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## School board looks at date violence

### Purdy announces she will not run again

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees held the first reading of a new "Teen Dating Violence Policy" during Monday's meeting, discussing its need and how it came about.

Assistant Superintendent Don Wood explained that the policy was the result of another "unfunded mandate" from the State of Texas, and said events at larger school districts across the state were the apparent force behind passage of House Bill 121 which required the action.

Wood explained that it wasn't unusual for teenagers in high school to find themselves in a relationship for which they weren't prepared, and many school districts across the state have had to deal with dating situations that have turned violent and even

deadly.

He also noted that the violence in such cases weren't gender specific.

Wood said the policy being presented to the board was similar to the model policy received from the state.

May 10 trustee election. The board seats up for election are currently held by Bruce Bamert, Daniel Guzman, and Cindy Purdy.

At Monday's meeting, the superintendent announced that Bamert and Guzman have refiled for their seats.

David Tipps said to the 21-year veteran of service to the school district.

"I'll still be here," Purdy replied, meaning that she would still be part of the Muleshoe Community.

"But you won't be here (on the school board)," Tipps said.

"We appreciate your service," Tipps added. "There's so much knowledge that you've accumulated and shared with the rest of us."

"Most of all, I've loved working with a team of people whom I respect," Purdy said.

During the discussion and comments concerning Purdy's decision, the superintendent pointed out that the retiring board member has had an impact on school districts and students across the State of Texas, serving as she has



Photograph by Larry Thornton

The school board tours Dillman Elementary Monday.

"It's not a big problem," said Superintendent Gene Sheets concerning dating violence at MISD, "but it may help in some situations."

In unrelated business, the school board approved a resolution calling for the

However, in a surprise, it was also announced that long-time board member Cindy Purdy has decided to retire and would not be seeking reelection.

"Cindy, we're going to miss you, girl," board president

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Craftsmen at Dillman Elementary lay tile Monday in one of the new restrooms at Dillman Elementary



The Stegall School has fallen on some hard times. Pictured above is the building in 1929, while the same building is pictured below in a 2008 photograph.

## Heritage foundation projects accounced

There's been a lot of activity at the Muleshoe Heritage Center following the acquisition of frontage property along Hwy. 84, and the preliminary plans have been made to not only develop the property, but also to bring the another piece of county history to town.

According to Kenneth Henry, chairman of the committee charged with developing the frontage property purchased with

a donation by Donna and Ray West of Midland, the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation is making plans to move the giant muleshoe from its location in front of the Santa Fe Depot to a new location along the highway.

Entitled the "Largest Muleshoe in the World," the metal structure was an eagle scout project of Kermit Price that was donated to the heritage center in 1994.

While it is structurally sound, Henry said some repairs are needed due to the accumulation of water over the years, which has

been rusting the sculpture from the inside. Along with moving it to the new location, plans have been made to add drainage holes to help prevent future damage.

But some of the most exciting news concerning the heritage center may be its decision to bring the Stegall School building, located 28 miles southwest of Muleshoe, to be displayed at the center.

Like the giant muleshoe, the school building is in need of repairs... a lot of repairs, actually, but Henry said it's been examined and is believed to be sound

enough to make the journey to town.

Other projects in line for the heritage center, include work on the Eclipse windmill that was donated to the center in 2005 by Harold Allison.

"All of these projects will cost money," according to Henry, both the relocations and the renovation and maintenance of the properties.

"The heritage board needs help from the community," he added, referring to donations of time, skills and the funds needed to accomplish the tasks.



### Local Weather

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### Beating the ball

Sometimes, second is a great place to be, especially if you've just left first base and you're looking for a place to hang out for a few moments. Pictured above, varsity Mule Ray Ramirez slides into second base during the recent game against the Olton Mustangs. For additional information about Muleshoe baseball, turn to page 6.

### MAHD audit report includes strong remarks

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A representative of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's auditing firm had some strong words of

advice for the members of the hospital board during Thursday's regular meeting.

"As a board, you need to keep up with the responses over a period of time," Michael Oatman, CPA, of Parrish, Moody & Fikes said.

While many of the things Oatman said were similar to comments made about the district's financial condition during previous audit reports, there were some differences, especially his suggestion that the board take a strong look at responses to concerns noted in the internal controls portion of the audit report.

According to the report, areas of concern include:

- Actions within the hospital district following an investigation into a suspected misappropriation of hospital funds.
- The processing of payments, which the audit

report says lacked sufficient segregation between individuals assigned to record the payments and individuals who process the payments.

"The district has a lack of segregation of duties," the report states. "...At the hospital, the same individual signs checks, reconciles the bank statements, and posts entries to the general ledger."

The district's procedure for handling unclaimed patient property, such as outstanding checks and patient refunds.

Other areas of concern included the district's interest and sinking funds, which apparently weren't kept in a separate bank account until the end of 2007.

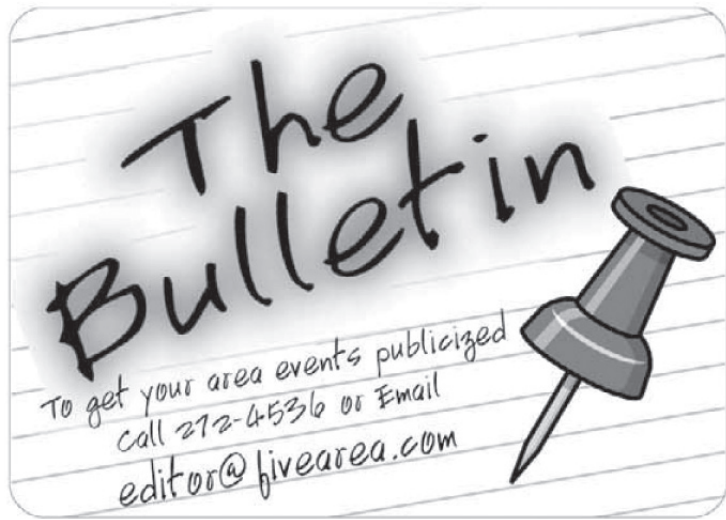
Although a copy of the district's responses to the audit concerns was requested by the *Journal*, it was unavailable prior to the press deadline.

