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## Mules bring home Bi-District trophy

By Delton Wilhite  
*Sportswriter*

The District 2-2A seeding tournament sent the Mules to the third place slot in the Texas State Playoff bracket. They drew Spearman, the second place team from District 1-2A for the Bi-District round.

The Spearman Lynx were a feisty good shooting team and Tate Batton seemed to be able to get to the free throw line almost at will. The Mules fell behind in the opening period but managed to retake the lead in the second period to lead 29-28 at the half.

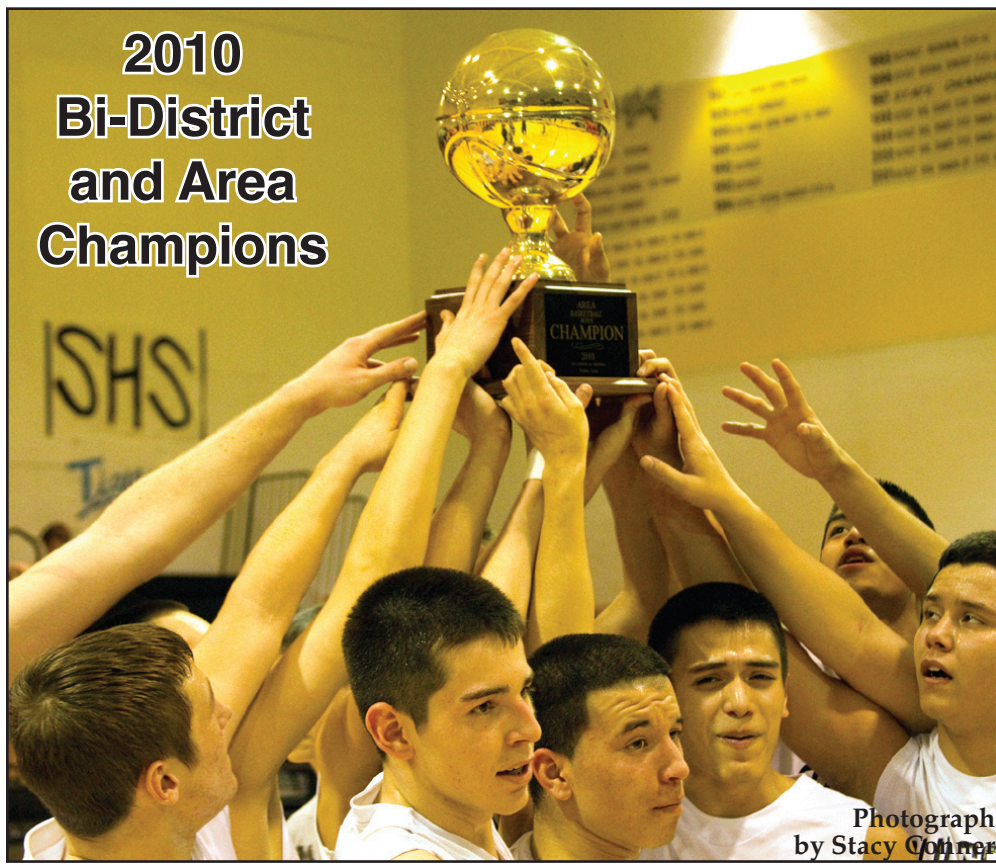
The Mules opened a seven point lead in the third period to lead 44-37 with eight minutes left to play. They extended the margin to nine points early in the final quarter and then buckled down

for a rough ride.

The Lynx made two long distant 3-pointers. Batton fired up the final shot of the game from five feet inside the back court for a trey that made the final score 54-52 in favor of the Mules.

The Mules managed to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat in the Area game played in Snyder's Tiger Gym against the Sonora Broncos. Sonora opened a 17-point lead with just eight minutes left to play. The Broncos led 54-37 to start the final quarter.

The Mules went on a 17-point run in the first four minutes of the game at 54-54 on a 22-foot 3-pointer by Nick Hurtado. The game was tied the final time at 58-58 on a put-back by Broncos.



The victorious Mules raise the Area championship trophy.

Hurtado shattered the tie with his second trey of the period from the left wing and ignited a

13-0 Mule run in the final two and half minutes to claim the game 71-58. The Mules advance to play the

Idalou Wildcats in the Regional Quarter Finals Monday in Levelland's Lobo Gym.

