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Park View sale opposition calls for increased taxes

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Opponents to the sale of Park View Nursing Home suggested Thursday that residents in the Muleshoe Area Hospital District would support a tax increase rather than proceed with the sale.

However, information provided by auditor Deborah Whitley of Parrish, Moody & Fikes, who at Thursday's regular meeting to present the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's annual audit report,

indicated the district would have to double its current rate of 38.5 cents per hundred to produce the level of cash flow of other hospitals of comparable size to Muleshoe's.

"If another dime didn't come in the door, the district could only stay open for two days," Whitley said.

Thursday's meeting began with several area residents speaking in opposition to the sale of the nursing home, as well as others speaking in support of the MAHD's board of

'If we keep the nursing home going... you may not have a hospital!' — MAHD auditor

trustees.

"We think this is not the thing to do at this time," Bill Lyles of Muleshoe said during the open forum. "We feel the nursing home is ours. ...Somebody can run that thing, and somebody can make it work."

Aubrey Heathington and

Ed Nickels were among the individuals supporting the board's decision. "It's crazy to run this thing losing money and losing money," Heathington said.

While Nickels said, "If you all have done your homework... and I think you have, I'm certainly for it if

you are for it."

Bill Ramage also spoke at Thursday's meeting, presenting a petition which he said bore the signatures of 110 residents from the area who reportedly opposed the sale of Park View.

After presenting board president Ronnie Dent with the petition, Ramage said it was "only fair" for the hospital district to reconsider selling the nursing home.

However, Dent said the board intended to proceed

with the sale, and would be signing the sales contract in about two weeks.

Earlier in the meeting, Dent asked the public in attendance to listen to Whitley's presentation of the hospital district's audit report, and asked her to answer as many of the questions concerning the district's financial situation and the reasoning behind the decision to sell the nursing home as possible.

While Whitley reminded

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School board accepts principal's resignation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

With great reluctance, the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Education returned from closed session Monday to announce the forthcoming resignation of Principal David Jenkins at the end of the current school year.

On Tuesday, board member Cindy Purdy talked about the school board's return to open session, and how reluctant

everyone was to make a motion concerning the issue before them.

"What happens if we don't make a motion?" someone asked.

"It was really hard," but Purdy said she eventually made the motion.

Purdy, who was on the school board when Jenkins was hired 13 years ago, also talked Tuesday about when former MISD Superintendent Bill Moore presented his recommendation for a new principal.

"I have a good one," Purdy recalled Moore saying. "He should have said... I have a great one." "I can't say enough about him," she said, referring to Jenkins "genuineness with the students he's had charge of for more than a decade. She also commented about his

'The kids know he loves them...'

— Cindy Purdy

fairness and especially his obvious love for the students.

"The kids know he loves them," Purdy said. "He's like a father figure to them... He is truly a friend to everyone."

In other business, the school board:

- Received a facility update concerning the upcoming construction at Dillman Elementary, which included a preliminary budget from Lee Lewis Construction.

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Local Weather

Thursday

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Friday

Pt. Cloudy..... 73/37

Saturday

Few Shwrs..... 56/29

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Sunny..... 61/31

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A community effort...

In the chaos similar to the devastating fires of a year ago, when much of the State of Texas found itself under a burn ban and Bailey County, like many other Lone Star State counties, was under the constant danger of towering flames, an unoccupied structure in the 400 block of East Third was destroyed by flames Sunday afternoon. According to fire department officials, no injuries were suffered during the event, which briefly

threatened neighboring residences and structures. See related letter to the editor on page 3.

Chamber releases 2006 finalists award list

Officials with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture released their list of finalists for this year's annual chamber banquet on Monday, Feb. 19.

The 2006 award categories and the award candidates are:

- Business of the Year — Muleshoe Motor Co., Xtreme Fitness, La Tea Da, Lasting Impressions, Sain Irrigation and Bailey Co. Electric Cooperative.

- Employee of the Year — Mark Allen, Mandi Seaton, Dolores Harvey, Bonnie Ellis-Perez, Loyce Metcalf and Denise Esparza.

- Farm/Ag Family of the Year — Kelly Kettner, James Brown, Bennie Stancell, Todd Bessire and Bruce Barrett.

- Man of the Year — Walt Sain, Stacey Conner, Jack Stone, Gerald James, Reydon Stanford and Bob

Finney.

Woman of the Year — Janet Claborn, Jean Allison, Martha Hunnicutt, Debbie Crabtree, Ruth Kitchens, Barbara Finney and Sandy Turner.

The awards will be given out at the chamber's 57th annual banquet, set for March 3 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Entitled "A Night Out with the Stars," the event will include several traditional chamber banquet items — including a great steak and shrimp dinner, a silent auction, door prizes and the annual awards ceremony.

Entertainment for this year's banquet will be provided by the Jeff McCreight Band.

Tickets for this year's event remain at \$40 per person, or \$35 each if four or more are purchased.

Call 272-4248 for additional information.



Snow angels

Although the most recent snowfall didn't cover the ground as thoroughly as its predecessor, there was still enough to have a little wintertime fun. Pictured above, Triston Bomer creates some snow angels. Photograph by Leah Bell



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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

Advice offered to little brother

"Driving is a privilege." How many times in a teenager's life have they heard that phrase. I know I did. I heard it a lot shortly after getting my license, and even when I was in trouble and close to losing the car because of something I did, but I have had my license for more than two years and I have learned and now I think it is time my brother learned.

My brother, Sean, turned the wonderful "Sweet 16" this week and when a teenager turns 16 it means only one thing and a milestone for some... license and car.

Even though he will not get his license until June, due to Texas' licensing laws, I am still going to try and teach him what I can while I am still around and hopefully he will not make the same mistakes I did when I was his age.

The one thing my brother probably will not have to mess with is a car with manual transmission like I did when I turned 16. I had such a car - it was a standard as I like to call them, and even though I went out and practiced driving in it I never could quite get the hang of it and it made that awful sound when it was in the wrong gear. I like automatics a lot

better. When I took driver's ed, I had an awesome teacher and I would say the best driver's ed teacher. He passed away early last year, but I still feel as if when I am driving that he is watching over me.

I took driver's ed before I moved to Muleshoe and the way I was taught was probably a little different than the way they are taught here in Muleshoe.

For example, when I had to get my hours of required driving, I had a partner and for a few days after school for two hours we would drive until the two hours were up and usually halfway through we would stop and my teacher would buy us something to eat and drink. He did that every day that we drove.

I had a lot of fun in driver's ed, but the main thing is that I learned what I need to be a good, defensive driver. It's paying off so far because I have not gotten a ticket or been in a wreck (knock on wood).

Studies have shown that most 16 year olds have their first wreck within six months of getting their licenses.

So I hope my brother and all other future drivers will think smart and be safe while behind the wheel and remember the basic rules.

Calvary Baptist to host vocalist

Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting four-time international Female Vocalist of the Year Suzy Gayle on Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Scholarships to be awarded

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from Muleshoe High School counselor Gayla Gear. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. The final day to apply is March 5.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and Al-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Cotton conference rescheduled

The 2007 Caprock Cotton Conference has been rescheduled for Feb. 27. It will be held at the Plains Baptist Assembly, south of Floydada in Floyd county. The program starts at 8 a.m. with registration available from 7 a.m. It will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Thrift Store donations needed

It's easy to forget that there are people in our town who need basic necessities — clothes, household goods, shoes.

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Bring donations to the Thrift Shop on Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible and proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Muleshoe blood drive scheduled

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the United Supermarket Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, in the donor bus. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

Retirement celebration

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting a retirement celebration honoring Linda Lopez's 31 years of service on March 2, from 2-4 p.m. in the Anne Camp Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend.

Five Area annual meeting set

The 50th annual meeting of Five Area Telephone Cooperative has been set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Grain sorghum workshop set

Grain sorghum production is the focus of a Texas Cooperative Extension workshop in Muleshoe, Friday, March 2.

Dr. Colvin Trostle, extension agronomist from Lubbock will present the program.

Hybrid selection, seeding rate and planting date, fertility, and weed control will be discussed as well as strategies for choosing planting date and sorghum maturity.

The program 8:30 -11:00 am program will meet at the Bailey Co. Coliseum, and will offer two CEU's including half a unit in IPM.

