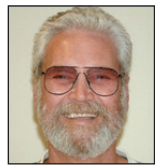




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A forest of 'no's...

A forest sprang up overnight, complete with deer, in the front yard of Muleshoe resident Greg Young in the Richland Hills addition over the weekend. Although it wasn't known prior to press time who gathered up the "Against Alcohol Sales" signs from yards in the area to arrange this particular display, the general consensus is that it was someone under the voting age.

Local elections set for Saturday

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Local election officials have been pleased with the early voting turnout at Muleshoe City Hall.

According to City Secretary, by 9:10 a.m. Tuesday, 346 voters had cast ballots on the alcohol sales issue, while 361 ballots had been cast on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's tax rate cap issue.

In the November 2008 election, a total of 1,327 early ballots were cast when the liquor sales proposition was placed up for a county-wide vote. At that time, 979 voters supported the issue and 1,241 voted against it.

Only individuals residing within the Muleshoe city limits may

vote on the liquor issue this time.

Early voting ended Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

May 9 is the regular voting day, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., at Muleshoe City Hall.

This year's election issues are limited to the hospital district's request that the 40 cent rate cap placed upon it by voters a few years ago be increased to 55 cents, and that the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption be allowed.

Although municipal, city and school district positions were up for election, only the incumbents filed for the elected positions, allowing the respective public entities to cancel their board elections.

H1N1 flu has minor impact in county

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

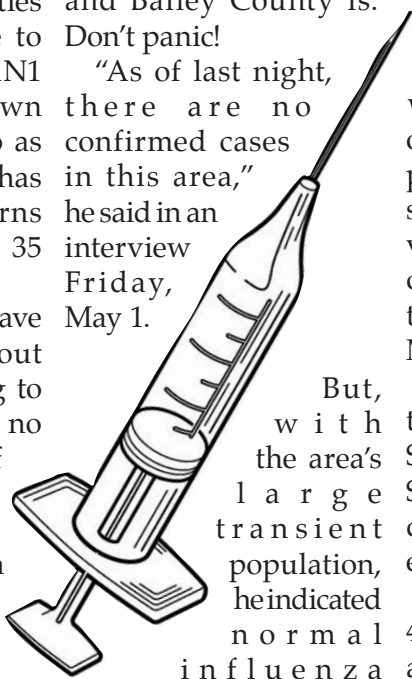
Muleshoe joined other communities across the south plains this past week as school activities were cancelled due to the threat of the H1N1 influenza virus, known until a few days ago as the "Swine flu," that has raised health concerns across Texas and in 35 other states.

Although rumors have abounded throughout the region, according to area health officials no confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus have been documented closer than Wichita Falls, according to Muleshoe Police Chief Brian Frieda, who also serves as chairman of the South Plains Citizens Corps.

Frieda said he's been in constant communication

with state and SPAG officials concerning the health crises, and said the most important thing for the residents of Muleshoe and Bailey County is: Don't panic!

"As of last night, there are no confirmed cases in this area," he said in an interview Friday, May 1.



prevention practices are encouraged.

However, the fact that no area cases have been reported has not

kept the virus' impact out of Bailey County as local school officials have followed the advise of regional and state education officials and rescheduled competitive events that would have required out-of-area travel and possibly exposed school students to an influenza virus reported as the cause of deaths in both the United States and Mexico.

"We're trying to be cautious," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said, "but we don't want to overreact either."

As of Monday, May 4, 799 school campuses across the Lone Star State had been closed due to the H1N1 influenza virus, according to the Texas Education Agency. And as of Monday, the

Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed 61 cases of the virus in 16 counties: Bexar, Cameron, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Denton, Fort Bend, Guadalupe,

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A Mother's Day to remember

By Terry Brewster
Journal staff

This Mother's Day will have new meaning for Dora Evatt of Sunnyvale, Calif.

More than half a decade ago, Dora and her three siblings were kidnapped from their mother, Gabriel, by their father.

Dora's father took her and her three brothers from their home in Littlefield to San Antonio. The children, all under the age of six, were told their mother was dead. Dora's father soon remarried and had more children.

At the age of 16, Dora overheard an aunt speak of her mother. She then

realized that her mother had not died, as she had been told by her father.

She began searching on the internet and

Life was very busy for Dora as she started had her own family and did not have as much time to search for her mother.

Now with her own children grown, Dora decided to begin her search for her mother again. She wanted to know about her mother and why she had not found her children.

This time her search began in Littlefield. She asked her father to take her to Littlefield to see if anyone there might know her mother. Although, she did not find any information about her mother in Littlefield, she was able

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Possible MAHD changes show a reversal in auditors' advice

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

An apparent change in the position and advice of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's auditing firm could result in thousands of dollars being wasted.

In February 2006, representatives of the district's auditing firm — Parrish, Moody & Files, PC — appeared before the MAHD Board of Directors and impressed upon its members the importance of changing some of the operations within the district.

In response to a question about whether Muleshoe Area Medical Center should change back from its status as a Critical Access hospital, Deborah Whitley of PMF said it was too early to consider changing back, and pointed out that of

all the Texas hospitals that had made the change not one had switched back, according to a story that appeared in the Feb. 23, 2006, issue of the Muleshoe Journal.

However, for Critical Access to work properly, Whitley said there were

"We cannot have shared costs with the nursing home..."

going to have to be a few changes made. "Critical Access is a different way to run a hospital," she said.

"Whitley explained that the hospital needed to be more clearly separated from the nursing home, while still under the hospital district's umbrella,

noting that the hospital needed to house its own kitchen, and the nursing home needed to provide its own accounts payable and payroll services," according to the previous news story.

In the hospital district's board minutes, that were approved by the board of directors at its March 2006 regular meeting Whitley was noted as saying, "We cannot have shared costs with the nursing home. The nursing home will need to start doing cost reports and payroll themselves."

As a result of this report from the auditors, the hospital district began separating combined services between the hospital and Park View Nursing Care Center.

Previously, food services at the

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Photograph by Stacy Conner

Fighting Mule 2009...

Among the traditions of Muleshoe athletics is the presentation of the "Fighting Mule" Award. Pictured above, Ray Ramirez on the left, receives this years award from Head Football Coach David Wood at the 2009 MISD Athletic Banquet.

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Lazbuddie registration

Lazbuddie's Pre-K and Kindergarten registration has been set for Monday, May 11, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the office. Parents enrolling students are reminded to bring birth certificates, immunization records and social security cards. Contact Alicia Pacheco, school secretary, at 965-2152 for additional information.

Wood reception

Thursday, May 14, 2:00 - 4:30
A reception honoring MISD Assistant Superintendent Don Wood for his years of service in Muleshoe. has been set for Thursday, May 14, from 2-4:30 p.m. at the administration building.

Bailey County Relay for Life

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium. Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year, according to county chairperson Jill Morris.

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.

