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Dirt floors

Early American settlers often had to "get by" with dirt floors until their situation improved, but at the Bailey County Coliseum Monday, county employees were "improving" on the building's slab floor in preparation of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, scheduled for Jan. 14-15.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Municipal itinerant vendor ordinance is still unsettled

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council returned to the issue of its vendor ordinance during Monday's regular meeting, taking no action on suggested revisions to the ordinance's text, except to direct the issue — along with possible

changes to the vendor rate schedule — to be placed on the council's next meeting agenda. "This is something we took on as an adventure last summer," Mayor Cliff Black said regarding changes to the city's vendor ordinance. Initially, the city

council took a hard line concerning requested changes to the ordinance by members of the city's business community, approving changes to the ordinance text and rate schedule intended to protect the business community from itinerant vendors who aren't supporting the community through the collection of sales taxes, giving them a distinct sales advantage over local established merchants.

"It's up to you to keep them out of here," local businessman Roger Williams told the council at its July meeting.

However, in the months that followed, the council's view began to change following concerns that the new ordinance would be too restrictive on local residents who provide

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Election contract approved

The Muleshoe Independent School District contracted with the City of Muleshoe for election services during Monday's regular school board meeting.

"I can't think of anybody in Muleshoe, or the whole region, more qualified to handle the election," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said, referring to Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn

Gallman.

"It is good to have someone here local we can go to with a question about the election," school board president Thurman Myers said.

Prior to the school board's action, the Muleshoe City Council also approved the contract for election services.

This is the second year the school district

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No changes to burn ban

No changes were made during Monday's regular meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners' Court.

The ban, which was enacted during a special session on Jan. 3, allows certain activities, such as the use of enclosed barbecue grills, welding under certain restrictions, as well as the use of below-ground incinerators.

While individuals will be permitted to weld outside, the welder must first contact the Bailey County Sheriff's Department "before any welding, cutting or grinding begins."

According to County Judge Sherri Harrison, violation of the ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

However, it was

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West Texan's story to be featured in Journal

Area residents who long for enjoy reading westerns will have a chance to indulge themselves by picking up the West Texas Country Trader, the insert that appears in the Muleshoe Journal.

Shadows of the Caprock, a short story by Snyder resident, author and cowboy poet Zane Sterling is being published in serial form starting this week, and continuing a chapter at a time.

Sterling's first western novel, Debt of Vengeance, was published in October 2009.

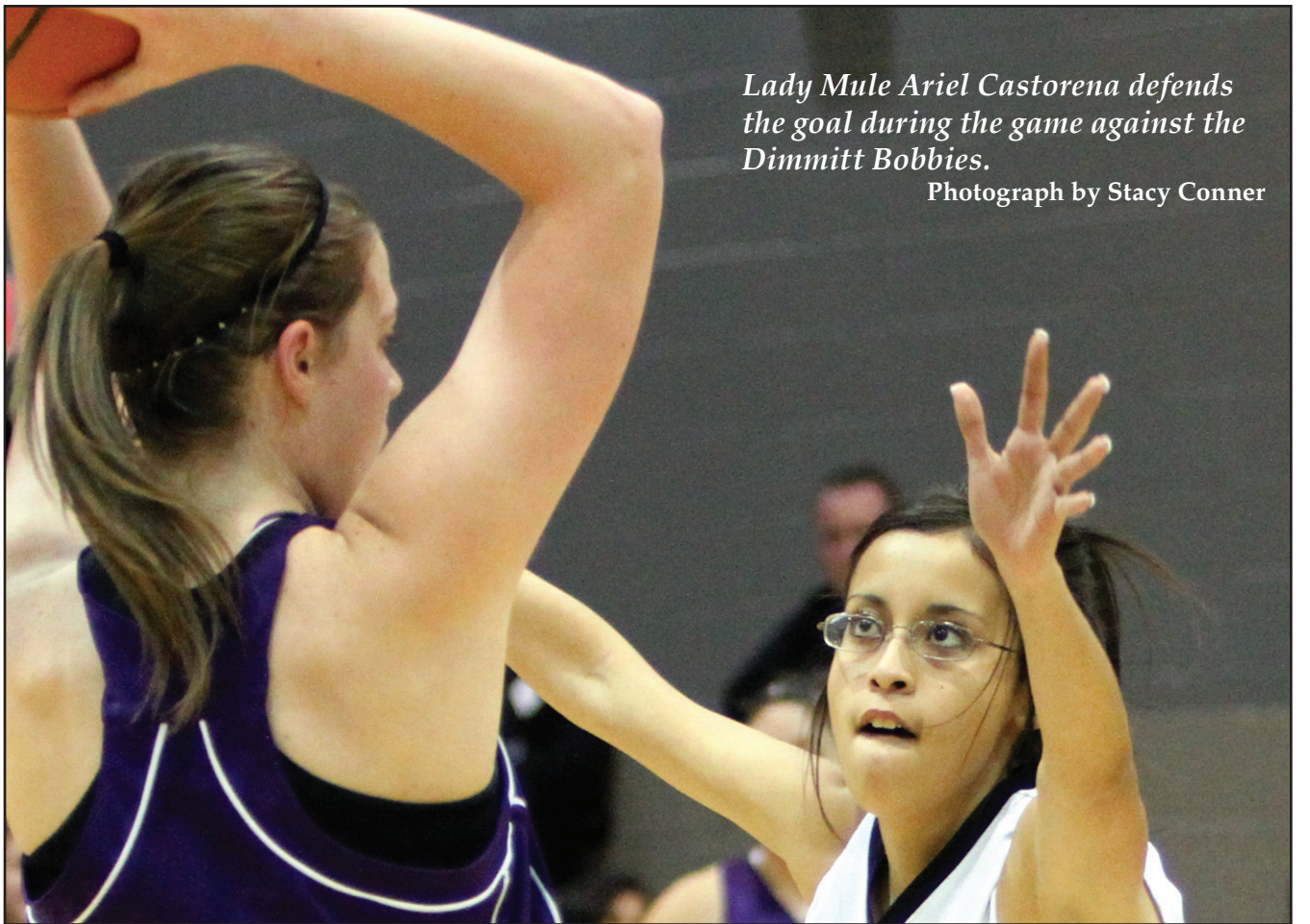
A farrier and horse trainer, Sterling says he's always had a love for the old west and its history.



