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Don't worry... I won't feel a thing

Magician Monte Holder offered words of encouragement to potential victim Mike Grant as he placed Grant's head in a wooden stock, prior to inserting a steel blade. In the end, so to speak, the trick was successful, and Grant's head remained attached.

Hospital district's board discusses wound care unit

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe Area Medical Center's new "wound care" unit was featured in the discussion at Thursday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

"What's it costing us in the long run?" board president Bill Liles asked at one point, apparently comparing it to the behavioral unit that has been an unexpected financial drain on the hospital since it opened, and adding that the hospital board needed a better understanding concerning the wound unit before it took any action related to it.

"Why do we need a wound care unit?" Liles also asked.

"Wound care prevents amputations," Robert Willard, a registered nurse with Texas Wound Care Specialists, said in his presentation about the program to the

"Wound care prevents amputations"

MAHD board members. "God made us, and he made us to heal," Willard said, but added that sometimes people encounter problems in the healing process that require special medical

assistance.

"We determine why they're not healing," he said

While there are wound care units in Dallas and Lubbock, driving or riding such long distances for care is often painful for wound care patients. "They're no better than us... we're no better than them," Willard said about the metropolitan units, "except we're here."

Currently, Willard said he'd determined that 54 wound care patients from Clovis, N.M., are passing through Muleshoe in route to treatment in Lubbock.

The unit at Muleshoe
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Chamber brings magic to 60th annual banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture put a little "magic" into its members' lives Saturday, at the 60th annual chamber banquet, featuring the slight-of-hand wizardry of Monte Holder.

The Lubbock-based magician entertained those in attendance with his prestidigitation and pseudo-psychic abilities, following the chamber's traditional steak dinner, and welcome by chamber president Joe Osterkamp.

In his welcome speech, Osterkamp talked about the issues facing the business community and the chamber, and how they can be addressed.

The evening also included a silent auction, and awarding of the annual chamber honors.

This year, the recipients of the Muleshoe chamber awards included:

- Man of the Year — Wayne Pierson of Edwards Jones and a member of the Muleshoe Hospital District Board of Directors.
- Woman of the Year — Janet Claborn, director of the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation.
- Farm Family of the Year — the Kelly Kettner family.
- Employee of the Year — Brenda Logsdon of Fry & Cox.
- Business of the Year — Channel 6.



Wayne Pierson — Man of the Year



Janet Claborn — Woman of the Year



Brenda Logsdon — Employee of the Year



Kelly Kettner family — Farm Family of the Year



Channel 6 — Business of the Year

Muleshoe school board makes turf, track decision



School officials discuss the MHS retaining wall cap.

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees happily approved a \$1,045,000 proposal for artificial turf for the football field, and the resurfacing of the encircling track during Monday's regular meeting.

In the final amended motion, an additional

\$5,000 was added to the bid amount to allow some "bargaining room" over the addition of the fighting mule logo and yardage numbers to the turf's surface.

According to Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, all of the proposals the school district received from "turf and track" contractors were under the project's estimated

\$1.2 million.

"We feel very lucky that happened," Sheets said.

At Monday's meeting, the board members were presented with what the administration believed to be the top six proposals received, and discussed the specifics with David Woods, the district's athletic director and head football coach. Wood said all of the

proposals received included "good products, he favored the "3D root system" of Astro-Turf.

"We're looking at getting some pretty good years of use out of it," Wood said about the 12 years of use the artificial turf is expected to have before replacement is needed.

He said school districts that are using their
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Sunrise service Sunday

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance sunrise service will be at the basketball courts in the new city park, at 16th and Ave. D., at 7 a.m., Sunday, April 4.

This year's message will be provided by the Rev. Monty Leavell.

Refreshments will be served at 16th & D Church of Christ following the early morning service.

In the event of inclement weather, the sunrise service will move inside to the 16th & D Church of Christ.

'Go blue' on April 7

Bailey County residents are encouraged to "go blue" on Wednesday, April 7, to show support for child abuse prevention.

The Bailey County Child Welfare Board encourages area residents to wear a blue shirt, dress, tie, or ribbon on April 7 to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families who are victims of abuse and neglect.

Muleshoe fine arts

Muleshoe High School's Fine Arts... Night to Shine is scheduled for Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

Library fines

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is in the process of changing circulation software. Individuals who owe a fine, need to come in and get it taken care of, according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

The library also needs to update its patron records.

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 102 W. Second.

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

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.

First United Methodist revival set

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting a revival with evangelist Wesley Putnam April 18-21.

Births

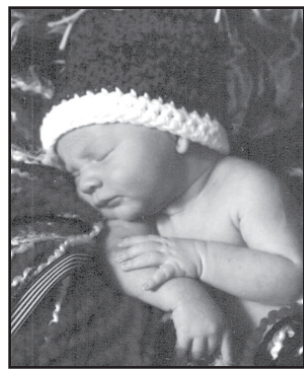
Baker King birth announced

Nathan and Kenley King of Amarillo announce the birth of their son, Baker Dee King, on Feb. 19, 2010, at 5:12 p.m., Baptist St. Anthony's Health System of Amarillo.

Baker weighed eight pounds, five ounces at birth and was 21 inches in length.

His grandparents are Dee and Cindy King of Amarillo, Rodney and Zonelle Baker of Muleshoe, and Shanna Valentine of Lubbock.

Baker's great-great



grandparents are D.T. and Joan King, Letha and the late J.W. Gammon, Robbie and the late Jerry Marks, Nadine and the late Ritt Baker, and J.C. and Zona Gatewood.

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Extremists' violent views deny God's will, purpose

It's a sad thing to read about the arrest of extremists in several northern states this week, and not just because they — in their misguided ideology, were allegedly targeting law enforcement officers.