Spring Round Up to be held

Dillman Elementary will be holding its annual Spring Round Up on May 13 from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. for PreK, HeadStart and Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. To qualify for PreK the child must be four-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2009, be eligible for the Bilingual Program or qualify for free or reduced lunches. To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be five-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

The following pieces of information will be to register the child: An updated shot record; birth certificate; Social Security card; proof of income (Income Tax or W-2) for PreK and Head Start only; Medicaid card for Head Start; proof of residency.

If you have questions call Todd Newberry or Lenda Trussell at Dillman Elementary, 272-7382.

Letter to the Editor

Reader responds to editorial

To the Editor:
Enclosed is a copy of your April 30 editorial, "Is DHS Assessment Aimed at West Texas?" It clearly conveys the anxiety that the liberals in the administration and media have for any military action, whether fighting a war against terrorists attacking the United States or while protecting its borders.

For me, you clarified how the liberal media is paving the way for Americans to show disrespect and distrust for returning soldiers. It successfully did for the returning Vietmanes veterans.

Those liberals fear the returning veterans in the same way they fear the those thousands of Americans who took part in the April 15 Tea Party. Thanks!

LaVonne McKillip,
Muleshoe

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Editorial

MAHD tax cap increase...

One of the most difficult things to accept for many people is probably the fact that to provide services a public entity needs money. Of course, the same can be said about private business, but at least in the private sector the customer has the choice of which place to spend it, or not to spend it.

Obviously, this isn't the case with a public entity, such as the Muleshoe Area Hospital District which was formed to insure medical services were available here in Bailey County. But unlike other public entities, such as municipal government, there are a lot of services the hospital has to provide even if the person receiving those services doesn't pay.

In most cases, you can cut off water and electricity to a residence, but federal regulations require that true medical emergencies be provided to an individual regardless of the patient's financial capabilities.

In Saturday's election, area voters must make a decision about the hospital district's tax rate cap. While we still think it is fundamentally unfair for the hospital district to be restricted by a cap that other entities, such as the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County or the Muleshoe Independent School District, aren't, we also recognize the fact that without the additional tax dollars the hospital district, and especially the hospital may be faced with restricting its services.

Believing the battle for a total removal of the tax rate cap would be an insurmountable task, the hospital district's board of directors chose instead to request an increase in the existing cap.

Now, it is up to the voters. In the medical industry, as in all things, you get what you pay for. Yes, you can vote the request down, but before you do so maybe you should look at the medical services you need, along with those needed by the people you care about, and decide which is cheaper and more convenient:

Paying for those services here in Muleshoe, or paying for them in Lubbock, along with the time and travel to get there.

Muleshoe alcohol sales...

The vote may be over Saturday, but the debate about whether Muleshoe is better off with or without off-premises alcohol sales will no doubt carry into the future.

We're confident that no matter which side wins, the argument of whether the inconvenience of driving out of town for alcohol outweighs the potential for increased harm to our residents due to easier access will continue.

While the additional tax dollars generated by the alcohol sales will be welcomed by some in the community, the alcohol-related death resulting from local liquor sales will not. But how do you explain your "yes" vote to the friends, relatives, parents and children who are left behind?

MAHD auditing advice...

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hospital were provided through the kitchen at the nursing home, while financial and payroll services were provided through personnel at the hospital.

After the Feb. 2006 audit report, the MAHD board approved the renovation of the hospital's kitchen and the hiring of personnel, at a cost of several thousands of dollars, and the acquisition of software to handle the financial and payroll needs at the nursing home.

And in both the 2007 and 2008 audit report, the auditors noted the potential problems from the "non-segregation" of

accounting duties. However, it has recently come to light that the hospital district's administration is considering changes — reportedly with the current approval of PMF officials, that will in effect negate the auditing firm's earlier advice.

One of these reported actions is the return of the nursing home's financial and payroll activities to the staff at the hospital.

The other is the possibility of contracting with the nursing home for laundry services by the hospital.

Efforts to reach MAHD CEO Jason Anglin for comment were unsuccessful.

H1N1 influenza

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El Paso, Harris, Hidalgo, Johnson, Nueces, Starr Travis and Tarrant.

Although rumors have surfaced claiming H1N1 cases as close as Portales, N.M., to date New Mexico health officials have said the only confirmed cases are in Socorro and Valencia Counties. However, 14 probable cases are awaiting confirmation in Bernalillo, Eddy, Hidalgo and Luna Counties.

Although the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center contracts to house prisoners from Bernalillo County, according to Sheriff Richard Wills none have been received the H1N1 outbreak.

The county jail also contracts for prisoner housing with Otero County, New Mexico.

According to Texas officials, there have been only two confirmed deaths due to the H1N1 virus in Texas.

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The second was a woman from Cameron County who had a chronic underlying health condition.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We at the center wish all the mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day.

Cris Cotton and Arlene, the physical therapist from Park View Nursing Care Center, were visitors at the center on Wednesday, May 6. They gave a very interesting program. Hope you were there to enjoy.

On Thursday, May 7, Wayne Pearson and Jason Anglin with the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, gave an informative program on the progress and happenings at the Hospital. We appreciate their visit.

Tuesday, May 12, the South Plains Senior Companion group will be visiting the center at noon. We are always pleased to see them.

Don't forget Tuesday night is the second Tuesday of May and is

senior dance night. The crowd was small last time due to weather and other obligations going on, but call your friends and come on out for a good night out in Muleshoe.

The dance begins at 7 p.m. with a pot luck supper break at 8:30 p.m., and ends at 10 p.m. Come join in the fun and fellowship.

Wednesday, May 13, the board of directors of the center will be in a meeting.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the center. The meetings are open to the public.

We urge anyone having some constructive ideas for the center to come and attend the meeting.

Thursday of course is our Bingo time. Bring a can of food for the Food Bank and join in the fun and fellowship.

We are having a good bunch of senior

citizens to play and enjoy the afternoon. Prizes and refreshments are furnished.

La Shae Mason is our caller and we really enjoy having her.

If you have not received your ticket to win \$5000, \$3000, or \$2000, be sure and come by the office at the center.

We are having a good turn out for them. All it takes is a hundred dollar donation to the center.

Come in by yourself, with friends, or even your mother in law, or outlaw, just come for a ticket.

The center is a great asset to the community and we need to support it. Hope to see you soon.

Menu for May 11-15:

Monday, May 11 — Chicken and dressing casserole, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

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Thursday, May 14 — Open-faced chili dogs, cheese, onions, pickles, pork and beans, salad, chips and salsa and pudding.

Friday, May 15 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Do you have story or photo ideas? Let us know! 272-4536



History making event...
Oakley Stevenson of Park View Nursing Care Center made history recently as the first Medicare patient to utilize the services of the Muleshoe Dialysis Center. Pictured above with Stevenson, seated, is his wife, Yvonne, and AccessCare employees Mike Skiles, RN, and dialysis technician Jolie Conley, PCT.

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Obituaries

Noretta Miller

Noretta Fern Miller met Jesus face to face on April 28, 2009.

She is loved and continues her legacy in the people she cherished — her husband of 52 years Chet Miller, her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and many others who have been touched by her life.

She was born in Wellington, in 1937, then moved to Muleshoe where her father and mother operated a harvesting company.