Zane Sterling

"From the time I could hold a book, without teething on it, I began to read. I suppose over the years, I have read nearly every western novel written in the last half-century," he said.

"So I reckon it was a natural progression of things that caused me to pick up a pen and paper and begin writing western novels."



Lady Mule Ariel Castorena defends the goal during the game against the Dimmitt Bobbies.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

Lady Mules fall in first game of 2011

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules opened the 2011 half of their District 2-2A action Tuesday night when they hosted the Dimmitt Bobbies.

Barrett resigns from school board

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of member Bruce Barrett during Monday's regular meeting.

Citing business

and personal reasons, Barrett's resignation was effective immediately. "We're going to miss his expertise," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said during the discussion prior to the board's formal acceptance of the resignation,

The Bobbies ran away from the Lady Mules in the first three quarters to lead 34-19 with eight minutes left in the game.

The Bobbies held on to defeat the Lady Mules

49-38 despite a 19-point final eight minutes by the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield for their second game of the New Year. The Lady Cats defeated the Lady Mules

54-29. Yvonne Gardea led the final period charge with five hoops and two free throws against Dimmitt. Devine Orozco made a hoop and a 3-pointer in the final period.

Jandy Gomez scored the Lady Mules first points of the game one minute into the first quarter. Carly Krug and Dominique Mata added a hoop each. The Lady Mules trailed 15-6 after one quarter.

Gardea scored all four of the Lady Mules

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Around Muleshoe...



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Relay for Life kick-off

Bailey County Relay for Life will be hosting its "kick-off meeting" on Jan. 23, from 1-2:30 p.m., at Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church. The event will include refreshments and door prizes.

Youth advisory council fund raiser

The Muleshoe Youth Advisory Council will be hosting a fund raiser brisket dinner on Sunday, Jan. 16, at noon, at the First Methodist Church of Muleshoe to raise the money needed to attend the state's youth summit.

Tickets are \$8, and will not be available at the door.

Blood drive

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment contact Alex Garcia.

AA meetings 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.

Food pantry help needed

The Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to work from 9-10:30 a.m., one Saturday a month, distributing food, starting in January. For additional information, contact Donna Jay at 806-272-4224.

Cotton conference set for Jan. 21

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, is scheduled for Jan. 21 at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

The conference will specifically target cotton production and marketing in the Northwest Plains of Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Speakers will address various agronomic, pest management, marketing and risk management topics and will provide results from research conducted in 2010.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m., and conclude at 3:30 p.m., and will include lunch.

Registration is \$15 at the door. Five CEUs will be offered.

For more information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4583.

Crimestoppers seek information on burglary

On the night of 12-30-2010 or the early hours of 12-31-2010 an unknown individual entered and committed the act of burglary of a building at the 1400 Block of Columbia Ave., Friona.

The individuals took a Campbell Hausfeld™ wire welder, a cutting torch assembly with a green push cart, a yellow Dewalt™ 4½ in. hand grinder, an orange Black & Decker™ palm sander and a green Hitachi™ drill.

The between Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, unknown individuals committed the act of burglary of a habitation at the 1300 Block of West Seventh Street, in Friona.

The time the incident took place is unknown. The individuals entered the home and took several items. The items taken are included a 52-inch Mitsubishi™ television, 22-inch Sanyo™ television, jewelry, three rifles and a large caliber handgun.

What an old wedding says about our 'living' Lord

The setting Jesus chose for his first miracle is almost as amazing as the miracle itself. He changed water to wine at a wedding feast (John 2).

I'm told that when my maternal grandparents decided to get hitched, they first hitched a horse to a buckboard and bounced and rattled down the dusty dirt roads one evening to the preacher's house.

He came out with his Bible, stood beside the wagon, said a few traditional words, and asked the pertinent questions. Each one said, "I do," and... they were Married, that is.

That's pretty much all there was to it. That wedding kicked off a marriage that lasted over six decades.

Whenever today I hear a couple say, "We just want a simple wedding," my first thought is, "Oh, dear people, you don't know what simple is. That beautiful beast is extinct, and I'll guarantee you, unless you're married almost immediately, the whole thing will grow, and grow, and grow. Simple is a worthy goal, but we're more likely to end up with a simple tax code."

Simple is the last thing a wedding I read about

Burn ban...

Continued from page 1 noted on Jan. 3 that local weather conditions would determine whether the ban should be lifted or become more restrictive.

In other business, the court:

- Approved the minutes from its Dec. 13 and Jan. 3 meetings.
- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$462,411.69
- Approved the first amendment to the FY2011 budget.
- Set the schedule for county and justice courts for 2011.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

a few years ago was intended to be. From the very first, the bride's family pulled out all the stops.

Picture this in your mind (and then double the glitz): lavish pre-wedding parties, the biggest and most ornate church in a big city, a wedding dress that cost more than the annual budgets of most small countries, a full orchestra, and every wedding "trimming" known to womankind.

It was a bona fide occasion of state of which most royal families would be envious.

Perhaps that's why the bride was even more nervous than most brides. Nervous, she nibbled — a lot — during the hours before the ceremony. As she walked down the long aisle in her lavish dress, the gown was white, but the guests noticed that the bride herself was distinctly green.

Just before she reached the altar, she stopped, emerald green by now, bent over, and... tossed her cookies, chiseling in stone the one memory every guest would carry with them forever from that royal occasion.

Had Elvis himself later shown up to sing, the bride's retching would be what everyone remembered.

When an engaged couple sits in my office, I always try to remind them that a big wedding and a big marriage have

nothing at all to do with each other, and that most of their effort should be spent on preparing for the marriage!

I'm not sure what sort of miracle Jesus might have worked to save I just told you about, but the fact that Christ cared so much about a humble couple and their special time so long ago

at Cana says a lot about the scope and the depth of his love.

As he enters not just our feasts but every aspect of our lives, he loves and delights in us, and his mercy and grace are always with us.

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City's vendor ordinance discussed...

Continued from page 1 "door-to-door" services in the community and don't operate a business at a fixed location, such as ice cream street vendors, makeup and home beauty product representatives, and even "lemonade stand operators."

At the council's August meeting, City Manager David Brunson asked, "Do you want us to enforce the ordinance strictly as it is written?"

Also at that time, it was noted that additional adjustments needed to be made to the published ordinance.

