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2008 Bailey	Cou	nty	Prim	ary		
Candidate, Party Bailey County Precincts						
and Position sought	#1	#2	#3	#4	Early	Total
Daniel Patterson, Dem., Sheriff	46	55	47	41	65	254
Mariann Anzaldua, Dem., Tax Assessor	50	59	52	50	71	282
Alfredo Anzaldua, Dem., Constable	54	60	56	48	73	291
Joey Kindle, Dem., Co. Comm. #3	_	_	62	_	29	91
Linda McGonagill, Dem., County Chair	49	66	55	47	87	304
Jeanine Backus, Rep., Co. Attorney	107	143	63	16	138	467
Richard Wills, Rep., Sheriff	141	196	68	16	190	611
Randy Perez, Rep., Sheriff	5	7	17	9	18	56
Melba Clark, Rep., Tax Assessor	132	172	69	20	176	569
Floyd Vandivor, Rep., Co. Comm. #1	123	_	_	_	64	187
Gerry Pierce, Rep., Constable	121	163	68	17	161	530
Richard Warren, Rep., Co. Comm. #3	_	_	66	_	30	96
Carroll Precure, Rep., County Chair	129	178	70	16	165	558
Mark Thompson, Dem., Railroad Comm.	34	44	33	37	51	199
Dale Henry, Dem., Railroad Comm.	22	28	17	12	26	105
Art Hall, Dem., Railroad Comm.	7	7	12	5	15	46
Jim Jordan, Dem., Chief Justice	47	68	55	45	76	291
Baltasar Cruz, Dem., Justice - Place 7	33	22	35	36	28	154
Sam Houston, Dem., Justice - Place 7	28	62	39	25	70	224
Susan Criss, Dem., Justice - Place 8	33	57	30	23	70	213
Linda Yanez, Dem., Justice - Place 8	30	25	40	37	23	155
Susan Strawn, Dem., Appeals Judge - #3	46	57	52	56	66	264
J.R. Molina, Dem. Appeals Judge - #4	51	56	58	49	69	283
Michael Williams, Rep., Railroad Comm.	103	153	66	12	149	483
Wallace Jefferson, Rep., Chief Justice	102	140	62	12	135	451
Dail Wainwright, Rep., Justice - #7	99	138	61	13	134	445
Phil Johnson, Rep., Justice - #8	96	136	61	12	134	439
Tom Price, Rep., Appeals Judge - #3	94	138	61	12	137	442
Paul Womack, Rep., Apeals Judge - #4	75	119	49	11	112	366
Robert Francis, Rep., Appeals Judge - #4	24	20	11	2	30	87
Cathy Cochran, Rep., Appeals Judge - #9	97	133	59	12	133	434
Kel Seliger, Rep., State Senate - Dist. 31	104	152	66	13	152	487
Warren Chisum, Rep., State Rep Dist. 88	102	146	66	11	142	467
Brian Quinn, Rep. Chief Justice - 7th	99	134	59	12	132	436

Some Bailey County voters cast their ballots

By Larry Thornton Managing Editor

With national concerns ranging from the war in Iraq and high fuel prices to immigration and public Democratic ticket. health, and topped off with the presidency on the line, only 31.78 percent of the registered voters in Bailey County bothered to vote in the 2008 Primary Election.

County Clerk Paula Benton Commissioner's seat. only 1,205 of the county's 3,791 registered voters cast a ballot.

Of those who voted in the Tax Assessor - Collector. race for the presidency, in the 306 cast their ballots for Hillary for County Constable. Clinton while Barack Obama garnered only 175.

McCain received 375 votes while Commissioner's seat. Mike Huckabee's total was at 266.

In other federal races, John were early votes. Cornyn received a total of 455 votes, to Larry Kilgore's 123 for the Republican U.S. Senate election. Of the Democratic senate candidates, Richard Noriega topped the pack with a follows: total of 149 votes.

House seat, Dwight Fullingim, Mark received 122.

Unopposed incumbent Randy Neugebauer, Rep., received 582

In the county races, incumbent Richard Wills, Rep., handily a vote of 604 to 40. defeated opponent Randy Perez votes cast.

Patterson in the Nov. 4 general election.

Patterson received 254 votes in his unopposed position on the

Candidates for all other county positions were unopposed, and will take their places on the general election ballet in November.

At that time, incumbent Joey Kindle and Richard Warren According to totals from will face off for the Precinct 3

> Mariannn Anzaldua, Dem. will face Melba Clark, Rep., for County

Gerry Pierce, Rep., will stand county's Democratic Primary against Alfredo Anzaldua, Dem.

At this time, incumbent Floyd Vandiver remains unopposed On the Republican side, John in the race for the Precinct 1

> In the Uncommitted vote, a total of 12 ballots were cast, of which six

In regards to the Republican Referendum election in Bailey County, all three questions passed with strong numbers. The questions, and their totals are as

· Immigration — which would And in the race for the Dist. 19 require all law enforcement officials to enforce immigration Dem., tallied 220, while Rufus laws, passed with a vote of 618 to 22.

> • Photo ID — which would require voters to possess valid identification with a photograph to cast a ballot in Texas, passed with

• Government growth — which with 91.6 percent of the total would require a public vote for a public body to exceed a limit Wills will now face off against based on population and inflation, Democratic candidate Daniel received a vote or 554 to 67.

Local Weather

Thursday Rain/Snow..... 48/22

Friday

Mt. Cloudy..... 53/22

Saturday Mt. Sunny..... 66/30

Sunday

Pt. Cloudy..... 70/32

Monday

Few Shwrs..... 68/35

Tuesday Pt. Cloudy...... 70/35

Wednesday

Mt. Sunny..... 69/31

Give It A Thought

Cast your bread upon the water, and watch the catfish feed.

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper? Call the carrier Bobby Flores at 806-891-3950 (leave a message) or call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Accidental fire destroys two homes

about 2:30 p.m.

Parker, fire investigator and numerous other smaller

Area firefighters with the Muleshoe Police structures on fire. responded to structure fires Department, the fire was the south of Muleshoe, just off result of a forklift backfiring Hwy. 214 on Rabbit Road on adjacent property which 2, on Sunday, March 2, at set grass on fire, and in turn set an unoccupied house According to Lt. Benny and mobile home, a vehicle

No injuries were reported as a result of the fires.

Parker said firefighters from Muleshoe, Sudan, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell were among the department to respond.

board address concerns statement that the district

Land owners, HPWD

By Larry Thornton Managing Editor

and other water consumers decisions it has ever faced. gathered at Muleshoe issues facing the High Plains Water Conservation District.

throughout the area under its supervision, the HPWD board members and its staff talked about concerns related to the decreasing water table of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Jim Conkwright opened of those in attendance at Thursday's meeting with the the meeting, stating that

And while the CPNI

regulations may be an

effective tool to prevent

was currently facing some Area ranchers, farmers of the "most significant" "We're into aquifer

Thursday, Feb. 28, to discuss management," Conkwright Also speaking with the

staff was Dr. Herb Grubb In one of a series of of HDR Engineering, who traveling meetings held said Bailey County had an estimated 5 million acre feet of aquifer water under it, but also noted there was only an insignificant amount of recharge, about 24,595 acre feet per year.

Muleshoe's Phil Garrett HPWD General Manager was among the most verbal when people purchased their land, they were under the assumption that "they owned the water underneath

> Referring to the "Rule of Capture," Garrett suggested that the market should be allowed to set the price for water, and not a government entity such as the HPWD.

> "Until they need the water, and are willing to meet my

Five-Area CEO talks about CPNI at annual meeting

By Larry Thornton Managing Editor

Members of the Five Area Telephone Cooperative were introduced to the term "Customer proprietary network information" during the cooperative's annual meeting.

to the routine information telephone companies gather from customers during the the caller's phone bill — is practices.

