddled shirt is on display in the museum at Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City. So despite the eventual French invasion of Mexico City, Cinco de Mayo honors the bravery and victory of General Zaragoza's small, outnumbered militia at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

## Observation wells indicate annual change in groundwater levels

Annual depth to water level measurements made in early 2008 by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation Dist. No. 1 in Lubbock show an average decrease of -0.20 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer during 2007 within the district's 6.8 million acre service area.

In comparison, the 2007 depth-to-water level measurements previously indicated an average decrease of -0.91 of a foot during 2006.

The district 10-year average annual change increased from -0.76 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.82 of a foot for the current report. The district five-year average

annual change decreased from -0.61 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.46 of a foot for the current report.

An average annual increase in groundwater levels was recorded in the portions of Armstrong, Crosby, and Floyd Counties within the district, as well as Hockley, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties.

The water level increases ranged from 0.33 of a foot in the portion of Crosby County within the district to 1.62 feet in Lynn County.

Depth-to-water level measurements indicated an average annual decline of more than 1.9 feet in Castro and Parmer Counties.

The remaining seven counties within the High

Plains Water District had average annual changes in groundwater levels of less than one foot. These ranged from -0.04 of a foot in the portion of Potter County within the district to -0.97 of a foot in Lamb County.

Several factors, including timely rainfall, awareness of the benefits of water conservation practices, and increased pumping costs, may have contributed to the lessened average annual change in groundwater levels from 2007 to 2008 within the district.

High Plains Water District officials caution that the average annual change in groundwater levels may significantly increase from

2008 to 2009 if the region receives below-average rainfall during the year.

Also, increased commodity prices may result in increased crop production, which in turn, may cause additional groundwater pumpage to supplement crop water demands.

Depth-to-water level measurements are normally made from January to March each year to allow stabilization of water levels in the aquifer following pumpage during the previous year of groundwater production.

The measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned water wells within the district area.

The wells are at a density of one well per nine square miles and are part of the State Observation Well Network administered by the Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

The current issue of the High Plains Water District's newsletter, *The Cross Section*, features the results of the annual 2008 depth-to-water level measurements.

It contains individual county maps, which provide the approximate location of each well in the district's observation well network.

Each map is accompanied by available 1998, 2003, 2007, and 2008 depth-to-water level measurements for individual wells in that county.

Also listed are available total changes in water levels in feet for each observation well for the periods 1998 to 2008, 2003 to 2008, and 2007 to 2008.

Historical depth-to-water level measurements have presented a district average decline of -2.15 feet in 1998; an average decline of -0.68 of a foot in 1999; an average decline of -1.14 feet in 2000; an average decline of -0.78 of a foot in 2001; an average decline of -1.06 feet in 2002; an average decline of -1.34 feet in 2003; an average increase of +0.74 of a foot in 2004; an average decline of -0.54 of a foot in 2005; and an average decline of -0.91 of a foot in 2006.

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Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:  
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Muleshoe I.S.D. will be accepting bids for custodial/janitorial, maintenance supplies. Bid lists may be obtained at the M.I.S.D. administration office or by calling Sam Whalin, at (806) 272-7330 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bids are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2008. Please send bids to Muleshoe I.S.D., 514 W Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Muleshoe I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in the best interest of the district. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on May 1 and 8, 2008.*

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- WEST CAMP - 3 BDRM. 2 BATH HOME on 2.5 acres, Cent. heat!! \$49,000.00!!
- EARTH - VERY NICE 3-3 w/2 car detached garage/workshop on 1.158 acres on Hwy. 70, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, island cooktop, gameroom. Approx. 3206' lv. area, pergola, nicely landscaped, stor. bldg., pecan trees!! MORE!! \$129,900!!
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!
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- SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx. 1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32,500!!
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- 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!! PRICE REDUCED \$69K!!
- 3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!

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### Determination and discipline

Students at Dillman Elementary were taught about self discipline and received a demonstration of martial arts breaking techniques (tameshiwari) by students of American Karate Studios of Muleshoe, on Thursday, April 24. Pictured on the left, Sensei David Hardy holds a chair to assist young Owen Raymond as he breaks a board, held by Sensei Mark Baca, with a flying kick.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

### 4-H News



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Front row — Megan Pierson, Kaitlyn Schuster, Amelia Symm and Megan Cantrell; and back row — Kayla Preston, Dallas Tosh, William Wauson, Taylor Prather and Miranda deBruin.

## Bailey County 4-H members take part in annual fashion show

Fourteen Bailey County 4-H members participated in the Bailey County 4-H Fashion Show on March 25, in the Bailey County Extension Office.

Fashion show participants included Shelbi Harrison, Bailey Bales, Adrienne Precure, Kalie Lovell, McKenna Dunham, Taylor Prather, Dallas Tosh, Kayla Preston, Megan Cantrell, Miranda deBruin, Kaitlyn Schuster, Amelia Symm, William Wauson and Megan Pierson.

Ten Bailey County 4-H members participated in the Dist. 2 4-H Fashion Show held on April 10, at the College of Human Sciences on the Texas Tech University campus.

Those participants included Shelbi Harrison, Dallas Tosh, Bailey Bales, Adrienne Precure, Kalie Lovell, McKenna Dunham, Taylor Prather, Kayla Preston, Miranda deBruin, Kaitlyn Schuster, and Megan Pierson.

Shelbi Harrison, the daughter of Sherri Harrison and Alan Harrison, received first place in the Intermediate Construction Casual division.

Bailey Bales, the daughter of Kem and Lori Bales, was awarded first place in the Intermediate Embellished/Recycled division.

Adrienne Precure, the daughter of Carroll and Terri Precure, received first place in the Intermediate Construction Specialty category.

McKenna Dunham, the daughter of Michael and Denise Dunham, was awarded first place in the Intermediate Buying Dressy division.

Taylor Prather, the daughter of Mike and Gina Prather, received first place in the Intermediate Buying Specialty category.

Kayla Preston, the daughter of Curtis and Karie Preston received first place in the Junior Construction Dressy division.

Kalie Lovell, the daughter of Chad and Barbie Lovell, received second place in the Intermediate Construction Dressy division.

Miranda deBruin, the daughter of Floris and Julie deBruin, was awarded second place in the Junior Construction Specialty division.

Kaitlyn Schuster, the daughter of Melinda Schuster, received third place in the Junior Construction Casual category.

Julie deBruin, Tonya Ruthardt, Iva Nobel and Tina Symm were the 4-H volunteer leaders of the Clothing and Textile Project.

Projects included a friendship pillowcase, walker caddies, cell-phone bags, a denim ruffled skirt, and assorted personal clothing items.

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