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Bailey County elected officials sworn into office

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County elected officials, friends and supporters, gathered in the District Courtroom on Wednesday, Dec. 31, to be sworn into office by County Judge Sherri Harrison.

Elected officials taking their oaths of office included County Attorney Jeanine Backus, Precinct 1 Commissioner Floyd "Butch" Vandiver, Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle, County Constable Gerry Pierce, County Sheriff Richard Wills, and County Tax Assessor/Collector Melba Clark.

After the ceremonies, the commissioners court met to handle various business items during Wednesday's special meeting. Among these items were:

- Approval of an



Pictured above, County Judge Sherri Harrison, on the far right, swears in county officials during ceremonies at the Bailey County Courthouse on Dec. 31. The officials, pictured above from left to right, were: County Attorney Jeanine Backus, Precinct 1 Commissioner

interlocal agreement received from the Hale County Attorney, James Tirey, concerning Bailey County's partnership with the Central Plains Center and the Llano Estacado Alliance for Families.

According to the information received

from Tirey, Hale County and the afore-mentioned entities are the recipients of a six-year, \$6 million grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to establish a program serving children, youth and families in

surrounding counties.
• Discussion only of the possibility of either constructing a large storage building for lawn and maintenance equipment behind the old law enforcement annex, which currently houses the probation and parole offices and

the DPS drivers license office.
A representative of G&S Construction estimated the construction of the 44 foot by 19 foot storage building at \$11,500, with the addition of a concrete pad at \$2,650.
"At the moment, we have no storage,"

courthouse maintenance man Jose Triana told the commissioners in attendance.
No action was taken on the item, which was not included on Monday's posted agenda; however, the court did ask Triana to prepare a proposal for

Photograph by Larry Thornton

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Liquor sale petition being re-circulated

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Some of the big news from 2008 swept into the new year with the announcement that the liquor sales crowd, who suffered defeat in the Nov. 4 general election, are at it again... seeking enough signatures to place it on back on the ballot.

Although state law prevents the liquor sales proponents from seeking a "county-wide" vote for 12 months after their most recent election defeat, an apparent loophole in state statutes allow the "rapid re-try" of the issue by placing it on the ballot for Muleshoe residents to vote.

Reportedly, the liquor election statues allow either a county-wide, or a city-wide vote. Even though this latest attempt is only city-wide — meaning only voters registered and residing within the city limits of Muleshoe will be allowed to vote on the issue — the actual "call for election" will still fall to the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman said Tuesday that she has been talking with County Clerk Paula Benton, and said the liquor sale election will probably be placed on the May 9 mayoral election ballot, which is an "at-large" city-wide election.

According to county officials, the petition application was filed on Dec. 8, and the presenters have 60 days from that date to return the petition for verification.

Back in November's general election, the liquor sales proposition on the county ballot was defeated with 1,241 voting against the issue, and 979 voting for its passage.

A total of 2,335 of the county's 3,868 registered voters went to the polls, but

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A new look for the new year

Employees of Westbrook Glass gave Muleshoe City Hall a new look this past week, enclosing the front entrance to reduce the West Texas breezes that swept into the building whenever the front door was opened. Photograph by Larry Thornton

Hospital CEO announces retirement

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors met in closed session for about 45 minutes during Monday's special session, and returned to open session to acknowledge the receipt and acceptance of Ray Mason's letter announcing his forthcoming retirement.

According to Mason, who has been the administrator of the hospital and chief financial officer of the hospital district since his initial appointment to an interim position on Aug. 29, 2005, his final day at the hospital district will be March 31.

In other business, the hospital board approved the final payment to Andrus Bro. of Amarillo for the repairs to the roof at Park View Nursing Care Center, resulting from the hail storm in June.

Bailey County Junior Livestock Show set

The 2009 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show has been set for Jan. 16-17, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The schedule for the Friday, Jan. 16, shows are Dairy Cattle — 8:30 a.m.; Beef heifers, followed by steers — 9:30 a.m.; Goats and sheep — noon; Swine — following goat and sheep show.

The presentation of the Jimmy Dale Black Award will follow the Friday shows.

Saturday's sale will begin at noon. For additional information, call the county extension office at 272-4583.



Looking back at 2008 in Muleshoe, Bailey County

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

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You could safely say that where as conflict headed up the first part of 2008 in Muleshoe —

including Muleshoe's scramble for the state title, the second half of 2008 began with destruction, some at nature's hand and some not.

At the end of June, a great hail storm blew

through Bailey County, damaging crops, vehicles and houses. As a result, Muleshoe had a plethora of roofing company signs dotting the local landscape.

Among the most

significant of the recorded damage was the residence of Ron and Heather Foley, which received both interior and exterior damage due to the extremely large

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EMT classes scheduled

Bailey County EMS will be holding an EMT class beginning Jan. 13., every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m., over a four to five month period. Bailey County will be providing tuition for a limited number of students living in Bailey County, who are willing to be part-time EMTs with Bailey County EMS.

Anyone interested in this class should call 806-272-4390 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Call as soon as possible, due to limited class space. You must be 18-years-old upon completion of the course.

Fine arts boosters to meet

Muleshoe ISD's Fine Arts Boosters are set to meet on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., at the MISD Band Hall.

'Beat debt...' program offered

The First Baptist Church, 220 E. Ave. E., Muleshoe, will be hosting 13-week Bible study by Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University, entitled "Beat Debt and Build Wealth," starting Sunday, Jan. 25. For more information call the church office at 272-4224 or Tadd and Annie Young at 272-5883.

Preview classes are set for Jan. 11 and 14, at 5 p.m.

Youth pancake breakfast

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe is hosting a free youth pancake breakfast for students grades 6-12, on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 9:45.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance.