We will never share our customer information with another telecommunications company...

course of operation, such as the phone number from which the call originated and the destination number, The term — which refers as well as the time, date and duration of the call along with information from

with telecommunications companies to be some kind of sinister plot and have pushed both legislation Cooperative, said this is a and regulations through aimed at curtailing such

telecommunications customers from profiting thought by many dealing from the sale of its customer information, Sandy Vandevender, CEO of Five Area Telephone fear Five Area customers

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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.

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.

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

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

MAEF 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 sign-ups

Muleshoe Youth Softball will be signing up players from 6-8 p.m. on 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 -

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

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

SPC Muleshoe Center offers classes

Online registration for summer and fall classes at the SPC Muleshoe Center will begin on April 15. For an appointment regarding enrollment call Connie Kenmore at 272-3346, or come by the SPC Muleshoe Center, at 621 W. Second, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday.

SCAC annual bake auction

The Student Community Action Club will be hosting its annual bake auction on March 8, starting at 8:30 a.m, on Channel 6 in Muleshoe. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation. Call 272-4989 or 272-3990 for additional information.

A benefit account at Muleshoe State Band has been established for Sandy Nash.

Grain sorghum meeting set

Coliseum on U.S. 84, in Muleshoe.

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

control, and insects. Two CEUs are available.

office, at (806)272-4584.



Getting ready to rodeo

The Headstart and Pre-K classes at Dillman Elementary were completing a unit on Cowboys and Cowgirls and held a Rodeo on Friday, Feb. 22, as their culminating activity. Students created their own stick horses and vests to wear as they participated. Families came to watch as students participated in a Grand Promenade, pictured above, ran

Action Association, Inc., is conducting a search for interested individuals to serve

SPCAA is a private nonprofit organization with more than 42 years of experience "helping people and changing

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

- Must be 18 years of age
- · Must be willing to serve a term of two consecutive
- · Must be willing to attend board of directors meetings every ten weeks in Levelland.
- · Must be willing to

Roping memorabilia sought

Back in the 1950s, Clovis, N.M., hosted calf ropings and matches that drew some of the biggest calf ropers in the country.

Now, Joe's Boot Shop, 2600 Mabry Dr., Clovis, N.M., is looking for stories and memorabilia from those events.

Individuals who have a story, scorecard, photograph, newspaper clipping, etc., from the events, and would like it included in the fourth annual Joe's Boot Shop Calf Roping souvenir program, should bring it by Joe's Boot Shop, before March 15, or contact Chris Weber (505) 309-8617 for more

information.

Nash benefit account

Grain sorghum and diversified crops are the subject of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program on Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Bailey County

The program will be staffed by local and regional Texas AgriLife Extension Service staff for agronomy, weed

For further information contact Contact Curtis Preston, CEA - Ag, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County



barrel races, and did trick riding.

SPCAA seeks board members

South Plains Community and trainings. on its board of directors.

Participation on the board is voluntary. SPCAA provides reimbursement for travel, per diem and childcare.

lives" in West Texas.

- · Must be a resident of the SPCAA area - Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Yoakum, Lubbock and the surrounding counties.
- participate in committees

Journal's 14th Annual **Cutest Baby** Contest

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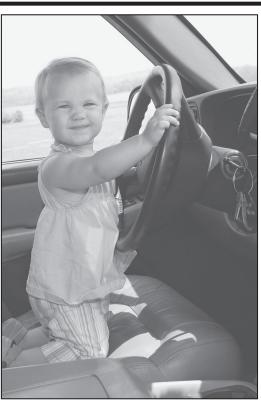
Interested individuals

may contact Bill Powell at

(806)894-6104, or Roger

Cardenas at (806)894-4560.

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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Date of Birth:	
Weight at Birth: Length at Birth:	
Place of Birth:	
Mom & Dad's Name:	
Grandparent's Name:	
Contact Info:	

Entry Deadline: Thurs., March 13 at 5 pm

High Plains Water Conservation District...

Continued from page 1 price, I feel it's my water," Garrett said.

whether municipalities were consuming the water individual land owners.

from the aguifer at a faster Among the other as Amarillo were in a better during the Feb. 27 meeting, concerns voiced was position financially to use and noted that cities such as "desalinated" water than

Mule Days ideas sought

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is currently making plans for Mule Days, on Saturday, Sept. for municipalities," he said. 13, and invites merchants, organizations and individuals to have events, sales, etc on this day.

"We look forward to a successful day filled with lots of fun things for everyone, said a chamber representative.

Contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce at 50 years" rule was also (806)272-4248 with information on what you would like to do for your business or organization on this day.

Conkwright agreed with rate, and it was noted that this issue, as he did with large municipalities such several of the issues raised Lubbock would have to abide by the same rules regarding water from the aquifer as private landowners.

> "There is no exemption However, he noted that Xcel Energy was seeking an exemption.

> The "50 percent in discussed.

If adopted, this means the

has a right to determine the price of a man's property," Garrett said, adding that land with water is more

"reasonable usage."

goal of the HPWD would

be for 50 percent of the

current water levels to still

be in place 50 years in the

a 1.36 percent depletion of

the existing water per year.

there was "very, very

minimal water decline

across the district in 2007,"

he later said the board still

"I don't think the board

While Conkwright said

This figure, while not "locked in," would allow for

water.

future.

Currently, it was noted during the meeting, there are 57,000 wells in operation in the HPWD, while the district closest in the number of wells has only 13,000.



Not a Christmas tree...

As the plant above snows, a tree doesn't have to be put up after Thanksgiving to bring joy in a snow-white world.



Vandevender continues 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 secretarytreasurer.

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association is the premier association representing more than 580 locally owned and controlled telecommunications cooperatives and commercial companies throughout rural and small-town America.

Five Area annual meeting...

Continued from page 1 needed worry about.

customer information with another telecommunications interview.

said there is a downside to the CPNI regulations, for company from contacting its customers directly and offering additional services, but it also prevents the existing customers of forward." problems with their service.

suddenly discovers that his to replace the copper wiring long distance service carrier with fiber. no longer contracts with the customer's local service information provided the provider, the customer cooperative's members at could find himself without the annual meeting Five long distance service, and Area's total revenue in 2007 blame the local telephone was \$2,750,129, and its total customer even though the assets are \$15,525,106.

local company is prohibited from contacting the "We will never share our customer about the service interruption.

The only way such a company," Vandevendor problem can be prevented, said during a recent according to Vandevender, is for the customer to sign But, Five Area's CEO also a card, such as Five Area will be sending out, granting the telephone company one thing, it prevents the permission to contact them about additional services.

As for the condition of the cooperative, Vandevender said, "The cooperative is company from notifying in great shape and moving

Five Area is increasing its "fiber footprint" within For example, if a customer the cooperative, with plans

According to the

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 each of the cheerleaders is on the top side of 300 pounds, at least 30 years of age... and male.

Muleshoe's equivalent to pancakes, hash browns what the Florida Marlins baseball team wants, a group of... well, in the words story that recently came out about the Marlins' search, "footloose fat men."

While the Marlins plan any of my doctors. 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 "fullerfigured."

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 "supersized" 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



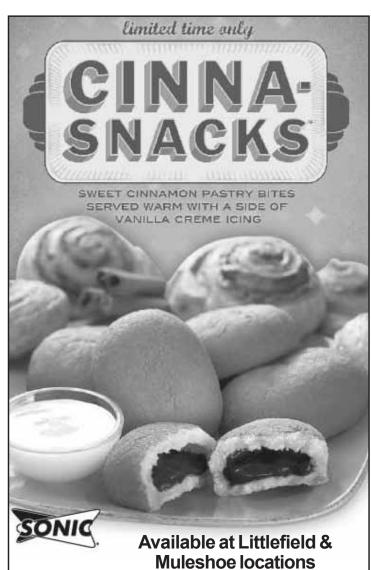
There you have it, throw on a good stack of resembles choreography. and biscuits and gravy while watched the Mighty "M" you're at it.