For those who haven't kept up with the national news, a group of alleged evildoers in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio were recently arrested for plotting to kill law enforcement officers, and follow that act with the detonation of homemade bombs among the officers gathered in mourning at the funerals of their fallen brothers.

What is possibly the most disgusting, and heart-rending thing about this recent news is that this group, the "Hutaree," identified itself to the world as being under the banner of Christ.

On Sunday, March 28, Christians around the world celebrated Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, a time that is by many considered even more holy than Christmas because it ends on Easter Sunday, the day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

It's sad that these arrests had to occur at the beginning of Holy Week, but it is even sadder that these individuals who proclaim themselves to be "Christians" trash the name and purpose of the Son of God in doing so.

Like the Zealots of ancient Israel years ago, they don't understand why Christ Jesus made the entrance he did into Jerusalem so long ago.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Bible tells us that Jesus entered riding a young male donkey, signifying that he was coming as the "King of peace," and not a warrior king.

Many in the crowd that cheered the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, no doubt hoped for him to raise an army and rid them of their Roman oppressors. They didn't understand that their greatest oppression was from the sin in their lives, and not the swords of Rome.

They didn't understand that this man... the perfect Lamb of God, had been sent by his Father as an all-encompassing sacrifice, and that it was meant his blood should be shed from the fall of man, paying the price that only he could pay.

Throughout the history of Christianity, there have been groups that have besmirched the name of Christ by exchanging his will for their own, and these Hutaree are no different.

Whether it's the residents of "Elohim City," Okla., the former Freemen of Jordan, Mont., or this latest group of religious radicals, any group proclaiming such violent attacks against civil authority have denied the love that truly marks a follower of Christ, and shouldn't be confused with those who seek to further God's kingdom according to the will and purpose expressed in God's holy word.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." — Matthew 7:21, NIV.

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We appreciate the nominations and introductions of this year's award winners. We would like to encourage everyone to nominate a business of the month and employee of the month throughout the year.

A special thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who donated to the Silent Auction.

We hope you enjoyed 2010 Annual Chamber Banquet and look forward to a great year of progress in Muleshoe.

Publication of Obituaries

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

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School board discusses football, track

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The school board also discussed other configuration issues related to the work being done on the football field.

Replacement cost for the artificial turf is estimated at about 40 percent or the initial installation cost, or about \$300,000.

In further discussion, it was pointed out that all of the track resurfacing proposals were for a water impermeable surface to avoid the potential for freezing damage that the current surface has received.

The school board also discussed other configuration issues related to the work being done on the football field.

"We tried to make the concession stands more friendly for the workers," said Sam Whalin, the district's director of maintenance who also oversees the multi-campus expansion projects.

The superintendent pointed out that the work on the football field also includes making it handicapped accessible.

In recent weeks, work has begun on replacing

the home-side bleachers. According to Whalin, the new bleachers, which will include "chair seats" in the reserved section, will seat approximately 1,900 spectators, an increase of several hundred for the home side.

Work on the track and football field is to begin during the first week of May, and has a July 31 completion date.

In other business, the school board:

- Toured the construction work under way at the DeShazo Elementary and Muleshoe High School

campuses.

- Honored students for their achievements in basketball, power lifting, debate, band and choir.

- Appointed Deborah Noble as the election judge for the upcoming school board elections, and Ruby Henderson as her alternate, at the recommendation of Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman, who is coordinating the election.

- Approved the minutes from the district's Feb. 22 board meeting as corrected.

- Approved a budget amendment that according to the Daniel Harper, the district's business manager, doesn't affect the overall fund balance.

- Approved the purchase of a new route bus at a cost of \$74,550.

It was explained that the district had budgeted for the purchase of two route buses, and that a special education bus had been purchased earlier in the year.

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is operating out of Dr. Francis Lansang's office on Wednesday's, and utilizes the hospital's lab, x-ray and MRI services, Willard said. "Anything you provide, we're going to use here."

As for payment, it was explained that unlike the behavioral unit operated by Horizon's, Texas Wound Care Specialists won't be paid until reimbursement is received by the hospital from Medicare.

No action was taken by the board concerning the wound care unit at Thursday's regular meeting.

Regarding the hospital district's agreement with Horizon for operation of the geriatric behavioral unit, in the minutes to the special session and strategic planning session the hospital district held on March 13, in Lubbock — and which were approved Thursday's meeting, it was noted that the "behavioral health unit is costing the hospital \$90-100,000 per month, and is in the hole right now."

However, at Thursday's meeting, Jason Anglin, the hospital's administrator and CEO of the hospital district, noted that the hospital has now received its Medicare number for the mental health unit, indicating that much of the unit's financial problems should be resolved in the near future.

Anglin explained that at least 12 patients

had to be turned away because the patients' insurance companies couldn't be billed until the Medicare number had been received.

The minutes from the strategic planning workshop also note the board's discussion with Steve Beck of Covenant Health systems concerning the large amount owed for its service — including providing Anglin's services and those of Dr. Grant Nitzel to the district, for a total of more than \$540,000.

Beck, who also appeared at the Thursday, March 25, board meeting and went into closed session with the board to discuss CHS's contract with the hospital district and its affect on personal matters, reportedly indicated at the March 13 planning session that Anglin may need to become a direct employee of the hospital district if he is going to remain at MAMC.

No action was taken regarding the executive session at Thursday's meeting.

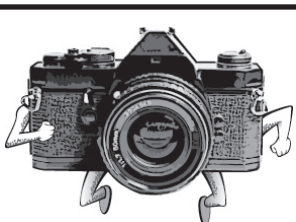
In other business, the MAHD board:

- Asked about an unauthorized raise that had apparently been given to an employee at Park View Nursing Care Center.

"Everybody desires a raise," board member Zona Gatewood said, "but we can't do them."

Kent Emmele, the interim administrator at Park View who apparently authorized

the raise, wasn't present at Thursday's meeting to respond to the board's query about the incident.



