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Arriving in... Style?

Cinderella arrived for the night with her prince in a converted pumpkin drawn by white mice on magical steroids, while the characters in the novels by R.K. Rowling chose a wide variety of magical conveyances, but some of the vehicles used to transport some of Muleshoe's Junior and Seniors to Saturday's soiree were unusual, even if they weren't magical.



Photographs by Larry Thornton

MHS Midnight Mystery Experienced

Muleshoe High School Students experienced a "midnight mystery" Saturday as they gathered for the 2012 Junior Senior Prom.

As in previous years, the banquet was held in the high school's transformed cafeteria, with the dance that followed in the

commons area. And, as is expected, the students arriving for the night's event were greeted by their own paparazzi as local friends and relatives gathered to watch the students' entrance.

This is the second year for the prom to be held in the high school's

renovated cafeteria. In 2010, with the construction work in the building still under way, the event was moved to the civic center in Clovis, N.M.

And in years past was also held at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Projected MISD Tax Rate Suggests A Reduction

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Daniel Harper, business manager for the Muleshoe Independent School District, projected a one cent reduction in the MISD tax rate during

Monday's budget workshop.

After presenting the school district's financial report, Harper headed into the budget workshop.

"It looks as if we'll have a balanced budget

for the general fund," Harper said, adding that the current draft of the budget — which should be adopted in June and set in the board's August meeting, will include \$50,000 needed to replace some of the faculty computers on the district's four campuses, along with a \$100,000 technology grant approved by the school board earlier

this year, and the states unfunded step raise requirements

"It's pretty good to have a balanced budget in May, with all of the increases, and a tax rate reduction," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

Earlier in the meeting, while discussing the district's enrollment report, it was noted that the district's enrollment

numbers had dropped slightly, especially at the elementary campuses, an issue the superintendent said occurs about this time every May.

However, Harper said it wasn't anything to be worried about as the budget is built on an average daily attendance of 1,400 students.

Regarding the district's financial report, Harper noted that \$8,973,521, or 73 percent of the district's \$12,377,949 budget has

been expended to date, of which 76 percent was for instruction.

The district's financial reports indicate its unaudited fund balance is at \$6,869,724.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the hiring of R. L. Richards, superintendent at Texico Municipal Schools as MISD's new assistant superintendent.

Richards, who has held the position at Texico for several years, is retiring from the

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Student Insurance Program Renewed

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to renew its contact for student activity insurance during Monday's regular meeting.

The insurance program, which provides coverage for students while participating in extracurricular activities has been through Caddell Insurance of Levelland for several years now, about which members and board

members expressed their appreciation.

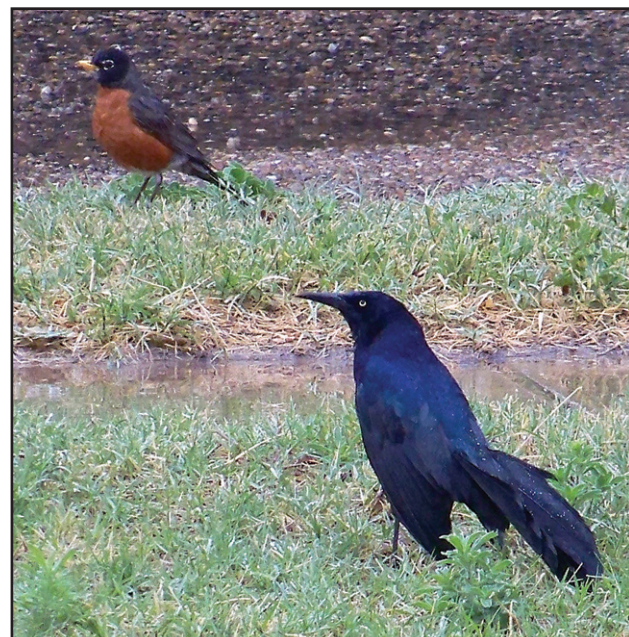
"We're not required to have this, MISD Business Manager Daniel Harper said. "but have been providing it for several years."

"I know we like him a lot, and he's done a really good job," Harper said.

"What we pay for is just the extra-curricular activities," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

"Every year he's done a great job with it," Sheets said about Caddell. "I'd go to battle for him,

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Avian Competition

Not all of the two-legged creatures enjoying the recent rainfall are human. Pictured above, a robin and a grackle compete for food during a light rain shower last week in Muleshoe.

Muleshoe Students Place In State Academic Contest

Two teams of three students each from Muleshoe High School competed against 38 other high school teams in an academic contest that resembled an athletic contest, with one local team placing third.

Teams from across Texas competed in the State Academic Challenge sponsored by the Texas Association of

Community Schools.

The contest was held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton with schools from Dalhart to Presidio competing in the state contest, after the qualifying for the event in one of six area contests across the state.

Each team consisted of three high school

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Around Muleshoe...



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Movie Night

Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan

The presentation will be *DUI Dead In Five Seconds*, and is open to students in junior high or high school, and older patrons.

MHS Awards

Muleshoe High School will be holding its Celebration of Educational Excellence awards night on May 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kerry Moore auditorium.

Bailey County Cemetery

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will hold its annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Bible Boot Camp

Lariat Church of Christ will be holding Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 2, from 9:15 a.m. until 2:20 p.m. for children ages Kindergarten through eighth grade.

'It's No Secret: I Love the Church!

I love the church! Not just (just?) the church universal, that marvelous and miraculous Body of Christ composed of all God's children, everyone who ever has or ever will wear Christ's name, all the sons and daughters of God.

...Oh, I love "that" church, too.

But I also love the local expressions of that Body, the little bands of disciples — all of them small indeed compared to the grand Body from which they spring — working in a million places to glorify God and share Christ's love. I love the church.

Oh, I know, loving the church is not always in style.

Lots of "Baby Boomers" like me, sentenced to too much time in the 60s and 70s, find it hard to trust any institution.

(And it "is" unwise to completely trust the human side of even a divine institution.)

Some folks, also like me, grew up in "separatist" traditions



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

or groups who tended to talk more about "the church" than they did about the Lord of the church.

For lots of reasons, it's easy to lose respect for the church as seen in her all-too-human local expressions

Some lose respect for the church in general because many churches are small, and our culture only respects "large."

Some folks point to little churches that seem short-sighted and poorly "run." And some are.