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**Chamber banquet tickets available**

The Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture announced that the 58th annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Bailey County Coliseum. The special guest for the event will be Ray Stone, host of the Dallas Cowboys Radio Network, and also the Jeff McCreight Band. Tickets for the "black tie and boots" event will be available starting Feb. 1 from any chamber board member or at the chamber office.

**EMS benefit scheduled**

Bailey County EMS will be hosting a southern and country gospel concert to raise funds on March 1, at 6 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School auditorium.

The concert will include performances by Jack and Deb Stone, and also the 2007 International Christian Country Music New Artist of the Year, Russ Murphy of Nashville, Tenn.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Bailey County EMS building, 715 W. Second, or from any EMS personal. Children under 10 are free.

**AA, Al-Anon meetings**

AA and Al-Anon meetings are being held at 7 p.m., each Friday, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, 507 W. Second. For more information, call 806-965-2870. Please use the west side entrance.

**Lazbuddie community blood drive**

The Lazbuddie community blood drive is scheduled for Monday, March 3, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church fellowship hall, on Hwy. 1172. Call 331-8800 for an appointment.

**HPWD meeting set for Muleshoe**

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has scheduled meetings in each of its district directors' Precincts to inform the public and receive comments about the setting of desired future conditions for the Ogallala aquifer within Groundwater Management Areas 1 and 2.

The Precinct 3 meeting is set for Feb. 28, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room.

**Project Graduation luncheon**

The Senior Class parents are sponsoring a benefit brisket luncheon on Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

The meal will include brisket, beans, potatoes, bread and cobbler for \$6 per plate.

All proceeds will go to 2008 Project Graduation, which hosts a drug free, alcohol free graduation party for the 2008 Muleshoe High School graduates. For additional information, call Starla Ellis at 946-7552 or Lori Bales at 946-8633.

**Fine Arts Night to Shine**

The Muleshoe Fine Arts Booster Club announces "Fine Arts Night to Shine" on Thursday, March 13.

The evening begins with a spaghetti supper from 5-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert and a drink. Takeout will not be available.

Combination tickets for the meal and performances will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and can be obtained from any high school fine arts student or by contacting Seth Whitworth at 272-6864 or Lynn Cain 272-6794.

The visual arts students will be displaying art work in the cafeteria during meal time.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the band, choir and one-act play will perform in the Kerry Moore Auditorium. Performance only tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children, and will be available at the door.

**PTA meeting set**

Muleshoe Elementary PTA will be meeting on Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Dillman Elementary cafeteria.

Guest speaker Jennifer King will talk about the PTA and will be available for questions.

**Scholarships**

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation is offering scholarships for students who wish to attend South Plains College Muleshoe Center. Call Connie Kenmore at 272-3346 for applications and class information.

**Muleshoe Youth Softball signups**

Muleshoe Youth Softball will be signing up players from 6-8 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 4 and March 13 at the Watson Junior High gym foyer, during Little Dribbler's games; For additional information, call: Eddie Alvarado at 272-5588, Frank Baca at 272-3043, or Julie DeBruin at 272-4410.

**Alzheimer's support group**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 13, at noon, at Park View Nursing Home.

Lunch will be served. The speaker will be Les Jackson, chaplain for NursCare.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, 272-4583.

**Energy assistance available**

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program January - Dec. 31.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households.

Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

For additional information concerning this program contact Janic Posadas, 804 W. American Blvd., Suite C, 272-7537.

**Ofc. Johnson to speaking at DeShazo**

Ofc. Jared Johnson and K-9 Kaiserhofs, of the Muleshoe Police Department, will be conducting a Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime program on Friday, March 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m., for students at De Shazo Elementary.

Ofc. Johnson will be discussing drug awareness topics with these students as well as performing a K-9 demonstration.

Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime, a non-profit organization of which Johnson is a member, enables K-9 officers throughout the United States to present anti-drug/anti-crime programs to local students.

The organization also focuses on assisting law enforcement agencies with funding needs for equipment purchases, and specialized training for both officers and their K-9 partners.

One of the major benefits of the Dogs Against Drugs/Dogs Against Crime drug awareness programs is educating the youth of America and Muleshoe about the persistent drug and crime problem plaguing our communities.

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# School board... Continued from page 1

on the Risk Management Committee of the Texas Association of School Boards, most recently as its chairperson.

In her letter to the superintendent and school board, announcing her intentions, Purdy said, "It has been a wonderful journey because I truly believe we (you and I) have made a difference in the lives of many children along the way."

In other business, the school board:

- Toured the construction projects at Dillman Elementary and Watson Junior High, both of which have made significant progress of late.
- After returning to the

administration building, the board received further information concerning the construction projects, and briefly discussed the types and cost of seating that will be needed in the gymnasiums to be constructed at Muleshoe High School.

• Received a report from Elizabeth Ward, high school principal, concerning the "Ready, Set, Go!" program that was held to encourage and assist local seniors in their efforts to apply for admission to college.

"We've taken a giant step forward," Superintendent Gene Sheets said about the effort to encourage Muleshoe's students to continue their education

past high school. Representatives from about six area colleges and universities gathered at the high school to present information about their organizations, answer questions, and assist students with the application process.

• Approved the school district's technology plan, as prepared by Linda Lewis, and presented by Assistant Superintendent Don Wood.

• Reviewed update 82 for the district's board policy manual.

According to Wood, the update focused on the policy manual's presentation format, moving sections around to make them more easily understood.

• Accepted the resignations of Vickie Bundick, Jimmy Wilson, Colleen Wilson and Stephanie Salazar after returning from closed session.

• Approved the two-year administrative contracts of Don Wood, Trae McNeill and David Wood. The board members also approved contracts with principals Todd Newberry, Debbie Gallman, Alex Salazar, Elizabeth Ward, Brian Arnold, Linda Lewis, Dave McNeill, Steve Myatt, Vince Erdmann and Kent Price.

• Received a brief report from board member Thurman Myers concerning his attendance of the TASB spring workshop.