If it weren't for the fact of the Associated Press that I'm too baptist to dance, by the "flab corps." this sounds like the type of exercise routine I could go football games. A "svelte" for, as long as you didn't tell

of decades ago? I figure if we fall hard enough, we bacon will be an important can bounce. The hard part part of this dance group is coordinating the bounce as well, and lots of it, and into something that vaguely

> Muleshoe fans have Band's flag corps for years, just wait until they're joined

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We are very thankful for just as thankful with a good slow rain.

I for one am ready for some good warm sunshine.

If you want a good place to pass the time on these cold winter days come to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center.

place to play games, walk, read, do puzzles, or just have coffee and visit with

friends.

Just a friendly reminder the moisture we received if you have not donated to representative with the having a good idea to make Taco salad, pinto beans, Sunday night, but would be the center for a chance to specialized diabetic shoes. the center better for our rice, cheese, lettuce, tomato, receive the \$10,000 reward, we still have tickets.

> Call or come by the center, help. we will be glad to help you.

organization, operating on donations.

and appreciated. Also, they having her visit with us. We have a good warm are tax deductible.

> Jim Milner with Rightway Medical Supply, Inc, will be at the center from 10 a.m.

until noon.

Make plans to come to the center if you need this with the board.

the day Mandi Seaton will be with us with her informative

Wednesday, March 12 On Thursday, March 6, the regular monthly board

1 p.m., and is open to the Milner is your public. We welcome anyone senior citizens to come visit onions and baked apples.

Mark your calendar for Ben Jackson with Hearing potatoes, green beans, The center is a non profit Tuesday, March 11. That is Technologies, Inc. will be at salad, wheat rolls and fruit the center from 10 a.m. until noon. If you have a need for The donations are needed and fun program. We enjoy this service plan to meet Chili dogs, chips, onions, with him on this day.

March 10– 14 menus:

Monday, March 10meeting will be held at the Chicken/dressing casserole, sweet potatoes, cranberry The meeting will begin at sauce, salad, wheat roll and

peach cobbler.

Tuesday, March 11 -

Wednesday, Mach 12 -On Thursday, March 13, Grilled steak, gravy, mashed cocktail cake.

> Thursday, March 13 pickles, pork and beans, and chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 14 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, coleslaw, beans, cornbread, and fruit salad.

Alzheimer's group to meet March 13

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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.

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Can-nosed craziness. Isn't this the world we see? This is the world God sees.

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Lazbuddie nominees...

Lazbuddie students nominated for the fourth sixweek period by the faculty, pictured on the left are, from left to right, Christina Perez, Katlyn Hicks, Regina Mata, Carrie Beth Gilly and Jose Lulu. They were nominated by the staff based on positive attitude, grades, leadership and other positive attributes.

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

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Texas Health Care: Bigger Picture, Better Access

The American health care system provides the best quality health care in the world to a majority of our citizens; however, there is a growing disparity in access to health care because of soaring medical costs and rising insurance premiums. This is particularly true in

Skyrocketing insurance premiums are increasingly becoming an obstacle to quality medical care. Between 2000 and 2006, the median rise in income of 10.8 percent fell far behind the reported 79.7 percent increase in family health care premiums for Texas subscribers to employer-based insurance. The acceleration in insurance premiums occurred while plans offered more limited coverage of services, meaning Texans are paying more for less.

Compounded with the problem of rising premiums is the fact that fewer employers are offering medical coverage. Texas now ranks 48th in the

nation, with only 52 percent adults having no medical of health insurance through work. Nearly half of our state's citizens must purchase their own insurance, which they have to buy individually in rent, food, and basic utilities. to employers, who usually subsidize the premiums. More and more Texans are simply choosing to be uninsured because the cost

Bureau reported that Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured residents in the nation, with one in four

Baker was a member of

Survivors include three

sons and their wives -

Kay Baker of Sudan; two

Paul Poynor of Muleshoe;

great grandchildren.

is too high.

of Texans receiving the option coverage. Many families must prioritize spending, and unfortunately, health insurance frequently falls behind necessities such as the private market without The large number of uninsured the tax benefits available in Texas has resulted in cost shifting by insurance providers. Costs associated with the rising number of uninsured in the state and related unreimbursed health to purchase private insurance care are passed down to Texas families, resulting in In 2007, the U.S. Census higher annual premiums of

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Kay Bailey Hutchison

By U.S. Sen.

approximately \$1,551. We can and must do better than this.

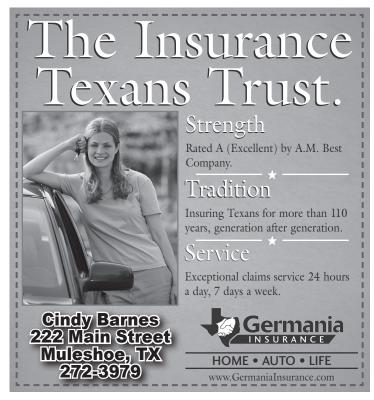
First, we must make it affordable for the nearly one-half of Texans who aren't covered through their employers to purchase their own health insurance. Individuals who do not receive insurance through their employer should be treated equal to those who do. Tax benefits should be available to those who purchase health insurance from the private market just as tax benefits are given to employers.

Providing tax benefits Lubbock, and Dexter Jr. for individuals to buy their own health insurance will increase the supply in the private market. This shift to a buyer's market will create an environment in which insurance providers must compete for beneficiaries. In order to maximize the rewards of a more competitive market, tax benefits must be combined with increased access to information about health insurance plans and provider outcomes. Once these changes are implemented. patients purchasing health insurance from the private market will have broader options, improved bargaining power, and choices based on value.

> Finally, it does little good to equip Texans with quality medical insurance if there are barriers to medical providers, such as doctor shortages in rural areas. We have

made significant progress in bringing physicians to the state since enacting medical liability reform. When Texans voted to place reasonable limits on noneconomic awards in medical liability lawsuits in 2003, physicians' malpractice premiums dipped to some of the lowest in the nation and Texas became a much friendlier place for doctors to practice. We must build on this progress and continue to recruit medical providers to rural communities that are medically underserved.

A one-size-fits-all approach to health care reform that puts the government at the center of every health care decision will not work. With better ideas for access, we can improve the quality of health care, lower premium costs, begin to reduce the number of uninsured, and empower individuals to take ownership over their health.



Obituaries

Ruth Baker

A church service for Ruth Baker, 84, of Sudan, was the First Baptist Church held on Saturday, March 1, of Sudan, Epsilon Sigma at the First Baptist Church Alpha Sorority, and the of Sudan with the Rev. Cliff Eastern Star. She was a Hargrove, the Rev. Robert registered nurse. Roecker and the Rev. Benny Baker officiating.

Burial followed in Sudan Mark and Mary Baker of Cemetery.

Baker died on Feb. 27, and Nancy Baker of Del 2008, in Amherst. She was Rio, and Larry and Mary born on July 20, 1923, in Tipton, Oklahoma, and daughters and their spouses married Dexter Baker, Sr., - Kay and Robert Mitchell in Amherst, on Nov. 24, of Dickinson, and Betty and 1944.

He preceded her in death 14 grandchildren and 37 on Oct. 28, 2002.

Alfred Dutton

A church service for Alfred Earth and a former member Bryan Dutton, 73, of Earth, was held on Saturday, March 1, at the First Baptist Rev. Bobby Broyles of Korean Conflict. Ballinger officiating.

Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Dimmitt.

2008, in Dimmitt. He was great-grandson. born on July 28, 1934, in Jones Co. He married Sarah — Sarah Bernice Dutton of Bernice Connell in Jones Earth; a son — Rick Dutton County on March 8,1953.