For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Muleshoe drivers license office

The drivers license office in Muleshoe has been closed due to problems with the office's computer. Individuals wishing to test or renew their license may do so, Monday through Friday, at the office in Littlefield, located in the basement of the Lamb County Courthouse. For additional information, call 806-385-5679.

Llano Estacado Cotton Conference set for Jan. 21

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference is set for Jan. 21, at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the program will start at 8:30 a.m.

The conference is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey, Parmer, Lamb and Castro Counties.

This year's conference will address regional and county-wide cotton projects, variety selection, pest management, weed management, irrigation management, cotton market update, and an update on the new Farm Bill.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with extension specialists, industry representatives, and other growers throughout the day. They will also be able to visit commercial exhibits throughout the day. Three continuing education unites (CEUs) will be issued to private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators who attend this conference.

A registration fee of \$15 will be payable at the door. The fee will provide for lunch, educational materials, and access to commercial exhibits.

For more information

Sheets receives 'Administrator of the Year' award

Gene Sheets, superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District, has been named the 2008-09 Administrator of the Year in the Central Office category by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

TCTA presents administrator awards annually to honor exemplary education leaders.

Sheets has worked in public education for more than 20 years, including the past eight years with the Muleshoe Independent School District as superintendent.

He previously served as superintendent of Hedley ISD, superintendent of Hamilton ISD, and as a principal, teacher and coach in Abilene.

Sheets received his bachelor's degree in math and biology/education and his master's degree from Abilene Christian University.

He is currently working on his doctorate at Texas Tech University.

Sheets' professional achievements include uniting the Muleshoe community to pass a \$25 million bond for constructing and rebuilding schools in the Muleshoe ISD.

"His ability to lead and communicate with this team and with our community was phenomenal," wrote the Muleshoe CTA. "If it were not for his research, time and insight, this would have never

happened. Not only is this something that will benefit our students but our community as a whole."

Among his other accomplishments include establishing a scholarship fund that provides \$250 to an accredited college or trade school for every Muleshoe High School graduate.

Sheets also writes an occasional column in the *Muleshoe Journal* to inform the public of issues concerning Muleshoe ISD and the community.

In choosing Sheets, the judges noted, "This nominee excels at community involvement, and he still enjoys being in the classroom. He regularly substitutes and tutors after school."

Nominees are evaluated according to their leadership skills; relationship with teachers; commitment to site-based decision making; support of teacher participation in professional activities; and interaction with community leaders and district parents.

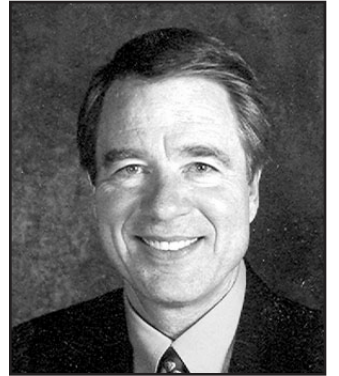
The Administrator of the Year award has been presented since 1981.

TCTA will honor award winners in February in Austin, during the association's annual convention.

Educators from across the state will participate in professional development seminars, elect TCTA leaders for statewide and district positions, review and vote

on the association's 2009 legislative program and adopt policy positions on many current education issues.

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Births

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Charlee Audra of Muleshoe announces the birth of her daughter, Sierra Grace Maxine, on Dec. 23, 2008, at 10:05

p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Sierra weighed five pounds, four ounces at birth and was 18-1/2 inches in length.

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Her grandparent is Shers Wood.

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hail. Additional destruction was noted during July as a local group of teenage gangster-wannabes began "tagging" local buildings and vehicles.

In other news, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors approved the issuance of about \$1.7 million in certificates of obligation to fund the expansion of the district's rural health clinic.

Although the district's auditing firm, Parrish, Moody and Fikes, expressed concerns about the board's proposal to issue the certificates rather than seeking a public vote in the issue, MAHD board president Wayne Pierson — who wasn't able to attend the meeting in person, he communicated with the board by telephone and voiced a difference of opinion with the letter received from the auditing firm.

"We are not pursuing this type of financing to avoid bond election," Pierson said.

Also at the hospital district, AccessCare, Inc. began the installation of the new treatment chairs in the dialysis unit under construction.

Since that day, many deadlines for the opening of the dialysis center have come and gone, due primarily to the slow Medicare survey approval rate. At this time, the center is open for private pay and insurance pay patients.

Among the people who made the news in July 2008 were Janae Pyle, who had the honor of placing a wreath on the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," at Washington D.C. as one

of two students selected from the 100 students for the honor during the Government-in-Action Youth Tour sponsored by Bailey County Electric Co-op and other cooperative members.

Janae is the daughter of Tracy Been of Muleshoe.

Another person in the news was Lt. Brandon Sheets, the son of Superintendent Gene and Melody Sheets, an H-60 helicopter pilot who was assigned to Helicopter Squadron 4 of the USS Ronald Reagan, which took part in humanitarian mission at Panay, in the Philippines.

"We were in the neighborhood so we were naturally tasked to provide relief efforts," Lt. Sheets said.

While at the Bailey County Commissioners Court action was tabled concerning what had been called an "insurance policy" for capital murder cases

When the issue was readdressed at a later date the court decided it would be in the county's best interest to participate once it was determined the county's assessment would be lower than initially believed.

In August, the Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees celebrated after it approved the guaranteed maximum price submitted by Lee Lewis Construction for the expansion of Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary.

At \$15,444,900, the combined project — part of the multi-million expansion approved by MISD voters two years ago, will come in significantly under budget, giving both the board members and the entire district cause for celebration.

