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MAHD to seek rate cap increase

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District will be placing an issue on the May ballot seeking permission to raise its rate cap from the existing level to the state allowed rate.

At Monday's regular meeting of the MAHD Board of Directors, a motion was approved that calls for a rate cap vote to be placed on the

May election.

It wasn't specifically noted whether the tax rate election would be handled in conjunction with the City of Muleshoe's May elections, which currently are to include a Bailey County question on whether liquor sales should be allowed within Muleshoe's city limits.

Several years ago, voters in the hospital district elected to cap the hospital district's tax rate

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at 40 cents of every \$100 of valuation. However, the current state rate is set by statute at 75 cents.

"Basically, we're asking for the ability to ask for more," said Wayne Pierson, MAHD board president.

Pierson said it wasn't the hospital board's intent to raise the rate to the requested state ceiling, suggesting the hospital district's continuing financial problems could be greatly improved if the district's rate was

higher than the present cap.

Under normal circumstances, board member Bill Liles said he would be among the first to vote against a rate increase, but indicated the hospital district's current situation forced him to reconsider such a stand.

"We may need to raise it another nickel or dime," Liles said, an option that the 40 cent

cap doesn't allow.

In July, the members of the hospital board issued a joint "state of the district" address in which it was explained that the district's 40 cent tax base was broken down into three portions.

A portion goes to the existing debt service against the Park View Nursing Care Center's bond, a portion is allocated to the operation

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No sap here!

There's not a lot that can be said about having to work outside in cold temperatures, but Danny May of First Bank took the opportunity during Monday's low temperatures to trim trees at the bank with the assurance that he wouldn't have to deal with the messy sap.

Muleshoe family shares their shoes

By Terry Brewster
Muleshoe Journal staff

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings..." — Isaiah 52:7

There's no other way to say it... some beautiful feet have been making the journey from Muleshoe to Karanda, Zimbabwe.

At Monday's Jennyslipper installation banquet, Bernita Sheets, the wife of Dr. Kyle Sheets, M.D., talked about the work of PAPA (Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad) Missions, an organization started in 1999 after she accompanied her husband to a hospital in Karanda.

Staffed by two physicians from the United States, an international physician and a physician's assistant, attempts to meet the medical needs of the families in the area, often seeing as many 300 patients in a single day.

During their visit, the

Sheets saw a great need to relieve the doctors at the hospital as well as the need for medical supplies.

She spoke of the great decline they'd seen in the area around the hospital since their first trip in 1999 — Most families sleep on the dirt floors



Bernita Sheets

— and described how some of the nurses who care for the patients at the hospital have to walk as far as 10 miles to get to work.

Although the chief form of transportation are ox-driven carts, many are not able to feed and care for the animals.

"The nurses uniforms are always crisp, clean and white, although they

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Hospital board receives updated from bond consultants

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Should the bond package include refinancing the existing bond on Park View Nursing Care Center?

That was the question at the top of Monday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board of Directors during an update from Tom Shirey of Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc., the district's financial advisor.

When Shirey began talking about a \$4

"I thought we weren't refinancing Park View..."

— Bill Liles

million bond package, board members Bill Liles and Bob Donaldson caught onto the fact that changes in the proposed package would include refinancing the nursing home's existing bond debt.

"I thought we weren't refinancing Park View," Liles said, referring to a board decision that had

been made at its July 24 regular meeting.

Shirey explained that given the current economic conditions it was more favorable to include refinancing the nursing home's bond in the package, adding that he was concerned about the offering's "liquidity."

"Under current

circumstances, it's hard to sell the bond," board president Wayne Pierson said in apparent support of including the refinancing of Park View's debt.

Shirey also suggested that voiced opposition to issues in the bond proposal's draft summary by the district's auditors, Parrish, Moody & Fikes,

was another concern.

Hospital district DEO Ray Mason explained that one of the issues the auditors were concerned about was whether the hospital should remain as a "Critical Access" facility, or if it should return to its former status.

"You really need to think long and hard

before you drop critical access," Mason said, noting that once the district changes from critical access federal regulations wouldn't allow it to return.

Although the auditors feel the Muleshoe Area Medical Center would probably benefit by the return to its earlier status, it should be noted that Parrish, Moody & Fikes representatives led in the board's decision to change to critical access about three years ago.

However, unlike other

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— Tom Shirey

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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.

Brisket dinner

The Lazbuddie FCCLA and community is holding a benefit for Rickie and Jimmie Dale Seaton on Feb. 1, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Lazbuddie cafeteria.

The meal will include brisket, red beans, potato salad, and an assortment of homemade deserts. The meal is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call 806-965-2152.

Church concert

The Moodys will be in concert at Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe, 312 E. Ave. B, on Feb. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. Call the 272-4015 for additional information.

Championship T-shirts

Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club announces that the Championship shirt and cap orders are available for pickup at Muleshoe City Hall and Adrian Photography. Orders for each school campus have been distributed.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation will be hosting a hamburger brown bag special at the Tuesday, Feb. 3, basketball games. The meal consists of a hamburger and the trimmings.



Kay Wiseman, Jenny Toscano and Davian Flores

Last baby of 2008 honored

Jenny Toscano, and her son Davian Matthew Flores, both of Muleshoe, were recently honored by H&R Block of Muleshoe.

Davian was the last baby from Bailey County born in 2008.

He was born on Dec. 29, 2008, at 11:55 a.m., in Lubbock.

Davian weighed seven pounds, six ounces at birth.

His brother is Cruz, and his grandparents are Rosalinda and Fernando Toscano of Muleshoe.

Kay Wiseman of H&R Block of Muleshoe presented the mother and child with a gift bag.

A good snow is a fine blessing

I'm glad I live in a place where we have seasons. I'm not sure I could lock in my vote for a favorite. Each one features uniquely delightful gifts from the God who gives us all seasons.

About the only weather feature that I appreciate not at all is wind. Gentle breezes are wonderful; gales combined with the land of nearby counties are not.