However, at Monday's meeting, it was evident the council was now taking a more "free trade" view of the ordinance with the expressed idea that using the high vendor rate schedule to restrict itinerant vendors was wrong.

Initially, the rate

schedule shortened the vendor permit length to a single day and set the rate at \$250 per day.

Concerning Brunson's recommended rate of \$100 per day, councilman Gary Parker said, "I have to side with the people sitting here," referring to the local merchants requesting the vendor ordinance changes, "I don't think it's enough."

Responding to Brunson's recommended rate, local businesswoman Carolyn Johnson had said, "We would love to pay \$100 per day to stay in business," noting that the cost of running a business from a fixed location in Muleshoe exceeded that amount.

Among the amendments to the ordinance was a clearer explanation of what a temporary transient business was, and an exemption for food

vendors which Brunson noted should be permitted by the state health department rather than the city.

"This is an issue other cities have tried to address," Brunson said. "It's kind of a 'never-ending' issue," he added. However, the city manager also said Muleshoe's ordinance was "one of the most thorough and comprehensive."

"What's in here right now is better," Parker said.

Mayor Black encouraged members of the business community attend next month's regular meeting to provide their opinions on the issue before the council.

In other business, the council:

- Awarded a bid for a large brush truck for the Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department to Draco Fire

Equipment of Lubbock.

Three bids were received by the city for the truck that would be especially designed to fight wildfires:

Hallmark Fire Apparatus at \$1,86,048; Wildfire Truck at \$167,123.64; and Draco at \$167,375.

According to Brunson, Draco's bid offering more closely met the bid specifications, offered what Fire Chief Tom Ladd described as a better vehicle, was located at Lubbock, and had a previous business relationship with the city.

- Noted that the city's youth advisory council was hosting a fund raiser dinner Sunday, Jan. 16, at noon, at the First Methodist Church of Muleshoe to raise the money needed to attend the state's youth summit.

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encouraging the board to look at multiple views of the issues before it.

Barrett has served a total of eight years on the board.

"He loves Muleshoe and the school district," the superintendent said while addressing Barrett's service to the district.

In response to the resignation, the school board will be appointing an individual from the community to fill the Dist. 4 vacancy until the school district's May 2011 election, in which candidates for the position will be elected to fill the remaining year of Barrett's term.

In May 2012, the position's full three-year term will be up for election.

Individuals interested in appointment to the board should pick up an application at the office of the superintendent, 514 W. Ave. G. The applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, for consideration by the school board during its Jan. 24 meeting.

In other business, the school board accepted the anonymous donation of a piano for the Watson Junior High choir department.

"This is a good deal for us," Dr. Sheets said prior to the board vote.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV



May elections... Continued from page 1

has contracted with the city for election services.

A similar contract will be presented, and is expected to be approved by the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, which will also be holding its annual election on May 14.

According to the contract, Gallman will handle all of the election publication requirements, the appointment of election judges, and the centralized polling place will be at Muleshoe City

Hall.

During the discussion by the city council, Gallman noted how the centralized polling place increases voter turn out, and helps the city better serve its residents.

The filing period for all three public entities is Feb. 12 through March 14. March 15 is the first day to apply for a ballot by mail. The last day is May 6.

Early voting is set for May 2-10.

Positions what will be up for election in May

include:

- City of Muleshoe — Dist. 3, incumbent Eric McElroy, and Dist. 4, incumbent Gary Parker.

- Muleshoe Independent School District — Dist. 1, incumbent Carroll Precure, Dist. 3, incumbent Daniel Guzman, and Dist. 5, incumbent Nick Bamert.

- Muleshoe Area Hospital District — Place 2, incumbent Scott Brown, and Place 4, incumbent Wayne Pierson.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

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Monday, Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Day, the center will be open. So come on in and enjoy the day as usual.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, will be Bunco playing day.

Interim Home Health will be helping with this, so make plans to come. The game starts at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20, will be our January birthday party for all senior citizens with birthdays in January. You should receive a call inviting you to come and let us honor you for this day.

Thursday, Jan. 20 is Bingo day. Make plans to come for lunch, then stay for Bingo. Bring a friend and enjoy.

Friday is always a good day at the center. Our fish and chicken for lunch is always good. For you who have not enjoyed lunch with us

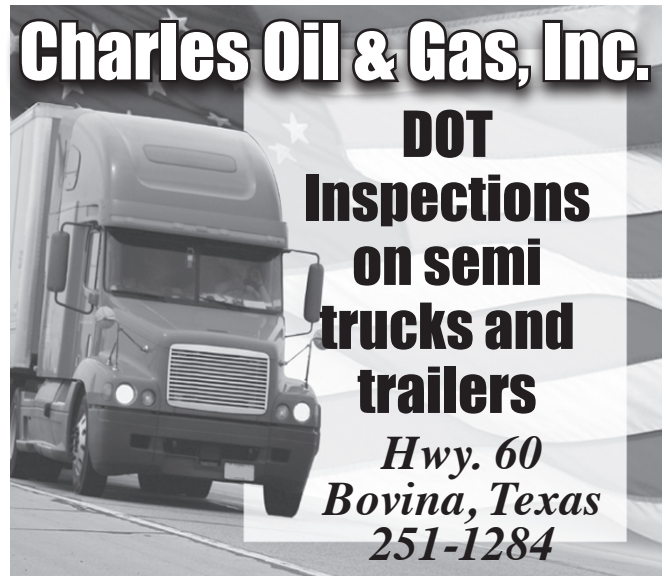
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Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Beef tips with Teriyaki sauce, buttered noodles, mixed veggies, salad, wheat

rolls and peaches.
Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.
Thursday, Jan. 20 — Mexican stew, salad, cornbread and cake.

Friday, Jan. 21 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV

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SOLOMON FIRST MARRIED AN EGYPTIAN PRINCESS, THE DAUGHTER OF PHARAOH SIMON XXXI DYNASTY (925-906 BC) WITH A FATHER-IN-LAW LIKE THIS, HE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TROUBLE ON HIS SOUTHERN BORDERS — IN FACT, EGYPT CONQUERED THE PHILISTINE STRONGHOLD OF GAZA, GIVING IT TO SOLOMON AS A WEDDING PRESENT!
ALL OF SOLOMON'S WIVES WERE PRINCESSES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND FROM THESE MARRIAGES CAME GREAT TREATIES AND COMMERCE — SUCH AS CEDAR FROM LEBANON TO BUILD HIS TEMPLE, FROM FATHER-IN-LAW, KING HIRAM OF TYRE!
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Obituaries

Alta Faye Burkhalter

Alta Faye Burkhalter, 79, of Amarillo died on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. Memorial services were held on Monday, Jan. 10, at Washington Ave. Christian Church, with Curtis Shelburne, minister, officiating.