Don't forget your photographs

Have some of your photographs "run off?"

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours.

At this time, a large number of photographs have been accumulated, and may include your missing photographs.

ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR MULESHOE EX-STUDENTS

Muleshoe Ex-Students Association is planning the 2010 reunion for July 3.

Addresses are needed for those who were members of all classes through 1985.

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¿Existen otras exenciones disponibles?

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¿Debo solicitar la exención todos los años?

No. Si recibió una exención contributiva por su residencia en el 2009, no hay necesidad de solicitarla en el 2010—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de tasaciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención por su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2010. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, puede solicitar una nueva exención hasta un año después de la fecha de su cumpleaños. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención para personas incapacitadas.

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Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

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Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became *disabled*, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy Easter to everyone.

March is gone and April is beginning. Thank goodness the weather is getting warmer. The grass is beginning to green up and the weeds are doing great.

We are looking forward to having an increase of visitors to the center.

Tuesday, April 6, the first Tuesday of the month is Bunco playing day. So call and remind a friend to come to the center to play.

We appreciate Le Ann Helton with Interim Home Health giving her time and prizes for the center. Everyone has a great time.

The Bridge Club will be meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the center. We always enjoy having them come and play at

the center,

Thursday is Bingo day at the center. Come have lunch and stay to play at 1:30 p.m. La Shea Mason with Integra Care is the caller. Our appreciation to her for giving her time to help us out. This is always fun.

We have had several of our senior citizens under the weather this past week. We hope you are feeling better and will be back with us soon. You are missed.

A reminder to all of you the senior center is still taking donations for the \$10,000 that will be given away on July 3 at noon.

The center will be serving a brisket lunch that day. So mark your calendars to be at the center.

Make a \$100 donation to the center and get a chance on winning

\$5,000, \$3,000. or \$2,000. So come by for your ticket.

This should be a big day for the center as the all School reunion will be held on this date. There should be several out of town guests. Make plans to have lunch at the center.

Menu for April 5-9:
Monday, April 5 — Smothered chicken, baked beans, carrots, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.
Tuesday, April 6 — Smoked sausage,

barbecue sauce, macaroni and cheese, black eye peas, salad, cornbread, cake and strawberries.

Wednesday, April 7 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, apple cobbler.

Thursday, April 8 — Sloppy jo's, pork and beans, onions, pickles, cheese, chips and pudding.

Friday, April 9 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Engagement



Cade Hooten and Kyla Wooten

Wooten, Hooten engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hooten announce the engagement of their son, Cade Robert, to Kyla Renay, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smiley Wooten of Roswell, N.W.

The wedding will be June 26, 2010, in Roswell. After the wedding, the company will make their home in Muleshoe.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHT
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Obituaries

Jack Lane

Jack Duane Lane went to be our Lord on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 4, 1931, in Beaukiss.



Jack Lane

Along with his family, Jack moved to the Circleback and Sudan area, where he grew up and attended school.

He married Anna B. Quesenberry Lane on July 22, 1950, in her family's home in the Needmore Community.

They later had three daughters and made their home in Stegall.

Jack worked for 38 years as a farmer and partner with Buffalo Farms and as a partner with his son-in-law, Obie Standard, at Job Farming, both of Stegall.

He served as a school board member for Three Way ISD for 24 years and as deacon of the Three Way Baptist Church for countless years.

Jack and Anna B. retired from farming and moved to Muleshoe in 2004 where he was a member of the First Baptist Church.

In 2008, they again moved and have been residing with their daughter's family in Clovis, N.M.

Jack was a shepard of the land, who truly loved the Lord, his family, his friends and farming.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, mother, one brother,

and one sister.

He is survived by three sisters, all of Lubbock, and one brother of Littlefield. He is also survived by his wife of 59 years — Anna B. Lane, along with three daughters — Janna Bennett of Abilene, Danette and husband Roger Hatcher of Clovis, and Michelle and husband Obie Standard of Stegall; nine grandchildren — Cynthia Bennett, Melissa Hartley, Jonathan Bennett, Lakin, Kalee, and Amber Hatcher, Tristin Jumper, Creston and Tiffany Standard. He has one great grandson — Pacen Hartley.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 26, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe under the direction of the Ellis Funeral Home.

Interment followed at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cal Farly's Boys Ranch or any charitable organization of your choosing.

Doris Gayle Jones

Doris Gayle Hagler Jones, 82, of Lubbock, died Monday, March 29, 2010. A long-time resident of the Springlake and Earth communities, she was living with her husband James E. Jones at Carillon House in Lubbock.

She was born in Swisher County on Sept. 6, 1927, to Noah and Opal Lambert Hagler and later became the older sister to Marion Hagler. She married James Edwin Jones in Hale County on Jan. 1, 1945.

The couple lived at Edmonson until 1954 when they moved to the Springlake-Earth community and made their home until June 2005 when they moved to Lubbock.

The couple had three children, who all attended school and grew up in the Springlake-Earth community — Kenneth E. (Gene) born in 1946, Alynn born in 1950 and Dyan born in 1965.

She and her husband became members of the First Baptist Church in Springlake soon after moving there. They

were very active in the church and sang in the choir for many years. All three children attended and became members of this church.

Even after moving to Lubbock they attended services there as often as possible. Many memories exist of the friends formed through this church family.

She was a homemaker and worked for a short time for McMillan Accounting of Earth. Her family and her church were the focal points of her life.

She was known to her grandchildren, as well as to many others, as "Mama Gayle."

She and her husband enjoyed square dancing with the Circle 8 Square Dance Club, the Muleshoe Squares and the Border Rounders. She was also a member of the XIT Study Club of Springlake.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Jones of Lubbock; a daughter — Alynn Cain, of Lubbock; a daughter and son-in-law — Dyan and Danny Dunagan of Clovis, N.M.; and a daughter-in-law — Cathryn Jones of Ozark, Ark.