Noretta moved from there after marrying her husband, Chester Wayne Miller.

Coming to Arkansas in 1960, they began a home construction business and farm which served them and the people of Northwest Arkansas until their retirement in 1994.



Noretta Fern Miller

She was a fabulous wife, homemaker, mother, MeMa and friend to countless people in her lifetime.

Her legacy continues in the family of faith that she invested herself within.

“We carry on to bring glory to our heavenly Father in our daily lives as she so selflessly taught us to do.”

She was preceded in death by her parents — Walter and Clara Harrison; her brother — Donald Harrison, and her son — Ricky Wayne

Miller. She lives on in her daughter Melinda and husband Ken Blackwell of Cave Springs, and her son Dennis and wife Kerry Miller of Albuquerque, N. M., and son Randy and wife Jennifer Miller of North Richland Hills.

Her life is also strong in her grandchildren — Alicia and Nathan Brown, Ryan and Rachel Blackwell, Kelsey, Delaney, Cara and Allison Miller.

Her great grandchildren are also testimonies of her love — Will, Kate, Eli, and two soon to be added additions.

She is also survived by her brother — Ted Harrison and wife Betty of Muleshoe, Bobbie Harrison of Muleshoe, Jeanetta Precure and husband Ray of Muleshoe, Jerry

Harrison and wife Diana of Muleshoe, Denice Simpson and husband Steve of Bentonville and many loving nieces and nephews, and cousins.

“Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house — we will serve the Lord.”

Services were held on Saturday, May 2, at the First Baptist Church of Springdale where she was a member since 1963.

Burial will be in Rogers at Benton County Memorial Park cemetery. Visitation was at the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Springdale on Friday, May 1.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale in memory of Noretta Miller.

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A.R. McGuire

Church services for A.R. McGuire, 92, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, May 4, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Bill Wooley and the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

McGuire died on Friday, May 1, in Muleshoe. He was born on June 17, 1916, in Blankett to Dock and Maudie Pearl McGuire, and married Almata Squires in Clovis, N.M. on Nov. 22, 1935. She preceded him in death on March 11, 1987.

McGuire later married Louise Kelly in Littlefield in 1988. She preceded him in death on Feb. 12, 1996.

He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Doyce Turner, on Feb. 1, 2007; a brother — John McGuire; and two sisters — Artis Roberson and Bonnie Haylor; and his parents.

McGuire had lived



A.R. McGuire

in Bailey County since 1955, having moved from Slaton. He was a cotton farmer and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ, and had been a master mason for 60 years.

Survivors include his daughter — Janelle Turner of Muleshoe; a son — Gene McGuire; and his wife — Kerma of Lubbock; a sister — Virginia Freeman of Lubbock; a brother — Hubert McGuire of Lubbock; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Michelle Toscano

Church services for Michelle Toscano, 27, of Muleshoe, were held in Saturday, May 2, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Thursday and Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed Saturday's service at Bailey County Cemetery.

Toscano died on

Conservation award winners announced

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District recently sponsored the 2009 Conservation Awards Program.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards program is to recognize conservation awareness in students and promote water saving ideas.

The conservation district is proud to announce the winners of the coloring contest are as follows:

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First grade — First place, Coby Glover; second, Avery Timms; third, Preston Stewart.

Second grade — First place, Devon Pacheco; second, Avery Hicks; third, Jesus Arreola.

Thanks for reading!



Meals on Wheels volunteers honored

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon was held Wednesday, April 29, at the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church Debbie Floyd, director and LaShea Mason, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program cooked hamburgers and the fixings for the volunteers. All of the volunteers who deliver meals for the program and their families were invited to the luncheon.

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Sports

From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

A squeaky wheel gets the grease

When a porcine aviator left the runway deep in central Mexico he probably never gave it a thought as the knee-jerk reaction the Texas University Interscholastic League would have when he landed.

Immediately, April 29 to be exact, the UIL sent out a news release that suspended all interscholastic competition until May 11.

The Academic State Meet scheduled for May 7-9 was to be rescheduled for a later date. The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival originally scheduled for May 9 was cancelled.

The Regional Track Meets scheduled for May 1-2 were cancelled and the Texas State Track Meet was tentatively scheduled for May 14-16.

Semifinal qualifiers were to be based on the district track meet results. Each region was to send their top four qualifiers based on their heights, distances and times from their respective district track and field meets.

The State Golf Tournament was to take place at the previously scheduled date and times. The State Tennis Tournament was also to go off at their previously scheduled times.

The baseball and softball schedules were all halted and no interschool games were to take place before May 11.

I have to admit I do not follow the academic competitions as I probably should, but like I heard one man say, "Until they put up a score board so you know how the teams are doing people will not turn out for the academic events like they do for sports."

Have to say I agree with him. It is a little discouraging when one to three judges hold the fate of the participants in their hands in a very subjective judging system.

When a judge has a history of always voting against one school then he should be removed and a more objective judge take his place.

Track is the football of

the spring sports season. I have to believe the UIL phone had to start ringing off the wall when the announcement of the cancellation of the regional track meets was made public.

UIL has had injunctions filed against them for various controversial decisions made through the years. I do not believe they really wanted to go through that legal hassle again.

I do believe the UIL had the Texas student athletes as well as the fans that follows them well being in mind.

The mistake they made in that original announcement was the cancellation of the regional track meets.

I think a much better statement would have just stated all interschool competition had been temporarily suspended and a new schedule would be announced as the situation became clearer.

Had the coaches and track athletes known their results would determine their fate as to qualifying for the State Meet their strategies would have been different. They went to their district meets only to qualify for the regional meet and strive to win a district title for their school.

After what I would think had to be a sleepless night at UIL headquarters in Austin a new plan was hatched that seemed to pacify everyone involved. The regional track meets were reinstated.

Region I will hold the Class A Meet on the South Plains College track May 12-13. The Class 2A Meet will be May 19-20 in Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

The Texas State Track Meet is scheduled to be held June 5-6 in Myers Stadium at the University of Texas at Austin. Yes, that is after school is out, but that is a much better plan than canceling the regional meets and using the district results to determine the qualifiers.

The Lady Mule softball team will play Sanford Fritch Tuesday May 12 at 6:30 p.m. on the Canyon

High School softball field. The coaches normally have a choice on a one game or the best two-out-three games playoff. The delay forced all playoff games to be only a one game affair.

What effect the delay will have on the playoff teams remains to be seen and it may affect different teams in different ways. The extra practice time is nice but inner squad scrimmages are not the same as real competition. Which teams will remain focused is the question that will be answered starting May 12.

A request has been made that Lady Mule fans write letters to the team, not individual players and sent to their coach, Jason Cole, or Elisa Baca, a team mom. The letters can be sent in care of Muleshoe ISD and they will be lining the windows and walls of the bus when the girls leave for Canyon next Tuesday afternoon.

Or if you email you may send the letters to Mrs. Baca at ebaca@muleshoeisd.net, or Coach Cole at jcole@muleshoeisd.net.