Alta was born on Aug. 26, 1931, in Clovis, N.M., to W.E. and Lantie Martin. She grew up in Farwell, where she also raised her three children.

She married Dan Burkhalter in 1978. They resided in Clovis where she worked as a finance and insurance manager for Ford. They retired and moved to Abilene, where they owned and operated A&D Gourmet Foods. She moved to Amarillo, in 1995 and volunteered at the Harrington Cancer Center. She was a devoted mother, loving grandmother and great-grandmother known to all as "Gamama" or "Mac."

She was preceded in death by her husband — Dan Burkhalter; a grandson — Tyler Sheets; two brothers — Lavoy and Darrell Martin; and four sisters — Glenna Dunn, Nettie Belle Savage, Pearl Thompson, and Frieda Locker.

Survivors include two sons — Kyle Sheets and wife Bernita of Muleshoe, and Gene Sheets and wife Melody, also of Muleshoe; one daughter — LaShawn



Brown of Amarillo; three brothers — Preston Martin of Farwell, Albert Martin of Clovis, and Duane Martin of Surprise, Ariz.; one sister — Elaine Phillips of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren — Zach Sheets and wife Kara, Brandon Sheets, Terah Ott and husband Nate, Holli Myrick and husband Jay, Heather Sample and husband Chris, Shaye Beghtel and husband Brandon, Sarah Cornett and husband Matt, Chad Brown and wife Morgan, Layne Sheets and wife Hayley, Landon Sheets and wife Whitney, Virginia Sheets, Shelley Sheets, Ben Sheets, and Cori Sheets; and seven great-grandchildren — Will and Levi Sheets, Braylee and Braxton Beghtel, Colten Ott, Maddox Brown, and Peyton Sheets.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard, Amarillo, TX, 79106.

Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Weddings

Watson, McWhorter exchange matrimonial vows

Hanna Renae Watson and Philip Austin McWhorter exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at the Acme Brick Office in Ft. Worth.

Pastor Peter Dusan performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Kim Watson of Aledo. The groom is the son of Rick McWhorter of Ft. Worth and the late Janie McWhorter.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory dress designed by Allure.

She carried her something old, borrowed, and blue nestled in her bouquet of mini green hydrangeas and red, orange, and fuchsia gerbera daisies.

For something old she carried a handkerchief brought from Paris by her great, great-great-uncle during World War I.

Her maternal grandmother, mother, two aunts, and a great aunt carried the same handkerchief in their weddings.

Something borrowed was a small gold cross given to her paternal grandmother on her 13th birthday, and something blue was a piece of the blue crocheted yarn from her childhood "lovey."

For something new, she wore new red Toms shoes embroidered with their wedding date.

The bride's attendants included her sisters, Chloe and Emma Watson,

as maids of honor. Her bridesmaids were Tori Messman, friend of the bride, and Kristen Loyd, sister of the groom. Justin Young and Ryan Welch, friends of the groom, served as best men.

Groomsmen were L.D. Johnson, friend of the groom, and Dustin Loyd, brother-in-law of the groom.

Seth Watson, Ben Sides, Steven Ebeling and Clayton sides, all cousins of the bride, served as ushers.

The Burchill Quintet provided music for the ceremony and reception.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

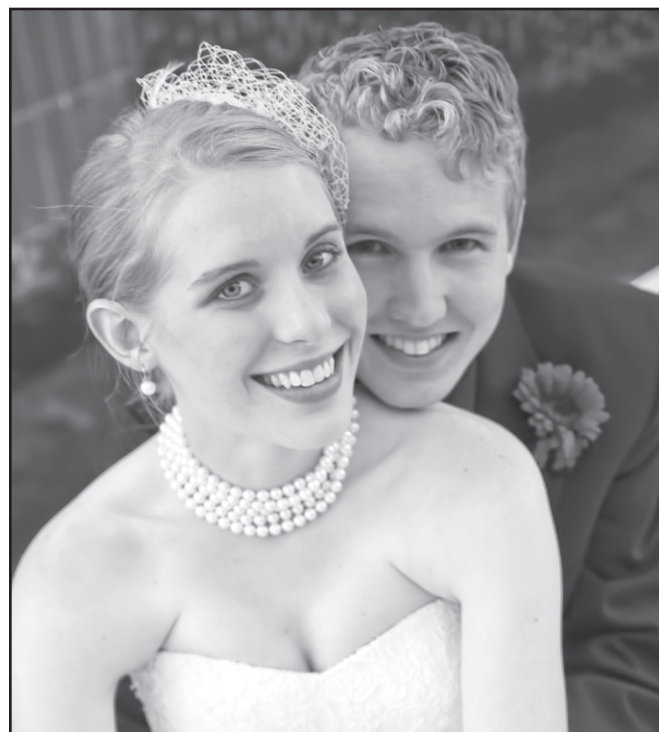
The groom's father, Rick McWhorter and his wife, Laura McWhorter, hosted a rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding.

The bride is a graduate of Texas State University.

She is currently teaching fourth grade in the Comal School District while pursuing her masters degree in education.

The groom graduated in December from Texas State University with a degree in Sound Recording Technology. He is employed with Blue Rock Studios in Wimberley.

The newlyweds are making their new home in New Braunfels.



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Wedding Showers

Head wedding shower held

Amy Sites Head, the bride of Marshal Head, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Nancy Barrier on Sunday, Jan. 9.

The bride is the daughter of John and Deborah Sites of Portales, N.M.

The groom is the son of David and Belinda Head of Muleshoe.

Among the hostesses for the event were Brenda Lackey, Carol Cox, Claire Brown, Debbie Conner, Donna Green, Gina Mardis, Jody Wood, Lana Bomer, LeAnn Gallman, Linda Flores, Nancy Barrier, Pat Watson, Rayniel Bamert, Rhonda Myers, Rowena Meyers, Sally Messenger, Sandi

FSA 'SURE' program sign up is under way

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Kim Hanlin, has announced that the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program sign-up began Jan. 10.