Survivors also include

eight grandchildren and their families — Brady Jones and wife Bridgette and a great-granddaughter Belle of Stafford, Va.; Chad Cain and wife Meredith and two great-granddaughters, Abby and Sophia, and a great-grandson Liam of Pasadena, Calif.; Justin Jones and wife Tammy and a great-grandson Darren of Alma, Ark.; Cary Cain of Houston; Sheena Shipley of Waco; Kendra Jones Ingle and husband Brad of Alma, Ark.; Kathryn Dunagan and Nathan Dunagan both of Clovis, N.M.

She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law — Dr. Marion and Shirlene Hagler of Lubbock; a nephew — Greg Hagler of Lubbock, and nieces — Sharla Hagler Bufkin of Tampa, Fla., and Shanna Hagler Garth of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her parents — Noah and Opal Lambert Hagler, her son — Kenneth E. (Gene) Jones, a son-in-law — William David Cain, and a grandson — James Daren Jones.

Visitation and services, under the direction of

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home, will be held Friday, April 2. The family will greet friends at Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home in Earth from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Rev. Glenn Harlin will officiate the services, assisted by Chad and Cary Cain, at the First Baptist Church in Springlake at 2 p.m. Graveside services will follow at the Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brady, Justin, Kyle and Craig Jones, Greg Hagler and Greg Griffin. Honorary pallbearers will be Marion Hagler, Jerry Jones, Arthur Hedges, Delbert Spraberry and Leon Griffin.

Memorials are requested to be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Association, 4425 W. Airport Freeway, Suite 130, Irving, TX 75062 or to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Lubbock, TX 79416.

The family would like to express deep appreciation to Chastity Mendoza and Rosa Alejandro, who served so lovingly as her caregivers.

John Parker

John Michael Parker, 59, of Princeton, died on March 24, 2010, in Andrews.

He was born in Muleshoe on July 29, 1950, to Edd and Juanita Parker.

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

Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV



Births

Alexis Garera birth announced

Marra and Javier Garera of Lazbuddie announce the birth of their son, Alexis Garera on March 19, 2010, at 1:56 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare

Center. Alexis weighed five pounds, 15 ounces at birth, and was 18 inches in length.

The Garera's other

children are Jorge-Jazmin and Jaqueline.

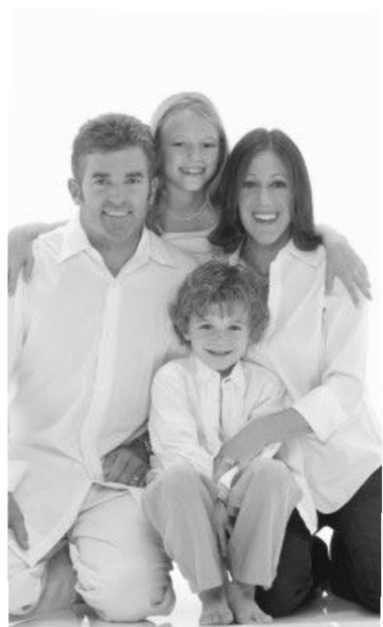
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Sports

Skipworth pitches 'complete game;' Mules win 10-8

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Jared Skipworth pitched a complete game against the Childress Bobcats Tuesday to open the Mules district season.

He gave up eight runs on nine hits. Skipworth walked three and struck out six.

The Mules had fallen behind 8-6 going into the sixth inning. DJ Atwood blasted a three-run home run in the top of the sixth that turned out to be the game winning hit.

The trip home seemed shorter as the Mules returned home with a 10-8 win.

The Mules were back on the road Saturday in Floydada but caught a bad case of 'Erroritis'. The Mules committed nine errors that allowed the Whirlwinds to blow across 10 runs.

The Mule fielding was lackluster but they stayed in the game with active bats and pushed across six runs. The Mules lost 10-6 and now own a 1-1 district record.

All of the Childress' runs came in the first three innings. Skipworth gave up a single to the

first Bobcat of the game and he stole second base. A wild pitch and a passed ball allowed the run to score.

Skipworth struck out the next three batters on 14 pitches. The Bobcats scored two in the bottom of the second and five in the bottom of the third inning to lead 8-2.

Caleb Conner led off the game by reaching first on an error by the second baseman. He stole second on the first pitch to Adrian Chacon and went to third on a sacrifice ground ball by Chacon.

Dameon Snell sent a towering fly ball to the out field that allowed Conner to tag up and come home after the catch for the Mule's first run. The Mules scored again in the third inning when Jonathan Garcia reached on an error by the second baseman.

Chacon moved him to second with a base hit and Snell doubled to pick up his second RBI of the game. The Mules continued to peck away at the Bobcat lead in the fourth inning with Saul Elizalde reaching on an error by the third

baseman.

He went to second on a passed ball. Garcia and Conner singled to push him across the plate.

Snell singled to lead off the fifth inning and DJ Atwood followed with a single. Juan Guerrero was the third Mule to bang a single and Snell scored on a throwing error. Skipworth singled for two RBIs but was thrown out trying to stretch it to a double. The Mules trailed 8-6 after four and a half innings.

The Mules were not through on offense. Conner tripled to lead off the sixth inning and Chacon walked to put Mules at the corners. A double by Snell scored Conner and the Mules had runners at second and third.

Atwood blasted the game winning home run over the fence that scored three runs to put the Mules in front to stay.

Elizalde chased down a Bobcat single by the lead off hitter in the bottom of the seventh. He fired a strike to Conner for the tag at second as the Bobcat tried to stretch the base hit into a double.

Ryan DeLeon tracked down a fly ball to right field for the second out of the inning. Skipworth got the final batter to swing for the third strike to end the game.