I'm particularly fond of winter. I love fireplaces and hot drinks, sweaters and good books, and I agree with the guy who said that nothing in all of nature tops the beauty of the world all wrapped up in a blanket of snow.

As I write this morning, it is cold outside — 18 degrees. A silvery fog hovers low and a bit of white frost mixed with a little attempt at snow has dusted the ground and the trees. Occasionally a few feeble snowflakes float groundward.

We're in serious need of moisture. Any kind. But I vote for snow. About two feet.

I love where I live and have almost 24 years in residence to prove it. But I've always been a tad disappointed in our snows which are generally on the wimpy side. For the last couple of years, the snows have been few and pathetic.

Global warming? Not unless the hot air from "the sky is falling" media and Al Gore have really ramped things up.

We can usually count on at least one really good snow a year. I remember one fine year complete with a scary snow-dragon in the front yard and a great snowball fight down at the park. But last year, almost nothing. And nothing yet this year.

So, we're overdue for some back snowfall. Two feet would shut things down delightfully. For at least a couple of days, folks might lay eyes on their families, eat a



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

meal together, play a game together, watch a good movie together. A lot of the dreary busyness that we call life but which really gets in the way of life would be mercifully curtailed for ten minutes.

We need some snow! Not all the most important education happens in school. We've got kids living in our town who haven't fashioned and thrown a snowball in two years! In my book, that's an educational crisis!

And, hey, I'm a pastor, and I love it when God's people come together to worship. But a "snowed out" Sunday once a year or so is good for us. It won't matter a whit to the folks whose attendance and giving is wimpier than our snows.

And unless we're bean counting legalists mistakenly afraid that missing one Sunday, even if God snows us out himself, could conceivably leave our "card" one short of some required number for salvation and result in eternal inconvenience of the worst sort — well, faithful folks will make up their offering, come back to church the next week, and we'll get a worthwhile reminder that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

Ah, the blessing of snow!

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Shawn Rejino honored

Shawn Rejino of Muleshoe was awarded the Silver Spade award at the annual George White District Banquet held in Levelland in December.

Rejino is an active parent leader in the Muleshoe Cub Scouts and is assistant scout master for Troop 620.

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MAHD bond issue

Continued from page 1 Liles expressed his displeasure about the lack of progress. "We're at the same point we were six months ago," he said. "We went down to the bank to buy this property," Liles added, referring to the houses and lots across from the hospital and adjacent to the medical clinic housing Dr. Bruce Purdy's medical practice, "and we're not seeing any progress."

When the lack of progress was directed back at the auditors' reluctance to climb on board the bond issue band wagon, David Burke, MAHD's chief financial officer said, "I think if you pin them to

the wall, they're going to say 'huh uh'."

"Parrish, Moody & Fikes need to get on the ball and give you the information you need so you can take it to the market," interjected Pierson. Faced by the auditors' continued hesitance to support the issuance of the certificates, Shirey suggested the hospital board consider getting an opinion from another CPA, such as Burke, who is a licensed CPA, adding that it wasn't necessary to disclose the problem with Parrish, Moody & Fikes to potential purchasers of the certificates.

In other business, the hospital board:

- Approved renewing

building north of the hospital; a \$200,000 note used for the hospital's operation; a \$100,000 note for the nursing home's operation; and \$600,000 in the district's accounts payable. While the district wants to pay at least a portion of the upcoming note payments, Burke said it was probable that the remainder would have to be refinanced because of the district's extremely poor cash flow.

of such items, as well as medical supplies and equipment shipped to Karanda in a few weeks. "They are very resilient, proud and joyful people," Sheets said. "They never ask for anything and are very grateful for all that is being done to help them."

While there are many areas in Africa that PAPA Mission hopes to help, Sheets said Karanda and its people will always have a special place in her heart.

the district's property insurance with a premium increase of \$10,000, and a \$100,000 deductible. To maintain the district's current \$10,000 deductible, Mason said the premium's increase would double to \$20,000.

Mason said the best route to take would be to approve the higher deductible, get the roof replaced as soon as possible, and request the insurance company to reevaluate the policy. Mason explained that the condition of the hospital district's roof — one of the projects targeted by the issuance of the certificates of obligation — was the

declared two of the houses remaining on the property purchased for the clinic expansion as salvage to allow for their disposal. The board accepted a bid on the third house at last month's regular meeting.

- Amended a previous board motion clarifying who was authorized

to sign bank loan documents.

- Approved moving the board's regular meeting date from the third Thursday of the month to the fourth Monday.
- Went into executive session at

7:55 p.m., regarding "administrative search" and returned to open session at 9:05 p.m., with no public action taken.

- Approved the minutes from the previous regular meeting with a minor clarification.

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Tax rate

Continued from page 1 the hospital, and the remainder to the operation of Park View.

At that time, it was explained that it is up to the administrator of each facility to determine how its allocated tax funds are used.

At Monday's meeting, the district's chief financial officer, David Burke, said the facilities try to avoid using the tax funds, but indicated a large portion of the funds would be needed

to pay at least a portion of the bank notes that are coming due on Friday, Jan. 30, in February and in April.

Burke said district is currently about \$1.1 million in debt.

He explained this was a total of the \$200,000 note used in the purchase of the property adjacent to the medical clinic housing Dr. Bruce Purdy's practice, in preparation of the clinic expansion project, and the purchase of the Decorators Florals & Gifts

Shoes

Continued from page 1 had to walk so far to work," Sheets said.

She also talked about how the visits to Karanda have become a "family affair" with their children often accompanying them on the mission trips to perform a variety of tasks — painting, repairing, and organizing where needed, while Dr. Sheets treats patients.

And she talked about the beauty of watching as her children gave their own shoes and clothing to children who live in

constant need. Sheets spoke of the need for other items as well.

Candles are one of the most needed items because the electricity may only be turned on for limited periods of time. Many of the nursing students have to study by candle light.

She also mentioned how clothing, shoes, and blankets were needed, along with duct tape, ziplock bags, paper and pencils.

According to Sheets, there will be a container

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
Brrrr, it has been cold, cold, cold outside, but the center has been open and warm inside. If you are tired of staying in, come to the center.