For further information contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County ag agent, at 272-4583.

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Muleshoe Area Hospital District receives annual audit report

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the hospital board they were warned there would be a cash flow problem during the hospital's first year under "Critical Access" status, she indicated the problem was only partially due to the hospital's delayed medicare reimbursement resulting from the status change.

"We didn't go to Critical Access to make a lot of money," Whitley said. "We went to Critical Access to keep this hospital open."

"If we keep the nursing home going," Whitley said, "you may not have a hospital!"

To which Ramage responded that the nursing home shouldn't be blamed for the hospital district's money problems.

According to Whitley, a large portion of the cash flow problem was a result of Bailey County's comparatively low appraised property values.

"You don't have a community that has the appraised value it needs to pay for it," she said, referring to the day to day operating expenses of both a hospital and a nursing home that weren't filled to capacity with patients and residents.

While last year's tax increase by the hospital district generated about \$385,000 in new revenue, \$360,000 of it went to the operation of the nursing home.

In fact, according to Whitley, \$2 million of the taxes raised by the hospital district between 2003 and 2006 have gone into keeping the doors of the nursing home open.

"We cannot continue operating without money," Whitley said.

"We owe more money than we have the money to pay," she said. "we are working ourselves into a hole by the current situation."

"This is almost a disaster plan," Whitley said.

Responding to Whitley's statements, MAHD's chief financial officer, Sharon Novak admitted that the hospital is close to being placed on "cash on delivery" status with many of its vendors.

At one point, a citizen attending Thursday's meeting suggested the possibility of cutting expenses within the hospital district; however, Whitley said a remarkable effort had already been made

between 2004 and 2006 to cut operating expenses across the district.

In his report to the hospital board, Ray Mason, administrator of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and chief executive officer of the hospital district, said, "We're not happy with the figures. ...We've got to get our revenues up, and do some other things."

"I'm very 'down in the month.' We're in a very tough time right now," he added.

Whitley said times in the health industry were tough across the state and the nation, and said, "the government isn't helping us."

"If we remain stagnant, we're going to be hurt," Whitley said.

In other business Thursday, the MAHD board:
• Authorized the hospital district to borrow \$202,000 from First Bank of Muleshoe to make the principal payment on Park View.

Although board member Ann McElroy expressed concerns about the district's cash flow problems and repayment of the loan, Dent said, "I really don't think we have a choice. We have to make the bond payments."

Mason said the hospital is expecting a Medicare reimbursement within about 60 days, and said the funds should be enough to pay off the short-term loan.

• Approved the minutes from its Jan. 18 meeting.

• Approve the district's pharmacy policies and procedures manual without change.

• Called for its annual election on May 12. The positions up for election are Places 2 and 4, which are

currently held by board members Marilyn Riley and Ann McElroy.

The board also approved a contract with the City of Muleshoe to provide services related to the election.



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Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Feb. 19, pictured above from left to right, are: Front row — Josh Quiroz, Micheal Moore and Evelyn Contreras; back row — Genevie Villalobos, Colton Hill and Samantha Reyna.

Letters to the Editor

Local firefighter talks about Sunday's community effort

To the Editor:

On Feb. 18, I was reminded that we still live in a community that comes together in a time of need.

As many of us already know there was a structure fire on the east side of Muleshoe.

When we, the fire dept. arrived the structure was already fully engulfed with flames and smoke and we only had a total of four volunteer firefighters on scene.

As we struggled to contain the fire many of the community residents offered help among them were Chad Beall, JB Beall, John, Pat and Aaron Banks, and Bryan Morris (of Bailey County EMS).

Our local police officers — Bennie Parker, Steve Clifton, John Espinoza, and

Shane Kirk, and local DPS officers — Lacey Kirk, Ron Morgan and Narciso Quiroz, were also assisting.

As a volunteer firefighter, I greatly appreciate everyones efforts... from lending a hand with our hoses, to offering something to drink.

Our local "heros" as some might say (EMS, fire department and police department) are not usually recognized until needed.

However, in this case our local heros to be recognized would be our citizens who came together.

I personally tip my hat to you all including those whose name I may not have mentioned.

Blessings to you and yours, always.

Gonzalo Lozano Jr.
MVFD #256

Hydrogen sulfide training offered

South Plains College will be holding Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training on March 5 at the SPC Levelland campus.

All courses are from 6-9 p.m. Other courses are scheduled for April 2 and May 7.

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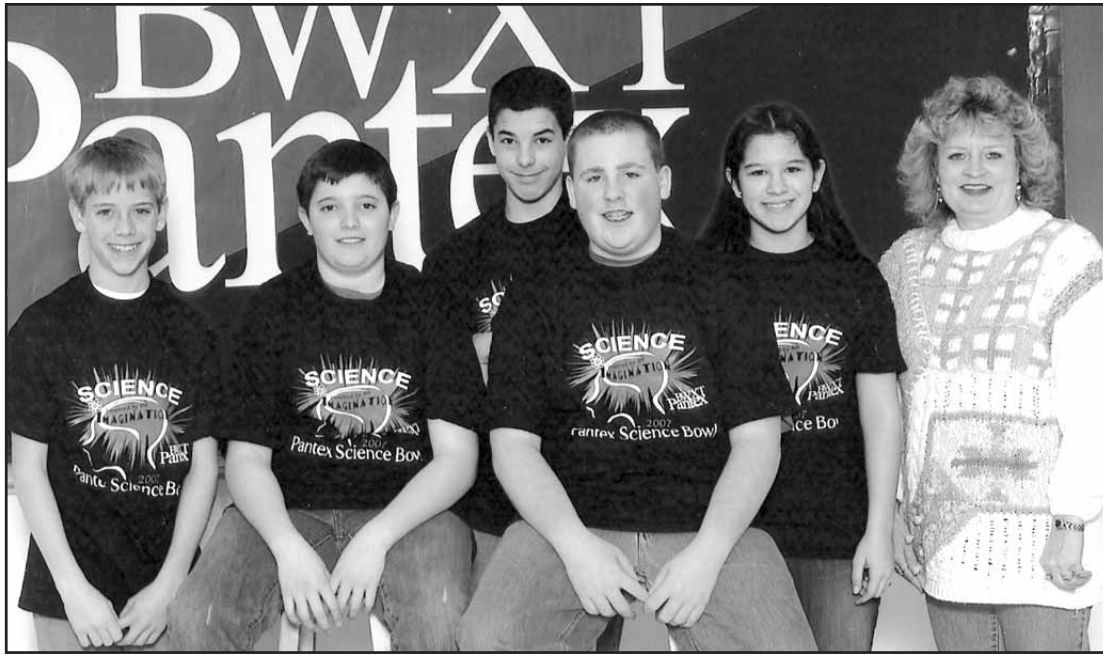
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Lazbuddie students compete in science bowl

The Lazbuddie Junior High competed in the Science Bowl in Amarillo. The team made it to the elimination rounds and placed sixth overall. The students competing were: Eighth grade — Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver, Tanner Beasley and Arthur Gomez; seventh grade — Todd Nichols and Jarrod Jesko. The team's sponsor is Debbie Weir.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The Valentine Dance for all our senior citizens was a huge success. Eighty two senior sweethearts enjoyed the music, food, and good fellowship.

Our daily attendance for our lunches are increasing much to our delight. We had one hundred ten to visit and enjoy the center last Friday. We are so glad that the seniors are getting out and enjoying the fellowship at the center.

Every day is a play day at the center. If you have not visited with us, please come in and see what a good thing the center is for Muleshoe and the

surrounding area.

Our bingo on Thursday, beginning at 1:30 p.m., is a big success. A lot of fun and enjoyment. Remember to bring your can of food and come play.

Sandy will be playing the music for our dance on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Bring your favorite dish for the pot luck supper, and enjoy the fellowship with friends.

Menu for Monday, Feb. 26 - March 2:

Monday, Feb. 26 — Chicken with mushrooms, ranch potatoes, broccoli and fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Taco salad, beans, rice, lettuce,

tomatoes, chips, salsa and cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cookies.

Thursday, March 1 — Meat loaf, whole kernel corn, baked beans, salad, wheat roll and cobbler.