• Received a report on the district's finances, as prepared by Trae McNeill, and presented by the superintendent in her absence.

• Approved the minutes of the Jan. 21 board meeting, and the notation of the postponed Feb. 11 meeting.

## Two bits... four bits... eight bits... a dollar, all for Muleshoe pass the mashed potatoes

Close your eyes, and open your mind to the idea, and the picture of a line of scantily-clad cheerleaders in Muleshoe's colors, dancing and cavorting at the high school games.

...Oh, I left something out. I forgot to tell you that each of the cheerleaders is on the top side of 300 pounds, at least 30 years of age... and male.

There you have it, Muleshoe's equivalent to what the Florida Marlins baseball team wants, a group of... well, in the words of the Associated Press story that recently came out about the Marlins' search, "footloose fat men."



While the Marlins plan to call their dance team the Manitees, those 1,200 pound sea cows that keep getting hit by boat propellers, it just wouldn't be right to call our team the Mules, even if they are closer to the weight of a horse's equine cousin, and the "Peteettes" is just way too strange.

Since I've referred to myself, and individuals of my size as "full-figured"

fellows in the past, I guess this dance team would have to be classified as "fuller-figured."

No wait... adjusting the language currently in vogue at fast food establishments — locations this group would be all too familiar with — we could call them "super-sized" cheerleaders. "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, triple orders won't upset us! All we ask is that you let us dance at your game."

You no doubt get the idea, and the picture, even if you didn't want it.

Wasn't it Kevin Bacon who performed in the dance movie "Footloose" a couple of decades ago? I figure bacon will be an important part of this dance group as well, and lots of it, and throw on a good stack of pancakes, hash browns and biscuits and gravy while you're at it.

If it weren't for the fact that I'm too baptist to dance, this sounds like the type of exercise routine I could go for, as long as you didn't tell any of my doctors.

Full-figured white men may not be able to jump, but if we fall hard enough, we can bounce. The hard part is coordinating the bounce into something that vaguely resembles choreography.

Muleshoe fans have watched the Mighty "M" Band's flag corps for years, just wait until they're joined by the "flab corps."

That's what we need at the football games. A "svelte" dance team that outweighs both the offensive and defensive lines, combined.

## Mule Moments

### Words aren't just words

By Alicia Porter

American musician Luther Campbell famously noted that words are just words.

Unfortunately, in today's society, that is no longer true. Words now have so much meaning that even the smallest are making waves in the media.

The funny thing is that words once taken seriously are thrown out the window. One phrase that has been used over and over again, especially in light of the upcoming election, is "illegal immigrant."

Most would see no problem with this, however the politically correct way to say it is now "undocumented immigrant."

I see a huge problem with this. There is nothing politically correct about it. If illegal immigrants are suddenly undocumented immigrants, why are drug dealers not called undocumented pharmacists?

I simply cannot understand this. Another way words are being misused deals primarily with the inappropriate language used among friends.

It is not uncommon for friends to use four-letter words when speaking with each other during informal conversations. There is no justification for this.

There is an entire dictionary filled with words that can be substituted for each four-letter word used. Thesauruses can have a place in our lives, but so many of us decide not to use them.

Something that has truly bothered me lately is

excessive perversion and misinterpretations in daily conversations.

I said something to someone earlier this year, entirely innocently, and they mistook my words to mean something unbelievably perverse.

My mind was not in the gutter, but I am afraid I can not say the same for that person.

Many of you have probably heard the phrase, "That's what she said." This is said after anything a woman may say during a sexual encounter. This is ridiculous. I should not hear that after every other phrase.

The fact that my mind is far less perverse than the minds of the people around me should not interfere with the quality of conversations that I have with friends and acquaintances.

Also, words have been thrown around like they have no significance for quite some time.

Threats, that could once be considered a joke, have serious meaning that cannot be disregarded.

In the tumultuous world we live in, threats also hold true meaning. So many words do, in fact, have meaning.

In essence, Campbell was incorrect. Words have a serious impact on people and the way we live.

When some words are taken too seriously, used without thought, or are misinterpreted, it can have an enormous impact on those with whom the words are used against.

A bit of consideration can go a long way.

### Vandevender is on NTCA board

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association Board of Directors elected its 2008 officers at the association's annual meeting in New Orleans recently, including Muleshoe resident Sandy Vandevender, executive vice president and general manager of Five Area Telephone Cooperative who was elected secretary-treasurer.

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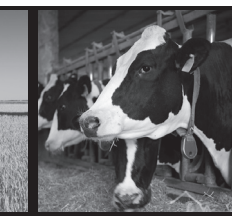
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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We welcome all our new senior citizens who have moved to Muleshoe and are coming to the center.

We want you to come and feel right at home with us. We have a good library, puzzles to put together, exercise equipment to use, or just walk.

Of course there is always someone here to play eighty, dominoes, bunco, and I understand there is now a group playing chicken foot and train. So no matter what you might like to do just

come on in and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Tuesday, March 4, all you Bunco players plan to be here by 10 a.m. to enjoy playing. Call your friend to remind them to be here.

Wednesday, March 5, Dr. Horn with Odessa Hospice of Lubbock will be speaking during the lunch hour. If you have not heard him speak you have missed a good program. Make plans to be here for lunch and the program.

If you have not purchased your ticket for the big prize,

you need to come by or call the center. We are busy taking donations for the tickets. We will see who wins the \$10,000 on April 9. So make sure your name is in the drawing.

You may not have \$100 by yourself so get a friend or two or four and get a ticket. The donations are tax free and your help to the center is greatly appreciated. Remember the Bingo on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. LaShea Mason will not be with us this Thursday, but we might let Lidia do the calling.

She is always a lot of fun. Make plans to come in and join in the fun, fellowship and refreshments.

### Menu March 3-7:

Monday, March 3 — Meatloaf, black eye peas, steamed carrots, salad, wheat rolls and apple cobbler.

Tuesday, March 4 — Beef tips with vegetables, rice, salad, wheat rolls, cake and fruit.

Wednesday, March 5 — Grilled, steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls,

banana pudding.

Thursday, March 6 — Liver and onions, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cookies.