Dutton was a member of the First Baptist Church of

of the Triangle Bass Masters

He was a veteran serving Church of Earth with the in the U.S. Navy during the

Dutton was preceded Burial followed in in death by his parents — George Alford and Mildred Celeste Dutton; a sister — Dutton died on Feb. 27, Linda Karen Dutton, and a

> Survivors include his wife of Tioga; a daughter Mitzi Smith of Weatherford, and six grandchildren.

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Oliver Tunnell

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March 1, 2008, in his Gene Tunnell of Muleshoe; residence. He was born on June 25, 1917, in Van Zant Hoffpauir of Denver, Colo., County, and married Maxine and Edith Rowland of 18,1936.

a 1936 graduate of Amherst great-great-grandchildren.

A church service for High School, and was a

Survivors include his wife - Maxine; two sons and Johnson officiating. Burial their wives — Jerry and Kay followed in Earth Memorial Tunnell of Mineral Wells and Larry and Sharon Tunnell Tunnell died on Saturday, of Weatherford; a son — Two sisters — Kathleen Cook in Amherst on Dec. Krum; a brother — Bufford Tunnell of Lubbock; 11 Tunnell moved to Earth in grandchildren, 22 great 1946 from Amherst. He was grandchildren and two



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Sports

Sudan's Hornettes fall short in final against Martin's Mill

Travis Harsch

Canyon News Sports

The Sudan Hornettes fell six points shy of the Class 1A Division I girls state championship Saturday morning, losing 48-43 to Martin's Mill.

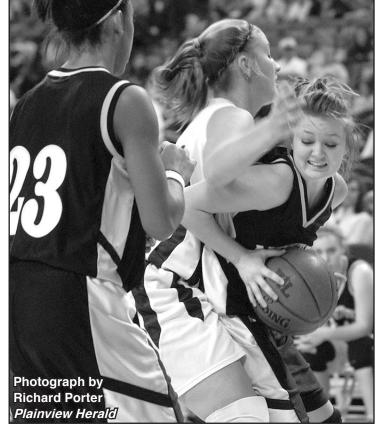
"We've been ranked one and two all season long in the poll and I thought it was very fitting that we were there in the finals against them," Sudan coach Jason Cooper said.

"I'm proud of our kids, they fought and did everything they could. My expectations for this year were far exceeded and they need to hold their heads high and feel good about what they've accomplished this year."

Sudan dominated Martin's Mill in first-half rebounding, pulling down 16 offensive rebounds, which led to several easy layups and putbacks.

The Hornettes needed that inside scoring to make up for some poor shooting, as the team missed 24 of 33 shots in the first half.

Most of Sudan's scoring the final four minutes of the half and turn a seven-point



Jacey Davison battles for position in Sudan's first game against Thorndale in Austin.

22-21 edge at the half.

"That run gave us a little the Hornettes. more intensity," said Brittany Williams, who had 19 to lead through the third quarter Sudan. "We wanted it bad. before Martin's Mill surged Coach Cooper was on the back to take a 35-33 lead sidelines, saying, 'Let's go after three quarters. ladies, we've got this."

came on an 8-0 run to close its third straight state in the fourth quarter, as tournament appearance an eight of 16 free-throw lead for Martin's Mill into a title in that span, used its the day carried over to the

Sudan was ahead midway

But Martin's Mill, making Hornettes from the lead and going for a second shooting performance for

final period for Sudan.

"They had the experience game," Cooper said. being here before and I the game," Cooper said.

"We didn't get back in transition like we needed to in the second half and gave them some easy baskets," he added.

Seniors Elina Stahmever and Jacey Davison are the only Hornettes who won't be to put a taste of this in Desiree King had five points back next year for another their mouths and so many and five boards. run at the state title.

"We're losing a special player in Jaci and Elina came in and did a great job for us this year," Cooper said.

"I've never known anyone who fights as hard on the court as Jaci. We're going to miss her and we're going to have some big shoes to fill."

"The experience we experience to wear down gained and the youth of our team will be a huge advantage for us next

Sudan rallied to finish with a 34-5 record despite the loss of guard Lacee Martin's Mill kept the Logan before the season to a knee injury.

> "I never would have dreamed that we could pull together the way these girls did and win 34 games and

get to the state championship of these kids are coming

"They're very tough, very think that was a factor late in competitive and they don't back here." let anything get in their way them this year," he added.

> would likely motivate the Hornettes in the offseason to return to Austin.

back," he said. "I think they'll be fired up and ready to get

Brittany Williams led all and I learned a lot about scorers with 19 points and had eight rebounds, while Cooper said the loss Stahmeyer had nine points and nine rebounds in her final game for Sudan.

Davison had seven points "Getting here is going and two rebounds and

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Lady Mules fall to Roosevelt's Lady Eagles, 15-9

By Delton Wilhite

Sportswriter

news" sort of game for the Lady Mules as they hosted the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles.

The Lady Mules out hit Roosevelt 11-3 but lost the lead off the bottom of the ball game 15-9. The Lady

Mules issued 28 walks that Roosevelt was able to a triple to score Baca. Ali It was a "good news bad convert to their 15 runs.

> The Lady Eagles scored with a tap to second. seven runs in the top of the second inning to take an and scored before the early lead.

BreAnn Baca singled to second for the Lady Mules.

Lupita Regalado blasted Eagle sacrificed Baca across

Erika Rodriquez singled inning ended. The Lady Mules trailed 7-3 after two inninas.

Roosevelt scored two

Photograph by Stacy Conner

runs in the top of the third and four in the fourth to lead 13-3 going into the bottom of the fourth inning.

Rodriquez reached on an error after two outs. Gabby Perez doubled to score E. Rodriguez and came home before the inning ended.

The Lady Eagles scored two in the top of the fifth. Brenda Rodriquez took the count full before drawing a walk as did Regalado. E. Rodriquez reached on an error. Perez again doubled and picked up the three

Morgan Smith singled to bring Perez home before the inning ended for the four Lady Mules that capped the days scoring by both teams.

The Lady Mules will travel to Ralls Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Ralls Lady Jack Rabbit Tournament.

District games start March 11, in Shallowater when the Lady Mules tangle with the Fillies. They will open district at home March 15 with the Floydada Lady Whirlwinds.

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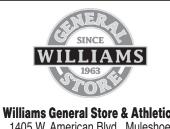
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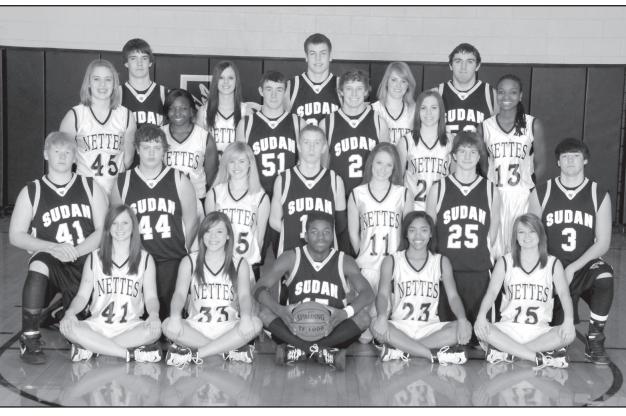


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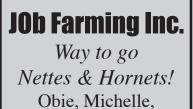
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Consignments for next week: 30 weaned bull clfs. 4-450 lbs. all shots, 50 blk. hfrs. 700 lbs. off wheat, 80 blk. strs 600-750 lbs. off wheat, 1 load 400 lbs. clfs. off cows, 1 load strs. & hfrs. 600 lbs. weaned - off grass