"This is almost a miracle that we're at this point," Superintendent Sheets said at the board meeting. "We're in budget... who would have believed it!"

"We're getting to do everything that we wanted to do in the bond proposal," he added.

"It's going to be exciting to cut the ribbon on it,"

said board president David Tipps.

While over at the commissioner's court, problems with the administration of the Bailey County Emergency Services led to some tense discussion.

County Judge Sherri Harrison referred to several issues that had her concerned about the EMS administration.

P r e c i n c t 2 Commissioner C.E. Grant said the EMS budget was "killing us," and said the "checks and balances" that had been put in place regarding the EMS, its staffing and its financial condition weren't working.

Since that time, relations between the court members and the EMS administration appear to have cooled considerably.

Among the people who made the news in August was Curtis Preston, Bailey County extension agent, who was honor along with five other Texas AgriLife Extension Service agricultural and natural resources agents at a gathering in Greensboro, N.C., with a Distinguished Service Award, which is described as the highest award a county agricultural agent can receive from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

"It's an honor to be recognized by your peers," Preston said.

Some of the biggest news, however, in August 2008 was the news that the school district had received a \$3 million windfall that would help "return some sparkle to an already gleaming expansion program."

When the multi-campus MISD expansion program was approved by the voters, the two-part bond issue question included the sale of \$20 million in bonds, the majority of which would be repaid through Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) funds received from the State of Texas amortized over a 25-30 year period.

The remaining \$25 million noted in the total bond question was to come from \$5 million in

Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) funds.

However, the district's first application for state IFA monies fell through.

Also at Muleshoe ISD senior April Gardea, the daughter of Jose and Adrianna Gardea, was crowned as the 2008 Muleshoe High School Football Homecoming Queen during ceremonies on Friday, Sept. 12.

The coronation was moved up due to the poor weather expected at game time. Members of the queen's court included Caitlyn Durben, junior, the daughter of Bill and Pat Durben; Jessica Behrends, junior, the daughter of Earl and Donita Behrends; Cassie Steinbock, senior, the daughter of Terry and Judy Steinbock; and Lupita Andrade, senior, the daughter of Benito and Antonia Andrade.

While it had continuing financial concerns, the end of September brought a little relief for the MAHD board members, who were pleased with the district's new budget.

"We have some hope we didn't have before," said Zona Gatewood, a member of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors, after the approval of the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget.

The MAHD board approved a district-wide budget of \$11,682,897, which included Muleshoe Area Medical Center's

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County commissioners...

Continued from page 1 that included simply roofing the area enclosed by chain-link fence adjacent to the old annex building.

The commissioners court also approved payment of county bills

totaling \$438,025,68, and approved bonds for various elected officials and their deputies.

And, discussed whether the commissioners court should consider issuing a burn ban because of the dry weather.

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Petition...

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According to Juan Chavez, who filed the petition application and identified himself as the sole presenter of the petition, passage of the liquor sales proposition "would be taxes for the community."

"It'll keep drunks off the street," Chavez added.

When Gene Sheets of the Concerned Citizen of Bailey County, which opposed passage of the issue in 2008, was contacted, he said "I thought the last election spoke the mind of the people. ...I still think that's how the community feels."

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Muleshoe residents earn honors at WBU

Residents of Muleshoe were included on the honor roll lists for the Fall 2008 semester recently released at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Hailey Hamilton, the daughter of Royce and Fran Hamilton, and April Morgan, the daughter of Ron and Janet Morgan, were both included on the President's List for achieving a perfect 4.0

grade point average for the semester.

The Dean's List, honoring those with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99, included Ashley Beggs, the daughter of Beverly

Beggs; Jayna Lennon; Jonathon Lennon, the son of Jack and Jayna Lennon; and Sunny Snider, the daughter of Jim and Wynonne Snider.

Residential safe room rebate program announced by SPAG

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) announces the start of its Residential Safe Room Rebate Program for eligible individuals.

The purpose of the program is to provide

partial funding, up to 50 percent, to home owners to support the cost of installing a qualified safe room/tornado shelters in their homes.

SPAG has a limited amount of funding for the program and will administer applications on a first come basis.

For more information about the program, contact Kaysey Pollan, Emergency Operations Planner at (806) 687-0940 or log on to the SPAG website at www.spag.org for an application.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

It is good to start a new year. We are thankful for all the blessings we had in 2008 and look forward to receiving more in 2009.

Everyone has been so good to the center with their attendance, memorial donations, donations to honor someone, or purchase a meal ticket for someone. We are truly thankful for all of you.

Perhaps you want to

walk and the weather is too cold or windy, come to the center. We have a good walking area. While you are here stay and have coffee or tea and visit. We have a good time here.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, the senior dance will be held, beginning at 7 p.m., with a pot luck supper break at 8:30 p.m., and will close at 10 p.m. We have not had the dances for awhile but hope to get everyone out to enjoy

the fellowship and music. Sandy is a great disc jockey and plays good country and western music. So call a friend, come join in the fun.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, the board of directors will be in a regular monthly meeting. The meetings are open to the public. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the senior center.

Thursday is our Bingo day. Come early and have lunch. The bingo

will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone really enjoys the games. Refreshments and prizes are given.

Friday, Jan. 16, the retired teachers meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the center. Make plans to come and join in the meeting.

Menu for Jan. 12-16:
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Tuesday, Jan. 13 —

Chicken surprise, salad, biscuit, and fruit and cookies.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Stew, salad, cornbread and strawberry shortcake.

Friday, Jan. 16 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Obituaries

Ethel Jenkins

Graveside services will be held for Ethel Louise Jenkins, 83, of Alamogordo, N.M., at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Clayton Memorial Cemetery in Clayton, N.M.