I have to admit to over reacting to the original decision made by the UIL. But I also believe if the many calls had not been made to UIL in support of the regional track meets and the reinstatement of a playoff schedule for softball and baseball the UIL would have stuck to its original decision.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease! That is certainly a true statement in these cases.

2009 Athletic awards released

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club hosted the Muleshoe Athletic Banquet Monday evening in the Bailey County Civic Center. All the Mule and Lady Mule athletes were honored for their accomplishments during school year 2008-2009.

The athletes, parents and fans enjoyed an evening of celebration that was kicked off with a warm welcome by Muleshoe High School teacher, Jim Daniels. Special guests were recognized that included the Board of Trustees, David Tipps, Nick Bamert, Bruce Barrett, Thurman Myers, Carroll Precure, Daniel Guzman and Mike Riley.

Also recognized was superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, assistant superintendent Don Wood, MHS principal Elizabeth Ward and assistant MHS principal Vince Erdman. The media in attendance were recognized with Jack and Maganne Rennals along with Ronnie Jones and Bob Graves from Channel 6.

Delton Wilhite, sports writer, and Stacy Conner, photographer, for the Muleshoe Journal were also asked to stand. Wilhite and Frank Wuerflein were recognized for their radio coverage with KMUL of the football and basketball games. Wuerflein also makes the MVP plaques given each year.

Phillip Hall and April Smith along with the students in the technology were recognized for their work on the video review of all the athletic teams in practice and competition during the school year.

The Mule football team dedicated the 2008 season to one of their biggest fans, Hugo Vasquez. He

was a Vice President of the Athletic Booster Club but he was much more. Hugo was a great man, an icon in the community and an inspiration to many of us. He was one of Muleshoe's biggest supporters and one of the Mules' finest fans.

The countless hours and energy he put into our athletic program will always be remembered. He donated and built the flag pole garden that now stands as a memorial in loving memory of Hugo Vasquez, a true Muleshoe Mule Fan.

The Senior Spotlight was presented by Jody Wood. Each senior stood in the spotlight as Mrs. Wood read their accomplishments, activities outside of sports, future plans as well as their Best Sports Memory. Some of the memories were funny and others very touching.

The first award to be presented was the Legends Award. It goes to an individual, fan or special person in the community that gives their ultimate support to Muleshoe Athletics. These people show unconditional loyalty and encouragement for the athletes of Muleshoe. These people try their hardest to be present at all the athletic events.

The Legends Award was presented to an individual that displays all of these

qualities and more, Don Heathington.

Coach Josh Woolbright called the student trainers to the stage. The Muleshoe Sports Medicine Program had an outstanding year and strove to keep the athletes in the game and playing at their highest level. The program performed over 3000 treatments this year to assist the student athletes in staying healthy.

Coach Woolbright recognized two Muleshoe athletes that exemplified all the ideals for which the Sports Medicine Program stands. These athletes fought through potentially career ending injuries and dedicated themselves to return to the field of play. Tyson Turnbow and Gabby Agundis displayed all of these qualities.

The student athletic trainer for this year was Daniela Aburto.

Nicole Fletcher and Judy Steinbock are the cheerleader coaches and presented their awards. BreAnn Baca, Jessica Behrends, Marisela Casanova, Caitlyn Durben and Alyssa Martinez were joined on the stage by Chelsea Moore, Janae Pyle, Cassie Steinbock and mascot, Kathryn Owens.

The varsity cheerleaders brought home numerous awards this year from camp. They received Superior ribbons for their evaluations each day,

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Sports

Muleshoe Athletic Banquet... Continued from page 6

Technical Excellence Certificate for Spirit and Motions, a spirit stick and received a National Championship Bid.

The All-American Nominees were Pyle, Steinbock, Moore, Martinez, Behrends and Durben. Moore was the All-American Team Winner. Owens brought home the following mascot awards: All-American Mascot, Most Spirited Mascot and an invitation by the NCA to tryout as a mascot instructor for their NCA summer camps.

Coach Carey Sudduth asked the Cross-Country teams to the stage. Cross-country is a mental challenging sport as well as a physical one. The 2008 Mules improved with each meet and had their best day at the District Meet with a third place finish.

The 2008 Lady Mules were again a very competitive and consistent force each week. They earned numerous high finishes and medals and topped the season with another dominating performance at the District Meet.

The Lady Mules are on a run that is becoming historic as they won their eighth consecutive district championship. Coach Sudduth called it an "8-peat" and Daniels coined the term "Octopeat".

The Mule Cross Country Award went to Weston Griswold. The Lady Mule Cross Country Award went to a young lady that has run on four consecutive district championship

teams, Lupita Andrade. Coach Val Acree called the Lady Mule basketball girls to the stage to receive their accolades. The Lady Mules had one goal when the season began and that was to make the playoffs. They had fallen one game short last season and almost allowed this one to slip away.

The season came down to having to win out with two games left on the schedule. They defeated Dimmitt 52-45 in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center and went on the road to beat Friona 34-31 to grab the third district spot for the playoffs.

The Lady Mules lost their first playoff game to Spearman 43-35 in a defensive battle. This was a season for which the Lady Mules can be proud. Because of the team's success several individual honors received.

Sarah Johnson was named the District 2-2A Offensive MVP. Morgan Smith made First Team All-District 2-2A. Honorable Mentions went to Gabby Agundis and Yvonne Gardea. Janae Pyle was selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.

Smith was select 2nd Team All-South Plains and was chosen to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Game in Amarillo. Johnson was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region team and First Team All-South Plains.



Don Heathington, 2009 Legends Award recipient

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Coach Acree thanked the unsung heroes of the basketball program, the managers, Adeline Rivas, Marina Campos, Stephanie Vasquez and Samantha Reyna. He also thanked Daniela Aburto the student trainer for the Lady Mules.

The Fighting Heart Award went to two girls that displayed the true Lady Mule tradition, Gabby Perez and Gabby Agundis. The Defensive Players of the Year was presented to Agundis and Yvonne Gardea. The Offensive Player of the Year was Morgan Smith.

The Most Valuable

Player Award went to a girl that epitomizes the Lady Mule Tradition, Sarah Johnson.

Coach Matt Mason completed his first season as the Mule basketball coach and thanked his players and assistant coaches for an exciting season even though it was an abbreviated one.

Cooper Washington and Dillon Gallman were named to the All-District 2-2A Team. Honorable Mention to the All-District Team was Wes Wood. Washington was picked to the first team All South Plains Team and Gallman was named to the second

team.

The 2008-2009 Team Captains were Wes Wood and Gallman. The Highest Free Throw Percentage Award and the Most Assists Award went to W. Wood. The Most Rebounds Award was earned by Washington.

The Best 3-Point Shooter Award went to Nick Hurtado. The Offensive Player of the Year Award was presented to Gallman. The Defensive Player of the Year Award went to Lane Wood and the Hustle Award was presented to Devin Bullock.