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Have you ever said "I feel blue" or "She is green with envy?" You know that you are not really colored "blue," but that you feel sad. In the second phrase, the girl is not colored "green," but she is jealous. An expression that people say to mean something different from the words in the sentence is called an "idiom" (id'-ē-əm). You learn them as you talk to people in your neighborhood, school or other places when you travel. It is almost like a secret code with everyone who speaks your language. The English language is hard to learn because it has a lot of idioms. Below are some idioms about health and illness. Match the idioms to their meanings:

- 1. sick as a dog
- 2. catch a cold
- 3. fit as a fiddle
- 4. under the weather 5. head is spinning
- A. someone in good shape
- B. when you're not feeling 100% well
- C. very sick (like an animal that gets

sick to its stomach eating something)

- D. a feeling of dizziness or confusion
- E. get sick with the common cold
- 1. on the mend
- ordered
- 4. have a "frog" in one's throat
- A. when someone is in perfect health
- B. getting better after a long illness
- C. a cough or sore throat that keeps you from speaking clearly (a grumbly voice)
- D. a cold or virus that everyone around has



1. person trained to help doctors and take care of sick people

- 2. treatment of medical problem by using surgery
- 3. pill or liquid used to treat a disease or relieve pain
- 4. person trained, licensed to treat disease, injuries
- 5. medicine injected into the body with a needle
- 6. instrument used to take temperature

Daylight Saving

Time is here again!

clocks ahead one

on Saturday night,

March 8th, so you

are ready for

hour at bedtime

Don't forget to

"spring" your

- 7. sleep, relax
- 8. ill, not healthy 9. common sickness: sneezing, runny nose, coughing
- 10. building where doctors, nurses take care of sick or hurt people
- 11. tiny living thing that can cause disease

Doctor, What Have I Caught?

Everyone feels sick from time to time. Most people have had colds, influenza and chicken pox. Thanks to shots and vaccines that have been developed, doctors are able to help us avoid many terrible diseases. We have medicines that help fight bacteria and make us feel more comfortable during our bouts with illness. Can you find and circle these illnesses and

Sunday morning, March 9th! medical problems? chicken pox measles tooth decay cold mumps ear infection pneumonia rabies sore throat diarrhea polio food poisoning stomachache athlete's foot influenza

nurse doctor germ cold thermometer sick rest hospital shot

People have all kinds of expressions and advice to offer when it comes to good health or illness. Have you ever heard the saying, "Just what the doctor ordered?" Do you think that is what one would say before or after they get sick?

Below is a saying filled with fruitful advice to help one keep healthy. Can you draw a

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Healthy **Expressions**

- 2. in the pink of health 3. just what the doctor
- 5. there's a bug going around

- E. doing exactly what is wanted or needed

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Club News

SCAC meets

The Student-Community Action Club met on Feb. 18 at Bryan Poyner's house.

Patrick Precure started with a prayer. Then SCAC president Kelsey Tipps called the meeting to order and introduced the citizen of the month, Starla Ellis.

Ellis told about what community meant to her.

The SCAC members also discussed the bake sale we are having in March. Each member signed up to bring three different baked goods, and the jobs they wanted to do during the bake sale.

Under old business, the students discussed the SCAC's participation at the food pantry. They also discussed our fundraiser included nominations for Myers' home.



Jacy Lawrence congratulates Starla Ellis as the February SCAC citizen of the month.

for Invisible Children, and Citizen of the Month and are deciding on a date to getting ready for our bake hold the auction for the sale. fundraiser.

The March SCAC meeting Under new business will be held at Jackson

.azbuddie Science Bowl team...

The Lazbuddie Science Bowl team, went to Canyon on Saturday, Feb. 23, to compete in the Pantex Science Bowl. All sizes of schools were represented. Lazbuddie's team won three matches and lost two. They were beat out of going to double elimination rounds on points. The team members, pictured above from left to right, are: Jacob Schacher, Darin Ivy, Brittany Schacher, Kayle Jesko and Chase Timms.



Students of the Week recognized

Watson Junior High's Students of the Week for Feb. 21 were: Savana Hanaway, Adan Bejarano, Marissa Hernanadez, Garrison Myers, Jennifer Vasquez and Roman Chavez.



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There will be a Texas private pesticide applicator training and testing program on March 11, at the Bailey County Extension office, at 118 West Ave. C, Muleshoe.

9 a.m., and testing should conclude by 2:30 p.m. Texas AgriLife Extension will provide the training and Texas Department of Agriculture will administer the test.

There will be a \$20 charge which includes a private applicator manual. Attendees are encouraged to bring a calculator for use during testing.

A private pesticide applicator license is required if someone uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural crop on personally owned property, rented property, property owned by his or her employer, property under his or her general control, or the property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

apply general-use pesticides five years after the date to produce agricultural issued and then must be commodities.

Individuals who want a license must attend a private 3300. The training will begin at applicator training program offered by Texas AgriLife who need special assistance Extension, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and purchase a license.

license fee is \$60. Private special needs.

No license is required to applicator licenses expire renewed.

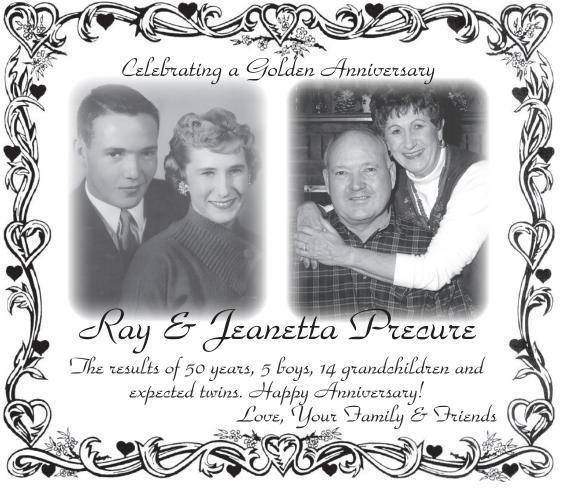
For more information call Texas private applicator Monti Vandiver 806-481-

Individuals with disabilities to participate in the programs should contact Monti Vandiver at (806)481-3300. All reasonable efforts will The private applicator be made to accommodate

The MHS Class of 1973 is looking for addresses for the following classmates:

Susan Acosta, Jacky Bruton, Terry Burchell, Billy Burt, Lee Calvert, Kay Campbell, Glenn Cannon, Gloria Cassanova Acebedo, Debbie Coleman, Terry Collins, Lynn Dearing, Angelica Delacruz, Linda Dufer, Weldon Edwards, Susan Foster Weatherford, Joe Bob Fudge, Lusky Green, Lizan Gunter Matheney, Trine Gutierrez Bouley, Bobby Hayes, Lupe Hernandez, Santos Hernandez, Andrea Hicks, Dub Ivy, Raymond Jaramillo, Melita King, Richard Lewallen, Mario Limas, Gilbert Lueras, Ricky Morris, Tani Murrah, Steve Nowlin, Mario Pedroza, Eddie Perry, Mac Phillips, Armando Porras, Barbara Raney, Joe Rojas, Linda Rowland, Jerhetta Shaw Rogers, Patti Smith, Alfredo Toscano, Frankie Vega, Charlie Vela, Oscar Villereal and Eddie Wilson.

If you know how to contact any of these people, please call Debbie Glover Nickels at 806-272-3757 or Email the information to: dnickel@fivearea.com.





Neugebauer congratulates Muleshoe native for service

Byers of Muleshoe for his recognition of dedicated Global War on Terror." service to his country.