Jenkins died on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, in Alamogordo, N.M. She was born on Dec. 12, 1925, in Vernon, to James Pannell and Marguerite Pannell, married Arthur David Jenkins on July 11, 1943, in Vernon.

They came to New Mexico at the conclusion of World War II where they farmed and ranched near Sedan, N. M., for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister — Norma Jo Norrell.

Survivors include her husband — Arthur David Jenkins of Alamogordo, N.M.; a son



Ethel Louise Jenkins

and his wife — David and Sharry of Muleshoe; a daughter — Sue Ellen Bunch of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; a daughter and her husband — Sherrye and Richard Guidry of Alamogordo, N.M.; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren; a sister — Allene Knight of Midland; and a sister and brother-in-law — Jimmie Sue and Buck Jones of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to Alamogordo Home Care/Hospice.

Jimmie Seaton

Funeral services for Jimmie Seaton, 84, of Lazbuddie were held on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Burial followed in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Seaton died on Dec. 25, in Muleshoe. He was born on Jan. 5, 1924, in Shawnee, Okla., to Eugene Arthur and Pearl Elizabeth Seaton, and married Dortha Lee in Hereford on Aug. 28, 1943.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, a sister, three brothers, and three grandchildren.

Seaton was a lifetime resident of the Lazbuddie community where farmed. He was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church and served in the Army in World War II.

Survivors include his wife — Dortha Lee; two sons — Jimmie Dale and Ricky Seaton of Lazbuddie; and a daughter — Theresa O'Donald of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Gianna Gonzalez

Funeral services for Gianna Gonzalez, three months, of Muleshoe were held on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Burial followed in Baby Land Cemetery of Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gianna died on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born on Sept. 26, 2008, in Clovis, N.M.,

to Javier and Bertha Gonzalez.

Survivors include her parents — Javier and Bertha Gonzalez of Muleshoe; a sister — Mariah Gonzalez of Muleshoe; a brother — Donovan Gonzalez of Muleshoe; and grandparents — Hermelinda and Mauro Vargas of Clovis, N.M., Rodney Sorapuru of Sidell, Louisiana, and Manuel Diaz, Carlos and Dora Gonzalez, all of Muleshoe

Ruth Brasher

Funeral services for Ruth McCarty Brasher, 84, of Amherst, were held on Monday, Dec. 29, at the Sudan Church of Christ with Terry Wilson officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery.

Brasher died on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, in the Harmonie House in Amherst. She was born on May 14, 1924, in Sudan to Hugh Jackson and Nora Maureen McCarty, and married Bud Brasher in Sudan on Feb. 24, 1940. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 2002.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by a daughter — Brenda Joyce Tomison in 1985; two grandchildren; seven brothers and five sisters.

Brasher attended Sudan Public Schools. After her marriage, she and her husband lived in Littlefield until 1966. After living in the Las Vegas, N.M., area they moved to Marble Falls in 1971. In 2000 they moved to Lubbock and March of 2008 Ruth moved to



Ruth McCarty Brasher the Harmonie House in Amherst.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Granite Shoals. While in the Marble Falls area she owned and operated an antique business in Burnett.

Survivors include a son — Hugh Brasher of Ada, Okla.; a daughter and her husband — Sandra and Connie Franks of Sudan; a sister-in-law — Wilma Nixon of Hobbs, N.M.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411, Sudan EMS or the Sudan Fire Department.

Ernestina Rivas

Funeral services for Ernestina Rivas, 77, of Plainview, formerly of Earth, were held on Jan. 3, at Mary Magdeline Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Pat Maher officiating.

Rosary was said on Friday, Jan. 2, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Burial followed at Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Rivas died on Dec. 30, 2008, in Plainview. She was born on March 15, 1931, to Eleno Rodriguez and Yaria Jesus Rodriguez in Los Ramos Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and married Jose Antonio Rivas in Hildago County on Oct. 11, 1951.

Rivas was a former resident of Earth and had lived in the panhandle

for 55 years, raising 10 children.

Survivors include her husband — Jose Rivas of Plainview; six sons — Robert Rivas of Littlefield, Rudy Rivas of Canyon, Joe Rivas of Houston, Lupe and Michael Rivas of Amarillo and Marin Rivas of Hereford; four daughters — Janie Rivas of Amarillo, Rosa Williams of Dallas, Flora Jones of Morton and Tina Garcia of Arlington.

She is also survived by a sister — Lucita Flores of Los Ramones Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and a brother — Benito Rodriguez of Los Ramones Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Memorials may be sent to Los Barrios, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo, Texas.

R.J. Brock

Church service for R.J. Brock, 84, of Earth was held on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Earth United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Nunn of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Brock died on Jan. 1, 2009, in Ralls. He was born on Oct. 20, 1924, to Ross Jackson Brock Sr. and Doris Brock in Livingston, and married Lucy Nix in Lubbock on Sept. 20, 1946. She preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 2006.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and two brothers — Robert and Joseph Brock.

Brock was a member of the Earth United Methodist Church. He served as Justice of

Peace for Lamb County, Precinct 2, for 25 years.

He was a member of the Methodist Men, Earth Lions Club, and owned the Brock Insurance Agency for a number of years in Earth, and farmed.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Chris and Giselle Brock of Ralls; a daughter and her husband — DeAnne and Mark Hagood of Bedford; a daughter — Melodie Smith of Clifton; a sister — Doris Joyce Mason of Duncanville; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, TX, 79423, or Earth United Methodist Church, 303 NE First, Earth, Texas 79031.

Enrique Toscano

Funeral services for Enrique Toscano, 81, of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 5-6, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Bailey County Cemetery.