Coach Kirk Byrd saluted Coach Jason Cole as well as his wife Maggie for their help during the lifting season. The regional qualifiers in powerlifting were Weston Griswald in the 114lb class, Eddie Herrera in the 114lb class, Caleb Conner in the 165lb class and Clay Pena in the Super-Heavy Weight class.

Most Improved Award was presented to Pena and the Overall Best Lifter Award went to Conner.

Coach Collie Cox invited the MHS tennis team to the stage. The players worked really hard and improved drastically over the span of the season. This is a game that takes a lot of extra time and effort and the tennis players were working long after others had gone home.

Tyson Turnbow earned the gold medal at District in the Boys Singles. Land Wood and Wes Wood were the Boys Doubles District Champions. The Mixed

Doubles Team of Morgan Smith and Ryan Hall earned a bronze medal at the District Tournament. The Mules won the District Tournament as a team.

The Boys Doubles team of L. Wood and W. Wood advanced to the Regional I Tournament and were defeated in the second round in a three set match with a tie breaker being used in the final set.

Turnbow played 18 holes of golf in the Region I Golf Tournament before playing his first two matches in the Region I Tennis Tournament. He crushed the competition the first day and returned to earn the Mules first regional medal in tennis in many years. He brought home the bronze medal.

The 2009 tennis MVP Award was presented to Tyson Turnbow.

The weather did not always cooperate to make golf a fun outdoor activity this year but the Mules and Lady Mules battled their way through it. Coach Sudduth called the golf teams to the stage.

The Lady Mules did not qualify for the Region I Tournament as a team but Sarah Johnson was second Low Individual in District 2-2A and earned the right to compete at Region I Tournament as a medalist.

The Mule team may have surprised even themselves as they finished second in District 2-2A and went to Region I Tournament in Midland. Turnbow was the District Medalist for the second consecutive

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 657 head of cattle, 110 hogs and 643 sheep and goats for a total of 1410 livestock. Market steady on choice stocker calves. Feeder cattle 1-3 lower due to lower futures market Thursday and Friday. Pairs and bred cows fully steady with good demand. Packager cows and bulls steady steady.
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B&M CATTLE, LUBBOCK.....		BWF STR.....	370	\$131.00
PAT CLARK, LUBBOCK.....		BLK BULLS.....	425	\$123.00
WEAVER FARMS, MULESHOE.....	2	BLK BULLS.....	448	\$115.00
JAMES SYNATSKH, SUDAN.....	2	BLK STRS.....	478	\$120.00
JAMES JOHNSON, LOVINGTON.....	2	CHAR STRS.....	505	\$116.00
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GARY BIGHAM, AMHERST.....	13	BLK STRS.....	969	\$94.75
JOC MILLER, AMHERST.....	8	RED HFRS.....	831	\$80.50
LOHAH FARMS, MORTON.....	3	MXD HFRS.....	325	\$111.00
WEAVER FARMS, MULESHOE.....	2	CHAR HFRS.....	435	\$105.00
GREEN HARVEST FARMS, EARTH. 8	8	BLK HFRS.....	453	\$108.00
ADAM MUNGIER, HEREFORD.....	8	BLK HFRS.....	529	\$102.00
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PETER MARTENS, SEMINOLE.....	3	BLK HFRS.....	655	\$91.00
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MARY TERCHROCK, SEMINOLE.....		BLK COW.....	1160	\$54.25
PAT CLARK, LUBBOCK.....	2	RED COWS.....	1238	\$53.50
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Mothers have been honored in many ways, even before they got their own holiday. Some children picked wildflowers to surprise their Mothers. Some thanked or remembered their mothers by attending church services or banquets that honored them. Mother's Day became a national holiday in the United States in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be a day of "...public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." How will you show your Mother your love?

To see what the baby chick is saying, look at the letter beneath each blank and put the letter that comes after it (in the alphabet) on the blank.

Word Box
 tongue Hubbard hood Goose ship
 lode country pearl Nature Earth

Can you read the clues below and fill in this puzzle?

- Mother _____ - old woman in nursery rhyme
- mother _____ - the nation of a family
- Mother _____ - our planet
- mother _____ - first language learned
- Mother _____ - controlling force of life, events
- mother-of- _____ - hard, shimmery layer in shell
- Mother _____ - "author" of children's rhymes
- mother _____ - protects/services smaller vessels
- mother- _____ - being a female who has children and is caring for them
- mother _____ - main vein of gold in the hills

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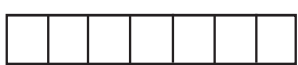
There are many ways to honor Mothers. They can be as simple as lifting a pen, writing a letter and mailing it across the miles. They can be as complicated as planning a banquet complete with speeches! **Find and circle these ideas:**

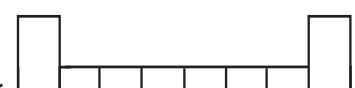
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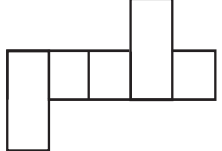
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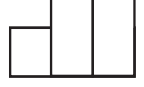
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4. are full of love, encouragement and 

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Muleshoe Athletic Banquet... Continued from page 7

year. The Girls Golf Award went to Sarah Johnson. The Boys Golf Award was presented to Tyson Turnbow.

Coach Benjie Jay asked the Lady Mule track squad to the stage. The Lady Mules had 16 girls competing and 12 of them were freshman and sophomores. It is an understatement to say they are a young team. They placed third in the District 2-2A Track Meet despite the Tulia tornado, deluge and hail storm. Seven Lady Mules qualified and will participate in the delayed Region I Track Meet in Odessa.

The Regional Qualifiers and their events are senior Lupita Andrade in the 3200-, 800-meter run and 4x400-meter relay. Senior Kathryn Owens will compete in the shot put and discus. April Gardea, a senior, will run a leg of the 4x400-meter relay.

Sophomore, Yvonne Gardea, will compete in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, 4x400-meter relay, high jump and triple jump. Sandy Mojica, a sophomore,

will participate in the long jump. Baylee Bessire, a freshman, will compete in the pole vault and freshman Melissa Casanova will run in the 4x400-meter relay.

The 2009 Newcomer Award was presented to Belinda Pacheco and the 2009 Work Horse Award was April Gardea. 2009 Most Improved Award went to Yagaira Rodriguez and the Most Outstanding Award was presented to Lupita Andrade. The 2009 MVP Award went to Yvonne Gardea.

Coach Kirk Byrd called the Mule track team to the stage. Each meet the Mules would emerge from the field events in first place but at the end of the meet they would be in third place. The District 2-2A Meet was no different and the Mules brought home the bronze medal as a team.

The Mules had eight to qualify for the Region I Meet to be held in Odessa in nine events. Wes Wood and Lane Wood are both going in the pole vault. Victor Vasquez, Larry Richardson and Cooper Washington will run

on both the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays and Nathaniel Chavez is an alternate for both relays. Washington will also participate in the shot put and discus.

Caleb Conner qualified in the long jump and will run on the 4x100-meter relay. Adrian Muniz is in the 300-meter hurdles and will run on the 4x200 meter relay. Sterling Lepard will run in the first race of the day in Odessa. The 3200-meter run and then spend his time recovering to take the track again late in the day for the 1600-meter run.