Friday, March 2 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

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...SHE INSTALLED, IN THE PALACE, AND SUPPORTED, NINE HUNDRED PRIESTS OF THIS HEATHEN RELIGION AND, IN TURN, HUNTED DOWN THE PRIESTS OF ISRAEL AND SLAUGHTERED THEM WHERE EVER SHE COULD! LOUING IN ORIENTAL LUXURY IN THE PALACE, SHE DIRECTED THE POLICIES OF THE KINGDOM, WHILE AHAH SAT MEEKLY BY HER SIDE, NEVER DARING TO DISPUTE HER. HER SCHEMINGS, HER CRUELITIES, AND HER PASSION FOR BLOOD-SPILLING ARE RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF I KINGS. ONLY ELIJAH, THE GREAT PROPHET, STOOD UP AGAINST THIS WICKED QUEEN AND FOUGHT HER EVIL INFLUENCE AT EVERY TURN. HER OWN DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WAS PREDICTED BY THE PROPHET AND TOOK PLACE EXACTLY AS HE PROPHESED IT WOULD! (I KINGS 9:30-37)

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Obituaries

Bill Wilkins

A graveside service for Bill P. Wilkins, 89, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Ed Nichols and Keith Morris officiating.

Wilkins died on Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, in Park View Nursing Home in Muleshoe. He was born on Dec. 27, 1917, in Buda to Robert Luther Wilkins and Lottie Lee (Bright), and married Kathrin Gatlin in Clovis, N.M. on Sept. 10, 1950. She preceded him in death on March 16, 1988.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, a son

— James, and a daughter — Janic.

Wilkins was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He moved to Muleshoe from Friona in 1947.

He was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and retired from the Ray Griffith & Son Grain Elevator after 30 years of employment.

He also worked for the City of Muleshoe from 1970 to 1975.

Survivors include his step-daughter — Treva Kay Morrison of Wildorado.

Memorials may be sent to Park View Nursing Home.

Jackie Julian

Funeral services for Jackie Ron Julian, 63, of Lampasas were held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Sneed Funeral Home with minister Reid Schaub and Pastor Michael Kelly officiating.

Julian died on Feb. 17, 2007. He was born on May 14, 1943, to Jack and Rosalene Julian in Muleshoe. He graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1961, and attended New Mexico University, and served in the U.S. Army.

He married Sandra Gammill in 2004.

Julian formerly owned a Goodyear tire store in Gladewater, and Hill Country Home Health.

Julian was preceded in death by his father, and a daughter — Rhonda Diane

Julian.

Survivors include his wife — Sandra Julian; his mother — Rosalene Julian of Georgetown; a son — Timothy Scott Julian; a daughter and her husband — Kimberly Lee and Stephen Chaney; a daughter — Vicky Julian of Houston; two stepsons and their wives — Spicer and Erica Lewis, and Pace and Shaye Lewis; a stepson — John Marti; a brother and his wife — Robert and Marcia Julian of Pampa; two sisters and their husbands — Nancy and Larry Reavis of Round Rock, and Connie and Royce Barnes of Lazbuddie; four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.



Bible presented

Vernon Luce, Sr. vice commander of VFW Post 3280 of Clovis, N.M., and Roger Bartosiewicz, also of the VFW post, presented Dr. Jobey Claborn of Muleshoe with a Bible recently in honor of his father, John "Jay" Claborn, who owned Claborn Funeral Home in Friona for more than 30 years. After graduating from high school, John Claborn joined the U.S. Army, and fought in five major battles in the European Theater, receiving four Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, the "Croix Deguirre — France's Medal of Honor, the Belgium Medal of Honor, and the American Defense Service Medal.

Corey Kelton

Funeral services for L/Cpl. Corey Lynn Kelton, 21, of Sundown were held on Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Sundown School Auditorium with Kevin Douglas of Dalhart officiating. Burial followed in the Gaines County Cemetery, Seagraves

Kelton died on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on Oct. 20, 1985, in Brownfield, and moved to Sundown from Levelland in 2000.

Kelton graduated from Sundown High School in 2004, and entered the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

He attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Levelland, and was a pump mechanic for Allied Oilfield Service.

Kelton was preceded in death by his grandfather — Charles Harvey of Muleshoe, and his great-grandparents — Omar and Alice Kelton, also of Muleshoe.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather — Rhonda and Dennis Gardner of Sundown; his father and stepmother — Roby and Kay Kelton of Lubbock; a brother — Jason



L/CPL. COREY LYNN KELTON

Kelton of Abilene; a sister — Sarah Kelton of Sundown; a stepsister — Kristin Gardner of Santa Anna; his grandparents — Richard Kelton of Lubbock, Billy and Marty Bagwell of Plains, Dolores Harvey of Muleshoe, and Dena Gardner of Seagraves; and great-grandparents — Roy Shoemaker of Ralls and Nell Jordan of Carlsbad, N.M.

Memorials may be sent to the Marine Corps League, South Plains Detachment #519, P.O. Box 93152, Lubbock, TX 79393.

Grain sorghum workshop set

Grain sorghum production is the focus of a Texas Cooperative Extension workshop in Muleshoe, Friday, March 2.

Hybrid selection, seeding rate and planting date, fertility, and weed control will be discussed as well as strategies for choosing planting date and sorghum maturity.

The program 8:30 - 11:00 am program will meet at the Bailey Co. Coliseum, and will offer two CEU's including half a unit in IPM.

For further information contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County ag agent, at 272-4583.

Nursing Home News

Friday evening the Farwell Church of God in Christ (Mennonites) youth came and sang for the residents.

Mary Friesen came Thursday to visit and spend time with several of the residents.

Kenneth Precure visited the residents at Park View recently.

Laurannette Mason visited Louise Agee and Jewel Peeler and others last week.

Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ came and directed a communion service.

The 16th & D Church of Christ directed a song service Sunday afternoon.

Bill Wilkins received visits from Marilyn Wilson, Glenda Dale and Debbie Crabtree this week.

Dr. Barry Cowart brought four boxes of fresh doughnuts to Park View Sunday afternoon.

The Alzheimer's Support group is scheduled for March 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Park View Conference room.

Marie Lane and Bill Wilkins were voted Mr. and Mrs. Valentine at the Valentine Party Wednesday. The First Assembly of God hosted the event.

Zelda (Donaldson) Ellison of the Oklahoma Lane community came and sang and played the piano

Sunday afternoon.

Zelda also visited with Mrs. Byerly

Zona Gatewood played the piano for the sing-a-long Thursday morning.

Myrion Young visited Nathan Bemmer recently.

Ruth Hall from the First Baptist Church came Sunday morning to teach the Bible Study.

The Lazbuddie seventh grade class and the Community Service Class of Muleshoe High School created and delivered Valentines for the residents.

Mandi Seaton from the Bailey County Extension office gave a program on Presidents on Thursday.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ruby Clark. Ruby will be missed by many.

At this writing Floy Hanson, Ardith Long, Mrs. Beaty, Pauline Chappell and Mrs. Milligen are hospitalized. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Snarled traffic

Last week's icy weather caused a few traffic problems in Muleshoe. Pictured above, a semi-tractor snarled traffic on West American Blvd. after jack-knifing on the ice.

Stone releases single recording

Pastor Jack Stone of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe is pleased to announce the release of a single recording to be released nationwide entitled, "Jesus is enough."

The song is written by Russ Murphy who wrote the number one song "Welcome Home, Soldier."