Friday, March 7 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, coleslaw, beans, cornbread and fruit salad.

### Assistance offered

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## Alzheimer's group to meet March 13

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# Obituaries

## Ruby Cox

A memorial service for Ruby Lee Cox, 95, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell of Muleshoe officiating. Burial will be a private family graveside in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ruby died on Feb. 20, 2008, in Lubbock. She was born on Sept. 21, 1912, in Penelope, and married James A. Cox in Perryton on June 3, 1934. He preceded her in death in February 1994.

Ruby was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe and was past president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Matron of the Order of The Eastern Star, and was a member of the Muleshoe Study Club,

Muleshoe Band Boosters, and a member of the PTA, Muleshoe Sewing Club, and had been an assistant cub scout den mother.

Survivors include her son and his wife — Edwin and Carol Cox of Muleshoe; two sisters — Jimmie Porter of Lubbock and Lucy Brown of Stockton, Calif.; two grandchildren — Jeanne Cox and her fiancé Kirkland Douglass of New York City, NY, and James Cox and his wife Shem of Sugar Land; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 507 W. Second, Muleshoe, Texas, or SPC Muleshoe Center School of Nursing, P.O. Box 62, Muleshoe, Texas 79347-0062, or your favorite charity.

## James Dobbins

A funeral service for James "Woody" Dobbins, 77, of Alvarado was held on Friday, Feb. 22, at Bethel Temple Assembly of God Church in Cleburne with the Rev. Mike Mizell officiating. Burial followed in Greenacres Memorial Park Cemetery.

Dobbins died on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in Fort Worth. He was born in Danville, Ala., on March 15, 1930, the son of Anna Windon and Chester Lee Edward Dobbins, and married

Margie Garth in Del Rio on Nov. 6, 1959.

He was a truck driver and was a member of Bethel Temple.

Survivors include his wife — Margie Dobbins of Alvarado; two daughters and their husbands — Karen and David Warren of Itasca, Joann and Neil Ellington of Fischer; a daughter — Christine Loveless of Arlington; a brother and his wife — Havard and Ernestine Dobbins of Hartsville, Ala.; and two sisters and their husbands — Deana Fay and Clifton Hensley of Hartsville, Ala., and Linda and Phil Haggard of Athens, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and two sisters.

## Letter to the Editor

### To the Editor:

Words cannot express the appreciation my family feels towards the Muleshoe Fire Department, all of the neighboring fire departments and the Bailey County employees that helped to save our home.

It was almost destroyed by the grass fire on South 214.

We also want to thank the City of Muleshoe's Police Department and the Bailey County Sheriff Department for their help.

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## George Mayben

Funeral services for George William Mayben, 53, of Brenham were held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Lillian Wilder Chapel at Brenham State School, with the Rev. Jim Ferguson and the Rev. Charles Parnell officiating. Burial was at Bailey County Memorial Cemetery.

Mayben passed away on Feb. 25, 2008, at Brenham State School. He was born on Feb. 18, 1955, to G. W. and Norma Lee (Osborn) Mayben in Friona, and was employed at Sealy Mattress Co.

Survivors include his mother — Norma Lee Mayben of Abilene; a sister — Sherri Mayben of Buffalo Gap; a nephew — Abram Best; and five

nieces — Darcy Best Radcliffe, Grace Best Robinson, Abigail Best Taylor, Hannah Best Denton, and Sarah Best.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister — Norma Sue Mayben; and his grandparents — Grace and Jess Osborn, formerly of Muleshoe, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the Volunteer Services Organization of Brenham State School, 4001 Hwy. 36 South, Brenham, Tx. 77833. Funeral services were under the direction of Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 W. Main, Brenham. To view the obituary online or to post a tribute to the family, visit [www.memorialoakschapel.com](http://www.memorialoakschapel.com).

## Kathleen Nowell

Funeral services for Kathleen Nowell, 90, of Ft. Towson, Okla., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Feb. 25, at the Ft. Towson First Baptist Church with the Rev. Melvin Holliman officiating. Burial followed on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Nowell died on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Hugo, Okla. She was born on Sept. 9, 1917, in Dimmitt to Emmett Rufus and Leonia Rothwell.

She was raised in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School before attending

business college.

She married Virgil Nowell on Oct. 29, 1939, in Dimmitt. Nowell was a member of the Ft. Towson First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband — Virgil Nowell in 1981; a son — Derrell Nowell in 2006; a granddaughter; four brothers and a sister.

Surviving relatives include a daughter and her husband Jaqueta and Jimmy White of Ft. Towson, Okla.; a daughter-in-law — Linda Nowell of Lubbock; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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## The Muleshoe Journal's 14th Annual Cutest Baby Contest

This year's contestants will appear in the March 20 edition of the Muleshoe Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2007 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, March 24, 2008. NOTE: Postage must be paid to return photos by mail.



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# Sports

## Mules battle high winds during game against the Indians

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules played a double header in Morton Saturday afternoon in less than ideal baseball weather.

At times it was hard to tell if there was more terra firma under their feet or over their heads as the sky would brown out.

The high wind prevented Jared Skipworth's curve ball from breaking but he was able to strike out three in the three innings and hold the Morton Indians to eight runs.

The Mule bats kept the Mules close with six hits and six runs after three innings.

The Mules caught and passed the Indians in the top of the seventh with two



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Varsity Mule Tanner Bales defends first base during a recent game.

runs to lead 11-10 going into the bottom of the seventh.

The Indians scored two in the bottom half of the inning to defeat the Mules 13-12.

"The weather was tough today," said Mule coach Shane Fuller, "but the kids never complained. They knew we had to play no

matter the weather. I was proud of the way they fought back but we just could not hang on to lead."

trouble with the slower pitchers from Morton than the harder throwing ones from Denver City," he added.

The Mules score 12 runs on 11 hits against the Indians. Stephen Dominguez, Ray Ramirez and Victor Vasquez reached home plate three times each.

Elias Alvarado crossed the plate twice and Caleb Conner scored once.

Alvarado gave up six runs on six hits against the Mustangs of Denver City.