Tyson Turnbow led the Mules in scoring with 15 points against the Lynx. Zach Toscano was the only other Mule in double figures with 10 points and Cooper Washington dropped in nine. Nick Hurtado made back-to-back 3-pointers in the third period to begin to separate the Mules from the Lynx. He had eight points in the game.

Jonathan Perez made the third trey in a row for the Mules in the third quarter and finished with seven points. Ryan DeLeon also made a 3-pointer in the third period for his three points.

The Mules jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead early in the first period with two coming from Washington and Hurtado nailing a three. Sonora took over

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## Five Area officials report another good year



By Larry Thornton  
*Managing Editor*

It was another good year for the Five Area Telephone Cooperative according to officials speaking at Saturday's annual meeting.

In his address to the membership, Sandy Vandevender, spoke of the cooperative's efforts to increase service in the Lazbuddie area, where fiber optic cable is being

laid that will bring high-speed broadband to the rural customers,

In other areas, wireless service is being used to upgrade service.

"We're doing it as time and finances allow," he said.

There was a time when telephone customers didn't want rotary dial telephones, he said, and now rotary dial is a thing of the past, replaced by

**"Anyone who has a digital telephone is operating a computer, whether you want to or not..."**

digital communications. "Anyone who has a digital telephone is operating a computer, whether you want to or not," Vandevender said.

He talked about the "learning experience" the cooperative received

installing fiber optics in its West Plains subsidiary, joking about the effectiveness of using a Case™ backhoe to locate unmapped utilities in an alley.

And, he spoke about the cooperative's efforts to reduce telecommunication interruptions within the cooperative.

Vandevender also urged the members to keep in contact with their elected officials in the upcoming year because of the cooperative-related issues that would be addressed in Austin and Washington, DC.

For a complete video of Vandevender's speech go to the video page on www.muleshoejournal.com.

In his financial report to the cooperative's members, Wade Wilson of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP, listed the

company's total assets at \$15,488,256, a decrease from last year's total, with unaudited liabilities and other credits at the same total.

In other business, the members of the cooperative:

- Elected Chris Bass as the representative for Dist. 1 (Lariat), and Terry Parham as the representative for Dist. 3 (East Lazbuddie).

- Recognized Ann Sowder for her years of service as a board member for the Five Area Telephone Cooperative.

"She has done an excellent job for the members of the cooperative," Sandy Vandevender said. "We've all benefitted from her work."

Board president Jo Gandy expressed similar thoughts. "Ann Sowder's probably the finest board member we've ever had."

Sowder served on the board from 1995, when she was appointed to the seat of her late husband Mickey, until recently.

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Sherri Bessire Harrison, Rep., County Judge	137	205	54	20	253	669
Jackie R. Claborn II, Rep., County Attorney	128	206	65	17	240	656
Paula Benton, Rep., County Clerk	131	204	62	19	255	671
Shonda Black, Rep., County Treasurer	134	204	63	19	249	669
C.E. Grant, Jr., Rep., County Comm. #2	—	82	—	—	68	150
Garry Shipman, Rep., County Comm. #2	—	60	—	—	20	80
James L. Brown, Rep., County Comm. #2	—	116	—	—	70	186
Deb Stone, Rep., Justice of the Peace	121	174	39	9	193	536
Debra Redwine, Rep., Justice of the Peace	50	72	35	11	110	278

## Hospital district board receives annual audit report

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District received a "less than clean" audit report during Thursday's regular meeting, with the primary concerns noted in the internal controls at the district's nursing home and hospital.

According to the report received from Michael Oatman of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, PC, of Waco, the audit — which covered a period ending

Sept. 30, 2009, noted "material weaknesses" in Park View Nursing Care Center's billing procedures, as well as a problem that arose in which gift cards used in the purchase of merchandise from a local store, for the nursing home, lacked documentation.

The report also referred to problems with a change in the district's

depreciation software and the transfer of assets that, according to the audit report, could affect the district's cost report, and noted a problem with how some of the district's older accounts, including refunds, have been handled.

And, as has been noted in audit reports in previous years, the auditors again commented on the lack

of segregation in the district's accounting duties, an issue the auditors admitted is often a problem with smaller facilities such as MAHD, especially in regards to the accounts receivable at Park View.