For more information contact 806-272-3017 or go to www.topshelfministries.com

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

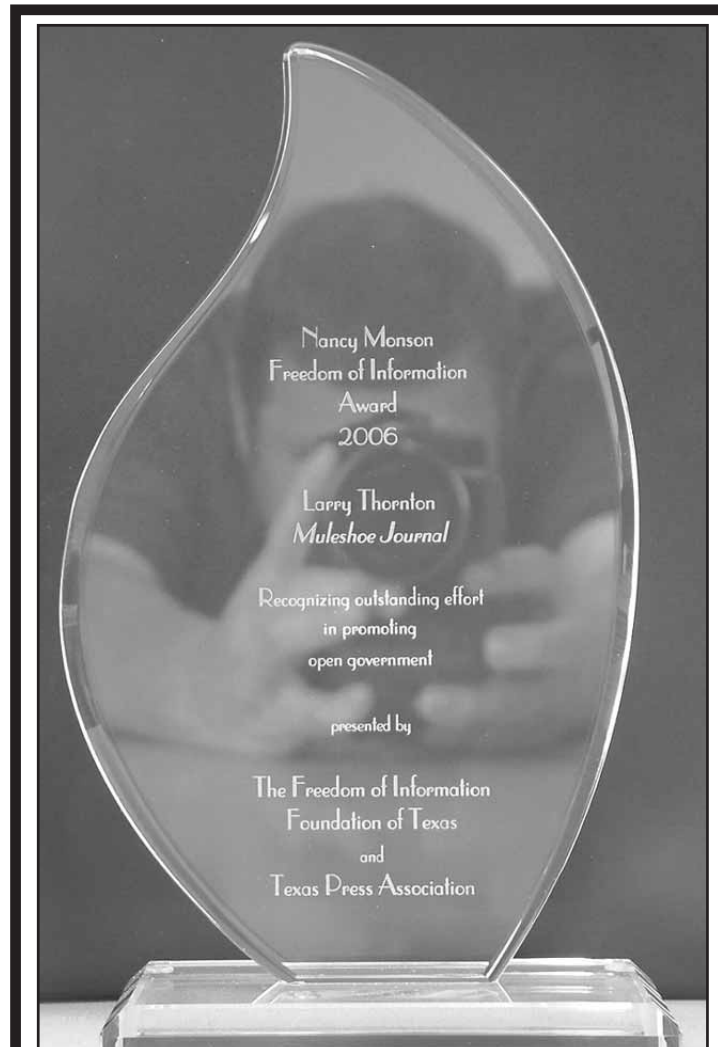
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Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

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Sports

Lady Mules fall to Panhandle Pantherettes in post season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules reached the post season for the ninth consecutive season and made it eight straight since Shana Simms took over the reins.

They met an unknown foe in the Panhandle Pantherettes as this was the first season for the Lady Mules in class 2-A.

The Pantherettes were the runners up in District 1-2A and had a preseason number two ranking in the state.

Panhandle may not have played up to their preseason hype but all records were out the window when the State Playoffs began.

The Lady Mules used what brought them to the dance early in the game to jump out to a 5-0 lead. They pressured the ball the full 94 feet and forced Panhandle to give up the ball and scored in transition.

The first half was a seesaw battle but the Pantherettes made the necessary adjustments at the intermission to take the

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— Coach Shana Sims

Bi-District gold ball back to Panhandle with them. They downed the Lady Mules 59-43.

Kyra Kimbrough led the first period charge for the Lady Mules in the first period and scored the first five points of the game. The Lady Mules forced the Pantherettes to turn the ball over on their first three possessions and Kimbrough led the fast breaks.

The Pantherettes called time out and settle down and out scored the Lady Mules 10-0 to take a 10-5 lead. The Lady Mules stopped the bleeding before the period ended with a 5-2 run. The Lady Mules trailed 12-10 to start the second period.

Kimbrough continued to have the hot hand for the Lady Mules in the second

period. She raced down the floor on fast breaks to score seven points. CiCi Reyna made a pair from the line and Morgan Smith made one.

Sarah Johnson converted an old fashion three-point play early in the period. Panhandle had opened a four-point margin over the Lady Mules as the half wound down. Johnson dialed in from long range to cut the Pantherette's lead to 27-26 at the half.

Panhandle used better splits on offense in the second half and made it extremely difficult for the Lady Mules to double team the ball. The Pantherettes kept the Lady Mules glued to 26 points in the third period while they opened a 10-point lead.

Kate Lepard finally got the Lady Mules off 26 and

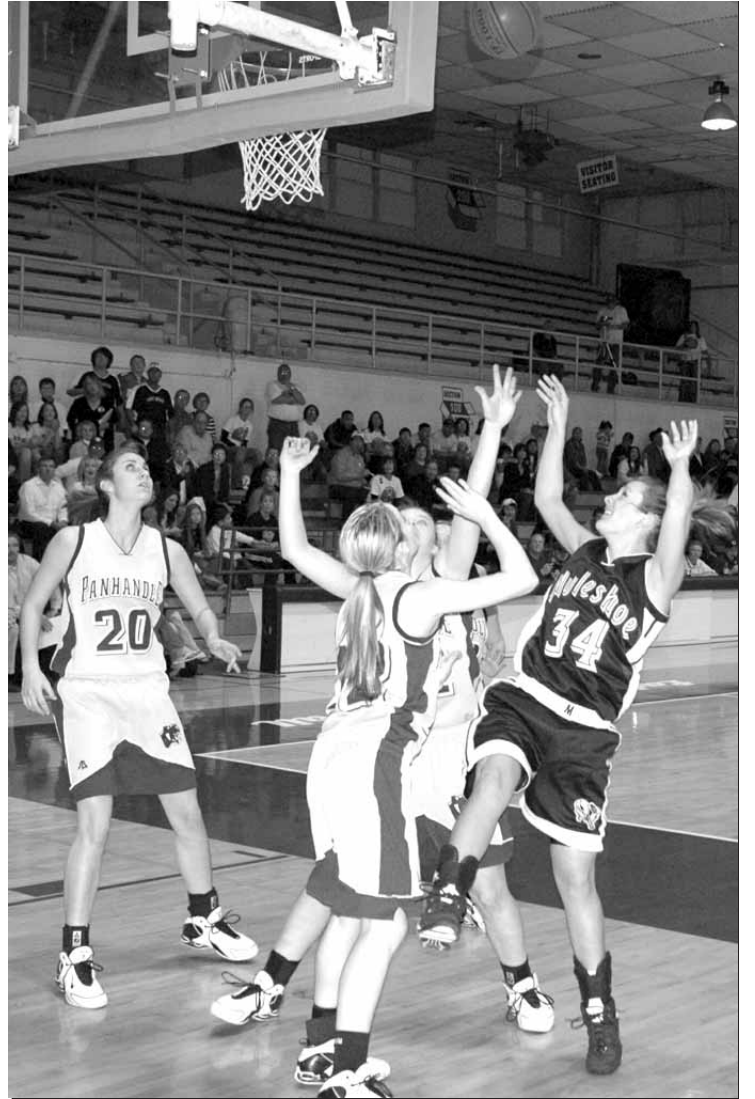
scored all six points for the Lady Mules in the period. Panhandle started the final frame leading 43-32.

The Lady Mules could not cut into the lead in the final period and were forced to foul to stop the clock and get the ball. Panhandle made nine of 12 from the line to hang on for the win.

Kimbrough led the Lady Mules with 14 points and Lepard dropped in 12. Johnson made all six of her points in the third period, Reyna had five and Chi Hernandez made all four of her points in the final period. Smith and Gabby Agundis each chipped in a point.

"Panhandle has a very good team," said Lady Mule coach Simms. "We played hard but just did not match up very well with their size."

"I am very proud of these girls this year. We have had some ups and downs but they never quit believing in the team and always played hard. It was a joy being around these kids and we will miss our seniors."



Kate Lepard shoots during a recent game against Panhandle. Photograph by Norm Brantley

Lady Horns make school history

The 2006-2007 Lazbuddie Lady Horns made school history this year in the State Basketball Playoff race.

The Lady Horns, coached by Jeff Ford, won their first playoff game by defeating the Groom Lady Tigers with a score of 50-34.

The crowning of the Bi-District Champions was the first playoff win for the girl's basketball program since it went to full court play in 1979 and only the second playoff win for the girls in the school's history, the previous win coming in 1955.

The Lady Horns started their playoffs by traveling to Claude to face Groom in a triple header for the Bi-District title.

The Lady Horns played the last game of the night and started things off great. They jumped out to a lead



Courtesy photo

in the first quarter and fought hard the entire game. The last quarter they left no doubt as to the fight left in them and took control to end the game 16 points ahead.

Scoring for the Lady Horns were Chelsea Nichols with 21, Brianna Sanchez with 11, Rochelle Smith with eight, Brittany Sexton with four, Brittney

Schacher with three, Kinzi Schacher with two and Megan McGuire with one.

On Friday, the Lady Horns traveled to Bushland to face the Lady Eagles of Channing for the Area title.