"Natural disasters can turn what would be a profitable crop year into a year of hardship and financial loss," said Hanlin.

For information on the 2009 SURE program eligibility requirements visit your local FSA office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

Chitwood, Terry Marricle and Vickie Burch.

Among the gifts was money toward a mattress and box spring set.

Special guests attending included Deborah Sites, Belinda Head, Natalie Head, JoAnne Head, Pat Nickels, Kerma McGuire and Kim Henry



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Sports

Varsity Mules 'jump back into district competition

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules jumped back into district competition following the Christmas break Tuesday when they hosted the Dimmitt Bobcats.

The bug had not totally been vanquished from the Mules and an injury had also afflicted the Mules.

Nick Hurtado did not allow either to bother him as he led the Mules out of the gate in the first quarter. He scored 13 of the Mules 16 first period points. The Mules led all through the first half but fell behind in the third quarter.

The Mules lost their first district game of 2011 57-45 to Dimmitt.

The Mules traveled to Littlefield Friday night and battled the Wildcats. It was a very physical game but the Mules pulled out a 52-47 win over Littlefield. The Mules are 2-1 in District 2-2A.

Matthew Martinez struck from behind the arc for the Mules first points against Dimmitt just 15 seconds into the

game. Hurtado took over after that with three treys and two hoops. The Mules trailed 17-16 on a last second 3-pointer by Dimmitt.

The Mules came back in the second quarter to take the lead at intermission. Isaias Guerra nailed a 3-pointer 15 seconds into the second period and Tyson Turnbow made a shot from behind the arc.

Zack Toscano made a pair of hoops and Sergio Montejano put back a rebound. The Mules led 28-25 at the intermission.

Dimmitt heated up in the third quarter and held the Mules to six points while pouring in 16. Turnbow and Martinez both completed old-fashion three-point plays for the Mules six points.

Dimmitt repeated their 16-point performance in the final period and the Mules could only muster 11. Martinez opened the final period for the Mules with a hoop.

Hurtado nailed his fourth 3-pointer of the game. Guerra hit a pair

of charity tosses and a hoop. Jonathan Perez and Juan Guerrero both chipped in a free throw.

Hurtado led the Mules with 16 points. Martinez finished with eight points, Guerra made seven and Turnbow had six.

Toscano dropped in four points, Montejano two and Guerrero and Perez chipped in one each.

Montejano hit from the elbow for the Mules first basket against Littlefield. Hurtado sandwiched a basket between a pair of 3-pointers. Guerra hit a pair of hoops as the Mules raced out to a 16-10 after one quarter.

The Mules cooled way down in the second period and only scored six points while the Wildcats posted 12 to tie the game at 22-22 by the half. Guerrero scored the Mules first two points of the second period with 3:40 left in the half.

Hurtado hit his third 3-pointer of the first half and Turnbow chipped in a free throw.

The Mules shooting remained cool in the



Mule Zach Toscano drives in for a shot during the recent game against Dimmitt.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

third quarter. Hurtado opened the second half 30 seconds into the third quarter with a 3-pointer. He added a hoop later in the quarter. Eric Orozco finished a fast break with a lay up and Guerrero added a free throw.

The Mules heated up in the final frame. Turnbow made a pair from the charity stripe to open the final period. He made three more free throws and hoop before the game ended. Hurtado

drained a 3-pointer as did Guerra.

Toscano completed and old-fashion three-point play to tie the game at 42-42 with 5:26 left in the game. He would add another hoop as the game wound down.

Hurtado put the Mules in front to stay with a pair of free throws and chipped in a final free throw. The Mules had out scored Littlefield 22-8.

Hurtado again set

the scoring pace for the Mules with five treys and 22 points. Turnbow was also in double digits with 10. Guerra finished with seven points, Toscano had five and Guerrero added three. Orozco and Montejano dropped in two points each and Perez chipped in one.

The Mules traveled to Floydada to meet the 0-3 Whirlwinds Tuesday but return home to Legends Arena to host 1-2 Friona and then 1-2 Abernathy.

JV Lady Mules 'blow away' Dimmitt's JV Bobbies

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules blew away the Dimmitt Bobbies 47-29 Tuesday night in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center.

They traveled to Littlefield to face the Lady Cats on Friday night. The Lady Cats

handed the Lady Mules a 40-19 defeat.

Linda Sanchez dropped in a free throw to open the game against Dimmitt.

Adrienne Precure found the range from behind the arc and drained a 3-pointer. Liliana Vasquez made two hoops and Cheyenne

Meadors and Mandy Scolley made a basket each.

The Lady Mules led 12-9 after one quarter.

They Lady Mules turned up the heat on both ends of the floor in the second quarter. Meadors drained a 3-pointer to start the period and added two

baskets.

Precure made a hoop and later in the period converted an old-fashion three-point play. Scolley and McKenna

Dunham made a basket each. The Lady Mules out scored the Bobbies 16-5 to lead 28-14 at the half.

The Lady Mules kept the heat on in the third

quarter. Meadors opened the half with a basket and added a second before the period ended. Sanchez sandwiched a free throw between a pair of hoops and Marissa Hernandez made a bucket.

The Lady Mules had increased their lead to 39-20.

The Lady Mules backed off some in the final frame. Marissa Cortez opened the quarter with a basket. Dunham, Scolley and Sanchez all scored a basket before the game ended.

Meadors paced the Lady Mules with 13 points. Precure and Sanchez dropped in eight points each. Scolley added six points, Dunham and Vasquez made four each. Hernandez and Cortez chipped in two points apiece.

The Lady Mules could not find the hoop until there was 2:21 left in the first quarter. Dunham

made only two points for the Lady Mules in the first quarter. Littlefield led 13-2 after one quarter.

The Lady Mules had a much better second period. Scolley scored the first two points of the period with just over six minutes left in the half.

Dunham crammed a free throw between a pair of hoops. Cortez dropped in a basket and Vasquez chipped in a free throw.

The Lady Mules trailed 22-12 at the intermission.

The two teams played to a 6-6 dead heat in the third quarter.

Dunham scored first for the Lady Mules and added a second hoop in the quarter. Meadors made the Lady Mules only other hoop of the period.

The Lady Mules trailed 28-18 with eight minutes left to play.