The Mules hammered out 13 runs against the hard throwing Mustangs and pushed 17 runs across the plate.

Dominguez went two for three at the plate and scored three runs. Ramirez had

three hits on four at bats and crossed the plate twice.

Vasquez drew two walks and scored twice. Cesar Lopez had one hit and scored one run against the Mustangs.

Alvarado helped his own cause with two hits and crossed the plate for three runs.

Conner singled and doubled and scored two runs. Julio Bustillos singled twice and scored one run.

DJ Atwood, Skipworth and Tanner Bales each score runs in the winning effort.

The Mules traveled to Lockney on Monday to take on the Longhorns and will be in Littlefield over the weekend for Littlefield's Wildcat Tournament.



### Lazbuddie Power Lifters compete

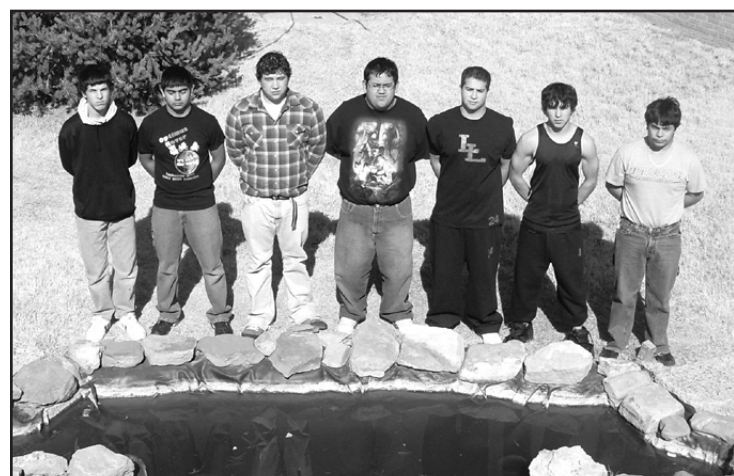
Lazbuddie's Power Lifting team went to Canyon to compete in the Randall High Power Lifting meet recently.

The girls placed second as a team with Jordan Hernandez and Any Howard coming in first in their weight division. Carrie Beth Gilly came in second in her weight division.

On the boys' side, Richie Aguilar came in third, Jason Davis came in second and Stephen Pacheco came in fourth in their weight divisions.

Pictured above are: Carrie Beth Gilly, Amy Howard, and Jordan Hernandez.

Pictured below are: Tanner Beasley, Matthew Samarron, Joaquin Campos, Richie Aguilar, Jason Davis, Stephen Pacheco and Arthur Gomez.



### Lazbuddie Lady Horns honored

District honors have been released for the Lazbuddie Lady Horns. They are as follows: Offensive MVP — Chelsey Nichols; All District — Brianna Sanchez; Honorable Mention All District — Brittney Schacher, Megan McGuire, Rochelle Smith. All girls are seniors at Lazbuddie High School.

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### Project Graduation luncheon set

The Senior Class parents are sponsoring a benefit brisket luncheon on Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Muleshoe High School cafeteria.

The meal will include brisket, beans, potatoes, bread and cobbler for \$6 per plate.

All proceeds will go to 2008 Project Graduation, which hosts a drug free, alcohol free graduation party for the 2008 Muleshoe High School graduates. For additional information, call Starla Ellis at 946-7552 or Lori Bales at 946-8633.

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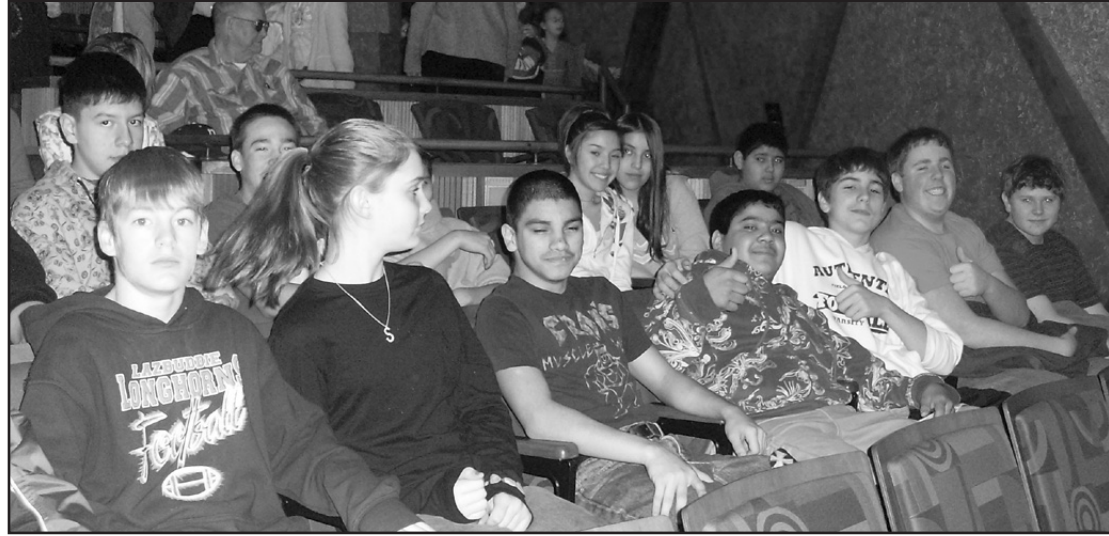
## Students of the week

Watson Junior High honored the following students, pictured on the right, as Student of the Week for the week of Feb. 21: Savana Hanaway, Adan Bejarano, Marissa Hernanadez, Garrison Myers, Jennifer Vasquez and Roman Chavez.



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## Lazbuddie fine arts students attend play in Amarillo



Lazbuddie students at the play in Amarillo.

Students from Lazbuddie Junior High travelled to Amarillo on Thursday, Feb. 14, for a fine arts field trip in conjunction with the Jr. High Fine Arts class at Lazbuddie.

They attended a production of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory performed by the Lamplight Youth Drama group in Amarillo.

The play is made up of student actors from 5 to 18 years of age. The Lazbuddie students attended to get ideas and a great example as they plan to perform a similar play in May.