Some lose respect because some large churches seem so plastic and choreographed that they feel fake.

Yes, and some are, and could put on a fine show without God at all.

And we all know that when bad things happen in the church, the spectacle is

particularly unseemly. When a church gets caught up in power struggles all dressed up as pious piffle, or divides and walls itself off from the rest of the Body over molehills of supposed "doctrine" masquerading as mountains...

When "issues" prance around like the old naked emperor with no clothes, most sensible folks (in the church or outside it) see how bad that looks.

It's like a hairy wart on Miss America's nose or, sadder still, a cow patty dropped on top of a luscious cheesecake.

It's all the more ugly because we know how beautiful it can and should be.

But I still love the church. I've seen her beauty. I've felt the warmth of her embrace and seen the depth of her love, and the very best blessings of my life have been gifts from the Lord given through her hands.

I love the church, and

I love the little church I'm a part of, and I hope you love yours.

Through our doors and into our "family" have come F-16 pilots and janitors, four-pound newborns and 103-year-old little ladies, teachers and farmers and brand new parents and brand new great-grandparents and... well, an amazingly diverse group of folks!

Each Sunday young families do the hard work of rounding up and dressing up the precious little rug-rats and heading through these doors.

Much older folks navigate via walker and wheelchair to these pews.

Folks in every stage of life between infancy and antiquity come in to honor their Lord, to be a blessing and to receive a blessing.

And yet again I am amazed at what the Lord of the church does in the lives of his people.

I love the church!

Eating Healthy = Lower Cancer Risk

MHS Academic Challenge... Continued from A1

students (three levels based on grade point averages).

Each team member competed in four rounds of five questions each, with students having only 15 seconds to answer each question.

The competition gets intense and exciting as students compete for college scholarships.

Competing schools must be a member of the Texas Association of Community Schools.

Dr. Gene Sheets, superintendent of the Muleshoe Independent School District, is the state director for the Academic Challenge.

"The excitement level and tension at the end of the contest was similar

to the end of a close athletic competition," Dr. Sheets said.

Results for the first through fifth places, and total amount of scholarships won for each team, were:

- First place — Denver City High School Team U with \$8,850.
- Second place — Sundown High School Team I with \$4,650.
- Third place — Muleshoe High School Team Q with \$3,720.
- Fourth place — Denver City High School Team I with \$2,790.
- Fifth Place — Denver City High School Team Q with \$1,860.

Students on the

Muleshoe High School team that won third place included: Belinda Pacheco, Michael Martinez and Camilo Torres. The MHS sponsors were April Smith and Vickie Burch.

This year, teams from the South Plains captured all five of the top places at the state contest in which more than \$21,000 in scholarships were awarded.

An additional \$30,000 in college scholarships were awarded at the area contests.

The Academic Challenge contest has given away more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships in the last 20 years.

"We had a very successful trip to the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor this year competing in the Academic Challenge," said Dr. Sheets "But the reason it was successful wasn't only because we won third place at the state contest."

"It was also successful because it was a great trip with our students," he said. "The Muleshoe High School students were pleasant and respectful the entire trip. It's fun to take a trip like this when we

Insurance...

Continued from A1 and he's got the cheapest price.

The premium quoted by Caddell Insurance was \$43,553.21, which the quotes from Bollinger Insurance and Calvin Martin Insurance were \$50,952 and \$54,955 respectively.

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"I was very proud to be from Muleshoe because of the way these students represented Muleshoe High School," he added.



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School Board Action...

Continued from A1 New Mexico education system, and will be taking on the position currently held by Assistant Superintendent Carl Krug, who has accepted the position of superintendent of Hale Center ISD.

Krug's resignation was among those

SPC Students Honored

South Plains College recently recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for spring 2012 semester.

"Achieving such a high grade point average is a great accomplishment, and it is very rewarding and exciting to see so many students accomplish this honor," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

They include: Muleshoe — Juan O. Avila, Randall R. Bohler and Carina Hernandez, Gabriela D. Perez and Jill L. Waggoner.

Sudan — Xavier Cruz, Juan M. Moron, Zachary D. Richards, and Qushanda L. Wilson.

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

They include: Earth — Angelica M. Juarez and Jessica S. Winders.

Sudan — Edmundo R. Guitron.

Pool Opening, Fishing Derby Set For June 2

The Muleshoe Water Park will open on Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m., according to City Manager David Brunson.

Also, earlier that day, from 9 a.m. until noon, there will be a kids fishing derby at Lake Muleshoe, in the new city park.

Fishing poles and bait will be provided for the youngsters participating in the event.

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accepted by the school board prior to adjourning Monday.

• Recognized students in track, softball, golf, FCCLA, choir, UIL academics, art and one act play for their accomplishments, and advancements beyond the district level.

"We had a great spring, and we had a lot of success," Dr. Sheets said to the board members.

To the students, he added, "You represented your families, and your school well, and I appreciate that."

Among the award recipients was State Champion Isaac Baca, whose 800-meter race in Austin was described by the superintendent.

Sheets said he turned to his wife as Baca was boxed in and said he'd have a chance of winning if they hadn't boxed him in, and then suddenly Baca started passing on the outside and won the race.

"Even we under estimate the heart of a Mule sometimes," Sheets said.

• Approved the minutes from the April 23 meeting as distributed.

• Received its annual report from the School Health Advisory Committee, which focused to a large degree on the success of this year's Shattered Dreams program.

• Noted that the transition from food service provider Aramark to Southwest Food Services is under way, and going well.

"The food service employees are pleased, and looking forward to working with a new company," the superintendent said.

Although the new food service contract was approved at the end of April, Aramark will continue providing that service through the end of the fiscal year, including the summer lunch program.

Engagement



Dickey, Atwood To Wed

Jimmy and Brenda Dickey of San Angelo announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Morgan Dickey, to Kyle James Atwood.

The prospective bride is a 2003 graduate of Central High School. She graduated from Texas State University in 2007 with a bachelor of business administration degree, and is currently a high school business education teacher in San Angelo.

The prospective groom is the son of Pam Atwood of Muleshoe, and James and Shelly Atwood of Portales, N.M.

He is a 2002 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and graduated from Texas Tech University in 2006, with a bachelor of science in exercise and sport sciences degree.