Overall, MAHD CEO Jason Anglin described this year's audit report as being about the same as last year's, but was pleased with Oatman's

statement that MAHD was doing better than the majority of similar institutions with which the auditing firm works.

According to the report, MAHD's assets increased slightly in 2009, but showed operating losses of \$1,083,492, and a \$68,068 decrease in nonoperating revenues and expenses from the property and personal taxes received by the

hospital district.

In other business, the hospital district board:

- Received a financial report in which it was noted the district's cash balance at the end of January was \$795,252.04, of which \$514,661.43 was for Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and \$280,590.61 was for Park View.

The hospital's year-to-year...  
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# God's people are athletes running a race

Hi, my name is Curtis and I'm a Winter Olympicaholic.

As I write, the closing ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver are themselves closing. Seventeen days sounded like a good long time, but now the Olympic flame is being extinguished. Our neighbors to the north did a bang-up good job. Now, four long years to wait for the next Winter Games.

When we get to view that kind of quality, it's frustrating to watch even the obligatory commercials which this year are often either politicians' attack ads (which make me want to vote for "none of the above") or reminders that the vast cesspool/wasteland that most television has become will soon be back.

Among the amazing Olympic stories, two of the most impressive this time centered on the two women who were named as the joint recipients of the 2010 Terry Fox Award, given to honor athletes who "embody the same spirit as Terry Fox, the young amputee who lost a leg to cancer yet set out to run across Canada in 1980 to raise funds for cancer research" (*Vancouver Sun*). Both of



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Curtis Shelburne

the honorees won bronze medals. Both medals were worth more than gold.

We were inspired by Joannie Rochette, the Canadian figure skater whose mother died suddenly of a heart attack just before Joannie was scheduled to compete. She chose to stay and compete, and she was amazing.

The other honoree, Slovenian cross-country skier Petra Majdic, faced a challenge of a different sort.

I watched Majdic's story unfold on the screen. The announcers mentioned that a strange accident had occurred in a warm-up before the women's cross-country "sprint classic." Serious injuries in cross-country skiing are rare, but Majdic had hit slushy snow and fallen into a ravine, banging her back into something hard.

Obviously in pain, she was helped out of the culvert. A medal contender, she missed her starting time, and it was questionable if she'd be allowed to race even if she was physically able.

I was glad when the judges decided to let her start later, if she was able. And start she did. As the camera followed her, the commentator noted that you could hardly tell that she had been injured. Though she started at a much later time than the starting position she'd

earned, she not only finished, she won bronze, "Slovenia's first medal in cross-country."

Only after she finished did she collapse in pain. Later in the hospital it was discovered that she had raced with five broken ribs and a punctured lung. Utterly amazing!

she was injured, she'd wanted to simply finish the race to honor those who had believed in her. She did better than finish!

In the New Testament, God's people are pictured as athletes running a race. Let's strive to honor the One who has called and empowered us to run.

## Muleshoe chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce will host its 60th annual banquet on Saturday, March 27. This year, the banquet will be in the new cafeteria at Muleshoe High School, and will start at 6:30 p.m.

The chamber is also looking for nominations for man, woman, employee, business and farm family of the year, to be recognized at the banquet.

## Pancake breakfast

The Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center will be hosting a benefit pancake breakfast in Saturday, March 6, from 7-11 a.m.

The menu will be pancakes, a variety of syrups, bacon, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 10 and under.

## Muleshoe ISD yearbooks

Orders are being accepted for the 2009-10 Muleshoe yearbook. Before March 12, the cost is \$45, after March 12 the price goes to \$55. Contact Jennifer Gresham at Muleshoe High School, Portable 43A, for additional information, or to place an order.

## AA meeting set

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. Second. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

## Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support Group will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Bailey County AgriLife Extension Office.

## Alzheimer's support group

Bailey County's Alzheimer's Support Group meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month at Park View Nursing Care Center. Lunch is provided, and anyone is welcome.

## MHS blood drive

Muleshoe High School, and United Blood Services, will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, March 11, from 9:15 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the donor coach — which will be located in front of the new MHS office. Students 16 years of age must return a signed parental permission slip to donate, which can be given to them at the high school office. For an appointment call Sharon Villa at 272-7309 or 272-7354 or go to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and use the sponsor code: muleshoehigh.