After attending the play they went to Big Texan Steak Ranch.

Students attending were accompanied by Daisy Hernandez, Becky Jones and John Jones.

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## Texas Agrilife Extension Service to offer food manager certification training course

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. New food manager certificates will be valid for 6 years.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey, Cochran, and Hockley County, is offering a food manager certification training course.

This program will be offered for \$89 on March 6-7, at the Hockley County Extension Office, 1212 Houston, Ste. 2., Levelland, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction,
- Improved relationships with health officials,
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling,
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food,
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Ricky Dale	2	Bk. bulls	395 lbs.	at \$134.00
NM Ranch, NM	17	Char. str.	353 lbs.	at \$143.00
NM Ranch	22	Char. str.	415 lbs.	at \$139.50
NM Ranch	14	Char. str.	496 lbs.	at \$122.50
BA Corn, Roswell	10	Mxd. str.	351 lbs.	at \$153.50
BA Corn	13	Mxd. str.	398 lbs.	at \$148.50
BA Corn	19	Mxd. str.	489 lbs.	at \$138.00
B&M Cattle, Springlake	12	Mxd. str.	471 lbs.	at \$129.00
NM Ranch	24	WF str.	532 lbs.	at \$119.00
NM Ranch	72	WF str.	599 lbs.	at \$111.00
NM Ranch	26	WF str.	719 lbs.	at \$103.00
LW Shafer, Muleshoe	7	Char. str.	708 lbs.	at \$106.00
Jamie Grey, Littlefield	3	Char. hfr	300 lbs.	at \$135.00
NM Ranch	9	Char. hfrs	301 lbs.	at \$137.00
NM Ranch	21	Char. hfrs	371 lbs.	at \$141.00
NM Ranch	15	Char. hfrs	434 lbs.	at \$113.00
BA Corn	15	Mxd. hfrs	438 lbs.	at \$133.00
BA Corn	12	Mxd. hfrs	458 lbs.	at \$110.00
Jim Pat Claunch, Muleshoe	4	Bk. hfrs	419 lbs.	at \$123.00
Shawn Franklin, Farwell	3	Bk. hfrs	427 lbs.	at \$117.00
Layton Belcher, Littlefield	3	Mxd. hfrs	462 lbs.	at \$110.00
LW Shafer	3	Char. hfrs	840 lbs.	at \$95.00
Bill Milot, Hobbs	6	Bk. hfrs	612 lbs.	at \$100.00
Seth Hege, Plainview	1	Bk. pair		\$1125.00
Jim Pat Claunch	4	Bk. pairs		\$730.00
Jim Pat Claunch	17	Bk. cow PB		\$760.00
Phil Garrett, Muleshoe	1	Bk. pair		\$1090.00
Phil Garrett	4	Bk. cows P7&8		\$750.00
Phil Garrett	2	BWF cows	1145 lbs.	at \$57.25
Courtney Reeder, Muleshoe	1	Bk. spot str	2390 lbs.	at \$52.00
Jim Young, Muleshoe	3	Mxd. cows	1498 lbs.	at \$60.00
Bill Myatt, Levelland	1	Bk. cow	1010 lbs.	at \$57.75
Julio Gutierrez, Littlefield	1	Char. cow	1600 lbs.	at \$57.50
Bo Brown, Muleshoe	1	Char. cow	1555 lbs.	at \$56.25
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**Complete the facts to fill in the puzzles.**  
(Do not use the words in bold print.)

**North America:**

- is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest continent
- has Mount McKinley as its highest \_\_\_\_\_
- is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest in population
- includes Greenland which is the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_
- has Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater \_\_\_\_\_
- has a mainland made up of \_\_\_\_\_ countries.

**Africa:**

- is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest continent
- has gold, copper and \_\_\_\_\_
- has \_\_\_\_\_ countries
- has the Sahara, the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_
- has as its highest \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Kilimanjaro
- has the \_\_\_\_\_ passing through it
- is \_\_\_\_\_ largest in population
- has many major \_\_\_\_\_
- has the Nile, the longest \_\_\_\_\_ system in the world

**Who Am I?** Read the clues below and then follow the color key to fill in the puzzle to see who I am:

- When I was a youngster I got into a little trouble in school.
- I worked hard, went to college and became a lawyer.
- I fought for an end to segregation in schools.
- I became the first African-American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Who Am I?**

A. he successfully separated twins who were joined at their heads  
B. she is a medical doctor and a health reporter for a Boston T.V. station; she helps people understand health issues  
C. as a boy he liked building with Legos; later, he watched ant colony behavior to get ideas for groups of robots; writes software (computer programs) that controls robots  
D. may be the best basketball player ever!  
E. she has flown to the International Space Station and completed a spacewalk (2007) to repair a piece of equipment  
F. he is currently campaigning to be our next President  
G. she is President of Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., the largest African-American publishing company in the world; they publish "JET" and "EBONY"  
H. won Gold Medals in doubles tennis (together) at the 2000 Olympic Games

**A Shining List**  
(Match names to their description)

- Barack Obama (U.S Senator)
- Dr. Mallika Marshall (doctor)
- Venus and Serena Williams (athletes)
- Stephanie Wilson (astronaut)
- Michael Jordan (athlete)
- Dr. Benjamin Carson (surgeon)
- James McLurkin (computer scientist)
- Linda Johnson Rice (businesswoman)

Below is a list of some high-achieving African Americans you may read about in magazines or books. You may have seen them on T.V. or in person at an event. If you do your best in school, you may be on a list of high achievers!



# Club News

## Cub Scout Pack 620

### Muleshoe cub scout honored

Bailey Puckett of Muleshoe Cub Scout Pack 620 was recognized for his achievement of being the top popcorn seller for 2007 in the George White District at the South Plains Council Annual Recognition Banquet on Friday Feb. 8, in Lubbock.

Pictured on the right, Bailey receives his award from Phillip Wendt, Dist. Director of the South Plains Council, BSA.



### Lazbuddie honor rolls released

Lazbuddie Independent School District recently released its honor rolls for the fourth six-week period of the 2007-08 school year.