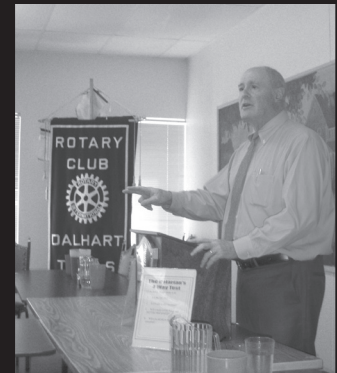
He is currently the athletic director and head football coach for the Grape Creek Independent School District.

The couple plans to marry on July 21, 2012, at the First Christian Church in San Angelo.



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By Brittany Gibbs

Well, the school year has come and gone, and we at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center would like to say congratulation and good luck to all the young men and women as they move on to a new chapter in there life.

We would like to let everyone know we are still thinking about those of you, who are under the weather or grieving for the loss of a loved one.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

We want you to know your still in our thoughts and prayer and we hope that the good lords healing hands are with you.

This week at the center we will be closed Monday, May 28, in honor on Memorial day, but we would like to invite everyone back on Tuesday.

Thursday will be bingo time starting at 1:30 p.m.

Don't forget about all the fun you and your friends can have at our many domino tables or pool tables, the weather is getting hotter out side, so grab your friends and come enjoy

the nice air-conditioned senior center and good fellowship with great people!

Mark your calendars on June 2 for our pancake breakfast starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m. Adults \$5 and children \$3.

We will be serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, and a assortment of syrups, and to drink milk, orange juice, and coffee.

Menu for May 29- June 1:

Monday, May 28 — Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 29 — Meat loaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes,

winter blend vegetables, apple fluff and a wheat roll.

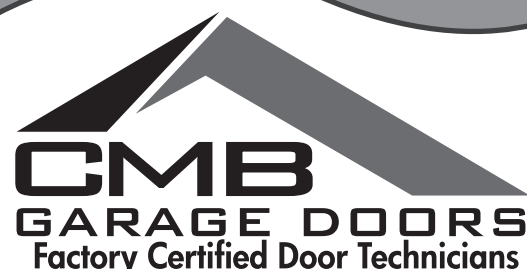
Wednesday, May 30 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, seasoned corn and pumpkin squares.

Thursday, May 31 — Barbecue beef with sauce, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots and a wheat bun.

Friday, June 1 — Breaded fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tarter sauce, coleslaw with dressing and peach chantilly.

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Obituaries

Beverly Robberson

Beverly Jean Robberson, 65, passed away at her home near House, N.M., on May 17, 2012.



Beverly was born on May 14, 1947, to Dub and Mildred (Bartlett) Bartley in Tahoka, and married Dale Robberson on March 23, 1976. in Melrose, N.M.

Beverly was a loving and dependable wife, mother, "Gram," and friend. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed many arts and crafts endeavors.

Beverly loved to travel, shopping for antiques, and spending time with her family. She was a gracious hostess and made everyone feel welcome in her home.

She was a loving and playful grandmother and couldn't wait for Christmas to come around to give her grandchildren "special" gag gifts.

Her family and friends will miss her very much.

She is survived by her husband — Dale of Melrose, N.M.; a son — Chad Patton and wife Lori of Clovis, N.M.; two daughters — Jamie Southard and husband

Brette of Littlefield, and Kimberly Maynard and husband Kevin of Little Elm; two sisters — Linda Elliott of Lubbock and Barbara Hall of Muleshoe; a brother — Bo Bartley of Miami, Okla.; eight grandchildren — Emma Patton, Cameron Patton, Brooke Marks, Regan Southard, Kaleigh Southard, Alyssa Southard, Kyle Maynard and Christian Maynard; and a great-grandson — Braeton Marks.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents and a son — Kevin Dawn Patton.

Closed casket funeral services were held on Monday, May 21, at Steed-Todd Chapel of Clovis, N.M., with Otho Rogers officiating.

An online guest register is available at www.steed-todd.com.

Engagements



Harris, Marrow To Wed

Rex and Karen Harris announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Leigh Harris of Plano, to T. J. Marrow of Dallas.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University with a masters degree in accounting.

She is currently employed as International Tax Manager at Fairfax, Inc. in Lewisville.

The prospective groom is the son of Tim and Melody Marrow of Plainview.

He is a graduate of Del Norte High School in Albuquerque, N.M., and Wayland University with a degree in history, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth with a Master of Divinity.

He is currently employed as the junior high youth minister at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

The couple will marry on Aug. 18, 2012, at Park Cities Baptist Church, and will make their home in Plano.



Martinez, Stanford To Wed

Fabian and Yolanda Martinez announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Daniella Martinez of Muleshoe, to Joshua Thomas Christian Stanford, also of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is a 2010 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Reydon and Sharla Stanford of Muleshoe. He is a 2011 graduate of

Muleshoe High School, and is employed at Double G Ag Services in Olton.

The wedding ceremony has been set for July 21, 2012, at 5 p.m., at the Trinity Christian Center Church, followed by a reception at the same location.

Thanks for reading the Journal!

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I want to thank the people of District 5 of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District who put their confidence in me by voting for me to continue on the board as trustee.

It is my desire to continue to work with the others in the district to make Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View, facilities that the people in the Muleshoe and Lazbuddie area will be proud of and enthusiastically support.

This community is blessed to have so many professing Christians and if Christians will join together in prayer for God to lead and bless this District, and work together in unity, we can continue to be a great blessing to those who need our services.

May God bless this community and Hospital District.

*Thank you again,
Zona Gatewood*

Velma Sain Jones

Velma Sain Jones, 94, passed away on May 18, 2012, in the Pflugerville Nursing and Rehab Center.

She is survived by her son — Charles and daughter-in-law Connie of Pflugerville; a brother — John of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and two granddaughters — Christina Jones from San Antonio, and Jennifer Kulle of Lacy, Wash.

Velma was born

in Gould, Okla., but moved with her family to Muleshoe in the 1930s.

Graveside services will be held at the Muleshoe Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband — Clarence, and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Park View Nursing Care Center.

The Muleshoe Cemetery Board would like to thank the following people and organizations for their help and time concerning the cemetery. Richard Wills and Julian Dominguez, from the Muleshoe Sheriff's Department, for providing help in removing excessive amounts of tumbleweeds from the cemetery. C.E. Grant, for his help in providing trucks and a tractor concerning the tumbleweed project. Bailey County Electric Coop, for sending a work crew to remove dead trees and also clean around a large number of graves. Guy Wayne Nickels and Ronnie Black, for plowing around the outside of the cemetery to prevent further blowing sand damage.