Toscano died on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, in Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on July 14, 1927, to Albano and Katarina Toscano in Campbelton, and married Consuela Daniel in Idaho, on June 24, 1951. She preceded him in death on Dec. 8, 2008. He was also preceded in death by a son — Raymond Toscano, and a sister — Jova Gauna.

Toscano had been a resident of the Muleshoe area since 1954. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Muleshoe. He was a farm laborer.

Survivors include his sons — Henry, Robert and Richard, all of Muleshoe, and Rudy of Jacksboro; six daughters — Gloria Gutierrez of Lovington, N.M., Katarina Garcia of Farwell, and Dominga Olivas, Diana Cassanova, Sylvia Martinez, and Monica Toscano, all of Muleshoe; a sister — Anita Lopez of Corpus Christi; and a brother — Melecio Toscano of Mathis; 37 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

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Lady Mules bring home tourney consolation prize

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules came back after the Christmas break to take consolation in the Littlefield Wildcat Classic in the final days of December.

Anton puts a very big team on the floor and the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Mules in the opening round of the Classic 53-40.

The Lady Mules found their range in the second round to down the Farwell Lady Blue 62-52.

The Ralls Lady Jackrabbits could not keep up with the Lady Mules in the third game.

The Lady Mules earned the right to play for consolation with a 48-29 win over the Lady Jackrabbits.

The Lady Mules did most of their damage to the Lady Mustangs of Olton in the second half. The Lady Mule defense was relentless and held Olton to nine second half points, all being made in the third period.

"Anton is a very big team and our post players did a good job against them," said Lady Mule coach Val Acree.

"But their point guard was taller than our posts so when they would post her up we could not stop her. Plus we did not shoot



Pictured above, from left to right, are the Lady Mules with their consolation award: First row — BreAnn Baca, Sarah Johnson and Morgan Smith; second row — Gizell Vasquez, Yvonne Gardea and Janae Pyle; third row — Gabby Agundis, Gabby Perez and Val Olivas.

well from the line," he added.

Yvonne Gardea set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 13 points. Sarah Johnson and Morgan Smith made 10 points each.

Val Olivas dropped in four points, Gizell Vasquez added two and BreAnn Baca chipped in one.

Janae Pyle had seven rebounds and Gardea and Johnson made three

steals each. Johnson also had five assists and blocked three shots.

The Lady Mules had defeated Farwell earlier in the year and continued to dominate the Lady Blue.

Smith led the charge for the Lady Mules in the opening period with eight points.

The Lady Mules led 15-6 after one quarter and continued to pound away for a 35-19 advantage at

the half.

Val Olivas came off the bench and scored nine in the third period to help the Lady Mules open a 53-32 lead with eight minutes left to play.

"I was concerned because we had beaten Farwell earlier in the season but we jumped on them early," said Acree.

Janae (Pyle) dominated the boards with 12 rebounds. Morgan (Smith) had an

incredible first half and scored 16 before banging up an elbow and having to sit the rest of the game as we had another game that night.

Val (Olivas) scored 13 coming off the bench to really give us a boost," he added.

Smith led the Lady Mules with 16 points and Olivas added 13. Johnson dropped in 12 points and had eight assists and six steals.

Vasquez added 10 points, Pyle made six, Gardea three and Gabby Agundis chipped in two.

"BreAnn (Baca) and Gabby (Perez) gave us some quality minutes against Ralls," said Acree.

"They are a quick team but we match up better against quick teams. Morgan (Smith) pulled down 10 rebounds, had five assists and three steals for us. Val (Olivas) also had three steals," he said.

Johnson made a trey off an in-bound play to give the Lady Mules their first lead against Ralls with 50 seconds left in the first quarter. Johnson beat the buzzer at the end of the quarter on another in-bound play.

The Lady Mules led 8-6 and would never trail again.

The Lady Mules full court defense ate the Lady Jackrabbits lunch in the second quarter and they started on their dinner. The Lady Mules went on a 17-2 run in the first seven minutes of second period.

Smith picked off a pass and drove the floor and dished to Johnson running the opposite lane for the fast break bucket. Vasquez hit a six-foot baseline jumper before the Rabbits scored.

Baca drained a 3-pointer from the corner before Smith and Agundis ran the give-and-go to perfection.

Johnson hit a trey on an in-bound play before Gardea made a steal and drove to the hoop. Johnson ended the scoring run on a feed from Smith.

Perez dropped in a 3-pointer as the third quarter ticked away with

the Lady Mules leading 42-23.

Johnson led all scorers with 21 points. Smith dropped in eight and Gardea added six.

Vasquez, Baca and Perez made three points each. Olivas and Pyle chipped in two points apiece.

The Lady Mules doubled up on the Olton Lady Mustangs 16-8. Olton got warmed up in the second period and just missed matching the Lady Mules point-for-point to trail 31-22 at the half.

The Lady Mules clamped down a tight defense in the second half to hold the Lady Mustangs to only nine points in the second half.

Johnson led the Lady Mules with 17 points and five steals. She also had eight assists to surpass last season's total of 113 assists.

Olivas added nine points and Pyle dropped in seven points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Gardea and Smith made six points each and Vasquez and Baca chipped in five points apiece.

"This was a good tournament for us as we head into district," concluded Acree. "Some of our kids really came around during this tournament," he said. "Gabby Agundis is my unsung hero. She does not show on the stat sheet but she is vital to what we do. She brings a level of toughness to our team that we need."

"Gizell Vasquez is a presence for us inside as does Val Olivas. Her confidence is growing as the season progresses. If Janae Pyle and BreAnn Baca continue to play like they did in this tournament we will be tough to beat in district."