The Newcomer Award was presented to Cooper Washington. Most Improved Award went to Larry Richardson. Mule Worker Award went to Adrian Muniz and the Fighting Heart Award was presented to Sterling Lepard. The Best in the Field Awards went to Wes Wood and Lane Wood.

The Mule baseball team was the next to take the stage along with their coach Lee Fletcher. The Mules will return 10 lettermen next season

and the seniors this season have been a key in laying a foundation for Championship baseball in the future.

The MVP and Offensive Player of the Year Awards were presented to Victor Vasquez. Marshal Head was named as the Defensive Player of the Year. The Fighting Mule (Heart of a Champion) Award went to Dameon Snell. Juan Guerrero was named the Top Newcomer Award and Adrian Chacon earned the Most Improved Award.

"The Lady Mule softball team has had a great year," said their coach Jason Cole. "And we are not done yet!!!"

The Lady Mules finished third in District 2-2A after putting themselves in a position to win the district championship. The Lady Mules started the year hoping to put a team on the field that worked hard, showed up every day and had a good attitude. The Lady Mules improved in all those areas as the season progressed.

The Lady Mules will meet the Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles in the bi-

district round of the state playoffs in Canyon Tuesday afternoon.

The Leadership Award was presented to April Gardea. The Golden Glove Award went to Val Olivas and the Batting Title was earned by Tori Alvarado. The Fighting Heart Award went to Gabby Perez.

The 2008 Class AA Division I State Football Champion Mules were the final team asked to the stage Tuesday night. James and Bruce Barrett had prepared a power point presentation that was the 2008 15-0 Mule season in review and it was shown prior to the Mules joining Coach David Wood.

The Mules only had six lettermen returning and seven new coaches on the staff when two-a-days started in August. But the chemistry was right and the team gelled quickly. With each game the Mules gained knowledge and confidence in themselves and their coaches.

The team that defeated the Levelland Lobos 47-14 August 29 was not the same team that played for the state championship 14 games later. The

players and coaches were the same but the growth and confidence was phenomenal. The Kirbyville Wildcats never expected the Mules to be able to take them down 48-26.

The win over Kirbyville was the cherry on top that gave Muleshoe its first football state championship in 84 years of playing the game. It also culminated a perfect 15-0 season. The team captains, Wes Wood, Lane Wood, Victor Vasquez and Austin Bamert received miniature Mule football helmets from Coach Wood. The Wall of Fame presentation inducted five new members. Ray Ramirez received All-State honors as a wide receiver as well as being chosen to the Golden Spread Super Team. Marshal Head earned All-State honors from the Associate Press and the Texas Sports Writers Association as a first team offensive lineman. He was also an Honorable Mention All-State linebacker on the AP team. He earned a spot on the Golden Spread Super
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The Sudan Buzz



Dance...dance...dance!

Sudan's Junior, Senior Prom was held on May 2 in Lubbock. Pictured above, and to the right, are some of the students as they enjoy the evening's celebrations.



Sudan's annual Memorial Day service set

Sudan will hold its 19th annual Memorial Service on Monday, May 18, at 10 a.m., at the Sudan Cemetery.

In the event of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the Sudan High School Auditorium.

The schedule will be as follows:

Welcome... Tom Sisson

Invocation... Terry

Wilson
Presentation of Colors... Color Guard, Cannon Air Force Base
Pledge of Allegiance ... Sam Merryman or Al Harrison

National Anthem... Bans and Kenneth Richards

Patriotic Music... Kenneth Richards

Speaker... Larry Springer

Music Selections...

Band
Benediction... Robert Roecker
Taps... Trumpets Sections
Retiring of Colors... Color Guard.

Sudan area seniors bake sale set

The Sudan Area Senior Citizens will have their Mother's Day Bake Sale on Friday, May 8, from 9 a.m. until noon.

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(Plainview Daily Herald, March 15, 2009)

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Engagement



Jordan Scott Saylor and Jaimie Suzanne Hough

Hough, Saylor engaged

Scott and Sharla Saylor of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their son — Jordan Scott Saylor, to Jaimie Suzanne Hough, the daughter of Richard and Carole Hough, of Littleton, Colo.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Jake and June Saylor and the

late Herman and Joyce Morrison.

Both are currently students attending Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., and will be continuing their education at Texas Tech University in the fall.

The wedding is planned in Lubbock on Sept. 5, 2009.

Wedding Showers



Megan Lowe

Lowe, Conner honored with shower

Megan Lowe and Timothy Conner were honored with a wedding shower on Sunday, May 3, at the home of Karen Harris.

Date submitted: 05//04/09

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mitch and Shelby Lowe of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Stacy and Debbie Conner of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Rayniel Bamert, Cindy Barrett, Brenda Black, Terry Brewster, Jo Ellen Cowart, Barbara Finney, Billie Graves, Karen Harris, Dani Heathington, Darlene Henry, Sue Holt, Debbie Hutto, Connie Kenmore, Donna Mason, Janet Morgan, Rhonda Meyers, Marilyn Riley, Bernita Sheets, Juana Shelburne, April Smith, Lynda Washington, Christie Whitt, Jody Wood, Tonda Wood, Donna Jay and Lorissa Mason.

The hostess gift presented to the honorees was a gift card.

Special guests included Shelby Lowe, Payton Lowe, Barbara Urban, Linda Conner, Denise Merrott, Cindy Lewis, Brittnay Lewis, Bethany Lewis, Sherri Henly and Debbie Conner.

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MISD athletic banquet awards

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Team.

Victor Vasquez earned First Team All-State Honors on both the AP and TWSA teams. He was selected as a member of the elite Dave Campbell's All-Texas Team (all classifications) and made the AP All State 2nd team as a secondary player.

Lane Wood was chosen as the 2A TSWA Defensive Player of the Year and made first team linebacker last year. He was chosen as the Class A-AA-AAA Most Valuable Player in West Texas Pigskin for his offensive and defensive performance.

WesWood was named as the Class 2A AP Offensive Player of the Year and the 2A TSWA Offensive Player of the Year. He was named as the Ford Built Tough Player of the year in Class 2A, the Texas Prep Football All Texas Team (all classifications) and Dave Campbell's Player of the Year. He was added to the West Texas Hall of Fame-Dream Team that dates back to the 1920s.

Newcomer of the Year Award was presented to Cooper Washington and he earned All-State Honors as a sophomore. The Most Improved Award went to Nathaniel Chavez. The Linebacker Awards was presented to Marshal Head and Austin Bamert.

The Football MVP Award goes to the leaders and play makers and the Mules had a lot of those this season. But three players that game in and game out exhibited outstanding performances were Lane Wood, Victor Vasquez and Wes Wood. The Fighting Heart Award went to Ray Ramirez.

The softball and track teams will continue to carry the banner for the Muleshoe High as the school year winds down. The fans continue to be excited about those sports and are already contemplating what might happen in 2009-2010.

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;

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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.