## Nursing registration

Registration for the LVN Program at the South Plains College School of Nursing in Muleshoe will begin April 1, and run through June 3. This early registration allows time for the testing and paperwork that must be completed by August.

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An effort will be made to correct typographical errors, or misstatements of facts, in news stories voluntarily submitted for publication as soon as possible — if brought to the newspaper's attention in a timely manner, but will not include rerunning the news story or related photographs.

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## Hospital district...

Continued from page 1 date revenue at that time was \$2,510,589.87, which is under budget by \$182,918.53. However, the hospital's year-to-date expense is also under budget by \$18,213.15.

Park View's year-to-date revenue of \$716,363.15 is under budget by \$173,828.53. It's year-to-date expenses are \$20,179.68 over budget.

Discussed a strategic planning workshop that is set for March 13 in Lubbock. Board members, staff and medical personnel are expected to attend.

According to Anglin, the hospital district's application for a USDA, government-backed loan — to fund the expansion of the rural health clinic, across from the hospital, has cleared another hurdle and additional information on its status should be available in a couple of months.

He also reported that while the district's new geriatric behavioral unit has had a lower census than hoped, to date, the district is still awaiting its Medicare number for Texas patients. Once it is received, the district will apply for its Medicaid number for both Texas and New Mexico patients.

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# Mule basketball... Continued from page 1

the game for three quarters after that. The Broncos opened a 16-9 lead over the Mules with many second chance opportunities.

The Broncos continued to out rebound the Mules on both ends of the floor for 16 minutes. The Bronco's led 34-25 and increased it to 54-37 in the third quarter.

"The kids knew they had nothing to loose when they took the floor to start the final quarter," said Mule coach Matt Mason. "We began to challenge every dribble, pass and shot they took."

"Their shots quit falling and ours began to go in the hole. You could see our kid's confidence take off like a rocket. I have never seen much less coach a team that made up 17 points in four minutes while holding the other team scoreless."

Washington got the Mules started in the final period with a shot in the paint. He owned the paint in the final eight minutes of the game. He pulled down eight defensive rebounds and two on the offensive end.

Turnbow nailed a 3-pointer from the left wing. Isaias Guerra

forced a turn over on the Bronco's front court sideline. The Mules in bound the ball and Washington pulled up at the arc and dropped in a trey.

Guerra finished a fast break after Turnbow pulled down a defensive rebound and fired a long pass down court to him. Hurtado fed Washington on the right block. He made a baseline move and scored to cut the Bronco lead to five points.

Guerra raced through the back door of the 2-3 zone defense and Turnbow fired him a strike under the net. Guerra scored with 4:20 left in the game.

Cash Jennings had provided the inside steam for the Bronco's offense and he had scored 18 points in the first three quarters before picking up his fourth foul. He got the ball 15 feet from the bucket and got Washington off his feet with a head fake.

Jennings dribbled around Washington but failed to see Turnbow planted between him and the bucket. He went airborne and smashed into Turnbow. The whistle sounded for a charging foul. It was his final foul and had to go

to the bench with just over four minutes left to play.

Hurtado drained his first 3-pointer of the quarter to tie the game with four minutes left to play. His trey completed a 17-0 scoring run by the Mules.

Sonora finally scored one charity toss to interrupt the Mule offensive run. Washington grabbed the defensive rebound of Sonora's second free throw. On the offensive end Hurtado lobbed the ball over the top to Washington on the right blocks. Washington fired the ball to the corner to a wide open Perez.

Perez dropped in a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Mules up 57-55. Toscano was hammered on a fast break and made one from the charity line. Sonora tied the game with a stick back and then completed the old fashion three-point play to make it 58-58 with 2:30 left to play.

Sonora never scored again. Hurtado nailed his second trey to give the Mules the lead for good. He followed with a basket on a fast break with a half-court bounce pass from Turnbow.

The next trip down

the floor Turnbow got away from his defender off the dribble and fired up a deuce from the charity line. Washington ripped down a defensive rebound and pushed the ball to Turnbow near the baseline.