Through his determination and excellent work ethic, SPC Byers was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Upon learning of this Byers' achievement: significant achievement, Neugebauer said:

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distinguished himself, and Headquarters Battery, I could not be more proud

Cong. Randy Neugebauer of him for his diligence and Airborne Field Artillery captured all the significant Specialist Russell W. Byers; recently commended Army determination to protect Regiment. Specialist Russell W. America and defeat radical

> statement Congressman operations in support of Neugebauer placed in the Congressional Record to commemorate Specialist commends Specialist Byers,

> to recognize one of my distinguished constituents, Specialist Russell W. Byers, who has recently of the task force. been honored with The Army Commendation Medal credit upon you, Task Force from the Department of the

"Specialist Russell W. 1st Battalion of the 319th a one year tour in Iraq.

"He was awarded this Islamic extremists in the citation by the Secretary of Below is a copy of the service during combat Operation Iraqi Freedom.'

"The award further stating 'Your Tactical and "At this time, I would like technical proficiency, hard work and mission dedication have greatly contributed to the overall mission success

> "Your actions reflect great Panther and the United States Army.'

"This is Specialist Byers' "Specialist Byers has Byers is attached to the first commendation, and was presented to him after

> Duties he performed to receive this high honor include being an expert on the Command Post of the Future (CPOF) computer system, where he gathered, analyzed and developed vital intelligence for the Task Force. In addition, he gathered intelligence from HUMINT, prepared summarized reports and organized data, maintaining a complex database that

enemy activity within the you have served your country

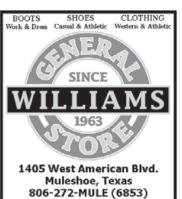
"In the recommendation to express my gratitude the Army for 'Meritorious letter for this medal, on behalf of a grateful Specialist Byers' superior officer wrote, 'SPC Byers' ability to multi-task and present information in a clear and consistent manner is of the highest military standards.

> "He is extremely diligent and competent in accomplishing all assigned tasks with little or no supervision, while producing dynamic results. SPC Byers leads the way with a 'can do' attitude and an outstanding drive to go the distance, even when it requires him to go above and beyond his assigned scope of duties and responsibilities. He is well ahead of his peers in military bearing and fortitude.'

> "I am well aware that there are thousands upon thousands of soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors that earn prestigious citations such as this, but I am excited that a proud son from West Texas is among them.

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is the daughter of David Muleshoe. Reeves of Plainview, and Jodi Reeves of Pottsboro.

She is formerly of Halliburton. Plainview and is currently employed at Lubbock planned in Lubbock.

Kimberly Krisann Reeves Allergy and Asthma Clinic.

The prospective groom is the son of Tracy Been grandson of Walter and The prospective bride Brenda Lackey, also of

> He is currently employed as an engineer with

A June 7 wedding is

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors (including 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. Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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That God Loves Sheep Like Us Is Scandalous

It is almost too good to be true. Maybe that's why no world religion but Christianity has dared to believe it: God loves ordinary people.

When God comes at Bethlehem he does not come into a clean stable filled with only hygienic and non-allergenic hay, only well-behaved animals and no "droppings," only high quality top of the line shepherds. Those guys were not



Focus Faith Curtis Shelburne

shined up and scrubbed clean sheep-herders who might have been Fortune 500 CEOs if, after they left Harvard, they hadn't opted for the shepherding industry instead. The angels? They were as scary as they were amazing. And the Holy Family? Holy, yes, but haloed, no. They had the kind of holiness that deals with real life and makes it better, not less real. Real life can be really messy.

Last Sunday my sermon text was the 23rd Psalm. Beautiful, it is! Inspiring! Peaceful and idyllic. Yes. But then I remembered the title of a book by Lynn Anderson, a title that says regarding God's people, They Smell Like Sheep.

Yes, God is our Shepherd. Yes, we are his sheep. Sheep R Us. That is reality. But it is not a great compliment.

Yes, God leads us to beautiful pastures. Yes, he finds for us water and sustenance. Yes, he protects us, guards us, guides us. Yes, praise God!

But why? Because we're

sheep. We're dumb. We're weak. We're prone to witless wandering. He loves us-even though we smell like sheep.

And, get this! When God the Son comes into this world, he prefers the company of smelly sheep to white-washed Pharisees. That just amazes me! And it is nothing less than scandalous. It was then. It still is.

It is not scandalous at all for other religions to say just what we'd expect: "You must work hard to deserve the Almighty's love and acceptance. Work hard enough, and you just might get it. Here's what you need to do."

But it is scandalous indeed when St. Paul says that being made right with God "does not depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy" (Romans 9:16). Or when he warns us not to be like God's "chosen" people who "since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own . . . did not submit to God's righteousness" (10:3). "Do it yourself" righteousness or God's. We must choose. The first is a sham. But God's is real and filled with life. Sanctimony or sanctification. Arrogance or humble thanksgiving. Those are the choices.

"Careful now," folks told the great apostle, "you can push this grace stuff too far."

No, you can't. What we really need to be careful about is making Christianity just one more among many "do it yourself" religions focused on man, not God. The Christian life is not lived on a line with grace at one end and legal "righteousness" at the other. Real grace enfolds all of life. The more we trust in God's grace, the more we experience his joy, and the more we find joy in following him as he leads in the best dance of all.

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

Health

Learn new ways to take care of your Type 2 Diabetes

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Do you feel like you need to know more about how to take care of your type 2 diabetes?

If you were recently diagnosed or you have had diabetes a long time, you can benefit from learning the latest things about taking care of yourself so you can reduce your risks for complications, such as reduced vision or nerve pain. pain.

An important tool for managing your diabetes is your glucose meter. Some people avoid checking their blood glucose because your elbow and wrist.

Lazbuddie Power Lifting...

Lazbuddie power lifters Jason Davis, Stephen Pacheco and Joaquin Campos, pictured on the right from left to right, competed in the Seminole Power Lifting meeting on Feb. 23. Jason came in second, Stephen came in fifth and Joaquin came in fifth. Both Jason and Stephen qualified for the regional power lifting meet to be held in Levelland on March 8.

pricking their fingers for a sample hurts too much.

the best place to get a blood to use a thinner needle sample is the central part because smaller drops of of their finger tip, which is blood are required to get a injection? actually the most sensitive good reading. part of the finger tip.

the side of your fingertip.

the side of the fingertip use it properly. instead significantly reduces

meters and strips allow you to check your blood glucose in other sites, such as on your arm between insulin, and why do so

you to reduce the depth medicines, too. Some people were taught of the needle prick and

Pricking your finger there their pain and discomfort you when she says your is going to hurt more than are reduced to almost hemoglobin A1C is too nothing once they get new Learning how to test on equipment and learn how to

insulin pens or new insulins Furthermore, today, most that control your blood glucose with no peaks over a 24 hour period?

Just what is rapid acting

New lancet sets allow There are many new oral

Do you really have to use alcohol when you prick your finger or give your insulin

Do you understand Many people report what your doctor is telling high?

Is eight percent too high when less than seven percent Have you heard about is the recommendation by the American Diabetes Association?

> While taking care of your diabetes is not easy, you might be surprised to learn that there are many new tools and methods to help you keep your blood glucose in the recommended ranges.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, is offering a five class series with nine topics called Do Well. Be Well with Diabetes.

These classes are being taught by a team of volunteer nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and other health professionals to provide you with the latest information on how to better manage your type 2 diabetes.

Self-management of type 2 diabetes has changed a lot. Come to these classes and learn how to not only make your life with diabetes easier, but how to reduce your chances for complications.

Classes are free and will begin April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Call Mandi Seaton, County extension agent Family and Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bailey County, at 806-272-4583 to enroll now.

Written by Carol A. Rice, PhD, RN, Extension Health Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, January 2008.