The Lady Mules traveled to Lockney for their final non-district game of the season Tuesday.

The Lady Mules open district Friday when they host the Childress Lady 'Cats and will be at home for the Floydada Lady 'Winds on Jan. 13 before traveling to Dimmitt to meet the Bobbies.

Mules take fourth place at Littlefield

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules bounced back from a disappointing 63-57 loss at Amarillo Highland Park to win three of four in the Littlefield Wildcat Classic for a fourth place finish.

The Mules traveled to Amarillo just prior to Christmas.

The Mules out scored the Hornets of Highland Park 35-31 in the second half but could not overcome a 10-point half time deficit. Nick Hurtado led all scorers with 17 points that included five 3-pointers.

Wes Wood was eight of 10 from the charity line and scored 15 for the Mules. Cooper Washington dropped in 11, Dillon Gallman had nine and Lane Wood made five in the game.

The Mules opened the

Wildcat Classic with the Denver City Mustangs. They downed the Ponies 60-47 with Gallman leading all scorers with 19. Gallman made four 3-pointers in the contest.

Washington had 11 points, Hurtado dropped in 10 and W. Wood added nine. Zach Toscano made seven points and Beau Avila and L. Wood chipped in two each.

Dalhart defeated the Mules 56-35 in the second round. Gallman set the scoring pace with 17 points and was the only Mule in double figures.

Washington made seven points and Hurtado had five. Avila added four points and W. Wood chipped in two.

The Mules again found their range in their third round against the Longhorns of Lockney.

Gallman had an 11-point first quarter to lead the Mules to a 59-48 win over the Longhorns.

Gallman led all scorers with 22 points that included five treys. Hurtado nailed four 3-pointers for 16 points and Washington dropped in eight. W. Wood added six points, L. Wood dropped in four, Avila had two and Toscano chipped in one.

The Mules and Nazareth Swifts battled back-and-forth in the first half in the battle for fourth place.

The lead changed hands eight times in the first 16 minutes with seven coming in the second quarter. The Mules led 27-25 at the intermission.

Hurtado opened the second half with a 10-foot baseline jumper to

give the Mules a little breathing room. W. Wood made a wrap-around pass to Washington on the delay break and he fought through the foul for the bucket. Washington made the charity toss for an old-fashion three-point play to give the Mules a 34-26 advantage.

Nazareth went on a five-point run before the period ended to get back to a three-point deficit trailing 34-31.

Hurtado and Gallman each made treys in the first two minutes of the final quarter to give the Mules a 40-33 lead with six minutes left in the game.

The Swifts cut the Mule lead back to just two points before a technical foul sent Gallman to the free-throw line. He made both charity tosses and

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Thrift shop volunteers honored

The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation held its monthly board meeting on Monday, Dec. 15, during which the board members recognized the ladies and gentleman who volunteer at the Heritage Thrift Shop. "Their many hours of hard work and dedication continues to make the Thrift Shop a success," a foundation board

member said. Pictured above, from left to right, are Jay Cage, vice president; Gary Hooten, treasurer; LaDene Spears, volunteer; Tom Watson, president; and volunteers Ester Serrano, Ruby Henderson, Ramon Serrano, Mary Jo Burge and Peggy Bates. Not pictured is volunteer Martha Stroud.

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the Mules retained possession of the ball.

Hurtado dribbled to the top of the key and drained his second 3-pointer of the period.

The Swifts would not

go away but sent W. Wood to line three times in the final 2:45. He was six-for-six from the line in quarter and L. Wood made both his charity

tosses with four seconds

showing on the clock to ice the 53-49 win for the Mules.

Washington and Gallman led the Mules with 13 points each. Hurtado had 12 points

and W. Wood dropped in 10 to give the Mules four players in double digits. L. Wood added three points and Avila chipped in two.

The Mules visited the Lockney Longhorns Tuesday night and travel to Olton to meet the Mustangs on Jan. 9.

The Mules return home to host Lockney on Jan. 13 and will open district in Dimmitt against the Bobcats on Jan. 16.

'Beat debt...' program offered

The First Baptist Church, 220 E. Ave. E., Muleshoe, will be hosting 13-week Bible study by Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University, entitled "Beat Debt and Build Wealth," starting Sunday, Jan. 25.

For more information call the church office at 272-4224 or Tadd and Annie Young at 272-5883.

consideration on Jan.13 will increase the spacing between wells and the distance from property lines about 30 percent. This will prohibit or cause smaller wells to be installed by land owners.

The 2007 rule changes were touted as the water saving asked for by the legislature and the restrictions imposed could be questioned under constitutional property rights. Also, these new rules give management some powers they should not have, such as giving the manager full discretion on unsealing a well.

The district rules should be the governing factor in these situations; and management will implement according to the rules.

The High Plains Water District #1 board of directors should not pass the 2008 rule changes because they are in conflict with property rights.

Phil Garrett,
Muleshoe

Letters to the Editor

Muleshoe resident speaks out against HPWCD rule changes

To the Editor:

The users of the water underlying their land formed the High Plains WaterDist.1.The purpose of this organization was to keep the regulation of this water locally. Local leaders asked the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to allow the district to be formed. This legislation was Chapter 36, "Groundwater Conservation Districts" of the Texas Water Code and allowed by the Constitution of the State of Texas, "Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI.

The articles deal mostly with rivers and streams but cover underground water only by stating the legislature may pass legislation regulating the natural resources of the state.

This is where the ownership of the water comes into question, because in the State of Texas Land ownership is the surface and anything underlying said land.

The formers of this district were willing to agree on the spacing of wells according to size, but no one could be refused to develop their water. This is plainly stated in Sec.36.1071 subparagraph f, "the district may not adopt any rules limiting the production of wells, except rules requiring that round water produced from a well be put to a non wasteful beneficial use.