Bob Graves and the Muleshoe Cemetery Board.

Death Notices

Maudie Mudford

Maudie R. Mudford, 75, formerly of Muleshoe, died Friday, May 18, in Mountain Home, Ark. She was born on Aug. 21, 1936, in Baileyboro. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, May 23, Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Thanks to 'all' our family and many Friends for their prayers, food, flowers and words of encouragement. A special thanks to the staff at M.A.M.C. for the love and support given to me and my daughter Patricia, when she was discharged from the hospital and also when God called her home.

My thanks to the Board Members, the Administration, Doctors, Nursing Staff, D.O.N. and to all Departments that make up the Body of M.A.M.C.. You are an awesome group of people.

May God Bless All of You!
Forever Grateful,
Love Shirley James and Family

Property Owner Protest Hearings Set for June 28, 2012

Property owners who disagree with the Bailey Central Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on June 28, 2012. After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2012 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 11, 2012. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. Copies are available from Bailey Central Appraisal District, 302 Main St, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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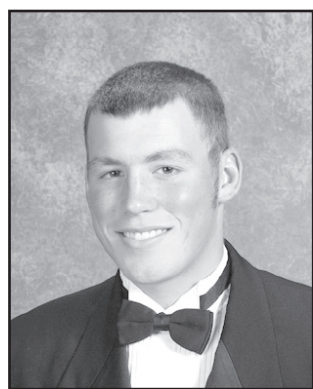
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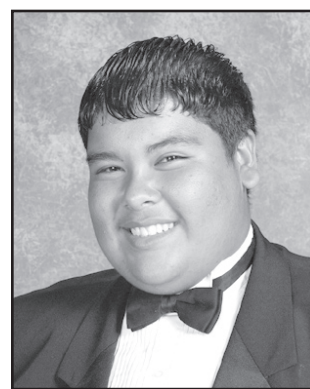
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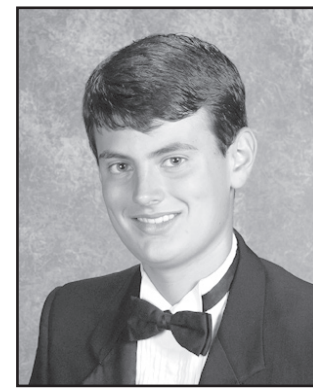
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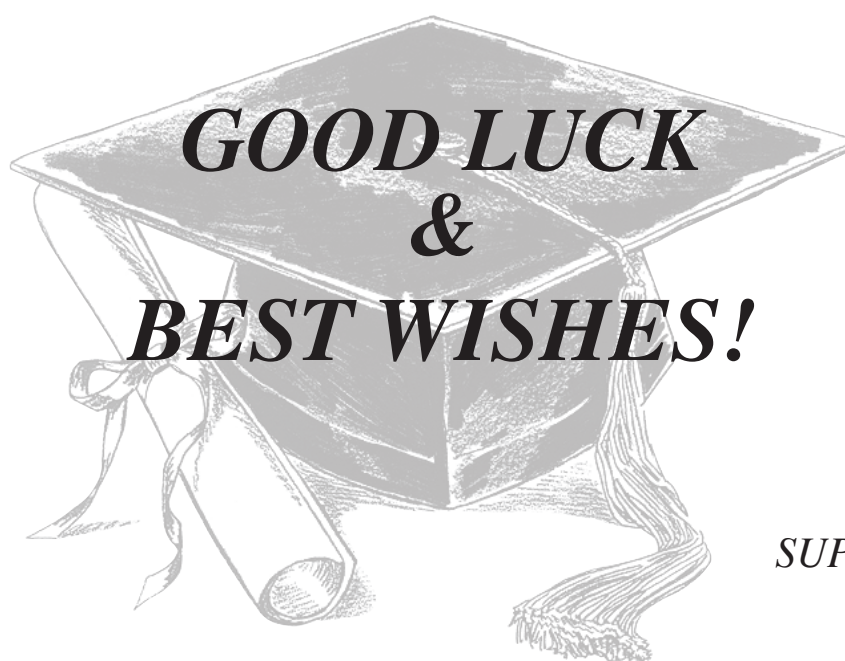
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Parents — Brandy and Branden Pollard; Organizations — FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), computer science; Future plans — Working after high school and eventually attending South Plains College.

Joaquin Azua

Parents — Israel and Lidia Azua; Organizations — Lamb County 4-H Club, FFA, Spanish Club, Computer Science team, Speech; Competitive events — UIL and band (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Other Achievements — ATSSB honor bands, All State Band qualifier with UIL trumpet solo, State Marching Band contest (Sr), CX debate state qualifier, computer science and accounting regional qualifier, TFA CX Debate state qualifier; Future plans — attend Texas Tech University, majoring in computer engineering.

Bailee Black

Parents — Ross and Shannon Black; Offices — Student council; Competitive events — State Championship Team (Fr, Sr), All State Tournament Team, TABC All State Team, All South Plains 1st team, All District and All Region Teams, track, cross country, and golf (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), band, UIL (Fr), Spanish Club (Fr, So), FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Future plans — attending Hardin Simmons University to play basketball and major in pre-dentistry.

Jacob Drennan

Parents — Shorty and Sarah Drennan. Organizations — FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), Competitive events — One Act Play, Athletics, UIL; Achievements — Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), powerlifting, 2011 OAP honorable mention all star cast zone and district, 2012 best actor zone level district level, All district football (So, Jr, Sr), FFA land judging state qualifier; Honors — All district football (So, Jr, Sr); Other affiliations — Sudan Church of Christ; Future plans — Serving in United States Air Force.

Ryan Fred

Parents — Rocky Fred and Jennifer Grill. Competitive events — UIL, Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), track, powerlifting, OAP, duet acting on TFA circuit; Honors — National Honor Society, All District Team football offense and defense; Other achievements — OAP Allstar cast at zone and district levels, basketball manager (Jr, Sr); Future plans — attending

Texas Tech University or Midwestern and majoring in medicine.