The family of Antonio Rojas Sr. says thank you to all who comforted us during the death of our loved one. To those who cried with us, those who sent food. flowers, cards and all the phone calls, saying thank you doesn't seem enough. Thank you to our dad's brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and several close friends that were there to visit him and showed him how much they cared during his illness. A special thank you to Vista Care and to the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Love, Hilma Rojas, Reynaldo Rojas, Sandy Buenrostro & family, Suzette Duran & family, Tony Rojas Jr. & Family

Bridal Selections

Amanda Fuentes & Justin Lee

Shower: March 8

Shelby Carpenter Ruiz & Henry Ruiz

Shower: March 15

Jai-Deanne Madrid & Steven Madrid

Shower: To Be Announced

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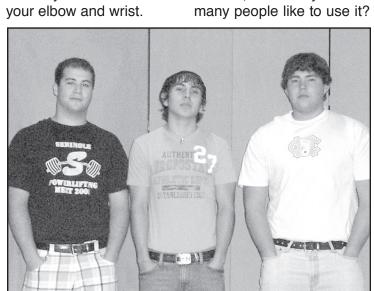
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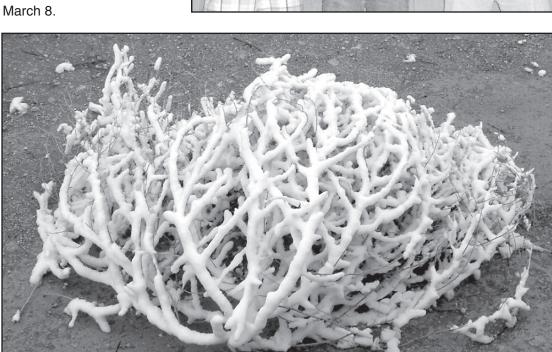
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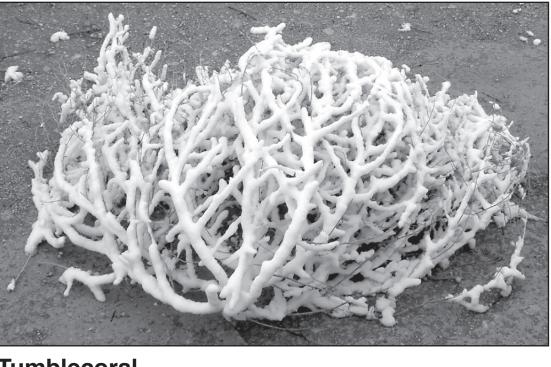
Tumblecoral...

Only a snow storm can change a piece of tumbleweed into a shining piece of coral, and the windswept sand of West Texas into a scene reminiscent of an ocean bottom.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

SCAC annual bake auction set for March 8

The Student Community Action Club will be hosting its annual bake auction on March 8, starting at 8:30 a.m, on Channel 6 in Muleshoe. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation. Call 272-4989 or 272-3990 for additional information.





lans are underway for the 2008 Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June. Bailey County Electric is searching for two outstanding high school juniors or seniors with leadership potential to represent their schools, communities, and Bailey County Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C.

To be eligible, students must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip on June 12-20, 2008, ride on a bus for up to 12-hours (with breaks), fly in an airplane, to assist BCEC with promoting the Youth Tour and attend BCEC's annual meeting. Participants must live in the BCEC's service area.

While in Washington, students will meet with legislative leaders from Texas and tour sites that are a part of

the history and the very fabric of our nation. Included on the itinerary are visits to the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, visit Congressmen, and tour House and Senate Chambers, just to name a few.

Youth Tour participants are selected by an interview on their knowledge of Electric Cooperatives.

Contest forms are available from your high school counselor or call the cooperative office at 806-272-4504 and ask for Rickie Warren.

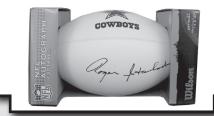
If you know of an outstanding high school junior or senior who would represent Bailey County Electric Cooperative and is interest in an experience of a lifetime, let that student know today!



Silent Auction Items

Among numerous other donated items, look what you can bid on!

Signed picture of Troy Aikman Signed picture of Bob Lilly Football signed by Roger Staubach **Picture of Tom Landry** Picture of Roger Staubach



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Cornyn says it's time to think about wetting a hook in Texas

U.S. Sen.

John Cornyn

All over our state, as spring approaches, you might catch a young man heading to his favorite fishing hole.

And young women, and older Texans as well. Anglers everywhere are pulling out their fishing gear, anticipating that rising temperatures will draw larger fish into shallower water.

Minnesota's ten thousand lakes may get more publicity, but no state beats Texas in providing year-round opportunities for freshwater life's simple pleasures. It's is within reach of everyone. and saltwater fishing.

continental United States with nearly 5,000 square generation. miles of waters within our

More than 1.8 million carefree hours away from



of recreational pastimes. Fishing provides one of

chance at fresh air, some Texans love to fish.

Texans drop a line in the the job, and the opportunity water at least once in a year. for quiet conversation and putting fishing near the top memorable times with family and friends.

Texas

The satisfaction of fishing quiet, relaxing, and a great From the youngster with the Texas ranks first in the opportunity for the young cane pole to the professional to learn from the older angler competing for hundreds of thousands Wetting a line offers a of dollars in prize money,

They're also pretty good

The 2008 Bassmaster Northeast Texas. Classic, the so-called "Super Bowl" of bass fishing, was bass grabbed the state won last month by Alton Jones of Waco, who took home the \$500,000 top

"My grandfather taught me how to fish, and I wish Budweiser ShareLunker to selectively breed trophy he could be here to see this." Jones said later.

Most of us remember well introduced us to fishing.

good yarns, we have an The 443 trophy bass Lake Texoma that stretched unlimited appetite for fish stories—especially if they're from waters throughout 121.5 pounds.

One involved a largemouth bass named "Ethel," whose line held by Mark Stevenson Goetzman of Willis, who

This 17.67-pound trophy in January. record at that time, and testing done in Athens, launched a conservation program that remains unique program in the nation in the United States.

Program, administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife His start was typical. Department (TPWD).

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> There's also strong pursuit of a variety of other fish, The first one this year was including perch, crappie, sunfish, trout and

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classified overflow

Call 272-4536.

Public Notice

In accordance with and location: Chapter 258 of the Date: March 10, 2008 rected to the County Texas Transportation Time: 10:00 a.m. Code ("Chapter 258"), Location: Commis-Bailey County, Texas sioners Courtroom, 1st Courthouse, ("County") provides Floor, Bailey County notice that the Bailey Courthouse, County Commission- South 1st Street, Mule- SIGNED this the 5th ers Court has invoked shoe, Texas 79347. the provisions of A person asserting a Chapter 258 to clarify private right, title, or inthe existence of a pub-terest in a road may lic interest in certain also file a written procounty roads as pro- test with the Bailey vided in said statute. County Judge at any Pursuant to Chapter time before the Public 258, the Bailey County Meeting. A landowner Commissioners Court has a right to protest has proposed a Bailey under Section 258.002 County Road Map in- of the Texas Transporcluding each road in tation Code. which the County The proposed Bailey claims the existence of County Road Map is

a public interest. As required by Section the public during regu-258.002 of the Texas lar business hours at Transportation Code, the following location: the Bailey County Office of the County Meeting at which a Courthouse, vate right, title, or inter- 200, Muleshoe, Texas ing 806-272-7404. est in a road in which 79347. Said map shall Proposal deadline will the County has remain on display for be 2:00 p.m. on March claimed the existence public inspection and 25, 2008. Please mark of a public interest may viewing for the dura- envelopes in lower left appear before the tion of this Chapter hand corner "Play-Commissioners Court 258 project. to protest the County's Questions regarding claim. This Public the Bailey County Meeting will be held on Road Map Project or the following date, time the scheduled Public

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Thomason at the Mule-Commissioners Court Clerk, Bailey County, shoe ISD Administrashall hold a Public Texas, Bailey County tion Office located at 300 514 W. Ave. G., Muleperson asserting a pri- South 1st Street, Suite shoe, Texas, or by call-

> ground Equipment Proposal." Muleshoe ISD reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all or any part of the proposals in the best interest of the district.