The Lady Mules only point of the final period was a free throw by Dunham.

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Lady Mules suffer defeat against Dimmitt

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second period points. She finished a break with a hoop and made two free throws. The Lady Mules trailed 20-10 at the intermission.

Gardea opened the second half with a pair of baskets and a free throw. Ariel Castorena and Gomez made a pair of free throws each.

Gardea led the Lady Mules with 22 points in the game. Orozco made all five of her points in the final quarter and Gomez finished with

four. Krug, Mata and Castorena dropped in two points each and Ivana Agundis chipped in one point.

Gardea opened the game against Littlefield with a pair of free throws. She made a hoop and two more free throws for all six of the Lady Mules' points in the first quarter.

The Lady Cats led 13-6 after one quarter.

Gardea also made all three of the Lady Mules' points in the second period with a basket and

a free throw. The Lady Mules trailed Littlefield 23-9 at the half.

Alyssa Leal opened the second half with a hoop and added a second basket before the third quarter ended. Krug also made a pair of hoops and Baylee Bessire and Gardea both made baskets before the quarter ended.

Littlefield had out scored the Lady Mules 15-12 in the quarter to lead 38-21 with one quarter left to play.

Leal hit a 3-pointer

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Sports

JV Bobcats outscore Muleshoe JV

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Dimmitt Bobcats only out scored the JV Mules in the first and third quarters but it was enough to squeak past the Mules 57-54.

The Mules traveled to Littlefield and used a big first period to defeat the Wildcats 49-43.

Dimmitt ran away from the Mules 16-8 in the opening frame and 16-4 in the third quarter.

The Mules made up a little ground in the second period and ran out of time in the final quarter as the Mules poured in 26 points to 13 for the Bobcats.

Eric Orozco scored three baskets in the first quarter. Shawn Atwood added a hoop. The Mules trailed Dimmitt 16-8 after one quarter.

Saul Elizalde dropped in three hoops in the second period. Christian Rocha added two hoops and Atwood sank a basket.

Eli Leal made a free

throw and nailed a 3-pointer as the Mules gained back four points in the period.

The Mule trailed 28-24 at the half.

The Mules appeared to left their game in the dressing room in the third period. Louie Guzman stuck back a rebound and Orozco finished a break for the

Mules only points in the third quarter. Dimmitt had pushed their lead to 44-28.

The Mules turned up the pace in the final quarter. Leal cranked up from behind the arc with three treys.

Orozco made a basket, two free throws and a 3-pointer. Mateo Castillo nailed a 3-pointer and Elizalde and Atwood dropped in a hoop each.

Matthew Barron hit a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left in the game and cut the Dimmitt lead to 55-54.

Dimmitt made a pair of free throws to hang on for the win.

Orozco led the Mules

with 15 points. Leal made four 3-pointers and finished with 13 points. Elizalde added eight points, Atwood had six and Rocha made four.

Barron and Castillo dropped in three points each and Guzman chipped in two.

The Mules scattered the Littlefield Wildcats with a 18-11 first period. Atwood made a free throw to put the Mules on the board.

Elizalde made three baskets and Hector Flores drained a 3-pointer. Castillo dropped in a hoop and Ryan Johnson chipped in a free throw.

Leal made a basket and knocked down a 3-pointer.

The two teams played to a 9-9 dead heat in the second quarter. Elizalde opened the period with a free throw and he added two hoops before the half ended.

Junior Baca and Leal both added a bucket. The Mules led 27-20 at the intermission.

The Wildcats cut three off the Mule lead in the third period. Elizalde scored to open the second half and added a second hoop before the quarter ended.

Flores, Rocha and Atwood made a basket each. The Mules clung to a 37-33 lead with eight minutes left to play.

The Mules got two points of the lead back in the final quarter. Elizalde drained a 3-pointer to start the final quarter. He made a pair of free throws and a basket for seven points in the period. Leal and Eric Orozco made two free throws each and Baca chipped in one.

Elizalde paced the Mules with 22 points. Leal dropped in nine points, Flores five and Baca and Atwood made three each. Castillo, Orozco and Rocha added two points each and Johnson chipped in one.

The Mules traveled to Floydada Tuesday night and then play host to Friona and Floydada.

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Eighth grade ladies 'tie the Maidens in knots'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules tied the Friona Maidens in knots Thursday night. The two teams opened their 2011 portion of their basketball season. The Lady Mules scored enough points in the opening period to defeat the Maidens.

The Lady Mules ran out to a 21-4 first period

lead and went on to defeat Friona 52-7.

Kaylee Morris stuck early and often making four hoops in the first quarter. Angelina Perez was not far behind with three baskets. Celeste Flores, Daniela Diaz and Samantha Vasquez dropped in a basket each. Vasquez also added a free throw.

Flores, Morris and

Gabi Chavez made two hoops each in the second period. Perez hit one basket. The Lady Mules had turned up the heat on defense and held Friona scoreless in the second period. The Lady Mules led 35-4 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules lost some of their intensity on offense in the second half but maintained their defensive prowess. Morris converted an old-fashion three-point play in the third period. Flores,

Perez and Chavez made a bucket each. The Lady Mules led 44-7 with one period left to play.

Flores dropped in two hoops in the final frame. Morris and Vasquez scored one basket each. The Lady Mule defense

shut out the Maidens in the final quarter.

Morris set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 17 points. Flores dropped in 12 points and Perez added 10. Chavez finished with six points, Vasquez made five and Diaz chipped in two.

The Lady Mules hosted Abernathy Monday night and will travel to Idalou for a tournament Jan. 13 and 15 and return to for a regular season game Jan. 17.

The Lady Mules return home Jan. 24 to host Tulia.

Seventh grade Lady Mules defeat Friona's Maidens, 29-8

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules got off to a slow start Thursday night against the Friona Maidens. But they picked up the pace in the next three periods to defeat Friona 29-8.

Jasmine Garza scored a basket and Cassidee Moore made two free throws in the opening period. The Lady Mule defense held Friona scoreless and the Lady Mules led 4-0 at the end of one quarter.

Katlin Moore got zeroed in during the second quarter and made two buckets. Kennedy Nickels made a hoop and Aimee Rosas and C. Moore added a free throw each. The Lady Mules just gave up two points in the second period and led 12-2 at the half.