Channing jumped out to a good lead the first quarter but the Lady Horns never

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ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2007 for the purpose of:

Electing
Muleshoe Area Hospital District
Board of Directors for Places 2 and 4

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 215 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007. Early voting hours are extended from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2007 and May 8, 2007 as required under Section .85.005 (d) of the Election Code.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Lori Davis
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Sports

Mules fall in final game against Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules traveled to Highland Park needing a win and rooting for Dimmitt to beat Tulia.

That scenario would have thrown District 2-2A in a three-way tie for third place.

The Mules were unaware of a district vote that the very outcome the Mules were hoping for would have sent Dimmitt to the post season.

The Mules did not defeat the Hornets of Highland Park and Tulia canned the Bobcats to claim the final spot in the Playoffs.

The Mules trailed by two points with less than 30 seconds left in the game and moved the ball across

'They never quit even when everything seemed to be stacked against them...'

center court and called time out.

Coach Ralph Mason drew up a play for the Mules.

Colby Carpenter got stuck in traffic and could not get open. Dustin Barker took the in bound pass and worked for an open shot. His 15 foot jumper was short and Brian Poynor cleared the glass.

Poynor's put back attempt was blocked and Barker grabbed the loose ball and put it back on the rim. The ball bounced twice before falling to the floor as

the buzzer sounded giving Highland Park a 66-64 win.

Barker, Elias Alvarado and Garrett Riley all hit from behind the arc in the first period to stay with the much taller Hornets. The game was tied at 12-12 starting the second period.

The Hornets made a trey and a bucket in the second period but went to the line 15 times and converted 11 to lead 28-24 at the half.

Carpenter dialed in from long distance and converted a pair from the line for five points in the second period.

Eric Washington got the inside position and scored twice. He also made two from the line. TJ Brantley got his first point of the game from the line.

Barker hit twice from past the arc in the third period and Poynor scored twice on put backs after grabbing offensive rebounds. He also converted two from line as did Washington.

The Hornets out scored the Mules 21-14 to take a 49-38 lead into the final frame. Many thought the Mule's night was over. Brantley nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to start the last quarter.

The Mules continued to chip away at the Hornets lead. Carpenter found creases in the Hornet defense and drove to the hoop for three buckets. He knocked down three charity tosses for nine in the period. Riley hit three buckets

and Barker dropped in a jumper. Washington made two from the line. Brantley hit two from the line and made a jumper from the elbow. The Mules had finished a 26-14 run to temporarily take a one-point lead.

The ball got loose on the Hornets end of the floor but the Mules could not grab the ball. Highland Park scooped up the ball and pulled the trigger on a 3-point shot. The ball swished through the net to end the Mules hope of a come back.

Highland Park went to the line 35 times in the contest and converted 24 into points. The Mules made 19 of 28 from the line. Six Mules entered the final period with four fouls.

Carpenter led the Mules with 14 points, Barker dropped in 12, Riley added 11 and Washington made 10. Brantley had eight points, Poynor six and Alvarado chipped in three.

"These kids have a lot of heart," said coach Mason. "They went against a much taller team tonight and gave it their all. They just came up a little short. The final period run at Highland Park took a lot of guts and says a lot about this group."

"They never quit even when everything seemed to be stacked against them. We will miss the seniors but that is the way it is in high school sports. We will now start trying to replace the seniors and get prepared for next season."

"He Knows Just What I Need"

I don't know if anyone has come up with a Twelve Step group, something on the order of Alcoholics Anonymous, for packrats, but I hope so. I need to join forthwith.

"We've always done it that way," is the motto for folks with one kind of affliction. But the motto for folks with my kind of affliction is just as binding, albeit shorter: "I might need that."



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Let me share a microcosm of my life that illustrates the depth of the problem.

A couple of years ago I switched over from a briefcase-style computer bag to a backpack style bag. One reason was that I was afraid carrying a briefcase might lead to the habitual wearing of power ties and suits. But I also found that I could carry more stuff in the backpack, stuff that "I might need." At the time, it hadn't occurred to me that backpacks also work better on Honda Magna V45 750cc motorcycles; that fortuitous discovery came later.

But I've noticed that about three or four times a year, the backpack's weight bumps up to around thirty pounds, and I need to take everything out of the bag. Everything. And then put stuff away, throw stuff away, lighten the load, and start the process over again.

Here's what I found in the backpack last time I cleaned it out: one computer and power

adapter; many business cards; one PDA & stylus; five floppy disks; one CD case with 20 CDs; one pair of socks; one page of a wedding sermon; two A/C plug adapters; one 100 GB external hard drive and cable; two legal pads; many empty CD sleeves; numerous blank note cards & envelopes; one USB hub; two sets of earphones; two sets of earplugs; a LAN card; various computer cables; a cheap jogging watch (I don't jog); one Windows XP booklet & CD; one Dell system CD; one floppy drive; one long phone cord; one short phone cord; one phone cord retractor; two phone cord unions; three highlighters; three pens; two pen refills; one book light; one flashlight; one 256K flash drive; one audio cable; five program CDs (QuarkXpress & Norton Systemworks); two audio accompaniment CDs; two wedding video CDs; five unidentified CDs & DVDs; one Michael Card CD; one very practical article on "Impractical Christianity"; five books (*Well-Intentioned Dragons*; *The Contented Soul*; *Preaching & Worship in the Small Church*; *A Change of Heart*; *For the Life of the World: Sacrament and Orthodoxy*); pictures of various views of the inside of my wife's colon (tossed in after a good report from a routine colonoscopy; I mean the pics, not the colon); an article on transferring an AOL address book; an article on using MS Outlook with AOL; last Sunday's sermon; three old sermons; a flyer for our church's Coat Drive; and a check for the Mission Fund.

Ah, if the problem was just confined to my backpack . . .

I'm glad the old song is true: "He [Jesus] Knows Just What I Need." I obviously don't.

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

Lazbuddie Lady Horns...

Continued from page 6 gave up. The girls fought their way back and played the rest of the game even up but the first quarter still haunted them.

The Lady Horns lost 47-32 after a hard fought battle. Scoring was Chelsee Nichols, 21, Brittany Sexton, 8, Megan McGuire, 2, and Rochelle Smith, 1.

The team ended the year with many accomplishments of which to be proud.

"They have represented their town and school well throughout the entire season," a school officials said.

In fact, in the *Amarillo Globe News* area basketball statistics (Class 3A-1A) the Lady Horns had Chelsee Nichols in the top scorers and had four girls — Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Brittney Schacher and

Chelsee Nichols in the top rebounders.

However, the statistic of which the team is the proudest is for their defense. The team ended the season as the third top team in defense, behind Gruver and Canyon. The Lady Horns only allowed an average of 36.5 points per game.

The Lady Horns team consists of members: Juniors — Chelsee Nichols, Brianna Sanchez, Brittney Schacher, Rochelle Smith and Megan McGuire; Sophomores — Brittany Sexton and Haley Sexton; Freshmen-Kinzi Schacher, Lydia Campos and Katie Chavez.

Coach Ford is in his fifth year at Lazbuddie.

"We look forward to a great season next year with the entire team returning," a school official said.

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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. New Mexico/Texas Peanut Production Workshop (Kakahuate Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

9 a.m. Expo and Exhibits open

10 a.m. Horse Demonstration, Orin Barnes, Barnes Training Stables (Show Arena)

Spanish program for Dairy Workers, "Proper Milking Techniques" (Tent)

11 a.m. Dr. Chris Allison, NMSU Extension Range Management Specialist "Planning for the Next Drought" (Yucca Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunch, Portales Rotary Club

1:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Games

Herbicide and Chemical Update, Denise McWilliams, NMSU Agronomist 1 CEU for Private Applicators (Yucca Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

2 p.m. Horse demonstration, Orin Barnes, Barnes Training Stables, (Show Arena)

2:30 p.m. Cooking Demo, Connie Moyers, Roosevelt Co. Extension Home Economist (Kakahuate Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

5 p.m. Expo closes for the day

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9 a.m. Expo and Exhibits open

10 a.m. Working Stock Dog Demonstration, Pat Howard and daughter (Show arena)

DFA Meeting for Dairy Owners and Managers, DFA will provide speaker and lunch (Tent)

Antique Tractor Games

11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

noon DFA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. Air Quality Regulations Update, Dr. Robert Hagevoort, NMSU Extension Dairy Specialist (Cacahuete Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

Working Stock Dog Demonstration

Pat Howard and daughter (Show Arena)

2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

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Heritage Foundation News

By Jean Allison

Joe Bob Stevenson, president of the Heritage Foundation Board, presided at the monthly, Feb. 5 meeting of the board at the Santa Fe Depot.