The Mules were short handed in Floydada Saturday. Throws to first seemed almost impossible for them and the Whirlwinds took advantage of the Mule mistakes. They scored one run in the first inning on two Mule errors. The Mules added three errors in the



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule DJ Atwood congratulated by his coach.

second inning and the Whirlwinds pushed three runs across. Floydada batted around in the third inning on more Mule mistakes and added four runs. The Mules seemed to settle in after that and only allowed two runs in the final three at bats by the Whirlwinds.

The Mules used a base on balls to Joey Ramirez and base hits by Chacon, Garcia and Snell to score two runs. The Mules had left the bases loaded in the first and second inning.

DeLeon reached first on an error by the first baseman to lead off the third inning and stole

second base. A throwing error allowed him to go to third. Ramirez walked and advanced to second with out a throw down on the first pitch to Issac Baca.

Baca sent a ground ball to short and was thrown out but it was enough to sacrifice DeLeon home. Ramirez scored on a wild pitch. The Mules trailed 4-3 after two and a half innings.

The Mules final two runs came in the top of the fourth inning.

Garcia singled down the first base line. He stole second and went to third on a throwing error by the catcher.

Snell got a pitch he liked over the outside of the plate and blasted it over the right field fence for the Mule's final two runs.

The (1-1) Mules played the (0-2) Dimmitt Bobcats Tuesday evening. The Mules travel to Friona on April 3 and return home to tangle with the Tulia Hornets on April 6.

Lady Mules fall to the Lady 'Lopes

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules gave up 20 free passes to the bases to the Abernathy Lady 'Lopes Tuesday afternoon.

The free passes combined with 13 hits resulted in the Lady Mule second district loss.

It was the Lady Mules home district opener on their new field in the New City Park. The Lady Mules fell to the Lady Lopes 23-10. The Lady Mules went back on the road Saturday and blasted the Dimmitt Bobbies 17-0 in five innings. The Lady Mules are 1-2 in the district race with two games remaining in the first round.

The Lady Mules trailed 9-0 after two and a half innings before Erika

Rodriquez slammed a one-out single to right field. BreAnn Baca laid down a perfect bunt toward third base and she beat it out for a hit.

Val Olivas was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Tori Alvarado walked to force E. Rodriquez home. Baca scored on a passed

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Sports

Varsity ladies' softball... Continued from page 6

ball for the Lady Mule final run of the third inning. The Lady Mules trailed 9-2 after three innings.

Abernathy scored three runs in the top of the fourth and one in the top of the fifth to take a 13-2 lead. The Lady Mules scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth to extend the game.

Alvarado banged a

single off the heel of the third baseman and Brenda Rodriguez singled up the middle. Sarah Johnson sacrificed them over on a ground ball to second. Jandy Gomez singled up the middle to score Alvarado and B. Rodriguez.

Dominique Mata slammed a line drive past the left fielder that rolled deep into the out field.

Mata circled the bases for a two-run home run. The Lady Mules trailed 13-6 after five innings.

The Lady Lopes got three of the runs back in the top of the sixth inning. The Lady Mules answered with four runs in the bottom half of the inning. E. Rodriguez singled to right for her second hit of the game. Olivas singled down

the right field line. Alvarado brought them both home with a double to left. B. Rodriguez singled to right. Alvarado scored on a passed ball and B. Rodriguez came home an error on the first baseman. That was the Lady Mules final runs of the game.

Heather Gutierrez took the pitching circle in Dimmitt. She pitched a one hitter while striking out five Bobbies and issued five free passes. The game was stopped after five innings on the 10-run rule.

Four of the free passes came in the first two innings while Gutierrez

struck out three. It was all goose eggs on the score board for the Bobbies until the fifth inning when they got their only hit to shallow right-center field.

E. Rodriguez led off the game by being hit by a pitch and she went to second on a passed ball. Olivas singled to left to bring her home for a 1-0 Lady Mule lead in the first inning.

E. Rodriguez reached on an error on the short stop and went to second on the over throw to first base. She scored on an error by the first baseman that allowed Baca to reach. The Lady

Mules led 2-0 after two innings.

Sixteen Lady Mules went to the plate in the third inning and 13 crossed the plate for runs to put the Lady Mules up 15-0. Olivas sent a lead off single to left field and she stole second base. Alvarado and B. Rodriguez walked to load the bases.

Johnson was safe on an error on the shortstop and Olivas crossed the plate. Gomez walked to load the bases before Daniela Mendoza singled to center to score Alvarado and B. Rodriguez.

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Conner places third at state meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Caleb Conner won third in the State Powerlifting Meet held in Abilene this past Saturday. He competed in the 165 pound class and out lifted the state champion in both the squat and dead lift.

Conner set a new personal best record with a total of 1315 pounds. That is 10 pounds more than his total at the regional meet and 70 pounds over his final qualifying meet.

"I just approached it as a normal meet," said Conner. "I tried to block out all the people in attendance and just concentrate on the job at hand. I appreciate everyone's support for me and especially that of my family, Coach Byrd and team mates. It was a great year."

Conner started the competition with a squat lift of 525 pounds.



Coach Kirk Byrd and Caleb Conner

He bench pressed 290 pounds and had a dead lift of 500.

"Caleb attempted a 545 pound dead lift on his final attempt," said Mule powerlifting coach Kirk Byrd. "That would have earned him the silver medal and he pulled it half way up but just could not finish it off."

"He has had an outstanding season this year. To be able to cap

off your high school powerlifting career with a medal at the State Meet is a great accomplishment. I want to congratulate him on a job well done all through high school," concluded Coach Byrd.