Turnbow fired a 90-foot strike to Toscano racing down the floor on the break. He dropped in the easy basket. Washington chased down a long defensive rebound and flipped the ball back in bounds.

The ball was batted around before Turnbow secured it and made an 80-foot toss to Larry Richardson racing down the floor. Richardson scored the final basket of the game.

"I was so proud of how our kids hung in and never gave up," concluded Coach Mason. "I believe after they relaxed and their shots started to fall they could have shut their eyes and made the baskets, but I am glad they didn't."

Four Mules scored in double figures with Washington recording a double-double in rebounds and points. He led the Mules with 23 points. Tyson Turnbow

may have had a double-double with assists and points. He dropped in 14.

Nick Hurtado made four 3-pointers and added 11 points for the Mules. Zach Toscano also made 11, Perez six, Guerra four and Larry

Richardson chipped in two.

The Mules played the 26-6 Idalou Wildcats in Levelland Monday night at 6:30 p.m. for the right to advance to the Region I Tournament to be held in Midland.

## Sudan Schools Recognized

Sudan Elementary students and staff for received the National Center for Educational Achievement "Just for the Kids" Higher Performing Schools award. The Just for the Kids Higher Performing School Lists feature schools that grow their students' academic performance more than students of demographically similar schools. Just for the Kids Lists also feature schools where student academic performance, as measured by state standardized assessments, meet NCEA's College and Career Readiness Targets based on ACT Benchmarks.

Sudan Elementary also received the coveted Federal Title I Distinguished School Award in which only 28 campuses in Region 17 received, and only 312 campuses out of the 8,322 campuses in the State received. This award honors those schools that have received accountability ratings of Recognized or Exemplary in the spring of both 2006 and 2007, as well as an Exemplary rating in the spring of 2008. Sudan Elementary has also earned an Exemplary rating the past two years, the highest Accountability rating possible from the State.

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Muleshoe Youth Baseball signups will be Saturday, March 6th, 9 a.m. until closing and Tuesday, March 9th, 5:30 p.m. until closing at the Watson Jr. High.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Wow! How about the Mules basketball team. Hope you were lucky enough to be at the game Friday night.

Our hats off to them for the great job they are doing.

We are so proud of them for not only are they good basketball players but are good young men.

Remember, Saturday, March 6, the Oneita Wagon Senior Citizens Center will be serving its pancake breakfast.

All you can eat for

\$5 for adults, and \$3 for children 10 and under.

The menu will be pancakes, a variety of syrups, bacon, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee.

We will start serving at 7 a.m. and serve until 11 a.m. So you early risers come on in and you late risers come later.

Monday, March 8, the board of directors will be having its monthly meeting at the center beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday, March 9, will

be senior dance night. We are sorry we had to cancel the last dance.

Make plans to come join in the fun and fellowship.

The dance will begin at 7 p.m., with a pot luck supper break at 8:30 p.m., and end at 10 p.m. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Thursday, March 11, Laine, with Hearing Technology of Lubbock will be at the center at 10:30 a.m.

If you should need her services, make plans to come.

Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., the Ex-Students Association will meet at the center.

All ex-students of Muleshoe Schools are needed to attend the meeting.

This is the year for the five-year all school reunion. Make plans to come out and help with this.

Our prayers go to all who are under the weather. Especially to Larry Thornton who is to undergo surgery. May God be with you all.

Menu for March 8-12:

Monday, March 8 — Mexican chicken minestrone, tortilla, crackers, salad and pudding.

Tuesday, March 9 — Liver and onions, potatoes, carrots and peas, salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

Wednesday, March 10 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll

and apple cobbler.

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# Obituaries

## Kay Ware

Funeral services for Kay Francis Black Ware, 68, were held on Sunday, Feb. 28, at Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church.

Burial followed on the Ware Ranch Ware died on Feb. 25, 2010, in Dallas. She was born on Dec. 27, 1941 in Plant City, Fla., to the late Chester and Katie Wilson. She later moved to Muleshoe, and attended Muleshoe High School where she graduated in 1960.

She married Lyndal Black and they made their home in Muleshoe and later in Muncy, before moving to Plainview.

Ware worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Felix Crawford, DDS for 34 years. In 1985, she married WR Ware.