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Five Area and West Plains have awarded \$600 scholarship to students continuing their education at an accredited vocational school, college or university.

The Board of Directors of Five Area/West Plains selected the scholarship winners at its April 27 meeting.

These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who reside in one of the telephone exchanges served by the companies.

The scholarship winners are:

David Jacob Schacher of Lazbuddie High School, the son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher.

David Jacob plans to attend West Texas A&M University to study sports and fitness.

Lazbuddie High School senior Devlin Thompson, the son of Sonia Thompson.

He plans to use his scholarship to study the field of pre-medicine

at Hardin Simmons University.

Andrew Chase Timms, a senior at Lazbuddie High School and the son of Chris and Jill Timms.

Andrew plans to attend West Texas A&M University to study pre-veterinary.

Muleshoe High School's Gabby Agundis plans to use her scholarship at the University of Texas in the Permian Basin and study communication disorders. She is the daughter of Nina Agundis.

Kathryn Owens of Muleshoe High School is the daughter of Robin and Wesley Thacker.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a career in music education.

Muleshoe High School's Hilda M. Rascon plans to use her scholarship for a degree in education and is undecided as to which college she will attend. She is the daughter of Jose and Rosa Rascon.

Morgan Smith of

Muleshoe High School, the daughter of Regina Smith, is planning to pursue a career in nursing and expect to attend either Angelo State or Texas Tech University.

Victor H. Vasquez, a senior at Muleshoe High School, is the son of Yolanda Vasquez, and the late Hugo Vasquez.

He plans to use his scholarship in the field of wildlife fisheries and is undecided as to which college he will attend.

Whit Whitaker, a senior at Olton High School, is the son of Stephen Whitaker.

Whit's future education plans include attending Oklahoma State University for a degree in animal science — biotechnology.

William Whitaker, the son of Stephen Whitaker, and will graduate from Olton High School.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University to study agriculture leadership/lobbyist.

Springlake-Earth High

School's Taylor Evan Moore plans to use his scholarship to pursue a career in computer network information systems at Clovis Community College. He is the son of Todd More of Earth.

Brenda Alcaraz of Sudan High School is the daughter of Rosendo and Socorro Alcaraz of Sudan.

Brenda's future education plans include attending South Plains College for a degree in sociology.

Sudan High School's Logan Lance plans to use his scholarship to study finance at Lubbock Christian University. Logan is the son of Greg and Ruth Lance.

Amy Tiller, a senior at Sudan High School, is the daughter of Billy and Christal Tiller.

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Two words tacked onto the 'Great Commission'

My wife and I and some fine friends just returned from a four-day motorcycle trip to the Texas Hill Country. It was wonderful!



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

As we were rolling back into the Greater Muleplex on Sunday evening, trip meters rolled to 1,200 miles.

It takes time to get back into the normal groove. I felt sad that I didn't make at least 100 miles yesterday on two wheels! Instead, I covered a mile or a few behind a four-wheeled lawn mower.

A good friend texted me after our first day and first 400 miles of riding: "How's the tail section?"

Actually, it was fine. A tad tender on Day 3. But

the sorest I've been was after getting home and mowing my brains out yesterday!

Our main goal of the trip was to ride the "Three Sisters," (breathtakingly beautiful!) Farm Roads 335, 336, and 337, and we did. On a motorcycle touring scale of 1-10 (10 being the best) that Three Sisters ride is a hands-down 10.

It's also, to switch to "ski speak," something of a black diamond. The scenery is amazing, but until you stop to gaze at

it, you'd best experience it peripherally. Those roads go up, down, and sideways, and you're clutching, shifting, leaning, (braking if you foul up), and doing your best to track with the bikes in front, and honing skills.

The weather was great. The friends were great. The food was great. The trip was great. I can't wait to go again!

We're pretty serious bikers, my friends and me. (Hey, I did buy a dew rag! My biker chick wife wouldn't let me wear it into a restaurant.) The Hill Country was covered with motorcycles last weekend. I've never seen so many.

Lots were heading to rallies in either Luckenbach or Gruene. We figured that fact made those locations

good places, at best, to ride through and not to. A \$15.00 entry fee at Luckenbach peeled us off.

Instead, with our SUV chase vehicle and wives following, we motored over to Comfort, or an antique/craft bazaar, and then to an amazing flower farm at Fredericksburg.

We wouldn't have fit in much at Luckenbach anyway. I told my wife she needed a cigarette, a halter top, and a tattoo or a few if we were really going to be bikers and go into Hell's Angel or Bandito's ministry.

I doubt either of those groups was there. But she balked anyway. It saddens me to see that she has no heart for evangelism.

But I'm ready to tack two words onto the Great Commission: Let's Ride!

Emergency assistance for livestock, bees and fish

Kim Hanlin, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County, reminds farmers and ranchers that the 2008 Farm Bill created five new disaster programs, one of which is the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program.

ELAP provides emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish to aid in the reduction of losses because of disease, adverse weather, or other conditions,

such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary, during the calendar year, that

are not covered by the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).

"Livestock, honey bee, and farm-raised fish producers who have incurred 2008 and/or 2009 calendar year losses not covered by SURE, LIP, and LFP are advised to begin compiling their loss documentation, if interested in ELAP," said Hanlin.

"Livestock, honey bee, or farm-raised fish producers must provide FSA with verifiable documentation

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Allow me to tell you just one of many stories that illustrate the acts of kindness and encouragement that children in Muleshoe

Education

A note from the superintendent

receive every day from their teachers.

One of our junior high science teachers noticed that a student would hardly say a word in class. The student was extremely shy.

The student had learning disabilities and a speech impediment. But she also noticed that he seemed to really love "Lab Days."

So knowing this, the teacher was able to provide the lab as an incentive for the student by having him be the "lab assistant."

She let him organize and set up the supplies

for "Lab Day."

By the end of the semester, this student had opened up and become a much more integral part of the class.

Our teachers realize it is important to recognize individual needs that may seem small in the grand scheme of things, but if addressed can make a huge difference in a child's life.

Every day, I watch our faculty and staff as they teach and encourage and empower students to be the best they can possibly be.

They are preparing students every day for

the time when they graduate so that they can be productive citizens in our society.

All of us owe a huge debt of gratitude to teachers in our lives.

This week, take the time to write or call a teacher who made a difference in your life.

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The last hurrah...

Monday's Muleshoe ISD Athletic Banquet could be considered "the last hurrah" for many of our young athletes, especially those not entertaining thoughts of collegiate sports after leaving Muleshoe's hallowed halls of learning.

But with this final celebration we'll be saying farewell to a remarkable year of high school sports here in the Bailey County seat. There have been long road trips, tense seconds, and excitement that held us fast to our seats one moment, sent us screaming to our feet another, and dancing in the aisles the next.

Through the sweat

and effort of these athletes, Muleshoe's residents have gained something beyond the hours of entertainment spent at sporting events. It is truly amazing how much of this community's "sense of community" is tied into the athletic achievements of these young men and women.