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Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about Easter:

- 40 days before Easter, time for fasting and prayer
- first day of Lent, ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross
- warm treats decorated with a cross made of icing
- Christian holiday celebrating the new life of Jesus after his death
- shines light in the dark
- they hatch new life
- sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- Friday before Easter, mourning the death of Jesus
- many services are held at this beginning of a new day
- these ring with the joy of new life

eggs lamb

Good Friday candle

Easter sunrise

Ash Wednesday hot cross buns

bells Lent

Flower of New Life

People plant this bulb hoping to see its beautiful white flower for Easter! For many people, this flower stands for a "new life after death." Connect the dots to see it. Then fill in the blanks below to name it.

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Varsity softball...

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allowed B. Rodriguez to reach first and Johnson walked. Gomez doubled to left to score Alvarado and B. Rodriguez.

Mendoza walked and stole second. Gomez came home on a sacrifice fly to deep right field by Reyna.

The Lady Mules added a run in the top of the fourth and fifth innings for the win.

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Bailey County elder care conference set for April 17

Submitted by Kathy Carr, Bailey CEA-FCS

When we think of the word "age," the most common thought is the number of years lived. However, as Americans continue to live longer, we also must think about how well we are living — how successfully we are aging.

Physical, mental, and emotional health are all interrelated and must be considered when discussing successful aging.

The first step to successful aging is to remain as physically healthy as possible for as long as possible. Mary Herridge, a gerontologist and Hill County extension agent, points

out that poor health is not a consequence of aging and being healthy is not just the absence of disease.

"A chronic illness may be considered unhealthy but, if managed properly, the person suffering from that illness may be able to lead a normal, healthy life," Herridge said.

A healthy lifestyle may have a positive impact on a person at any age. Proper diet, exercise and preventive health care are three primary means to maintaining your physical health.

Successful aging is also tied very heavily to a person's mental health.

Just as with physical health, decline in mental health is not a

consequence of growing older.

"Many clinicians and family members attribute an altered mental state to someone's age rather than recognizing symptoms of a disease and seeking treatment for it," said Andy Crocker, gerontology health specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Something as simple as the wrong prescription in a pair of glasses may cause disorientation and then may be confused with dementia.

Crocker recommends keeping the mind active through stimulating activity such as reading or work games or even talking with friends and neighbors about a

current news event.

Emotional and spiritual well-being is key to any discussion regarding healthy aging. Social interaction is an important part of emotional health.

Whether it's through volunteerism or a group of friends who meet on a regular basis, staying involved in society gives a sense of purpose: a reason to get out of bed in the morning and to stay both mentally and physically healthy.

Americans are still searching for the fabled "Fountain of Youth" and until someone finds it, we must try to do what we can to age well.

Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey

County, Onieta Wagon Senior Citizens Center, and Park View Nursing Care Center are hosting an elder care conference, "Making Life Golden for the Aging," on Saturday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Onieta Wagon Senior Center.

Speakers include Brian Freida, Wendi Edwards, and Ken Horn.

Topics to be covered are Providing a Safe and Convenient Living

Environment, Making Your House Safe for the Elderly, and Aging Issues.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be served. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

For more information on aging well or the elder care conference, contact Kathy Carr, county extension agent – Family and Consumer Sciences at 272-4583.

Heritage Foundation News

What a winter and now spring. When the weather is bad outside that is a good time to accomplish things inside. That is exactly what is happening at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Thanks to board members Sheila Stevenson and Sammie Simpson the Santa Fe Depot meeting room and part of the kitchens are getting a paint job. Oh, it will make the rooms so pretty. Go and take a look.

At the board meeting Monday, March 15, members discussed exciting things which are coming. Members are anticipating getting the Yellow Jacket, now located across the street from Mary DeShazo Elementary School moved to the center.

Many former DeShazo students have fond memories of skipping across the street to have a hamburger at the Yellow Jacket, getting away from school for a short while.

The Yellow Jacket needs a great deal of restoration work done, so many are asking, "Do you have the money for this restoration?"

"Our answer has to be, "No, we don't, but we have a great deal of faith that the community and especially former students will contribute to this new challenge.

Go out and take a tour at the center and you will

see a testimony to what can be accomplished with faith, a caring, generous community, and hard work.

If you would like to help restore the Yellow Jacket to its former glory, send a contribution to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 201, Muleshoe, TX 79347, and mark it for the Yellow Jacket.

It was reported at the meeting that the dead tree at the center has been replaced with a healthy new tree.

The board members in attendance included Tom Watson, Jo Bob and Shelia Stevenson, Lonnie Adrian, Gene Rogers, Jay Cage, and center hostess Delores Harvey.

A discussion followed about the annual Tour de Muleshoe bicycle ride, to be held this year on June 19, beginning at 9 a.m., from the Bailey County Coliseum.

Lonnie Adrian has headed the bike rides for the past 16 years, and does a great job. Each year, more riders come to Muleshoe, along with family and friends.

Last year, more than 200 riders participated. The board members greatly appreciate the support it receives from the community for the ride.

This activity brings so many people to Muleshoe and benefits everyone. community cooperation and support to the foundation is vital in order to make the ride the tremendous success it has grown to be each year.

Births



Cohen Jase Williams

Cohen Williams

Jason and Katy Williams of Rockdale announce the birth of their son, Cohen Jase Williams, on March 4, 2010, at King's Daughters Hospital of Temple.

Cohen weighed nine pounds at birth and was 20 inches in length.

He has two brothers — Seth, 8, and Deacon, 2, and a sister — Kenna, 3.

His grandparents are Jerry and Nona Williams of Water Valley, and John and Becky Jones of Lazbuddie.

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The Sudan Buzz

Seeing the country in horse-drawn wagon

By Norma Burnett

Bob Skelding of Indiana pulled into Sudan Monday evening in his wagon with Bob and Bill, his two horses pulling the wagon, and another wagon hooked on behind to carry his and the horses supplies.

Skelding is headed to the Colorado Rockies. He left Indiana the middle of November on his third journey seeing the United States.

This trip he said will cover around 4,000 to 5,000 miles.