This can be interpreted in a couple of different ways:

First, the district cannot limit the production of a well according to size. We all know the production of wells of the same size varies considerably. A high producer is good

Youth pancake breakfast set

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe is hosting a free youth pancake breakfast for students grades 6-12, on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 9:45.

luck and a low producer is tuff luck.

Second, the district may not put a limit on the gallons, hours, or days the well is operated. This is the main point that needs to be brought before the public because it pertains to ownership and property rights.

There is one more thing that needs to be stressed and in Sub. Chapter D. Section 36.101 sub. sec. J. A district may use informal conferences to obtain opinions and advise of interested persons about completed rules and may appoint advisory committees of experts, interested persons, or public representatives to advise the district about contemplated rules.

This being the case, all organizations supporting a commodity that uses irrigation or uses water to produce a product should have a water policy and people appointed to support their policies.

The rules that are now before the board for

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What things do families **need** to budget for? What things are nice to have or do, but are something extra that we **want**? **Read each item below and circle "W" for things we want and "N" for things our family needs. Next, find and circle each word in the family's house.**

1. clothes	W	(N)	13. food	W	N
2. furniture	W	N	14. water	W	N
3. new toy	W	N	15. dinner out	W	N
4. amusement parks	W	N	16. cell phones	W	N
5. transportation	W	N	17. computer	W	N
6. electricity	W	N	18. candy	W	N
7. newer furniture	W	N	19. insurance	W	N
8. shelter	W	N	20. phone	W	N
9. heat	W	N	21. extra car	W	N
10. savings	W	N	22. cable T.V.	W	N
11. vacation	W	N	23. video games	W	N
12. magazine subscriptions	W	N	24. taxes	W	N

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- save extra _____ and put them in a jar
- keep an eye out around town for thrifty _____
- rent a _____ instead of going to the theater
- toss your _____ every other day into the laundry (instead of every day)
- help your Mom and Dad by clipping _____
- update your card at your local _____ and take out books, DVDs, CDs
- dress sensibly so you can keep the _____ at a reasonable temperature
- help hand-wash your family _____ rather than taking it to the "car wash"
- make your own _____ rather than buying them from the school cafeteria
- turn off the _____ when you leave a room
- accept hand-me-down _____ (no complaints!)
- try and spend no more than 15 minutes when in the _____

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Cash Stash!

It's always smart to start to stash a little extra cash away. You can start your own cash stash by doing small jobs for family, friends or neighbors. You might be able to do extra chores around the house. Talk to your Mom or Dad to see if any of these ideas would "work" for you!

Little jobs add up to good "cents!"

Chitter did **four** extra chores this week to earn a little extra cash. He made **\$12.75**. **Read Chitter's list of jobs** (that his parents gave him permission to do). **Check off four chores that add up to \$12.75.**

<input type="checkbox"/> walk dog 75¢	<input type="checkbox"/> shovel walk \$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> clean out closet \$4.50	<input type="checkbox"/> dust the house \$2.00
<input type="checkbox"/> wash dishes \$1.25	<input type="checkbox"/> water plants \$1.75
<input type="checkbox"/> fold laundry \$2.50	<input type="checkbox"/> vacuum \$3.25
<input type="checkbox"/> wash windows \$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> organize family CD/DVD collection \$4.25

Hint: You might need a pencil and a piece of paper or a calculator to help add the money. There is more than one answer.

Texans talk back: Hearing from constituents on key issues

As Americans welcome a new President and a new Congress, I'd like to ask you to share with me your opinions on the most important issues facing our nation and state at this critical juncture.



Capitol Comment
By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

We often learn the most when we listen. Hearing first-hand what is important to you helps me better represent Texas.

Like you, I am passionate about the issues that most affect our state, and I know how important they are to you and your families. I encourage you to respond online at the survey page on my website or mail in your responses. The mailing address and survey website address are listed at the end of this form.

I appreciate your participation and look forward to reading your responses.

I. Economy

The current financial crisis threatens the economic security of every American family and business. Unemployment has reached a 15-year high, and our economy is in a recession.

My goal is for American workers to earn a living wage and for their companies to be competitive, resulting in long-term success for businesses and their employees.

As we work to find

solutions to overcome the recession, what role do you think the federal government should play in stimulating economic growth in this time of uncertainty?

Please rank in order of importance (1-3).

___ Increase Government Spending on Infrastructure
___ Cut Taxes

___ Pay Down the National Debt

Additional Comments:

II. Health Care

There is a growing disparity in access to health care because of soaring medical costs and rising insurance premiums. We must find ways to make health care more accessible without sacrificing the quality of care that Americans enjoy.

In your opinion, what

are the greatest barriers in our healthcare system? Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ High Cost of Insurance and Health Care Services

___ Limited or No Access to Health Insurance

___ Quality of Care Provided (Please explain below)

___ Limitations on Choice of Health Care Practitioners

___ Difficulty Understanding Health Insurance Plan Coverage and Payments

Additional Comments:

III. Education

Education is key to America's success, and it will be critical to our leadership in the 21st century. Strengthening our schools, colleges, and universities is a goal all levels of government

share.

First, we must dramatically reduce the high school dropout rate. Second, we must emphasize science, technology, engineering, and math in our schools. These are the disciplines that spur creativity and new discoveries, which are essential to economic growth.

What do you think Congress should do to strengthen public education?

Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ Expand Choice for Alternatives to Public Schools (Private, parochial, or magnet options)

___ Help Attract More Qualified Teachers

___ Raise Teachers' Salaries

___ Expand Technical and Vocational Training in Community Colleges

___ Expand Access to Colleges with Student Aid and Scholarships

Additional Comments:

IV. Transportation

Transportation is a vital part of our daily lives. Yet, every day at rush hour, we are reminded of the strain

that Texas' growing population puts on our infrastructure.

If we fail to meet our transportation needs, businesses and employers may relocate to areas with more suitable infrastructure.

In your opinion, what should the federal government do to enhance the capabilities of our current transportation system?

Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ Increase Use of Rail as an Alternative to Automobiles

___ Replace Aging Infrastructure

___ Increase Toll Roads

___ Develop More Options for Mass Transit Such as Buses

___ Develop More Options for Use of Lanes Dedicated to Multi-passenger Cars (HOV)

Additional Comments:



Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums? Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

The photographs above, and a large number of other photographs, have accumulated at the news office. Please reclaim these pieces of family history.

V. Legislative Priority

What should Congress' legislative priority be this year?

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Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

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The Sudan Buzz

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Japanese Fruit Pie

- 3 eggs, beaten
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped pecan
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell

Combine first 6 ingredients; stir well. Add raisins, coconut, and nuts; pour into pie shell. Bake at 350 for 45 to 50 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack.

Yields one 9-inch pie.

Sudan City Council Agenda

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public input and comments
- Departmental reports
- Old Business :
 - Discuss water system
 - Review and Consider Ordinances for Code Enforcement
- New Business:
 - Personnel policy
 - Install electric meter on square
 - Hire code enforcement officer
 - Accounts payable and purchase requests
 - Benediction

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Buzzing away...
By Norma Burnett

Bales ginned at Farmers Co-Op

I recently visited with Tracy Provence at the Sudan Farmers Co-Op Gin and she said that the ginning season was good this year but not as the years before.

Bales were down this year from last year. Tracy said that the gin had ginned 54,171 bales this year.

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State-fish art contest aims to draw student interest

Deadline for entering the Texas State-Fish Art Contest is March 31, and students and teachers should take time now to review the contest rules and regulations.

Texas students who enter the contest can win prizes of up to \$1,000.

Entries are judged in three grade-level divisions: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Thanks to funding from the Toyota Texas Bass Classic, the three first-place winners from

Texas receive financial assistance for travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to compete in the national competition.

"It's important that entries be prepared in the format specified in the rules," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Zoe Ann Stinchcomb, Texas coordinator for the contest.

"For example, artwork must be the proper size and have the entry form glued to the back. The complete set of rules is posted on our web site, www.tpwd.state.tx.us.fishart.

Links on that page contain everything you need to know to prepare entries and enter the contest."

Stinchcomb noted that

a poster teachers can use to promote the contest to students can be found on the contest page as well.

"However, home-schooled students are also eligible to enter the contest," she said.

The State-Fish Art Contest is a program of Wildlife Forever, a multi-species non-profit conservation organization that works to preserve America's wildlife heritage through conservation education, preservation of habitat and scientific management of fish and wildlife species.

Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded more than 800 conservation projects in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico.



'Fireman of the Year 2008' Gary Clark (left), and Muleshoe Fire Chief Tom Ladd (right).

Clark honored as 2008 'Fireman of the Year'

The Muleshoe Fire Department held its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 6.

Among those in attendance were 13 department members and their families, with special guests, City Manager David Brunson and his wife Dianne.

There was also a special appearance by Santa Claus bearing gifts for all the children in attendance.

After enjoying a barbeque dinner, the new members, Aaron Banks and Roper Fulcher was recognized.

Also, recognized was

Jerry Bruton and Justin Helton for five years of service and Scott Churchman for 25 years of service.

The Fireman of the Year for 2008 was awarded to Gary Clark.

Clark joined the department in 1992 and has held the offices of captain, treasurer, training officer, executive officer and in 2009 will be the Assistant Fire Chief.

Clark and his wife Brenda have two children, Cody Clark of Lubbock and Josh Clark of Muleshoe, who is also a member of the Muleshoe Fire Department.

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.

2008: The Year in review

Continued from page 1 \$8,638,172 budget, and Park View Nursing Care Center's budget of \$3,044,725.

In October, the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The Oct. 12 morning worship service included a historical drama and video, and a message delivered by Bishop D. Max Whitefield.

"Tracing the history of the church reveals a legacy of faith and vision from all the pastors and members who have sacrificed in order to

establish and maintain a United Methodist Church in Muleshoe," FUMC church member Pat Watson said in a story that appeared in the Oct. 9 issue of the *Muleshoe Journal*.

October also marked the arrival of Chris Cotton as administrator of Park View Nursing Center.

November and December brought a sense of excitement to the entire Muleshoe community as the residents followed the Mules through the playoff games to the Dec. 13 state championship.

EMT classes scheduled

Bailey County EMS will be holding an EMT class beginning Jan. 13, over a four to five month period.

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Friday, Jan. 16 - 12 Noon - Goat & Sheep Show followed by the Swine

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A New Alcohol Petition

A Local Option Petition is being circulated in the City of Muleshoe calling for an election to legalize the sale of alcohol in Muleshoe, Texas.

(This petition supports Alcohol Sales in the City Limits of Muleshoe, only.)

In the past misunderstandings concerning these petitions have occurred. All voters should be aware that:

- By signing the Petition you are stating your support for Alcohol Sales in Muleshoe.**
- By signing the Petition you understand that your signature is public record.**
- By signing the Petition you are not simply calling for a vote, you are supporting Alcohol Sales.**

We ask you to please consider these issues carefully before you sign this petition.

If you have signed this petition and would like to remove your name please contact the Bailey County Clerk's office at 272 - 3044.