Tawnee Garcia

Parents — Tammy Phoenix and Gilbert Garcia. Organizations — FFA, FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Competitive events — Band, UIL, powerlifting; Achievements — English award 2009, chemistry award 2010; Future plans — Attending Vista College of Lubbock to attain an associate's degree as a veterinary technician.

Jasmine Godinez

Parent — Julia Godinez. Organizations — FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), TSA; Competitive events — Band; Future plans — Attending South Plains College to major in civil and electrical engineering and then transfer to Texas Tech.

Julie Gonzales

Parents — Danny and Tina Gonzales; Offices — FCCLA president, Student Council, Competitive events — STAR, Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Golf, Powerlifting, Band, Spanish Club; Achievements — Regional Powerlifting Meet (Sr); Future plans — attend school at West Texas A&M University and major in advertising and public relations.

Kelbi Harris

Parents — Jackie Harris and Kevin Harris; Organizations — FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), Spanish Club, 4-H, FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Competitive events — Band, FFA, Powerlifting (So, Jr, Sr); Future plans — attend Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in nursing.

Alan Hernandez

Parents — Maria and Javier Garcia; Organizations — FCCLA, Spanish Club, FFA, Auto Technology; Competitive events — Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), track; Future plans — attend South Plains College to study diesel mechanics.

Ashlee Koontz

Parents — Kory and Katherine Koontz. Organizations — Spanish Club, Student Council, FCCLA, Youth in Service; Achievements — All District team honorable mention, regional qualifier cross country, qualified at regional level in golf, regional qualifier in accounting, state qualifier in theatrical design, Nettles State Championship Basketball Team; Competitive events — Track (Fr, So, Jr, Sr), UIL; Future plans —

attending Amarillo College.

Harlee Koontz

Parents — Kory and Katherine Koontz; Organizations — FCCLA; Competitive events — Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Golf, UIL, Band, Spanish Club; Achievements — Regional golf third place, District UIL computer applications seventh place (Sr); Hornet mascot; Affiliations — Sudan First Baptist Church and youth group; Future plans — attending Amarillo College to major in Forensic Science.

Danielle Logan

Parents — Lee and Lisa Logan. Offices — Senior class president; Athletics, UIL, Spanish Club, FCCLA; Student Council; Honors — State Tournament MVP (Sr); TABC Player of the Year, TABC and TGCA All State Teams, and State Tournament Team; TABC All Region Teams; Nettles State Championship (Fr); district MVP (Jr, Sr); District Offensive MVP (So); Regional Track Meet (Sr); tennis (Sr); cross country, and UIL calculator; Future plans — attend West Texas A&M University majoring in elementary education.

Sury Rodriguez

Parents — Ernestina and Leopoldo Rodriguez. Activities — band, athletics, Spanish Club, FCCLA, state champion powerlifting (Jr); placed 2nd in state (So); regionals track (Sr); cross country; Honors — AB honor roll; Future plans — attend South Plains College to major in physical therapy.

Kaylie Miller

Parents — Mistie Miller and Michael Jefferson. Activities — State Championship Basketball Team; Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Spanish Club, FCCLA; Future plans — attending Amarillo College and major in surgical technology.

Matthew Likes

Parents — Roxine and Daniel Likes. Activities — FCCLA, FFA, Spanish Club, Football, Future plans — attending South Plains College to study diesel mechanics.

Mitch Edwards

Parents — Monty and Brandi Edwards. Valedictorian of the senior class. Activities — FFA, athletics, UIL academics, Art, NHS president, FFA district reporter, class vice

president;

Other affiliations — SUDS; SHS service organization; First Baptist Church Sudan. Honors — Football academic all state, basketball academic all district; FFA judging; FFA Lonestar Degree; Future plans — attending Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

Stormi Peck

Parents — Terry and Kristy Peck. Activities — Cheerleader; head cheerleader (Sr), yearbook editor, Journalism, FCCLA; Events; state qualifier in band solo and ensemble; state marching band; tennis, basketball, track, cross country, UIL, NHS secretary; Spanish Club; Honors — American History Award, Woodworking Award, Journalism Award; Future plans — attending South Plains College in the fall to major in nursing.

KyLee Shultz

Parents — Joe Ky and Missy Shultz. Activities — Sudan Nettles State Championship teams (Jr, Sr); academic all-district; honorable mention district basketbal, basketball, track, golf, tennis, cross country, cheerleader, band, Sweepstakes, One Act Play, UIL Academic Calculator, Student Council, First Baptist Church. Future plans — attending Wayland Baptist University to major in physical therapy.

Janelle Vanderlei

Parents — Case and Piertsje Vanderlei. Senior class salutatorian. Activities — First United Methodist Church of Amherst, athletics, FCCLA, Texas 4-H, NHS; Student Council, UIL Academics, One Act Play; 2011 Regional Finalist basketball team; vice president in FCCLA; NHS (Sr); Council Delegate of local 4-H club; 2011-2012 Texas 4-H State Technology Team; UIL Regional competition tennis, editorial writing; FCCLA and One Act Play; Best Actress, All-Star Cast, and Honorable Mention Cast Awards; Future plans — attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., majoring in entertainment industry studies.

Jefferson

Activities — Powerlifting, Region Powerlifting meet (Sr); cross country, track, band, art, One Act Play (Sr); TFA speech tournaments; FCCLA, local church group; Future plans — attending South Plains College to be an EMT.

Victoria Williams

Parents — Teresa Williams and Rickey Weaver. Activities — Nettles State Championship Teams (Fr, Sr), co-defensive MVP (Sr), band, Spanish Club, cheerleading, FCCLA, Student Council; 4-H; class treasurer; Future plans — attend Eastern New Mexico University to major in psychology.

FCCLA, Texas 4-H, NHS; Student Council, UIL Academics, One Act Play; 2011 Regional Finalist basketball team; vice president in FCCLA; NHS (Sr); Council Delegate of local 4-H club; 2011-2012 Texas 4-H State Technology Team; UIL Regional competition tennis, editorial writing; FCCLA and One Act Play; Best Actress, All-Star Cast, and Honorable Mention Cast Awards; Future plans — attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., majoring in entertainment industry studies.