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 New Listing - Southern Parmer County. 160 acres. Late model sprinkler. 2 wells make 500 g.p.m. Good bases & yields. Corners in CRP at good rate.
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Lamb County - NW of Earth 933 acres, 6 sprinklers, 12 wells. Exception County - NW of Earth 933 acres, 6 sprinklers, 12 wells. Exception County - NW of Earth 933 acres, 6 sprinklers, 12 wells. Exception County - NW of Earth 933 acres, 6 sprinklers, 12 wells.

in one tract. Good direct payment.

• Parmer County - NE of Bovina. 596 acres with brick home. One center givet with 450 g.p.m. well. 100 additional acres of current and improved grass. Three bedroom, 3 bath brick home with fireplace. 40'x100' barn with 20' shed & pens with 20' shed & pens Bailey County - 160 acres pon-irrigated in southwest part of Bailey County Ober state line. 150 acres in cultivation. Good direct payment. Good wildlife area.

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• Lamb/Castro Court 1 productive.

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***** RURAL RESIDENTIAL ****** • Lamb County - Pleasant Valley Area - Recently refurbished 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on 6 acres.

Large barn. On pavement.

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Enjoy country living in this beautifully updated 4400 sq/ft home sitting on 6 acres. The home features an isolated master bedroom with a jetted bath tub, great open family room with vaulted ceilings, hard wood floors/carpeted bedrooms, an office, and beautiful entertaining pool. The gourmet kitchen features a custom cast stone vent, 2 kitchen sinks, custom cabinetry, and stainless steel

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1120 Acres with a Dairy Permit — \$2,800,000 10 Wells! 2 beautiful homes! This farm is well cared for and a playa lake takes some of the east half section but it lies well for a dairy. A 4000 head dairy permit is in place and according to the permitting office, could easily be

186 Acres in Parmer County — \$390,600

increased for additional cows.

8 tower sprinkler packaged for 900 gallons per minute. 1 well with the packaged to Ne package circ motor. 1: 4 inch 30 horse power submersible. 473 Acres and 3/2/2 Home — \$1,005,000 Three separate quarter sections all with newer Reinke

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• VERY NICE - 4 bdrm., 2 bath + 2-1/2 baths, 2 car garage,

approx. 3323' lv. area + 300' finished basement, built--ins FP, Cent. A&H, fenced yd., auto. spklr., cov. patio, MUCH MORE!! \$255,000!! 1702 W. Ave. I. 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex

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sys., fenced yd.!! NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, builtins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spklr. sys., fenced yd., MORE!! VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans,

cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$145,000!!
• VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, autospklr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

• Very NICE 2-1-2 brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, new paint,

carpet, wood laminate, kitchen & bath countertops, fenced yd.!!! MUCH MORE!! \$85K!! COMMERCIAL

 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!
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numerous uses!! \$59K!!

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1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!! RURAL • EARTH - VERY NICE 3-3 w/2 car detached garage/

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Nice 3-2 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cotttage, horse barn & corral!! \$119,900!!

 NICE 4.8 acre homesites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17.500!! NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent.

evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! \$129,500!!
• SUDAN - VERY NICE 2-1-1 carport Brick Home, elec. baseboard heat, window evap. air, fans, large utility, approx.

1220' lv. area, cov. patio, 3 car detached carport with storage, corner lot!! \$32.500!! CLAY'S CORNER — VERY NICE 3-2.75-2 HOME on 5 acre tract, Cent. A&H (Elec. Heat Pump), built-ins, FP, 1100

sq. ft. new in 2005 plus additional updating w/carpet, tile, paint, fenced yd., cov. patio, 600' workshop/storage Bldg.!! Numerous other amenities!! \$189,500!! • PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED

•3-2 BRICK HOME on 7 acres, W. Hwy. 84, built-ins, office, geothermal heat pump, whirlpool tub, basement, paved circle drive & conc. parking!! MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$125K!!



Lazbuddie Student Spotlight

Students at Lazbuddie Elementary were recently honored by the school district. Among the students honored were: Pre-K student Peyton Martinez, the daughter of Dee and Joanna Martinez; kindergarten student Miranda Salazar, the daughter of Elizabeth Galaviz and Jaime Salazar; first grade student Ashlyn Timms the daughter of Chris and Jill Timms; Second grade student Tina Harder, the daughter of Peter and Katharina Harder; third grade student Jordan Marquez, the daughter of Cruz and Jose Marquez; and fifth grade student Andrea Lule the daughter of Jose and Rosalba Lule.

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APPLICATION FOR LOCAL OPTION ELECTION PETITION TO (LEGALIZE) PROHIBIT) (Circle one) (APLICACIÓN PARA ELECCIÓN DE OPCIÓN PETICIÓN LOCAL (LEGALIZAR) PROHIBIR) (Circule uno)

To the Bailey County, Texas (Al Bailey County, Tejas)

We, the undersigned ten or more qualified voters of <u>Bailey County</u>, Texas (Nosotros, los subscritos diez o más votantes capacitados de <u>Bailey County</u>, Tejas)

in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code, Title 17, hereby submit this our written application for a "Petition for Local Option Election to (Legalize) Prohibit)" (circle one) to be circulated among the qualified voters of such area for the signatures of those qualified voters in the area who desire that a local option election be called in that area for the purpose of determining the following issue to wit: [de acuerdo con los términos y provisiones del Código de Elección de Tejas, Titulo 17, por el presente sometemos nuestra escrita solicitud por para una "Petición para Elección de Opción Local para (Legalizar) Prohibir)" (circule uno) para que sea circulada entre los votantes capacitados de dicha area, para las firmas votantes capacitados en la área quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área, para las firmas de votantes capacitados en la area quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área con el propósito de determinar el siguiente asunto, a saber:]

"The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only."

"La venta legal de todas bebidas alcohólicas para consumo solamente fuera
del establecimiento."

It is the hope, purpose and intent of the applicants whose signatures appear hereon to see **[legalized/prohibited]** (circle one) the sale of alcoholic beverages referred to in the issue set out above. (Es la esperanza, propósito e intención de los solicitante cuyas firmas aquí aparecen, que esté **[legalizada]prohibida**) (circule uno) la venta de bebidas alcohólicas referido en el asunto arriba presentado.)

We have attached proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision of our intent to apply for said petition. (Hemos adherido un comprobante de publicación en un periódico de circulación general en las subdivisión política con nuestro intención de aplicar para tal petición mencionoda.)



God and country...

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communities throughout

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men and women are

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inductee into the Bass

Fishing Hall of Fame is the

late Nick Crème of Tyler, who

created and popularized the

among many Texans that

if they are not holding a

fishing line, they are

probably thinking about it.

Good times are in store for

Texans who wet a hook and

This year, why not share

await the big bite.

first plastic fishing worm. Fishing is so popular

the state.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." — 2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV.

Pictured above are some of the Muleshoe area residents who gathered Tuesday morning to pray for the county, state and nation, as polling places across the Lone Star State opened for business.

Photograph by Mike Jones

Cornyn... MAEF scholarships offered

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Fishing is serious

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.

Need Money for College?

Applications for at least four \$600.00 scholarships to be awarded this spring by Bailey County Electric are due at the Muleshoe office by April 8th.

Applicants must be a high school senior who will graduate this spring or have received their GED. Seniors graduating in May and will be attending an accredited College, University, Junior/Community College, Trade/Technical School, or Business School and live in the area and have received electric service from Bailey County Electric for at least one year are eligible to apply.

Application forms have been supplied to high school counselor's offices. Full rules of the scholarship program are provided with application forms.

If you need further information, Call Rickie Warren at Bailey County Electric, 806-272-4504. The BCEC scholarship are funded by Muleshoe State Bank and unclaimed patronage capital refunds.



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