Among the students honored were:

#### Elementary "A"

Johnny Guenter, Avery Hicks, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano, Tina Harder, Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Kenlea Barnes, Gentry Hicks, Destry Ivy, Ashley Scott and Lacey Jesko.

#### Elementary "AB"

Saul Mendoza, Ashlyn Timms, Jorge Garcia, Triston Bomer, Julie Chavez, Priscilla Salazar, Daisy Mendoza, Peter Guenter, Juan Samarron, Micah Vera, Jaida Gandarilla, David Guenter, Haldon Ivy, Andrea Lule, Albert Moran and Josephine Samarron.

#### Junior High "A"

Haley Beasley, Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Austin Mason and Shyann Rainey.

#### Junior High "AB"

Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Anna Harder, Alex Lopez, Shea Scott, Ian Thompson, Charles Baca, Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Todd Nichols, Angel Samarron and Justin Schacher.

#### High School "A"

Jordan Hernandez, Brianna Sanchez and Brittney Schacher.

#### High School "AB"

Joseline Garcia, Colton Weaver, Kinzi Schacher, Richie Aguilar, Jacob Schacher, RaJon Thorn, Chase Timms, Laura Beliz, Mari Beliz, Jason Davis, Regina Mata, Chelsee Nichols, Esteban Pacheco, Rochelle Smith and Dakota Williams.

## Muleshoe Sports Academy hosts UASG competition

Muleshoe Sports Academy recently hosted the first USA Gymnastics competition of the new season at the Bailey County Coliseum on West American Blvd.

More than 350 athletes from 25 teams from across Texas and New Mexico competed in the Saturday competition, which reportedly brought more than 1,500 spectators to the event.

Ages for the event started at ages 4 and went up to the senior elite level.

"We were excited about how well the competition went. We had great weather for a change and everything went really smoothly with all of our great volunteers," said Will Green of MSA.

"Without our sponsors and volunteers we would never be able to host such a major event in Muleshoe," he added.

The sports academy had seven athletes compete in the competition.

The team brought home four gold medals and two silver from the competition.

They will next compete in the Winter Classic in Tulsa, Okla., and then on to the Olympic Training Center for a competition there the first weekend of March.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

— 1 Corinthians 9:24

## Bridal Showers



JEANNE COX AND KIRKLAND DOUGLASS

### Cox, Douglass shower held

Jeanne Cox of New York City, NY, the prospective bride of Kirkland Douglass, also of New York, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Cindy Purdy of Muleshoe on Sunday, Feb. 17.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkland Douglass, Sr.

Hostesses for the event included Nancy Barnhill, Gail Bruns, Julie Cage, Beckye Conklin, Barbara

Finney, Gayla Gear, Donna Green, Joy Glover, Karen Harris, Belinda Head, Joan Lewis, Sally Meddenger, Rowena Myers, Cindy Purdy, Margaret Quintana, Magann Rennels, Linda Schuster, Gwen Sinclair, Sheila Stevenson, Pat Watson and Susan Wedel.

Among the gifts received was a lamp, and serving pieces to dishes and flatware.

Special guests included Carol Cox of Muleshoe, Sherri Cox of Sugarland, Shanna Hoover of Carrollton, Sheridan McCurry of Lubbock, Nicki McCurry of Brownfield, and Phung Hoover of Waco.

### Muleshoe Youth Softball signups to be held

Muleshoe Youth Softball will be signing up players from 6-8 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 4 and March 13 at the Watson Junior High gym foyer, during Little Dribbler's games.

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## Airports and People Are Truly Interesting

As I write this column, I'm sitting at Dallas' Love Field waiting for an airplane. The one that brought me here was ten minutes early; this one's an hour and twenty-five minutes late. Oh, well. The wait has been interesting, largely because people are interesting. No place better for people-watching than airports.

I've seen, of course, lots of cloned business-folks walking

**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

through, a few talking in animated fashion to thin air. (Phones stuck deep in their heads, you see.) Pretty much all in the same uniform.

I just saw one interesting gent in a sport coat and slacks sporting something that looked like a large deceased squirrel perched on his head. A hat of some sort. I'd like to do a postmortem on that squirrel. It's unique.

Several gals balancing on shoes sporting foot-long spikes. I can't imagine how, or why, they walk in those things. They look sharp enough to be a genuine security hazard, poke holes in the carpet, chip chunks out of the concrete.

Speaking of security, I ran the security gauntlet one more time and managed not to get arrested, for which my wife is thankful. Anybody who thinks the terrorists haven't already won hasn't flown recently. The bad guys never thought they could blow us all up; they just wanted to affect all of our lives adversely, and they have.

TSA announcements now regularly ring through the concourse. I don't know why the ones that begin, "By order of the Transportation Safety Administration . . ." bug me so much. I guess it's because I thought we'd opted way back in the Revolutionary War not to have a king issuing "By order of His Majesty" sorts of orders. Not that I'd mind a good king. I think a good one is vastly to be preferred over mindless bureaucracy (two words that go together like "Pie and ice cream" or "athlete's foot and itch.")

Then there's the language. I'd never thought much about it until I sat and listened to the announcement over and over again: "Passengers should control their baggage closely and avoid transporting items without their knowledge." I don't want to transgress any laws, and this is serious. Nothing less than a matter of national security, about which I would never joke. So I may need to find a TSA official to ask what I should do the moment I know that I'm transporting something without my knowledge. I don't think I know.

I just saw a fellow walk through carrying a trophy which, stood on end, would almost be taller than he is. And I've seen a young gal or two sitting in wheelchairs and holding crutches. Evidently a national cheerleading competition has just been held in Dallas.

Hmm. God knows every hair, every thought, every need, every heart, of everyone in this airport. He loves and knows each one completely.

I need to remember that. So far, though, I haven't even figured out that squirrel.

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



### Local students to compete at state

Muleshoe students recently qualified for state competition in the Brownfield State qualifying meet on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The students, pictured on the right, are Carlos Nunez, Sarah Whitworth, Belinda Pacheco, Frank Recio and Weston Griswold. They will attend the state meet in San Antonio on March 29.