If it is exercise you need, we have the equipment, if it is walking you need, we have the room, if it is games you want to play, we have the games, or it you just want to sit and visit with friends, we have the coffee and area to visit. So come to see us.

There are several of our senior citizens who are under the weather. Our prayers and get well wishes we send to you. We miss you and hope you are feeling better soon.

We want to send our heartfelt appreciation to one of our dedicated volunteers.

The voice you hear when you answer your

phone informing you of our birthday party belongs to Alene Bryant.

Alene has been so faithful in helping us when we need her to.

She just recently gave the center a donation to honor all the other volunteers at the center.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, will be Bunco playing day. So all you players mark your calendar, call a friend and come in to have fun and fellowship.

Be here by 10 a.m. Prizes are furnished by Iterim Health Care. We really appreciate them.

Wednesday is steak day at the center. If you have not come by the center on this day, you are missing a good meal and a lot of friends to see.

Thursday, is our Bingo day. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Refreshments and prizes are furnished. La Sea

Mason from NursCare is our caller and does a great job. It is a good way to spend the Thursday afternoon. Come join us.

Everyday is a great day to come to the center.

Menu for Feb. 2 - 6:
Monday, Feb. 2 — Chicken casserole, sweet peas, salad, rolls and banana pudding.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 — Ham with pineapple, black eye peas, au gratin potatoes, salad, cornbread and cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 5 — Liver and onions, scalloped potatoes, greens, carrots, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show Results released

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show was held on Saturday, Jan. 24. The results of the show were as follows:

Steer Show
Grand champion, breed champion — Lacey Jesko, first; reserve grand champion, reserve breed champion — Kayle Jesko, second; Logan Mason, third; Jared Timms, fourth; Chase Timms, fifth, Showmanship.

Sheep Show
Fine Wool — Breed champion, first, Chase Timms; Fine Wool Cross — Breed champion, first, Chase Timms; Southdown — Breed champion, first, Jared Timms; Medium Wool Light — Jared Timms, first, showmanship; Chase Timms, second; Jared Timms, third.

Medium Wool Heavy — Grand champion, breed champion — Logan

Mason, first; reserve grand champion, reserve breed champion — Ashton Mason, second.

Goat Show
Grand champion, breed champion — Ashton Mason, first; reserve grand champion, reserve breed champion — Lindsey Burris, second, showmanship.

Barrows
Berkshire — Breed champion, Shelby Cox, first; reserve breed champion, Shea Scott, second.

Duroc (Light) — Ashley Scott, first; Allison Weaver, second, showmanship; Colton Hargrove, third.

Duroc (Heavy) — Breed champion, Shea Scott, first; reserve breed champion, Colton Weaver, second; Josh Cox, third.

Hampshire (Light) — Reserve breed champion,

Colton Weaver, first; Ryan Mason, second; Ashley Scott, third; Colton Hill, fourth.

Hampshire (Heavy) — Reserve grand champion, Reserve breed champion, Ryan Mason, first; Dallas Cox, second; Triston Bomer, third.

Spotted Poland — Breed champion, Triston Bomer, first; reserve breed champion, Houston Cox, second.

Yorkshire — Grand champion, breed champion, Dallas Cox, first; reserve breed champion, Logan Mason, second; Ashley Scott, third; James Baca, fourth.

Cross (Light) — Reserve breed champion, Shea Scott, first; Allison Weaver, second; Shelby Cox, third.

Cross (Heavy) — Breed champion, Ashton Mason, first; Bart Guillen, second, Josh Cox, third.

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Obituaries

Maria Cuevas

Church services for Maria Cuevas, 81, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Jan. 26, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Tim Schwertner of Rotan officiating.

Rosary was said on Sunday, Jan 25, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Maria died on Friday, Jan. 24, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on July 4, 1926, in Monterrey, Mexico, to Isabel and Felicitas (Palomo) Gonzales, and married Aurelio Cuevas Sr. in Monterrey, Mexico, on Dec. 16, 1946.

Maria was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe. She was self-employed with her husband with the



Maria Cuevas San Francisco Tortilla Factory and owned and operated the San Francisco Cafe and Tortilla Factory.

Survivors include her husband — Aurelio Cuevas Sr.; a son and his wife — Aurelio Jr. and Olga Cuevas of Muleshoe; a daughter — Ana M, Gonzales of Dallas; a sister — Carmela Cuevas, and a brother — Anastacio Gonzales, both of Monterrey, Mexico.

She is also survived by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ella Martin

Funeral services for Ella Modene Martin of Chandler, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the First Assembly of God Church of Chandler.

Visitation was held on Friday, Jan. 23, at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Martin was born on Jan. 8, 1917, in Coleman to Luther and Minnie Fitzgerald, and was married Ira Martin for 53 years.

Martin, with her husband, were residents of Muleshoe for 38 years, where they farmed before retiring to East Texas.

She was a homemaker and master seamstress, entering the East Texas Fair for many years and winning numerous grand prize awards for her quilts, wall hangings, needle point and crochet.

Martin, a member of First Assembly of God,

in Chandler, was a true Christian who lived a remarkable life by example. Her favorite Bible verse was 1 Corinthians 3:17, "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes for all things, and endures all things."

She was preceded in death by her husband — Ira Martin; her parents — Luther and Minnie Fitzgerald; a daughter — Bobbie Hill; and a grandson — Don Fender.

Survivors include a daughter — Jeanie Jones of Whitehouse; a sister — Mildred Simmons of Denver, Colo.; and a niece — Judy Simmons, also of Denver.

Memorials may be made to the National Right to Life Anti-Abortion Committee, 512 10th Street NW, P.O. Box 96498, Washington, D.C. 2004, or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Boulevard, Tyler Texas 75701.

Alice Brandon

Funeral services for Alice Lena Brandon, 93, of Friona, formally of Littlefield were held on Friday, Jan. 23, at Hammons Funeral Home with Paul Burton, of Crescent Park Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial followed in Littlefield Cemetery.