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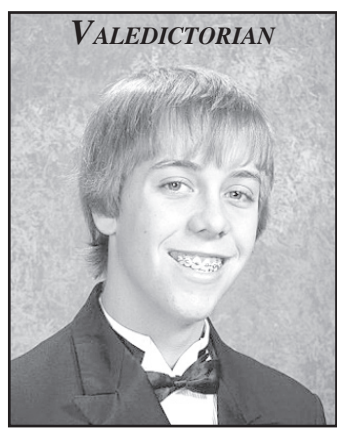
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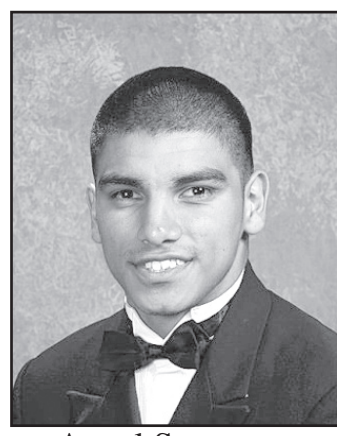
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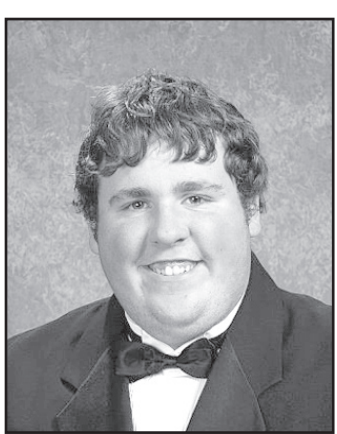
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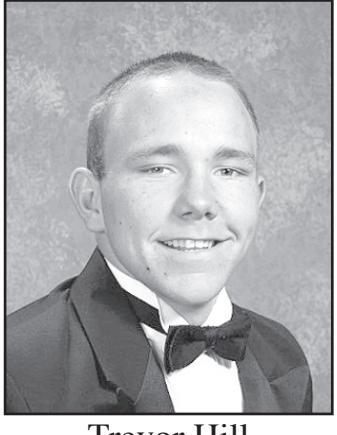
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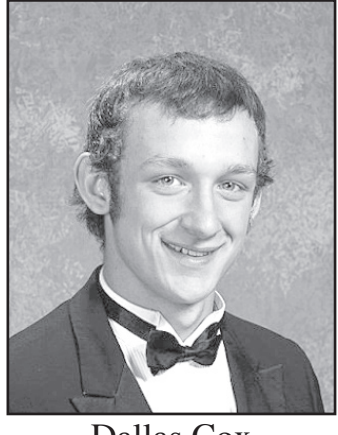
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Todd Nichols



Trevor Hill



Dallas Cox



Paola Estrada



Jordan Mason

Kenton Randolph
Parents—Pat and Lyn Eldon Randolph. Lazbuddie FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FFA Reporter (Jr); Longhorn Pride; Lazbuddie Art (Jr, Sr); Robotics (So, Jr, Sr); Lazbuddie Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Basketball (Fr, So, Jr); FFA Jr. Farm Skills Team (Fr); Other affiliations — Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow. Future Plans — Attending South Plains College majoring in Computer Forensics.

Summer Elizabeth Lowe Parents—Rosemary Lowe. Art (Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So); Annual/Yearbook Staff (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Cheerleading (So); FCCLA (Fr); Robotics (Fr, Sr); FCA (Fr); Basketball (Fr); Track (Fr, So, Jr); Cross country (Fr, So); Honors — Co MVP of Cross country (Fr); Cheerleading all American nominee (So); Longhorn pride (Jr); Future plans — Attending Clovis Community College majoring in Radiology.

Jose "Angel" Samarron Jr. Parents—Jose and Marie Samarron. Football Captain; FFA (Fr, So, Sr); Art (Jr); OAP (Jr, Sr); Track (Fr, So, Jr); Cross Country (So, Sr); Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Powerlifting (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Robotics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Basketball (Fr); Yearbook Staff (Jr); FCCLA (So); NHS (So, Jr, Sr); Honors — Powerlifting Regional Qualifier (Fr, So, Sr); Powerlifting MVP (Fr, So.); Football 2nd Team All-District Special Teams (Sr); Other affiliations

— Church youth group Calvary Baptist Church Friona, TX. Future plans — Attending Wayland Baptist University and majoring in Criminal Justice and Missions and minor in Youth Ministry.

Trevor Joseph Hill
Parents—Lynda Buchanan and Harold Hill. FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Art (Jr); NHS (So, Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Robotics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FCA (So, Jr, Sr); Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Basketball (Sr); Cross Country (Jr); Honors — All District Nose Guard, Academic All-District Player, All District Special Teams Player; Future Plans — Attending Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma to become a professional welder.

Jordan Lashelle Mason
Parents—Sheldon and Debbie Mason. FFA (Fr, So); Art (Jr, Sr); NHS (Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So); UIL Academics (Fr, So); Cheerleading (Fr, All-American Nominee); 4-H (Jr); Robotics (Sr); FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr); FCA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Longhorn Pride (Jr). Future Plans — Attending college and majoring in Radiology.

Dallas Lynn Cox
Parents—Brandon and Valerie Cox. FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Art (Jr); One Act Play (Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); UIL (Fr, So); Robotics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Varsity Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Varsity Track (Fr, So, Jr); Varsity Powerlifting (Jr, Sr); Honors — Football Team Captain (Jr, Sr); First team All-District FB, Second team All-District LB, FB, Def MVP; Grand Champion Market Barrow Lazbuddie Stockshow (Fr); Other affiliations — Calvary Baptist youth group. Future plans —

Attending Tulsa welding school to become a certified welder.

Katelyn Scott
Parents—Katrina and Troy Scott. Band (Fr); Choir (Fr); Art (Jr); One Act Play (So, Jr, Sr); NHS (Jr, Sr); Athletics (So, Jr); Yearbook (Jr); Cheerleading (Sr); FCCLA (So); Competitive in Basketball, Cheerleading, FCCLA, Band, Choir. Honors — All star cheerleading. Other affiliations — Calvary Baptist youth group. Future plans — Attending WTAMU to become X-Ray Technician.

Paola Estrada
Parents—Guillermo and Maria Vallejo. One Act Play (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); NHS (So, Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); UIL (Fr, So); FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); 4-H (So). Future plans — Attending Amarillo College studying forensic science.