He has traveled through Texas and is headed into New Mexico and will end up on the west side of the Colorado Rockies.

On his return trip back to Indiana he will travel up through southern Wyoming.

Skelding said he travels about 15 to 25 miles a day and that he meets so many nice people on his journeys.

He has gone to children's birthday party's and visited



Bob Skelding and his wagon stop over night at Sudan.

nursing homes.

He says that his dream is to travel freely through the country to see new places and meet new people.

He says that he has had a very enjoyable and nice journey.

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Reed celebrates 90th birthday

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The Resurrection is the greatest 'eucatastrophe'

More than a few writers have talked about the place where joy and sorrow meet.

In a moment of deep contentment, someone may say, "I'm so happy I could cry!" And in the moments of deepest and most unutterable joy, we say nothing at all.

We don't live long before we learn that tears are more precious than diamonds, and the best tears are tears of joy.

When those joy-tears come, we usually don't



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

analyze them; we live the moment. But if the time comes to talk about such moments, author J. R. R. Tolkien, most famous for his amazing Lord of the Rings trilogy, has kindly coined for us a very good word.

That joy and sorrow are so closely intertwined

is ironic. And so, at first glance, seems Tolkien's word: "eucatastrophe." "Eu-" is a Greek prefix meaning "good," and "catastrophe"? Most of us are all too familiar with the word and the situations it describes.

"Catastrophe" is a Greek word brought directly into English that means "destruction." According to Webster's, it has come to hold such decidedly negative meanings as "a momentous tragic event ranging from extreme misfortune to utter overthrow or ruin," a "violent usually destructive natural event," or an "utter failure."

Understandably, most

of us seek to avoid such. I think of the crash of the Hindenburg (see the first meaning).

Or, more personally, I remember the first time I sang publicly in a quartet and we started the same song in different keys (see the third meaning).

But the word first had, and still has, a more technical meaning. In literature, especially in tragedy, the "catastrophe" is the technical term for the final conclusion or "unraveling" of the drama's plot.

No surprise that in tragedy, that conclusion is sad. Tragedies in literature, by definition, have sad endings.

Ah, but fairy tales are different. A true

fairy tale always has a happy ending. Thus the master wordsmith Tolkien coined the word "eucatastrophe" to describe just such an ending: "I coined 'eucatastrophe': the sudden happy turn in a story which pierces you with a joy that brings tears (which I argued it is the highest function of fairy-stories to produce)."

He goes on to explain that what we call fairy tales actually point to the deepest truth and happiest ending of all (really a beginning), that good will overcome evil.

Tolkien knew that the Cross and Resurrection was no fairy tale. He

speaks deep truth when he says that "the Resurrection was the greatest 'eucatastrophe' possible." Its truth "pierces" us with "a joy that brings tears."

The writer to the Hebrews puts it this way: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

"Christian joy," Tolkien writes, "produces tears because it is so qualitatively like sorrow, because it comes from those places where joy and sorrow are at one, reconciled."

Sunrise service set for Sunday

A sunrise Easter service will be held at the basketball courts in the new city park, at 16th and Ave. D., at 7 a.m., Sunday, April 4.

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4/2/2 two story country home with unique appeal - 1972 sq. ft. living area 5 M. SW of Sudan on FM 298. New stucco on exterior, central heat and air (electric) with formal dining room den, living room, laundry room along with 2 room unfinished basement (not included as living area). Large front and back yard with established trees. Unattached garage with extra room that could be used for game room, apt. or storage. Priced at \$110,000.

3-2-2 Carport approx. 1572 sq. ft. Located at 505 Main, Sudan this is a great home with even better location only 1/2 block from Sudan ISD Campus, central heat & a/c, steel roof, formal living room and den, storm cellar, built in carport and good yard w/established trees. Well built and neat. \$70,000.

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This ad is just a small sample of the properties that we currently have for sale. Please check our website and give us a call! We need your listings both large and small, all types of ag properties. (ESPECIALLY CRP)

SUDAN CRP - Lamb Co., TX. - 204.5 acres northwest of Sudan, Texas. 196 acres currently enrolled in CRP. Located between Littlefield and Muleshoe, Texas north of Hwy 86.

COCHRAN/YOAKUM CO., TX - 2400 acres including 625 acres CRP, 3 pivots, good water.

STEGALL CRP - 160 ac., 154.7 acres in CRP.

LAMB COUNTY GRAIN FACILITY - Approx. 2.5 million lbs. grain storage, elevator leg, grain dryer, scale, office, pavement.

CHOICE DRYLAND/BAILEY CO., TX. - 160 acres, all weather road.

LAMB CO., TX. - permitted 400 acres, currently in grass, CRP and dryland farming, irr. wells on property, access by county road with railroad/hwy. 84 frontage. Also listed 265 acres available within two miles of property. **PRICE REDUCED!**

SUNNYSIDE, TX. - 320 ac. with two wells and two sprinklers one mile off of hwy. 385, county road on two sides.

HWY. 1057 CASTRO CO. - permitted for dairy, 1,168 ac. with one mile hwy. frontage, irr. wells, sprinklers & precon. pens, adjoins the Castro Co. 4,949 acres in four tracts.

PERMITTED - Castro Co., Tx. - 1808 acres +/-, 7,200 cow dairy permit (4,000 milking), precon. pens permitted for 10,000 head, fully developed with pivot sprinklers, irr. wells, homes, barns, grain storage with dump pit and elevators, hwy. frontage, well developed. Additional 4300 acres +/- in three tracts, optional, irr., permitted. Can divide!

SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS - 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, brick with metal roof, large family room, dining area, kitchen, utility, carport, central heat/air, adjacent vacant lot. Priced to Sell!

SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS - 3 bdrm, 3 bath, basement, brick with metal roof, 3,581 sqft +/-, family room with fireplace, large game room with fireplace, formal living room, dining room, kitchen, utility, lots of storage, double garage, central heat/air.