Kay Francis Ware

Survivors include three daughters and their husbands — Vina and Rody Hawkins of Raleigh, N.C., and Kevia and Jeff Thomas of Coppell, and LaShell and Brad Allen of Mesa, Colo.; a sister — Gayle Robison of Magnolia; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church Bible Study class.

## Rosa Olivarez

Funeral services for Rosa Elena Olivarez, 62, of Muleshoe were held on Monday March, 1, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosary was said on Sunday, Feb. 28, at the chapel. Burial followed Monday's services in Bailey County Cemetery.

Olivarez died on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, in Muleshoe. She was born on Jan. 19, 1948, to Benito and Juanita Alarcon in Chihuahua, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her father — Benito Alarcon, and a brother — Ricardo Alarcon.

Olivarez had lived in the Muleshoe community since 1962. She was a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness in Muleshoe and Littlefield. She was a homemaker and had worked at Excel as a butcher.

Survivors include



Rosa Elena Olivarez

her mother — Juanita Alarcon of Muleshoe; five sons — Andrew Olivarez, Salvador Olivarez, Lupe Olivarez, Jr., and Pablo Olivarez, all of Muleshoe, and Jaime Olivarez of Mansfield; two daughters — Rosa Irma Gonzales of Sudan and Kika Olivarez Sena of Muleshoe; three sisters — Victoria Cuevas, Pita Alarcon and Vicky Gonzalez, all of Muleshoe; two brothers — Martin Alarcon of Muleshoe, Benito Alarcon, Jr. of Clovis; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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## Wedding Showers



Courtney Cravens and Tyrel Gear

### Cravens, Gear feted with shower

Courtney Cravens and Tyrel Gear were honored with a wedding shower on Jan. 23 at the Muleshoe Depot.

The prospective bride is the daughter of David and Judy Cravens of Carrollton.

The prospective groom is the son of Joe and Gayla Gear of Muleshoe.

Hosts and hostesses for the event included Don and Dani Heathington, David and Terry Marricle, Ryan and Morgan Marricle, Jinks and Rowena Myers, Tommy and Jan King, Rusty and Christie Whitt, Pam Atwood, Lonnie and Hellen Adrian, Mike and Leslie Dale, Kyle and Bernita Sheets, Tom and

Annette Bonds, Fred and Ruth Locker, Joe Bob and Sheila Stevenson, Ronnie and Connie Kenmore, Tim and Tammy Black, Keith and Jan Morris, Pat Young, and Hal and Linda Wood

The hostess gift was a gift card to purchase an outdoor grill of the prospective bride and groom's choosing.

Special guests attending included Jessica Cravens, Robert and Maurine Hooten, Fred and Dolores Gear, Larry and Wanda Hooten, Gary and Hollye Hooten, and James and Twyla Polasek.

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## Hazel Waddell

Funeral services for Hazel Rae Waddell were held on Friday, Feb. 26, at Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home Chapel with Ted Posey officiating. Burial followed at Belvieu Cemetery.

Waddell died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Muleshoe. She was born on Nov. 7, 1914, in Olustee, Okla. to the late William Louie and Sula Vista Templer, and married Willie Albert Waddell on Aug. 12, 1931, in Duke, Okla. They were married for 64 years.

Waddell was a homemaker and worked as a volunteer at the Portales Children's Home. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She

is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters — Claudia Mackenzie and Naomi Brunner; and a brother — NI Templer.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Doyce and Betty Joyce Waddell of Lubbock and Jimmy and Helen Waddell of Bowie; a daughter — Billie Coffman of Rotan; a sister — Samie Kincannon of Olustee, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

### LVN program registration to begin April 1

Registration for the LVN Program at the South Plains College School of Nursing in Muleshoe will begin April 1, and run through June 3.

This early registration allows time for the testing and paperwork that must be completed by August.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules take part in Lady Eagle Tournament

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team made the long trek up to Sanford Fritch for the Lady Eagle Tournament. They timed out trailing West Texas High 2-0 after three and half innings.

The Lady Mules had to leave early during their game with the Borger

Lady 'Dogs leading 5-2. Erika Rodriguez and Ali Eagle both reached base on errors and Val Olivas drove them home with a triple to left field.

Tori Alvarado walked and was forced out at third on a double play. Brenda Rodriguez drove Olivas home with a single over third base.