Jarrod Jesko
Parents—Terry and Janene Jesko. One Act Play (Fr); All-Star Cast (So); Honorable Mention Cast (Jr); All Star Cast (Sr) Best Actor; NHS (So, Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); UIL Academics (Fr); Annual/Yearbook Staff (Fr); FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Science Bowl (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Competitive events Basketball (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Tennis (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Cross Country (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Track (Fr, So, Jr); Robotics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FCCLA (Fr, Jr); Honors — Academic All-District, Academic All-State, Academic All-Region (So, Jr, Sr); Top Academic Athlete (So, Jr, Sr); Other Affiliations — First Baptist Church Muleshoe. Future Plans—Attending South Plains College and then transferring to the Culinary Institute of America or to Julliard School of Performing Arts. I plan to either be a professional ca-

terer or an actor on Broadway and in Hollywood.

Michael Todd Nichols
Parents—Mike and Sherrie Nichols. Vice President of NHS (Sr); Art (Jr, Sr); NHS (So, Jr, Sr); UIL Academics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Annual/Yearbook Staff (So, Jr); FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr); Robotics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Best Robotics, Science Bowl (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FCA; UIL (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Competitive Events Basketball (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Golf (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Track (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Tennis (Fr); Power Lifting (Fr); Honors—Academic All District Basketball (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Academic All District Football (Fr, So, Jr); Academic All State Golf (Jr, Sr); Academic All State Basketball (Jr, Sr); All District Basketball Senior, All District Special Teams player Junior, District Champion Golf Team, (Fr, So); District Champion Golf Medalist Senior, Golf Regional Qualifier (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Computer Science District Champion (So); State Qualifier FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr); State Qualifier Robotics (Fr, So, Jr); Other Affiliations—Revolution Youth Ministry. Future Plans—Attend WTAMU and pursue a degree in Athletic Training.

Justin William Schacher
Parents—David and Mary Jo Schacher. Vice President in Class; Sentinel in FFA; President in NHS; Organizations FFA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Art (Jr, Sr); One Act Play (Sr); NHS (Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); UIL Academics (Fr, So, Jr); Competitive Events—Cross Country (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Football (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Basketball (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Track (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Golf (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FFA Sr Creed, Farm Skills;

Radio Broadcasting (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); Honors—All State Academic Basketball, Track, Golf, and Cross Country (Jr, Sr); All State Academics Football (So, Jr) All District Academics (Jr, Sr); Future Plans—Attending WTAMU and major in general studies.

Kylie Roshelle McGehee
Parents—Kevin and Malessia McGehee. Vice President of NHS; Art (Jr, Sr); NHS (So, Jr, Sr); Athletics (Fr, So, Jr); UIL Academics (Fr); Cheerleading (Fr, Jr); FCCLA (Fr, So, Jr, Sr); FCA (Fr, So, Jr); Competitive Events—Basketball (Fr, So, Jr); Cross Country (Fr, So, Jr); Track (So); Tennis (Fr, So); Cheerleading (Fr, So, Jr); Journalism (Fr); Honors—Academic All District Cheerleading & State Qualifier FCCLA (Fr); Academic All District Basketball, Offensive MVP Basketball, Regional Qualifier Track, Track MVP, Cross-Country MVP, All District Basketball First Team (So); Academic All District Cheerleading, Academic All District Basketball, All District Basketball First Team, Defensive MVP Basketball, State Qualifier FCCLA, Stae Qualifier 4-H (Jr); State Qualifier FCCLA, State Qualifier 4-H (Sr); Future Plans—Attend South Plains College, majoring in Art, then transfer to a University to continue my education.

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Remembering The Sabbath

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work"

Now here are three imperative statements: Remember the Sabbath day. Keep it holy. Do our labor in six days.

A valid question now arises. Do we understand these commands?

Or, better still, do we believe them? The following two scriptures speak so plain that I don't see any room for misunderstanding.

"But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;

"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it."

This involves more than our not going to work, taking off part of a day, going to church or some other worldly activity in which we might be engaged.

And they virtually affect out total being. And that, I am convinced, is for our good.

Do I believe that? Yes, I do. Do I live that way? Not quite, but I am

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

doing a little better as the weeks go by.

Not long ago I received a call from lady in Oklahoma asking "When did the seventh day of the week become the first day?" My response, "It didn't."

She had reference to the fact that "we the people" recognize the first day as the Sabbath, not the seventh, as set up by the Lord.

She had not been able to find any justification for the change, and neither have I — nor have I ever seen, heard or read any justification for it.

According to church history that I have read, and that I have in my files, the Sabbath was changed about the year 250 AD by order of a ruler whose name I can pronounce, but don't know how to spell.

At that time Saturday, the seventh day, was recognized as the Sabbath and worship was held on that day.

And they had some form of schooling, perhaps for the young folks, on Sundays, the first day. That meant they were meeting two days a week.

So, to make it more convenient, and possible for other reasons the Ruler designated

Sunday, the first day the day of worship also.

From that tiny beginning the practice has spread to our practice today.

But, in my judgment, the way we observe the Sabbath today is far, far removed from the way it was originally set up by the Lord.

For example, who ever heard of people resting before they go to work?

It reminds me of a football game I watched a few years ago. The teams took to the field and lined up the way they always do at the beginning of the game. As soon as they got lined up one team called time out.

Right then the announcer said he had called football games for more than 20 years "...And this is the first time," he said "I ever saw a team call time out before the ball is put in play, before the game is started."

I don't want to become boresome, but there is more to follow on the fourth command. And your comments are welcome.

Now, if there was a substantial change in the principals when the New Testament was put into effect, I have failed to note it, but I don't

believe there was.

Even though some of our Primitive friends teach there was.

And they refer to Colossians 2:16 as their reason for believing as they do. It reads as follows:

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the New Moon, or of the Sabbath days."

Now, if as they say, people in those days were not to make judgment regarding a Sabbath, what might they say about meat and drink?

Or a holy day? I don't believe this scripture has any reference to the Sabbath; as the Lord gave it to the children of Israel.

But we might note that Paul did caution the church at Colossae about their being led astray by some other type religionist that might beguile them with "enticing words."

And verse eight reads:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." And in verse 17 he speaks of those things as "a shadow of things to come"

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Deadline Approaches For Three Farm Service Agency Programs

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin, reminds producers that the approaching June 1, deadline is for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE), the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE).

"It is crucial that producers meet the deadline for these programs in order to receive disaster and income support," said Hanlin.