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2336' lvg. area, auto. splkr, fenced yd, MORE!! \$125K!!
- 3-1 3/2 w/workshop, wall furnace heat, window refig, plus efficiency apt, storage bldg, fenced yard, corner lot. \$77,000!!
- VERY NICE 3-3-2 CARPORT Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, approx. 2653' living area, covered deck & patio, workshop/storage, cellar!! Auto.splkr (front yd.) \$140,000!!!
- 2-2-1 Carport Home, Cent. A&H, FP, DW, stove, refig., lg. utility, whirlpool tub, fenced yd., stor. bldg.!! \$59.5K!!

IN CONTRACT

- NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!! REDUCED TO \$35K!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lvg. area, splkr. sys., fenced yard, MORE!! REDUCED \$195K!! MAKE OFFER!!
- NICE 3-2-1 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, office, auto. splkr., fenced yd., garage/workshop/storage bldg. in back yd.!! \$117,000 PRICE REDUCED \$110,000.00!!
- 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 2 car garage, geothermal (cent. A&H), built-ins, FP, approx. 5100', loads of storage, workshop/storage, RV port, auto. splkr., REDUCED TO \$185K!!
- 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage, Cent. A&H, built-ins, basement, fenced yard!! \$79,900!! PRICE REDUCED \$74,900!! MAKE OFFER!!
- VERY NICE 3-1 3/4-2 Brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, thermal windows & doors, metal trim, workshop/storage, fenced yd., MUCH MORE!! \$139,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, basement, cov. patio, 26' x 30' metal insulated bldg. w/A&H, fenced yd.!! \$169K!! MAKE OFFER!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 brick home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, corner lot, MUST SEE!!! \$130K!!
- 3-2-1 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, covered patio, fenced yd., stor. bldg.!! \$76K!!

RURAL

- VERY NICE CUSTOM BUILT 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home, at edge of town on 80 acres!! Geothermal heat & air, built-ins, fp, ash cabinets,

RURAL - continued

approx. 2544' main lvg. area plus 625' finished basement w/safe & storage, splkr system, beautiful trees and landscaping, circle splkr, 5 wire barbwire fence, 36' x 48' metal insulated bldg w/2 12' doors!! MUCH MORE!!

- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K \$130K!! MAKE OFFER
- Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$82,500
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - VERY NICE 3-2 3/4-2 Home on 5 acres, approx. 2500' lvg. area, remodeled, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, whirlpool tub, fenced yard, 600' workshop/storage!! \$185K !!
- 3-1 3/4-2 Home on 80 acres, Geothermal Heat & Air, 2-10 hp. sub. **IN CONTRACT** across east side. Good productive soil!!! \$130K!!
- 3-3-2 Brick home on 5.57 acres on FM 298 W. of Sudan, approx. 2668 living area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2 wells, 40' x 80' barn, MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!

COMMERCIAL

- NICE commercial bldg. w/approx. 3300' plus 1040' upstairs, Cent. A&H, 2 restrooms, MORE!! \$39,500!! MAKE OFFER!!
- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on .7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!! PRICE REDUCED \$62K!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheet iron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!! MAKE OFFER!!
- Approx. 1080' metal building including an office and 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!

Evangelist to speak at First United

Wesley Putnam, widely acclaimed evangelist, singer, and composer, will be at First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe on April 18-21.

Through both word and song that has impacted the lives of people of all ages from all walks of life.

His ministry includes preaching, storytelling, and music woven together to create a fresh approach to renewal. In addition his ministry

offers BibleQuest, a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary children.

The Rev. Putnam holds a bachelor of music degree from Northeast Louisiana University and the master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

An ordained United Methodist clergyman, he pastored local churches for more than eight years before turning his attention to full-

time evangelism in the summer of 1981.

Wesley is a prolific songwriter whose compositions touch on virtually every aspect of Christian living, from temptation and suffering to forgiveness and praise.

He has cut many albums, and songs from five of his albums have had airplay on Christian radio stations nationwide. Five of the songs from his "Heal Our Land" album have been published as choral anthems by Lorenz music.

In addition, Wesley has produced videos of six of his dramatic presentations.

Attired in distinctive costumes, Wesley captivates audiences as he recounts the lives of biblical characters as though they were living today. He animates James,

the brother of Jesus, to relate New Testament stories.

Putnam is in great demand for revivals, concerts, and children's camps. He has appeared as worship leader and soloist for many national gatherings.

He has previously served as president and executive evangelist of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists and as a member of the executive committee of the Council on Evangelism for the United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Felicia, live in Bedford. They have three grown sons and twelve grandchildren.

Bridal Shower

Wedel feted with shower

Jami Wedel was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, March 27, in the home of Dana Rempe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of James and Susan Wedel of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom, Sean Moubry, is the son of Steve and Lynn Moubry of Dallas.

Hostesses for the event included Rowena Myers, Deborah Kettner, Terry Hahn, Shelia Stevenson, Dana Rempe,

LeAnn Gallman, Sally Messenger, Donna Green, Linda Wood, Pat Young, JoAnn Head, Carol Cox, Ruth Locker and Liz Tipps.

The prospective bride was presented a Kitchen Aid™ mixer as a hostess gift.

Special guests included Susan Wedel of Muleshoe, Lea Kidd and Cheryl Kidd, both of Lubbock, Emily Long of Hobbs, N.M., and Lynn Moubry of Dallas.

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Sunday, April 4
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 11:00 AM - Worship

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 For more information, call 272-5517



Easter Worship Services

Easter Sunday April 4
Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
Basketball Courts in the New City Park
 16th and Avenue D

The message will be presented by Rev. Monty Leavell.
 Refreshments will be served at 16th and D Church of Christ following the early morning service. In the event of inclement weather the service will move inside 16th and D Church of Christ.

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