Other Muleshoe students will be traveling to Falls on Saturday, March 1, for another qualifying meet, and are expected to qualify for the state competition.

Watson Junior High has sent students to the state competition for the past 16 out of 17 years.

### Grain sorghum meeting set

Grain sorghum and diversified crops are the subject of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program on Friday, March 7, in Muleshoe.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Bailey County Coliseum on U.S. 84.

Grain sorghum, sunflower, and other crops will be discussed.

The program will be staffed by local and regional Texas AgriLife Extension

### Lazbuddie teams compete in science bowl

Lazbuddie took two teams to the B&W Pantex Plant Science Bowl in Canyon on Saturday, Feb.2.

The Lazbuddie Orange team consisted of Todd Nichols, Jarrod Jesko, Kylie McGee, Justin Schacher

Service staff for agronomy, weed control, and insects.

For further information contact the Bailey Co. Extension office, (806) 272-4584.

Two CEUs are available. Additional sorghum programs are available through March 6 at other South Plains locations.

Contact Curtis Preston, CEA -Ag, Texas AgriLife Extension Service , Bailey County office for additional information.

and Jordan Mason.

The team won the first game against DeZavala Junior High, an Amarillo school.

The second, third, and fourth games were lost by 14 points, 14 points, and 10 points respectively.

That amounted to one question and a bonus question difference.

Lazbuddie won the last game against River Road Junior High.

One more win would have advanced them to the afternoon round robin match.

The Lazbuddie Black team consisted of Ian Thompson, Shea Scott, Karina Galaviz, Anna Harder and Jessica Estrada.

The team was all seventh graders, and they competed

well against some tough teams.

They won the first game against San Jacinto Junior High of Amarillo, and won the \$250 check for Best Sportsmanship Award.

### Scammers taking advantage of economic stimulus package

Att. Gen. Greg Abbott is warning Texans of a scam that has emerged in connection with the proposed federal economic stimulus package. Under recently passed legislation, the IRS will mail tax rebate checks to eligible Texans over the next few months.

Several Texans recently filed complaints with the Office of the Attorney General after receiving unsolicited e-mails and telephone calls from purported IRS agents claiming that the taxpayers are eligible for "Bush refunds." The scammers demand taxpayers' Social Security and bank account numbers, claiming the IRS will use the information to directly deposit "rebate checks" into the taxpayers' accounts.

This is outright identity theft fraud. The IRS does not call or e-mail taxpayers unexpectedly to demand personal information for direct deposits. Taxpayers solicited in this manner should just hang up or delete the e-mail.

Texans who have received these bogus solicitations can file a complaint with the IRS at www.irs.gov or by calling 800.829.1040. Consumers also can report such calls to the office of the Texas Attorney General.

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## Tip Your Hat

### End of the MISD trail approaches

What can you say to someone who has spent a good portion of her life in service to the needs of the school children in her community.

Certainly, many of the faculty and staff of the Muleshoe Independent School District have also served long and hard, but such service from board members such as Cindy Purdy, who have carried the concerns of the school district and its children on their hearts for so many years are rare, and should be cherished.

Anyone who knows Ms. Purdy... Cindy, as she appears to be on a first name basis with all of Muleshoe, knows that along with a desire to encourage any person she encounters, Cindy has both a strong sense of duty and the determination needed to carry it out.

But most of all, she has love, for the people of Muleshoe, its school district, and the children it serves, and as the Bible tells us, without it everything else we do is meaningless.

We wish Ms. Purdy the best in her future endeavors, and respectfully tip our hat to her. While someone else will undoubtedly be elected to her position in May, we don't think she can be replaced.

## MAEF meets, elects 2008 officers

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports the SPC Muleshoe Center in its efforts to attract students interested in attending college or nursing school, met recently to elect new officers and board members.

Officers for 2008 are Barbara Finney, president; Sandy Vandevender, vice-president; Patie Partain, secretary; Sergio Leal, treasurer; and Eileen Morton, reporter.

Other board members are Sharon Grant, Margaret Heathington, Cindy Purdy, Georgia Pena, Francis Recio, Chuck Smith, and Jeff Coffman.

MAEF will be offering scholarships for the summer and fall for classes taken at the Muleshoe Center. Applications can be obtained at the Muleshoe Center. Scholarships are available for college credit classes, CNA classes, and other health occupation classes.

The MAEF recently received a \$40,000 contribution from a private donor that will be used to purchase teaching components for the ITV room and for scholarships for the nursing students for travel and lodging while participating in the Lubbock hospitals and at South Plains College in Levelland.

Jessica Carpenter, Loretta Roland and Wykina Burks were recipients of the Ray and Donna West Scholarship for the second

semester of nursing school.

These students are expecting to graduate in December 2008 with an associate degree in nursing.

Connie Kenmore has been employed as the coordinator of the South Plains College Muleshoe Center.

To inquire about future classes, Accuplacer appointments or any information regarding enrolling at South Plains College call Connie at 272-3346.

This semester Muleshoe Center enrolled three students in the school of nursing, two students in History 1302 and eight students in Basic Phlebotomy.

South Plains College has installed five new computers in the computer lab at the



Students at the nursing center

center and purchased life-size mannequins for the nursing school.

Online registration for summer and fall classes begins April 15th.

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## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Club president Jeannetta Precure called the meeting to order. Jason Box, president of the Muleshoe Country Club, gave an update on the club, and LaVerne Winn led the prayer of gratitude.

Sheila Stevenson read the minutes and called the roll. There were 21 members present. The February birthdays were Donna Gloves, Glenda Ott, Janelle Turner, Melody Hettinga and Helen Templeton.

The treasurer's report was given by Hettinga. Playday chairperson

Treana Matthews awarded the card players on Jan. 16 least points Ellinor Yerby, Judy Wilbanks and Claudine Elliott. Templeton and Anita Black won first pat hand on Jan. 23.

On the Jan. 30, Black, Marlene Martin and Elliott had the most points.

On Feb. 6, Terry Precure and Matthews were acknowledged for not being able to lay down the most.

Black, on Feb. 13, had the lowest score.

The door prize winner was Elliott, whose name was drawn by Winn.

The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9.

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