Whether the various individuals and teams reached the pentacle of state competition or not, each student who represented this school district and community on the fields and courts of athletic competition this year deserves a "tip of the hat" for their part in making Muleshoe... Muleshoe.



Best of Texas

Muleshoe fifth-grade student Baylee Ruthardt, 11, the daughter of Tonya and Jedon Ruthardt receive an award for "Best of Texas 2009" in the registered goat show at Snyder on April 25. She competed against 40 other exhibitors.



SCAC honors Coach Woolbright

The Student Community Action Club honored Coach Josh Woolbright, MISD's head trainer, as Citizen of the Month at the organization's April meeting. Pictured above, member BreAnn Baca greets Woolbright.

FSA ELAP program...

Continued from page 12 for all losses for which compensation is requested." Producers shall be advised that loss documentation will not be accepted by county offices until their ELAP applications are filed.

All types of losses for which livestock, honey bee, and farm-raised fish producers may be compensated for under ELAP will not be known until the regulations for ELAP are published in the Federal Register.

Verifiable documentation must be provided for purchased feed and/or harvested feed.

Honey bee producers who incur physical losses of honey bees and honey bee hives because of colony collapse disorder must provide documentation and/or a certification that the loss of honey bees was because of colony collapse disorder from one or more of the following: Registered entomologist, cooperative extension specialist, Land Grant University.

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Producers reminded that ACRE program enrollment is under way

Kim Hanlin, county executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County, reminds producers that as of April 27, enrollment in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program is underway.

ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill.

"The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety," Hanlin said.

"This new option presents an opportunity

for producers to review both programs and decide which one will work best for their operation," he added.

Producers have until Aug. 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- Forgo counter-cyclical payments;
- Accept a 20 percent reduction of the direct payments; and
- Accept a 30 percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain

sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments.

Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a

farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

According to Hanlin, the ACRE decision tool developed by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University is now available to producers online at www.afpc.tamu.edu/models/acre/index.php.

"This ACRE Decision Aid will assist producers in analyzing the impact of ACRE participation

on their individual operation," said Hanlin.

For more information about the ACRE program

please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Fine Arts Boosters to meet

The Fine Arts Booster Club will be holding its election of officers on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Muleshoe High School Band Hall.

The voting will occur at this meeting.

The attendance of all parents who have children involved in the Fine Arts Program at Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High is encouraged.

MHS, WJHS choirs to perform

The Muleshoe High School choirs will perform the Spring Pops concert on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. and Watson Junior High choirs on Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m.

Thanks for reading!



Gospel recording artist Peter Lewis Whitebird will be providing a message in music and song at Richland Hills Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

Whitebird has had 15 "chart-topping Christian Country radio hits, 11 of which have soared to number one.

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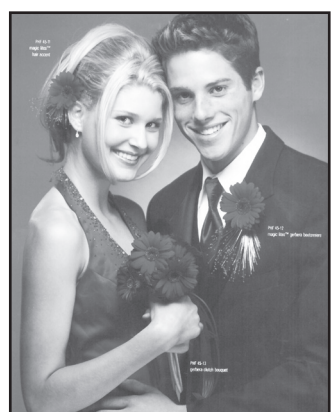
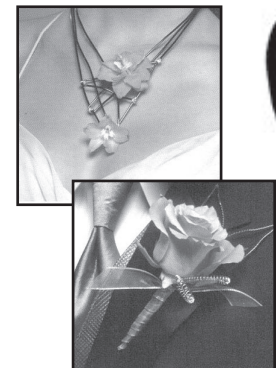
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Gabriel Alvarez, Dora Evatt, Pablo Gonzales and Matthew

Reuniting for Mother's Day 2009

Continued from page 1 to make some contacts that would help her continue her search.

"At this point, I was completely exhausted and very disappointed," said Dora.

"I felt like I might not ever get to meet my mother," she added.

A month later Dora went to her mailbox and found letter from Muleshoe.

"I just sat on the curb and cried, when I realized that it was from my mother," Dora said.

Dora's mother, Gabriel Alvarez, had met someone at church who had spoke of Dora who was looking for her mother.

With many questions, Dora recently came to Muleshoe to meet her mother and siblings.

Gabriel had prayed

every night for all of those years for a miracle. She said she asked God if she would get to see her children before she died.

Dora had wondered many times why her mother had not found her and her siblings.

Gabriel said she had looked many times in San Antonio for her children, knowing that the children's father had family living there.

"I even had it put on the radio station that I was looking for my children," remembered Gabriel. "But was never able to find them."

Unable to make a living in Littlefield, Gabriel soon moved to Muleshoe, where there was a lot of work in the fields at that time.

She also remarried and had a daughter and three

sons. But she never forgot the children that had been taken from her.

While visiting with Dora on her visit to Muleshoe, with tears in his eyes, Pablo Gonzales, Dora's half-brother said, "We knew that we had another sister and three brothers as we were growing up. Mother prayed every night that she would get to see them again."

Pablo had written the letter for his mother to Dora with many questions about her and her brothers.

Dora is determined to build a relationship with her mother calling every week. "I am catching up on a lifetime of memories that can only be done a little at a time," said Dora.

This will truly be a special Mother's Day.

Jennyslipper News



Jennyslippers hold quarterly meeting

The Jennyslippers met for their quarterly night meeting on April 27 at the Family Activity Center of the Assembly of God Church.

Jennyslippers, spouses and guests enjoyed the meal prepared by the Jennyslippers.

Club president June Green introduced guests, Carolyn Johnson, Elaine Carrion and Phyllis Carrion.

Green reported on various activities of the group and presented the Certificate of Sponsorship 2009 with Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

This recognition was presented for the organization's commitment to the people and natural resources of the South Plains of Texas.

Phyllis Carrion, Junior Girl Scout Troop Leader, spoke on the activities and achievements of the Girl Scouts.

She requested

an evening at the Jennyslipper Mule-putt Golf Course to hold a sign-up in May, to register girls for membership in Girl Scouts for the upcoming year.

They can begin now and enjoy the activities planned for summer as well. Her request was granted by the group and she was commended for her dedication to the excellent program of Girl Scouting.

Nelda Merriott, secretary, was asked to report on the early beginnings of the Jennyslippers, as she was also the first president of the group.

The first gathering of ladies was on June 3, 1981 and other planning sessions followed. Their first activity was a "Back to School Parade" on Sept. 12, with 70 participants, and on Sept. 29, Jennyslipper officers were elected. Many projects were held and this included building a float for every parade.

The highlight of the evening was a "Belated Easter Hat Parade" and every Jennyslipper donned a special creation for a promenade around the room amid peals of laughter. Carolyn Johnson and Elaine Case were judges for this fashion event.

Declaring all were beautiful and stunning, they announced the winners: Most Unusual — Onieda DeLeon, Prettiest — Joy Williams, and Most Creative — Elaine Parker.

Green announced that Parties are now being hosted at the Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf Course, located beside the Civic Center.

The seasonal grand opening of Mule-Putt is set for Saturday, May 16, Armed Forces Day and a special ceremony is planned.

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