B. Rodriguez came

home on an error. Jennifer Vasquez reached on an error and scored on a single by Dominique Mata.

The Lady Mules were awarded the win despite having to leave early to make the Mule's basketball game in Snyder.

The Lady Mules returned to tournament

early Saturday morning and picked up where they left off with a win over the Caprock JV team 8-2.

The Lady Mules went in order in the first inning but broke the scoring ice in the second inning with a run by Alvarado.

She singled down the line to left and scored on an error. The Lady Mules

tacked on three more in the third inning.

E. Rodriguez walked on four straight pitches and Eagle reached on an error. Olivas singled to right field to score both.

Olivas stole home to put the Lady Mules in front 4-1 after two and half innings.

Caprock scored one in the bottom of the third to trail 4-2.

Yvonne Gardea made it to safe on an error and Sarah Johnson moved her to second with a single to left.

Vasquez was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Jandy Gomez sent a ground ball to second base that was scooped up and forced out Vasquez at second.

E. Rodriguez was hit by a pitch to force home a run. Eagle cleared the bases with a double to left center before time ran out with the Lady Mules leading 8-2.

The Lady Mules defeated the host Lady Eagles 5-1. They did not score in the first two innings but picked up a run in the top of the third inning.

E. Rodriguez took the count full before walking to lead off the inning.

Alvarado walked on four straight pitches after two strike outs. B. Rodriguez singled to left and scored E. Rodriguez.

The Lady Mules led 1-0 after three innings.

The Lady Mules scored four in the top of the fifth inning. Eagle slapped a one-out single to left. Olivas followed with a single to center and Alvarado loaded the bases on an error.

Gardea blasted a triple to right to clear the bases and stole home on a throwing error.

The Lady Mules lost their final game of the day to the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles.

Roosevelt scored two runs in the top of the first and added four in the top of the third to get past the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules had won three games and lost two in the Sanford Fritch Lady Eagle Tournament.

The Lady Mules traveled to Post Tuesday to battle the Lady 'Lopes and will play in the Ralls Lady Jackrabbit Tournament March 4-6.

They will be home March 9 and March 12 hosting Denver City and Seagraves respectively.



### Up for two!

Mule Tyson Turnbow drives for a basket during the game against Spearman.

Photograph by Stacy Conner



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Again math and reading proficiency rates for disadvantaged students were compared with the statewide results for these student groups and then schools were selected that were performing better than this state average. Sudan High School also received the states highest accountability rating of "Exemplary" based on 2008-09 test results.

## Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing

There will be a Texas private pesticide applicator training and testing program March 12th at the Bailey County Extension office in Muleshoe, Texas. The office is located at 118 West Ave. C in Muleshoe, Texas (just west of 1<sup>st</sup> Bank). The training will begin at 8 am and testing should conclude by 1:30 p.m. Texas AgriLife Extension Service will provide the training

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to produce agricultural commodities. Individuals who want a Texas private applicator license must attend a private applicator training program offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and purchase a license. The private applicator license fee is \$60. Private applicator licenses expire five years after the date issued and then must be renewed.

## Muleshoe resident returns from Caribbean mission trip

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A Muleshoe resident recently returned from a life-long dream, working with a Bible school among the people of the Kuna Yala Islands, off the coast of Panama.

"I always wanted to be a missionary growing up," Janice Snell of Calvary Baptist Church said Friday when she dropped by the Muleshoe Journal's office attired in a "mola," a traditional dress of the Kunas.

Snell made the journey to the Kuna Islands with others, including Baptist missionary Randy Rhoton of Costa Rica, part of an effort to hold 18 Bible schools on the island during January and February, reaching about 4,000 students.

Snell's group helped with three of the schools while on the mission trip.

"It was great," Snell said. "The people were so nice. I loved listening to the people and the wind and the sea."

She also talked about the group's "primitive" living accommodations on the trip, which included a house constructed over the Caribbean, a hammock for sleeping, and a shower made from a barrel.

Snell spoke of the people's enthusiasm and friendly nature, and also their poverty.

"They have very little, but they are very loving," she said.

Snell spoke of how nothing went to waste, and how at the meals when a person had eaten his or her fill, they would pass the plate down for another to eat.



Janice Snell in her "mola."

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