"FSA realizes that farmers and ranchers take risks everyday and these programs form part of the safety net that can keep producers operating after devastating natural disasters and during

times of low market prices," he said.

The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster.

All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses during the 2010 crop year must apply for SURE program benefits by the June 1 deadline.

Eligibility requirements differ between producers located in counties designated as a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture and between producers located in non-disaster counties.

In addition to other eligibility requirements, producers must have purchased crop insurance through the

Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

While SURE helps after natural disasters strike, DCP and ACRE provide income support when there is a decline in commodity prices.

Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment.

Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. FSA reminds producers that the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012.

Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price.

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level.

All owners and operators who will share in the DCP and ACRE payments on the farm must sign up by June 1.

"ACRE elections and enrollment must be completed by the June 1 deadline as late file provisions are not available for ACRE," said Hanlin.

"If elected in a previous year, producers must enroll for 2012 by June 1 to receive payment," he said.

For questions regarding SURE, DCP or ACRE sign-up, please contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538.

Cattle On Feed Are Down Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.71 million head on May 1, down one percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down three percent from the April 1 level.

Producers placed 410 thousand head in commercial feedlots during April, down 18

percent from a year ago, and down five percent from the March 2012 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 465 thousand head during April, down 12 percent from last year and down one percent from last month.

On May 1, there were 2.33 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area

was down slightly from last year but down two percent from the April total.

April placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 360 thousand head, down seven percent from the March total.

Marketings were down three percent from last month to 396 thousand head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with

a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. This inventory was one percent below May 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million head, 15 percent below April 2011.

April placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 355 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 250 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 380 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 536 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million head, slightly above 2011.

Milk Report Shows Increase

Texas milk production totaled 843 million pounds during April, up three percent from last year's production of 816 million pounds.

March 2012 production totaled 876 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 440,000 head, up 14,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from the March 2012 number.

Production per cow averaged 1,915 pounds during April, unchanged from last year but 80 pounds less than March 2012.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 16.0 billion

pounds, up 3.3 percent from production in these same states in April 2011.

March revised production, at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from March 2011.

Production per cow

during April averaged 1,875 pounds, 40 pounds above a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.53 million head, 94,000 head more than last year and 4,000 head more than March 2011.

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They served fresh fruit and dip, chicken salad, with a glazed pecan salad and various dips, crackers and bread. Dessert was sherbet and cookies.

The birthdays acknowledged this month were Jenny Bamert's and Kay Field's.

The business meeting, opened by Linda, included the regular reports and discussions of the past month's happenings.

The drawing for the



Linda Erdmann congratulating Treena Matthews on her win.

May meeting was won by Elinor Yerby.

At the conclusion of the meeting, eight ladies competed in the annual Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Memorial Tournament.

This year the handicapped contest was won by Treena

Matthews, who shot a gross score of 99 with a net total of 65.

Association president Linda Erdmann presented Treena with a statuette for her win, and she will also have her name added to the plaque of past winners.

Bridal Shower

Smith Honored With Shower

Skyler Smith, the prospective bride of Bryce Haney, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, May 19, at the Bailey County Electric Community Room.

Skyler is the daughter of Weldon and April Smith of Muleshoe, and Bryce is the son of Greg and Netta Haney of Lazbuddie.

Hostesses included Starla Ellis, Kelley Heinrich, Staci Buie, Kay Lynn Brantley, Dawn Williams, Kathy Embry, Lori Bales, Rhonda Eagle, Pam Atwood, Adena Johnson, Cheryl Bloxom, Debbie Conner, Gayla Gear, Karen



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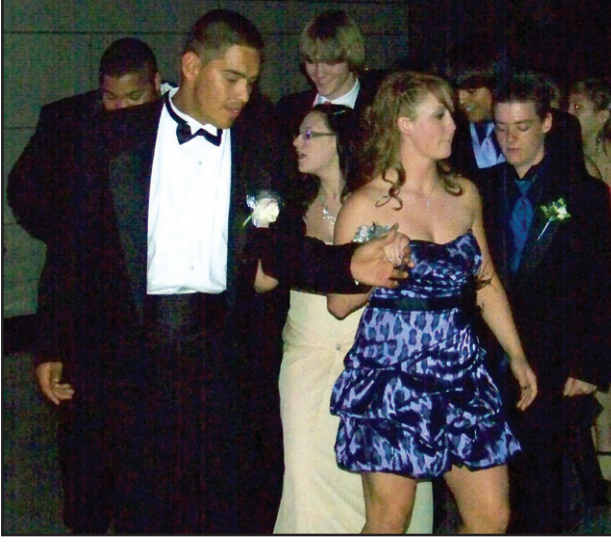
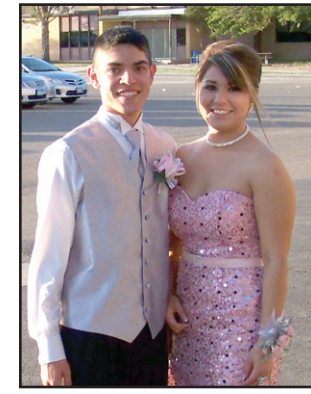
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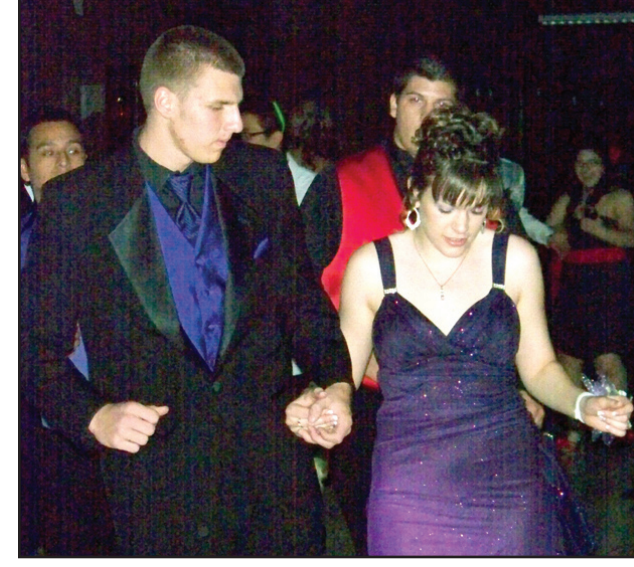
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