Gary Hooten, treasurer, gave the opening prayer followed by minutes read by HFB secretary Jenne McVicker.

Hooten explained the financial statement and members approved with correction both the minutes and the financial report.

Member Ann McElroy gave the recommendation that grant money be kept separate from cash accounts.

Later in the meeting, with suggestions from Ann, members discussed ideas on how to fulfill requirements of the different grants previously awarded to the center.

One of these suggestions was to get the downed windmill repaired and raised which could fulfill, some of the requirements about the usage of water.

Jay Cage and Gary volunteered to contact a windmill expert and to complete the windmill project of raising the windmill.

Other suggestions were made about fulfilling grant requirements. Ladene Spears reported that all of the bad weather had cut activity at the Heritage Thrift Shop, but said things were moving again this week.

She also said the inventory at the Thrift Shop is low, and townspeople are invited to contribute clothing, especially

warm coats, T-shirts and household items.

The proceeds from the Thrift Shop are vital to the Heritage Center, as this money is used for its day-to-day expenses.

Sammie Simpson reported that the Virginia City Hotel has been lowered and stabilized and a bid for completing the old structure is expected soon.

Lonnie Adrian reported that he had contacted Stovall Printing about ideas for post cards to be sold at the center.

He received a cost estimate and ideas should follow soon.

Lonnie who heads the annual Tour de Muleshoe Bike Ride also reported that the ride this year will be on Saturday, June 16, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Members were pleased about the location as the bikers can begin and finish the ride inside the coliseum which they enjoy.

A committee consisting of Jay Cage, Bobbie Harrison, Sheila Stevenson, Gary Hooten, Jenne McVicker and

Jean Allison was appointed to begin making plans and getting sponsors for this year's ride.

A motion was made and approved to meet the rest of the winter months on the third Tuesday of the month at noon with members bringing a sack lunch.

The next monthly meeting will be March 20, at noon.

Members attending the meeting were included Sheila and Joe Bob Stevenson, Sammie Simpson, Ann McElroy, Ladene Spears, Lavonne McKillip, Gary Hooten, Jenne McVicker, Jean Allison, Lonnie Adrian, Jay Cage, and Bobbie Harrison.

Heritage center hostess Dolores Harvey was unable to attend the meeting due to the tragic accident and death of a grandson near Lubbock.

Thrift Store donations needed

It's easy to forget that there are people in our town who need basic necessities — clothes, household goods, shoes.

Last month, hundreds of people shopped at the Heritage Thrift Shop and bought thousands of articles. The articles they bought came from your generous donations.

Because the needs of the community have recently been so great, the store is extremely low on inventory. "We need everything but, in particular, we need jeans, sweat shirts, shoes and warm clothing for both adults and children," a Thrift Shop representative said. "We also welcome household goods, electronics, books, and miscellaneous items."

Bring donations to the Thrift Shop on Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are tax-deductible and proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

Engagement



COURTNEY HOBBS AND FABIAN GUZMAN

Hobbs, Guzman to wed

Ray and Carole Hobbs of Van Vleck announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Hobbs, to Fabian Guzman, the son of Filemon and Gloria Guzman of Lazbuddie.

The prospective bride is a 2000 graduate of Van Vleck High School, and is currently employed with Beall's Department Stores.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, and will graduate in May 2007 with a master's degree in healthcare administration from Texas Tech University. He is currently employed with Cornerstone Urology in Lubbock.

The wedding is scheduled for May 26, 2007, at the Caney House in Bay City.

LISD students honored

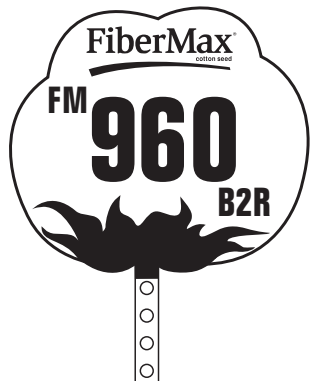


TINA HARDER



MICAH VERA

Lazbuddie Elementary recently honored first-grade student Tina Harder, the daughter of Peter and Katharine Harder, and third-grade student Micah Vera, the daughter of Oracio and Teresa Vera.



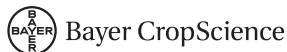
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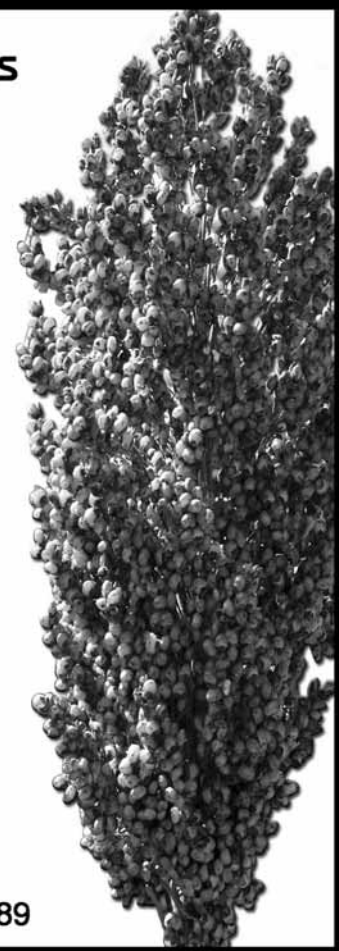


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Wedding Showers



LORISSA AND BRADY MASON

Masons honored at shower

Lorissa and Brady Mason were honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, Feb. 11, in the home of Karen Harris of Muleshoe.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Cathy Moffett, and the groom is the son of Wendel and Vada Mason.

Hostesses for the event included Rayniel Bamert, Brenda Black, Debbie Conner, Tanya Embry, Ruth Hall, Dani Heathington, Darlene Henry, Debbi Hutto, Sherry Kennedy, Kay Lepard, Eileen Morton, Dorothy Sorley, Jody Wood, Cindy Barrett, Beckye Conklin, Joellen Cowart, Barbara Finney, Karen Harris, Ruby Henderson, Sue Holt, Connie Kenmore, Jan King, Ruth Locker, Linda Nowell and Robin Welch.

The hostess gift presented to the couple was a Village Square entertainment center.

Special guests in attendance included Vada Mason, Kathy Six, Judy Gholson and Donna Mason.



MIRIAM HERNANDEZ PHILLIPS

Phillips wedding shower held

Miriam and Jeffrey Phillips were honored with a wedding shower at the home of LaDonna Scott on Feb. 3.

The bride is the daughter of Carmella and Ramon Hernandez. The groom is the son of Rosa Davis and Steven Phillips.

Hostesses for the event were LaDonna Scott, Debbie Weir, Linda Martin, Gina Wilkerson, Chandra Sanchez, April Coker, Stephanie Foster, Becky Jones, Carolyn Scott, Mona Martinez, Sherrie Nichols, Debbie Nickels, Elaine Walker, Pat Randolph, JoDonna Terry, Mandi Seaton, Charlotte Harris, Janette Thorn and Tonya Gartin.

Among the gifts received were a set of Faberware pots and pans, a coffee maker, blender, mixer, toaster, crock pot, a set of Chicago Cutlery knives and a cutting board, Air Bake cookie sheets, a set of Pyrex, and a variety of small kitchen gadgets.

Among the special guests attending were Carmella Hernandez, Mayra Hernandez, Ana Hernandez, Rosa Davis, Wilton Armstrong, Suzanne Phillips and Dina Phillips.

Engagement



MEGAN TIPS AND TRENT TERRELL

Tipps, Terrell to wed

David and Liz Tipps of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Tipps of Austin, to Trent Terrell of Waco.

The prospective bride is a 2001 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a 2005 graduate of Baylor University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in neuro science and a minor in philosophy.

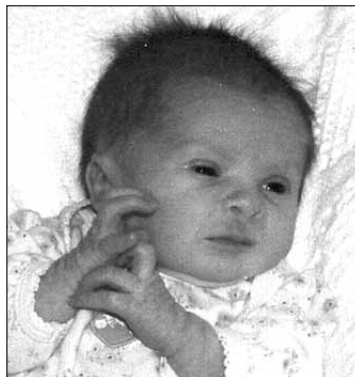
She is currently a graduate student in the Neurology Department at the University of Texas.