Brandon died on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born on April 13, 1916, in Sherman to Riley and Effie Dyer.

Brandon moved to the Whitharral area as a child. She married Thurman Sims in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1956.

In 1975 she married Delbert Brandon. He preceded her in death in 1988. She was also preceded by a son — Stanley Sims; and a daughter — Joyce Dunham.

Survivors include a son — Aubrey Sims and Hereford; two sons and



Alice Lena Brandon

their wives — Truman and Donna Sims of Woodville, and Joe Bob and Lettie Sims of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter — Geraldine Martin of Amarillo; three daughters and their husbands — Brenda and Walter Lackey of Muleshoe, and Sandra and Jerry Ware of Puyallup, Wash., and Delilah and Rodney Weeks of Springfield, Ill.; 23 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Southwest Hospice of Amarillo, or Meals on Wheels in Muleshoe.

Sebastian Flores

Church services for Sebastian Flores, one month, of Muleshoe, were held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Friday, Jan. 23, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in the Babyland Section of Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sebastian died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in the Muleshoe Medical Center emergency room. He was born on Dec. 15, 2008, in Littlefield.

Survivors include his mother — Monica Hernandez; his father — Eric Flores; a sister — Evangaline Cavazos; and grandparents — Lucia Hernandez, Richard and Maria Castorena, and Humberta and Yolanda Mendoza.

Wyvonna Haney

Church services for Wyvonna Haney, 74, of Farwell, were held on Jan. 22, at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church of Farwell with the Rev. Randall Partin officiating.

Burial will follow in Sunset Terrace Cemetery, of Farwell.

Haney died on Sunday, Jan. 18 in Lubbock. She was born on Jan. 4, 1935, to Willie R. and Ethel Gipson in Jerman, and married Leonard Lavon

Haney in Clovis N.M., on July 28, 1950.

He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1985. She was also preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Haney had been a resident of Farwell since the mid-1960s, moving from Bovina. She was a member of the Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church of

Farwell, and worked as a home health care giver.

Survivors include a son — Larry Haney of Garland; a daughter — Sherry Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter and her husband — Linda Robert Cardoza and of Arlington; a brother — Elden Gipson of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Varsity Mules improve district standings; defeat Friona, Tulia

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules improved their district record to 2-1 this past week with wins over Friona and Tulia.

The Mules hosted the Friona Chieftains for their home district opener Tuesday night.

Three Mules were in double figures and seven put points on the board as the Mules defeated Friona 60-50.

The Mules traveled to Tulia on Friday and swatted the Hornets 65-54.

Friona ran out to an early lead as the Mules could not find the range for almost six minutes before Nathaniel Chavez finally broke the scoring ice for the Mules. They trailed 9-5 as the second period started.

The Mules over took Friona in the second quarter as Cooper Washington used his 6-5 height advantage to score three deuces and popped outside the arc for a 3-pointer.

Dillon Gallman

drained a trey and Wes Wood made four charity tosses.

Zach Toscano, Lane Wood and Chavez each added two-pointers in the 22-point quarter.

The Mules led 27-22 at the half. However, the Mules cooled off some in the third quarter as they only scored 10 points, but their defense held Friona to just eight.

W. Wood made eight of nine from the charity stripe in the final period and added two baskets to lead the Mules to a 23-point final quarter.

Washington had a game high 19 points.

W. Wood made 13 of 15 from the line for 17 points and Gallman hit a pair of 3-pointers for 10 points. Nick Hurtado and Chavez dropped in five points each. Toscano and Lane Wood chipped in two points each.

The Mules entered the Tulia Hornets gym with the intent of pounding the ball inside to the 6-5 Cooper Washington. Their plan worked and

Washington opened the game with nine points in the first quarter.

Hurtado took advantage of the double teams down on Washington and when the big man kicked the ball out side to him he drained a 3-pointer. Gallman did the same and the Mules opened a 20-15 first quarter advantage.

The Mules put on full court pressure and held the Hornets to just nine points in the second quarter. Washington pumped in three buckets even using a baby hook shot from six to 10 feet.

Gallman hit his second 3-pointer of the game as the Mules took a 34-24 lead into the half.

The Mules slowed some in the third period as the Hornets were able to break the Mule press and cut four off the Mules' lead. Gallman made his third trey of the night. The Mules led 43-37 with eight minutes to play.

Washington began

to work his magic on the inside, skyring for offensive rebounds and sticking the ball in the hoop, running the floor on fast breaks and pinning his defender in order to turn into the lane for a short jumper. He had 10 points in the final frame.

W. Wood added a pair of buckets and Gallman finished his hat-trick plus one by making a 3-pointer in every period. He also was three of four from the line in the final eight minutes. The Mules out distanced the Hornets 21-17.

Washington had not only the game high but also his season high production with 29 points.

Gallman's four treys pushed his total out put to 15 for the night. W. Wood posted 12.

L. Wood and Chavez contributed two buckets each for four points and Hurtado added a trey in the opening quarter.

The 2-1 Mules continue their road work as they



Cooper Washington blocks a shot against Friona during a recent game. Photograph by Stacy Conner.

traveled to Floydada Friday's games have to take on the 3-0 Whirlwinds and then go to Childress to tangle with the 2-1 Bobcats on Friday.

The standings after

Floydada leading the district at 3-0, Childress, Dimmitt and Muleshoe tied for second at 2-1 and Tulia and Friona in the cellar at 0-3.

Varsity Lady Mules take a 'bid win' over Friona's ladies; fall to Tulia

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules opened the week with a big win over the Friona Squaws and then dropped one to the Lady Hornets of Tulia.

The Squaws were no match for the Lady Mules in Mauleshoe and went down to defeat 64-49.

The Lady Hornets were another story in Tulia for the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules could not find the range in Tulia until only a minute and 13 seconds remained in the first quarter.

Morgan Smith finally broke the scoring ice but the Lady Mules met defeat 54-50.

Sarah Johnson opened the game against Friona with a pair of free throws. She followed that with a driving lay up and hit a 3-pointer for seven of the 13 Lady Mule first period points.