K. Moore stayed hot in the third quarter as she

scored two hoops and a pair of free throws. C. Moore also hit two baskets and Garza chipped in one from the charity line. The Lady Mules again shut out the Maidens and Lady Mules led 23-2 with one period left to play.

Garza found the range for two baskets in the final period. Nickels added one hoop. Friona had their biggest quarter with six points.

K. Moore set the scoring pace with 10 points in the game. Garza and C. Moore dropped in seven points each. Nickels added four points and Rosas chipped in one.

The Lady Mules hosted Abernathy Monday night and travel to Idalou Jan. 13 and 15 for a tournament and return to Idalou for a regular season game Jan. 17.

The Lady Mules return home Jan. 24 to host the Tulia Hornets.

JV ladies...

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Dunham led the Lady Mules with 12 points. Scolley, Meadors and Cortez made two points each and Vasquez chipped in one.

The Lady Mules traveled to Floydada Tuesday and return home to host Friona and Abernathy.



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The Sudan Buzzy

Sudan students encouraged to take dual credit courses

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Through most high schools in the area, high school students have the opportunity to earn college credit through South Plains College in the dual credit program.

Many of the basic core classes are offered through online or ITV opportunities to save the students time and money before they graduate from high school.

Sudan High School students this semester can sign up to take Principles of Accounting II, Composition II, American Government and Organizations, History of US to 1876, History of US since 1876, Plane Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and Introduction to Sociology.

Because these classes are offered through the dual credit program at South Plains College,

students take the classes at a reduced rate.

One 3-hour class will cost around \$140. If that same student waited to take the same class after high school would cost over \$300.

Students are allowed to take one course a semester during their sophomore year; two classes a semester during their junior year, and up to four classes a semester their senior year for a total of 42 hours of college credit potentially earned before graduating high school.

Most Sudan High Schools seniors involved in the dual credit program will earn 18 hours of college credit while a few will earn as much as 30 hours of college credit. Many of the classes offered through South Plains College Dual Credit do not meet the students' needs in their chosen field, so they only take the basic courses

that should transfer to most universities.

To be eligible to take online or ITV classes through the dual credit program, students must either take the Accuplacer and pass with the required score or be exempt from Accuplacer testing by making a certain score on the TAKS test.

Once they have passed the required test, they need to receive written permission from the principal and parents and be admitted in to South Plains College as a dual credit student.

Once the paperwork is complete and the admission acceptance is received, students can register online for their classes. Students are required to purchase the needed materials and books for their online classes.

The high school is not responsible for any of these costs. The students

are responsible for paying their tuition, fees, and materials.

The benefits from taking these dual credit classes are huge for the student as well as the parents. Parents can save thousands of dollars if they start early enough in their high school careers.

On average, a public university will cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per year. Taking dual credit courses in high school at the reduced rate not only saves on the tuition amounts, but the student does not need to pay room and board or gas to travel to school.

If a high school student begins dual credit classes early in high school, the potential 42 hours of college credit could cost \$6,000. That amounts to a savings of nearly \$4,000 to \$14,000 depending on which university the student attends.

Another benefit is

that students learn how to study for college classes in a nurturing environment with help from high school staff or parents.

They learn study habits and learning to manage a hectic schedule while continuing to make the grades in high school.

Plus, when the student graduates from high school, they will graduate earlier and be ready to start taking classes in their major area.

There is a negative side to taking dual credit classes. The increased pressure to maintain a high GPA in their college classes while maintaining good grades in high school can be tiresome.

Many Sudan High School students cannot take that many college

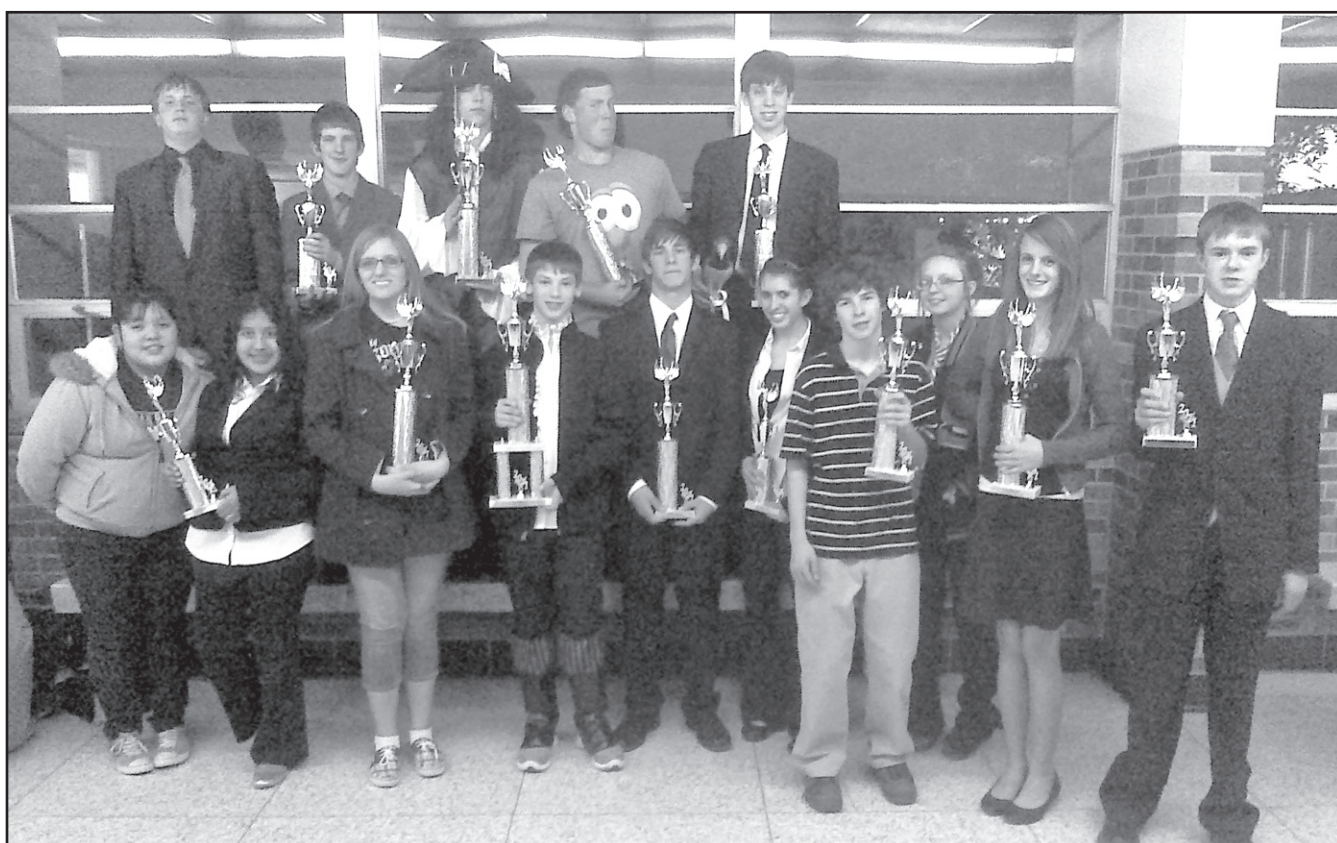
classes and maintain their active extra-curricular commitments.