The prospective groom is the son of Ken and Donna Terrell. He is a 1999 graduate of Amarillo High School and a 2003 graduate of Baylor University, where he received a bachelor of art degree in psychology.

He also earned a master's degree in neuroscience, and is presently a graduate student in Baylor's Psychology Department.

The wedding has been set for May 19, 2007, at 7 p.m., at the Spirit Ranch of Lubbock with Curtis Shelburne of Muleshoe officiating. A reception will follow in the Baker Building.

Births



MACKENZIE GRACE THOMASON

Mackenzie Thomason

Brandon and Jana Thomason announce the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Grace, on Dec. 19, 2006, at 10:10 p.m. in Lubbock.

Mackenzie weighed 6 pounds at birth, and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Reggie and Sue Johnson and Charles and Pam Thomason, all of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are Wayne Johnson of Amarillo, Joel and Glenda Thacker of Cleburne, Lester and Marjorie Morgan of Muleshoe, and Jerry and Loys Thomason of Pecos.

Great-grandparents are Leeta Gray of Pecos and Melba Burns of Crowley.

Thanks for reading!

Lopez retirement celebration set

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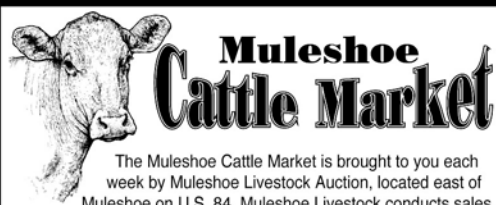
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Abel Barragan, Levelland		Blk. bull	210 lbs.	at \$130
Jamie F. Grey, Littlefield		Blk. str	295 lbs.	at \$139
Terry Widner, Friona		RWF str	350 lbs.	at \$120
Landon Smith, Olton	2	Blk. str	535 lbs.	at \$101
John Hill, Abernathy	2	Blk. str	563 lbs.	at \$105
John Hill, Abernathy	8	Blk. str	773 lbs.	at \$93.25
Billy Criswell, Post		YWF bull	605 lbs.	at \$92
Donnie Clayton, Springlake	4	Mxd. bulls	500 lbs.	at \$98.50
Donnie Clayton, Springlake		BWF str	650 lbs.	at \$98
Megan Hill, Abernathy	5	Mxd. str	739 lbs.	at \$93
Chico Cattle, Abernathy	3	Blk. str	760 lbs.	at \$93
B&Q Cattle, Springlake		Blk. hfr	265 lbs.	at \$330
Jamie F. Grey, Littlefield	4	BWF hfrs	315 lbs.	at \$115.50
Valentine Tovar, Hereford		Yell. hfr	335 lbs.	at \$110
Landon Smith, Olton	2	Blk. hfrs	463 lbs.	at \$99
Jim Hall, Muleshoe		Red hfr	600 lbs.	at \$90
Jose Ramirez, Plainview		Blk. hfr	805 lbs.	at \$85
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FM Farms, Brownfield		Red cow	1290 lbs.	at \$54
Steve Moore, Anton		RMF cow	1350 lbs.	at \$55
Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe		Blk. cow	1125 lbs.	at \$53.50
Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	3	Blk. cows	1475 lbs.	at \$50.50



Ramm honored for service to the district

Ernest Ramm, who recently retired after 22 years with the Blackwater Valley SWCD, is pictured in the center being presented with a plaque honoring his years of service to the district by Nick Bamert, chairman of Blackwater Valley SWCD, on the left. Ramm was accompanied at the cotton conference by his wife — Mary Alice.

Extension IPM agents honored for service

Monti Vandiver of Bailey and Parmer Counties was among three Texas Cooperative Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agents from West Texas who were honored during the Texas Pest Management Association's annual meeting in Round Rock earlier this month.

The Texas Pest Management Association is a statewide, multi-commodity grower association made up of crop producers and commodity group representatives dedicated to enhancing the economic benefits of agriculture while protecting the quality of the environment.



MONTI VANDIVER

Vandiver was awarded the Outstanding Extension Agent-IPM Award.

His recognized areas of expertise are cotton, corn and vegetable integrated pest management. He was also cited as being a leader in using the "Cotman" expert system for cotton and

for use of computer technology in delivering integrated pest management information to growers.

Todd Lockaby the association's president, and cotton producer from Lynn county, announced the winners for the three awards presented annually to extension integrated pest management agents for their work in transferring new technology to agricultural producers.

Dr. Ed Bynum, an agent in Nolan, Scurry, Mitchell and Jones Counties, and Brant Baugh of Lubbock County were awarded the Excellence in IPM Programming Award for agents with up to six years of service.

Sports

JV Mules defeat the Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules ended their season on a high note by defeating the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets.

The Mules fell behind early but rebounded in the second period to dominate the Hornets. They pounded out a 58-43 win on the Hornets home floor.

The Highland Park school is very near a radar facility that makes playing in the Mean Sting Gymnasium feel like the game is taking place in a microwave oven.

Lane Wood scored twice inside the lane in the opening period and knocked down one charity toss for five points to lead the Mules in the opening

frame. Austin Wright nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Wes Wood and Julio Bustillos each scored a bucket.

The Mules trailed 14-12 after one period. They gave up 10 of the 14 points to one individual. The Mules made adjustments at the quarter break and held him a pair of free throws the remainder of the contest.

Wright knocked down a pair of 3-pointers and a free throw to get the Mules offense going. W. Wood hit one from behind the arc and a pair of buckets. Colt Ellis found himself shooting from the charity line much of the second period. He shot eight charity tosses.

L. Wood scored inside the arc and Nathaniel Chavez chipped in a free throw. The Mules out scored the Hornets 20-9 to take a 32-23 lead to the dressing room at the half.

Adam Zamora kept the momentum going in the third period with a bucket and charity toss. Stephen Dominguez capped off the scoring with a bucket in the final period.

L. Wood paced the Mules with 17 points and Wright pumped in 14. W. Wood dropped in nine points, Ellis, Zamora and Bustillos added five each and Dominguez chipped in two.

The young Mules seemed to improve with each game.



MISD debate team wins big

For the third year in a row, the C-X debate teams from Muleshoe High School, coached by Marsha Wiseman, swept the competition in Dist. 2-2A as they went undefeated on Feb. 7 at the UIL district meet in Friona. Placing first was the team of Eric Washington and Kaytlin Wiseman; placing second was the team of Angel Daniel and Franklin Piland; placing third was the team of Cole Hawkins and Steven Richards. The top two teams advance to state competition in Austin, March 12-13. Pictured above, from left to right, are Cole Hawkins, Franklin Piland, Kaytlin Wiseman, Angel Daniel, Steven Richards and Eric Washington.

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The Muleshoe Journal's
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Cutest Baby Contest

This year's contestants will appear in the April 12 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the MOST ATTRACTIVE PICTURE to be the 2006 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area. Journal employees and their families are not eligible to win.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$15 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 201 W. Ave. C, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the adjacent coupon along with your child's photo and \$15 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 16, 2007. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.

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Local gymnasts compete in New York event

Muleshoe Sports Academy sent two of its top athletes to New York recently for the Holiday Trampoline Cup hosted by Jersey City Skyliners.

Shaylee and Taylor Winchell of Muleshoe took on the top competition from the Northern United States at the competition featuring levels 5 through Senior Elite in trampoline.

The competition featured two former Olympians in Lenka Honzekova of the Czech Republic and Paul Smyth of Great Britain.

The girls competed individual trampoline first where both girls struggled from early season jitters.

Both of the girls moved up from last year's levels of 5 and 6, where they were

national champions, to levels 7 and 9.