Gabby Agundis broke to the basket and Johnson fed her the ball for the hoop. Smith was fouled shooting and made

two free throws before Janae Pyle stuck back a rebound in the opening period. The Lady Mules led 13-11 going into the second quarter.

Smith took the Squaws off the dribble in the second quarter and made two lay ups and a pair from the charity line. Yvonne Gardea was fouled on her first shooting attempt and made both shots from the line.

Later in the second period she ran the floor and Johnson fired a three-quarter court pass to her and she completed the easy break.

Johnson added a pair of baskets as the Lady Mules out scored Friona 14-9 in the quarter and led 27-20 at the intermission.

Johnson made a pair of treys in the third period along with a basket. Gizell Vasquez was fouled shooting and made two from the line. Smith added a pair of free throws and a bucket to give the Lady Mules a 43-32 advantage to begin

the final quarter.

The Squaws dropped in three treys in the final period and sent the Lady Mules to the line to attempt to close the gap.

The Lady Mules made 11 of 16 from the line in the final eight minutes with Johnson making five of seven and Gardea was two of two. Vasquez made one of four but added a pair of buckets.

Agundis made two baskets; Smith made one and was two for two from the line. BreAnn Baca made one from the charity line as the Lady Mules held off the Squaws 21-17 in the final quarter.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in scoring with 22 points. Smith was perfect from the line making eight straight free throws and four buckets for 16 points. Agundis dropped in four baskets for eight points.

Vasquez scored all seven of her points in the second half. Gardea added six points, Pyle had two points and Baca

chipped in one in the win over Friona.

The game in Tulia went different for the Lady Mules as they struggled to find the shooting range in Tulia. It seemed as if anything the Lady Hornets got above the rim dropped through the net.

Tulia led 12-4 after one quarter and 28-12 at the intermission. Johnson did open the second quarter with a 3-pointer and added a couple of short jumpers for seven first half points.

The Lady Mules came out firing in the second half with 15 points in the third quarter. Pyle made a short jumper over the defense and Val Olivas hit an eight footer. Smith drove the left side of lane for a hoop.

Gardea finished a fast break and made three of four from the line for five third period points. Johnson scored twice from inside the arc for four points. The Lady Mules had cut four off the Lady Hornet lead to

trail 39-27.

The Lady Mules continued to heat things up in the final quarter and cut the lead to three points with just 30 seconds left in the game. Johnson led the scoring charge with two buckets and three of four from the line early in the final period.

Smith was fouled twice on drives and made three of four from the line. Gardea made a pair from the line and made a basket. Johnson finished the quarter with three straight 3-pointers.

Johnson was the leading scorer in the game with 27 points. Gardea and Smith each had nine points. Baca finished with three

points. Olivas and Pyle had two points each.

The Lady Mules finished the first round of district with a record of 2-3 and opened the second loop in Floydada against the 4-1 Lady Winds.

The Lady Mules were the only team to defeat the Floydada in the first round. The Lady Mules will make the long trip to Childress Friday to meet the Lady Cats.

After Friday's games Floydada and Tulia were tied for first at 4-1. Childress, Friona and the Lady Mules are tied for third at 2-3 and Dimmitt is in sixth place at 1-4.

The Lady Hornets will visit the Lady Mules on Feb. 3.

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Sports

JV Mules fall to Dimmitt, but defeat Friona and Tulia

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules are 2-1 after the first three games of district play. The Mules traveled to Dimmitt to open district against the Bobcats. The Bobcats defeated the Mules 57-49.

The Mules hosted Friona for their home district opener and just got past the Chieftains 42-38. The Mules traveled to Tulia and swatted the Hornets 37-27.

Larry Richardson got the Mules off to a strong start against Dimmitt with six points that included a rare 4-point play. But the Bobcats out scored

the Mules 16-10 in the initial period and led 31-16 at the half.

Sergio Montejano heated up in the third quarter with three baskets and three of five from the charity line. Matthew Martinez and Isaias Guerro each nailed a 3-pointer as the Mules posted 19 points to only 15 by the Bobcats. The Mules trailed 46-35 with eight minutes left to play.

The Mules took the fourth stanza 14-11 with Richardson and Martinez dropping in 3-pointers but could not over take the Bobcats.

Montejano led the Mules with 15 points and Richards made 11. Martinez made

three treys and a free throw for 10 points and Guerro added nine. Ryan Hall and Juan Gurero chipped in two points each.

The Mules bounced back against Friona in what started with a baseball score in the opening period. The Mules led 7-6 but Guerro and Montejano heated up for six and four points respectively in the second quarter. The Mules led 20-16 at the intermission.

The Chieftains made a run at the Mules in the third period using a pair of treys to tie the Mule at 28-28. Six Mules scored in the final quarter with Montejano leading the

way with five points. Rico Alacorn, Ryan DeLeon, Ryan Hall and Guerro each added a bucket as the Mules out scored Friona 14-10.

Montejano and Guerro set the scoring pace for the Mules with 14 each. Alacorn finished with seven. Richardson, DeLeon and Hall made two points each and Martinez chipped in one.

The Hornets of Tulia could not match up with the Mules. Hall nailed a 3-pointer and bucket in the opening

quarter as the Mules opened a 9-6 first period lead. DeLeon heated up in the second quarter with three baskets for six points. The Mules led 19-15 at the intermission.

Martinez made a 3-pointer in the third frame but the Hornets out scored the Mules 9-8 to cut the Mule lead to 27-24.

The Mule defense held Tulia to just three points in the final eight minutes while putting 10 on the board.