Also, sophomore and junior students must keep their focus on passing the TAKS test in order to graduate.

Some colleges use the general education classes to prepare students for college level work. Dual credit students may miss out on this transitional phase of entering full-time college life.

However, if the student is dedicated and does his or her own work in the college classes, the transition from dual credit to full-time student should be an easy transition.

Any student interested in taking dual credit courses can speak to Mrs. Shaw, the high school counselor, or any of the high school teachers.



Sudan High School UIL team with competition trophies.

Sudan team's preparation pays off at meet

By Savannah Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan UIL Teams have been busily preparing for the upcoming UIL competition by competing in various tournaments around the area.

The Sudan Speech Team placed second out of 14 schools at the Friona Speech Tournament this past weekend, setting a new school record by bringing home 12 trophies from a single tournament.

Alex Hernandez and Andrew Ames placed third in novice CX debate. James Markham

and Doug Ames placed second in expert CX debate. Jacob Drennan placed first in novice LD debate.

Savannah Sain and Josh Barrett placed first in radio broadcasting while Madi Edwards and Adam Martin placed first in duet improvisation.

The team of Zach Lance, Jacob Drennan, James Markham, and Andrew Ames placed first in group lip sync.

The tournament, called the Bobsled Classic, has been one of the leading speech tournaments heading in to the spring competitions including TFA State and UIL.

Their additions of radio broadcasting, group lip sync, and improvisation added fun and excitement to a tense day of competition.

Also, at the Texas Tech UIL Academic Tournament held this past weekend, some of the Sudan UIL Team members competed in

accounting, computer applications, and chemistry.

Karen Trevino placed fourth in accounting out of 18 school competing and placed second in computer applications. Trevino is one of the leading seniors in this year's road to district UIL.

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intelligence.

In her mind, as she drew pictures, prepared tickets, worked the adding machine and carried the file folder under her arm, she was more than a child entertaining herself — she was an efficient and productive secretary.

And who knows but what she may some day bring into reality.

Children should be encouraged in such pursuits — never discouraged.

Parents, please take time to be with and relate to your children. It will likely turn out to be the most valuable use you can make of your time.

Example: The marquee on one of the local churches reads, "If we are to be judged, we must also be performers." I say, "Well spoken."

In the same vein Christ said, "With what judgements ye judge, ye shall be judged."

And in the Roman letter Paul asked:

"Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, doest thou steal?"

"Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, does thou commit adultery? Thou that adorest idols, doest thou commit sacrilege?"

"Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest thou God?"

Yes, we must live by the things we teach. It does very little good to

tell children to refrain from the use of tobacco if we are ourselves puffing on cigarettes.

How effective is it if we caution them against the use of alcohol while we keep beer in the refrigerator?

How can we admonish them to be honest while they watch us cheat on our income tax?

What they see us do will probably affect them more than what we tell them to do.

Years ago when our girls were young we often ate sandwiches at the "Snazzy-Pig" Dive-In in Clovis, N.M.

Those "Snazzies" were great and they were served by "carhops" who brought them to out vehicle.

On this particular occasion she gave me a dime too much change. I didn't notice it until she had gone back into the café.

But I casually mentioned it to my wife and children. A few minutes later, while

we were eating. Betty, the oldest girl, asked, "Daddy, are you going to give the girl back her dime?"

Looking back, it is now obvious that was an important question to her.

I said, "Yes, I am going to give it back to her." And I did. It was only a dime and the carhop hadn't noticed.

But, a fundamental question of honesty was at stake.

Some time later we were at a Halloween school carnival, and I was standing alongside the auditorium visiting with a friend, and the school children, in their "spooky" costumes were busy with their activities.

Suddenly my friend's daughter came running up out of breath and said, "Daddy, you know what? I was fishing at the 'fish pond' a minute ago and when I paid for it they gave me a nickel too much change!"

And in a minute she

asked, "Do you think I ought to give them back the nickel?"

He blushed a bit, looked at his feet, ramed his hands in his pockets, shrugged his shoulders, evidently ill at ease and finally said, "Yes, I believe you should."

To this she replied in a positive and unpleasant tone, "Well, I will, but if it was you... you wouldn't!"

The examples we set, no matter how small, will live with them all their days.

No wonder Paul said to young Timothy, "Be thou and example of the believers, in word, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Note: These little ladies are both married now, and Jennifer has two children, a boy and a girl.

She is a registered nurse and works in the hospital. Whitney is in school studying to be a

nurse, and she tend to their horses.

Their mother is a nurse but does not work now because of bad health. And their father works as a police officer at Baylor University.

They live at Waco.

The family of Annie Floyd would like to thank our friends and loved ones in the Muleshoe area for the wonderful support shown to us during her long illness and passing.

May God continue to bless all of you.

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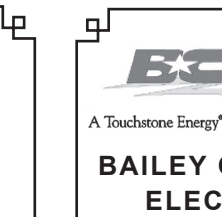





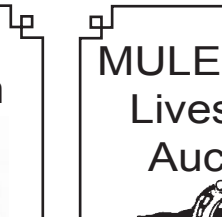




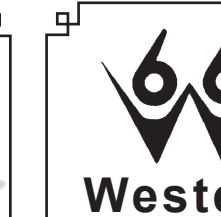
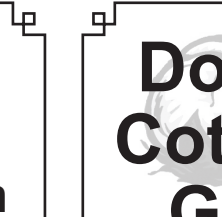


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