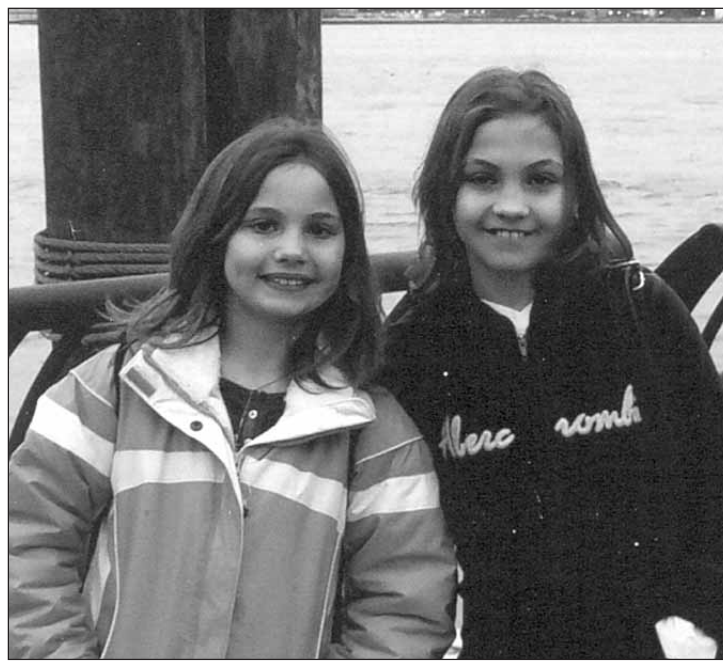
This would be their first competition of the year.

"Both of them struggled individually at their new level. It was the first one of the year, so it wasn't unexpected," Will Green, trampoline coach said.

"They came back in synchronized competition and showed a much better performance in winning the gold in that event," he added.

Both girls finished fifth in their respective divisions in individual. They and won synchronized trampoline against 10 other groups by more than five points.

Besides getting to meet the two Olympians and competing in the



SHAYLEE AND TAYLOR WINCHELL

competition, the girls did some site seeing while they were there.

They traveled to the Statue of Liberty, to the

Museum of Modern Art, as well as seeing Time Square.

They will next compete in the Winter Classic in Lubbock on Feb. 24.

Bessire exhibits first place steer

Baylee Bessire, pictured above, a 4-H member from Muleshoe, exhibited the First Place Medium Weight Hereford Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on Feb. 1. Junior show entries totaled 10,505 at this year's show which ended on Feb. 4.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade banked on switch trading and commercial buying to finish up Thursday on a 10-day peak.

Earlier in the week, there was little fresh news to guide market direction leaving futures prices to meander lower. Ideas that demand likely will not improve over the next few weeks as China prepares for its New Year celebrations, coupled with the market's continued digestion of bearish demand news from last week, also weighed on the market.

In USDA's Feb. 9 supply/demand report, estimated exports were cut to 14.5 million bales from 15.7 million the previous month amid slower-than-expected sales to China and increased competition from countries such as India. As a result, projected U.S. ending stocks increased to 8.3 million bales from 7.1 million in January.

India has become a serious competitor for cotton exports and now is the second largest exporter of cotton behind the United States. Until 2004, India's cotton farmers were producing about 300 pounds of lint per acre, but with the introduction of Bt cotton, India's yield average has increased to almost 600

pounds of lint per acre. Total production in the country rose from 13 million bales in 2003 to more than 19 million last season.

"With the help of Bt cotton, cotton farmers in India have doubled their yields in the last three years," said a cotton market observer. "We will have to work hard to stay competitive with them."

Despite the increased threat of continued export competition from India and the current, mostly stagnant cotton futures market, analysts remain optimistic.

"Longer term we remain optimistic and feel that a combination of strong Chinese imports, lower plantings in the U.S. and strong global retail consumption will lead to a firm market as we head into next season," an analyst said.

In the week ended Feb. 8, net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 298,400 bales, 27 percent more than the previous week and 32 percent more than the four-week average. Primary buyers included China, Turkey, Peru and Vietnam. Sales of 8,500 bales for delivery in 2007-08 were mainly for Mexico.

Export shipments of 179,400 bales were 12 percent more than the previous week and 15

percent more than the four-week average. Major destinations were Turkey, China, Indonesia, and Mexico.

In the spot market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 10,393 bales in the week ended Feb. 15 compared to 14,480 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 39.82 to 44.61 cents per pound compared to 42.01 to 47.62 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, USDA's Drought Monitor map for the week ended Feb. 13 showed soil moisture levels improved in many areas of Texas due to precipitation during the past week.

Conditions were categorized as abnormally dry to moderate drought in central parts of the state while water supplies were rated normal from the Upper Coastal Bend to the Rio Grande Valley.

Stormy weather developed in the Upper Coastal Bend as temperatures rose this week, and severe thunderstorms were reported in some areas. Although cotton planting normally begins in mid-February, widespread planting is unlikely to start before the end of the month.

Renewable energy workshop to be held

Renewable energy has moved into the forefront of the national agenda, and that is good news for the Great Plains region.

While a great deal of local attention is focused on large wind farms and ethanol plants, tremendous possibilities also exist at the residential and business level for solar, biomass, and bio-diesel, as well as wind energy.

In response to these prospects, a Community-Scale Renewable Energy Workshop will be held in Hereford on March 13, at the community center to give information and resources for renewable energy options.

The event is being organized by Ogallala Commons, a nonprofit resource development network, with additional sponsorship by Deaf Smith and Swisher Rural Electric Cooperatives, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union-Cooperative Development Center, and Xcel Energy.

"The event will be a clearinghouse of information for anyone interested in developing renewable energy at the residential, community, or farm and ranch level," said Darryl Birkenfeld, director of

Ogallala Commons.

"While not every town will have a large-scale wind farm, any community and its residents can take feasible steps to create renewable energy projects," he added.

"Though some innovators favor applications that are off-the-grid, there is now great potential for grid-tied systems," Birkenfeld said. "We will explore net-metering from the perspective of local utilities, but also from the experience of area residents who are actually doing it."

Doors will open at 8 a.m. with exhibit and information booths by local projects, community colleges, and companies.

The morning program begins with an overview of wind energy basics by Byron Neal from the USDA-Bushland Station, and a view from the grid by Bob Bryant of Gold Spread Electric Cooperative and Sherry Kunka of Xcel Energy.

A "practitioners panel" will give information and experience regarding community-scale wind, solar, methane, hydrogen, and bio-diesel projects.

A second panel will explore the economics of small types of renewable

energy and efficiency projects, as well as government programs and industry developments that can make such projects more feasible.

A highlight will be afternoon bus tours of utility-connected wind generators at the Tony and Dottie Neal residence in Bovina, and the Bill Paetzold farm near Hereford, as well as a grid-tied three kilowatt solar electricity generation system in Nazareth.

Registration for the workshop is \$35 per person, or a \$25 early bird discount for those who register by March 2.

Anyone interested can view a brochure and register online at www.ogallalacommons.org

For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-945-2255 or darrylb@amaonline.com.

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"Just because it's a line item doesn't mean it's going to be spent," architect Stephen Faulk said.

- Approved the minutes from its Feb. 5 meeting, and set its next meeting for Feb. 26, at 2 p.m.

- Approved the district's 2007-08 technology plan after a presentation by Linda Lewis.

- Approved the purchase

of a used mini-van to be used transporting students.

- Approved the hiring of an asbestos abatement consultant for Dillman Elementary.

Superintendent Gene Sheets explained that the carpet in the elementary building needs to be replaced, at least partially due to the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program, and that it would be replaced with

tile.

According to the superintendent, the tile under the carpet was thought to contain asbestos and that the consultant would be responsible for the required paperwork generated by the abatement, and to oversee the abatement contractors.

It was estimated that the total project would cost about \$100,000.

Have you seen me?



My name is Howie
and my people haven't seen me since Friday, Feb. 9th in the area of West 8th St. and Ave. J. Two years ago I was a stray, but then I adopted my people that feed me and take care of me. They love me very much and are worried about me. I had a white collar with a purple tag with my name and phone # on it, but I may have lost it. I like to curl up my tail so I am easy to spot from a distance. If you've seen me, please call my people and tell them so they can find me and make sure I'm okay!

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Ft. Worth Stock Show Winners



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Winning exhibitors were awarded cash "premiums" — this year exceeding \$89,000 — in addition to monies generated from the sale of animals in the show's sale of champion steers, lambs, barrows and wether goats. Besides record junior entries the show set an overall entry record of 22,673 cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons and rabbits.

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Applications may be obtained by calling the First Ag Credit Office at 272-3010, the Friona High School Counselor at 250-3951, the Lazbuddie High School Counselor at 965-2156, or the Muleshoe High School Counselor at 272-7303.

The deadline to apply is April 16, 2007.