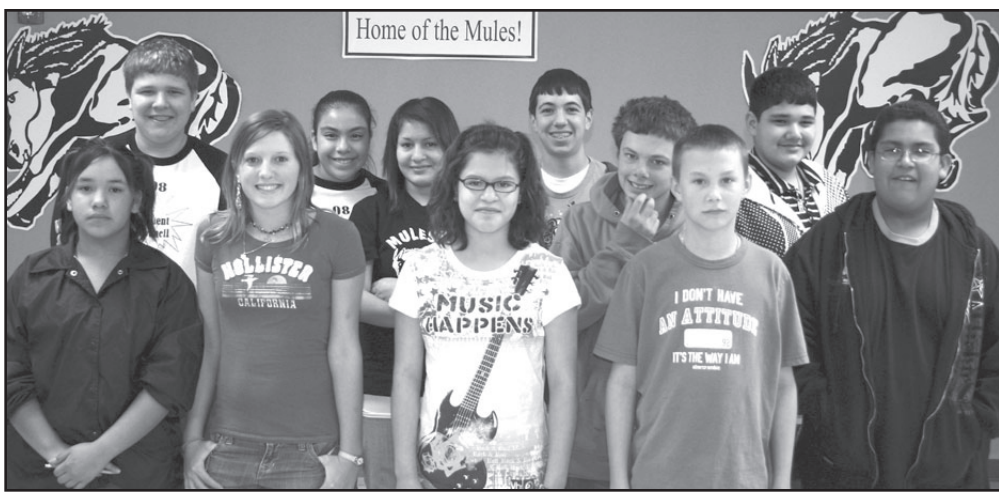
DeLeon led the Mules with eight

points. Hall dropped in seven points and Guerro, Martinez and Montejano added five points each.

Larry Richardson made three points and Dameon Snell and Mark Quezada chipped in two points each.

The Mules traveled to Floydada Tuesday to meet the Whirlwinds and go to Childress Friday for a game with the Bobcats.

The Mules return home on Feb. 3 to host the Tulia Hornets as they start the second loop of district.



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1407 head of cattle, 262 hogs and 262 sheep and goats for a total of 2133 livestock sold at the Jan. 24 sale. Market steady on most lasses of stocker calves. 1-3 lower on feeder cattle due to decline in futures market this past week. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 lower.

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| Seller, City | # | Type | Wt | CWT or PH |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------|------|-----------|
| H&H CATTLE, LITTLEFIELD | 3 | BLK BULLS | 298 | \$133.00 |
| JAMIE GREY, LITTLEFIELD | 3 | BLK STRS | 323 | \$126.00 |
| GINGER BYRUM, PLAINS | 3 | MXD. BULLS | 360 | \$120.00 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 28 | MXD. STRS | 388 | \$120.00 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 30 | MXD STRS | 438 | \$113.00 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 30 | MXD. STRS | 444 | \$93.50 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 40 | MXD. STRS | 485 | \$101.00 |
| SANTIAGO GONZALES, DIMMITT | 4 | BLK BULL | 400 | \$121.00 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 12 | BLK STR | 487 | \$109.00 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 21 | MXD. BULLS | 606 | \$93.75 |
| FUZZY FARMS, SPRINGLAKE | 7 | MXD. BULLS | 349 | \$121.00 |
| FUZZY FARMS, SPRINGLAKE | 15 | MXD. BULLS | 421 | \$105.00 |
| ISABELL ORTEGA, ANTON | 4 | BLK. STRS | 553 | \$91.00 |
| FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD | 18 | BLK STRS | 609 | \$93.00 |
| FM FARMS, BROWNFIELD | 19 | BLK. STRS | 661 | \$93.25 |
| T BAR RANCH, SNYDER | 20 | MXD. STRS | 628 | \$95.50 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 30 | MXD. STRS | 400 | \$87.00 |
| NM RANCH, NM | 24 | MXD. HRS | 457 | \$93.00 |
| FUZZY FARMS, SPRINGLAKE | 7 | MXD. HRS | 386 | \$99.00 |
| FUZZY FARMS, SPRINGLAKE | 9 | MXD. HRS | 453 | \$95.00 |
| JIM PAT CLAUNCH, MULESHOE | 9 | BLK. HRS | 395 | \$98.00 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 7 | MXD. HRS | 452 | \$96.00 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 7 | MXD. HRS | 596 | \$90.50 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 9 | MXD. HRS | 694 | \$83.00 |
| ALAN BELCHAR, PEP NM | 6 | MXD. HRS | 543 | \$87.25 |
| T BAR RANCH, SNYDER | 16 | MXD. HRS | 553 | \$89.75 |
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| ROBERT DEMEL, PEP | | RED COW | 1155 | \$46.00 |
| JONES BROS., EARTH | 2 | BLK COWS | 1108 | \$45.00 |
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GROUNDHOG ZOO

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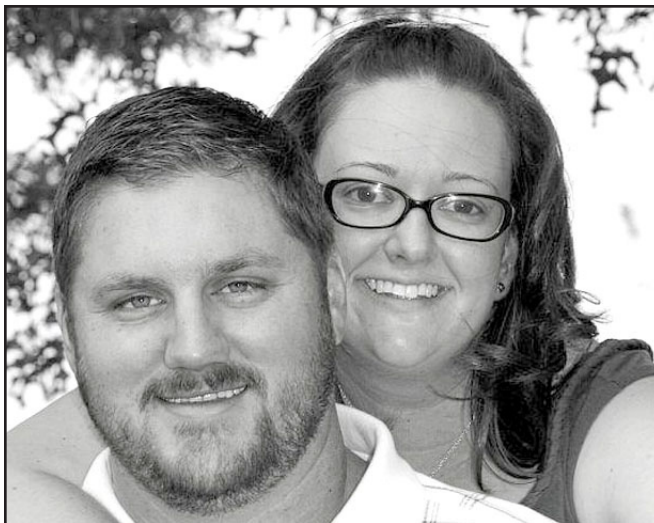
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I can't wait for the Super Bowl... chips and dips, giant submarine sandwiches, hot wings...yay!

Sunday, Feb. 1st

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Engagement



DEREK BRUNSON AND LAUREN WILLIAMS

Williams, Brunson engaged

Sam and Marjorie Williams of Denver City announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Williams of Lubbock, to Derek Brunson of Slaton.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Denver City High School and Covenant School of Nursing. She is employed with University Medical Center of Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of David and Dianne Brunson of Muleshoe. He is a graduate of Plains High School and South Plains College, and is employed with the Texas Department of Transportation.

The wedding has been set for April 18, 2009, at the Wind Power Museum of Lubbock.

Wedding Showers



MR. AND MRS. JIM WARDRUP

Wardrups honored

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wardrup (nee Tanya Embry) of Lubbock were honored with a reception on Dec. 14, in the family room of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

They were married on Nov. 22, in the presence of their children and families in the home of her daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Brian Miller of McKinney.

Special guests attending the reception included Claudine Embry and Rhonda and Mack Hodges of Lubbock.

Hostesses for the reception were Cindy Barrett, Paula Benton, Janice Bradshaw, Dianne Brown, Debbie Conner, JoEllen Cowart, Ruth Hall, Marilyn Nickels, Diane Saylor and Shirley Sharp.

The hostess gift was money to be used for home furnishings.

Baby Showers



FELICIA AND ALAYNA GARCIA

Mother, child feted at shower

A baby shower honoring Felicia Garcia and new baby girl, Alayna, was held on Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Hubert H. Kidd Community Room at Five Area Telephone. Among the honored guests were grandmothers, mothers and various other family members. Alayna was born on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Valentine cookies offered by local church

Calvary Baptist ladies and youth are taking orders for Valentine cookies until Feb. 9. The nine-inch decorated and boxed cookies will be delivered with a message on Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14. Other items are also available. Calvary Baptist Church Ladies and Youth. Call 272-5248 or 272-3803 for additional information, or to place an order. All schools will be delivered on Friday morning only.

Check presentation...

Pictured on the right, Muleshoe's cheerleaders presented a check to Lockney High School to assist the school in its recovery from fire damage.

Photograph by Stacy Conner



The Sudan Buzz

Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

The recipe this week comes from Marge Cardwell's kitchen. She says that this is very quick to make if you're in a hurry. Enjoy

Quick and Easy Chocolate Cake (very moist)
 1 Chocolate cake mix
 3 Eggs
 1 Can cherry pie filling
 1 tea. Vanilla
 1/2 teaspoon Almond extract

Sprinkle of salt
 Bake in oblong cake pan at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or till done.

Icing
 1 cup Sugar
 5 tbsp. Oleo
 1/3 cup Milk
 Bring to a rolling boil and boil for 1 minute, add 1 cup chocolate chips and 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Stir until all chocolate is melted. Pour over cake.

Sudan Hotel fund raiser held

The fund raiser for the Sudan Hotel was reportedly a big success. According to Greg Lance, about 200 people attended the dinner and around \$1,400 was raised. He also said that more fund raisers are being planned.

Sudan Happenings...

- Feb. 2 — First United Methodist Women Study: "Learning to Walk Like Jesus," 5 p.m.
- Feb. 4 — Church of Christ Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Feb. 4 — Kid's For Christ, First United Methodist Church, 4 p.m.

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV

Sudan's city council talks about purchasing program

Sudan's city council met for a special council meeting Thursday, Jan. 22, in the council chambers.

Mayor Bob Sisson called the meeting to order with the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council approved and voted on a resolution requesting the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to approve

the City of Sudan for participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program.

All other items of business were tabled till next month's meeting so more information could be obtained.

Meeting was adjourned with the benediction give by Bobby Phillips.

Next monthly meeting of the council will be Thursday, Feb. 12.

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Letters to the Editor

Muleshoe resident speaks out on 'liquor sale' issue

To the Editor:

I support the petition for city wide alcohol sales. I urge other citizens of Muleshoe to sign the petition that's posted at several locations around town.

Many citizens have used "fear tactics" in the past election to sell their points of view. This is their legal right to do so.

The fact is that the "protect our families" campaign in the last election was erroneous in its scope and misleading in several points of fact.

Your families are protected and will continue to be protected even if alcohol sales are legalized here in Muleshoe.

You must be 21 to purchase alcohol even if alcohol sales are legalized here in Muleshoe. If you want to keep alcohol out of your house, it will remain so even if alcohol sales are legalized here in Muleshoe.

Public intoxication is still illegal even if alcohol sales are legalized here in Muleshoe. You still may not drink and drive or you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law even if alcohol sales are legalized here in Muleshoe.

It is not a morality issue one way or another and

should not be seen as such. I believe you can be a Christian and consume alcoholic beverages. I can make a very good case for the fact that Jesus and his disciples consumed alcoholic beverages and I'm sure your local pastor could muster an equally effective opposite opinion.

However neither opinion in terms of religious beliefs should be brought to bear here. I spoke to some people who were told they had to place a "protect our families" sign in their yard or suffer reprisals from their church. This should not be a church dictated issue.

It is simply an economic issue. Why should we have to drive to Clovis, Littlefield, Portales, or Dimmitt to purchase alcohol when that money could stay right here in Muleshoe?

Our economy could use a boost and alcohol sales would be a big economic help to us.

We've had several establishments that have gone out of business or moved in the recent past. Our downtown area is "drying up."

Again, if you don't want to purchase alcohol, no one is forcing you to do so even if alcohol sales are

legalized here in Muleshoe. I just want you not to deprive me of my right to legally purchase alcohol here in Muleshoe.

I served in the U.S. Army for 21 years and have lived and traveled all over the world where alcohol is sold without "the world coming to an end."

Alcohol sales doesn't cause accidents and crime, people do. Did you notice that's the same argument that we use for our right to keep and bear arms? I don't notice many of you petitioning for gun control here in Muleshoe. I respect your right to disagree with me but I hope you'll keep an open mind.

By the way, I grew up right here in West Texas and am the son of a Church of Christ minister. I tell you that so you will understand that I do not speak out of ignorance of the Bible Belt West Texas culture (that's rapidly changing) or out of issue driven emotion.

The fact is that there are enough votes in this city right now to win this election if we can get those votes to come to polls. I hope that people will not stoop to the intimidation and fear tactics that were so prevalent in the previous county election.

Brad Walker, Muleshoe

Obituaries

Clora Kelley

Church services for Clora Belle Kelley, 89, of Earth, were held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Earth with the Rev. Bobby Broyles of Ballinger and the Rev. Chris Knippa

Olive Joyce Rue

Funeral services for Olive Joyce Rue, 49, of McKinney, were held on Monday, Jan. 26, at the First Baptist Church of McKinney, with the Rev. Jerry Byrd and the Rev. Sean Ferry officiating. Burial followed at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney.



Olive Joyce Rue

Rue died on Jan. 23, 2009. She was born on Feb. 6, 1959, in Muleshoe to Bernis and Anne Camp. She grew up in Muleshoe and moved to McKinney in 1989.

Rue received her degree as a registered nurse from Eastern New Mexico State and a bachelor degree in hospital administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

She worked at Centennial Medical Center in Frisco and previously for Medical Center of McKinney.

On Aug. 8, 2008, she married Richard Rue in McKinney.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of McKinney.

Rue was preceded in death by her parents — Bernis and Anne Camp; and a sister — Becky

Keith.

Survivors include her husband — Richard Rue of McKinney; several children and their spouses — Miri Morris of Amarillo, Ricky and Laurie Morris of Montgomery, Katherine and Zach Wieser of Lovington, N.M., Mandy and Troy Sheaffer, Amy Rue, Michael and Lindsay Rue, all of McKinney; eight grandchildren; several siblings and their spouses — Bob and Carolyn Camp of Indiana, Pa., Susan and Tom Fogarty of Richardson, Carol and Dave Stimson of Plano, and Patte Camp of McKinney.

Memorials may be sent to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

of Earth officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Kelley died on Jan. 24, 2009, in Littlefield. She was born on Oct. 22, 1919, in Sayre, Okla., and married Clarence Hershel Kelley in Earth on Jan. 24, 1938.

He preceded her in death in 1990.

Kelley had been a resident of Earth since 1934, moving from Sweetwater, Okla. She was a homemaker and

a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth. Survivors include two sons — Freddy Kelley of Roswell, N.M., and Kent Kelley of Midland; a daughter — Linda Green of Earth; a brother — Jim Sanders of Spring; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031.

Janel Verner

Graveside services for Janel Verner, 72, of Carrollton, were held on Friday, Jan. 23, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Verner died on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, in Carrollton. She was born on Sept. 13, 1936, to J.E. and Alice Viola Williams in Wichita Falls, and married Donald Ray Verner in Earth on Jan. 21, 1956. He preceded her in

death on Aug. 13, 1995.

Verner moved to Colony, Texas in 2000. She was a member of Preston Wood Baptist Church in Plano. She was a homemaker and a licensed vocational nurse.

Survivors include three sons — Michael Ray Verner of Justin, Max Don Verner of The Colony, and John Edward Verner of Spokane, Wash.; one sister — Betty Ann Duvall of Ropesville, and four grandchildren.

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Letters to the Editor

More praise for the champions

To the Editor:

It was about an hour and a half before kick off at the Gopher Bowl in Grand Prairie. I was standing out in the parking lot waiting on friends to arrive and it sounded like the game had already started.

Every few minutes you could hear a roar coming from inside which was not helping my nervousness at all! Cars and people every direction I looked, it was electrifying to say the least.

The Mules about to play for the state championship! "Whoop," is this really happening? I was already fighting off a tear every once in awhile.

Friends finally arrived and we entered the stadium, and "yes" it was the real deal. I had never had such a feeling before in my life!

We stood for the national anthem and it was the Muleshoe High School choir. They got the ball rolling by singing one of the most powerful singings of the anthem I had ever heard in my life.

Can you imagine what the folks from Kirbyville had to have been thinking? I know they had to be thinking we could be facing a small problem here if their football team is as powerful as their choir!

The game going along just as I knew it would, the Mules had just scored to pretty much seal the deal when I turned around and saw David Flowers taking a big step forward holding his right hand high above his head signaling #1.

You ask who is David Flowers? He is the head football coach at Bushland whom we had beaten in our first play-off game. That was the first time I lost a few tears in the next two days. That's what it's all about, the folks we had beaten, even the folks we had not played, drove that far to support our young men who we call the Mules.

On the field after the game the excitement and when Adrian Muniz came up to me and ask me to have my picture made with him holding the championship trophy, I lost a few more tears for the second time. That was truly one of the greatest honors of my life.

The next day on the trip home I did fine until about Littlefield I started tearing nearly continuously. As the Mule Bus passed us at Sudan from there to "the Shoe" it was the cry of joy, I was so proud of those young men and coaches!

How about them Mules! I've had a few weeks now for the Mules state championship to soak in and this is what I think. These coaches and young men accomplished a task that only a handful of folks get to in a lifetime. It took discipline, heart, and teamwork.

These young men knew last spring what they had to do and what was expected of them to accomplish such a feat.

They worked hard all summer individually and together when possible (discipline). They learned to win together yet be humble. They were also second to none when it

came to sportsmanship.

These young men know how and what it takes to be successful and to be leaders of their communities through out the rest of their lives.

The folks that benefit the most from the "Men in Black" state championship first will be the younger kids in our community.

These kids know that success of such a high level can be reached and is a realistic thing that can happen only by hard working students.

They have learned that you can't accomplish such a feat by being a bunch of individuals, but only by being a team.

I promise you even the young of the youngest learn and understand from all of this. Pride has a big part in this also. They learn you have to be proud, not only of your classmate's but of yourself.

The second beneficiary of the "Men in Black" state championship is the big picture, the community.

I don't know if anyone else has noticed but there are tons and tons of more smiles on people's faces around town. More communication between folks and probably most

important the pride of the community.

Most folks never realize or understand the importance of a strong overall athletic program in an independent school district. It benefits the classroom, makes learning much more important and fun to the students.

I have been all over three states and in the hallways of their schools and the ones with strong athletic programs are the ones that are most successful through out. It gradually causes the

non-participants to participate.

The Mules have laid the groundwork by their hard work and sweat to show the rest of us what we have to do to accomplish things. I am proud of everyone!

As a community, lets not let them down!

I would like to end with a quote I read this morning. "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

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